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RICHARDSON COUNTY ALL-MAIL VOTING PRECINCTS

The Richardson County Clerk's Office has received formal approval from the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office for the Salem, East Muddy (Shubert) and Grant/Nemaha (Dawson) Voting Precinct to be All-Mail Election Precincts along with the Arago/Barada Voting Precinct for the 2020 Elections and all elections following.

The Richardson County Clerk's Office will be sending by U.S. Mail, non-forwardable, to all registered voters in the Salem, East Muddy, Grant/Nemaha and Arago/Barada precincts the Official Ballot for the May 12, 2020 Primary Election. Included within the mailing of the ballot will be an envelope for the return of the ballot, stamped and self-addressed with instructions for mailing and/or returning to the County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse before the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 12, 2020. When the return envelope with the ballot is received at the County

Clerk's Office the envelope is checked for the proper signature, information verified against the voter registration record and then will be held for safekeeping until verified once again and then counted by the County Counting and Canvassing Board on Election Day.

Other counties across the State of Nebraska have designated All-Mail Voting precincts and have determined that voter turnout is significantly higher and the cost of the election per voter is lowered.

In 2016, the Arago/Barada precinct became an All-Mail voting precinct and the voter turnout has increased as follows: 2014 Primary--31.52 percent; 2014 General--42.45 percent; Began All-Mail at 2016 Primary--55.12 percent (highest percent in County); 2016 General--82.63 percent (highest percent in County); 2018 Primary--41.39 percent (highest percent in County); 2018 General--71.84 percent (highest percent in County).



RED FLAG WARNINGS were issued for parts of Nebraska last week. Several local fires were called in between Thursday and Sunday including this Friday night fire on the southeast side of Rulo near the river. The glow of the fire could be seen from Falls City. A Red Flag Warning is: Three consecutive hours when relative humidity is less than 20 percent and winds are greater than 15 knots or frequent gusts over 25 MPH, or when there is greater than 15 percent coverage of dry lightning expected, may be not be available during the winter season. (Photos by Nikki McKim)

WATER UTILITY'S CLARIFIER NEEDS TO BE REPLACED

By: Charlie Radatz

The water clarifier at the Falls City Water Utility's Rulo water plant that was supposed to have a 25-year life span has been in service for 50 years. It is in need of replacement, according to City Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring. During its Mon., Mar. 2, meeting, the City Council approved on a 6-0 vote, with council members Holle and Merz absent, a \$97,065.00 contract with Olsson Engineering, Lincoln, NE, to determine the type of equipment needed, design a structure to house it, prepare bid documents, assist the utility in selecting a contractor, and supervise construction of a plant addition and installation of new clarifier equipment. Luhring said the equipment itself will cost \$300,000.00 and will take 30 weeks to obtain, and the cost of the structure to hold that will be on top of that. Construction of the building to house the clarifier is anticipated to begin this Fall. The existing clarifier will continue to be used until the new one is ready to go online. The Council voted 6-0 to add

a full-time service person to the Gas Department as recommended by the Board of Public Works. And, in still another Utility Department related item, the Council approved, on third and final reading, an ordinance authorizing issuance of a combined utility revenue bond, series 2020 in the aggregate principal amount of but not to exceed \$375,000.00 in the form of a promissory note issued to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy pledging as security revenue of the sewer, water, gas, and electric utilities.

Tabled on a 5-1 vote for more details on the cost was a pro-

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HUMBOLDT SALES TAX TO GO BEFORE VOTERS

Humboldt voters will be seeing a proposed 1.5 percent sales tax on their Primary Election Ballot this spring.

The City Council of Humboldt voted to place the issue of imposing such authorized sales tax on the May 12, 2020, Primary Election Ballot for consideration.

Voters will vote for their approval or rejection of the following proposition: "Shall the governing body of the City of Humboldt, Nebraska, impose a sales and use tax at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) upon the same transactions within the municipality on which the State of which the State of Nebraska imposes a sales and use tax.

If there is a majority of votes cast in favor of the Sales and Use tax, then the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Humboldt will proceed to impose the tax. If there is a vote against such tax, then the governing body shall not impose the tax.

SENATE PASSES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PACKAGE TO RESPOND TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

On Thursday, March 5, the United States Senate passed a supplemental funding package to respond to the coronavirus outbreak with a vote of 96 to one.

An overview of the supplemental package includes \$8.3 billion in total funding including \$3.1 billion for the research and development of vaccines and hospital and health system preparedness; \$2.2 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); \$950 million to support state and local governments; \$61 million to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); \$836 million to NIH to assist the research of treatments and assist in training the workforce; \$100 million to community health centers; \$250 million to the Economic Support Fund; \$435 million to the State Department for global

health programs; \$300 million for the CDC's global health efforts; \$300 million in humanitarian aid in countries where the disease is spreading.

"This package will provide the necessary resources to combat the spread of Coronavirus. It will help develop a vaccine, support state, and local governments, and assist our community health centers. I am so proud of the Nebraskans who are responding to this crisis through the great work at UNMC, Nebraska Medicine, and Camp Ashland," said Senator Deb Fischer.

This past weekend Nebraska confirmed the first travel-related case of coronavirus disease in a person from Douglas County, part of the Omaha and Council Bluffs, IA area.

The woman, 36, is seriously ill but in stable condition at Nebraska Medicine/University

of Nebraska Medical Center's Biocontainment Unit. Two additional presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 were also reported. The cases were found in family members of the woman. Both parties have been self-quarantined at home since Friday. Other close contacts of the first case who have been tested, have tested negative so far. The two family members who tested positive had limited exposure to other individuals in the community. Currently, the total of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Nebraska is only three. Cases undergoing further testing at the Nebraska Public Health Lab is 17.

"We expected to see additional cases, and the response to today's developments is already in motion," said Dr. Gary Anthonie, Chief Medical Officer and Di-

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IRISH GIRLS TAKE THIRD AT STATE

THIRD PLACE AT STATE—Front row, Ryann Westengaard, Daycee Witt, Claire Niemeyer, McKenzie Witt, Emily Wertenberger, Avery Santo, Jentry Lechtenberg. Second row, l-r: Olivia Santo, Grace Malcolm, Lauren Malone, Olivia Eickhoff, Lainey Ebel, Erison Vonderschmidt, DeLanie Witt, Emma Frederick. Third row, standing, l-r: Coach Adam Santo, Caylee Ewers, London Nachtigal, Macy Keller, Emma Littrel, Danielle Bippes, Rachel Magdanz, Jessica Wertenberger, Ella Simon, Taylor Frederick, Madi Stamper, Coach Holly Westengaard and Coach Luke Santo. More on pages 7 and 14.



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ENDING THE DISGRACE OF DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Nebraska is a pro-life state that respects the dignity of human life. You can see it in everything from how Nebraskans care for their neighbors to how legislators fight to protect preborn babies. While we have made great strides over the years, we have more work to do. You may be surprised to learn this: It is still legal in Nebraska to perform dismemberment abortions.



Thankfully, State Senator Suzanne Geist is taking steps to end this horrific practice. This session, she has introduced a bill (LB 814) to end the brutal practice of dismemberment abortion in Nebraska. This type of abortion usually takes place between 13 and 24 weeks of pregnancy.

The barbaric procedure literally rips apart a preborn child, piece by piece, to destroy the life of the baby.

Developmentally, babies make incredible strides between 13 and 24 weeks. Early in this stage, a baby's sex becomes clear. During this window of time, little boys or girls start to move their eyes, and they begin to hear. Around 16 weeks, an ultrasound can detect them moving their arms and legs. A few weeks later, a baby will begin to suck his or her thumb. Babies born prematurely at the end of this stage (24 weeks) have a survival rate of around 60-70%. Improvements in neonatal care are constantly increasing these odds as well as making survival a possibility even earlier in a pregnancy.

Imagine watching a sleeping baby girl peacefully suck her thumb inside of her mother's womb. Then consider the horror of seeing that same baby girl flail her tiny arms and legs as an abortionist uses forceps to clutch at her body. If you could stomach the sight, you would see the baby's life gruesomely destroyed as the abortionist disassembled her body, bit by bit, grasping and crushing her little skull as part of the process.

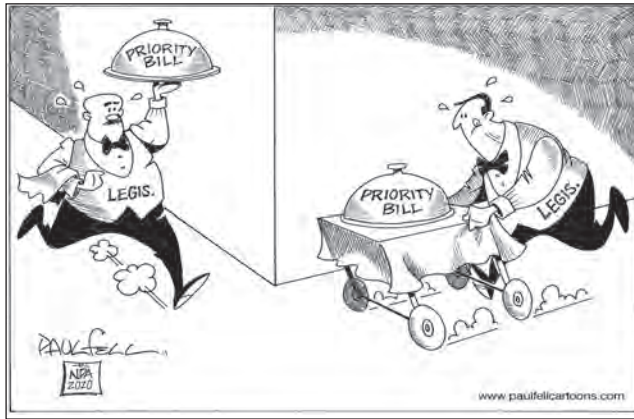
Dr. Kathi Aultman is a retired, board-certified Ob/Gyn and a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists with more than 35 years of experience. She has both received an abortion and performed many of them, including dismemberment abortions. Her experiences working as an abortionist, as well as giving birth to a baby of her own, convinced her of the cruelty of dismemberment abortion.

Dr. Aultman testified at the Legislature's hearing on LB 814 in support of the bill. "A major benefit of this legislation is that it will spare mothers the agony and guilt of knowing that they consented to a procedure which caused their child to be torn limb from limb while it was alive," she said. "It also protects medical personnel from the emotional trauma of knowing they assisted in this gruesome procedure on a live baby."

Dr. Aultman's concerns are echoed by other abortionists who testify of the psychological trauma that they and their staffs underwent after performing dismemberment abortions. During a dismemberment abortion, the baby's severed limbs and other tissues are placed on a tray. Medical staff then have to account for each piece to make sure no parts of the body remain inside the mother to cause infection.

Kristen New formerly worked as a counselor for three years at abortion clinics, and she also testified in support of Senator Geist's bill. Kristen witnessed a dismemberment abortion up close. She held the hand of the mother about to have the procedure as she was sedated and put to sleep. Kristen then eyed the ultrasound screen as the abortion occurred. She could not endure watching its brutality and had to excuse herself from the room. After the abortion ended, she insisted on seeing the baby's dead body. Looking at the boy's once-perfectly formed body, now pulled apart and clinically arranged on a tray, disgusted and horrified her. The sickening experience motivated her to quit her job.

These stories make a compelling case for ending this method of abortion. Senators have the opportunity this session to act quickly and decisively to end this horrendous form of abortion. The Judiciary Committee is expected to vote on this bill this week. I encourage Nebraskans to contact their State Senators to voice support for LB 814. Their information can be found at www.NebraskaLegislature.gov. If you have questions about LB 814, I invite you to contact me by email at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or by phone at 402-471-2244.



CRUNCH TIME AT THE LEGISLATURE. TIME TO PRIORITIZE

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

Priorities. A good thing to have when time is of the essence. Here's what Nebraska lawmakers have on their plates with the session more than half over.

Tax reform, state school aid, business investment tax incentives, a funding commitment to a \$2.6 billion project at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha... and many others.

Buoyed by the latest upward projections from the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, thoughts run wild on using increased income for more property tax relief or to fund any of the afore-mentioned bills. Given Corona Virus induced activity in the stock market and world economy projections, at least one popular think tank is urging caution.

Renee Fry, Director of the Open Sky Policy Institute, said "More money in the cash reserve is a good thing for the state, particularly if there is economic fallout from a potential pandemic."

The Forecasting Board said revenue projections for the current fiscal year and FY2020-21 were raised primarily based on an anticipated \$70 million increase in sales and use tax receipts and a \$45 million increase in corporate income tax receipts in FY2019-20. Total projected revenue receipts for FY2019-20 were raised to \$5.20 billion, an increase of \$115 million. Projected total revenue receipts for FY2020-21 were set at \$5.17 billion, an increase of \$25 million.

That's got to be encouraging news to Senator Mark Kollerman of Seward who is promoting (LB720) a new statewide business tax incentive measure. Likewise Revenue Committee chair Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn and Education Committee chair Mike Groene of North Platte probably sees it as some relief for their efforts (LB974) to restructure the state's tax system and school finance formula in what is probably the most talked about bill of the session.

Meanwhile, lawmakers adopted a resolution (LR288) offered by Sen. Julie Slama of Peru to urge Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make flood control a top priority when managing water systems under their authority in the Missouri River basin.

Slama told her colleagues that flooding along the Missouri River in 2019 devastated many Nebraska communities, and much of it was due to a "systematic failure" by the Corps, which has authority over many levee systems in Nebraska as well as a network of six dams used to manage water flows in the Missouri River basin.

Although the Legislature cannot require the Corps to change its master water control manual for the basin or to update its levee standards, Slama said her priority measure signals Congress and the Corps that the lives and livelihoods of Nebraskans who live along the river deserve priority. The resolution was adopted 43-1.

Other priority measures for debate before the session ends next month include:

Lincoln Senator Patty Pansing Brooks bill (LB267) to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification.

Greene's bill (LB147) to allow public school teachers or administrators to use physical restraint on unruly and disruptive students and remove them from class and/or the school grounds.

Pansing Brooks bill (LB283) to provide for a climate change study.

Omaha Sen. Meghan Hunt's bill (LB962) to adopt the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act to allow student athletes in college to be paid for promoting products and services and to allow them to hire agents to facilitate that process.

Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard wants lawmakers to approve placing a Constitutional Amendment (LR300 CA) on the November ballot to allow for a prohibition on all forms of taxation other than a one-time consumption tax.

Speaker of the Legislature Jim Scheer of Norfolk is also propos-

ing a Constitutional Amendment (LR279CA) to let voters authorize an increase in the number of state senators from the current 49 to 55. He has noted that doesn't mean the number would automatically increase, but it could be anywhere between 49 and 55.

This is a fairly optimistic agenda. Please note, each senator gets one priority and some senators pick others bills to promote. Committees get to pick two bills and Scheer tabs 25. So, there are more than the major issues I have listed.

There are numerous variables that can and will derail the best-laid plans. Stay tuned; this is going to get very, very interesting.

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

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: MARCH MADNESS

- ACROSS**
- Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
 - Passports and driver's licenses
 - Bit of smoke
 - Narcotics agent, for short
 - Type of coffee maker
 - Sashay
 - Austin Powers' antagonist
 - Ceole cuisine staple
 - Designer Calvin
 - Last year's winning coach
 - Red-encased cheese
 - Prepared
 - Drunkard's sound?
 - Source of white meat
 - They are often grand
 - "Ever" to a poet
 - Mrs. Potts of "Beauty and the Beast"
 - Cough syrup balsam
 - Russians, e.g.
 - A shot could prevent it
 - Up and about
 - Lake _____caca, South America
 - Plant disease
 - *Member of University of Utah team
 - Autumnal zodiac sign
 - Rooster, e.g.
 - Rare find
 - Champ VIPs
 - Razor
 - *Lowest seed
 - In good health
 - 2017 Oscar-winning animated film
 - _____ for though!
 - Essential oil derived from iris
 - Nasal input
 - Pre-swan state?
 - *NCAA basketball team with most titles
 - *7 seed opponent in round 1
 - Prospector's mother

- DOWN**
- *Top seed
 - Abbreviation on a bathroom door
 - Precedes drab
 - Part of an eyebrow
 - Vexed
 - Eastwood's _____ Harry
 - Quarrel
 - *Lowest seeded team to win championship
 - Part of ideal
 - Fit for a skinny one
 - Mightier than sword?
 - Give to St. Vinnie's
 - Yarn store unit
 - Does like Matryoshka
 - *An airball doesn't do it to either rim or net
 - Outdoes
 - Thing of the past
 - One of the Muses
 - *Final
 - India's sacred flower
 - *Like last eight
 - More sure
 - *Like Bob Ross' hair
 - Layer
 - *Cavaliers' state
 - Make amends
 - Slow-witted
 - Demonsthenes, e.g.
 - Waits for approval, e.g.
 - Being of service
 - D in LED
 - Former prisoner
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50 Years Ago - March 11, 1970 to March 17, 1970
 Compare these temperatures to what you are experiencing now. Low temperatures were expected to range from 10 below in North Central Nebraska to 10 to 15 above in this part of the state.

A romance that began 54 years earlier was rekindled when Mrs. Amelia Leuze, Sabetha, KS, she a widow, and Leonard Housh, Falls City, he a widower, rediscovered each other at Eastview Apartments. The result was a wedding and downsizing to but one apartment.

A tea was held in the Gold Room of Stephenson Hotel for prospective candidates in the Miss Falls City pageant.

The Chamber of Commerce went on record in favor of adding vocational education to the course offerings at Peru State College.

A Falls City woman was swindled out of \$865 by a fast-talking "terminator" who claimed to represent a bonding company.

Movies at the Rivoli included "The Great Bank Robbery," "The Bible," "Alaskan Safari," and "The Undefeated."

Mrs. Wayne (Darlene) Tisdell became the first ever female candidate for County Commissioner when she filed as a Republican in the First District.

The Micklin Home Improvement Co., Omaha, began installing the first of 136 new combination windows at Falls City High School.

His sales for The Midwest Life Ins. Co. earned Duane Duey and his wife a trip to Hawaii.

A Minnesota cucumber pickler was seeking new sources of supply and wanted to contract for 200 acres in Southeast Nebraska because of its longer growing season.

A team captained by Suzanne Holmes won the basketball championship of the girls Athletic Association at Falls City High School.

Work was underway at Falls City Country Club (what today is known as Classic Club 8) to add nine new tee boxes to allow 18 hole play on the course using the existing greens.

There was a lot of interest in seeking public office in Humboldt where Donald E. Herr and Wilbur J. Boss were running for mayor; Sterling Wittwer and Paul Lewis were candidates for first ward city council and four were seeking the two seats up for election on the school board.

Center Lanes was abuzz with activity as a six day men's, women's, and mixed doubles tournament was underway.

The U.S. Treasury Department announced it was discontinuing its savings stamp program.

The County Spelling Bee for 5th & 6th graders and 7th & 8th graders was held at North School.

The completely remodeled Bank of Salem was having a grand opening.

The Sacred Heart Irish band performed at 17th & Stone on the 17th of March.

The Pawnee City Indians won their first state high school basketball championship defeating Henderson 49-48 to take the Class C title.

Both Sacred Heart beginners and junior high bands received superior ratings at a music festival in Leavenworth, KS.

The number of super farms in America, with sales of over \$100,000/year jumped from 19,979 in 1959 to 31,401 in 1964.

A "Candy Strippers" service group was being organized at Community Hospital.

A court of honor potluck supper recognized accomplishments of Rulo Girl Scouts.

The new owners of Gambles, Bev and Ray Koopman, were giving away \$200 in prizes.

Boys knit shirts were \$1.22 at Hesteds and a "Decoupage Demonstration" was held at Jim Hill's during "Bunny Days" in Falls City.

25 Years Ago - March 11, 1995 to March 17, 1995

Del Sutherland officially closed out his 31 year career as the *Journal's* Sports Editor and Jason Schock assumed those duties. Del filled an entire full page with memories of his career. *Journal* Editor Emeritus Bill Schock described Del as the "unofficial sports historian for the county".

The Sheriff's Department was investigating vandalism as the possible cause of the loss of electrical power to a confinement unit at Pigs Unlimited resulting in the death of 300 pigs.

A Reduction in Force plan was being implemented by the Falls City Public Schools resulting in reduction of the contracts of Gary Grady and Karen Flynn and termination of Lauri Auffert.

Kim Weaver and Cody Hawkins, both 5th graders at South School received cash prizes in a Dental Health Week poster contest.

Cheryl Patchen, a volleyball and basketball standout at Southeast Consolidated, was selected for a volleyball tour of Europe sponsored by Continental Teams USA.

John Lunsford purchased the Oasis Restaurant, Falls City.

Movies at River Twin Cinema were "Heavyweights" and "Hideaway".

The new manager of Brown's Shoe Fit, Falls City, Mike Brandt, earned an award for high store sales at Scottsbluff before coming to Falls City.

With five returning state champions and 14 returning state qualifiers, hopes were high going into the track season that Falls City Sacred Heart could win a third state Class D track championship but Coach Dennis Pritchard was concerned about the new competition from teams that dropped from Class C to D in an NSA realignment.

The Falls City Elks Lodge honored Fred Gilbert as its Elk of the Year.

15 Years Ago - March 11, 2005 to March 17, 2005

After six years in the U.S. Army and a tour of duty in Iraq, E-4 Specialist R.J. Shields was home. R.J. visited the first grade class of Deb Harris. He told the kids how much he and members of his unit appreciated receiving cards and letters, especially the hand-made Christmas and Veterans Day cards made by the first graders.

The Community Medical Center Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Administrator Mike Ellis and began working to obtain an interim until a new administrator could be hired. The Board was also exploring ways of staffing the Family Medicine Clinic in the aftermath of the resignations of Dr. David Borg and nurse practitioner Sandy Catlin.

Local Elks "Most Valuable Student" award winners did well on the state level. Kelly Moyer of Du Bois received an additional award of \$500 and her portfolio was one of five forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Elks for further judging. Marcelle J. Ankrom, Salem, and Travis J. Mullins, Falls City were At Large winners and received \$800 grants. Daniel Lee Harris, Falls City received a one-time Vocational Education grant of \$750.

County Commissioners approved Emergency Management Director Jim Gerweck's application for a grant to fund purchase of equipment to permit interoperable radio communications between emergency responders.

Second seeded Class D1 Falls City Sacred Heart hammered Lewiston 64-44 in the opening round of the State Basketball Tournament, but then lost 61-41 to the eventual state champion Pleasanton Bulldogs.

Falls City Sacred Heart graduate Ashley Howard helped to lead the Doane college Lady Tigers to an impressive 23-9 record, a season that ended with a 66-55 loss in the second or "Sweet Sixteen" round of the NAAIA Division II National Championship Tournament.

Former Falls City High basketball standout Nate Hinrich coached the Class I Mercer MO High School Cardinals to a district championship and a 19-10 record.

A public Town Hall meeting was set to get input on the location to be chosen for the present day Falls City Library and Arts Center.

The Falls City Housing Board selected a 39-block area to target for a federally funded housing rehabilitation program.

Senate passes supplemental funding package to respond to the coronavirus outbreak

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Director of Public Health for DHHS. "The Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) and DHHS are currently identifying people who came into close contact with the two family members to help prevent further spread."

"Ensuring the health of Nebraskans is our main priority. These actions are meant to help reduce the spread of disease in the community. However, even with these actions, we most likely will see additional cases," said Dr. Tom Safranek, State Epidemiologist for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Currently, the group at the highest risk are the healthcare professionals who saw the first patient before the risk of COVID-19 was identified. Healthcare workers are now self-quarantined at home for 14 days.

The DHHS continues to remind the public that they haven't identified COVID-19 spreading in Nebraska communities at this time, but they're preparing for what may come.

Currently, it is believed that Coronavirus is transmitted by close contact and surface contamination. Todd Ellerin, MD, has been the director of infectious diseases for 17 years. He explains that the virus can spread from person to person, most likely through mucus and droplets of saliva carried in the air up to six feet when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Necessary steps for avoiding this and the flu is to wash your hands thoroughly and avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes. Measures like this are likely to help stop the spread of the virus.

"How long the new Coronavirus can live on a soft surface — and more importantly, how easy or hard it is to spread this way — isn't clear yet. So far, available evidence suggests it can be transmitted less easily from soft surfaces than frequently-touched hard surfaces, such as a door-knob or elevator button. Coronaviruses may survive on surfaces for a few hours or several days, although many factors will influence this, including surface material and weather," said Ellerin. Ellerin also states that face masks are not recommended for the general public, so leave the masks for professionals like doctors, nurses, and people who are sick. Currently, pharmacies, retailers, and US health systems are running out of protective face masks. "If you have respi-

ratory symptoms like coughing or sneezing, experts recommend wearing a mask to protect others," said Ellerin.

Here are the following recommendations to help slow down the spread of illness during this cold, flu and Coronavirus season: frequent hand washing with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds; avoid touching face or put your hands in your mouth or on your lips or eyes; cough into elbow or tissue; avoid contact with sick people; stay home if experience symptoms of cold or flu avoid unnecessary travel.

The CDC also recommends to get enough of these supplies to last two weeks: hand sanitizer, bodysuits, an easy-to-clean cot (waterproof to clean with bleach), plastic sheets, Duct Tape, Military-grade trash bags (seven mil strength), disinfectant soap, bleach, Lysol, disposable gloves, over the counter medication (pain and fever reducer; flu/cold meds), toilet paper, Kleenex, two gallons of water per day (also for seven days extra for cleaning, laundry, and bathing) two weeks of emergency food, sanitation, and bathroom needs, pet food, and supplies to monitor outside communication (tablet, tv, radio, weather radio).

"It's unknown how deadly the coronavirus is, but signs suggest people may have had mild cases of the virus and recovered without special treatment," said Ellerin.

Here's where you can find tools and resources for individuals and families, schools, communities, businesses, healthcare facilities, and first responders on the DHHS website www.dhhs.ne.gov and CDC's website — <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

Practicing good health habits can help prevent the spread of coronavirus disease and other respiratory infections.

Updates will continue to be published on the DHHS website at <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> and Facebook and Twitter as we have new information. The CDC's website is also a useful resource for COVID-19 information - <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

Water Utility's Clarifier needs to be replaced

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posed contract for the milling and asphaltic overlay of Chase Street from 14th to 21st Street and from 25th to 26th Street. City Administrator Gary Jorn said his administration would like to do an overlay of critical north-south streets this year and next year and begin overlay of east-west streets in the following year.

Approved on a 5-1 vote was a contract with Jones Heating and Air Conditioning for replacement of a boiler used to heat water at the Aquatic Park at the cost of \$34,280.00. Councilman Derrick Leyton reported that Gary Jones suggested the life of the boiler and other equipment housed at the pool site could be extended by improving ventilation with fans and vents activated when the equipment is powered on. City Administrator Gary Jorn said he would review the matter with Pool Manager Roger Lampe.

Approved on a 4-2 vote was a contract for resurfacing of the Grandview Park Tennis Courts at the cost of \$13,490.00. On 6-0 votes, the Council accepted a bid of \$1,200.00 from Kyle Wilhelm for cropping of unused portions of the City Landfill site and approved a request from County Commissioners for removal of the no longer used meter posts around the Courthouse square.

An item tabled during their previous meeting, the proposed purchase of new air packs for the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department, was brought up for discussion again. The \$20,000.00 in city funds in the budget for the Department proved insufficient to pay for the equipment, and the Council voted 6-0 to hire a grant writer to determine if the city could qualify for any federal funds to pay for such equipment. The Department's current air packs do not meet federal standards. Six new air packs will cost \$50,000.00, and the purchase of the air packs with six backup air tanks will cost \$60,000.00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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 Handley Law Office
 217 E 18th Street, Falls City, NE 68355
 Phone: 402-883-7470
dylanhandley@hotmail.com

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The following donations to the Bldg. Fund from Feb. 1, 2019 thru March 1, 2020 for improvements to the Humane Society Shelter.
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Chamber Members of the Month, L-R: Linda Waggoner, Abby Shubert, Amy Goltz, Michelle Henry, Robert Aitken, Jamie Strathman and Kenny Strathman

ACCIDENTS

On February 27, 2020, according to police accident reports, James Langan, of Falls City was southbound in the 900 block of Fulton Street when he struck the rear end of a vehicle parked facing south in the 900 block of Fulton Street owned by Margaret Rose, of Falls City. Rose's vehicle rolled approximately half a block where it stopped in the yard on the northeast corner of ninth and Fulton. Langan said he looked at the GPS on his phone for about 100 yards before hitting the parked vehicle. Estimated damage done to the Rose vehicle was \$2,000; the Langan vehicle was totaled. Langan was issued a citation.

On March 1, 2020, according to police accident reports, Ashley Jacobs, of Falls City, was driving west in the 1100 block of East 14th Street. A Falls City

Robert W. Aitken, CPA is the Chamber's Member of the Month

By Amber Holle

The Strathman's at Mary's Appliance were asked to pick the next Falls City Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month. Their choice was the team at Robert W. Aitken, CPA that helps keep their business operating efficiently while they focus on sales.

Sanitation truck was also driving west in the turning lane in the 1100 block of East 14th Street. The Sanitation truck began merging into the Westbound lane of 14th street. Jacobs swerved to avoid a collision with the Sanitation truck. Jacobs struck the curb as she swerved to avoid the collision. Estimated damage done to the Jacobs vehicle was \$2,000. No citation was issued.

"Bob and his staff are always very helpful and help keep us in line with all our bookkeeping and tax preparation needs," said Kenny Strathman.

Bob Aitken was just a young chap when he started preparing taxes in a back room of Halbert & Dunn's offices in 1987. He worked to build up a faithful client base and moved into his own building near the corner of 17th and Stone Street in July of 1997. Mr. Aitken now employs six individuals, three full time, and three part-time. They offer accounting, bookkeeping, payroll services, financial statement preparation, and all types of individual and business income tax preparation. You'd be hard pressed to find someone more knowledgeable in his field than Bob, who is in the midst of his 33rd tax season.

The Chamber recognizes everyone at Robert W. Aitken, CPA, for their hard work and dedication to the accounting field and helping so many in our community manage their finances and taxes.

Generic drugs not always equivalent, sometimes dangerous

"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

As insurance companies push doctors to save money by switching their patients to generic drugs, complaints about those generics appear to be on the upswing. That's the observation of journalist Katherine Eban, who has written a book, "Bottle of Lies," that tells a very dark tale about the generic drug industry and the safety of generic drugs Americans are increasingly taking.

"My inbox is full of communications from patients who were on a drug that worked but were switched to a generic that didn't work," she told me. "Patients find themselves on a medical odyssey."

She illustrated her point with a case from a major U.S. hospital transplant center where transplant patients who were switched to an immunosuppressant drug made in India suffered organ rejection. One died, and the other had a "tough stay in the ICU," she said. Eban also noted the plight of one woman whose depression was stabilized on a brand drug but whose condition worsened when the pharmacist switched her to a generic.

In these cases, the pharmacy made the switch because it could. Many states allow pharmacists to make generic substitutions unless a doctor indicates the prescription must be dispensed as written. Many patients are not aware of those laws, which have been on the books in some states for many years. "If you are taking a maintenance medication, you may not know you've been switched," Eban says.

Hundreds of patients have told Eban that they don't do well on some of the generics and have no clue why.

But whether you are unknowingly switched to a generic or your physician, under pressure from an insurer to save money, decides to switch you, it's important to understand the rules of the new pharmaceutical game you're being asked to play.

That game is increasingly focused on the ingredients that go into generic drugs, which are mainly coming from India and China where Eban's book shows that good manufacturing practices are often ignored in the name of profits.

Eban described the generic drug industry abroad as a "maze of global deception."

One company, for example, deceived regulators around the world by submitting fraudulent data that made its drugs appear bioequivalent to brand name drugs. "We are dependent on distant drug manufacturers," Eban wrote, "yet have little visibility into their methods." Eban also found that Americans can't rely on the FDA to assure that generics made abroad are safe. Although the agency reviewed data from foreign generic drug makers and inspected their plants, it was not systematically testing the drugs. Yet, she pointed out that some 40 percent of the U.S. generic drugs are made in India. Eighty percent of the active ingredients in all of our drugs, whether brand or generic, are made in India or China. We all have a stake in safe and good manufacturing practices from companies abroad.

What Eban uncovered helps explain why that generic drug a doctor prescribed doesn't work as well as a brand drug. Maybe it has been adulterated to save money and increase profits for the manufacturer.

"The FDA has presented generics as a bargain with no downsides," Eban said. "But there are hidden costs that are not being examined." Those costs come when people end up in the ER or in the ICU because a generic has not worked properly. "No one has studied those costs," she added, noting that such incidents are "very frequent" based on the feedback she's received.

So how do patients protect themselves if the generic drugs that insurers push us to buy or those given in hospital settings are unsafe? I asked Eban for advice.

She suggests learning more about the manufacturer of your drug. The drug maker is typically listed on the dispensing label. Find out if the manufacturer has been in trouble with the FDA by looking at the inspections, compliance, and enforcement sections of the agency's website. If the company has received a warning, that's a red flag.

It's not possible, however, to find out where your drug was made. No law requires a drug maker to disclose the country of origin for either the ingredients or the manufacturing of the drug itself.

You can also find out if others are complaining about a particular generic that is not working properly. If they are, that helps build the case to get your doctor to switch you to a different brand. One source for learning about complaints is the People's Pharmacy (<http://www.peoplespharmacy.com>). For more advice you can also consult Eban's website <https://www.katherineeban.com/>.

Have you had experience with generic drugs that haven't worked well? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

Paul Weinert will be celebrating his 90th birthday on March 20th!
His family is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, March 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 at O'Connor Hall, 1820 Fulton Street.
If you are unable to attend, cards may be sent to: 424 East 22nd Street, Falls City, NE 68355.
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On March 4, 2020, with the assistance of Pawnee County Deputies; Richardson County Deputies arrested 31 year old Matthew Koenke of Humboldt, on a warrant for fines and cost. Koenke was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On February 29, 2020, at approximately 2:20 am Richardson County Deputies arrested 46 year old Curtis Tackett of Humboldt, for Willful Reckless Driving and Driving Under the Influence. Tackett was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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FCCHS annual speech and a treat held

By Kristi Simon

Spring is approaching and speech is winding down. The team numbers were lower than in the past, but the kids managed to all medal at one or more meets. The annual Speech and a Treat was held on March 10, from 6:00 to 7:30.

Presenters included three serious prose: Marcus Liberty Elder, Gracie Frederick, and Sara Gifford. Humorous pieces will include Kyle Daake and a duet of Carly Romo and Lexi Miller. The team has three Oral Interpretation of Drama performing: Libby Pearce Drinks Helen Walker, Marcus Elder Liberty, Sara Gifford, and Courtney McClintock; Bad Auditions by Bad Actors: Joe Vrtiska, Silas Amanullah, Alijah Hernandez, and Stephan Fields; How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse: Caden Simon, Jared Hawley, Brock Hogue, and Calvin Crouse.

SOCIETY

HEIM CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING 2020
The Heim Cemetery Association held their annual meeting at the Pennsylvania Colony Community Building at Dawson, NE



The Falls City Area Jaycees organization held its annual Distinguished Service Award (DSA) banquet in January. Awards were handed out. Winners included, L-R: Cathy O'Grady, The Good Neighbor award; Emma Frederick of Sacred Heart who was a HOBY award winner; Patrick Stamper, R.J. Chab Award; Dr. Travis Kobza, Boss of the Year award; Madilyn Scholl from Falls City Public who was a HOBY award winner; Sara Rue, Distinguished Service Award and Glenda VonBehren, Teacher of the year Award. Not pictured - Anita Nolte, Community Leader.

on February 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM with five members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Kyle Hilgenfeld.

Dennis Thacker, Co-Sexton reported the burial for Helen Martinosky being the only burial during 2019.

Marilyn Ogle, Secretary read the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting, followed by the treasurer's report by Dennis Thacker, Treasurer. Both reports were unanimously approved.

The mowing contract for 2020 with Green Care Lawn Service of Auburn, NE for Heim Cemetery and Heim House (Pennsylvania Colony) will remain the same as for 2019.

Following review of burial charges, it was decided to retain the current charges.

Cash rent paid by James Brothers will remain the same for 2020, unless they wish the renegotiate.

Marilyn Ogle will again compile a list of volunteers for hosting over Memorial Day weekend and send the schedule to those volunteers. Anyone wishing to volunteer may contact one of the Board members.

Donations to area causes were discussed with the following to receive gifts: Humboldt United Methodist Church and Summer Backpack Program, St. Mary's Altar Society, Richardson County Cancer Fund and Pennsylvania Colony Museum.

Kyle Hilgenfeld and Dennis Thacker were re-elected to serve two-year terms on the Board. Officers will be: Kyle Hilgenfeld, president and Co Sexton; Dwight Elliott, Vice President; Dennis Thacker, Treasurer and Co Sexton and Marilyn Ogle, Secretary.

There being no further business for discussion, meeting was adjourned.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

On March 2, 2020 Leah Reyes, of Humboldt, filed to run as a candidate for District 70 School Board for a term of four years.

On March 2, 2020 Ricky Karas, of Dawson, filed to run for office for District 3 County Commissioner for a term of four years.

On February 28, 2020 Grant Reynolds, of Stella, filed to run as a candidate for District 70 School Board for a term of four years.

On March 2, Philip Hitchcock, of Verdon filed to run for office for District 3 County Commissioner for a term of four years.

On March 2, Leslie Baker, of Falls City, has filed to run for office of District 2 County Commissioner for a term of four years.

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

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

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

COUNTY COURT

Shane W. Lambert, of Ponca City, OK, count one, DUI-15+, amended to DUI-alcohol-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess/consume open alcohol container, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count three, speeding 21-35, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 1, 2020.

Ty J. Shopteese, of Holton, KS, count one, assault-third degree, plead guilty, third degree; count two, criminal mischief-\$0-\$500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 1, 2020.

Julian M. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, dom asstl-third degree, Plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 23, 2020.

Jeremy J. Butrick, of Falls City, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd., plead no contest, found guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count three, false reporting-misd., plead no contest, found guilty; count four, drive during revocation/impound-first plead no contest, found guilty; count five, no proof of insurance, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count six, improper/defective vehicle lighting, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count seven, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count eight, careless driving, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count nine, violate stop of yield sign, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count ten, no motorcycle operator's license, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 15, 2020.

Cole E. Ramer, of Shubert, count one, no proof of insurance, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, reckless driving first offense, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 23, 2020.

Kent L. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, possess or obtain legend drugs, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2020.

Kent L. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, criminal trespass-first degree, plead not guilty; count two, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count four, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count five, criminal mischief, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2020.

Natalie C. Auxier, of Omaha, count one, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess or obtain legend drugs, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled.

Scott Bachman Sr., of Humboldt, count one, theft-utility services, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for June 8, 2020.

Matthew Gilbert, of Rulo, count one, drive during revocation/impound-second/third, amended to driving during revocation/impound-first, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$300, court costs, court ordered probation for a term of twelve months starting on March 4, 2020 and jail for a term of ten days starting September 1, 2020.

Jennifer Judd, of Falls City, count one, issue bad check-\$0-\$500, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50, court costs, restitution of \$28.32 and restitution of \$32.90.

Keith A. Ferris, of Falls City, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs; count two, improper vehicle lighting, amended to count dropped/dropped/dropped.

Nathanael E. Smithson, of Falls City, count one, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 23, 2020.

Warren H. Voegel, of Humboldt, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Tara M. Tackett, of Falls City, count one, criminal mischief-\$0-\$500, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Robert S. Hillard, of Lewiston, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

Jordan A. Lunsford, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

Richard D. Wheeler, of Verdon, count one, drive while revoked from DUI/refusal, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

Dalton J. Hoist, of Horton, KS, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug; count three, aiding and abetting a class two felony, plead not guilty; count four, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

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Lady Irish stumble in the semi-final

By Brian McKim

On Saturday afternoon, in the Class D2 semifinal round at the Devaney Sports Complex, the Sacred Heart Irish ran into an old nemesis, the Wynot Blue Devils. Wynot beat the Irish, 39-38, to win the state title last season.

The game couldn't have been scripted any better for Sacred Heart as they got their first bucket of the game, a layup by Olivia Eickhoff, with 7:30 on the clock to give SH a 2-0 lead. On the next trip down the court, Danielle Bippes got an offensive rebound and put the Irish up 4-0. A free throw by Rachel Magdanz and a baseline jumper by Eickhoff had the Irish off and running with a 7-0 lead with 5:49 to play in the first quarter. That would prove to be the last made shot attempt from the floor for the Irish in the first half. Another free throw by Magdanz and two from Erison Vonderschmidt made it 10-0 with 4:04 to go in the opening eight minutes. Wynot finally got on the board with a free throw at the 3:02 mark, and a three-point field goal made it 10-4 at the end of the first quarter.

A pair of free throws by Magdanz to begin the second quarter gave the Irish and eight-point lead at 12-4. With 6:07 left in the half, Vonderschmidt went 1-2 from the foul line to make it 13-6, scoring the final point of the half for SH. The Blue Devils battled back and pulled with three at the intermission, 13-10.

Wynot, using a full-court press the entire game, got a steal and layup to begin the second half and get within one point. SH came right back with a fast break layup of their own from Bippes to make it 15-12. After two straight turnovers against the Blue Devil pressure, Wynot tied the game with a three at the 7:00 mark. Less than one minute later, Wynot took their first lead of the game. Wynot never trailed again, forcing the Irish into bad passes on offense and taking a 26-18 lead at the end of the third period.

The Irish came out of the huddle to begin the fourth quarter on fire. Vonderschmidt started things off with two free throws. Then a Wynot turnover led to two more Vonderschmidt free throws to make it 26-22 with 5:16 to play. A jumper by Magdanz with 4:26 on the clock cut the lead to 26-24 and brought the Irish faithful to their feet. Wynot hit four straight shots from the charity stripe to make it a 30-24 game with 3:28 to go. The Blue Devils hit 7/11 free throws in the final two minutes to take down the Irish 37-27. Sacred Heart was outscored 33-17 in the last three periods.

The Irish made just 5/20 shot attempts in the game and had zero three-pointers. Erison Vonderschmidt had 12 points, all from the foul line, and Magdanz finished with six for the Irish. The Irish made 17/25 free throws in the game. Wynot didn't shoot much better, hitting 9/29, but made 4/13 from beyond the arc. Wynot finished the game 15/29 from the foul line.

Scoring vs Wynot, Eickhoff, four; Bippes, four; Vonderschmidt, 12; Magdanz, six; Witt, one.

In the opening round game on Friday morning, the Irish faced the 19-6 Loomis Wolves at 9:00 a.m. at Lincoln North Star. The Wolves would play without their second-leading scorer, Alexi Billeter, who tore her ACL in the district finals. Billeter started the game and showing great sportsmanship; the Irish let Loomis win the jump ball to begin the game. Loomis promptly went out of bounds, giving the Irish the ball back and allowing Billeter to receive a standing ovation as she exited the court.

The Irish got out fast in the opener, taking a 15-5 lead after one period and a 29-13 halftime lead. Eickhoff began the game with a layup to make it 2-0 and a shot by Vonderschmidt on the block, making it 4-1. With 1:30 on the clock, Ella Simon hit a three from the corner to give SH an 11-5 advantage. Bippes hit back to back shots to end the quarter on a 7-0 run. The Irish defense was too much for Loomis handle. SH was pressuring every pass, forcing the Wolves to make passes they weren't comfortable making.

Again, the Irish used their defense to pull away, outscoring the Wolves 10-4 in the third to take a 39-17 lead with just eight minutes to go. The Irish kept their foot on the gas, continuing to pull away in the fourth quarter to pick up the 53-27 win.

SH hit 22/42 shot attempts but made just 6/16 from the foul line against Loomis. Rachel Magdanz led the scoring for the Irish with 13 points, while Danielle Bippes added 12. Darla Thorell and Georgia Crandall each had 10 points to lead Loomis.

Scoring vs Loomis, Magdanz, 13; Simon, five; M. Witt, five; Littrel, three; Vonderschmidt, 13; Eickhoff, six; Bippes 12, Keller, two.

Irish boys have eyes set on Gold

By Brian McKim

The top-ranked, 26-1 Falls City Sacred Heart Irish boys have one goal in mind entering next week's Class D2 State Tournament, bringing home the hardware. Last season the Irish fell just short, falling to Johnson-Brock in the semi-finals.

The Irish were arguably one of the best teams in recent memory, not to win a state title last season. This year the Irish have been focused all season and making up for their stumble at State last season. The Irish enter the state tourney winning 12 in a row, with their only loss of the season coming to Class C1, top-rated Auburn. Sacred Heart will be making their 22nd appearance at State, bringing home titles in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2008 and 2018.

The Irish, the number two seed, will take on a familiar foe in Johnson-Brock, the number seven seed in the opening round at Lincoln East on Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.

The Irish are 2-0 against the Eagles this season and have won six of the last seven meetings between the two schools. Johnson-Brock enters the game with an 18-8 record, having won seven in a row since a set back to the Irish in the Pioneer Conference finals. Senior Ty Hahn leads the Eagles with 54 points and 195 rebounds for the season.

With a win on Thursday, the Irish would face the winner of number three Loomis and number six Parkview Christian at 3:45 on Friday afternoon at the Devaney Center. Loomis enters the Tourney with a 23-2 record, and Parkview sits at 19-7. Loomis and Parkview have three players that average at least 10 points per game.

The championship contest will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Humphrey St. Francis could be the likely opponent to come out of the top of the bracket. The Flyers are currently 25-0 and earned the number one seed. St. Francis is led by Trevor Pfeifer, who averages 16.6 ppg and Tanner Pfeifer, who scores 15 ppg.

If the Irish win the first-round game, but fall in the semi-finals, the third-place match will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 at Lincoln Northeast High School.



Mason Crawford finishes the year averaging 19.3 points per game.

Tigers boys play best ball late in the season

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Falls City boys basketball team played their most complete contest of the season against the top-ranked and undefeated Auburn Bulldogs at Sub-districts in Beatrice to end the season. The Tigers fell by nine to Auburn but showed they were capable of taking down Class C1's top team.

Falls City finished the season with an overall record of 12-13, going 4-5 at home for the year. Things looked promising early on, as FC began the 2019-20 campaign with four consecutive wins. Unfortunately, for the Tigers, that winning streak was equaled with a four-game losing streak. The Tigers found a way to snap the losing streak with an impressive win against 6-1 Ashland-Greenwood, but three more losses in a row set the Tigers back again. FC again hit a three-game stretch where they struggled in late January into the first week of February. FC fell to Auburn, Lourdes Central Catholic, and Lincoln Lutheran. After the loss to Lutheran, Falls City finished the season winning four of their last six games to push their season record to just under .500.

As a team, the Tigers outscored opponents 1277-1213 and outshot opponents 42% (469-1092) to 40% (432-1056). The Tigers made 148-428 (34%) from three-point range and connected on 59% of their free throws, making 191-322. Despite often being undersized, the Tigers finished the season with a rebounding edge as well, 592-399. The Tiger defense finished with 147 steals and 57 blocks, and the Tigers turned the ball over 215 times while forcing 228.

Individually for FC, senior Mason Crawford had a monster season. Crawford finished the season averaging 19.3 ppg (483 for the year), 93 rebounds, 39 assists, 37 steals, and 11 blocked shots. Crawford connected on 65-189 three-point attempts.

Senior Kade Bredemeier was next for FC with 301 points (12 ppg) 89 rebounds and 34 assists. Bredemeier finished 49-112 from behind the arc and shot 46% from the floor for the year.

Next up in the scoring column was Caden Simon. The senior big man finished with 150 points (6 ppg). Simon led the Tigers with 133 rebounds, 60 assists, and 24 blocked shots.

Scoring for the season is as follows, McCullough 1, Hogue 40, K. Bredemeier 301, Crawford 483, McAfee 25, C. Bredemeier 13, Vitosh 104, Carson Simon 54, Caden Simon 150, Acton 4, Oliver 7, Uhri 4, Arnold 91.

The Tigers will look to replace six seniors from this year's squad and the 1,057 points that they scored.

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Kay Ernst

Kay Ernst, 74, of Falls City, NE, passed away February 29, 2020 at St. Joseph, MO. She was born December 20, 1945 at Omaha, NE to Lynn and Margaret (Ohrt) Schroeder.

She married Eugene Ernst on January 3, 1970 at Omaha, NE.

Kay was raised at Omaha and graduated from Benson High School in 1964. She then attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She worked for Clarkson Hospital and then for an insurance company in Omaha. When married the couple established their home on a farm northeast of Falls City. She became a farm wife and homemaker. The couple moved into Falls City in 2002. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and also was a youth group leader and taught Sunday

School. She gave the gift of life by donating her organs and tissues.

Kay is survived by her husband, Eugene of Falls City, sons, David and his wife Susan of Elmwood, NE, Doug of Falls City, brother, Steve Schroeder and his wife Lisa of Minneapolis, MN, sister, Linda O'Bryan and her husband Frank of Denver, CO, grandchildren, Hayden, Claire and Ashton Ernst. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral was held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Reverend Young Je Kim officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family received friends on Thursday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Carole Shafer

Carole Joanne Shafer, 80, of Shubert, NE, passed away March 7, 2020 at her home. She was born August 21, 1939 to Claron and Bernice (Rowell) Vice.

She married Max W. Shafer on June 17, 1956 at Shubert, NE.

Joanne was raised near Indian Cave State Park for several years. The family moved to Shubert then to Omaha for her father's work. She graduated Omaha Central High School in 1956. When married the couple established their home at Shubert.

Joanne was a lifelong member of Shubert Christian Church. She was involved in many groups associated with the church which included Bible School, CWF, Christmas programs, regional assemblies and many Lord's Acre Sales. She was also and Elder of the church. She enjoyed church and was a faithful follower of the Lord and served him well.

Joanne loved music, she sang, played guitar and piano. She sang and played music for

church services, weddings, funerals and many other church functions.

Joanne is survived by her husband Max W., son, Max III and his wife Jenny, daughter, Penny Shafer all of Shubert, sister, Joyce Pickett of League City, TX, grandchildren, Max Shafer IV of Maryville, MO, Treia Shafer of Orlando, FL, Jeff Kosmicki, Ben Kosmicki and Breanna Kosmicki, great-grandchildren, Jake Gard, Max Shafer V, Jonah Shafer and Addy Gard all of Maryville, MO, Kyla Bertram of Lincoln, NE, Gabriel Rhoades, Harper Hicks of Fairfax, MO and Silas Kosmicki. She was preceded in death by her parents, and daughter, Treia VaNae Shafer in infancy.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Shubert Christian Church with Pastor Chuck Snow officiating. Interment will be in Prairie Union Cemetery.

Open visitation and viewing will begin Tuesday afternoon at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

John 'Jack' Krause

John "Jack" Krause, 90, of Falls City, NE, passed away March 8, 2020 at Lincoln, NE. His memorial service will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM at First United

Methodist Church with Reverend Young Je Kim officiating. Friends may sign the guest book at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home during regular business hours.



RED FLAG DAY: Last Thursday, a fire on the West edge of Falls City near 14th Street. The fire started in a field and jumped the road and then reached a residence where it destroyed a garage.

Sample fields for SCN this Spring

By Gary Lesoing

With the weather improving and fields drying up, you may want to consider getting your fields sampled for soybean cyst nematode (SCN) this spring if you have never sampled them or if it has been a while; especially if yields maybe lower than expected or if you have areas in fields that have spots that yielded poorly. These could be hot spots for SCN. It would be good to definitely sample these areas of the field. Sudden Death Syndrome (SDS), a disease that lives in the soil also showed up in some fields this past year. There is a very close relationship between SDS and SCN. Many times if you have SDS, you also may have SCN. You may want to sample areas in a field where SDS was present for SCN.

We have been emphasizing the importance of sampling your fields for SCN the past several years. Loren Giesler, former UNL Extension Plant Pathologist and John Wilson, Extension Educator have conducted several workshops over the years, about the importance of managing for SCN and that soybean cyst nematode is the most important pest of soybean in the world. It can reduce soybean yields 30% without showing any visible symptoms. It can cause significant yield loss if not kept under control. It has been moving west from the Missouri River. This pest has been identified as a common problem in Missouri and Iowa and it is being identified in more fields each year in Nebraska as well. Every county that borders the Missouri River in Nebraska is infested with SCN. Soybean cyst nematodes live in the soil and once they infest your soil, you will have them forever. Most of the soybean growing regions of the United States are infested with SCN. With all the flooding last year, it would be good to soil test fields for SCN this spring, especially if fields will be going into soybeans in 2020.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has conducted SCN research in Nemaha County and other locations in southeast Nebraska as well. Nebraska Extension's On-Farm Research Program had a research trial evaluating the seed treatment ILeVO on a farmers field in Missouri in 2016. Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Soybean Board continue to have a program that will pay for a soil analysis for SCN. If you are interested in sampling some fields, UNL Extension in Nemaha County has instructions on sampling for SCN, a soil probe available for use, and sample bags in our office. I am also available to sample fields in southeast Nebraska this spring. Feel free to call (402) 274-4755 or stop by our office in the Nemaha County courthouse in Auburn if you are interested in participating in this program. So if you sample your fields, what should you do if you find SCN? Soybean cyst nematodes can be controlled by best management practices and their impact on soybean production will be reduced significantly.

If you do have SCN, plant a resistant variety, rotate to non-host crops, such as corn and wheat,

and plant soybean varieties with different sources of resistance. You may want to consider planting these fields last and/or cleaning any tillage or planting equipment before moving on to a different field. Check with your seed dealer to determine the best soybean varieties to meet the requirements of resistance for SCN. If you have any questions about SCN, feel free to contact me at (402) 274-4755 or glesoing2@unl.edu.



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Approximately 700 teachers, administrators and support staff from Auburn Public Schools, ESU 4/NCECBVI, Falls City Public Schools, Humboldt-Table Rock-Stella Public Schools, Johnson County Central, Lewiston Public Schools, Nebraska City Public Schools, Pawnee City Public Schools, Sterling Public Schools and Peru State College attended ESU 4's Engaging Educators Conference on Friday, February 14th at Peru State College.

The conference began with welcomes from Gregg Robke, ESU 4 Administrator, Dr. Dan Hanson, President, Peru State College and Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor of Nebraska State Colleges.

Sam Stecher and Mark Johnson from Mission Monday were the Keynote Speakers. Sam and Mark both serve as administrators in Nebraska schools, and through Mission Monday, they seek to make your school, company, or community a better place—one week at a time!

Following the keynote, participants had the opportunity to choose from over eighty sessions covering a wide range of educational topics. Some of the comments heard about the day were "I liked re-igniting my spark for teaching during a difficult time in the school year" and "Today was a great day - I learned something I'm going to implement in each session"

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Board of Equalization

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
FEBRUARY 25, 2020
CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sichel, County Assessor, Pam Vice and Clerk Eickhoff.

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

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Chairman Sichel declared that a public hearing be opened at 8:47 a.m. for the purpose of receiving input from the public in opposition or favor of exemption of real estate owned by educational, charitable and religious organizations.

No one person appeared at the hearing.

Chairman Sichel declared the hearing closed at 8:53 a.m.

Motion was made by Frank to approve the real estate tax exemption applications for 2020 as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

Village of Dawson

Village of Dawson Open Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020

These minutes are unapproved. Any errors will be corrected at the next regular monthly meeting. In attendance was Bill Koch, Gail Kephart, Larry Koch, Robert Richardson, Deputy Lyle McManis and Jan Richardson.

Roll was called with Bill Koch, Gail Kephart and Larry Koch responding. Dennis McClarnen was not in attendance and his failure to attend meetings for several months will be discussed by the Board at the next regular meeting. With a quorum, Bill Koch, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The minutes of the January 2020 open meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Larry Koch. The Board affirmed. Claims (less the claim from Koch Auto) were submitted to the Board and approved for payment with a motion by Gail Kephart and a second by Larry Koch. The Board affirmed. The claim for Koch Auto was approved for payment with a motion by Larry Koch and a second by Gail Kephart. Bill Koch abstained. Under old business, letters were sent to three property owners regarding trash, furniture, and under tree limbs. Under new business, Robert Richardson took the oath of office and becomes a board member. Gail Kephart accepted the position of Co-Chair with a motion by Larry Koch and a second by Robert Richardson. (This position was vacated when Lynsday Maulls moved.) Bill Koch agreed to act as street superintendent. The Board revised the fee schedule. The Clerk/Treasurer updated the Board on FEMA and other items. There were no comments or questions. The meeting was closed at 7:35 PM, with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Larry Koch.

Claims: Village Equipment Fund, \$500; Fax Internet Phone, \$50; Kacie White, \$75; Seneca Sanitation, \$810; Jan Richardson, \$971.72; Midwest Labs, \$254; Koch Auto, \$1074.00; NE Public Health Lab, \$15; PeopleService, \$1615.60; State-line Propane, \$197.20; Perry Cash, \$33; Falls City Journal, \$62.28; WFPD, \$325.56. Total Claims: \$6,493.96.

Jan Richardson, Clerk

This Pi Day, make math fun for kids

(StatePoint) Pi Day, is not only an annual opportunity to celebrate math, it's also a day to honor the renowned scientist and mathematician, Albert Einstein, born on March 14.

Here are some great ways your family can make math fun this Pi Day:

Visit a math museum: Take the kids to a hands-on math museum featuring fun interactive exhibits, events, puzzles, games and more that bring math to life.

Bake a pi: Bake a pi-themed pie. Whether you love cherry, chocolate or lemon meringue, you can honor the day by baking a pie and carving the symbol for pi into your creation. This is also a great opportunity to calculate fractions, angles, percentages and areas!

Learn the meaning of pi: A very special number, pi is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, making its value essential for those studying geometry. It's also an "irrational number," meaning it's exact value can't be expressed as a fraction. While scientists have calculated trillions of digits of pi, you are likely familiar with the first few -- 3.14. Use a high-quality graphing or scientific calculator, such as those from Casio, to study up on several more of pi's digits and practice using its value in equations.

Learn more about Einstein: There are many terrific biographies for all reading levels available, as well as documentaries and biopics that can help your family learn more about the life and work of the legendary Albert Einstein.

Math may sometimes get a reputation for being one of the tougher school subjects, but it can also be a lot of fun. Let this Pi Day be an opportunity to show your kids that math is something to celebrate.

We're trying to decide between... ...Irish Stew or Corned Beef and Cabbage. Kids: color stuff in!

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Celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

It is thought that over the years more than 4.8 million Irish people have made the journey to live in America. About 21,000 Irish people in the U.S. still speak Gaelic, the mother tongue of Ireland, in their homes. Today, about 33 million people in the U.S. proudly claim to have Irish blood in their families. They live in all parts of America and work in every career field.

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy St. Patrick's Day events. Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the ways people celebrate:

- people may wear their family tartan (plaid) or this color to remind them of the Emerald Isle known as Ireland
- banners, bands, floats and even "St. Patrick" himself may march down the street
- looking for little gifts for the special day: shamrock plants, handcrafted Irish jewelry, T-shirts
- an Irish cultural _____ has displays/talks about the history, language, arts of the Irish people
- lessons in Irish _____ will have your family eating well
- may join in some steps to do this; usually the upper part of the body is still while the feet move quickly
- fun _____ and walks; athletes go as fast as they can; families walk; sometimes people dress in costumes
- festivals and band competitions - bands, singers, fiddlers, bagpipers, bodhran drummers, harpists
- a get-together with family and friends to eat, sing, dance
- people gather at these to great, eat, watch a sports event

1. How are best friends like 4-leaf clovers? They are hard to find and lucky to have.

2. Where can you always find gold? In the dictionary!

4. An Irish-American dinner of corned beef and _____

5. Henry _____, father born in Ireland, started company that used an assembly line to build more cars in less time for a lower cost.

6. Saint _____ is the patron saint of Ireland.

7. This crop fed everyone, especially the poorest people.

8. The _____ is a 3-leaf clover, national symbol of Ireland.

9. _____ Pie - traditional dish of lamb, onion, carrots, potatoes.

10. Irish have given a lot to the arts in America - especially in dance and _____.

11. Largest population with Irish ancestry is in state of _____.

12. U.S. President John F. _____ was of Irish heritage.

1. many Irish came to America to avoid this

2. tallest breed of dog - Irish _____

3. the _____ is in many fun fairy tales; not very friendly; known to outwit humans.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

Patrick, Massachusetts, Shepherd's, cabbage, leprechaun, potato, Wolfhound, shamrock

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NOTICE AQUATIC PARK JOB OPENINGS

Applications will be received at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska until 4:00 P.M., March 13, 2020, for the positions of **Manager, Assistant Manager, Lifeguards and Concession Workers for the City of Falls City Aquatic Park, Falls City, Nebraska. Pre-employment drug testing is mandatory. The job descriptions and qualifications for the positions are at City Hall. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.** 9-10

NOTICE TEMPORARY LABORERS JOB OPENING

Applications will be received at the City Office, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 4:00 P.M., April 1, 2020, for the positions of Temporary Laborers for Cemetery, Street and Gas departments for the City of Falls City, Falls City, Nebraska. The individuals hired will be scheduled to work the months of May 2020 through August 2020. Pre-employment drug testing is mandatory. The applications, job descriptions and qualifications for the positions are at the City Office. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 10-11



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McKenzie Witt drives past the Wynot defender in the second half on Friday at the Devaney Center.



Erison Vonderschmidt spent most of Friday afternoon getting double teamed by the Blue Devil defense.

Irish take down Mullen for third-place

Story and photos by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish girls basketball team rebounded from its loss to Wynot on Friday to pick up the convincing 59-36 win against the Mullen Broncos on Saturday morning. Mullen entered the tourney at 25-1 but fell to Humphrey St. Francis in the semifinals.

Erison Vonderschmidt got the game off to a good start for SH with a drive to the hoop less than one minute into the action at Lincoln East High School. Mullen took a brief 4-2 lead; then, the Irish scored 12 straight points until the Broncos stopped the drought with a hoop with :48 to play. The Irish led 14-6 after the opening eight minutes.

SH continued to pull away in the second period. McKenzie Witt got a hoop under the basket, and on the following possession, Witt found Vonderschmidt for a bucket to give SH an 18-8 lead. Midway through the quarter, Danielle Bippes went 4-4 from the foul line to provide SH with a 14-point lead, 25-11. The Lady Irish continued the pressure and took a 31-19 lead into the locker rooms at halftime.

Mullen began the second half with a bang, first drilling a trey and then getting a steal and a layup to cut Sacred Hearts lead to 31-24. Back to back buckets from Vonderschmidt and Bippes allowed the Irish to breathe again at 35-24. Mullen scored the final five points of the quarter, a three, followed by a shot off the glass as time expired to make it 45-32 heading into the last eight minutes of the season.

The Irish defense dominated the final period, allowing just four points, while the offense padded their lead to make the final deficit 23 points at 59-36. The Lady Irish improved to 5-0 in third-place games, winning in 2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, and this season.

The Irish got much better on Saturday morning, hitting 19/38 shots from the floor and made 21/27 free throw attempts. Mullen, meanwhile, made 11/39 attempts, including 3-19 from beyond the arc. The Broncos were successful on 11/19 shots from the charity stripe.

Erison Vonderschmidt, coming off a rough game against Wynot, went 10/13 from the floor and made 5-7 free throws

for a game-high 25 points. Olivia Eickhoff and Danielle Bippes both hit double figures with 10 points. Samantha Moore led Mullen with 15 points.

With the win, the Lady Irish finish the season with a 26-4 record while Mullen ended the year 26-3.

Scoring vs Mullen, Magdanz, six; Witt, seven; Littrel, one; Vonderschmidt 25, Eickhoff 10, Bippes 10.

"The girls had another great season and have a lot to be proud of. We lost to a great team," said Coach Luke Santo. "We continue to give ourselves a chance in Lincoln, and as a program, that's all you can ask for. We'll miss our seniors, but we have. Lot returning, so we'll try to reload next year."

'Windy City' March 23, 1946



When business took Ken Stuart, the Post's Art Editor, to Chicago a year ago, he set out for the Art Institute, as an art editor should. But he never got there. On a Michigan Avenue corner near the Art Institute he saw a group of sailors gathered to observe the Chicago girls, as they battled for propriety against the famous Chicago winds. Mr. Stuart joined this gallery, and was so impressed with the scene that he mentioned it, as one wind lover to another, to John Falter, the artist. Falter went to Chicago to paint a typical windy day there, but found a corner he thought was far windier than it gets on Michigan Avenue. Falter chose a locality farther west—one corner of the Civic Opera House, where the wind howls down the Chicago River and gets a chance to work up real speed. Chicagoans probably will agree with Falter. johnphilipfaltermuseum.com

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Rachel Magdanz puts up a shot over Whitney Hochstein of Wynot on Friday.

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The standard method requires you to total all your business miles and multiply them by the standard rate of 58 cents per mile (2019's rate). The standard rate is the IRS' rate that averages all of the costs of operating a vehicle, except parking fees and personal property taxes. The standard method is a simpler way of deducting the business use of your vehicle and only requires you to keep a log to show you used your vehicle for what purpose.

The actual method requires you to add up all the money

spent on the operation of your vehicle. The total is then applied to the percentage of the vehicle's business use. These expenses can include, lease payments, auto insurance, gasoline, maintenance (oil changes, tire rotations, etc), new tires, Registration fees, and depreciation

Business purposes can include: client meetings, travel to secondary works sites, errands, commutes, traveling from your home to work, are not considered a business purpose.

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