

JOIN NET FOR A FLOOD RECOVERY DISCUSSION PANEL AT PERU STATE COLLEGE

Join NET, Nebraska's PBS and NPR Stations, at the Peru State College Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21 for a panel discussion on Nebraska's flood recovery efforts.

Local leaders will discuss ongoing recovery efforts one year after devastating flooding hit the area.

Panelists include Peru State College President Dan Hanson, Matt Krajewski of the Army Corps of Engineers, Peru Mayor Dave Pease and Nemaha County Emergency Manager Renee Critser. The public is invited to attend this free event and ask questions.

The discussions will be recorded and included in an episode of the NET News series "Speaking of Nebraska," airing at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 19 on NET.

On Wednesday, January 29, several local citizens testified to Nebraska lawmakers about the devastation caused by last year's flooding.

Falls City Chamber of Commerce Director, Amber Holle testified before lawmakers telling them of Falls City businesses who struggled because customers couldn't get across the river. She also told lawmakers about local families that had to split up due to school and work obligations and no bridges to cross the Missouri River for hundreds of miles.

Peru State college president, Dan Hanson discussed the multimillion-dollar price tags that Peru faces repairing their sewer and water systems.

Holle and Hanson testified in favor of Legislative Resolution 288, which would ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make flood control along the Missouri River a top priority.

Senator Julie Slama introduced the measure demanding that the Army Corps of Engineers 'do their job.'

"These floods are killing people, destroying livelihoods, and wrecking homes. Each flood is a hit to local economies, destroys roads, and forces an outward migration from impacted communities. There's a sense of apathy amongst those with the power to do something, so it's up to us to refuse to accept

this as "the new normal," said Senator Slama.

Bill LR-288 reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

FC REC 21ST ANNUAL PANCAKE FEED THIS SUNDAY

Falls City Recreation will be holding its 21st annual pancake feed on Sunday, February 23, 2020, in the commons area of Falls City High School. This event will be a free-will offering and pancakes and sausage will be served along with drinks from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Profits from the pancake feed, along with the business fund drive done in early summer, are the FC Rec's main public fundraisers for their programs.

On an annual basis, it takes over \$42,000.00 to run the current programs which consist of girl's softball leagues, boy's baseball leagues, a tee-ball league for 4-6-year-olds, swim

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SHERIFF OPPOSED TO ENFORCING DAWSON ORDINANCES

By: *Charlie Radatz*

During the Tues., February 11, meeting of the Richardson County Board, a proposed interlocal agreement with the Village of Dawson was reviewed and Sheriff Hardesty informed the Board that his Department does not have the manpower to cover agreements with villages to enforce their ordinances.

While meeting with Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Roland Merwin, a motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to approve a purchase order for 2 Stalker 2X radar units at a price of \$4,430.00 with \$1,800.00 to be received from the NDOT-HSO radar mini-grant. The motion was seconded by Sichel and approved by a unanimous vote.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges during the previous week. Mr. Darveau announced that the County Board would be presented the One & Six Year Road Plan for review on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 9:20 a.m. During the Highway Superintendent's portion of the meeting, a motion was approved by a 3-0 vote to enter into an agreement with Windstream to use county road right-of-way to replace communication cable on 710 Trail located in S23, T2, R14.

Chairman Sichel opened the *(Continued to Page 3)*

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT DISMISSES ATTORNEY FEE SUIT AGAINST CITY

The Nebraska Supreme Court Friday affirmed the dismissal by the Lancaster District Court of a lawsuit against the City of Falls City filed by DH-1, LLC of an assignment of legal fees claimed by two law firms, Houghton Bradford Whitted, PC, LLO, and Weaver & Merz, a partnership. The dismissal order had been entered by the District Court of Lancaster County on December 21, 2018.

According to the Supreme Court web site, DH-1 filed a lawsuit to recover at least \$1,490,785.00 in attorneys' fees, alleging the City breached a contingent fee agreement it had entered into with the two law firms.

City Attorney Michael R. Dunn represented the City of Falls City in both the Lancaster District Court and the Nebraska Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court, in its opinion affirming the dismissal of the lawsuit by the Lancaster District Court stated:

"On November 20, 2006, Falls City and the firms entered into the contingency fee agreement now at issue in this appeal. As relevant, that agreement provided that Falls City retained the firms for the prosecution of any claims that Falls City may have and any claims Falls City may pursue on behalf of MEAN (Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska), NPGA (National Public Gas Agency), NMPP (Nebraska Municipal Power Pool) or any of their members including those who might join in the prosecution of these claims individually or by virtue of a class action or who might benefit from any common fund created, discovered, in-

creased, preserved or protected or property to which they may have a claim, against any person or entity thought to be responsible for damages sustained as a result of actions by NMPP, its employees or CPEP. For this work, the firms were entitled to "\$15,000.00 as an Initial Fee" and a "contingent fee based upon the following schedule: (a) 40% of all amounts recovered by settlement or verdict which is not appealed; or, (b) 50% of all amounts recovered in the event of an appeal of a verdict by any party involved in the lawsuit." The agreement indicates that it applied to "relief in addition to, or in lieu of, an immediate monetary benefit, but which relief has a calculable present value"; "securities or other non-cash assets"; "or[,] if the settlement of this case is made by a structured settlement[,] . . . the present value of the settlement." While the action filed against NMPP and others proceeded in district court, APEA (American Public Energy Agency), NPGA, and MEAN entered into an agreement on February 26, 2007, which dissolved and restructured APEA and equitably distributed its assets. NPGA and MEAN withdrew from APEA, with the withdrawal agreement dividing the \$23.1 million held by APEA between NPGA and MEAN. NPGA received \$9.8 million. Though Falls City was not a party to the withdrawal agreement, as a member of NPGA, it received \$1,567,570.02. Thereafter, Falls City elected to become a direct member of APEA. - 28 - Nebraska Supreme Court Advance Sheets 305 Nebraska Reports DH-1, LLC v. CITY OF FALLS CITY Cite as 305

Neb. 23 The firms sought payment under the contingency fee agreement, based upon the funds Falls City received pursuant to the withdrawal agreement and improved equity positions in the various organizations, but Falls City declined to pay. The firms then assigned their claims to DH-1, which filed suit on January 14, 2015, for the fee under the contingency agreement. Eventually, a second amended complaint was filed, which joined the firms for purposes of their equitable claims. In total, the firms sought \$1,487,785.60 consisting of (1) a \$627,028 fee from the APEA distribution, (2) \$564,197.60 as a fee for Falls City's interest in the APEA, (3) \$40,000 for the increase in Falls City's equity interest in NPGA, and (4) \$256,560 for the value of the "Agreement for Termination of Participation of Members, Distribution of Funds to Members, and for Complete Settlement, Mutual Releases and Covenants" entered into between MEAN, NPGA, and APEA. On October 10, 2017, the district court granted Falls City's motion for summary judgment as to the claims under the fee agreement, concluding that the contingency under the fee agreement was not met and that thus, the firms were not entitled to a fee under the agreement. The district court also held that DH-1's standing was limited to legal rights under the fee agreement and that it had "no equitable rights to assert against Falls City." However, the district court granted DH-1's motion to file a second amended complaint. DH-1 did so, adding the firms as parties to the litigation." *(Continued on Page 6)*

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STAMPER WINS NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

U.S. Senator Ben Sasse announced Madison Stamper, daughter of Megan and Pat Stamper, of Falls City as a winner of his statewide 2020 Photography Contest.

"Nebraska is full of unique beauty, and these students have captured what it really means to live in the home of 'The Good Life.' I am proud to recognize Madison's work and share her talent with Nebraskans across our state."

Senator Sasse invited high school students from across the state to submit images of Nebraska scenery. The winning photographs will be printed and displayed in one of Senator Sasse's Nebraska offices.



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VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - February 5, 2020
7:05 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL
 The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:05 p.m.
 Chairperson Koso called attention to the updated Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.
ROLL CALL: Present were: James Cockerham, Denise Koso, Brenda Street and Shannon Weinmann. Absent: Wade Lowe.
GUESTS: Tammie Bents and Dawn Bennett.
MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.
AGENDA: Motion by Weinmann, second by Streit to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.
TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA.
FEBRUARY 2020 CLAIMS: Motion by Streit, second by Cockerham to approve paying the claims with all the Trustees present voting YEA. The claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Pro tempore Shannon Weinmann.
COMMUNICATIONS:
 1. The February 2020 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board. All have been paid.
 2. Time sheets for January 2020 were reviewed by the Trustees and initiated.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 1. Committee Reports: Cemetery: Cockerham reported that during his last drive through the Cemetery for his monthly check that there is a lot of damage on the grounds caused by ground squirrels. He is to contact the Cemetery Board to let them know.
 2. Updates/Utility Report: Copies of the written update reports for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Bents were passed out to each Board member and reviewed. Discussion was held on the pilot study for the UM50 Mixer and the Agreement that they want us to sign. Concern was on the effective date of the Agreement since Winter will be over soon and not being able to have the Mixer during the Winter months. Koso will contact them first before anything is signed to see if we can get the pilot study moved to later in the Fall of 2020 so we can have it during the Winter months.
 3. Unsafe Structures: The Board of Health Committee reported that they have met and are suggesting sending out letters first to the owners of structures that need to turn down along with the City Ordinance to see if we can get any results. We are also going to put a notice in an upcoming Verdon Views Newsletter asking everyone to take pride in our towns and their properties and asking for them to be cleaned up.
 4. Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting: Cockerham reported that he did attend the meeting on January 16, 2020 in Auburn and that it was a good meeting. There are papers that need filled out and returned by March 2, 2020. Tammie Bents and Brenda Daniels are working on getting the proper information filled out on the forms.
NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Annual Dog Clinic: It was reported that the annual dog clinic will be held on May 2, 2020 at the Town Hall from 10-11 a.m. A representative from the Animal Health Center of Falls City will be on hand to conduct the clinic.
 2. Library Board - Special Designated Liquor License: A motion was made by Koso and second by Cockerham to approve the Library Board application for a special designated liquor license that they will need for their upcoming Murder Mystery Fundraiser on March 14, 2020. All the Trustees present voting YEA.
ORDINANCES:

1. Third and Final Reading of ORDINANCE 2020-100 "NEBRASKA BASIC CODE ORDINANCES" was read by Weinmann. Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to pass the third and final reading. All Trustees present voted YEA. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2020-100 passed and approved.
 Motion by Weinmann and second by Koso to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and all the Trustees present voted YEA.
 Meeting adjourned.
 Dawn Bennett, Verdon Assistant Clerk

The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be held on March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF VERDON JANUARY 2020 CLAIMS

EFTPS, EX.....	\$601.96
PETTY CASH, SU.....	45.50
VERDON LIBRARY, EX.....	25.00
R.C.R.W.D.#2, SU.....	947.82
SENECA SANITATION SERV, SE.....	1,209.00
S.N.C, SE.....	129.50
FARM & CITY, SU.....	108.48
N.P.P.D., SE.....	1,323.24
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, SE.....	51.57
O.P.P.D., SE.....	128.36
ONE CALL CONCRETS, INC., SE.....	3.46
I.T. FARM SERVICE, SU.....	27.00
UTILITY SERVICE CO., SE.....	2,727.14
USPS, SU.....	125.00
NEBR. DEPT. OF REVENUE, EX.....	67.33
NEBR. DEPT. OF REVENUE, EX.....	853.17
ROBERT W. ATKIN, CPA, PC, SE.....	880.00
JULIE BUCHHOLZ, RE.....	25.00
SHARON TRISKA, SE.....	65.00
BRENDA DANIELS, SA.....	665.04
TAMMIE BENTS, SA.....	1,870.17
TAMMIE BENTS, MI.....	155.13
BRENDA DANIELS, RE.....	150.00
TAMMIE BENTS, RE.....	278.76
DAWN BENNETT, SA.....	406.92
DAWN BENNETT, RE.....	150.00
TAMMIE BENTS, RE.....	278.76
EX-PENSE, FE-FEE, MI-MILEAGE, RE-REIMBURSEMENT, SA-SALARY, SE-SERVICE, SU-SUPPLIES.....	150.00

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Assistant Clerk

Village of Verdon

VILLAGE OF VERDON MINUTES
ONE & SIX YEAR STREET PLAN
FEBRUARY 5, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL
 The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Present: James Cockerham, Denise Koso, Brenda Street and Shannon Weinmann. Absent: Wade Lowe.
GUESTS: Tammie Bents and Dawn Bennett
BUSINESS ON HAND:
 1. The Trustees reviewed the One & Six Year Street Program as prepared by Street Supt. Julie Volmer. After reviewing the plan and a brief question and answer session, and since there were no residents present to offer comments either in favor of or against the plan, the plan was accepted with a motion by Koso, second by Weinmann, and with all the Trustees present voting YEA.
 The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. with a motion by Koso, second by Streit. All Trustees present voting YEA.
 Dawn Bennett
 Verdon Assistant Clerk



FUNDS SOUGHT FOR "ONCE-IN-A GENERATION" OPPORTUNITY

Capitol View
Nebraska Press Association
By: J.J. Schmidt
 In the last 40 years, Nebraskans have been skeptical of major state-wide economic development projects that promise to be the best ever. Rightly so, based on the debacle of LB775 in the 1980's aimed at keeping ag giant ConAgra in the state while giving away the farm with the promise of jobs that sometimes turned into computer and corporate jet purchases instead. The pushback was so strong that it cost Gov. Kay Orr a second term.
 Gov. Ben Nelson was pretty cautious in the 90s. Nebraska lost out on attempts to land computer manufacturer Micron - the company owned by Mormons built instead in Idaho, a state with a large Mormon population. The company failed in 2008. Mercedes Benz also looked briefly at Nebraska but wound up building its manufacturing plant in Alabama, closer to the seaports. Imagine a Missouri River barge full of luxury automobiles, NOT.
 Nelson did succeed in getting Illinois-based Caterpillar to build a joint farm combine manufacturing plant with German-based Claas-Lexion near Omaha. Combines probably make more sense. Other than that, really big projects have been almost invisible.
 So, imagine why I'm a bit skeptical about Sen. Mark Kolterman's LB1084 which he bills as the "once-in-a-generation opportunity." He calls his plan to have the state provide matching funds to help secure a potential public-private hospital and training center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center "the largest economic development project in Nebraska's history to date."
 The senator from Seward says his bill would allow certain political subdivisions, including the University of Nebraska, to apply to the state Department of Economic Development for \$300 million in matching funds. If approved and the money is appropriated, it could only be used for a project in which the applicant would invest at least \$1 billion to carry out the requirements of a program done in partnership with the federal government.
 Kolterman and University of Nebraska Medical Center Chancellor Jeffrey Gold told the Legislature's Revenue Committee the \$2.6 billion NEXT project would position the university to have a facility that could treat patients affected by disease outbreaks or injured in biological, chemical or nuclear disasters. The overall project is part of the National Disaster Medical System included in the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act.
 The state investment would only be triggered if funding conditions by the federal government and private donors are met, Kolterman and Gold said. The five-year program, managed by the U.S. Department of Defense, requires a report be submitted to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives within 180 days detailing "no fewer than five major aero medical transport hub regions" that could serve as a demonstration site.
 Kolterman said the proposed matching funds would help Nebraska secure a potential project that would significantly expand UNMC, grow the state's economy and strengthen existing partnerships with the federal government.

He said UNMC has demonstrated a successful public-private partnership with the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center and the potential project would have even larger economic effects. He estimated an economic impact of \$7.6 billion over the next decade and 33,000 temporary construction jobs to build a new hospital and training center and 8,700 permanent jobs. It would add \$1.3 billion to the economy annually after it becomes fully operational.
 Nebraska made headlines six years ago as a place for Ebola victims and most recently as a quarantine site for people exposed to the coronavirus. Gold said the project would include a hospital with approximately 1,200 beds, some of which could be used during times of national emergency as well as infectious disease outbreaks. A proposed training

center would increase the facility's capacity to train health care professionals and students from around the world, he said.
 He said it is critical to convince the federal government and the nonprofit sector that the state is a "capable partner" in the project. No one testified in opposition to the bill. Committee members did ask how crucial the state match was to the project and who would own the facility and how it would benefit the entire state. A representative of the Iron Workers Local 21 said he'd like to see assurances that the project will use Nebraskans to build it.
 It takes big dreams to make big things happen. Let's hope it doesn't take snake oil to make it palatable.
 J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- ACROSS**
- Sell illegally
 - Crime scene evidence
 - From California to the New York Islands; e.g.
 - Berth deck in relation to poop deck
 - Poetic over
 - Chocolate cake ingredient
 - Like Solitaire player
 - Go occurring
 - Packing
 - "Go Tell It on the Mountain" author
 - "South Africa's first black president
 - Bag; ♡ Paris
 - Schooner pole
 - #1 on Billboards Chart, e.g.
 - One way to memorize
 - Civil rights activist and Ferguson opponent
 - Single pip cards
 - Give a shot of novocaine
 - Call forth
 - Long John Silver's walk
 - Sauna product
 - Dashing style
 - Pariah, for medical reasons
 - Back arrow key
 - As opposed to gross
 - Kane and Goldberg, TV characters
 - Georgia university
 - Poseidon's domain
 - M.N.S., as in currency
 - Snowman Olaf's favorite thing
 - *2019 eponymous movie character
 - Errand runner, at court
 - Matter of debate
 - Harry Potter's Hedwig
 - Ineffectual vomiting
 - Giblets
 - Famous movie director, Spike
 - Ruhr's industrial center
 - Played at military funerals
 - Flow alternative
- DOWN**
- Hunk of something
 - Flavored with kola nuts
 - Absent without leave
 - Given a helping hand
 - Antebellum
 - Pillow filler
 - colonial or classical
 - Oven emanation?
 - Lady's man
 - Ne plus ultra
 - Famous Coward
 - Man Ray's genre
 - Back of a saddle
 - Popular Byzantine artwork
 - Nile viper
 - Reminder of times past
 - *First African American to win Best Actress Oscar
 - More slippery
 - Allegro and lento, in music
 - *Nobel Peace Prize laureate, 1984
 - Lake fair share
 - Arch and ball location, pl.
 - *On Debi Thomas' foot when she won olympic medal
 - Busybody, in Yiddish
 - Work detail
 - Bid, past tense
 - Coffee shop order
 - D'Aragnun's weapon of choice
 - Get the picture
 - *Harlem Renaissance poet
 - Fur shawl
 - Canada fivers
 - Handle of #45 Down
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From the Journal Files
By Charlie Radatz
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - Feb. 19, 1970 to Feb. 26, 1970
Although the Nebraska legislature officially abolished political parties for municipal elections, locally the Action Party and the Citizens Party continued to nominate candidates.

Asian Flu was identified in blood samples taken from three Beatrice residents. (When yours truly caught the Asian flu he had chills so bad he shook his entire bed!)

H.D. "Pete" Pickett was the new manager of the Falls City Firestone Store. Fifty patrons attended the membership kick-off dinner for the Falls City Concert Assn.

MFA Exchange in Falls City and Humboldt invited farmers to use their "Green Phone" to obtain free crop production tips from ag professionals. Gary W. Lewis, Humboldt, received a plaque as one of 54 top dealers of the White/Oliver division.

Postmaster Jack McKelvey announced that mail for delivery in St. Joseph and Kansas City had to be in the post office by 5 p.m. for next-day delivery.

Hearings were set on petitions filed by Mrs. Ella Peck and Mrs. Edna Nolte to have quarter sections of their land transferred from rural school districts to District 56, Falls City.

County Highway Superintendent Frank Norris filed as a Republican candidate for county surveyor.

Movies at the Rivoli this week included "Finian's Rainbow" and "The Learning Tree."

A local "Butler" dealer was advertising a 2,880 sq. ft. steel building for only \$2,795.00.

Missouri Beef was seeking production workers for its plant at Rock Port. Mayor M.O. Armbruster demonstrated the size of a giant electric generator part with him standing in the middle of it reaching up and unable to reach the opposite side.

The City was without power for a short while when a 2,500 kilowatt generator went down requiring smaller units to be powered up to pick up the load.

Fairbury's 6-4 freshman Bob Siegel scored 36 points in an 85-78 victory over the Tigers.

Lynn Holechek scored in the final five seconds to give Humboldt a 72-71 victory over Seneca, KS.

Dawson-Verdon outscored Bameston 77-52 in boys basketball. The D-V girls won the Homesteader Conference volleyball championship by defeating Bameston 15-7, 9-7.

Falls City's Tom Prichard and Dave Kottich scored three points each in the state wrestling tournament.

Chuck Whitney led all scorers with 17 points in a 60-43 Tiger victory over Sabetha.

In other boys' basketball: Sacred Heart 85 Elk Creek 60.

A drilling crew and rig were to begin making borings for three dam sites in the Winnebago-Bean Watershed north and west of Rulo.

A national rule change was expected to prohibit a volleyball player with a hand in a cast from participating in the sport after Jackie Johnson of Southeast was allowed to play in the Galaxy Conference volleyball tournament with just such a cast after tournament officials could find no rule to prevent her participation.

Pawnee City crushed Lewiston 72-37 and Southeast defeated Johnson-Brock 70-67 in the opening rounds of the Class C District Tournament.

Gary W. Dunn who died of wounds suffered in the Vietnam War was posthumously awarded the South Vietnamese Military Merit Medal and the Gallantry Cross with Palm.

Sacred Heart was eliminated 72-54 by Humboldt in the opening round of the Class C District Basketball Tournament.

Sterling defeated Dawson-Verdon 91-43 in the Class D District Tournament to end the Jets' basketball season.

They were dancing up a storm this week at Camp Rulo with music Wednesday night by Don Beasley, Friday night by the Driftwoods, and Sunday night by Laverne Prohaska.

25 Years Ago - Feb. 19, 1995 to Feb. 26, 1995

According to testimony presented at the trial of Marvin Nissen, the defendant had admitted to Investigator Keith Hayes that he and John Lotter had killed three persons at a rural Humboldt residence in Dec. 1993. The County's cost for the Nissen-Lotter murder trials reached \$200,000.

Brad Olberding was honored as Richardson County Athlete of the Week after becoming the 8th Tiger wrestler to win a state title and the first to reach that level under Wrestling Coach Roger Windle.

Local veterans organizations and the local National Guard unit sponsored a World War II Commemorative Community Scholarship Contest for Falls City and Sacred Heart seniors.

Regular season boys' basketball: Sacred Heart 67 Lourdes 33, Fairbury 63 Falls City 60.

Subdistrict boys' basketball: Fairbury 64 Falls City 48, Humboldt 62 Nemaha Valley 38

Marjorie Ann Loucks, co-owner and business manager of the Journal for 60 years, died at 79.

A fundraising basketball game was scheduled between 1994 National Champion Nebraska football players and members of Quad County Golf Association.

Nebraska Army National Guard downsized its Falls City unit to an authorized strength of 51.

In boys' Subdistrict Basketball: Table Rock 67 Sacred Heart 64, Semifinal: Sterling 80 Humboldt 45, Championship: Sterling 62 Southeast 58.

Ninety-five attended a Tri-State Soybean Conference at Camp Rulo sponsored by Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas Soybean Associations.

15 Years Ago - Feb. 19, 2005 to Feb. 26, 2005

A request from Tyler Bek that the City Council rescind its vote to choose what is the present site for the Falls City Aquatic Park to use reporter Scott Shock's words "belly flopped".

They say one picture is worth a thousand words and a Journal photo said all of that and more about the deteriorating condition of the western approach to the Missouri River bridge at Rulo.

Falls City High senior Whitney Gatz was selected as a 2005 Horatio Alger Nebraska Scholarship recipient.

Tiger wrestlers Blake Milke, Jeremy Butrick, and Cody Jones qualified for the state wrestling tournament but won no medals.

Tiger boys basketball came to an end with a 71-56 Subdistrict loss to Wymore Southern.

Sacred Heart's boys' basketball team was 17-5 going into the Class D1-1 Subdistrict at Auburn following a 55-53 victory over NC Lourdes.

Southeast Consolidated's Seth Zentner scored 20 points in a Mustang 52-44 victory over Fairfax.

Kathleen Duey's granddaughter Melissa Peterson was hired as an assistant fashion designer at a New York City firm upon graduation from UNL.

Southeast Nebraska Telephone Co. matched \$8,287 in donations received by the Falls City Rural Fire Dept. during its annual Superbowl Sunday Pancake & Sausage Feed.

Junior Lee Hullman's season total of 368 points was the ninth best in Tiger basketball history but his most remembered shot was an 81-foot Hail Mary in a victory over Ashland-Greenwood.

Paving of the Airport Road from East 14th Street to Brenner Field has yet to occur but was among projects on the one year program adopted by County Commissioners and proposed by then County Highway Superintendent, now District 3 County Commissioner, Terry Frank.

Sheriff opposed to enforcing Dawson Ordinances

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quarterly safety committee meeting at 9:45 a.m. Those present were Commissioners Frank Caverzagie and Sichel; Tyler Cooper, Building Maintenance Technician; Tammie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance; Sheriff Hardesty, Chief Deputy Roland Merwin, and Clayton Hardenberger, Jail Administrator; Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director; Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau and Wyatt Martin, Road Department employee. Sheriff Hardesty, Clayton Hardenberger and Tyler Cooper reported that there were no problems or issues at the Law Enforcement Center at this time. Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, said no problems at this time. Tammie Beckner, Courthouse maintenance, also reported no problems.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau reported that the parking meter poles on the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse need to be removed. Darveau also reported that the retaining walls around the west, south and east sides of the Courthouse were in need of repair. The Board responded by saying it will contact the City to get the meter poles removed. While it has been many years since the City removed the meters, the posts were left in place to assist senior citizens to step up from the downtown streets to the sidewalks. Road Department representative Wyatt Martin reported that the airlines in the Shop at the County Yard are cracking and deteriorating and need to be replaced. The Board approved the improvements to the airlines that are being planned.

Jerry Berggren of Berggren Architects met with the Board to review a water leak problem on the Lower Level of the Courthouse. Following the meeting with Berggren, a motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to approve contracting for architectural services on an hourly basis with Jerry Berggren to come up with a remedy for the ongoing lower-level water leak problems. The motion was approved 3-0.

Courtney Brook of Project Response presented to the Board an update on the organization's activities and requests for continued funding. The organization has been conducting ten week study courses at Falls City and HTRS High Schools on safe dating and domestic violence. The organization also assists persons with housing and protection orders.

A conference call was held with Pam Bourne of Woods & Aitken to review proposed changes in the Employee Handbook regarding Paid Time Off, Vacation, Holidays and Funeral Leave. The Board will continue this review with Ms. Bourne at an upcoming meeting.

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees they collected during the month of January 2020: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$161.50; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds,

\$7,934.00; and Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court, \$1,200.00.

Following a review of the monthly operating statement for January 2020, the Supervisors adjourned their meeting as a Board of Commissioners after voting to allow payment of all claims submitted during the week prior to their meeting.

Prior to their meeting as a Board of Commissioners, the supervisors convened as the Richardson County Board of Equalization at 8:45 a.m. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sichel, County Assessor Pam Vice and Clerk Eickhoff. Assessor Pam Vice presented the applications for real estate tax exemptions submitted by the charitable, educational and religious organizations located in Richardson County. A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. to consider the approval or disapproval of the several applications. Supervisors voted to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 8:52 a.m.

BUILDING PERMITS

Adam Morris, 926 Dundy Avenue; demo house, \$4,100.00. CKW Enterprises, 103 East 35th Street; interior remodel, \$5,000.00.

Notice of Dale E. Heineman and Eilleen 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/vnews/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. 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.

RICHARDSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, AT 7 P.M.
Richardson County Courthouse District
Courtroom on third floor, use the north door of courthouse.
All are invited, but only delegates can vote. Deadline to become a delegate is Monday, March 2 by 5:00 p.m.
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State Bank of Table Rock Employee Promotions.

Allison James - Vice President of Lending & Branch Manager, Humboldt Branch. Allison has been with the bank for 9 years. She received an Associate's Degree in Business from SCC. Allie attended Schools of Banking Lending principles in 2017, and is also a graduate of the School of Banking 2017 Agricultural Lending School and 2019 Advanced Agricultural Lending School. Allie and her Husband Colton live south of Stella. She has two daughters; Sawyer & Ainsley. She looks forward to serving as Branch Manager and continuing to build relationships with customers. She enjoys seeing her customers grow and succeed and helping them anyway she can.

Sara Gyhra - Vice President of Operations, Pawnee City Branch. Sara has been with the bank since August 2015 as a Customer Service Representative. She graduated from Manhattan Area Technical College with a Business Administration Degree. Sara and her Husband Derek have two daughters; Charlotte and Chloe. With this promotion, she is excited to get more involved in the overall operations of the bank. Her favorite part of the job is the interaction she gets with our customers and community.

Tyler Speckmann - Assistant Vice President of Lending, Tecumseh Branch. Tyler has been with the bank for 2 years. He graduated from UNL with a Bachelor degree in Business Administration. He started at the bank as a credit analyst and after receiving his Class II Officers License he will be directly involved in making loans and assisting in other operations for the bank as well. Tyler is the son of Dale and Kristi Speckmann of Tecumseh. He is looking forward to continuing serving and to be active in the community.

Toby Fisher - Vice President of Lending, Roca Branch. Toby started at the Pawnee City branch in high school and transferred to the Roca branch where he attended UNL, and received his Bachelor of Business Administration. Toby has over 10 years of banking experience and has been part of the lending team in Roca for 6+ years. With this promotion he is excited to create new lending relationships in the community and build on the great customer base that we already have. Toby is the son of Donnie and Trish Fisher of Pawnee City.



Tobin-Honeyman announce engagement

Ben and Ann Tobin of King City, MO, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Peyton of Lincoln, NE and William Honeyman of Emerson, IA. The future groom is the son of Tom and Bianka Honeyman of Emerson, IA. The bride-to-be is a graduate of King City R-1 high school and a 2016 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln receiving degrees in Economics and Environmental Economics. She is employed by NRC Health in Lincoln. Peyton is the granddaughter of Violet Heim of Dawson. The future groom graduated from Red Oak high school, Red Oak, IA and then spent five years in the Navy. He graduated from Iowa State in Ames with a degree in Agriculture Engineering. He is in the Naval Reserve and farms in Emerson.

A September 26, 2020 wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ford City.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

On February 10, 2020 Carla M. Rhodd, of Falls City filed as a candidate for Falls City, City Council, District 3 for a term of four years.

On February 13, 2020 Stacey

Edmundson, of Humboldt, filed as a candidate for Humboldt City Council, Ward 2 for a term of four years.

On February 12, 2020 Robert Scott Hollens, of Falls City, filed as a candidate for District #56 School Board member.

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FC Recreation pancake feed

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 team; Red Cross swim lessons, a soccer program in the spring, and a fall boy's flag football league. These various programs generally have over 800 participants each year. Of the cost to run the programs, approximately 70 percent comes from participant registrations with the City of Falls City, providing approximately 11 percent. The balance comes from donations by the public and other civic, church and fraternal groups and the local business community along with other fundraising events that Falls City Recreation undertakes. In addition to the annual program costs, Falls City Recreation, in conjunction with the City of Falls City, undertakes the improvements and upkeep of the ball facilities. The soccer and flag football programs are in the Spring and Fall and these games will again be held on Thomas Field. This is all made possible by the generosity of everyone that has made a donation of money or time to the program, all of which benefit the youth of the Falls City area.

Please join the FC Rec for pancakes and sausage on Sunday, February 23, at the Falls City High School. Those unable to attend but are interested in donating can drop it off or mail it to F&M Bank.

FC Library and Arts Center eliminates late fines

The Falls City Library & Arts Center has followed the national trend to eliminate late fines for patrons.

The American Library Association has claimed the fine penalty a "form of social inequality" in that the fines target families that need the library services the most, and may be unable to pay fines.

The ALA passed a resolution in January 2020, which calls on libraries nationwide to find a way to eliminate fine policies.

The Falls City Library & Arts Center Library Board researched the issue and voted to change Library Policy to eliminate late fines for materials, to urge patrons to return overdue materials, and return to using library services. The monthly collection from fines was minimal.

Last items will still need to be replaced. The library staff will work with our patrons to restore borrowing privileges.

Low-value medical tests are costly, can lead to harm

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

By Trudy Lieberman, Community Health News Service

We know too well the cost of American health care keeps rising as far as the eye can see. In 1995 health care accounted for 13.4 percent of GDP; in 2018 it consumed 17.7 percent. It is projected to rise even more.

Despite all the talk about how they should become wise consumers of medical care, patients can't really do much to stop the big hospital systems, the big physician groups, or the powerful drug companies from charging the prices they do. In our system, those groups pretty much control what medical care costs. There is, however, one thing patients can do that would contribute to eliminating some wasteful health care spending and at the same time get better care for themselves. They can try to avoid what health researchers call "low-value" care.

Low-value care generally means any test or procedure that at best has minimal value in a clinical situation. Some examples include chest X-rays or EKGs given before cataract surgery; routine vitamin D testing; MRIs and other imaging for run-of-the-mill lower back pain; and antibiotics for viral upper respiratory infections like the common cold.

Health researchers estimate that low-value medical services add up to about \$100 billion in health care spending each year. That's wasteful spending that pushes up insurance premiums, deductibles, and other cost sharing we all have to pay.

But perhaps even more important is that low-value tests can lead to what medical researchers call "cascades," a series of tests and treatments that follow from an initial test. "They are incredibly common," said primary care doctor and health policy researcher Dr. Ishani Ganguli, who is also an assistant professor at the Harvard Medical School. They occur when an unexpected finding leads to new tests, phone calls, ER visits, invasive procedures, or hospitalizations. "We've observed most cascades lead to nothing."

Ganguli and colleagues looked at Medicare bills for cataract surgery, one of the most common and low-risk procedures for older adults. "Pre-operative testing doesn't change outcomes or reduce your risk of complications from surgery," she said.

Every group of 100 people who got an EKG for cataract surgery also got up to 11 extra tests, office visits, treatments, new diagnoses, or hospitalizations in the following three months. Researchers estimated the cost of those additional tests amounted to an extra \$35 million in one year, 10 times more than the total cost for all the initial EKGs. "On average those extra treatments offered no benefits," Ganguli said.

Given those outcomes, why are eye surgeons still ordering the test? Some erroneously believe Medicare requires the test. Others do it out of habit or because their colleagues still order the tests. Some have experienced malpractice claims or are worried about being sued if something is missed.

Another study of some 400 physicians found more proof that cascades can cause further harm. All but two doctors surveyed had experienced cascades for their patients, and also either they or their family members had experienced them. The doctors reported that such cascades harm patients psychologically, physically, and financially.

That study also found that doctors in rural areas were more likely to say such cascades harmed patients. Such tests left many of the rural doctors feeling anxious and frustrated, and many believed they had wasted a lot of time and effort dealing with the additional tests and treatments. Ganguli said some may be frustrated by the lack of resources in rural areas and the additional burden placed on patients who may have to travel miles for some test that might be unnecessary in the first place.

So what should patients do?

If you have a medical abnormality that is in the gray area, it's hard to leave it alone. Anxiety often drives the cascade. Still, patients in that situation need to ask a lot of questions about why further testing or medical procedures are necessary and whether more information would tell a doctor something new. Patients need to understand up front what the consequences might be.

A few years ago, the American Board of Internal Medicine and other partners launched the Choosing Wisely project, which aims to help patients select tests and treatments that are evidence-based, non-duplicative of other tests, and are truly necessary. Check its website choosingwisely.org to learn about low-value tests.

Have you experienced a cascade of tests? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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Harms appointed Student Trustee

Governor Pete Ricketts has appointed Tyler Harms of Falls City, Neb. to serve as student trustee on the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees. He will serve a one-year term over the 2020-2021 academic year and represent Peru State College students.

"As Chair of the Board of Trustees, it is my honor to welcome the new Student Trustees," said Gary Bieganski, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "The Trustees value the insight and student perspective these young leaders bring to the Board."



College, is majoring in marketing and business management. Tyler is the Student Senate president, Phi Beta Lambda member, resident assistant, and Student Senate public relations designate. When discussing his appointment, Tyler stated, "I have always been passionate about Peru State College, and I want to positively impact the lives of students who attend the State Colleges. There is no better way to impact change than by being a student trustee." Harms is the son of Thad Harms and Susie Kreifels of Falls City, Nebraska.



Students of the Month, L-R: Brock Hogue, Brenna Leyden, Alexis Miller, Carson Simon

Falls City HS January students of the month

The staff and administration of Falls City High School have announced the selections for January High School Students of the Month. The honors go to the following students:
 Upperclassmen- Brock Hogue, a junior, is the son of Don and Terri Hogue. Brenna Leyden, a junior, is the daughter of Derrick and Shelly Leyden.
 Underclassmen- Carson Simon, a sophomore, is the son of Chris and Kris Simon. Alexis Miller, a freshman, is the daughter of Dru Miller and

Diedra Kirkendall.
 The students were nominated by high school staff and are being recognized for being innovative, responsible, resilient, and resourceful. Each of the students was praised in nomination comments for "academic excellence, going above and beyond what was asked of them, their helpfulness, and their leadership, and serving as excellent role models for their peers," according to high school principal Gale Dunkhas.

FC Educational Foundation announces \$48K in scholarships

The Falls City Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that they are offering Thirty-two scholarships worth \$48,800 for Falls City High School Graduates who will be attending colleges and trade schools during the 2020-2021 academic year. Thirty-one of the Scholarship are for 2020 Graduating Seniors. These scholarships total \$47,800.

The remaining scholarship is the Governor A. J. Weaver Family Scholarship and is for a past graduate of Falls City High who is currently attending a four-year college or university and who will be a sophomore, juniors or senior in 2020 having declared a Major of Music, Photography, Animal Husbandry, Journalism, Library Science, Political Science, Civil Engineering, or Prelaw.

Scholarship Notices and Applications for all scholarships offered by the Falls City Educational Foundation are available on line at the Falls City Public Schools, High School Guidance web site:

<https://www.fctigers.org/vnews/display.v/ART/50bce5c490f4f>
 Applications for all Scholarships are due by March 19, 2020. See the scholarship notices and applications at the web site for more details.

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In a nutshell, this deduction allows self-employed folks (sole proprietors, partners, and S-Corporation shareholders) to deduct up to 100 percent of health, dental, and long term care insurance premiums for themselves, spouses, and dependents. The deduction is limited to profitability, therefore the deduction can never exceed the profit from self-employed activity.

Main requirements: You weren't eligible for another health plan (no access to any group health insurance plans) You have a profit from self-employed income sources

For sole proprietors (schedule C or schedule F) the deduction is simple, and the health insurance policy can be an individual plan.

For an S-Corporation shareholder, an individual health insurance policy can be deducted but has to be paid for by the S-Corporation and reported on your W2. However, if you have eligible employees that you discriminate against (do not offer health insurance), your premiums can be subject to social security and medicare tax. This does not apply to employees that are part-time, seasonal, or have not completed three years of service. 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 self-employed health insurance deduction, it is best practice to consult with a tax professional.

AREA BRIDGE

Judy Munn, Sandy Boatman and Vi Heim won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met February 11, 2020, when two tables of bridge were played.

Sandy Boatman and Nancy Wittwer were the hostesses.

Lorna Simon and Kristy Gerweck will host the next session on February 25, 2020.

RICHARDSON COUNTY CANCER FUND SUPPORT DINNER AND LIVE AUCTION

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SOCIETY

GFWC/NFWC Stella Research Club

Elizabeth Ketter, Secretary
 The GFWC/NFWC Stella Research Club met at the home of its president, Vicki Beilke, on January 23, 2020. (The meeting place and date had been rescheduled due to icy roads.) She called the meeting to order. Jan McMullen gave the opening prayer and led the club in the Flag Salute. Roll call was answered by eight members donating socks, and guest Penny States. Secretary Elizabeth Ketter read the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting. It was requested that the notation of only 11 children attending Santa's visit be changed to several children. The minutes were then approved with that correction.

President Beilke stated that Makayla Mason and Gracie Shafer have shown interest in attending this year's Sophomore Pilgrimage.

Mrs. Beilke said she had sent several articles for publication to the NFWC Clubwoman magazine, as well as sending in the club's statistical report. She also stated that 39 pounds of hats and mittens had been donated at the December meeting and taken to the Open Door Mission.

Correspondence- The club was asked if it would like to donate funds toward putting up a pinwheel garden to raise awareness of child abuse. The sign describing this would cost \$ 150.00 - the club was not in favor of the expense.

Treasurers report- Jackie Uhrli stated the balance in the bank is \$ 173.44. She remarked that the check sent to NFWC for dues

was finally cashed, and so was the donation to the firemen.

Marian James reported that she is preparing for stuffing Easter eggs, and said that one candy is skimpy and two are better.

There were no bills.
 Committee reports: Civic- It was noted that the downtown barrels have been decorated for the season. Cathy Donahoe asked about painting the store fronts when it is warmer. Mrs Donahoe said she would talk with a local artist about putting a mural on the buildings. She will have a report for the March meeting.

Historian- Mrs Uhrli said the 1920 club yearbook mentioned a transportation committee.

Courtesy- It was reported that Jan Mason is improving after surgery. Members were asked to send her a card. Former member Bonnie Mehlis is doing well after she had fallen.

Crafts- Fine Arts Day is to be March 21st at the Stella Com-

munity Church. Tables will need to be set up the day before. About 20 people are expected to attend. It was noted that the club always has several entries.

The February meeting may be at Mary's Hitchin' Post Tavern for a lunch with members and friends. Mrs. Beilke will let the tavern know the head count for the lunch.

Mrs. Ketter had a GFWC minute by telling that Martin Luther King Day is also a Day of Service to others.

The socks collected at the meeting will go to Project Response in Auburn.

The meeting was adjourned. Chris Joy and Mrs. Beilke had traveled to China in the past year. Photos were shown of their journey and souvenirs were displayed. It was noted that Deb Avery of Humboldt will speak at the March meeting.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. McMullen. Mrs. Ketter assisted.

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DISTRICT COURT

Julia M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess firearm while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, resist arrest second/subsequent offense, plead not guilty, found guilty; count four, obstruct a peace officer, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty, found guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 7, 2020.

Tamara A. Purcell, of Stella, count one, resist arrest second/subsequent offense, plead not guilty, found guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty; count four, sexual assault-w/o consent-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for April 7, 2020.

Meghan Willey, of Hiawatha, KS, count one, issue bad check-\$1,500-\$5,000, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for February 25, 2020.

Tara M. Tackett, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, violate protection order, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

John C. Pohlman, of Falls City, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count two, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first off, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 3, 2020.

COUNTY COURT

Austin W. Minard, of Omaha, count one, DUI -15+, plead not guilty, found guilty and fined \$500, jail for a term of two days starting February 15, 2020, probation for a term of eight months starting February 12, 2020, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee of \$200, revoked license for a term of one year starting February 12, 2020, interlock device; count two, willful reckless driving first offense, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty.

Forrest R. Gaston II, of Morrill, KS, count one, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count two, leave accident fail to furnish info-first, plead not guilty; count three, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Mysheela A. Wyrick, of Table Rock, NE, count one, DUI-alcohol-first offense, plead not guilty; count two, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Bruce C. Larsen, of Dawson, count one, DUI -.15+, amended to DUI alcohol-first offense, plead not guilty, found guilty; count two, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead not guilty; count three, fail to use turn signal, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Bruce C. Larsen, of Dawson, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Joshua J. Parrish, of Tecumseh, NE, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty, found guilty and fined \$250, court ordered probation for a term of nine months starting on February 12, 2020; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty.

John R. Chittick, Jr., of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Miranda L. Zimmerman, of Falls City, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

NE Supreme Court dismisses attorney fee suit against city

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The City then sought discovery from the law firms regarding what services they claimed were performed outside the contract. The firms refused to provide the requested information and a motion compelling them to do so was filed and granted by the District Court. When the law firms again failed to provide the information sought, the City filed a second motion to compel. At a hearing on December 21, 2018, ostensibly held with regard to Falls City's motion to compel, Falls City orally moved for summary judgment. The firms waived notice, and a hearing was held at which evidence was offered. The District Court granted the motion for summary judgment and dismissed the complaint.

The decision of the Supreme Court affirming the dismissal of the case was joined in by all six of the Justices who heard the appeal.

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Lady Irish end regular-season with loss

By Brian McKim

On Thursday, February 13, the Lady Irish hosted the Class D-1 #3 ranked Weeping Water Indians at the RAC. The Irish entered the contest at 21-2 while the Indians sported a 21-1 record.

The game was tight early on with the Indians leading 15-12 after one period. Erison Vonderschmidt single-handedly kept the Irish in the game, scoring all twelve of the Irish's points in the first eight minutes. The Irish were 6/15 from the floor early, with Vonderschmidt going 6/7.

The second quarter saw the Irish draw a closer, going into halftime down 24-23. Again it was Vonderschmidt scoring 7 of the teams 11 points in the quarter. The second half saw other Irish players get involved more, but SH was outscored 15-10 in the third and 20-15 in the fourth, falling to the Indians by 11, 59-48.

For the game, SH hit 44% of their shots (22/50), while the Indians made 21/41 (51%). The Irish held an edge on the glass, pulling down 27 rebounds to 21 by Weeping Water. Uncharacteristically, the Irish had more turnovers than their opponent, 12-10.

Erison Vonderschmidt led the Irish with 24 points in the contest, but only five in the second half. Vonderschmidt also pulled down a team-high 12 rebounds. McKenzie Witt also reached double figures, finishing with 10 points and four assists. G. Cave led Weeping Water with 22 points, going 7/12 from the field and hitting 6-8 free throw opportunities. Weeping Water was 8/10 in the fourth quarter from the foul line.

Scoring vs. Weeping Water, Magdanz four, D. Witt four, M. Witt 10, Vonderschmidt 24, Bippes six.

In the JV contest, the Irish defeated the Indians 44-29. Leading the way for the Irish were Delamie Witt with 12 points and Emma Frederick and Macy Keller, each with eight.

On Tuesday night, the team traveled to Diller-Odell, making up a game from early January that had been postponed due to weather. The Irish had easily handled the Griffins twice already this season, but Diller-Odell had something else in mind this go around.

SH got off to a slow start again, trailing 8-7 after one quarter. The Irish were just 3/9 from

Irish boys pick up a pair of wins

By Brian McKim

The 22-1 Sacred Heart Irish boys added two more wins to their total heading into the final week of the regular season. The Irish easily defeated Diller-Odell on Tuesday, 68-17, then held off a pesky Fullerton squad 47-38 in the opening game of the Heartland Hoops Classic in Grand Island on Saturday morning.

In the opening game of the week, the Irish put away the Griffins from Diller-Odell early, taking a 21-8 first-quarter lead. The fierce defense allowed the Irish to push their halftime lead to 30 points at 40-10. Diller-Odell made just 5/21 first-half shot attempts, while the Irish connected on 16/25 shots from the floor.

The second half went much the same way for the Irish, outscoring Diller-Odell 20-5 in the third quarter, as they cruised to the 51-point road win. For the game, SH hit 26/40 shots (65%), while holding Diller-Odell to just 7/25 from the floor (28%). The Irish also converted 8/12 shots from the charity stripe. The tough Irish defense forced 21 turnovers and had four blocked shots. The Irish also owned an 18-10 rebounding advantage. The Griffins had just four shot attempts in the second half.

Four Irish players reached double figures in the scoring column with Jake Hoy leading the way with 14 points and five steals. Jarrot Simon added 13 points, and Evan Keithley and Jakob Jordan each had 10. Austin Jurgens had eight points to lead Diller-Odell.

Scoring vs. Diller-Odell, Jordan 10, Stice six, Froeschl six, Hoy 14, Casteel one, Witt four, Keithley 10, Simon 13, Fiegener two, Nachtigal two.

In the big game of the week for the Irish, they faced the 15-4 Fullerton Warriors in an 8:30 tip-off at Grand Island on Saturday morning. The Warriors led after one quarter 16-10. The Irish raced out to a quick 10-2 lead to start the contest, but Fullerton answered with a 14-0 run to close out the quarter with a six-point lead.

The Irish answered the run with a 13-4 second quarter to take a 23-20 halftime lead. The Irish kept hammering away in the third and fourth quarters, extending the lead late. SH responded late with offensive rebounds and second-chance points, scoring the games' final six points to get the 47-38 win.

All-Stater Tyler Witt led the Irish Saturday with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Witt finished the game 5/5 from the floor and 4-6 from the foul line. Jack Fiegener also came up big for Coach Goltz, scoring 13 points, making 5/10 shots from the field. Isaac Gleason had 10 points, and Jordan Maxfield added nine for Fullerton.

As a team, the Irish made just 16/43 shot attempts and 5/18 from behind the arc. The Irish did convert 10/14 from the foul line. Meanwhile, Fullerton was also 16-43 from the floor, but just 4/6 from the foul line. SH was outrebounded 30-28 and had 11 turnovers while the Warriors turned the ball over 13 times.

Scoring vs. Fullerton, Jordan six, Hoy four, Witt 14, Simon 10, Fiegener 13.

The Irish will hit the road on Saturday, February 22, to take on Lourdes Central Catholic in Nebraska City. Next week the Irish boys will play in the Class D2-1 subdistrict in Pawnee City on Tuesday and Thursday, February 25 and 27. Teams assigned to the subdistrict include Diller-Odell, Falls City Sacred Heart, Lewison, and Meridian.

hit an unprecedented 25/28 from the charity stripe. The Irish shot well hitting 15/18, but 25 of Diller-Odell's 44 points came from the foul line. SH hit 5/11 from beyond the arc and 11/25 from two-point range, while the Griffins made just 9/31 shots from the floor in the game. The Irish held a slight 22-17 rebound advantage, but again turnovers hurt them. The Irish committed 19 turnovers while forcing 17 in a sloppily played game.

Rachel Magdanz had the big night for SH, getting 12 points each half for a game-high 24. Vonderschmidt added 10 points and eight rebounds. A. Heide-mann had 18 points, going 9/9 from the foul line, and E. Swanson added 16, going 10/11 from the charity stripe.

Scoring vs. Diller-Odell, Magdanz 24, D. Witt three, Simon two, M. Witt six, Vonderschmidt 10, Bippes seven.

The Griffins took down the Lady Irish in a three-quarter JV game 19-14. Leading scorers for SH were Jessica Wertenberger and Macy Keller, each with six points.

Sub-district play begins this week in Pawnee City. With a win on Tuesday, SH will play at 7:00 on Thursday, February 20, for the D2-1 sub-district final.



Jaden Nolte wrestles in the District Meet. (Photo by Troy Nelson)

Tiger wrestlers fall short of State Meet

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger wrestlers hit the mat in Pierce, Ne, on Friday, February 14, and Saturday, February 15, hoping to get by the competition and reach the State Meet in Omaha this weekend.

Kyle Black at 170, Thomas Fields at 195 and Jaden Nolte at 285 all reached the consolation semifinals, but all three lost, ending their chance at a State Meet appearance.

In the 170 division, Kyle Black got an opening-round win, pinning Brody Sheeks of Northwest in 1:29. In the quarterfinals, Black fell to Addison Cousin-Hardwick of Mount Michael by a 12-6 decision. After a bye, Black fought back to get a win by fall over Fredrik Spalder of West-Point at 2:38. Black's day came to an end in the Consolation-Semi round, falling to Reid Korth of Wayne in a 10-4 decision.

At 195, Thomas Fields got a first-round win, pinning Aaron Fowler of Ralston at the 4:00 mark. Fields won in the quarterfinals as well, defeating Travis Warner of Arlington by fall in 1:56. Fields then ran into 34-4 Kole Bordovsky of Wahoo, falling by pin in 1:24. Fields' season then came to an end in a rematch with Fowler, falling in a decision 12-5.

At 285, Jaden Nolte was looking to punch his return ticket to the Omaha meet. A first-round bye set up a quarterfinal

match against Jackson Warren of Seward. Nolte quickly disposed of Warren by fall in :55. Nolte then ran into 46-1 Remington Gay of Arlington. Nolte fought hard, but eventually fell by pin in 3:38. In the consolation semi's, Nolte faced David Garcia of West-Point-Beemer. Nolte's season came to an end, falling by pin in 2:44.

Ray Feek competed in the 106 division, falling to Drew Gardner of Central City in :30 and Caleb Alcorn of Northwest in :26.

At 113, Travis Ott was pinned by Cole Kunk of Central City in :07, and then he was pinned by Jake Harris of Mount Michael in :52.

At 145, Lane Burns fell to Owen Friesen of Northwest by fall in 2:48. After a bye, Burns was pinned by Cameron Detwiler of Mount Michael in 2:17, ending his season.

Jace Heckenlively fell to Jordan Covert of Seward in 2:59 in his first match at 152. After a bye in the second round, Heckenlively bounced back with a pin of James Dorsey from Wayne in :45. In the consolation round three, Andree Kalkish of Mount Michael won by technical fall (19-2).

Finally, in the 160 division, Kellen McAfee fell to Trey Shanahan from Wahoo in :56. In the consolation round, McAfee received a bye before falling to Mason Bisbee of Seward in 1:46.

Worthey reaches Omaha

By Brian McKim

Aiden Worthey of HTRS, placed third at the Class C District tournament, to reach state in the 195lb division. In the opening round, Worthey won by fall over Caden Arens of Norfolk Catholic at 3:44. In the quarterfinals, Worthey got a win by decision, 8-1, over Connor Shoup of Cross Country/Osceola. Worthey then faced 37-7 Brandon Beeson of Tri County, falling in a sudden victory (SV-1 4-2). In the consolation semifinals, Worthey rebounded with a win over Jesse Hartline by decision, 7-2. That set up a third-place match with Riley Donahoo of Malcolm.

Worthey held off Donahoo to pick up the win by decision, 8-2, and will advance to the State Meet in Omaha.

Also wrestling for HTRS, Marcus Bratsovsky fell to Kerby Hockstein of Hartington Cedar Catholic in :26 and Nick Brodigan of Wood River in :31. At 145, Brandt Leech of Norfolk Catholic in 1:01 and fell to Josh Steward of Malcolm in a 13-2 major decision. Isaac Bittner pinned Hezi Reyes of Wood River in 1:42 to kick off the 170lb division. Bittner then was pinned by Dylan Zoucha of Malcolm at 2:30. In the consolation second round, Bittner won by fall over Ben Morland of Norfolk Catholic at 1:36. Bittner got his second win in a row this time, pinning Kanin Baker of Tri County in :59. Bittner's run came to an end in the consolation semi's with a loss to Koa McIntyre of Archbishop Bergan at 1:50. Finally, in the 285 bracket, Ty Faulks fell to Kale Nordmeyer of Malcolm by fall in :41 in the quarterfinals. After a bye, Faulks fell to Owen Powell of Cross Country/Osceola by fall in 2:20.

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Janice Moore

Janice Moore, 87, of Falls City, NE, passed away February 14, 2020 at Falls City. She was born February 18, 1932 near Watson, MO to Walter and Glennie (Mogger) Whetsel.

She married Robert L. Moore on August 28, 1955 at First Christian Church, Falls City. He passed away October 13, 1996. To this union three children were born, Steven, Douglas and Cheryl.

Janice attended Star School grades 1-8 North of Craig, Missouri at High Point School. She was baptized at Big Lake, Missouri in Big Lake. She graduated from Craig High School, Craig, Missouri in 1949, moving to Falls City, Nebraska in 1951 and began work at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital. She took L.P.N. training, taught by Maxine Kielsmirer and passed her state boards in 1956. She worked at the hospital for 54 years before retiring at the age of 70 and 1/2 years in 2002. She was a charter member of the Nazarene Church at Craig, MO and attended the First Christian Church in Falls City.

Janice is survived by her sons, Steven and his wife Jodi of St.

Joseph, MO, Douglas of Wisconsin, sisters-in-law, JoEtta Shaw and Pat Moore, brother-in-law, Meryl Wenger, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, Cheryl at age 5 in 1967, brother, Donald Whetsel and wife Verlene and two sisters Mary Snider Whetsel and husband James and Cleo Monroe Whetsel and husband Les, mother-in-law and father-in-law, Catherine and Raymond Moore, brothers-in law, Donald Shaw and Corky Moore, and sister-in-law Retta Wenger.

Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 10:30 AM at First Christian Church with Reverend Fay Ann Blaylock officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service at First Christian Church

Viewing and open visitation will begin Monday afternoon at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Richardson County Humane Society.

Marlene Gerlt

Marlene Gay Gerlt (Wright) 79, died in the presence of family at her home in Roseburg, Oregon, in the early hours of February 16, 2020. She died of natural causes following a heroic battle with kidney disease and an auto-immune condition that widely affected her health and well-being the last three years of her life.



Marlene was born in Shubert, Nebraska to Chester and Doris (Sailors) Wright, on May 31, 1940. Marlene lived in Falls City, Nebraska and attended school until the family moved to Brentwood, California. Marlene graduated from Liberty High School in 1958. Marlene ran into Gail Gerlt, a Falls City, Nebraska native, in a bowling alley in Santa Monica, California in 1963 and romance ensued. The couple was married in Las Vegas, Nevada on Valentines Day in 1964. Their daughters Kyla and Dana were born in Mountain View, California. Marlene was always a hard worker and had a successful career. She retired from her job as an occupational safety clerk for Shell Oil Company in Bakersfield, California, in 2001. Marlene was dedicated to her work but had a retirement countdown calendar the year before her retirement.

Marlene started decorative Tole in the 1970's painting as a hobby in Houston, Texas. Eventually, she began to paint with oils, acrylics, and water colors on canvas. Her artwork really

blossomed once she retired. She leaned into her creative side and took chances in her artwork that paid off. Her family is blessed to have her paintings as treasured memorials to her creative spirit. Marlene loved painting and loved attending painting classes. She was a founding member of Gallery North-west in Roseburg, Oregon. She loved reading novels, watching series television and movies, traveling, and her dog Bubba. Marlene was never one to mince words. She told you what she thought and had a quick wit.

Marlene leaves behind Gail Gerlt, her husband, of 56 years from Roseburg, Oregon and her daughters Kyla Laffoon, of Mountain House, California, Dana (Vincent) Sprengle, of Richland, Washington. Her siblings are Janice (Tim) Zinn of Falls City, Nebraska, Pamela (Michael) Moore, of Falls City, Nebraska, and Chet (Linda) Wright, of Antelope, California. Marlene is also survived by her grand children who include Kyla Laffoon's children Lauren and Oliver Wilson and Dana Sprengle's children Hayden, Devin, and Noah Sprengle.

There will be an informal memorial service this summer at Union Cemetery in Brentwood, California. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Roseburg Rescue Mission (roseburgrescuemission.org) or Saving Grace, Pet Adoption Center (www.savinggrace.info).

John W. Stratton

Canada, Belize and Christmas Island, to name a few.

On September 22, 1956, John married Janet Helene Caton in Eau Claire, WI. John is survived by his children Kathy and her husband Ken Kottich of Lincoln, NE; Bob and wife Ann (Frederick) Stratton of Omaha, NE; Joyce and husband Pat Lang, Salt Lake City, UT and Jayne Stratton, Lincoln, NE. He is also survived by his grandchildren Ryan and Toy in Kottich (Lincoln), Jon Kottich and Nicole Chmelka (Lincoln), Adam Kottich (Lincoln), Rachel and John Lee (Omaha), Zach Stratton (Springfield, MO) and great grandchildren Jackson and Olivia Lee (Omaha). He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, wife and son John.

In 1949, the "scrappy shortstop" from San Jose, CA, played in the American Legion "Little League World Series" at Omaha's Mu-

nicipal Stadium (Rosenblatt Stadium) as a member of the Bill Irwin Post (Oakland, CA) Little League Team. He was the shortstop in a triple play that helped secure victory in the title game. It seems fitting that his life led him back to Omaha where he eventually crossed home plate, for the last time. Of all the wonderful experiences John had during his lifetime, his family was always first. As he told his grandkids after their games: "Number (jersey number) on your scorecard, number one in my heart."

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Interment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary will be recited on Thursday, 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with family receive friends afterwards.

John Banks

John Tolly Banks was born February 20, 1945 to Merrill and Camilla (Haskins) Banks in Lincoln, Nebraska. He grew up in Stella, Nebraska and graduated from Stella High School in 1963. John attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and then joined the

United States Air Force in March of 1965.

During his service John was stationed in Thailand as an aircraft navigation equipment repairman. After his honorable discharge in October 1968 he returned to Nebraska and graduated from Peru State College.

John worked for the Nebraska State Department of Unemployment in Nebraska City. He also coached at Peru State College, Pawnee City High School, and Falls City Sacred Heart. John ended his working career at Cooper Nuclear Station in Brownville, Nebraska.

John had served on the Stella Village Board, was an active member of the Shubert American Legion Post #222, and a lifelong member of the Stella Community Church.

An outdoors type, John was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman. He worked as a volunteer marshall at the Bob Hope Golf Classic and watched his idols play. He loved to go to Minnesota to fish and he loved to hunt deer with a bow and arrow. John's true joy was football, following college and professional teams. Fortunately, he was able to watch the Kansas City Chiefs win the Super Bowl.

For many years John was afflicted with pulmonary fibrosis. He moved to Colonial Acres in Humboldt, Nebraska in December of 2019 when he could no longer stay at his home in Stella. It was at Colonial Acres, on Friday, February 7, 2020, he passed away just 13 days short of his 75th birthday.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law Carlie Banks.

John is survived by his brother Stephen of Plano, TX; sisters and brothers-in-law Catherine and Jim Donaboe of Stella; Christina and Jerry Joy of Stella; nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and -nieces; and many friends.

Patricia Rowell

Patricia Anne "Pat" Rowell was called home to be with the Lord on January 22, 2020. Pat died peacefully, surrounded by her three sons.



Prior to her life in Falls City, Pat was blessed to have seen and visited most of our great nation and other countries. Her children were born as follows, Kevin (St Augustine, Florida), Alicia (The Island of Guam), Kyle (San Diego, California), and Kristopher (Waukegan, North Chicago). During her dynamic life as a Navy wife, Pat made a home for her family in each of those cities as well as Norfolk, Virginia, Pensacola, Florida (twice), Honolulu, Hawaii, and Falls City. Pat made friends wherever her family was stationed and is beloved by her friends around the country and across the world.

Pat loved children and was deeply devoted to bettering the lives of children in any way she could everywhere she went. Wherever our family was stationed Mom volunteered in our church. When she and Larry settled in Falls City, Pat worked at the Head Start Program and drove the bus for Head Start for a time. As a member of The Good News Assembly of God Church in Falls City for many years, Pat volunteered including cooking meals on Wednesday nights for the youth program. She enjoyed telling us that she loved making sure those kids got a good home cooked meal every Wednesday night. Pat was a beautiful singer. She loved to share her love of God in song both in the choir and as a soloist. Dad loved to hear Mom sing. Pat enjoyed reading, and often volunteered to read to children including at her daughter-in-law, Theresa's, elementary school in Panama City, Florida. Pat loved gardening and canning her harvest and instilled that love for growing things in each of her children. For Pat, spending time helping others, loving her family, sharing her life with her family and friends, and sharing her love for God we're her greatest joy.

Pat was a Navy wife for 28 years. Being born in St Augustine and living a life as a Navy wife, it's no surprise that Mom loved the beach. Whenever she visited, she was sure to make a trip to the beach. As a Navy wife Pat often performed the duties of both mother and father to her children. Pat was

a strong woman, a Southern Belle, with the ability to "with-er" any one of her children with a look. But Mom surrounded each of us with her love and knew us as individuals. We always knew we were loved with her whole heart.

Larry and Pat moved to Falls City, Nebraska in 1986 after Larry retired from the Navy. Their marriage was a testimony of their love for each other, and for their children. Their devotion to each other and to the Lord was evident to all who knew them. Pat is now reunited in Heaven with Larry, the love of her life, and with her daughter, Alicia.

Pat is preceded in death by her husband, Larry Lee Rowell (Retired Navy AGCS, 1958-1986), of Falls City, and her daughter, Alicia Colleen Rowell, of Falls City. She is survived by her sons, Kevin Lee Rowell (Janine), Kyle William Rowell (Theresa) and Kristopher Erick Rowell as well as Sandy Warren who she loved as a mother loves a daughter; by her grandchildren, Justin Rowell, Kyla Adams, Seth Adams, Zachary Rowell, Travis Rowell, Conner Rowell, Gabriella Rowell, and Jackson Rowell, as well as Ciara Catlin and Tyler Catlin whom she loved as a grandmother loves her grandchildren; and her great-grandchildren Ella Adams, Noel Adams, Harrison Adams, and Caden Rowell.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that anyone who wishes to, please send a donation to The Monarch House in Lincoln Nebraska. The Monarch House is a wonderful hospice facility that provided our family with a peaceful, quiet, caring environment where we could be with Mom in her final days on this earth. Pat would rejoice knowing that your donation allowed someone less fortunate to have that peace in their final days.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 11 am at The Good News Assembly of God Church, located at 600 Reavis Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. A Pot Luck Supper will be held at the church immediately following services. Please plan to share a meal with Pat's Family as we celebrate her life, and rejoice in her legacy of faith in God and devotion to her family.

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Sunday: Confessions, 10:10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Fr. David Oldham, pastor

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785-862-1107

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www.stpaulsfalls.org
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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

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Tim Bourgit, Pastor

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Pastor Mike Dunleavy
402-245-2049 (home)
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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.
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Dan Farley, pastor

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Mike Hader, pastor
402-245-4584

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www.stthomasfalls.org
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Dick Luebner, Intern pastor

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Sunday: Worship service, 8:45 a.m.; Chil-dren's Sunday School during worship.
Rev. Young Je Kim

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City Council

JANUARY 20, 2020
 A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of January, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and the Clerk from recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Merz, Raciliffe, Rhoadt, Wisdom. Absent: Leyden. 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 each copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MAYOR'S REPORT
 Mayor Bindle began her report by thanking city employees for the efforts and work they did during the planned electrical outage on January 9, 2020. The planned outage was scheduled to permanently fix damage done to a circuit on December 19, 2020. Lastly, the Mayor thanked utility customers for their understanding and patience during the outage.

CONSENT AGENDA
 A motion was made by Council person Raciliffe and seconded by Council person Rhoadt 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 are hereby approved. **1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. **2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the Police Report for December 2019 is hereby approved. **4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for December 2019 is hereby approved. **5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for January 20, 2020 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Merz, Raciliffe, Rhoadt, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S DAY AND LABOR DAY COUNCIL MEETING DATE AND TIMES
 A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the changing dates of Council meetings from President's Day to Wednesday, February 18, 2020 and from Labor Day to Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Merz, Raciliffe, Rhoadt, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO USE STANTON LAKE AND FREE SWIMMING AT THE AQUATIC PARK ON AUGUST 4, 2020 FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME - OFFICER ZACH RACILIFFE
 A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Holle to approve the use of Stanton Lake and the Aquatic Park for NNO on August 4, 2020. Officer Raciliffe spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Merz, Rhoadt, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Raciliffe. Motion carried.

2019 EDGE 4TH QUARTER REPORT
 Executive Director, Heckie Cromer presented the 2019 Edge 4th Quarter Report to the City Council. A motion was made by Council person Raciliffe and seconded by Council person Rhoadt to approve the 2019 Edge 4th Quarter Report. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Merz, Raciliffe, Rhoadt, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO PARK TRACTOR AND TRAILER ON STREET AT 817 STONE STREET - PAT BEER
 A motion was made by Council person Raciliffe and seconded by Council person Wisdom to deny parking a semi-tractor and trailer on Stone Street. Police Chief Duane Armbruster spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Merz, Raciliffe, Rhoadt, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:18P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on January 20, 2020; 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 Jom, City Clerk
 Shawna Bindle, Mayor

E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of February:
 General Fund - \$51,786.91
 Payroll - \$423,434.83
 NCEBVI - \$26,488.72
 Federal Programs - \$18,029.20

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 pm on Monday, March 9, 2020, in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will hold their meeting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. Agendas for both meetings are kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

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Seals, hares, oxen, foxes and squirrels are some animals that can live in cold, snowy climates. Do you know other animals that live in lands of cold and snow? Many live where land and water meet.

Will you read the clues below and fill in the crossword? I can "bearly" wait to see the answers.

- walk in single file; lead animal breaks trail in snow; known to travel great distances
- large sea animal hunted for its hide, ivory tusks, oil; moves in herds; sunbathes in groups
- Dall _____ - horned animal; hooves have rough pads to help traverse mountains
- polar _____ has black skin, but "white" fur; hunts seals from sea ice
- large, beaked bird; dives up to 80 meters to catch fish
- collared _____ - burrows under snow; eats stored seed, bark
- snowshoe _____ - lives above ground unlike many long-eared cousins; grows white coat of fur for camouflage
- timber _____; moves up to 12 miles a day in a pack to hunt
- largest of northern deer; wide hooves help it walk in snow
- Alaskan _____; oldest known sled dog; does not normally live in wild, cared for by people; has strength and endurance
- snowy _____; stays awake during day, unlike others; white feathers; travels to slightly warmer places in winter
- fluffy white animal; can hear prey as it moves under snow
- short legs, long nose and hair; finds things under snow using smell
- flightless bird; glides on stomach along snow, ice; huddles with others for warmth; oil on feathers protects from cold water
- bird; migrates to slightly warmer climates for cold winter months; moves in large groups to protect young from predators like arctic fox

Who Am I?
 I live on the edge of snowy lands and in the icy waters. I am a wonderful swimmer and diver! Who am I?
 Follow the dots to see me!

How Do Penguins Keep Warm?

There are many animals and birds living in the lands of cold, snow and ice. My cousin, Pearly the Polar Bear, lives up north in the Arctic. Penguins do not live with the polar bears in the area near the North Pole. They live in areas farther south. Some live in deep cold, such as on the continent of Antarctica, near the South Pole.

Some live in warmer areas around the world. Layers of fat and feathers keep penguins warm. Penguins are one of my favorite animals. They are such fun to watch. They seem to know they're putting on a show! Speaking of penguins and shows...can you fill in the blanks to answer my new joke below?

What did the penguins sing after putting on their best hats and "tails"?

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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 13 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Richardson County, Nebraska, the undersigned Trustee will on

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

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF JDT FARMS, L.L.C. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that JDT FARMS, L.L.C., a limited liability company, was organized on January 20, 2020 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- 1. The name of the company is JDT FARMS, L.L.C.
2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is...

Administrative Order by the Nemaha National Resources District - Public Notice 02/18/2020 The Nemaha National Resources District issued an Order at the February 13th, 2020 Board Meeting approving the proposed revisions to the District's Groundwater Management Plan Rules and Regulations as brought before the District Board of Directors.

1) Definition updates.
2) Well spacing - no public water supply shall be permitted to be constructed within (one half) mile of any registered high capacity well (pumping greater than 50 (fifty) gallons per minute under separate ownership.

3) Well permit applications and ranking system methodology - requiring the following: landowner or power of attorney signature, detailed irrigation plan with the number of acres indicated, active well permits will be counted in the well density calculation.

4) Transfers - agricultural irrigation water transfers - maximum number of acres allowable and minimum well permit requirement.

The Board finds that notice of the public hearing to receive testimony concerning the changes and additions to the District's Groundwater Management Plan Rules and Regulations was published in the Falls City Journal, Pawnee Republican, Tecumseh Chieftain, Nemaha County Herald, Syracuse Journal-Democrat, Humboldt Standard, The Voice News, the Nebraska City Newspress, the District's Insight newsletter and website.

This order will become effective March 13th, 2020. Notice of this order shall be duly published as set forth in Nebraska Groundwater Management and Protection Act Section 46-744. These actions are a general description of the controls. A complete copy may be obtained from the District office: 62161 US Highway 136, Tecumseh, NE (402) 535-3325 M-F 8:00am-4:30pm or on the district's website at www.nemaha.org

19-26-20

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 use being 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 St. and beginning 35 feet east of the southwest corner of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 17 East of the 6th T1N 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 ranching Richardson County Structure C007452615.

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

Richardson County Bridge C007452615 has been closed since 1990, due to the bankaving 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 C007452615 in 1990; furthermore, said roadway has been planted in crops for several years.

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

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Richardson County Highway Superintendent that this segment of road be closed and abandoned on the road R.O.W. and closed bridge can be reverted back to the adjacent landowners without any action being required. It is recommended that this structure be permanently closed at this time.

It is recommended that the half mile segment of existing County Road including closed bridge C007452615 be permanently closed and abandoned and the road right-of-way and closed bridge be reverted back to the adjacent landowners. As the landowners have previously furnished 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 gating 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 should cause 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 2 weeks in advance of the hearing.

THEFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, this Resolution is passed under a Public Hearing date to be set for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:45 a.m. in Room 202, Courthouse, Falls City, NE.

DATED this 28th day of January, 2020. David D. SICKEL, Chairperson Terry Frank, John Cavarage, Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk

5-12-19

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 25th day of February, 2020, Room 202 of the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. The agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available at the public inspection office in the County Clerk in the Richardson County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Room 203, Falls City, NE during normal working hours.

The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room Door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

Mary L. Eickhoff, Richardson County Clerk

5-12-19

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE JERRY TRAVELERS, L.L.C.

Notice is hereby given that THE JERRY TRAVELERS, L.L.C. has been organized pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Nebraska.

The name of the limited liability company is The Jerry Travelers, L.L.C., and the address of its registered office is 64449 718 Road, Stella, Nebraska 68442. The general nature of the business to be transacted is any and all business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska.

The company commenced its business on November 30, 2018, and it has perpetual existence. The affairs of The Jerry Travelers, L.L.C., and its management shall be conducted by its members, who on its date of organization was Carrie A. Hall, and such persons who subsequently become members of the company.

The Jerry Travelers, L.L.C., P.O. Box 199, 718 Road, Stella, Nebraska 68442. By: Steven J. Mercure, #15541 Attorney 19-26-5

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of Aveya M. Siekel, Deceased.

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. Siekel, whose address is 2524 Madison Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with the Court on or before April 13, 2020 or be forever barred.

Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Nancy A. DeKloze Clerk of the County Court Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C. 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486 12-19-26

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA 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, to be granted and proper of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Michael Ann Christie to Michael Ann Christie.

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

Michael Ann Christie 62526 709 Road Falls City, NE 68355 785-288-0842 5-12-19-26

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

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The family of Tom White would like to thank everyone for prayers, cards, memorials, phone calls, food, and flowers. Friends, Neighbors for their help, The Care Center, CMC, Dr. Tramp and staff, Hospice Care. A special thank you to Pastor Mikael and Julie Hader for the comforting words and support. Dorr and Clark Funeral Home for their services. God's Blessings to everyone. The family of Tom White 7P

I wish to thank Dr. Langdon and Dr. Agarwal and all the doctors and nurses of the cardiac unit of the Bergan Mercy hospital for the wonderful care I received during and after my surgery procedure. Everyone was very kind and patient in explaining things to me. I also wish to thank Dr. Tramp for his kind words of encouragement that helped calm my nerves. Also a big thank you to my family for taking the time to be with me, for all the trips they made taking me back and forth to Omaha the past few months and all their help at home while I was unable to do much. May God bless you all. I know I've been blessed a lot. Helen Goltz 7

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 gave me strength and courage to face the days ahead. For Glenda Von Behren who played the organ 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 many 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.

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Avery Santo

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Reece McNeely scores two in the paint during the FC vs. HTRS game.

Lady Tigers fall in regular-season finale

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The HTRS Titans came to FC on Thursday night and left town with a 61-45 win. The scoring got underway for FC with Hannah Clary hitting 2-3 free throw attempts to give FC a 2-0 lead with 6:01 to play in the first. Eryn Snethen then gave FC a 4-2 lead with a bucket in the paint with 5:30 to go. A drive by Clary increased the Tiger lead to four points, 6-2 with just over four minutes to play. HTRS then outscored Falls City 8-1 in the final three minutes of the quarter to take a 10-7 lead heading into the second period.

Quarter number two began well for Falls City as Chase Nolte hit a shot in the paint to make it a one-point game with 7:43 to play in the half. Nolte then picked up an offensive rebound and put back to tie the game at 11 with 6:10 to go. A driving shot off the glass by Madison Jones broke a 13 all tie, giving FC a two-point lead with 3:40 to go in the half. Another shot by Nolte in the paint gave the Tigers a 17-15 lead with just 2:15 to

play. HTRS then went on a 9-0 run and took a 25-19 lead heading into the half.

FC was outscored 36-26 in the second half, falling to the Titans by 16 points, 61-45. The Tigers tried to stay close in the third with Reece McNeely getting an offensive rebound and put back with 6:00 to play to make it 29-22 HTRS. One minute later, Clary got an offensive board and score to make it 29-24. Back to back hoops by Nolte and Snethen kept FC close at 33-28, and a drive to the hoop by Clary closed out the Tigers scoring, with FC trailing 39-30. The deficit grew to 10 to start the fourth quarter. A two-point bucket, followed by a three from the wing, all from Lindsey McNeely got FC within nine points with 4:11 to play, but the Titans were too much down the stretch, sending FC to 15th loss of the season.

Scoring vs. HTRS FC 13, Snethen eight, Nolte 12, R. McNeely three, Jones two, L. McNeely five.



Brock Hogue drains a three as time runs out on the third quarter.

Tiger boys hitting their stride

Photo and story by Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger boys basketball team picked up a couple of essential wins heading into the final week of the regular season. First off on Tuesday, the Tigers took down Conestoga 66-56 and then finished off the perfect week with a win over the HTRS Titans 65-31 on Thursday night.

In the opener on Tuesday, the Tiger led the Cougars 9-6 after eight minutes and then exploded for 21-second quarter points to take a 30-22 halftime lead. FC picked up eight points apiece from Mason Crawford and Carson Simon in the second quarter to build their halftime lead to eight. The Tigers also had a big third period, hitting 8/17 shots from the floor to increase their lead to 50-39 with just one period to play. The fourth quarter was pretty even, with the Cougars outscoring FC 17-16, but Falls City held on for the crucial 10-point win.

Falls City shot well for the night, making 27-52 attempts, including 8-20 from downtown. Meanwhile, the Tiger defense held Conestoga to just 19-53 shooting. FC owned the glass with a 25-12 rebounding advantage.

Senior Mason Crawford paced Falls City with 28 points, making 11-20 shots, including 4-9 from behind the arc. Kade Bredemeier also had a big night, adding 15 points on 8-13 shooting. Lane Fox led Conestoga with 19 points.

Scoring vs. Conestoga, Crawford 28, Bredemeier 15, Carson Simon eight, Vitosh six, Caden Simon five, Arnold two, Hogue two.

On Thursday night, the Tigers hosted the HTRS Titans. The Titans played FC close the first half, leading 10-9 after the first quarter. Hunter Arnold got FC on the board first with a hoop one minute into the game to give FC a 2-0 lead. The Titans kept things close, leading 5-4 until Crawford hit a hoop and got fouled, giving FC a 7-5 lead with 2:09 to play in the first. HTRS scored the final four points of the period to take the one-point lead after eight minutes.

The second quarter saw FC begin to distance themselves from the Titans. A hoop in the paint by Arnold tied the game at 13, and two free throws by Crawford with 5:45 to play in the half gave FC the lead for good. Crawford then hit back to back treys, followed by a steal and a layup to give FC a 23-15 lead with 4:00 to play. A three from the corner by Will Vitosh made it an 11-point game at the 3:20 mark. HTRS scored the final five points of the half to make it 27-20 heading into the locker rooms.

Whatever Coach Hogue said to the team at halftime worked, FC outscored the Titans 26-5 in the third to put the game out of reach. FC could do no wrong in the quarter, hitting three from downtown, including a deep three at the buzzer by Brock Hogue to push the Tiger lead to 53-25. The Tigers doubled-up the Titans 12-6 in the fourth quarter, picking up the 34-point, 65-31 win.

For the second game in a row, FC shot well from the floor, hitting 23-47 (48%) shot attempts. The Tiger defense forced 14 turnovers and held HTRS to just 26% shooting (11-41). The Tigers also pulled down 34 rebounds, 14 on the offensive end, while HTRS had only 12. The win pushed Falls City's record to 11-11 while the loss dropped the Titans to 6-16. Crawford again led Falls City with 18 points, eight rebounds, and three steals. Bredemeier added 11 points, two steals, and two assists, and Hunter Arnold fought for six rebounds, scored five points and added two blocked shots.

Scoring vs. HTRS, Crawford 18, K. Bredemeier 11, Caden Simon eight, Vitosh seven, Hogue six, Arnold five, Oliver three, Uehi two, Carson Simon two, C. Bredemeier two, McAfee one.

The Tigers will close out the regular season hosting the Fairbury Jeffs on Friday, February 21, with JV action set for 6:00. Fairbury enters the contest at 13-8. The boys' districts will take place on February 24, 25, and 27 at Beatrice High School.

MARCH 2020

Early St. Patrick's Day Celebration ~ Saturday, March 14th
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in promo cash or \$500 in cash every 1/2 hour 1pm-1am.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration ~ Tuesday, March 17th
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 every 1/2 hour Noon-11pm.

Extended St. Patrick's Day Celebration ~ Saturday, March 28th
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in promo cash or \$500 in cash every 1/2 hour 1pm-12:30am.
Drawing to win \$2,000 in cash at 1am.

NEW MEMBERS GET \$30 IN PROMO CASH FOR SIGNING UP THE MONTH OF MARCH!! (Excludes March 14, 17 & 28)
If you sign up as a new member on the excluded days (March 14, 17 or 28), you will receive your \$30 in promo cash in the month of April.

SUNDAYS, MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS
SUNDAYS, MONDAYS & THURSDAYS - 3X POINTS 9AM-NOON!
Prime Time Tuesday!! TUESDAYS ONLY - \$2 off lunch and dinner buffets (\$5 & over).
WEDNESDAYS - 2X POINTS 9AM-NOON!
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in promo every 1/2 hour 1pm-11pm, plus you could win promo for April. (Excludes Tuesday, March 17)

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in promo every 1/2 hour 6pm-1am. (Excludes Saturdays, March 14 & 28)

BINGO
Drawings every night (excludes March 14, 17 & 28)
Early St. Patrick's Day Drawings - Mar. 14
St. Patrick's Day Drawings - Mar. 17
Extended St. Patrick's Day Drawings - Mar. 28

BUFFET
PRIME TIME TUESDAYS!!
\$2 off Lunch or Dinner Buffet. (\$5 & over) (Excludes March 17th)

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