

## AQUATIC PARK WATERFALL FEATURE FUNDED DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

By: *Charlie Radatz*

'An Aquatic Park Waterfall Feature' that recalls Falls City's beginnings as Nemaha Falls will be constructed this spring and is expected to be completed in time for the City's Hot Air Balloon event this summer. The feature will identify Falls City on the side facing U.S. Highway 73 and is a \$68,000 project ramrodded by Second Ward City Councilman Lucas Froeschl. It is being funded in part by \$7,500 Nemaha Natural Resources Grant, but the majority of the funding is coming from donations. However, during its Mon., Feb. 3, meeting the City Council authorized the installation of electrical and water lines by utility crews and approved a contingency fund request for \$3,401.95 to cover any unexpected expenses.

Following a public hearing during which no comment was received, the Council approved a One and Six Year Street construction and improvement plan as outlined by consultant Anthony Fitzgerald of Olsson & Associates of Lincoln.

Projects proposed in the one year program, if all were undertaken, would cost an estimated \$931,000.00 with the City's portion being a total of \$523,000.00 the same amount as the City received last year in state revenue sharing for street improvements. Included in that program is the construction of 33rd Street to be funded by Community Medical Center to run from the Hospital entrance to U.S. Highway 73. Also included are four street projects in the new Champion's Crossing residential subdivision, extension of Abbott Street from 28th to 31st Street, a section of Shamrock Circle from Abbott

to a cul de sac, a section of Tiger Trail from Abbott to a cul de sac, and a section of 33rd Street east of Highway 73.

Included in the six-year program is extension of paving of 21 Street from Fair Ave to the City Limits and north on 3301 Business Parkway north to Brenner Field Airport, a project that has languished on the City's street improvement program and the County's six-year roads program for decades because of the anticipated cost of the road and necessary right-of-way. The project is estimated to cost \$1,295,000, with the city share being \$518,000 and the County share \$777,000. The present gravel roadway has a fairly narrow bridge and somewhat blind intersection with stop signs at the bottom of the hill north of 21st Street, the road produces quite a lot of dust in dry weather, and wet weather caused the roadway to become quite slippery near the entrance to the airport during last year's Hot Air Balloon event. Paving of the road was not included in the six-year program adopted by the County in 2019.

The six-year and beyond program identified by Olsson & Associates includes approximately 1,300 feet of concrete north of Highway 159 to Burton Street that would provide additional access to that residential neighborhood, a nursing home located there, and a link between Highway 159, 21st Street, and the Airport Road. Also included in the six-year and beyond program is paving of 14th street from the existing pavement approximately 270 feet west to the city limits.

The Council gave first-round approval to an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a \$375,000 Utility Revenue Bond to be paid down from sewer, water, gas, and electric revenues. The Ordinance requires approval at three consecutive Council meetings.

Also during the Feb. 3rd meeting, the Council renewed ten liquor license automatic renewals for A & G Pizza and Steakhouse, American Legion Club, Fiesta Bravo, Casey's General Store, Corner Liquor, the Elks Club, Roland Lanes, Northvue Cafe, Spirit Shop, and Kwik Shop Store 648. No written protests were filed in the office of the City Clerk regarding any of the business as of Jan. 31, 2020.



**FAST EMPLOYEES IN FRONT OF THE NEW LASER:** First row, L-R: Bob Christiansen, Dennis Auffert; second row, Lloyd Muckey, Jeff Ebel, Dillon Lotter, Tim Daniels, and Dave Williams; third row: Trevor Wisdom, Mark Hodge, Nick Koso, Anthony Ritter, Jason Vermeer.

## FAST GLOBAL ADDS HIGH TECH LASER TO FC FACILITY

FAST Global Solutions recently added a high tech Armada LC 2020 6000 Watt Laser to their Falls City operation and the unit came online in January. This laser addition will allow increased production at the local facility while offering better efficiencies by saving time and freight costs for their valuable customers in the ground support business. The value of the equipment and installation costs exceed \$1M and will generate new employment opportunities in the welding and assembly departments. This local investment and projected employment growth qualified FAST Global Solutions for an EDGE Asset Modernization Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00.

## NEBRASKA INVESTMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY AWARDS \$12,000 GRANT TO FALLS CITY EDGE

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority recently awarded grants for Housing

Study projects in Round Two of the Housing Study Grant Program. The funds will be used for studies that stimulate ideas for development plans encompassing housing, community, and economic development opportunities in Nebraska.

### \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOREHEAD

The family of the late John H. Morehead, Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. President for nearly 40 years, in 2016 established a \$5,000 scholarship in his name.

The award goes to any currently enrolled college student who previously graduated from any of the three Richardson County High Schools (Falls City High, FC Sacred Heart and Humboldt-TR-S). Current high school students are not eligible, however applications are available at the respective guidance counselors' offices or may be obtained by emailing Kristine Hansen Cain at khansencain@mac.com.

The award may be applied to any four-year college or university in the country.

Mr. Morehead passed away on April 12, 2015 at the age of 87. He first became associated with RCB&T in Falls City in 1958 and within just four years he was elected President of the bank. Up until his retirement in 2011, he served in various other capacities, including CEO and Chairman of the Board.

Falls City EDGE was awarded \$12,000 in matching grant funds. Specifically, the funds will be used to produce an enhanced local housing plan for Falls City. This study is the first step toward neighborhood revitalization and will focus on an improved housing inventory and, potentially, new housing developments.

Falls City EDGE is delighted with this grant award. EDGE Executive Director, Beckie Cromer, notes, "Available, quality housing is a key factor in Falls City's success in attracting new businesses and attracting and retaining workers at all income levels. This comprehensive study will help us determine the next steps on how to implement strategies that will improve the housing inventory and redevelopment efforts in Falls City."

Eligible applicants for NIFA's Housing Study Grant Program include any housing or economic development entity, profit or non-profit, without direct access to property tax revenue streams. NIFA's mis-

sion is to provide Nebraskans a broad range of financial resources for home ownership, rental housing, agriculture, manufacturing, medical, and community development endeavors.

## FC SCHOOLS SEEK WALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Falls City Schools Wall of Fame Steering Committee is seeking nominations for this year's selection.

The Wall of Fame is not to be confused with the Sports Hall of Fame although outstanding athletes could be included in the nominations.

The Wall of Fame's purpose is to honor and preserve the history of those associated with the local public school system who have contributed meritorious service in their particular field.

This will be the seventeenth year of the project which was started by Bob Ferguson and Rex Jones, members of the Class of 1948.

Photos and biographies of the 25 persons who have been selected appear just opposite to the main entrance to the High School.

The honoree or honorees are chosen by a Selection Committee which is comprised of per-

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# PROTECTING COMMUNITIES, TRANSFORMING LIVES

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Prisons are often overlooked as part of government, but they play a key role in creating safe communities. For years, Nebraska underinvested in its prisons. During my administration, we have placed a renewed focus on managing them well for one simple reason: we



want to keep people safe. To achieve this goal in my administration, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) has focused on improving successful reentry, developing our workforce, and building new prison beds.

Reentry services are critical because over 90 percent of the inmates housed in state prisons will return to the community after they complete their sentences. To prepare inmates to be a positive part of their community upon reentry, NDCS designs and delivers programs to connect inmates with job training and programs to enhance prosocial skills, such as anger management classes. Reentry involves

both a responsibility to society to ensure public safety and an opportunity to help an individual successfully make a fresh start in life. Over the past few years, NDCS has changed the way it thinks about reentry. Building a reentry plan now begins when individuals first enter our corrections system, not when they are about to exit it. The agency assesses needs right away, so that we can begin to match inmates with the programming needed to reduce the risk to reoffend. This process gives those who enter NDCS facilities every opportunity to succeed upon release.

As part of our reentry strategy, NDCS has partnered with the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on a joint venture to provide persons housed at NDCS facilities with a state ID card or driver's license prior to release. A mobile licensing unit from the DMV regularly visits secure facilities at NDCS to issue the cards. Having a valid ID removes a key barrier to successful reentry by enabling individuals to apply for a job, open a bank account, or secure housing.

The success of our reentry programming depends on having dedicated, highly skilled teammates to secure our facilities. Like many private sector employers, NDCS has faced challenges recruiting new corrections officers due to our state's low unemployment and competitive labor market. In the past year, we've taken a number of steps to recruit and retain top-notch corrections officers. In April, the State announced a new policy to award merit-based raises to teammates at NDCS who have consistently performed with excellence. We also implemented pay raises for teammates on key work anniversary dates in recognition of their valuable experience. Last month, we reached agreement on a new pay plan with the union that represents corrections officers. It raises wages for corrections corporals, unit case-workers, and sergeants at NDCS. The plan also increases the starting wage for new corrections teammates in these positions.

We're also building a talent pipeline to attract the next generation of leaders to NDCS. We recently announced a partnership between NDCS and Peru State College that, pending approval from the Legislature, will launch a one-of-a-kind education program to train students to take on key roles at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institute. The initiative is tailored to students interested in careers in criminal justice with a focus on corrections leadership, and it gives them on-the-job experience as part of their degree plan. It's exactly the kind of forward-thinking approach we need to prepare for our future workforce needs.

As work on corrections policy continues, we are also managing our prison population. Some members of the Legislature believe that the State of Nebraska should loosen state laws for violent criminals to let them out early. I oppose such changes to our sentencing laws that would threaten public safety.

Instead of softening public safety laws, my team is focused on expanding the capacity of state prisons to manage the inmate population. To do this, my team has focused on leveraging our existing real estate and facilities. During my time in office, I have requested and received \$170 million for capital construction projects at NDCS. Last March, NDCS opened a 160-bed living quarters for women—along with new programming space—at the Community Corrections Center-Lincoln. In the fall of 2020, NDCS is scheduled to open a 100-bed dormitory at the Nebraska State Penitentiary for those in minimum custody. In addition, a \$49-million project is underway at the Lincoln Correctional Center to add 384 high-security beds. As we expand our footprint in corrections, we're making sure to match the type of beds constructed with our area of greatest need.

As we look to the future of our prisons, it's important to put public safety first. There are proposals pending in the Legislature that would put the safety of our families and communities at risk. Senators should work to defeat those, and focus on supporting NDCS' ongoing work to keep people safe. If you have questions about the State's initiatives to keep Nebraskans safe, please email [pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-2244.



## Mental health problem-solving courts make sense for Nebraska

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

A state senator thinks that with 61,000 of Nebraska's 1.9 million residents facing serious mental health issues, the time is right for a problem-solving court to address the issue.

I couldn't agree more with Lincoln Senator Suzanne Geist's assessment. Timing is everything because getting the matter resolved in a short session during an election year is always a stretch. The \$1.4 million price tag might also raise eyebrows, but it's a bargain.

Geist's LB1017 is in the hands of the Appropriations Committee. Bills that go there early in the session usually disappear until they are either included in the committee's budget recommendation or left on the cutting room floor. The waiting is the hardest part. Especially for such an important issue.

It's helpful that co-sponsors Sen. Kate Bolz of Lincoln and Myron Dorn of Adams are members of that committee. It's helpful that people in the judicial system can point out the necessity and the cost-savings of such a measure. It's helpful that Nebraska has a history with successful problem-solving courts for drug offenses and for veterans who get into trouble.

In general, mental health courts aim to: improve public safety by reducing recidivism; improve the quality of life for people with mental illness and increase their participation in effective treatment; reduce court and corrections-related costs.

Lancaster County Public Defender Joe Nigro says the criminal justice system is ill equipped to deal with mental health issues. He says it costs \$5,000 to \$7,000 to pay for somebody going through problem solving court while prison is about \$35,000 a year.

Mental health courts are specialized, treatment-oriented, problem-solving courts that divert mentally ill offenders away from the criminal justice system and into court-mandated, community-based treatment programs. Nigro and other attorneys have seen such offenders fall through the cracks, often winding up in a prison system that is not equipped to rehabilitate them.

There are some 250 mental health problem-solving courts in the United States. A Florida judge says many arrests are averted by a crisis intervention team of police who refer people to treatment before they're booked. He says the recidivism rate for mentally ill offenders who complete the mental health program is about 20 percent versus the norm of 72 percent.

Geist says one of the goals of her bill is to keep individuals who are suffering from severe mental illness out of our correctional system and put them back into society after treatment. She envisions a program that is very intensive, heavy on treatment and education.

She envisions a pilot program for the mental health courts in the state's three most populous counties, Douglas, Sarpy and Lancast-

er. The state already has a Director of Problem-Solving Courts, Adam Jorgensen. He says the drug courts in place are a much more effective way to address drug crime in a community. Although he says some are still wary of supervised release instead of incarceration, that mindset is changing.

People don't have a really good grasp of what individuals have to go through to successfully complete a problem-solving court. He says requirements include treatment, programming, chemical tests, and appearing in front of a judge.

Those judges, he says, recognize problem-solving courts are more cost effective and have better long-term outcomes. Judges and other court staff go through train-

ing in partnership with national educational institutions before starting their own programs. Standards from the Nebraska Supreme Court ensure problem-solving courts are consistent statewide.

A Nebraska Supreme Court committee is working on standards for mental health and family dependency courts. A DUI task force is currently working on problem-solving courts and a statewide committee is developing a strategic problem-solving court plan through 2025.

As with a lot of other developments in the criminal justice system, it's about time!

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

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: U.S. PRESIDENTS

### ACROSS

1. Frenzied
8. Not fake news
12. Black-tie occasion
13. Pupil's place
14. Whatchamacallit
15. Similar
16. Nessel's lake
17. Poet T.S.
18. "He called his residence the White House"
20. Dashing style
21. Opposite of cathode
22. No-goodnik
23. Same as Danzig
26. Inside information, pl.
30. Antonym of keep
31. Data input device
34. \_\_\_\_\_ Madrid Club de F'bol
35. Anomie, alt. sp.
37. Stupid person
38. First M in MGM
39. Narcotics agent, for short
40. Jennifer Lopez' 2019 movie swindle
42. Band aid
43. Hiked the Inca Trail, e.g.
45. Threat, two words
47. H+, e.g.
48. "Fences" actress Davis
50. Long forearm bone
52. "His epitaph doesn't mention his presidency"
56. Abracadabra, e.g.
57. "First Lady of the US for only one month"
58. Milano mouthful
59. "Where JFK's 'Honey Fitz' spent time"
60. Two of a kind, pl.
61. Winglike
62. Ring-around-the-rosy flower
63. "C" \_\_\_\_\_ la vie!"
64. "President during Mexican-American War"

### DOWN

1. Petri dish filler
2. Kind of shark
3. Assortment
4. Dorothy Gale, e.g.
5. Gordon Gekko: "\_\_\_\_\_ is good"
6. Bridal path
7. "Hey, over here!"
8. "He installed library at the White House"
9. Marco Polo's destination
10. "Oh \_\_\_\_\_!"
11. Little squirt
13. Conjure up
14. "Faster!" to a horse
19. Glorify
22. \*Announce presidential \_\_\_\_\_
23. "He established Yellowstone as 1st national park"
24. 1/100 of a rial
25. "I love you" or "J" \_\_\_\_\_
26. \*Only one to hold position in Executive and Judicial branches
27. Prenatal
28. Orwell's animals' turf, pl.
29. North face, e.g.
32. "You had" or "you would"
33. Baryshnikov's step
36. \*First president to campaign by telephone
38. Dixon of "The Walking Dead"
40. Farm layer
41. Body scrubbers
44. Bear Down Under
46. Hearing organ cover
48. Second planet from the Sun
49. \_\_\_\_\_ me, then who?"
50. Machinating
51. Not more
52. Green gem
53. Storage cylinder
54. Face-to-face exam
55. Police informer
56. Tree juice



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

**50 Years Ago - Feb. 12, 1970 to Feb. 18, 1970**

Winners in a D.A.R. sponsored an essay contest were 5th grader Debra Brownson, 6th grader Elizabeth Huber, 7th grader Chris Cowan, and 8th grader Cindy Joy.

Wilbur J. Prichard spearheaded an organization to dispute real estate valuations established by the Tax Equity Service.

The reappraisal firm issued a statement saying "Taxes will be more equal than ever before because of the reappraisal."

The Falls City High production of "Music Man" received rave reviews.

Gibson's Discount Center was operating out of the building now housing Ted Godeman's insurance agency.

United Fund donations remained \$6,592.95 short of their goal.

A program on the "Do's and Don'ts" in fashion was given at a meeting of Girl Scout Troop #149.

Income Tax preparation for \$5 and up was advertised by H & R Block.

Gas Service Co. increased natural gas rates by 6.71 cents per 1,000 cubic foot.

Following a meeting with officials of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, planning was begun on a project to develop a housing program to benefit members of the Iowa tribe.

A basket by Gil Sanborn with 10 seconds left on the clock gave the Falls City Tigers a 57-55 victory over Nebraska City, followed by a 69-54 defeat by Crete that left the Tigers 4 and 1.

Other boys' basketball: Wilber 66 Humboldt 56, Odell 83 Dawson-Verdon 61, Tecumseh 56 Sacred Heart 48, Southeast 82 Odell 70

Falls City Tiger wrestlers Tom Prichard and Dave Kotlich advanced to the state meet.

Delays in the receipt of unemployment compensation triggered filing of a petition to the Nebraska Employment Service.

Three Falls City Boy Scouts, Joseph Gilbert and Steven and Gregory Kopetzky were presented the "Ad Altare Dei" award by Bishop Glennon P. Flavin.

Robert Perry, Max Rathman, and Ron Hazard purchased the Richardson Stationary Store.

The City Council voted to create a municipal airport authority with initial members being Dick Monroe, Lee Robert, K.E. Morehead, Dr. D.E. Fox, and Bernie Krefelns.

Cathy Suedmeier began duties as a Falls City meter maid.

A full page ad announced a February "Clean-Out Sale" at Falter's Clothing.

Ralph Clark, Rulo, reached the five gallon mark in blood donations during a Red Cross Bloodmobile collection.

A Life Memberships were presented to retiring South School P.T.A. president Mrs. Doyle Ramer and at North School to Eugene Hulbert.

Twenty-two cents down would layaway until May 15th a new lawn mower at the Gibson's Discount Center.

**25 Years Ago - Feb. 12, 1995 to Feb. 18, 1995**

A new employee parking area was created to create more patient parking while construction was underway on two additions to Community Hospital, one of which today is our present city hall building.

Consulting engineer Larry Lewis reported the Rulo south road was to be completed in summer and that the county would go ahead with plans for paving of the airport road a project he said would likely be completed in the following year (but still has yet to be done).

Sheriff Keith Hayes announced officers would be present on all floors of the Courthouse during trials of the two men accused in the murders of three persons at a rural Humboldt residence. A jury from the Omaha area was chosen to hear the case against Marvin Tom Nissen.

Richardson County Athletes of the Week were Tiger wrestler Brad Olberding and Humboldt Wrestler Eric Hunzeker. Olberding remained unbeaten after his first two matches at the State wrestling tournament. Hunzeker also qualified for the state tournament.

In girls' basketball: D2 Subdistrict: Sacred Heart 43 Lewiston 34, D1 District: Southeast 49 Humboldt 32 and Southeast 66 Nemaha Valley 52 Regular Season: Southeast 58 Odell 57, Johnson-Brock 65 Humboldt 35, Irish 72 Omaha B-T 41, Auburn 58 Falls City 54 (2 OT).

In boys' basketball: Southeast 58 Odell 53, Johnson-Brock 79 Humboldt 43, Sacred Heart 71 Brownell-Talbot 37, Falls City 60 Plattsmouth 54, Falls City 59 Nebraska City 56, Rock Port 68 Humboldt 60, Southeast 70 Nemaha Valley 39, Omaha Flanagan 83 Falls City 75

Officials failed to show up for the girl/boy doubleheader at Dawson-Verdon with Filley so the cancelled games went into the record books with identical scores of 0-0.

Jason and Lisa Palmer captured state championships in the Nebraska Elks Hoop Shoot. Lisa won the 10-11 year old girls division by sinking 19 of 25 free throws. Jason and another 12-13 year old were tied after both made 19 of 25 but Jason won the championship by sinking 4 of 5 in a shoot off.

Southeast Consolidated "Students of the Month" were Junior Cheryl Patchen, Sophomore Danny Badgett, 7th Grader Randy Morton, and Freshman Jenny Knopik.

The District 56 school board reduced by 10 the number of hours required for graduation. They also voted to approve \$4,000 raises for the district's four principals.

Journal Sports Editor Del Sutherland was retiring after 31 years and was honored by sports fans by having a sweater of his hung on the Falls City High scoreboard that read "Sutherland #1, Del 1964-1995".

Former Richardson County Sheriff Charles Laux agreed to plead guilty to reduced charges for allegedly acting as a vehicle dealer without a license.

Hinky Dinky owner/manager Randy Gottula presented 10,000 Campbell Soup labels to Jean Hodge of Partners in Education and Renee Kopf of Sacred Heart Home and School.

Hardee's (where today Runza is located) was selling 25-cent hamburgers 4-8 pm Tuesdays.

**15 Years Ago - Feb. 12, 2005 to Feb. 18, 2005**

The District 56 board of education adopted a Reduction in Force plan submitted by Superintendent Jon Habben. Seven teachers were impacted along with four assistant coaches, and an unspecified number of classified positions.

Six pieces of art were donated to the Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library by Merle Stalder.

Tiger wrestling team members Jeremy Butrick at 119, Cody Jones at 160, and co-op team member junior Blake Milke of Southeast at 103 qualified for state. Butrick and Milke lost their first round matches. Jones won his opening match 13-8.

In boys' basketball: HTRS 72 Falls City 60, Marysville, KS 58 Sacred Heart 44, Falls City 66 Ashland 58

In girls' basketball: FCSH 83 Omaha BT 26 In D1-1 Subdistrict: FCSH 69 HTRS 30 Class C1-1 Subdistrict: Syracuse 47 Falls City 27

Falls City Cheerleaders placed first in Class B Cheer leading.

Richardson County received an \$8,120 dividend (a return of unspent paid in premiums) from the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA).

Applications were available for homeowners who wished to indicate their interest in qualifying for a potential Housing Rehabilitation Program.

County Commissioners contacted the office of Gov. Dave Heineman to complain about the since replaced but then narrow and unsafe Highway 159 bridge over the Missouri River at Rulo.

The Falls City Educational Foundation announced it had taken in \$73,000 in donations during the previous year and would be offering 25 scholarships to qualifying seniors.

**FC Schools seek Wall of Fame nominations**

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-sons representing different eras.

The person or persons selected will be inducted into the Wall of Fame during the High School's annual Alumni Association's dinner meeting at Prichard Auditorium on June 28.

Kenneth Koehler, Disaster & Community Volunteer was the 2019's inductee.

Persons who wish to make nominations may obtain the forms from Bob Ferguson, 2501 Towle Street, phone 402-245-2748.

March 2, 2020 is the deadline for submitting nominations.

The name of persons previously nominated remain on the active list of the Selection Committee.

**CANDIDATE FILINGS**

On January 31, 2020, David D. Sichel, of Falls City filed to run for the office of County Commissioner, District 2 for a term of four years.

On January 29, 2020, Terry L. Frank, of Humboldt filed to run for the office of County Commissioner, District 3 for a term of four years.

On February 3, 2020, James D. Wisdom, of Falls City filed to run for the office of City Council, District 4 for a term of four years.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Colton Vollan, 1701 Schoenheit Street; after demo of house, replace with residence and garage over existing foundation, \$4,000.

Falls City Public Schools, 1400 Fulton Street; teardown and replace press box, \$25,000.

Adam Morris, 925 Dundy Ave; demo house, \$4,100.

Stephanie Kearney, 2023 Schoenheit Street; egress window, \$3,000.

Douglas Merz, 1719 Stone Street; new doorway, \$999.

Colton Vollan, 1701 Schoenheit Street; demo of house above foundation, \$0.

Mitch and Amanda Merz, 1823 Burton Drive; renovate kitchen, living room, garage, door, \$75,000.

Mitchell Unruh, 1119 East 19th Street; porch roof, \$5,000.

**ACCIDENTS**

On February 12, 2020, according to police department accident reports, Daniel Farley, of Falls City was driving north in the 1600 block of Lane Street, approaching the intersection of 17th and Lane. Farley completed a U-turn in the intersection and Farley struck Steven Sayer, of Falls City. Sayer was driving west through the intersection. Farley failed to yield to Sayer. An estimated \$5,000 in damage was done to the Sayer vehicle; an estimated \$2,500 in damage was done to the Farley vehicle. Farley was issued a citation.

On February 5, 2020, according to police department accident reports, Heidi Woods, of White Cloud, KS, stated that she didn't see Riley Billups, of Amity, MO when she started to change from the inside lane of Harlan Street to the outside lane. Woods hit Billups as she was changing lanes. An estimated \$900 was done to each vehicle. No citations were issued.

**Novel Coronavirus facts**

Nebraska state and local public health authorities are carefully monitoring the unfolding outbreak caused by a novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that originated in Wuhan, China (Hubei Province) in early December. Since that time, travelers moving from the region of the outbreak have expanded the distribution of the virus to multiple countries around the world, including the United States.

As of February 7, 2020, there are 12 confirmed cases in the United States. None of these cases are located in Nebraska. While two of the cases resulted from close person-to-person contact within the United States, the overall risk for infection to the public in Nebraska is low.

"This situation is rapidly evolving, and we continue to use information received from our state and federal partners to inform our local response," said Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) Health Director Grant Brueggemann.

Patients with 2019-nCoV have reportedly had symptoms ranging from mild to severe respiratory illness including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms have appeared in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

According to Brueggemann, the health department is working closely with local preparedness partners

in Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties, including hospitals, healthcare professionals, and emergency managers.

"The health department has plans in place for a coordinated response to a viral outbreak in the event the current situation expands into Nebraska," he said.

Even though the current risk is low, Brueggemann encourages residents to stay informed. He notes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website is maintaining up-to-date information regarding the current status of 2019-nCoV within the United States and includes frequently asked questions, fact sheets, recommendations for travelers and travel restrictions, and guidelines for healthcare professionals.

SEDHD is also asking any travelers who left China within the last two weeks to contact the health department. Informing SEDHD of recent travel history to China is the most direct way to ensure timely medical care if needed and to minimize the potential risk to others.

The SEDHD website will contain any updates relevant to the Southeast Nebraska as well as links to the CDC 2019-nCoV website. Residents are encouraged to visit the department's website [www.sedhd.org](http://www.sedhd.org) or call the health department toll free at 1-877-777-0424.

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Last month's chamber member, Cathy Hutfler, Jamie and Kenny Strathman and Grant Smith.

### Mary's Appliance named Chamber Member of the Month

By Amber Holle

Chaney Furniture Co. had the difficult task of picking January's Falls City Chamber Member of the Month. They looked to another trusted Falls City operation, Mary's Appliance, that provides our community with a much-needed service and retail storefront for household appliances.

Mary's Appliance has been in existence since May 1, 1993, when the Sears Catalog Stores closed across the US. Original owner Mary Whitehouse had been the local Sears Merchant for 26 years here in Falls City and had built a reputation of taking care of her customers far

beyond the Sears policies. She had become an avid promoter of Falls City and had developed a great love of the community, so it was only natural that she would continue selling appliances after Sears left.

Whitehouse's grandson, Kenny and his wife Jamie Strathman took over the business in 2014 and continue on the legacy of Mary's Appliance with the help of four other staff members. Mary's is your one-stop-shop for home appliances like stoves, dishwashers, fridges, freezers, washers, and dryers in all the top name brands like GE, Maytag, LG, and Frigidaire. They also carry a full line of The Big

Green Egg grills and smokers.

Mary's Appliance is a member of Brand Source, a small merchant buying group, which provides them the edge to compete with the big box stores and chains in the cities to keep prices competitive, thus keeping you at home. If you have window shopped at a big box store, bring your list into Mary's and see if they can match the prices and keep your money circulating in our city and not out of town.

Mary's Appliance is the largest appliance business in the three-state area, and we are so fortunate they call Falls City home, and we have this invaluable local shopping option.

### SOCIETY

#### American Legion Auxiliary Unit #222 Shubert January 14, 2020

By Doris Erickson, Secretary  
Shubert ALA Unit #222 met at the post building on January 14, 2020 at 7 PM.

President, Tana Brown opened the meeting. Chaplain, Sharon Howard gave the prayer. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang "God Bless America," and recited the ALA Preamble, with the new change, "In All Wars."

Eight members were present for roll call. The Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Money was collected for the state Emergency Auxiliary Fund. The Treasurer's report was given by Judy Schlosser and accepted.

A thank you was read for the donation sent to the Richardson County Veterans from Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer.

Membership reported three members have not paid from our unit for 2020. District 13 is currently in first place for membership. A reminder was given; if your dues have not been current for three years concurrently, you are not eligible for the Emergency ALA fund.

District Convention will be held in Pawnee City on February 15, with registration from 8:30-9:30 AM. There will be a charge for the meal. The ladies will meet in Poteet Hall, by the Methodist Church. Reminder there will also be two or three marches for special funds, bring a few extra dollars.

Envelopes for Girls State will be sent out soon; the entries

are due back by March 1. June Bowers and Elizabeth Williams are working on this. Our goal is to send two girls, but we will need some sizable donations or parents can always help with the cost. However, the funds have to go through our ALA Unit. Orientation for Boys and Girls State will be held at Pawnee City, on April 26.

Scholarship forms are out, be sure the 2020 forms are being used. These participants must come to us for information. Our district is seeking a new Vice-President. Teachers are working on "Americanism" reports.

Poppy Posters information has been sent to HTRS. They must be completed by mid-April for judging.

Lynette Surman is working on a poppy centerpiece using a book and glasses as a focus, for District Convention.

A mid-year narrative report from every unit is due to tell of activities from June '19 to January.

Our group has been approached about serving food for the Shirley Vice auction on Saturday, February 1, at the former Southeast School building. Lynette made the motion to serve the sale, with Elizabeth Ketter seconding.

The annual Fish Fry will be held on March 28, 2020, at the Shubert Community Center. ALA will be assisting the men with serving and supplying salads and desserts. Profits will go toward building improvements. The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2020, at 7 PM at the post building.

#### Area Bridge

Janice Dahlke, Kristy Gerweck and Judy Munn won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met January 28, 2020, when three tables of bridge were played.

Vi Heim and Kristy Gerweck were the hostesses.

Lorna Simon and Nancy Wittwer will host the next session on February 11, 2020.

## RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

### RETRIEVED FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

All suspect's are innocent until proven guilty.



On January 29, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 24-year-old Melvin J. D. Campbell of Burchard, NE at 1805 N St. in Auburn, NE. Campbell was arrested on warrants for court commitments and was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 29, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 35-year-old Toni M. Noonan of Falls City, NE at 1105 Lane St. in Falls City, NE. Noonan was arrested on a fines and cost warrant and was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 29, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 27-year-old Rayshawn M. Pullum of Falls City, NE at 2422 Chase St. in Falls City, NE. Pullum was arrested on a fines and cost warrant and was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 29, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 31-year-old Corinna J. Phroper of Stella, NE at 1805 N St in Auburn, NE. Phroper was arrested for two failure to appear warrants and was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 29, 2020, Deputies arrested 28 year old Shayna J. Jordan of Falls City, NE at 65086 706 Trl. In Falls City, NE. Jordan was arrested on a fines and cost warrant and was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 29, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 38 year old Justin A. Norman of Humboldt, NE at 522 6th St in Humboldt, NE. Norman was arrested for Driving Under Suspension and was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On February 1, 2020, Richardson County Sheriff Deputies arrested 18 year old Ty Shooteese of Humboldt, NE on charges of Assault and Criminal Mischief. Shooteese was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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### NOTICE OF DALE E. HEINEMAN & EILLEN M. HEINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Richardson Foundation, Inc. is taking applications for the Dale E. Heineman and Eilleen Heineman Scholarship. Any student who has graduated from a Richardson County, Nebraska High School and who will be enrolled in a college or university program in medicine or other health care related field in the Fall of 2020 may apply. This includes those in a graduate school program.

Applications may be obtained online at: <http://www.fctigers.org/news/display.v/ART/50bce5c490f4f> or from any Richardson County High School Guidance Counselor.

Complete applications and supporting documents must be received by March 19, 2020. They may be turned in to any Richardson County High School Guidance Counselor, or mailed to Heineman Scholarship, c/o The Richardson Foundation, P.O. Box 161, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355 or emailed to: [kotts@sento.net](mailto:kotts@sento.net). Two awards for \$2,500.00 will be given in 2020 and will be sent directly to the College or University Financial Aid Office for the Fall 2020 term.

**The Offices of the Richardson County Courthouse Will Be Closed Monday, Feb. 17 In Observance Of Presidents' Day**

## Masonic Lodge offer scholarships

The members of Falls City Lodge No. 9, AF&AM and the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska are offering scholarships to graduating seniors of Falls City High School in 2020.

There will be two-\$250.00 scholarships to be presented this spring to seniors who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or vocational school.

Academic qualification, work ethics, ambition, attitude, integrity, and leadership abilities and

financial consideration will be considered in the selection of the recipients.

Scholarship application forms are available through the Guidance Counselor's office at Falls City High School.

All applications must be returned to the Guidance Counselor's office by Tuesday, March 12, 2020.

Winners will be notified at a later time.

## HTRS places first at MUDECAS Speech meet

The HTRS Speech Team placed first at the MUDECAS Speech Meet. On February 1, 2020, HTRS hosted the 2020 speech meet. HTRS swept the tournament with 69 points. Diller-Odell received second place with 39 points; and Sacred Heart placed third with 32 points.

## SOCIETY

### St. Peter's ELCA

Five members of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA met February 3, 2020 at the church at 1:30 PM.

Lesson leader Linda Duerfeldt led lesson #6 "Devoted to Christ", "Marrying when time is short", from the book 1 Corinthians, by Paul Stevens & Dave Williams. Lesson closed with Missionary Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

President Roxann Stitzer opened business meeting. Lois Cameron called roll and read minutes from previous meeting. Treasurer Becky Runyan reported on bank transactions and Linda Duerfeldt reported on

flower fund and get-well cards and sympathy cards sent. No old business. There will be no meeting in March.

The Spring Gatherings are reported as follows:

March 7, Central, Salem/Stromsburg

March 14, Midlands, Salem/Fremont

March 21, Southeast, Trinity, Dewitt

March 28, Southern Praise/Lutheran Church of The Good Shepperd/Hastings

April 4, High Plains, First/North Platte

Next meeting April 6, 2020 at Linda Duerfeldt's home. Lesson leader Lois Cameron hostess Linda Duerfeldt. Refreshments were served by Lois Cameron at close of afternoon.

## STUDENTS

### Vollmer makes NWC Dean's List

Megan Vollmer, a student at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, has earned a spot on the Academic Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester.

The Dean's List is comprised of students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or above while carrying a minimum of 12 graded hours. This semester, 428 students qualified for the Dean's List. Students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher are considered Collegiate Scholars, designated with an asterisk. Of the 263 Collegiate Scholars, 84 of them maintained a perfect 4.0 average. Vollmer was one of those 84 with a perfect 4.0.

Vollmer is a senior nursing major at Northwestern College. She is the daughter of Julie Vollmer of Verdun.

Northwestern College is a Christian college of more than 1,400 students in Orange City, Iowa. Rated a top-10 Midwestern college by U.S. News & World Report magazine, Northwestern provides a standout education committed to academic excellence and a Christ-centered worldview.

### UNMC announces Dean's List for fall 2019

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced its fall 2019 dean's list for students enrolled in nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and the allied health professions of medical resonance imaging, medical laboratory science and radiography. The following local students made the list, College of Nursing Lincoln Division, Madison Buckminster, and Ashleigh Jorden, both of Falls City.

To qualify for the dean's list, nursing and the allied health students must be enrolled for 12 or more hours during the semester and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above. To qualify for the pharmacy dean's list, students must place in the top 20 percent of their class and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

### MAKING IT RIGHT

In the Jan. 29, 2020 story that ran in the Journal titled, 'City Council hears EDGE report about Fast Global' The vote on the request by Pat Beer was by a 7-0 vote not to approve but to deny his request to park his semi-trailer in front of his residence at 817 Stone Street, Falls City.



**Representing Falls City Sacred Heart were:** Back Row, L-R: Matthew Neddenriep, Emily Wertenberger, Jena Reeves, Rachel Magdanz, Lexi Pokorny, Lauren Malone, Emma Frederick, Elle Froeschl, Mackensie Nelson, and Evi Schock. Middle Row: Tyler Catlin, Jarrot Simon, Claire Niemiery, Taylor Frederick, and Luke Schawang. Front Row: Kailey Peeks, Del Casteel, Jack Fiegenger, and Jamie Stice.

## SH Honors Band performs at NE Pioneer Conference

The Nebraska Pioneer Conference Honors Band was held January 27 at Pawnee City High School with student musicians representing Pawnee City, HTRS, Johnson-Brock, Nebraska City Lourdes, and Falls City Sacred Heart. Students came together throughout the day for practice and held a concert at 7 p.m. The guest conductor was Mrs. Emiley Bond from Lincoln Christian School. The band opened the concert with the "Star-Spangled Banner" and then continued with a selection of music including "Captain America March" and selections from "The Lion King."



**WINNERS OF THE SACRED HEART COMPETITION OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE.** Second place, Connor Nelson; First place, Vaughn Lenard; Third place, Cole Schawang. The Sacred Heart competition of the National Geographic Bee was held Monday, February 4th in O'Connor Hall with Social Science teacher Mr. Luke Santo. Prior to Monday students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade took a test in class to decide who would compete.

## New NE Extension Financial service program offered

A new Nebraska Extension financial services program offers farmers and ranchers across the state tools to utilize existing data to improve decision-making and management in their operations.

Nebraska Strong Financial Services was created by the Department of Agricultural Economics to offer analysis and planning that is complementary to — and independent of — accounting services. Benchmarking, which measures a variety of financial indicators to compare performance to other area operations, will be a major focus of the program.

"Management requires measurement," said Cory Walters, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. "Benchmarking provides a foundation for farm businesses to assess how they are doing relative to leading businesses."

Comparing a producer's operation to state and regional data will provide a clearer picture of performance over time and aid in decision-making.

"Benchmarking allows farms to survive and correct weakness to increase economic efficiency, which increases the chance of farm survival," Walters said.

As part of extension, Nebraska Strong Financial Services offers an unbiased source of analysis, according to Pedro Masi, a financial analyst hired earlier this year to work with producers in the program.

"We don't see ourselves as competing with accounting firms for accounting services," he said. "We are actually providing an additional service to help farmers improve their decision-making."

The program offers both whole farm and enterprise analysis to provide an overview of operations and identify strengths and

weaknesses. Cash flow planning and benchmarking are then incorporated to aid projections and assessment over time. All data that is collected through the service will remain anonymous.

Producers of any size, including those affected by the 2019 flooding, are encouraged to find out more or sign up for the service by calling Masi at 402-472-3401 or visiting the Nebraska Strong Financial Services website at <https://agecon.unl.edu/nsfs/>.

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

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

**Legend drug** means drugs that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that are required by federal or state law to be dispensed to the public only on prescription of a licensed physician or other licensed provider.

**COUNTY COURT**

Jaden P. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, drive under suspended/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs, court ordered probation for a term of 12 months starting on February 5, 2020.

Jason A. Lunsford, of White Cloud, KS, count one, no proof of insurance, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 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 19, 2020.

April N. Rath, of Elberon, VA, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100, restitution of \$116.34 and court costs.

April N. Rath, of Elberon, VA, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of 30 days, credit for three days served; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Matthew L. Gilbert, of Humboldt, count one, drive during revocation/impound-second/third, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Travis J. Gilbert, of Humboldt, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, violate stop or yield sign, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Andrew J. Johansen, of Rulo, count one, CMV-lights inoperable 393.9(a), plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, CMV-marking 390.21 (a), plead guilty, found guilty and fined

\$50; count three, UCR-no registration/payment, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

Allen L. Leachman, of Bellevue, NE, count one, pass on left side, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Nathan A. Strecker, of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Randel L. McFeeters, Jr., of Pawnee City, count one, non-resident violate susp/rev order, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs, revoked license for a term of one year starting January 27, 2020.

Charles E. Reynolds, of Falls City, count one, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$200, jail for a term of 25 days starting on January 27, 2020, probation for a term of one year, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, jail for a term of 50 days starting August 31, 2020; count two, criminal mischief-\$0-\$500, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$125, jail for a term of ten days starting on January 27, 2020, probation for a term of one year starting January 27, 2020, jail for a term of 50 days starting August 31, 2020.

Amanda M. Teixeira, of Falls City, count one, criminal trespass-second degree, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled.

Ceera N. Evans of Humboldt, count one, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$150, court ordered probation for a term of six months starting January 27, 2020.

Keith A. Ferris, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$200; count three, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, operate vehicle without proof of ownership, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty.

Keith A. Ferris, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insur-

ance, plead not guilty; count two, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead not guilty. Show cause hearing is scheduled for March 2, 2020.

Keith A. Ferris, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count two, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count three, criminal trespass-second degree, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs.

Lucy E. Ezell, of Auburn, count one, resist arrest-first offense, plead not guilty; count two, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for February 24, 2020.

Robert S. Hillard, of Lewiston, NE, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony. Plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 2, 2020.

Nathanael E. Smithson, of Falls City, count one, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 2, 2020.

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**DISTRICT COURT**

Natalie C. Auxier, of Council Bluffs, IA, count one, burglary, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for February 18, 2020.

Natalie C. Auxier, of Council Bluffs, IA, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for February 18, 2020.

John D. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, use firearm to commit a felony, plead not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count three, carry concealed weapon-first, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 3, 2020.

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

24, 2020.

Lucas M. Morehead, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for February 24, 2020.

Kyle D. Scates, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for February 24, 2020.

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Brian K. Mackey, of Falls City, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 24, 2020.

Bailey T. Witt, of Falls City, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-fly amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead no contest, found guilty; count four, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first plead no contest, found guilty; count five, fail to use turn signal, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count six, violate stop or yield sign, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count seven, speeding 36+ MPH, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

Julia M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, resist arrest-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, obstruct government operations, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 7, 2020.

Terrie K. Beckner, of Rulo, count one, del/dsp/ds/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 3, 2020.

Samantha J. Liming, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Suppression is scheduled for March 10, 2020.



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## Irish boys remain conference champs

By Brian McKim

For the second consecutive year, the Sacred Heart Irish boys defeated Johnson-Brock for the Pioneer Conference Championship. The game was close early with SH holding a 9-8 first-quarter lead and a 20-15 halftime advantage. The Irish took over in the second half, outscoring the Eagles 32-15 as they cruised to their second win in as many tries over Johnson-Brock 52-30.

Jack Fiegenger came up huge for the Irish on Saturday night, scoring 17 points on 8/10 shooting. As a team, the Irish hit 21/47 shot attempts but held the Eagles to just 11/39. Sacred Heart finished with 29 rebounds, led by Jake Hoy with eight and Tyler Witt with seven. Witt added six assists and nine points while Hoy added 10 points and five assists. Ty Hahn led Johnson-Brock with nine points.

Scoring vs. Johnson-Brock, Jordan six, Stice six, Hoy 10, Witt nine, Simon four, Fiegenger 17.

In order to defend their crown, the Irish first had to get by Lourdes Central on Thursday. The Irish took a 16-10 lead after one and a 29-21 halftime lead. SH pulled away in the fourth period to get the 50-34 win. The Irish shot 50% (19-38) in the win while holding Lourdes to 32% (13-40). SH held a 29-21 rebounding edge and a slim 12-10 turnover advantage.

Tyler Witt led all scorers with 23 points, including eight points in the final quarter. Witt finished the game 8/11 from the floor and 7-11 from the foul line. Witt also pulled down a team-high 13 rebounds and added a blocked shot. Jamie Stice dished out six assists, and Jake Hoy added six boards and three steals. Z. Teserak led Lourdes Central with 10 points.

Scoring vs. Lourdes Central, Jordan seven, Stice four,

Hoy eight, Witt 23, Simon six, Fiegenger two.

In the opening-round game vs. the #9 seeded Pawnee City, SH got out to a quick start, leading 23-13 after one and 39-21 at the half. The Irish cruised in the second half, outscoring the Indians 35-9, to get the first-round win 74-30.

The Irish were on fire early, making 10/14 shots in the opening quarter. Witt was 6/7 from the floor with 14 points, and Jarrot Simon was 3-4 with seven. The Irish made 61% of their shots (34-56), while Pawnee City was 14-33 for 42%. SH outbounded the Indians 23-14 and forced 24 turnovers while committing just eight.

Witt again led SH with 20 points on 9/12 shooting. Simon finished with 13 points, and six boards and Stice was 5/7 with 11 points. Hoy led the Irish with eight steals and six assists. TJ Mawhiney had 15 points to lead Pawnee City.

Scoring vs. Pawnee City, Jordan eight, Stice 11, Froeschl three, Hoy seven, Casteel two, Witt 20, Simon 13, Nelson two, Fiegenger six, Nachtigal two.

On winning the Pioneer Conference Tourney, Coach Doug Goltz had this to say, "It was a total team effort. Different guys found ways to contribute against some pretty good defenses. Our defense was great in all three games. Sometimes we struggled offensively, but our defense was always there."

The 20-1 Irish will take part in the Heartland Hoops Classic on Saturday, February 15, in Grand Island. The Irish will take on the 14-4 Fullerton Warriors at 8:30 a.m. The Classic features eight games with teams from Maryland, Bradenton Florida, and Sunrise Christian Academy in Wichita taking part.

## Lady Irish crowned Pioneer Conference Champs

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish girls' basketball team retained their conference championship with a win in a defensive battle over Lourdes Central Catholic 31-26 on Saturday night at Diller-Odell High School. Heading into the contest, each team had one win against the other, and the game lived up to the hype. With the game tied at 12 after one quarter, SH went cold, hitting just 1-8 shots in the second quarter and trailed Lourdes 20-15 at intermission. The Irish defense took over in the final 16 minutes, allowing six points in the third period and none in the last eight minutes of play. Lourdes connected on just 3/11 shots in the second half.

Lourdes outshot SH from the floor 41%-25%. But SH hit 7-11 foul shots while Lourdes was just 2-4. SH held a rebound advantage, 27-20, and forced 17 turnovers to only nine by the Irish. Erison Vonderschmidt led the Irish with 12 points on 4/14 shooting and Rachel Magdanz (4-9) for 10 points. Vonderschmidt and Danielle Bippes each had seven rebounds, and McKenzie Witt added four assists and five boards. G. McGowen led NC with nine points.

Scoring vs. Lourdes, Magdanz 10, M. Witt seven, Vonderschmidt 12, Bippes two.

To get back to the finals of the conference tourney, the Irish first had to get by Pawnee City on Tuesday and then Diller-Odell on Thursday. On Tuesday, the Irish dominated Pawnee City 49-28 to

move on to the second round. A 16-3 first quarter propelled the Irish to a 29-7 halftime lead as they ran away with the opening-round win. The Irish hit 19/51 shot attempts while holding the Indians to just 10/48. Nine Irish players got into the scoring action, with Vonderschmidt leading the way with 18 points and nine rebounds. M. Witt added 10 points and three assists. Krista Menninga led Pawnee City with 10 points.

In the semi-finals on Thursday night, the Irish faced the host school, Diller-Odell. The first quarter was tight, with the Irish holding a slim 12-9 advantage. That's when the patented Irish defense took over, holding the Griffin to just 10 points over the final three periods, picking up the 45-19 win. The Irish allowed no points in the second quarter, three in the third and seven in the fourth.

The Irish still didn't shoot the ball well, making just 21/62 shot attempts, but held Diller-Odell to only 7-25 shooting. The tenacious Irish defense forced 32 turnovers while committing just six of their own.

Olivia Eickhoff led the Irish scoring with 12 points on 6/12 shooting. Bippes hauled in eight rebounds, and M. Witt was the top playmaker with seven assists. Addison Heidemann led Diller-Odell with eight points.

Scoring vs. Diller-Odell, Magdanz two, D. Witt four, Niemeyer two, Simon seven, M. Witt four, J. Wertenberger two, Vonder-

## Tiger boys get road victory

By Brian McKim

Falls City split a pair of contests last week, first falling at home to Lincoln Lutheran 56-44, then rebounding with a win on the road on Friday at West Nodaway, Mo, 62-39.

Falls City hosted the Warriors on Tuesday night, looking to bounce back from a loss to Lourdes Central last weekend. Lincoln Lutheran took an early lead, 15-7 after one quarter, and FC tried to play catch-up for the rest of the contest. The Warriors led 26-19 at halftime and 38-29 with eight minutes to play. FC, plagued by turnovers (19), couldn't cut into the deficit, falling by 12, 56-44.

The Tigers shot 45% from the floor, making 16-35 attempts, but the Warriors hit 52% of their opportunities (20-38). Lincoln Lutheran also made 11-12 from the foul line, while FC was 6-10. The Tigers outbounded the Warriors 17-13, but a 19-12 turnover margin kept the Tigers from getting back into the game.

Three Tiger players reached double digits in the scoring column with Mason Crawford leading the way with 14 points. Caden Simon added 11 points and four rebounds, and Kade Bredemeier finished with 10 points and three steals.

The win improved the Warriors

to 10-6 for the season while the loss dropped FC to 8-11.

Scoring vs. Lincoln Lutheran, Crawford 14, Caden Simon 11, K. Bredemeier 10, Vitosh four, Hogue three, Carson Simon two.

On Friday, the Tigers traveled to Missouri to take on the West Nodaway Rockets. Falls City led this game from early on, taking a 12-4 first-quarter lead and a 26-17 halftime advantage. FC continued to build its lead in the second half, outscoring the Rockets 20-6 in the fourth quarter to earn the 62-39 win.

The Tigers again shot well from the field, hitting 26-56 shots (46%) while holding West Nodaway to 14-37. FC was also tough on the glass, holding a 31-19 rebounding edge, including 12 offensive boards. The Tigers also won the assist battle (17-5) and the turnover war, forcing 16 while committing just seven.

Four Tigers reached double figures with Caden Simon again having a big night. Simon finished with 16 points, ten rebounds, and three assists. K. Bredemeier added 15 points and three steals for FC.

The win improved FC to 9-11 while the loss dropped the Rockets to 4-7 for the season.

Scoring vs. West Nodaway, Caden Simon 16, K. Bredemeier 15, Crawford 12, Carson Simon

10, Arnold four, Carson Bredemeier three, Acton two.

Falls City, 9-11, will host HTRS 6-13 on Thursday, February 13, with the JV playing at 4:15. FC will then host the Fairbury Jeffs on Friday, February 21, to close out the regular season.

## Wrestlers tune up for districts

By Brian McKim

The Tiger wrestling team competed at the Boys Town Dual Tournament on Friday, February 7. Five teams, Arlington, Ashland-Greenwood, Boys Town, FC, and Platview, all took part in the event.

In the first match of the day, FC faced-off against Platview, falling 64-12. At 195, Thomas Fields fell to Nick Horst 13-2, in a major decision. In the 285 division, Jaden Nolte pinned Brennan Campbell at 3:55. Ray Feek was pinned by Gage Ryba in :53 at 106. At 120, Travis Ottfell to Aiden Riha in 1:34, at 138 James Eickhoff was decided by Nick Demonte 11-4, and at 145 Kaleb Block pinned Michael Wickham in 1:04. In the 152-pound match, Kellen McAfee fell to Garrett Horst 2:53, at 170 Kyle Black fell to Carson Ross SV-1 10-8, and at 160 Jace Heckenlively pinned Nathan Seeber in 2:44.

In match three, FC was defeated by Arlington 42-18. Feek, Ott, and Wickham picked up forfeit wins. Nolte fell to Remington Gay at 1:43. Hunter Gilmore pinned Eickhoff at 3:20. Heckenlively dropped a match to Alex Luttig, Trinton McDuffee pinned McAfee in 5:57, and Kobe Wilkins pinned Fields in 5:25.

In the fourth match of the day vs. Boys Town, FC was defeated 48-36. Nolte got a quick pin in :29 over Phoenix Walker. Wickham pinned Alex Santos in 1:55; Black got a 16 win over Connor Larsen and Fields pinned Jessie Smith in 1:16. Heckenlively and Eickhoff both got forfeit wins. Feek was pinned in 1:53 by Leini Poindexter; Ott fell in :52 to Taneeko Cooper, and McAfee fell in :21 to TJ Murray. In the final match of the day, Ashland-Greenwood took down FC 42-30. At 106, Feek fell to Christo in :57. Ott fell to Beetsion in :44 at 113. At 138, Eickhoff pinned Upton at 5:43. Wickham got a forfeit win at 145. McAfee fell to Lambert in :50 by pin. Heckenlively dropped a match in 2:58 to Maguire. Black got a win by fall at 1:35 over Sobota; Fields won by fall at 1:06 over Buck, and Nolte got the win by fall over Hegwood in :42.

Falls City will hit the mats at the District B-3 meet on February 14 and 15 at Pierce High School. Schools assigned for the district are Arlington, Central City, FC, Mount Michael Benedictine, Northwest, Pierce, Ralston, Seward, Wahoo, Wayne, and West Point-Beemer.

## Lady Tigers get sixth win

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Lady Tigers played a pair of games last week, first dropping a contest to Lincoln Lutheran 55-25, then finishing the week with a big win over West Nodaway, Mo, 61-36.

In the opener of the week, the Tigers trailed Lincoln Lutheran by just one point after the first quarter 9-8. That's when the Warriors exploded for 17-second quarter points to take a commanding 26-13 halftime lead. The third and fourth periods were much the same as Lincoln Lutheran outscored the Tigers 29-12 in the final 16 minutes to get the 30-point win.

Three-point shots proved to be the difference in the contest as the Warriors sunk 8/21 from behind the arc, while FC was 0/4. The Tigers made 11/28 shot attempts from two-point range and 3-4 shots from the charity stripe. Lincoln Lutheran finished the game making 13/33 two-pointers and 5-10 from the foul line.

Junior Eryn Sneten led the scoring attack for FC, hitting 6/9 shots for 13 points. No other Tiger scored more than four points. Lincoln Lutheran had nine players reach the scoring column, with L. Poppe leading the way with 12.

Scoring vs. Lincoln Lutheran, schmidt 10, Eickhoff 12, Bippes two.

"It was a really good week for us and should give us a lot of confidence as we head down the home stretch," said Coach Luke Santo. "Our offense still has to get better, but if we can keep playing defense like we did, we'll always give ourselves a chance. Winning your conference tournament is always special. We're really happy for our girls."

The 20-2 Irish host the 21-1 Weeping Water Indians on Thursday, February 13, at the RAC for the final regular-season game for the Irish. Girls sub-district play will take place on February 18 and 20 at Pawnee City. Schools assigned for the D2-1 sub-district will be Sacred Heart, Lewiston, Parkview Christian, and Sterling.

Black two, Sneten 13, Jones four, Clary four, Nolte two.

In the second game of the week, FC got a much-needed shot in the arm with the road win over West Nodaway Rockets, 61-36. FC led this contest throughout, holding an 11-7 first-quarter lead and a 26-13 halftime advantage. The Lady Tigers continued to pour it on in the second half, outscoring the Rockets 35-23 in the final two quarters to get the win.

FC fired up an astounding 82 shots in the game. The Tigers were 22/75 from two-point range and just 1/7 from behind the arc. The Tigers did convert 14-23 free throw attempts. Three different Tigers reached double figures with Sneten leading the way with 16 points, on 5/14 shooting. Hannah Clary added 15 points, making 6/20 shots, and Chase Nolte was 3/6 for 10 points.

Scoring vs. West Nodaway, Sneten 16, Jones six, Gilkerson four, Clary 15, R. McNeely two Nolte 10, Beer eight.

The win improves Falls City to 6-15 on the season. The Tigers will play their regular-season finale on Thursday, February 13, when they host the HTRS Titans. The Titans enter the contest with a 9-10 season record. JV action will tip-off at 4:15 on Thursday. The Tigers will then head to post-season play on February 17, 18, and 20 for the Class C1-6 Subdistrict held at Beatrice High School. Schools assigned are Auburn, FC, Fairbury, Syracuse, and Wilber-Clatonia.

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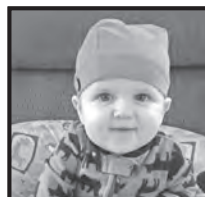
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Rieger, David and Lori Scott  
Great-Grandparents:  
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November 16 - 8 lbs.  
Parents:  
Capt. Adam and Becky Schwartz  
Madison, WI  
Grandparents:  
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February 19 - 10 lbs. 9 oz.  
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December 29 - 8 lbs.  
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January 20- 6 lbs. 12 oz.  
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Newark, DE  
Grandparents: Francis & Donna Nolte,  
Kelly & Jody Thompson  
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Bernice Matthes, Joan Thompson  
Patricia Pyle and Eleanor O'Neill



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September 13 - 6 lbs. 12 oz.  
Parents: Justina and Ethan Utecht  
Columbus, NE  
Grandparents: Larry & Michelle Strecker  
and Rev. Andrew and Lori Utecht  
Great-Grandparents: Ray & Jan Huebner,  
Augie & Joan Strecker, Ernie Kullman  
and Donna Utecht



**Ayla Cooper**  
June 18  
Parents: Tyler and Sydney Cooper  
Grandparents:  
Doug and Salena Cooper  
Jeff and Sandy Schwarting  
Great-Grandparents: Kay Cooper,  
Dennis and Mary Finner  
Larry and Marlene Schwarting



**Milo Joseph**  
July 16 - 7 lbs. 10 oz.  
Parents:  
Anders & Jessica Erickson  
Falls City  
Grandparents:  
Ed & Robin Lippold and  
Karl & Doris Erickson  
Great-Grandparents:  
Clarence & Doris Lippold



**Hawkins Edward**  
May 28 - 10 lbs. 2 oz.  
Parents: Billy & Whitney Lippold  
Falls City  
Grandparents:  
Ed & Robin Lippold,  
Roger & Tiffany Schulenberg  
Great-Grandparents: Clarence & Doris  
Lippold, and Sherry Gatz



**Watson Michael**  
July 16 - 6 lbs. 5 oz.  
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Falls City  
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Coreena Adkins; Derek Guthals  
Great-Grandparents: Marge Dettman, Jim &  
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July 2 - 6 lbs. 13 oz.  
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June 3 - 8 lbs. 4 oz.  
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Gus & Layla Giorgakopoulos  
Great-Grandparents:  
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**Sonny Fielding Joe**  
November 21 - 7 lbs. 3 oz.  
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A baby's first holiday season is a special time. Baby Center states that slightly less than four million babies are born in the United States each year. In Canada, around 390,000 babies are born annually, according to data from Statistics Canada. That means there are millions of new parents out there who are looking forward to their first holiday season with their newborn children.

Come the holiday season, gift givers can offer new parents presents that are fitting for their new roles and responsibilities, as well as some gifts that pamper parents who are learning on the job just how tiring caring for a little one can be.

Childhood journal: A journal can be a keepsake that new parents cherish for years to come. They can record all of the things their child does through the years as well as all the off-the-cuff remarks made by children who are learning to speak. A journal is something a new parent may not think to purchase on his or her own.

Subscription service: Enroll new parents in a subscription service for streaming movies, free delivery, groceries, or any of the other myriad services now available. Newly minted parents spend a lot of time indoors until they develop a knack for taking their babies out on routine trips. The convenience of services like

Amazon Mom and streaming services like Netflix can make new parents' daily lives a little less complex.

Cleaning service: New parents find time is often in short supply. While parents are tending to their newborns, other tasks may fall by the wayside. A cleaning service means new parents will have one less chore on their to-do lists.

Gift card to a spa: Birthing and caring for a child is hard work. New moms and dads may enjoy an hour free from baby duty to relax and recharge at a spa for a massage or facial.

Sleep aids: Sleep is a rare commodity for new parents. White noise makers,

instructional books or DVDs on sleep strategies, or other devices for helping baby (and parent) self soothe to enjoy a restful night's sleep can make for a perfect gift.

Double-duty jewelry: Designers now create necklaces that look fashionable but also double as teething toys for babies.

Sanitizing wand: Sanitizing wands get rid of germs without the need for harsh chemicals. This makes faster work of keeping bathrooms or kitchen surfaces germ-free.

Free babysitting: Of course, new parents will love complimentary babysitting, which allows new parents to get out of the house and unwind for a little bit.

## New crops, cow-calf budgets available for 2020

Two decision-making tools created by Nebraska Extension for agricultural producers across the state have been updated for the new year.

The 2020 Nebraska crop budgets and new representative cow-calf budgets are now available to provide producers with cost-of-production estimates.

Both sets of budgets are available as PDFs and Excel files, which feature tools that allow users to enter their own information into worksheets to calculate their estimated production costs.

"Both the crop and livestock budget files are made available online so producers can download, then modify production and expense figures to more closely match their various enterprises," said Glenis McClure, an extension educator in the Department of Agricultural Economics. "Understanding enterprise cost of production in agriculture is important in product mix decision making, pricing, marketing, and financial analysis."

The crop budgets include 82 production budgets for 15 crops produced in Nebraska, along with cost data for power, machinery and labor. They were compiled by a team led by Robert Klein, an extension western Nebraska crops specialist, and McClure, utilizing a template created by Roger Wilson, a retired extension farm and ranch management analyst.

There are five cow-calf budgets that offer representative herd data for different regions of the state. Background stories are included to assist producers with information relevant to each budget, which may guide producers in determining their own costs. McClure led the cow-calf budget effort as they were compiled from information gathered from producer panels that have met as part of the university's multidisciplinary Beef Systems Initiative.

## W2 versus 1099

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Only payments to employees are subject to payroll taxes, therefore there is an incentive for a business to pay someone as an independent contractor (reported on form 1099) versus an employee (reported on form W2).

The IRS has regulations to prevent businesses from misclassifying employees. They consider the worker's control and relationship to the business remitting payment. In short, to be an independent contractor the worker has control of when and how they work and does not receive benefits.

Employees normally: Work for one employer; Hours are set by their employer; Completes tasks in the specific manner the employer has requested; Uses employers tools or equipment;

Independent Contractors: Can work for multiple businesses; Sets their own hours; Has control over how to accomplish their tasks; Incur costs associated with the job; Uses their own tools or equipment.

It is a common misconception that employees who make less than \$600 a year are not required to pay payroll taxes. If they are classified as an employee, the business is required to withhold payroll taxes regardless of the amount they earn.

Every scenario is different, therefore this general advice cannot be applied directly to your situation and is not intended to be tax advice. If you have concerns about the classification of 1099 vendors, it is best practice to consult with a tax professional.



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### Darel Willman

Darel Willman, 70, Verdon, NE, passed away February 6, 2020 at Falls City, NE. He was born February 19, 1949 at Yankton, SD to Martin and Susan (Slagle) Willman.

He married Lana Handley on September 26, 1970 at Falls City, NE.

Darel was raised at Howard, SD and graduated from Canova High School in 1967. He then worked as a laborer during the construction of Cooper Nuclear Station. He then went to welding school at Tulsa, OK and became a traveling union pipe fitter and traveled the United States for work. He moved back to Verdon in 1978 and he continued pipe fitting and then was a welder for Frontier Trailer Factory and WASP. He was also the greens keeper at Falls City Country Club. In 2005 he rejoined the union, retiring in 2010. He was a member of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local #430.

Darel is survived by his wife, Lana of Verdon, sons, Larry and his wife Jennifer of Falls City, Eric and his wife Amy of Owasso, OK, Josh of Omaha, NE, sisters, Sharon Larson of Sioux City, IA, Alice Littrick of Wisconsin, grandchildren, Jaiden, Mia, Garrett and Riley. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Larry, sisters Melva Jerolds and Wilma Jones.

A private family graveside will be held at Harris Cemetery.

### Betty Baker

Betty J. (Swanda) Baker was born on February 28, 1930. She passed away on February 5, 2020.

Betty was preceded in death by husband, Earl D. Baker; parents; brother-in-law, sisters-in-law; and daughter-in-law. Survived by daughter, Deb Baker; sons, Roger Baker (Deb) and Rob Baker (Tutti); five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; many nephews and a niece; brothers, Harry Swanda and Marvin Swanda (Teresa); sister, Norma

Baker; brother-in-law, Derwin Anderson (Pat). Family received friends Monday, February 10, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M., at the West Center Chapel.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 11, 10:30 A.M., First Christian Church (6630 Dodge St.)

Interment was at 2 P.M., Memorial Cemetery, Fremont, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First Christian Church.



### Belva "Colleen" (Keithley) Curtright

Belva "Colleen" (Keithley) Curtright, 91, of Topeka, passed away, Friday, February 7, 2020, after a brief and courageous fight with cancer.

She was born to Delbert Levi and Martha Maude (Bollman) Keithley, January 14, 1929 at home in Nemaha County, NE during a blizzard. Her father had to ride horseback in the snow to get the doctor. She was a 1946 graduate of Verdon High School in Verdon, and attended business school in Topeka after graduation.

Colleen married Chester, "Chet" Curtright on January 30th, 1949 in Nemaha, Nebraska. He preceded her in death on December 11, 2014. The couple made their first home in Auburn, where Colleen worked for the Lincoln Telephone Company.

Chet and Colleen moved to Topeka in 1953 to be closer to her parents. She was a stay at home mom for many years until she began working at Countryside Preschool as a Teacher's Assistant. During this time, she saw her four grandsons and great grandson attend preschool there. She developed many strong friendships with staff over the years that continued until her passing. She retired from Countryside in 2008 after 30 years at the "young age" of 80.

Colleen's family always came first, and she enjoyed making sweet tea, baking pies and cookies and sitting on the front porch of her home of 60 years with her husband. Her daughters, Tiwana and Dawn, were her best friends and they enjoyed many adventures together. Although her house was always tidy, she said she would put housework aside to go on spontaneous adventures when one of the girls suggested it. She was a hands-on grandma and spent summers taking the boys on outings around Topeka. Her great-grandsons brought her added joy. She was doted on by her sons-in-law who helped with home fix its after Chet passed. She had the gift of hospitality

and always had an open door for family, neighbors and friends of her daughters.

Colleen was an avid reader with the love of spelling and puns and said, "books were her friends." She also enjoyed exploring new cities, flea markets, watching her soaps and baking. She was an Elvis fan and growing up the girls would often hear an Elvis album playing while mom was doing housework.

She was a 64-year member of Topeka First United Methodist Church where she taught the preschool Sunday School Class for 25 years. She made many friendships and enjoyed sitting with her "pew friends" on Sunday morning. Colleen was a quiet person and an excellent listener. She often reminded her family you learned more by listening than speaking, which her gently way of saying she knew exactly what was happening in our lives. Her favorite quote, by James Brewer, was "The Art of Silence is as Great as that of Speech."

Survivors include two daughters, Tiwana (Bruce) Whitten of Topeka and Dawn (Greg) Taylor of Wichita, KS; seven grandchildren, Brent Whitten and fiancée, McKinzie Schmidt, Caleb (Kenra) Whitten, Ethan Whitten, Jared Whitten, Brandi (Danae) Wyer, Dustin (Rachel) Wyer; Nikki Taylor, five great-grandchildren, Colter Whitten, Hudson and Grayson Wyer, Cole and Chloe McNall and many other "children of her heart".

A funeral ceremony was held at 10:30 am. Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Klasse Chapel at Topeka First United Methodist Church, 600 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66603. Dove Creations and Funerals, Southwest Chapel is assisting the family. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 1315 SW Arrowhead Rd., Topeka, KS. 66604. Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or Topeka First UMC.



### Robbin Lull

Robbin Lee Lull, 58, passed away on February 1, 2020. He was born on October 19, 1961 in Pawnee City, Nebraska

He served both Army and Navy. He married Kim Chan-La in 1989. Robbin has two boys from his previous relationship.

He is survived by his wife Kim Chan-La, his Mother Betty Lull, his older brother Glenn Lull, his sister Linda Lull, his younger brother John Lull and many nieces and nephews.

He was cared for at Harvest Home Memory care facility in Portland, OR. A Memorial Service will be held at Mallory Church of Christ in Portland OR on Feb. 15, 2020.



**RC SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### Donald Ray Vinsonhaler

Donald "Buster" Ray Vinsonhaler, Age 82, of Omaha passed away January 22, 2020.

Don was born September 19, 1937 in Falls City, Nebraska to Clarence and Edith (Grady) Vinsonhaler. He was the oldest of three boys: brothers Larry and Raymond.

He worked for Evans Dry Cleaners and Laundry, Spic & Span Cleaners, Brownell Talbot School and was a Reserve Police Office in Carter Lake, Iowa. Don was an avid fisherman, enjoyed

camping and being involved with the Boy Scouts.

He was preceded in death by his wives Judy and Sue, parents, and brother Larry.

Don is survived by his children - JoD'ann Baca, Gregg Vinsonhaler (Ronalee) and Jill Clark (James); eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, other family and friends.

Per Don's wishes he has been cremated and a graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery at a later date.

# AREA CHURCHES

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
LCMS  
(6 miles North)  
402-245-4643  
[www.stpaulsfalls.org](http://www.stpaulsfalls.org)  
Holy Communion celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Sunday: Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Second Tuesday of the month, Dorcas Circle.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Sew 'n Sew; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML.  
Wednesday Evening, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Class, 6:20 p.m. Confirmation at Christ Lutheran, September through April.  
Dan Grifford, pastor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Good News Assembly of God**  
(600 Reavis Street)  
402-245-3977  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; wor-ship, 10:40 a.m.  
Wednesday: Good News Kids, 6:30 p.m.  
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Tim Bourgit, Pastor

**Corner Stone Baptist Church**  
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N. Highway 73 to Prosser & Campbell PC, turn east (or right)  
Sunday: Sunday School Bible Hour, 9:30 a.m.; worship hours, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible study and prayer time, 7 p.m. Lively Stone Kids Klub, (ages K-6 grade). We welcome you and your family to come worship the Lord with us.  
Pastor Mike Dunleavy  
402-245-2049 (home)  
402-245-4245 (church)  
<http://www.csbcwpxweb.com>

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

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

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Sunday: Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
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Jim Berry, pastor  
402-245-7026

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Disciples of Christ  
(400 Walnut St.)  
Sunday: Worship, 7:00 p.m.  
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verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com  
Rev. Daniel Spencer  
Call or text: 402-801-0374



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

**The Four Mile Church**  
(South of Humboldt)  
Sunday: Church services, 9:00 a.m.  
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Howard Blecha, pastor

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

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

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
(16th and Harlan)  
stthomasepi@sentco.net  
[www.stthomasfalls.org](http://www.stthomasfalls.org)  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist (coffee, tea and conversation follow worship)  
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Food and Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Discussion 7:00 p.m. Healing Service  
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Sunday Confessions: 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.  
Fr. David Oldham, pastor

**First Baptist Church**  
2023 Valley Avenue  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday: Children's, Youth and Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.  
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Wednesday: Bible study for all ages, 6 p.m.  
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Josh Maxwell  
preacher, 402-245-7148  
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**Catholic Churches**  
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(1820 Fulton)  
Weekend Mass Times: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m.  
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: beginning September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in O'Connell Hall, continues each Wednesday through April 1, 2020.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, 30 minutes before Sunday Masses, week-days, before each Mass daily or by appointment.  
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Fr. Lawrence Staley, pastor  
402-245-3002 or 402-450-4552.

**St. Mary's**  
(Dawson)  
855-3595 or 245-4151  
Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; first, third and fifth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Schedule varies, call rectory; confessions before Mass.  
Fr. Kenneth F. Hoising pastor

**Zion United Church of Christ**  
(4 1/2 miles East of Falls City, 3 miles North and 1 1/2 miles East) 65763 709 Rd., Falls City  
245-5025; 245-2398  
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Fr. Kenneth F. Hoising pastor

**Trinity United Methodist Church (Rulo)**  
fmc@sentco.net  
402-245-3281  
Sunday: Worship service, 8:45 a.m.; Chil-dren's Sunday School during worship.  
Rev. Young Je Kim

**First Christian Church**  
Disciples of Christ  
(1322 Stone Street)  
Office Phone, 245-2398 or Parsonage, 245-2397  
Sunday: Adult School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.  
Rev. Fay Ann Blaylock, pastor  
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Daily Mass: Schedule varies, call rectory; confessions before Mass.  
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City Council

DECEMBER 16, 2019

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 16th day of December, 2019, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Jern recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Absent: Wisdom. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Bindle publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Wisdom arrived at 6:01PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, set complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the December 2, 2019 special meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for December 16, 2019 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Police Report for November 2019 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for November 2019 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for December 16, 2019 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Wisdom. Motion carried.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC SIGNALS ALONG FULTON STREET - 3RD WARD

COUNCIL PERSON DERRICK LEYDEN

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Rhodd to remove from the table school traffic signals along Fulton Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried. A discussion was held, no action was taken.

AQUATIC PARK BOILER REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council person Merz to approve Clerk Jern to advertise for bids to repair or for the replacement of the boiler at the Aquatic Park. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO LOOP THE WATER SYSTEM FOR CHAMPION'S CROSSING AND WILDERNESS FALLS ADDITION FOR \$36,311 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Holle to approve the Water Main Extension to loop the water system for the Champion's Crossing and Wilderness Falls Addition for \$36,311.00 as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION - WHITE FALLS BANQUET - JANUARY 11, 2020

A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Spirit Shoppe 1123 Harlan Street, Falls City, Nebraska, for an event at Pritchard Auditorium, Nebraska on January 11, 2020, as presented and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:10PM.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on December 16, 2019; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jern, City Clerk  
Shawna Bindle, Mayor

Board of Equalization

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

JANUARY 28, 2020  
CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Caverzage and Sichel, County Assessor, Pam Vice 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 Caverzage to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzage-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse on 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.

TAX LIST CORRECTION

Motion was made by Sichel to approve one tax list correction. Motion seconded by Caverzage. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzage-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzage-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

We are reading about and studying... the lives of the U.S. presidents. Kids: color stuff in! Newspaper Fun! Animills LLC © 2020 V16-6

Honoring The Presidents  
February 12th is the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. Many people think he was the greatest U.S. President! He kept the union of the states together. He freed slaves. He is still remembered today for his powerful and heartfelt speeches. Read the clues to help you fill in this puzzle about Lincoln!

1. he was \_\_\_\_\_ on February 12, 1809 in Kentucky  
2. his family lived in a one-room log \_\_\_\_\_  
3. there were no \_\_\_\_\_; Abraham spent his days playing or working  
4. he loved to \_\_\_\_\_; would walk for miles to borrow a book  
5. in 1838, he received his license to be a \_\_\_\_\_  
6. in 1842, he married \_\_\_\_\_ Todd Lincoln; they had four sons  
7. he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for one term (Whig Party); opposed the spread of \_\_\_\_\_ into new areas  
8. in 1858, he ran for the U.S. Senate, but was not \_\_\_\_\_  
9. the Republican party, which opposed slavery, chose Lincoln to run for President (1860); he won, becoming the \_\_\_\_\_ President  
10. right away some southern states split from the \_\_\_\_\_; they wanted to start their own government  
11. Lincoln did not want the country to \_\_\_\_\_; the Civil War began with the Confederate Army, led by Gen. Robert E. Lee, having the upper hand  
12. during the war, in 1862, Lincoln signed the "Emancipation Proclamation" giving \_\_\_\_\_ to all slaves (in the south)  
13. after a \_\_\_\_\_ (1863) at Gettysburg, PA, the war's tide turned - the Union Army led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant began to win  
14. Lincoln traveled to Gettysburg to give a \_\_\_\_\_ - it has become famous: The Gettysburg Address  
15. in 1864, Lincoln was elected \_\_\_\_\_ again  
16. the Confederate Army \_\_\_\_\_ in April 1865; Lincoln urged all Americans to make peace and get along  
17. five days later, Lincoln went to the \_\_\_\_\_ with his wife, where John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln and killed him

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Abraham Lincoln's:  
1. was born in Kentucky. When he was seven his family moved to Indiana. T F  
2. lived in a wild area with many bears and other wild animals. T F  
3. Mom died when Abraham was 9 years old. T F  
4. had 24 brothers and sisters. T F  
5. loved to read books from the "Harry Potter" series. T F  
6. had a horse. T F

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

Lots 8 and 9, Block 128, Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, commonly known as 1307 Fulton Street, Falls City, NE, 68555

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

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

NOTICE

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

FARM TABLE CAFE, LLC  
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Farm Table Cafe, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on January 17, 2020 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

1. The name of the company is Farm Table Cafe, LLC.  
2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.

3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is 1022 Harlan Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68555, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Greg Strickland, 1022 Harlan Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68555.

4. The general nature of its business is to operate a cafe and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:  
Michael R. Dunn, #16285  
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C.  
111 East 17th Street  
Post Office Box 447  
Falls City, Nebraska 68555-0447  
Phone: (402) 245-4486

29-5-12

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

IDT FARMS, LLC  
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that IDT Farms, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on January 29, 2020 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

1. The name of the company is IDT Farms, LLC.  
2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.

3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 66082 703 Trail, Rulo, NE 68431, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Stephen K. Johnson, 66082 703 Trail, Rulo, NE 68431.

4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:  
Michael R. Dunn, #16285  
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C.  
111 East 17th Street  
Post Office Box 447  
Falls City, Nebraska 68555-0447  
Phone: (402) 245-4486

5-12-19

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Jeffrey C Ebel, dated June 2, 2001, and recorded on June 6, 2001, in Book No. 198, at Page 133 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Richardson County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 24, 2020, at 1:00 PM, at the main lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash:

LOTS THIRTEEN (13), FOURTEEN (14), FIFTEEN (15) AND SIXTEEN (16), BLOCK SIXTY-THREE (63), FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, commonly known as 1702 Wilson Street, Falls City, NE, 68555

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

Edward E. Brink, Successor Trustee  
First Publication: February 12, 2020

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
Case Number CD-20-26  
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF

Michael Ann Christie  
Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of January, 2020, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, in the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Michael Ann Christie to Michael Ann Christian.

A hearing will be had in said petition before the Honorable Julie Smith, in Courtroom No. 301, 1700 Stone Street on the 3 day of March, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the Court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Michael Ann Christie, to Michael Ann Christian.

Michael Ann Christie  
65726-709 Road  
Falls City, NE 68555  
785-288-0842

5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF HEARING

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS  
Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of February, 2020, at 9:45 a.m. the Richardson County Board of Equalization will hold a hearing to consider tax exemption applications on real estate from the organizations seeking tax exemption. A listing of the applications including the descriptions of the property and the County Assessor's recommendations are available at the Office of the Richardson County Assessor located in the Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska.

David D. Sichel, Chairman  
Richardson County Board of Commissioners  
Mary L. Eickhoff  
Richardson County Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

LEASE ON BROWNE GRASS  
Sealed bids will be received by the City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 4:00 PM on February 27, 2020, for the following described below:

Cash lease for the purpose of harvesting bromine grass on approximately twelve (12) acres, located at the Old Landfill site on North Highway No. 75, Falls City, Nebraska. The lease is for one cutting before August 1st. This will be a one (1) year term cash lease with an additional four (4) month option for renewal. Leases will be offered from March 1, 2020.

The City of Falls City reserves the right to reject any oral bids and to accept any bid it feels most advantageous to the City of Falls City. A copy of the current specifications of the lease agreement are on file at the office of the City Clerk.

If additional information is needed or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Clerk.

Gary Joim, City Clerk

5-12

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
Estate No. PR20-13  
a/k/a Dianne Hinz, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on January 23, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that William D. Hinz, whose address is 1701 Crook Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68555, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims on or before March 30, 2020 or to be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKloze  
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FARM LEASE  
Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 4:00 PM, on February 27, 2020, for the following described below:

Cash lease for the purpose of farming tracts of ground, approximately 91.42 acres, located at the Falls City Municipal Airport. This will be a one year term cash lease with an all-or-none five (5) year option for renewal. Leases will be dated from March 1, 2020.

The Falls City Airport Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. A copy of the current specifications of the lease agreement are on file at the office of the City Clerk.

If additional information is needed or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Clerk.

Gary Joim, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 2019-2020-35  
WHEREAS, pursuant to State Statute 39-1722 and 39-1723, the Richardson County Board of Commissioners directed the Richardson County Highway Superintendent to study and submit a report to the Board on the best means made of such public road by February 13, 2020, described as: Beginning at a point approximately 33 feet east of the Intersection of 658 Ave and 708 Rd; or beginning 33 feet east of the southwest corner of Section 55, Township 2 North, Range 17 East of the 6th PM, in Richardson County, Nebraska and running approximately 2,607 feet east to the 1/4 mile point of the south line of said section. Said road including Richardson County Street CD007452615.

AND WHEREAS, the following was recommended by Steven J. Darveau, Jr.: the Richardson County Highway Superintendent to report a road project January 28, 2020, to the County Board of Commissioners:

Richardson County Bridge CD007452615 has been closed since 1990, due to the bank caving away exposing the piling. It is recommended this structure be permanently closed at this time.

This segment of minimum maintenance road has no residents or businesses located along it. It has not been used since the closing of bridge CD007452615 in 1990; furthermore, said roadway has been planned to crop for several years.

Adjacent landowners are in favor of said road and bridge closure and have requested to also remove the closed bridge eliminating the need for County removal of said structure. Neighboring landowners can access their property from the remaining portion of county road.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Richardson County Highway Superintendent that this segment of road can be closed and abandoned and the road R.O.W. and closed bridge can be reverted back to the adjacent landowners.

As the landowner has previously formed the roadway running east of the intersection of 658 Avenue and 708 Road, no permanent fence or gate would be required; however, it is recommended that a permanent fence or gate and fence be installed and maintained by the landowners at the east end of the vacated roadway.

Steven J. Darveau, Jr.  
Richardson County Highway Superintendent

AND WHEREAS, whenever possible, the County Board shall choose copies of this resolution to be served by registered or certified mail upon the owners of land abutting on or adjacent to the road to be vacated or abandoned. Said notice shall be mailed not less than two weeks in advance of the hearing.

THIS RESOLUTION IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That Richardson County is passing a Public Hearing date be set for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:45 a.m. in Room 202, Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska.

DATED this 28th day of January, 2020.

David D. Sichel, Chairman  
Terry Frank  
John Cavrak  
Mary L. Eickhoff  
Richardson County Clerk

5-12-19

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE  
RICHARDSON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE  
FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

The following is a list of all lands in Richardson County, Nebraska on which taxes are due and unpaid for the tax year 2018 and prior years. This list is published in accordance with State Statute #77-1804. Therefore, notice is given that all delinquent taxes on these following lands and lots will be offered for public sale on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at the Richardson County Treasurer's Office from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and will continue day by day until all taxes have been offered for sale according to State Statute #77-1806. The following amounts listed on each property represent the amount of delinquent taxes and delinquent interest and late fees services by going to www.stotax.com and clicking on Richardson County. You can check your taxes by owner name, parcel number, or legal. Once you select a parcel you will have access to the payment and tax history, and can also pay the tax online in most cases.

Table with columns: County Name, County Number, Parcel #, Multi, Legal, Amount. Lists numerous parcels with their respective details and amounts.

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## CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Jim Wickham would like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, food, flowers, plans, memorials and prayers. Special thank you to Christ Church for rides, serving food, food and prayers. Also Charlie Robenson of Sabetha North Ridge for his eulogy. Dr. Westengaard, Dr. Borg, Asera Care, Hospice and all the staff at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.  
Arlene Wickham  
Sandra Wickham  
D.J. and Alesa  
Michael and Malesa 6

As I sit here trying to think how to thank everyone from the ambulance squad who worked so hard to get a pulse. Pastor Andrew who thru his words of comfort gave me strength and courage to face the days ahead. For Glenda Von Behren who played the Oregon for Tom's memorial service, the ladies of the church for the lunch they prepared. For Brian and Denise of Dorr's, the memorials in Tom's name, the flowers and the money cards. For all the hugs and words of comfort from family and friends. All mean so much to me, and to my family for their love. Words fail to convey my feelings of kindness from my heart to all.  
Thank you  
Donna Bentley 6

Thank you Dr. Borg, all the staff at CMC, my family for taking care of me in my time of need. Thanks to Father Stoley and the ladies of prayer, all is greatly appreciated.  
God Bless each and everyone.  
Rose Nolte 6P

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KEASLING FARMS, INC.  
By: Patricia Krous, President  
Christopher C. Halbert, #22609  
Michael R. Dunn, #16825  
Richard L. Halbert, #11659  
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**NOTICE**  
A total of 136 cases will be heard by the Board in February, 2020. The following cases(s) sentenced in Richardson County will be seen by the Board of Parole:

February 18, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lincoln Community Center, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Jorn, Bryan, 210599, Resisting Arrest

February 28, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.  
Omaha Community Center, Omaha, Nebraska  
Winters, Brett, 87614, Burglary; Pos Cntrl Sub Except Marijuana (2 counts).

ROSALYN COTTON, CHAIR  
NEBRASKA BOARD OF PAROLE 12

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA**  
Estate of Alyn M. Siskel, Deceased.  
Estate No. PR20-14  
Notice is hereby given that on February 3, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that David D. Siskel, whose address is: 2524 Morton Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68555, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before April 13, 2020 or be forever barred.  
Nancy A. DeKlotz  
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THOSE INDUCTED WERE: Back Row (L-R): Derek Schawang, Zachary Keithley, Nicholas Keithley, Tyler Catlin. Middle Row (L-R): Danielle Bippes, Rachel Magdanz, Lainey Ebel, Emma Litter. Front Row (L-R): Lauren Malone, Kailey Peeks, Emma Frederick, Taylor Frederick, Ella Simon, Madison Stamper.

### FCSH Thomas Moore Chapter of NHS induct fourteen

The Falls City Sacred Heart Thomas Moore Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 14 new members on Wednesday, January 29th during Catholic Schools Week. A luncheon was held for the new inductees and their parents as well as the administration and current NHS members. The meal was prepared by the Sacred Heart Modern Living class under the guidance of Mrs. Linda Kirkendall. Following the luncheon Mrs. Smith, NHS sponsor, addressed the Sacred Heart student body and guests.

### County Commissioners

#### RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**CALL TO ORDER**  
The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. The agenda for this 28, 2020. Roll call was answered by Frank, Covergaze and Sichel. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Frank. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.  
Motion was made by Covergaze to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Sichel to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from January 14, 2020 as read. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Covergaze to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
No one from the public appeared at the hearing. Chairman Sichel declared the hearing closed at 11:08 a.m.

#### ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.  
Motion was made by Covergaze that after reviewing the quotes that were received to approve the purchase of a 2020 belly dump trailer from Bruzon Trailer for \$31,830.00. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Frank to enter into agreements with Windstream (job #15000066000800) for use of county road right-of-way for utility line on 710 Road between 630 and 631 Avenue located between Sections 19 and 30, T2, R13. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Sichel to approve an agreement with the City of Falls City to use the county road right of way for placement of utility line on 658 Avenue south of 159 Hwy then east on 705 Road for 2 miles to 660 Avenue then south for 1/2 mile; from the 1/2 mile mark on 661 Avenue between Sections 18 and 20, T1, R18 south for approximately 1/3 mile. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
Mr. Darveau also presented to the Board the study on the use of 708 Road east of 658 Avenue. Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-35 to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. regarding comment from the public to vacate or abandon 708 Road east of 658 Avenue. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
**FALLS CITY EDGE**  
Beckie Croner, Executive Director of Falls City Edge presented to the Board a quarterly report of the organization.

#### COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Young, County Treasurer presented to the Board the distress warrant report for 2019 in which she reported that the Sheriff's Department had collected all but 2 of the warrants in which one has been deemed to be uncollectible and was recommended to be stricken from the tax roll and one that will be deemed to be uncollectible and to approve the 2019 distress warrant return report as presented by the County Treasurer. Motion seconded by Covergaze. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**  
Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed with the Board the replacement of the generator at the Courthouse.  
Motion was made by Covergaze after review of quotes that were received to approve the purchase of a 150W generator with 120 hours from

IAO Electric of Hiawatha, KS for the purchase price of \$46,998.80 which includes all installation. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
**FOUR COUNTY JUVENILE SERV GRANT**  
Laura Osborne, grant coordinator of the Four County Juvenile Services Grant updated the Board on grant activity and programs that are being offered and done within Richardson County.  
Motion was made by Covergaze to enter into an agreement with LMO Consulting, LLC to provide administrative services for the Four County Juvenile Services Program. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Covergaze to enter into an agreement with Maxine Schatz, LLC to provide services for the Four County Juvenile Services Program, including acting as the 4 County Juvenile Diversion Instructor. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Sichel declared a public hearing opened at 11:04 a.m. to receive comments from the public regarding the continuation on the election of the county surveyor position in Richardson County pursuant to NE Revised State Statutes 32-325.  
No one from the public appeared at the hearing. Chairman Sichel declared the hearing closed at 11:08 a.m.

#### RESOLUTION 2019-2020-34 County Surveyor

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-34 in reference to keeping the County in Richardson County as an elected position. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 43)

#### D.A. DAVIDSON

Andrew Forney, Vice-President of D.A. Davidson & Co. reviewed with the Board the benefits to the County for the refinancing of the Limited Tax Obligation Bonds, Series 2015 (Law Enforcement Center).  
Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-36 calling the series 2015 bonds for redemption. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 48)

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board traveled to the Law Enforcement Center to meet with Sheriff Hardisty and Roland Merwin, Chief Deputy Sheriff. Discussed were grants that are currently available, reviewed were grants that are currently available, reviewed were grants that are currently available, reviewed were grants that are currently available.  
The Board also deposited the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

**Mileage Reimbursement**  
Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-33 regarding the rate of mileage reimbursement. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 42)  
**County Visitors Committee**  
Motion was made by Sichel to approve the re-appointment of Bill Niedfeldt and Bonnie Kanell for a term of 3 years to the Richardson County Visitor's Committee which term will expire on December 31, 2022. Motion seconded by Covergaze. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sichel to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)  
**GENERAL FUND**  
Aetna, ins. .... \$2604.06  
American Legion Emblem Sales, supp. .... 178.80  
Ayon Enterprise, supp. .... 950.00  
Bartek-Young, Amanda, reimb. .... 71.99  
Blue Valley Behavioral Health, serv. .... 2031.20  
Boucher Law Firm, serv. .... 120.00  
Cash-Wa Distributing, supp. .... 1503.07  
Covergaze, John, reimb. .... 181.50  
Clark Equip. Co., supp. .... 2352.32

Consolidated Management, supp. .... 80.38  
Falls City Journal, adv. .... 480.99  
Falls City Mercantile, supp. .... 83.53  
Farm & City Supply, supp. .... 929.48  
Government Forms & Supplies, supp. .... 2120.00  
Handley Law Office, serv. .... 1945.00  
CR19-74, R. Hillard, JV17-48, JV17-49, JV18-11, JV18-28, JV18-27, JV19-13, JV19-14, JV19-15, JV19-19, JV19-20, JV19-4, JV19-18, JV19-19, JV18-22, JV18-22, Hullman's, truck ..... 31874.00  
IBM Corp, serv. .... 267.99  
Lagout Law Office, fee. .... 600.00  
Lincoln National Life, life ins. .... 1083.73  
Mercurio, Steven, serv. .... 5666.66  
Midwest Radar & Equipment, supp. .... 345.00  
MIPS, serv. .... 125.00  
NACO, fees ..... 125.00  
NE Health & Human Services, serv. .... 186.00  
OPPD, serv. .... 84.04  
Post Control Services of SE NE, serv. .... 45.00  
Prince Bowers, supp. .... 240.04  
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv. .... 240.04  
Purchase Prover, supp. .... 2016.53  
Region V Services, funding ..... 3721.50  
Region V Systems, funding serv. .... 5654.25  
Richardson Co Clerk Petty Cash, reimb. .... 39.25  
Richardson Co EMA Petty Cash, reimb. .... 58.95  
Richardson Co Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb. .... 190.45  
Richardson Co Vendor, FICA, retire, med reimb. .... 59843.16  
Rieschick, Kathy, reimb. .... 75.00  
Sethik Law Offices, fees/serv. .... 2375.00  
CR19-48, Hanesworth, CR19-50, M. Hanesworth & Signs, supp. .... 202.00  
SummerOne, serv. .... 356.10  
University of NE, serv. .... 3458.33  
Verizon, serv. .... 871.31  
Wherry Mortuary, serv. .... 315.00  
White's Printing, supp. .... 1002.76  
Wood & Aitken, serv. .... 1452.80  
Payroll Expense ..... 95267.49  
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ..... 6283,475.68

#### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv. .... 52.73  
Clark Equip Co, supp. .... 2322.32  
Dept. of Correctional Services, supp. .... 520.00  
Eggers Bros., supp. .... 158.94  
Farm & City Supply, supp. .... 226.63  
Hamm Inc., rock ..... 11568.59  
Helena Agri-Enterprises, supp. .... 646.80  
Lawson Products, supp. .... 226.63  
NPPD, serv. .... 104.96  
Norris Quarries, rock ..... 6294.34  
OPPD, serv. .... 84.42  
Patriot Sales & Service, supp. .... 119.73  
Precision Diesel, supp. .... 615.68  
Quill, supp. .... 75.70  
Unifirst, supp. .... 75.70  
Payroll Expense ..... 35603.17  
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND 566,377.65

#### REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp. .... 2000.00  
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND ..... \$2,000.00

#### VETERAN'S AID FUND

Veteran's Aid, transfer. .... 500.00  
TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND ..... \$500.00

#### DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dallage, serv. .... 1100.00  
White, Sarah, serv. .... 1100.00  
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND ..... \$2,200.00

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Frank to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Covergaze. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Covergaze-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sichel, Chairman  
Mary L. Eickhoff



## Charles Herbster guest at President Donald J. Trump's State Of The Union Address

Charles W. Herbster, a life-long Falls City resident, had special VIP seating at the United States Capitol in the chamber of the United States House of Representatives last week when President Donald J. Trump gave the State of the Union address live to the American people.  
As the Chairman of the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Committee to President Donald J. Trump, Mr. Herbster continued to work closely with the President on key issues effecting the agricultural community. During his week in our nation's capital, Mr. Herbster had a schedule packed with events. He was at the United States Senate acquittal of President Donald J. Trump on Wednesday, February 5. He witnessed each United States Senator stand and cast his or her vote of "guilty" or "not guilty."  
On Thursday, February 6, Mr. Herbster was a VIP guest at the National Prayer Breakfast. The National Prayer Breakfast is a yearly event held at the Hilton's International Ballroom in Washington, D.C. It is a prayer gathering that was attended by President Donald J. Trump and people from over 140 countries, including business professionals, many United States Senators, Congressmen and Congresswomen. "My faith is

very important to me," said Mr. Herbster. "It was very powerful to pray for our country together at the National Prayer Breakfast. Standing together makes this country the best it can be."  
During Mr. Herbster's time at the event, the buzz of American optimism was all around him. "Our farmers, ranchers, and American businesses have a bright future with our great economy. The signing of Phase 1 of the Chinese Trade Agreement and the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which replaces NAFTA, helps ensure the future of these hard-working Americans. The dedicated individuals I met with helped make the economy in the United States what it is today," said Mr. Herbster.  
Earlier this year, at the Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida, he met with various members of the Republican National Committee (RNC) and President Donald J. Trump. While in Florida, he also attended an exclusive dinner at the world-renowned property with President Trump. "I am excited to be a part of the assembly of individuals who are working to help re-elect President Trump in 2020," said Mr. Herbster about the prestigious activities at Mar-a-Lago.

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