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'NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE WILL HEAR YOU, AND YOUR MESSAGE IS LOUD AND CLEAR, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'

By Nikki McKim

According to a recent news release, the Army Corps of Engineers plans to decrease releases at Gavin's Point Dam. The amount has been reduced from 38,000 cubic feet per second down to 35,000 cubic feet per second.

The Missouri River levels won't interfere with ongoing levee repairs from last year's record flooding.

Nebraska Lawmakers recently voted 43-1 on a resolution introduced by Sen. Julie Slama, calling on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make flood control a top concern. Senator Ernie Chambers was the sole vote against the bill.

The preliminary assessment of damage to infrastructure like roads, bridges, and levees caused by the 2019 flooding has reached approximately \$450,000,000.

On March 6, 2020, Slama said, "Legislation to overhaul the Corps' management of the Missouri River was introduced in the Senate this week ("The Lower Missouri River Flood Prevention Program Act"; S. 3403) and is co-sponsored by all senators from Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, and Kansas. We've refused to give up, and D.C. is taking notice. S. 3403 is a massive step in the right direction for long-term progress."

Speaking on the floor of Nebraska's Legislature, Slama said, "Nebraska faced a year of disasters in 2019 as a record blizzard, and widespread flooding swept across the state. For many, the devastating floods came and went in March. Other areas along the Missouri River weren't so lucky."

Slama continued reminding the Legislature that the Missouri River was at a flood stage for 271 days, "thousands of acres were underwater clear up to December 2019.

Flooding in March was due to an unprecedented "Bomb Cyclone." Flooding from April to December that was due to the Corps' systematic failure to manage the Missouri River proactively," said Slama.

The Corps only recently completed one of the final damaged levee repairs for those damaged within their system.

"It is an admirable achievement, and I thank them for their work, but we can't lose sight of the communities that have been left behind by the Corps mismanagement and lack of proactivity to prevent another disaster of this scale from happening," said Slama.

She stated that building on the flood plain shouldn't be ques-

tioned, as the only major flooding event prior to 2011 in the flood plain area was in 1993. Levee standards have not been updated in decades to reflect modern runoff trends, which is why the Governors of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas recently joined together to split the cost with the Corps for a Flood mitigation study. The study will take three years to collect the data that Slama says, "the Corps should already have."

"So, colleagues, I'm asking that this Bipartisan resolution be passed as a signal to the Corps of Engineers and Congress that the lives and livelihood of those who live along the river deserve priority over the Missouri Rivers management. I want to make it clear that those who have lost their homes, those who have lost their livelihoods, and even to those families who have lost their lives because of direct impact from the flooding that I hear you. Now the Nebraska Legislature will hear you, and your message is loud and clear just as my message is today. Enough is enough," said Slama.

The Senator also spoke of the flooding in Peru and the failure of the levee near the college town. She told the Legislature that flooding near Peru and Interstate-29 caused local commuters to consider an eight hour drive time to get to their jobs or school. She also discussed how traffic on Highway 75 increased, increasing the number of fatal accidents we see in Richardson and Nemaha counties.

"The clock is ticking in our region, and we don't have time for another study, especially one to collect information that should have already been collected," said Slama. "People are dying, people are losing their livelihoods, and we can't grow when we're constantly under the gun of another flood that's going to take out hundreds of thousands of acres of property and compromise access across the river. This is a very restrained effort to make the statement to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prioritize the lives and livelihoods of those living along the Missouri River.

Managing six dams along the Missouri River, the Army Corps of engineers said in their October 2019 informational meeting, "We know that the basin will probably freeze in very wet, the soils will be wet, which would tend to increase the amount of runoff we would get next spring from even normal precipitation.

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CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS HIT NEBRASKA

Story by Nikki McKim; photo of a near empty Pinnacle Bank Arena on Saturday, by Brian McKim.

Coronavirus concerns hit Nebraska late last week with the NSAA opting to change the way fans could attend the boys State Basketball tournament in Lincoln.

Brian McKim talked with Nate Neuhaus, assistant director on the NSAA staff on Saturday evening. Neuhaus shared that at the time, everything had gone perfectly. "The fans have been very understanding," and he anticipated great atmospheres even with reduced crowd sizes. "It all came down to the kids and keeping them safe," said Neuhaus.

Rumors were swirling around the arena on Friday that entire event may be canceled less than 90 minutes before Auburn played their State winning game.

Sacred Heart School let fans and family members know that only immediate family members placed on an approved list would be allowed in each game.

Community Medical center is monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and the possible impact it could have on our area. All services continue to be available, and the hospital is fully functional. Community Medical Center is coordinating with the Southeast District Health Department to identify and test patients as deemed appropriate accurately.

As of Monday, March 16, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Community Medical Center. Precautions and measures have been implemented to screen patients who are experiencing respiratory symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, and

fever.

Restrictions have been implemented at Community Medical Center to minimize exposure to patients and staff. Effective immediately, Community Medical Center is expanding visitor restrictions. Visitors will now be limited to one healthy immediate family member or caregivers per day, such as a spouse, adult child, or other person designated by the patient. Visitation will not be allowed by children under the age of 18 or by anyone that is ill or having respiratory symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, chills, or a runny nose.

Special circumstances for exceptions to the visitation policy may be considered as appropriate. They are also happy to facilitate electronic, telephone, and video communication with able patients. Ministerial visits by healthy members of the hospital's clergy program do not count as visitors under these restrictions.

Falls City Public Schools Superintendent Tim Heckenlively sent out information on how the school will be handling the Coronavirus on March 13.

Heckenlively said that the Schools continue to collaborate with the Southeast District Health Department, as well as with the Nebraska Department of Education, to get updates, information, and guidance on COVID-19.

The district has ramped up cleaning and disinfecting routines; teachers and staff members are adding instruction and emphasis on typical precautions for any

illness such as personal hygiene and general cleanliness.

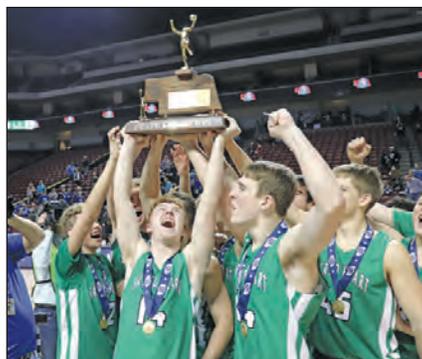
Right now, Heckenlively stated that any decisions about closing school will be made by regional health departments (SEDHD for DHHS) in collaboration with Falls City Public Schools. Currently the general directive is that schools in a community will be required to close if two confirmed cases of community spread occur. "Community spread/transmission" is described as cases in the same community that are not directly linked to each other. Community spread/transmission indicates a high likelihood of widespread exposure in the community. Heckenlively said that the size of the community would play a part in the decision. Health agencies may also recommend closing school for other reasons, including having one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the community (based on an investigation, patient tracking, and those in contact with the infected person).

Governor Ricketts has declared his trigger to close schools will be the confirmed community spreading of one or two cases or as we approach one percent of the population.

Closing schools in relation to a confirmed case is mandatory. Larger schools around the state of Nebraska and the country are closing in an attempt to slow the spread of the virus and in correlation with their spring break.

Falls City Public Schools are planning to hold school as regu-

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BEING THE BEST-PREPARED STATE FOR COVID-19

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has been all over the news and top of mind for Americans as the virus reaches new corners of the world. As it spreads, we're working hard to make Nebraska the best-prepared state in the country. We'll need everyone's help to blunt its impact on Nebraska and to keep our families and communities as healthy as possible.

Coronavirus has the potential to spread quickly, and we need to take immediate action to be prepared.

As you prepare, think of how you would get ready for an incoming snowstorm. If you wait until it starts snowing, it's too late. Now is the time to make sure you have two weeks' worth of food and water, to ensure a continuous supply of prescription drugs, and to plan for what to do in case schools and daycares close or you have to work from home.

Practicing good health habits can also help prevent the spread of coronavirus and other respiratory infections:

Bump elbows rather than shake hands to prevent the transfer of germs. Stay home if you are sick. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Do not greet people with hugs or kisses. Wash hands often to protect yourself from germs. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and then throw the tissue into the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Stay up-to-date on information sent out by your local public health department.

If you travel overseas, be extremely diligent about practicing good hygiene. All international travelers should check the State Department's website (travel.state.gov) for guidance and updates. Travelers returning to the U.S. should monitor their health closely and immediately self-quarantine and contact a healthcare provider if they develop any symptoms of illness.

My office, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and public health partners are closely monitoring COVID-19 to anticipate its impact on Nebraska and our healthcare systems.

DHHS has dedicated teams working to address this serious public health threat. These include leading public health experts who have extensive experience responding to disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies. They, along with local health departments, will continue to take action to help prevent the spread of disease and protect the health of Nebraskans including:

Sharing the latest guidance and information with local health departments, hospitals, healthcare providers, first responders, and local and state labs through our extensive Health Alert Network to ensure a well-coordinated response in Nebraska.

Engaging in active and ongoing communication with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other state and federal partners as part of the overall national response to this emerging public health threat.

Reviewing and enhancing response plans to be ready for the detection of this virus in our state.

Monitoring Nebraskans returning from countries with community transmission of COVID-19 to ensure timely medical care if needed and minimize the potential risk to others.

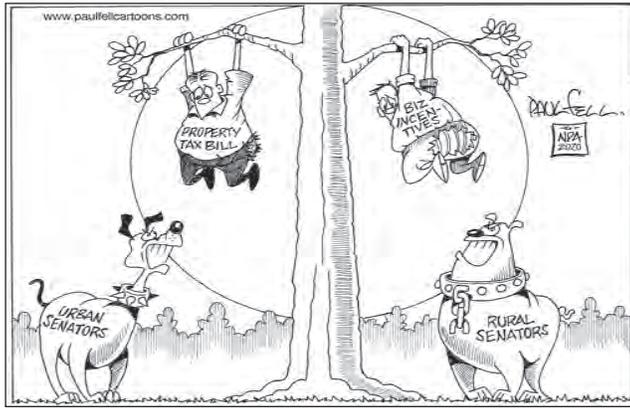
Facilitating confirmatory testing, isolation, and monitoring of Nebraskans experiencing symptoms to identify cases as soon as possible. Having systems in place to track and monitor people who have contact with a confirmed case in an effort to immediately detect secondary cases and minimize the potential for ongoing, undetected, person-to-person transmission.

Nebraska is blessed to have the world's leading experts on infectious disease right here in our state at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). UNMC is home to the only federally funded quarantine unit in the country. The Nebraska Biocontainment Unit at UNMC has a track record of successfully treating special pathogens—having played a leading role during the 2014 Ebola outbreak.

Currently, several travelers from the Diamond Princess cruise ship are undergoing monitoring at UNMC. The CDC standard is to have two tests showing no illness, 24 hours apart, to make sure someone is fully healthy and ready for release from quarantine. In Nebraska, we're going above and beyond the CDC guidelines. We're doing three tests, 24 hours apart, before releasing anyone.

UNMC has begun a clinical trial for a vaccine to treat COVID-19. This is the first clinical trial in the United States to evaluate an experimental treatment. In the last week, the U.S. Congress passed a \$8.3 billion appropriations bill to provide funding to combat coronavirus. These funds will enable us to ramp up efforts to keep people safe. Nebraskans can be confident that we have dedicated, proven leaders at the helm who specialize in keeping the public safe during this sort of public health threat.

Part of being prepared is being informed. I understand that many Nebraskans have questions and concerns about COVID-19. You can find reliable and useful information at www.cdc.gov/covid19 and dhs.ne.gov/Coronavirus, as well as at www.facebook.com/NEDHHS. Helping Nebraskans understand how to stay healthy is the State's top priority right now. As Nebraskans, we are in this together, and we all have a role to play. I hope you'll proactively make preparations and practice good hygiene to help keep your community as healthy as possible.



CRUNCH TIME AT THE LEGISLATURE. TIME TO PRIORITIZE

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

A tax bill in limbo. A business incentive measure not far behind, notwithstanding the pending addition of grandiose plans to make Nebraska a nationally important health care destination.

Some things never change in the on-going urban-rural split at the Nebraska Legislature. But this year, the enemy could be time. It's already Day 42 of the planned 60-day session of the nation's only single house Legislature.

Two senators, one a veteran of six years and the other — while experienced on the national level — just finishing her first term, are pushing the big issues. Revenue Committee Chairwoman Lou Ann Linahan of Elkhorn is looking for 33 of her colleagues to get a property tax bill (LB974) off first-round dead center with the resilience to withstand a threatened filibuster. Linahan has worked for former Nebraska U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel in Washington, DC, as well as in Afghanistan for the Bush Administration.

Her bill would provide an estimated \$520 million in property tax relief over the next three years. It would also use an increasing percentage of net state tax collections to provide schools with foundation aid — a set amount per pupil. The measure faces opposition from mostly urban school districts that would lose substantial state aid.

Senator Mark Kolterman of Seward is at the center of the ImagiNE Nebraska Act (LB720) to provide an ongoing economic incentive package to attract business and industry to the state. It stalled on second-round debate last session as rural senators held it hostage because of an obvious urban bias and a strong desire for property tax relief. He promises that he worked things out to the satisfaction of rural lawmakers during the interim.

The six-year veteran is also carrying the blockbuster \$2.6 billion proposal (LB1084) to build a new center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center that would respond to national health threats and crises. Based on the Med Center's success on a national stage treating Ebola victims several years ago and currently treating those with the Coronavirus, one would think the plan seeking a \$300 million state funding commitment with the promise of at least \$300 million in private donor support to match an anticipated federal grant is a slam dunk.

But the Med Center is in Omaha and rural senators are questioning the relevance to their constituents. Besides, they still want substantial property tax relief even though proponents have promised such a new center would boost the Nebraska economy by several billion dollars. Kolterman said the state would benefit at least \$2.7 billion during the planning and construction period and at least \$4.9 billion during the 10-year period beginning either when construction is commenced or when the application for federal funds is approved.

Kolterman says he plans to amend the University project into the business incentives bill to expedite passage. Remember, time is running out. Remember, rural senators want substantial property tax relief for their land-rich constituents. Linahan said her property tax bill would be amended to reduce valuations of agricultural and horticultural land and real property for purposes of taxes levied by school districts. Farmland, currently valued at 75 percent of its actual value for tax purposes, would be valued at 65 percent of its actual value for school tax purposes for tax year 2020, 60 percent for 2021 and 55 percent for 2022 and after. Real property would be valued at 95 percent of its actual value for school tax purposes for tax year 2020, 91 per-

cent for 2021 and 87 percent for 2022 and after. The original bill would have set the final value at 85 percent. For school fiscal year 2022-23, Linahan said the property taxes levied by local governments over the past decade has increased at a higher rate than the Nebraska median household income. People, she believes, want to fund their schools and local government, but they can't afford it.

Education Committee Chairman Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte said he likes that the proposal would reset the state's school finance system where equalization aid — needs minus resources — has become a very complicated process. He said it would provide funding for each student and

guarantee the state is paying at least 15 percent of each school district's basic funding.

Senator Wendy DeBoer of Bennington has said she wanted to bracket the bill — effectively taking it off the table this year — because it would repeal an averaging adjustment in the school funding formula that provides a significant amount of aid to large schools that educate most Nebraska students. She said her colleagues need to pay more attention to the opponents.

Still, the 800-pound gorilla lives on. That's a planned petition drive that would allow voters to decide if they want the state to provide massive statewide property tax relief to the tune of \$1 billion. The rub is exactly where that kind of money would come from.

No pressure there, friends
J.J. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.

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ACROSS

1. Wing it
6. Salvatore, to his friends
9. Bigger than tsp.
13. Swedish money
14. Snoop
15. Hold the floor
16. Predict from an omen
17. More of the same
18. Cell dweller
19. "Good _____, as in morning
21. *Gathering of rogues and _____, sing.
23. What engineer and auctioneer have in common
24. Japanese vodka
25. Gourmet mushroom
28. Sheer profit
30. *Set up a tent
35. "Best _____ schemes o' mice an' men"
37. Attention-getting interjection
39. One who looks at the stars, e.g.
40. Eye up and down
41. Train stop
43. Laughing on the inside
44. Remember this battle site!
46. Isaac's firstborn
48. Fermented milk drink, pl.
50. Billy Joel's "_____ the Good Die Young"
52. Use lacrimal glands
53. Weakest in chess
55. Barnum's neighbor
57. *Please
61. *Men's vest
64. Child-eating daemon, Greek mythology
65. Child to Bo-peep
67. Andretti or Lauda
69. Colorado ski resort
70. "Slippery" tree
71. Phantom's genre
72. Scotland's famous lake
73. Johnny's other nickname
74. Martha Washington post 1799, e.g.

DOWN

1. Rap sheet abbr.
2. Keith Moon's instrument of choice
3. Apple's apple, e.g.
4. Accustom
5. Like infertile land
6. Do like volcano
7. *Are
8. Swimsuit fabric
9. Not kosher
10. Island east of Java
11. Roofed colonnade
12. One of the Iviés
15. Murdering, slangily
20. Artemis' companion
22. Island strings
24. Blended family member
25. *Longer than a cape
26. Two under par
27. a.k.a. pilau
29. *Fare _____ well
31. *Horseshoe cleat
32. Pre-life
33. *Shakespeare's pattern
34. *Restroom
36. Actress Moore
38. Sound of pain
42. Tutu fabric
45. Amie or Oliver, e.g.
49. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
51. Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary
54. Big name in grills
56. Giraffe's striped-leg cousin
57. Blueprint
58. Tear down
59. Mischievous sprites
60. Decorative neckwear, pl.
61. Doorframe part
62. Tea choice
63. Infamous Roman
66. *Popular Renaissance Faire beverage
68. Like sashimi

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From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - March 18, 1970 to March 24, 1970

Despite criticism lodged by a taxpayers' group, County Commissioners adopted the new appraisals of real estate produced by Equity Tax Service. Steve Hull, was selected the winner of the United Nations Pilgrimage competition and a trip to New York City as the official delegate of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges.

According to an AP report one of those charged in connection with the My Lai massacre in Vietnam was Kenneth W. Boatman who grew up in Nemaha, NE.

The Chamber of Commerce "Easter Bunny" was "laying" candy and lucky number eggs good for prizes in Falls City stores waiting for discovery by customers during "Bunny Days".

The weather bureau issued a heavy snow warning for southeast Nebraska. Movies at the Rivoli this week included "The Undeclared" and "Popi". The Dawson-Verdon girls finished second in the annual Peru State invitational volleyball tournament.

The Mustang Booster Club defeated the Southeast Consolidated faculty 49-38 in a Booster Club fundraising basketball game.

Bill Hoy of Sacred Heart was named to the All-conference team of the Southeast Border Conference.

Charlie Heim of Dawson-Verdon who scored 1,416 career points and 502 in the season just ended received honorable mention for all-state recognition in Class D by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World Herald.

Area farmers helped scoop up the mess after a load of bulk fertilizer spilled on Highway 73 when the sides of a semi's trailer split open and granular fertilizer drained onto the highway.

Dawson-Verdon elementary school students were rehearsing for a performance of the operetta "Tom Sawyer".

Richardson County entries to win first in the district art contest in Lincoln were works by David Cooper, Vicki Sue Merz, Gayle Ankrom, and Douglas Appleoff.

A man who had obviously altered the amount of a money order from \$5 to \$85 tried without success to cash it at Gibson's Discount Center.

It was Jaycee Week and included in a full page salute was recognition of 1969 award winners Ron Roggenkamp as Outstanding Young Educator, Ernie Comfort as Boss of the Year, and Roger Kiekhaefer as the Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Burglars set off an alarm when they tried to break into the Farmers Cop service station in Verdon and fled leaving behind a screwdriver used to break a window in their attempt to gain entry.

Don Runyan, Tom Prichard, and Mike Brownson were featured soloists during a Falls City Public School Band Night program at Prichard Auditorium.

Police had a suspect in custody in the theft of a 1961 Chevrolet from K.E. Morehead Auto and break-ins at the Gambles Store and Katy's Ready to Wear.

Falls City native Fern A. Fisher, a teacher in Effingham, IL, was recognized as the 1969-70 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

The son of former Falls Citizens Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Dale, Jeffrey Scott Dale, received his Eagle Scout badge during a Court of Honor celebration at an Omaha Methodist Church.

25 Years Ago - March 18, 1995 to March 24, 1995

An enhanced 911 response system was being put into operation at the Falls City Police Department, a system that displayed the numbers, addresses, and description of how to get to locations from which 911 calls were received.

Richardson County was advertising for a new County Highway Superintendent to replace Tim Baxter who had resigned to take a similar job in Phelps County.

Humboldt had eight students, Sacred Heart had six students, and Southeast Consolidated had two groups qualify for the Class D State Speech Contest.

An organizational meeting was held at the Southeast Consolidated School at Stella to form a new Jaycee Chapter including young people from Stella, Shubert, and Nemaha.

In recognition of the General Federation Women's Clubs' Centennial the Falls City Club honored Mrs. Gene Hulbert, City Librarian from 1964 to 1982, for her volunteerism and community service.

Aaron Hill of Sacred Heart and Wes Haveman and Kris Shubert, both of Southeast won All Galaxy Conference Basketball Team Honors. Making the Conference second team were Mate Froesch, Marc Knobbe, and Brian McKim, all of Sacred Heart, and Zac Garris of Humboldt.

Making the All Galaxy Conference Girls Basketball team were Cheryl Patchen, Southeast; Celeste Nolte and Beth Kiekhaefer, Sacred Heart; and Dee Oehm, Humboldt. Second Team honorees included Janelle Findlay, Southeast; and Kelly Luthy, Humboldt.

Lisa and Jason Palmer competed in the Regional Finals of the Elks "Hoop Shoot" contest with Lisa finishing second among 10-11 year old girls and Jason coming in 4th in the 12-13 year old boys division.

Former Richardson County Sheriff Charles Laux pleaded no contest in District Court to an amended misdemeanor charge of attempting to act as a motor vehicle dealer without a license and was fined \$200.

Items displayed at the Richardson County Historical Society's Museum located at Prichard Auditorium were completely catalogued thanks to a committee chaired by Museum Curator Bill Rowan.

A Falls City Community Theatre troupe production of "Captains Courageous" was about to take the stage of the Cobblestone Center theater where today the Kawres computer store is located.

New Inductees of Dawson-Verdon's National Honor Society chapter were Shanna Balke, Brian Burns, Sara Glathar, David Koso, and Mike Marteny.

Members of the Falls City FFA's livestock management team taking first place in District competition were Sam Waters, Don Wickham, Pat Borg, Sarah Hersh, Joe Niedfeldt, and Kim Romine.

15 Years Ago - March 18, 2005 to March 24, 2005

Triple S and Campbell Construction had just finished removing 18 inches of topsoil from Jug Brown Stadium in preparation for installation of a plastic drainage pipe system for the soon to be installed artificial turf field and surrounding track.

Humboldt Shares hosted a meeting of persons from Tecumseh, Stella, Auburn, Bern, Sabetha, and Humboldt to discuss the possibility of developing an ethanol production plant in Southeast Nebraska.

Four Sacred Heart basketball players won Pioneer All-Conference honors, two from the girls team, Brandi Olberding and Megan O'Grady, and two from the boys team, Jeremy Kearney and Logan Kopf.

The 2005 Falls City Bowling Association Tournament results: Top Teams were in Division A, Airlanco; in Division B, Bob's Photographix. Top placers in Singles: Jim Hoy in Division A, Randy Herrmann in Division B, and Chris Godeman in Division C.

Sacred Heart was one of 10 schools presented Academic Achievement Awards during the annual convention of the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association.

North Elementary second grade teacher Gail Froeschl was selected as recipient of the 2005 Inspired Teacher Scholarship for Visual Learning from Inspiration Software.

Linda Frost was the newly installed President of the BPOE Does for 2005.

County Commissioners approve backup Emergency Communication System

By: Charlie Radatz

During a meeting of Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall and Richardson County Commissioners during their Tues., March 10, meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner John Caverzagie. The motion was to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Nemaha and Otoe counties to describe the necessary relationship between the counties that comprise the Southeast Nebraska Emergency Notification System to accomplish back-up emergency notifications through a common and coordinated Alert and Notification System (ANS). The ANS agreement enables the three counties to send emergency messages to telephones through the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) 10-mile emergency planning zone and establishes the policy needed to support the use and activation of the Southeast Nebraska Emergency Notification System by anyone of the member counties should the system fail. A 3-0 vote approved the agreement.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges. Mr. Darveau reported that the rock quarry located near DuBois will begin to have rock available soon and that the rock quarry near Troy, KS would also have rock available soon.

The Highway Superintendent reported that a public hearing would be held by the Commissioners Tues., March 24, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. to receive input from the public on the proposed One & Six Year Highway Improvement Program for Richardson County. Projects included in the Program were detailed in an article on the previous County Commissioners meeting published in the March 4 edition of the Journal.

Mr. Darveau also presented informal quotes that were received for culvert materials. Those quotes were received from Midwest Service, Schuyler for \$60,465.41; Metal Culverts, Inc., Jefferson City, MO for \$44,910.02; Contech Engineering Solutions, Lincoln for \$47,773.25 and Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney for \$54,425.22. A motion was made by Commissioner Sickle to approve the informal quote from Metal Culverts, Inc. for \$44,910.02. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners voted to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-39 to close and vacate a road described as beginning at a point approximately 33 feet east of the intersection of 658 Ave. and 708 Rd. No one had appeared during a February 25 public hearing on the proposed closure.

The Board met with Sheriff Hardesty and Roland Merwin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, to review the business within the Law Enforcement Center during the previous week. Commissioners reviewed with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy a letter that they had received from an inmate being held at the County Jail.

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Young, presented to the Board the certified return of the tax certificate sale held on March 2, 2020, with a total amount of tax certificates purchased of \$58,892.09. She also presented a pledge security receipt replacement from F&M Bank for approval by the Board. The replacement receipt was approved by a unanimous vote.

County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, also presented a pledge security receipt replacement

from F&M Bank, and that pledge security receipt received unanimous approval.

Commissioners voted to approve two-property sub-divisions, one for Penny D. Shafer located in S4, T3, R16, and to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-38, and, the other for Stephen and Geri Kean, located in S23, T2, R14. Both were approved without dissent.

The Board reviewed the February 2020 monthly operating statement and approved reports from the following officials for fees they collected during February 2020: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$166.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds \$11,681.50; Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court, \$624.00; and Rick Hardesty, Sheriff \$4,648.20.

Chairman Sickle informed the Board that he was in contact with Jerry Berggren regarding the problem with a water leak in the Lower Level of the Courthouse and that he had stated to Mr. Berggren that other alternatives were going to be researched further before continuing with the services of Berggren Architects.

The Board of Commissioners' meeting was adjourned after the supervisors voted to allow the payment of all claims submitted during the week previous to their meeting.

Before their Board of Supervisors meeting, the County Commissioners convened as the Richardson County Board of Equalization with County Assessor Pam Vice and Clerk Eickhoff also in attendance.

Notice was received from the NE Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division, regarding the real estate tax exemption applications that were approved at the February 25, 2020 meeting. After the department review, they requested further information on nine of the applications that were approved. The Board reviewed the applications for the organizations further and took the

following actions: Action was taken to approve the application for the Falls City Area Jaycees, Inc. exemption with the additional information that was now included and changing the use to charitable.

The Board voted to approve the application for the Shubert Athletic Club, Inc. with the exemption changed from educational use to a charitable use for exemption.

Also approved was an application for the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska exemption with the complete description of the property to include a building used as a museum.

A motion was made by Sickle to approve the application for Falls City Recreation, Inc. exemption, which now includes a description of the primary use of the property, which is for youth sports, etc. That motion was seconded by Caverzagie and approved by a unanimous vote.

Action was taken to approve an application from the Falls City Elks Lodge, Inc. for exemption of 33 percent of its property.

The Board voted to approve an application from the Humane Society of Richardson County, Inc. for an exemption after its application form was completed in full.

Action was taken to approve the two applications for the Richardson County Historical Society, Inc. Exemption after more information regarding the newly constructed building was documented.

The Board voted to approve the application for the Cornhusker Council Boys Scouts of America for an exemption after clarification was received that the property was not used for financial gain or profit.

Three tax list corrections were presented by Assessor Vice and approved as presented.

The Board of Equalization voted to adjourn its meeting at 9:07 a.m.

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WILDE TOOL TEAMMATE OF THE QUARTER-L-R: Matt Froeschl, President; Kari Schutte, Teammate of the Quarter; Allen Wisdom, Foreman. Kari Schutte was recently honored as Teammate of the Quarter at Wilde Tool. She is always willing and eager to work overtime and has had perfect attendance the last quarter. Kari is in charge of laser-branding and assembling all pliers and has an impressive 99 percent production rate through the first three quarters of this fiscal year. Kari's quality control is keen and helps ensure customers receive quality parts.

SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order of the Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary
Eleven members of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star held their stated meeting on Thursday, March 5 at the Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. Worthy Matron Sarah Nims presided in the East. The Opening Ode, "Morning Has Broken," was sung followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

The regular order or business included reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved. Treasurer Joan Wheeler gave the treasurer's report. A bill was allowed to present to the District 1 Grand Supervisor for her project. The Nebraska OES News was reviewed by members. A letter was received from Executive Director of the Masonic Eastern Star Hone for Children in Fremont. It explained their Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club will hold a Chili Dog Feed on Tuesday, May 5 in conjunction with Fremont's Big Give activity. Tickets will be available at the door.

A new activity at Grand Chapter in May will be a ritual competition with special proficiency recognition to those partaking at Grand Chapter on Monday, May 11. Past Grand Matron Susan Andresen was named Chairman of the Grand Chapter Ritual Competitions and Proficiency Recognition Committee. There will be a ritual competition on Monday and participants will wear special ribbons during the Grand Chapter Sessions. Award winners will be announced at the Tuesday evening Membership Banquet.

A letter from District 1 Grand Supervisor, Meagan Pruitt from Waterloo was read. She gave instructions for the day on March 24 at the Pawnee City Chapter Hall for members. She plans to start instructions for all officers during the day beginning at 3:30 p.m. Finger foods will be available for members to eat during the afternoon and evening. This is also Pawnee City's regular meeting night. Debbie Dunn reported she had sent scholarship information to the Counselors of Falls City and HTRS High Schools. Applications should be sent to her around April 15. The Humboldt Chapter in connection with the Grand Chapter of Nebraska plan to award one \$500 scholarship to a deserving 2020 high school graduation in one of these two schools.

Installing Past Matron, Carolyn Bredemeier and Installing Marshal, Elizabeth Kettner installed Phyllis Williamson as the 2020 Marshal for the chapter. Mrs. Kettner proclaimed her duly installed. Sickens reports were given for Pamela Mayfield and Sarah Nims. There being no further business, chapter closed with prayer by the Chaplain and singing of the Closing Ode, "Hymn of Promise." Refreshments were served by Phyllis Kreutzer.

Keep medications out of water supplies and the environment

Protecting water resources is just another reason to take unwanted or expired medications back to a Nebraska MEDS pharmacy. A landmark study published by the U.S. Geological Survey in 2002 found pharmaceutical compounds - including steroids, antibiotics, painkillers, and more - present in water supplies. Subsequent research has found traces of these compounds in streams and groundwater used for drinking water.

"It's so important that consumers understand that medications should never be disposed of down a toilet or drain," said Jennifer Wenhoff, Program Communications Manager for the Groundwater Foundation. "Most water treatment facilities don't have the capacity to remove these emerging contaminants, making it important to prevent them from entering water supplies."

Consumers using septic systems for household wastewater disposal should be especially diligent about never flushing medications, as they can disrupt the system's ability to treat wastewater and lead to groundwater contamination from the chemical compounds and fecal matter.

"Nebraska MEDS pharmacies across the state will accept medications for safe and legal disposal," said Wenhoff. "This is an amazing resource to help protect our state's water supplies." Over 300 pharmacies participate in the Nebraska MEDS Initiative, and will take back prescription and over-the-counter medications free of charge, no questions asked. Find a location near you at leftovemed.com.

"Every day is take-back day in Nebraska," said Sarah Hunter, Project Coordinator for the Nebraska Pharmacists Association. "Returning medications to the pharmacy not only protects human health by preventing accidental poisoning, drug abuse and misuse, but also protects the health of Nebraska's precious water resources."

Nebraska MEDS (Medication Education on Disposal Strategies) is a coalition of state and community partners dedicated to educating Nebraskans about drug disposal and provides safe ways to dispose of them to better safeguard the environment and public health. It is funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the Nebraska Legislature.

Falls City Care Center Receives 2020 Customer Experience Award from Pinnacle Quality Insight

Falls City Care Center is proud to announce that they are the recipient of Pinnacle Quality Insight's 2020 Customer Experience Award. Qualifying for the award in the category of skilled nursing facilities, Falls City displays a continued dedication to providing Best in Class senior healthcare services.

Valerie Buckminster, administrator, describes receiving the award(s) as an honor. "We work very hard to achieve high marks in customer service," she said. "We will continue striving for excellence as we serve the needs of all those entrusted to our care."

Throughout its history of serving the community, Falls City Care Center has placed a strong emphasis on ensuring that the individual needs of every resident are met. Over the course of 2019, a sampling of Falls City's customers and their families have participated in monthly telephone interviews that include open-ended questions, as well as the opportunity to rate Falls City in specific categories.

Every month, Falls City Care Center has gathered its real-time survey results to gain a better understanding of the resident's needs and make im-

provements when necessary. By qualifying for the Pinnacle Customer Experience Award, Falls City has satisfied the rigorous demand of scoring in the top 15 percent of the nation across a 12-month average. Clients have the opportunity to achieve this Best in Class distinction on a monthly basis in many categories designed to accurately reflect each resident's experience.

A customer satisfaction measurement firm with 24 years of experience in post-acute healthcare, Pinnacle conducts over 150,000 phone surveys each year and works with more than 2,500 care providers in all 50 US states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Falls City Care Center was created to serve those individuals who need long- or short-term specialized care and services because of a health condition, a change in life circumstances, or a life event such as a surgery or hospital stay. At Falls City Care Center, you'll feel at home within a community dedicated to assuring your comfort and safety, supporting your health and well-being, and empowering you to live your life. Learn more by visiting www.fallscitycc.com

RC SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHARED MEDIA REPORT



On March 6, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 28 year old Dillon Lotter of Falls City for Driving Under Suspension. Lotter was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On March 10, 2020, 36 year old Dustin Nuzum of Humboldt, NE, was arrested on a Richardson County Warrant for Leaving the Scene of an Accident/Fail to Furnish Info and for No Operator's License. Nuzum was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On March 12, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 40 year old Roy Bivans, Humboldt, NE for 3rd Degree Domestic Assault. Bivans was booked into Richardson County Jail.



On March 10, 2020, at 10:39 PM 31 year old Daniel C. Schuetz of Skidmore, MO was booked into the Richardson County Jail on two warrants.

On March 11, 2020 at 8:49 AM Richardson County Deputies investigated a two vehicle accident at Hwy 75 and Hwy 62 intersection. Names were not released.

Paul Weinert will be celebrating his 90th birthday on March 20th! TO PROTECT EVERYONE'S HEALTH THE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE POSTPONED. Cards may be sent to: 424 East 22nd Street, Falls City, NE 68355. Mary Jane, Sue, Tom, Carol, Greg, & Mary Beth

Nemaha Rescue Squad Fish Fry Friday, March 27th 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Nemaha Community Bldg. • Nemaha, NE Catfish, Carp, Chicken Strips, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips & Rye Bread with Various Desserts & Drinks Please come out and Support Us! Funds will be used to purchase advanced medical equipment.

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Falls City Public Schools board meeting highlights

By Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on March 9, 2020. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Program Spotlight features PBIS at North School – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is evidence based, a data-informed process that works to increase student achievement, school attendance, and academic success while decreasing challenging student behaviors, according to the Nebraska Department of Education. Using a systemic approach that includes all students, staff, parents, and settings, PBIS creates safer and more effective schools. PBIS has met with resounding success nationwide and in Nebraska. The student data collected through the PBIS program guides the program's direction, allowing for a continually advancing initiative to support kids at school.

North School is in year two of implementation and off to a successful start. The North School faculty members Emily Campbell, Bethany Keithley, Jenny Bauman, Kim Oliver, and Troy Nelson provided the board with an overview of the program and observations from year-two of this initiative including how PBIS is a behavior-based and research-validated program that provides a common skill set consistent with each teacher PreK-2nd grade. The process focuses on building school-wide, classroom, and individual systems of support general enough to assist all students, but focused enough to provide students at risk individual help. Furthermore, the common language of the program assists in a smoother transition for different locations in the school and from grade to grade.

The locally developed PBIS theme for North School is ROARS (respectful, on task, appropriate behaviors, responsible, safe). ROARS defines the pillars of support for the North School program and is promoted by signs posted around the school, a locally developed theme song, staff t-shirts, and ROARS Jam Day.

Coronavirus Monitoring at FCPS Continues to Garner More Attention - The Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) and its state and federal health partners are closely monitoring Coronavirus (COVID-19) that originated in China early last December. We realize that many people share similar concerns regarding the safety of our school community. The Falls City Public School is working collaboratively with the state and local health departments as they monitor the situation, and we will follow their instruction along with our protocols in place to respond to any outbreak of the communi-

cable disease in the case Coronavirus begins to spread within or near our community. School District officials will be meeting with Richardson County health professionals, Community Medical Center, Emergency Management Agency, and officials from the ambulance, FC Police, and Richardson County Sheriff on March 11 to discuss the Coronavirus and ways we can work together to protect the community. This information will be essential in helping decide what our school might do in our response to a reported case in our community. Concerning emergency school closures, we do know that all of the school closures in Nebraska were preventative measures, and not actual confirmed cases in those schools or communities. Our most significant emphasis now at school is vigilance about simple, regular sanitation practices. The main focus is washing hands and following cleaning protocols.

The 106th Legislative session has passed the half-way point this year, and several significant issues are still on the horizon. Many topics are yet to be addressed, such as business incentives, University of Nebraska Medical Center, redistricting, student discipline, private school scholarships, and the list goes on. The bill that has garnered the majority of attention from the education community has been LB 974, Sen. Linehan's school finance/property tax relief bill. While the bill does provide a great deal of new state funding to rural schools in the form of foundation aid (aid per student), in the long run too many new constraints, as well as more reduction of local control, causes some very serious concern for school boards, administrators, teachers, and others. For this reason, every education group in Nebraska has joined in opposition to LB 974. However, the opposition to this one bill is not an opposition to property tax relief, which we all support – but not at the expense of our children's future.

Board Project Committee met on February 20 to continue prioritizing the building and facility requirements for the summer of 2020. A draft and proposed budget have been developed, and the \$154,000 in budgeted project recommendations will be up for approval at the April 13 BOE regular meeting. Additionally, the roofing management plan and a detailed inspection was available for review to guide the short-range and long-range roofing requirements and recommendations for school building roofs. The summary also included budget estimates for future planning. The summer 2020 recommendations will include waterproofing the east/north gym walls at the high school and the east/north gym walls at the middle school, and

general maintenance and repair applications at both of the elementary schools. The total estimated roofing requirements for summer 2020 is \$98,600.

New shot put, and discuss concrete slabs have been created surrounding the practice field area west of the middle school building. This project is a safety measure for students and provides a practice facility on-site at the middle school, thus eliminating the need to travel to South School for practice and cross over 14th street.

Stakeholder Survey Provides Valuable School Improvement Planning Feedback - Students, staff, and parents, provided school-specific survey feedback last October, including students in grades 1-12, 108 staff members, and 239 parents. The results of the survey were examined by the school improvement steering committee and then prioritized into celebrations and challenges from each stakeholder group. The most common themes from the survey are now being communicated to the stakeholder groups. They will, in turn, drive the continuous school improvement plan goals as we move forward as a better, more informed school district for the community of Falls City.

North and South Elementary Schools Awarded National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant totaling \$25,802 to fund the purchase and installation of new commercial-grade dishwashing units at both elementary sites. The new dishwashing units replace models dating back nearly 25 years.

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items before concluding the regular meeting.

Approved board policy adoptions and reviews on final readings 1) Policy 8111 Emergency Closure of School Buildings; 2) Policy 8112 Emergency Exclusion of Persons From School; 3) Policy 4231 Denying Access to School Premises or Activities; 4) Policy 4232 Procurement, Suspension, and Debarment; 5) Policy 4265 Staff and District Social Media Use; 6) Policy 7146 Initiations and Hazing; 7) Policy 7147 Self-Management of Diabetes or Asthma;

Approved Certified Teacher Contract Amendments: 1) Allison Haines, Teacher 1.0 FTE; 2) Julie Strathman, School Psychologist, .60 FTE.

Accepted with gratitude the resignations of 1) Dianna Kotich, paraeducator - 29 years; 2) Cathy Palmer, South School administrative assistant, 19 years.

Approved the Principal Employment Contracts for 2020-2021.

Approved Classified Employee Wages for 2020-2021.

Approved the ESU 4 2020-2021 Agreement for Special Education Services. The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Tim Heckenlively.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29 and is a way to thank and honor our Nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

The following article by Charles R. Figley, American Legion Magazine, 2019; and submitted by Dale Oehm

"The combatant left Vietnam as he came alone.

He boarded the freedom bird with his cohort, not his company or platoon.

Time in Vietnam was the single necessary similarity among passengers.

The guys they knew best were either back in the world, back in the Nam, or dead.

Back in American at last, no fanfare awaited them. Only faceless, expressionless clerks processing their papers to thrust them back into the world as fast as they were plucked out of it.....

Most Americans were oblivious to his return."

Across the Nation, Americans are uniting to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. This is the main focus of The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration—a national 50th-anniversary commemoration, authorized by Congress, established under the secretary of defense, and launched by President Barack Obama in 2012. Congress penned a total of five objectives, with the primary being to thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the Nation.

The holiday, officially known as National Vietnam War Veterans Day, was made official by President Donald Trump through the "Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017."

Thousands upon thousands of organizations—our Commemorative Partners—have joined us in the noble mission of honoring our 6.2 million Vietnam veterans, living at home and abroad, and the nine million families of all who served. For more information, you can visit www.vietnamwar50th.com.

SOCIETY

DOES Drove #56

Members of Falls City Drove #56 met March 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Falls City Elks Lodge. President Karen Ramsey opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain, Phyllis Kreutzer led the group with prayer.

Becy Gilkerson was welcomed as a new member to the DOES. An application for Tammy Pilgrin was voted on to become a member of the Does, Pilgrin will be initiated at the April 13th meeting.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as written. Several projects to earn money for the Drove were discussed.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by Glenda Bippes and Gina Schietel. Door prizes were won by Nancy McKim, Dianna

Davis, Karen Ramsey and Mary Wiltse. Hostesses for April 13 meeting will be Connie Fiddler, Karen Ramsey, Trish Butler and Kim Oliver.

Area Bridge

Judy Munn, Violet Heim and Nancy Kelley won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met March 10, 2020, when two tables of bridge were played. Judy Munn and Nancy Kelley were the hostesses.

Carol Heineman and Marilyn Stalder will host the next session on March 24, 2020.

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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).

(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

Shelby R. Kuker, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Show causing hearing is scheduled.

Shawn W. Creamer, of Humboldt, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 30, 2020.

Terry L. Alexander, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Rebecca J. Smith, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Jacob J. Holthus, of Johnson, count one, drive under susp/ before reinstated-state, plead

guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

Matthew W. Hanesworth, of Falls City, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, no brake lights/turn signal, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 13, 2020.

Marcena A. Dean of Falls City, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125.

Kyle D. Scates, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead no contest, found guilty. Show cause hearing scheduled for March 23, 2020.

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Anthony Uitts, of Falls City, count one, animal running at large, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for April 1, 2020.

Shawn C. Brabec, of Omaha, count one, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count three, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for March 30, 2020.

Lucas M. Morehead, of St. Joseph, MO, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for March 16, 2020.

Lucy E. Ezell, of Auburn, count one, resist arrest-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of five days starting on March 11, 2020; count two, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, disturbing the peace, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Tommy L. Morlan, of David City, NE, count one, sexual assault-w/o consent-third degree, amended to obstruct government operations, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$500 and jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 20, 2020, probation for a term of 24 months, drug testing fee of \$60, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$600, jail for a term of 60 days starting on April 7, 2021, and court costs.

DISTRICT COURT

John D. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, use firearm to commit a felony, plead not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count three, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for April 7, 2020.

Matthew W. Hanesworth, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess or use drug

paraphernalia, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 12, 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 offense plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

Holly M. Pfohl, of Hiawatha, KS, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500; count two, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to four days in jail starting February 18, 2020, credit for four days served. Hearing is scheduled for April 7, 2020.

Lucy E. Ezell, of Auburn, count one, criminal impersonation, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to 90 days in jail starting on March 10, 2020, credit for 11 days served; count two, criminal impersonation, amended to count dropped/dis-

missed; count three, criminal impersonation, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of 90 days starting March 10, 2020; count five, false reporting-misdemeanor, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count six, false reporting-misdemeanor, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count seven, obstruct government operations, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to 90 days in jail starting March 10, 2020; count eight, obstruct government operations, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count nine, obstruct government operations, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count ten, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count eleven, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Jefferson Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, violate protection order, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for April 7, 2020.

Tara M. Tackett, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty;

count two, violate protection order, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled.

Karen S. Martindale, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing is scheduled for May 12, 2020.

CITATIONS

Monica I. Barajas, of Sioux City, IA, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Jason E. Strough, New Market, IA, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

William J. Hardenberger, of Falls City, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined an overweight fine of \$75 and court costs.

Jasmyne A. Strauss, of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no license on person, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Nicholas A. Funk, of Falls City, count one, overtake/pass stopped school bus, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$500 and court costs.

Armando Garcia, of Yakima, WA, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Kurtis Kirkendall, of Lincoln, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150; count two, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Salvador B. Hernandez, of South Sioux City, NE, count one, count one, speeding 06-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Laverta V. Andrew, of Rock Port, MO, count one, count one, speeding 06-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Jordan J. Cote, of Mentor, MN, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

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Sacred Heart Irish win tenth state title

Story and photos by Brian McKim

For the second time in three seasons, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish cut down the nets at Pinnacle Bank Arena, proving to be the best of the best in Class D2. Last season with Tyler Witt out with an injury, the Irish fell to Johnson-Brock in the semifinals; otherwise, the Irish would be looking at a three-peat. SH also had unfinished business to take care in the title game against Humphrey St Francis. The Irish were eliminated by the Flyers in the State Football semifinals last fall.

SH entered the contest at 28-1 while the Flyers were a perfect 27-0. The two teams last met in the state tourney in the 1988 finals. Coach Doug Goltz's first championship season. Visiting with media before the contest, the top-seeded Flyers seemed to be the favorites, but the Irish had something else in mind.

Guard Jamie Stice began the scoring for the Irish with a long ball from the top of the key to give the Irish a 3-0 lead. Less than thirty seconds later, Stice

struck again, this time from the corner to make it 6-1 SH. Hoy rounded out the scoring for the Irish, hitting 1-2 free throws to give SH a 7-4 lead after one period. Humphrey went 0-12 from the floor, getting all their first-quarter points from the foul line.

With 5:17 to play in the first half, the Flyers got their first bucket to get within one point at 8-7. SH then scored six straight points, ending with a Tyler Witt coast to coast hoop and an HSF timeout. With 2:00 to play, Witt again scored in the paint, followed by a layup by Hoy, giving the Irish a nine-point advantage 18-9. The Flyers cut into the lead, but SH went into the locker rooms with a 20-14 half-time lead.

The Flyers defense continued their 1-3-1 relentless pressure, but SH was beginning to figure it out. With 6:00 to go in the third, Stice drained his third trifecta of the night, making it 25-16. Witt closed out the scoring in the quarter with an offensive rebound and hoop to make it

28-20 with eight minutes left in the season.

The fourth period belonged to the Irish, racing out to a 42-23 lead with just 2:00 to play. SH bled 1:12 off the clock to begin the fourth quarter, ending with Simon finding Witt for a layup to make it 30-20. After Hoy went 2-2 from the foul line, the Flyers hit a three to make it 32-23 with 5:25 left. SH then went on a 10-0 run to put the game out of reach. With a 19-point lead and two minutes to play, the Flyers weren't ready to cash it in. With the Irish subs in the game, St. Francis scored some late buckets, but the Irish came home with their tenth state basketball title, 45-33.

For the game, the Irish defense held the Flyers to just 33 points and 11-46 shooting from the field (23.9%). The Irish finished 15-41 (36.6%) and made 3-12 from beyond the arc. The Irish made just 12-25 shots from the foul line, or the outcome could have been much worse for the Flyers. HSF never led in the contest.

Tyler Witt finished his Irish career with a monster game, scoring 13 points and pulling down 16 rebounds. SH out-rebounded the Flyers 42-29. Stice also reached double digits with 10 points and five steals. Trevor Pfeifer led HSF with 12 points on just 3-12 shooting.

Scoring vs. HSF: Witt 13, Simon 6, Jordan 2, Stice 10, Hoy 6, Fiegener 8.

"We have kids who really work hard and work together," said Coach Doug Goltz. "The defense that we play, it's a lot of hard work, and we only gave up 31 points a game, and we played some really good teams,

but I think it's a credit to the kids. They buy into that. If we play good defense, no matter what our offense is doing were gonna have a chance. It's a culture, kids show up and want to work."

When asked about getting redemption this season, Goltz replied, "Usually, you don't say this, but I think our team was the best team, but at the State tournament, Tyler got hurt, and we darn near pulled off the semifinal without him. It was probably the best team I've coached that didn't win a state title."

In response to a question about beating Humphrey after losing to them in football, Tyler Witt said, "It really didn't matter who we played, we just wanted to win a championship."

"It hurt losing that game," said Jamie Stice. "We wanted revenge."

"Our kids do a great job, when we get to this point, following the plan, we prepare. There's a lot of preparation. We knew the teams that we played; we had them studied and figured out. The kids find a way to execute the game plan. It's fun, but it's all business, too," said Goltz.

Goltz finished the press conference by praising the job that Jake Hoy did defensively, not

only Trevor Pfeifer but on everyone all season. "I think Jake Hoy is the best defensive player in our class. He takes a lot of pride in that; he's so hard-nosed and tough. Jake usually draws the other team's toughest player."

The Irish finish the season at 29-1 with the lone loss to the Class C1 State Champion, Auburn Bulldogs.

Jamie Stice, a 5-10 sr. and Tyler Witt, a 6-3 sr. were both named to the Class D2 All-Tournament Team.

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John 'Jack' Krause

John "Jack" Krause, 90, of Falls City, passed away March 8, 2020 at Lincoln, NE. He was born July 25, 1929 at Alliance, NE to Johnny and Freda (Cruise) Krause. He married Phyllis Malowney on January 11, 1954 at Lincoln, NE. She passed away June 19, 2011.

Jack enlisted in the United States Air Force in August 4, 1948. He served in San Antonio, Tx, Okinawa, New York, Denver and Colorado Springs. He was honorably discharged in July 7, 1952.

Jack was raised at Alliance, NE and graduated Alliance High School in 1948. After his discharge he moved to Lincoln and worked various jobs until moving to Omaha and attended Electronics School. He then worked for Electornic's Associate Paul Anderson at Omaha, taking over the business in 1969. He then purchased Paul Anderson's electronics repair business at Falls City in 1971, renaming it Jack's TV and Appliance. He closed the store in 1998 and then drove

the Richardson County Handy Bus and worked for Ken's Pharmacy until retiring in 2015. Jack was an avid bowler, bowling in Falls City Leagues until his health didn't permit it. He was a member of First United Methodist Church at Falls City, Falls City Elks Lodge and Tiger Investment Club.

Jack is survived by his children, Cynthia Krause and her husband George Englehardt of Lincoln, John and his wife Kaye of Cedar Creek, NE, Randy and his wife Diane of Lincoln, Cheryl Zook and her husband Jonah of Bellevue, NE, sister, Margie Walker of Ft. Collins, CO and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

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. Military honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guards.

The family received friends one hour prior to service time at First United Methodist Church.

Floyd 'Pappy' Lenard

Floyd "Pappy" Lenard, 71, of Falls City, NE, passed away March 13, 2020 at Falls City. He was born September 19, 1948 at Downsville, LA to Daniel and Gladys (Jordan) Lenard.

He married Linda Susan Whitten on April 3, 1972 at Rulo, NE.

Floyd was drafted into the U. S. Army on May 7, 1969 at Shreveport, LA. He served with Company B 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry LIB American Davison. He earned a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Combat Infantry Medal. He was honorably discharged on May 6, 1971 at Ft. Polk, LA.

Floyd was raised in Downsville and graduated Downsville High School in 1966 and was a member of FFA. Following his service he returned to Downsville and worked at Western Union. He worked decommissioning the telegraph system working in the south and Midwest, where he met Linda. After marriage the couple traveled due to his work and returned to Falls City in 1973 and he was employed by Rolles/Alanco for 30 years, retiring in 2004. He also helped area farmers his entire life. He

enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching his grandchildren's sporting events, NASCAR and the New York Yankees. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans Association and Disabled American Veterans.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Linda of Falls City, daughter, Rebecca Cromer and her husband Nick of Falls City, son, Jason, brother, Leon and his wife Evelyn of Downsville, sister, Priscilla Nugent of Fallon, NV, sisters-in-law: Barbara Lenard, Mary Anne Lenard, grandchildren, Brady and Tanner Cromer, Azlynia, Sloan and Vaughn Lenard and a great-grandchild, Declan Albin. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Bob Allen, Cloyd and Little Dan Lenard in infancy, sister, Sissy Spillers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Lawrence Stoley as the presiding priest. Interment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Monday at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with family greeting friends afterwards.

Irish survive Johnson-Brock, race past Parkview Christian to finals

By Brian McKim

On Thursday night at Lincoln East High School, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish opened the 2019-20 NSAA State Tournament against the Johnson-Brock Eagles in front of family and media. Due to the possibility of spreading the Coronavirus, the NSAA made the call to continue the tournament, but with limited fans in attendance. According to an email sent out by the NSAA, attendance was to be confined to players, coaches, trainers, administrators, and immediate family members. School administrators were to provide a list of entrants to be allowed, then to be at the gate to verify the persons on the list.

The Irish and Eagles are no strangers, having played seven times in the past two seasons, with Johnson-Brock defeating the Irish last season at the State Tournament. The Eagles got on the board first, but senior Jamie Stice put the Irish ahead 3-2 with a bomb from the wing. A second three, this time from Jake Hoy, gave the Irish a 6-5 lead with 5:15 to go in the first. Jacob Jordan then kept the Irish close with another shot from behind the arc and then closed out the scoring hitting his second try on a kick out from Tyler Witt, who drew a double team. SH trailed 13-12 after one quarter.

Two minutes into the second period, the Eagles had built their most significant lead of the game, 18-12. Stice then knocked down another deep ball, and a steal and layup by Hoy made it 20-17 at just past the halfway mark of the quarter. The Irish ended the quarter on a roll with Stice and Hoy draining deep balls to get SH close, 25-24 at the half.

The Irish briefly grabbed the lead in the third as Hoy pulled down an offensive board and got a putback to give SH a 28-27

lead, then made it 30-27 with a jumper from the foul line. Johnson-Brock answered with back to back threes to make it 33-30. At the end of three periods, the game was tight, with the Eagles leading 33-32.

Jordan hit a runner in the lane to begin the quarter, and another try by Stice made it a one-point game 38-37. At the 3:45 mark, Witt fought for an offensive board and hoop to give SH the 39-38 lead. With the Irish being patient on offense, the Eagles were forced to foul. Hoy went 2-2 at the stripe to make it 43-40, then Witt went 1-2 to give the Irish a 44-40 lead with :59 to go. Tough Irish defense hounded All-Stater Ty Hahn all night, forcing an airball from Hahn with just :15 to go to seal the game. The Irish held on for the 45-40 win, advancing to the semifinals on Friday.

Each team finished the contest with eight made two-point shots, and eight made three's, the difference came at the foul line. The Irish finished 5/9, while the Eagles never reached the charity stripe. SH ended the game 16/44 from the floor while the Eagles made 16/38.

Hoy led the Irish with 14 points while Stice added 13, including four threes. Caleb Fossenbarger led the Eagles with 10 points. SH held Ty Hahn to just four points in the contest.

Scoring vs. Johnson-Brock, Jordan 8, Stice 13, Hoy 14, Witt 8, Fiegenger 2.

On Friday afternoon, the Irish played the 20-7 Parkview Christian Patriots in front of mostly empty seats at the Devaney Center. The game was tight early, with the Patriots leading halfway through the first. Hoy then got an offensive board and put back

to tie the game at five. On the next possession, Witt found Jarrot Simon to give SH a 7-5 lead. The Patriots, however, scored the final five points of the quarter to take a 10-7 lead after eight minutes of action.

The Irish exploded in the second period, outscoring Parkview 24-7 to take a 31-17 halftime lead. Witt began the scoring in the paint, followed by a three from the top of the key by Stice. Another long ball from Jordan and a drive to the hoop by Witt made it 19-12 with 4:40 to play in the half. Consecutive buckets from Simon gave the Irish their largest lead at 23-12. Tyler Witt finished the half for the Irish with a shot at the rim to give the Irish a fourteen-point advantage at the half.

SH scored the first seven points of the third quarter to go up 38-17 before Parkview finally broke through with 4:46 to go. Free throws by Del Casteel and Hoy gave SH a twenty-point lead, 41-21, with one quarter to go.

Hoy started the scoring for SH in the fourth with back to back buckets to make it 45-26 with 6:30 to go. A fast-break layup against the Patriots press by Simon made it 47-28 with 6:00 left. Parkview scored six consecutive points, but the Irish responded, making 6/8 free throws down the stretch to hold off Parkview and advance to the finals with a 63-41 win.

SH shot much better, hitting 20/35 shots from the floor, including going 3-8 from downtown. Witt led the balanced attack, going 7/9 for 15 points. Jalen Curry had 13, and Jamie Juncal added 11 for Parkview.

Scoring vs. Parkview, Witt 15, Simon 13, Hoy 13, Stice 11, Jordan 3, Fiegenger 5, Casteel 1.

Power outage in Falls City Monday morning

The power went out in Falls City early Monday morning, March 16. OPPD, who powers Falls city had an insulator burn up. Due to the repair the Falls City Power Plant was running their engines to generate power to the City. OPPD successfully replaced their insulator late Monday morning.

Everything the Center for Disease Control wants you to know about COVID-19

Due to lack of space in this week's Falls City Journal, we will run a full story online on what recommendations the CDC has regarding COVID-19. The story includes information about the pandemic, how to protect yourself, symptoms to watch for, what you should do if you become infected and how to quarantine if you must. You can see it online at www.fcjournal.net.

'NE Legislature will hear you, and your message is loud and clear, enough is enough'

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We don't know exactly what the winter will be as far as snow and rainfall. But we are planning on seeing very wet soil next spring, which would tend to have increased runoff." John Remus, chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Missouri River Basin Water Management Division, said.

In their annual report dated January 10, 2020, D. Peter Helmlinger, P.E., Brigadier General, USA, Division Commander, said that the runoff into the Missouri River basin in 2019 was 60.9 million acre-feet, making 2019 the second highest runoff in 121 of records. Higher than average releases through the summer and fall, and higher-than-average winter releases are planned as part of the effort to evacuate the 2019 runoff before the start of the 2020 runoff season. Thinking of the ongoing levee repairs, "we are committed to an aggressive release scheduled through the winter and early spring as it appears that 2020 has the potential to be another high runoff year."

The report also stated that "High releases during the late winter and early spring periods may exacerbate localized flooding if coincident with plains snowmelt or spring rains, and may also contribute to significant ice jam flooding. Therefore, if higher than normal releases are indicated, local conditions will need to be closely monitored. In addition, all 2020 runoff that is stored in the flood control zones will be evacuated prior to the start of the 2021 runoff season."

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Advertisement for Eagle Credit Union offering a '2.00% APY' on 18-month flexible certificates of deposit.

Advertisement for 'BULL SALE?' with details on newspaper ad rates and contact information for the Nebraska 2x2/2x4 Display Ad Network.

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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, 30 minutes before Sunday Masses, weekdays, before each Mass daily or by appointment.
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Tips to help family caregivers avoid burnout

(StatePoint) Family caregivers lead busy and at times, stressful lives, often balancing work, their own kids and spouses, hobbies and more, all while ensuring their loved ones are happy and healthy.

In celebration of family caregivers and all that they do, Interim HealthCare Inc. shares tips to help them avoid burnout and provide better care:

Know you're not alone: As of 2015, an estimated 43.5 million adults in the U.S. have provided unpaid care to an adult age 50 or older, according to AARP. Of these individuals, around 28 percent have a child or grandchild under the age of 18 living in their household, and six in 10 caregivers report being employed at some point in the past year while caregiving. Online and in-person support groups can be a great way to connect with others who may be in similar situations. These groups can be found through hospitals, Facebook, Meetup.com or organizations like the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.

Make life easier: You can simplify daily tasks for your senior with a few considerations. For example, if utensils are difficult to use, look for opportunities to provide healthy finger foods that help your senior feel more independent. Think sliced frittata, which can be eaten like pizza, versus scrambled eggs. When it comes to getting dressed, opt for Velcro if zippers and buttons have become difficult. Another good trick? Tie loops of string around the ends of zippers so they're easier to grab.

Don't be surprised by negative feelings: Caring for someone can be an emotional rollercoaster. Even the calmest person can experience a range of negative emotions. The best way to handle them is to acknowledge that they are a natural reaction to stress. If these feelings persist, reach out to local caregiving support groups, a family physician or therapist for help.

Consider home care as a partner: Professional home care services can complement the care you provide, helping ease its emotional and physical toll while offering you peace of mind.

While selecting senior home care services is something to be proud of, family members often feel guilt over the decision. Conflicted emotions are normal. However, knowing that the decision will make you better equipped to care for everyone can help you move past feelings of guilt.

Home healthcare has emerged as a powerful option for families seeking a better way to care for their senior loved ones. Not only does it provide medical and personal care for seniors, it can nurture their independence by allowing them to remain at home, all while providing respite care for family members from the daily routine of caregiving.

Be sure to look for care that offers a whole-person approach, such as Interim HealthCare's HomeLife Enrichment standard of care, where caregivers look beyond a diagnosis so that every patient is treated as an individual with unique needs and desires. To learn more, visit interimhealthcare.com.

More caregiving tips can be found at interimhealthcare.com/blog.
Serving as a family caregiver is challenging. But there are ways to make life easier and more fulfilling for both you and your loved one.

Everyone is different but that's O.K.

Newspaper Fun!

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We can fill your lunchbox with fruits and vegetables that you like. Let's cut out fun shapes from your favorite cheese too!

When families join meals together, we also choose our favorite meals. When we shop together we can look for the freshest fruits & vegetables and fruits & find everyone can choose the foods that he likes the most. By checking labels on packages, we can learn which foods have the best ingredients. When we cook at home we can adjust our recipes to use small amounts of healthy oils, salt or sugar. Some families enjoy planning or taking part of their family meals.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword!

1. Choose foods from each of the food groups.
2. We're free in fat, sugar and calories and high in fiber and vitamins, like vitamins A, which is good for our eyes and skin.
3. Many fruits have _____ and are helpful for vitamin C, which helps to repair body tissue and heal cuts.
4. Low-fat milk and cheese will give you _____ for strong bones and teeth.
5. Meat, fish, beans, eggs, peanut butter and nuts have lots of protein to help build _____ Choose lean cuts of meat if possible.
6. Oats, brown rice, quinoa and buckwheat are whole grains with lots of fiber and carbohydrates that give us _____ energy.
7. "My _____" are used at a glass table, and how much we are eating.

Nutritious and Delicious

Families may grab a quick grab-and-go meal when they are pressed for time, but grab-and-go meals can be a healthy choice. Grab-and-go meals are less expensive, and we know exactly what ingredients we're using.

Get lots of brightly colored fruits and veggies.

Marsh into good nutrition!

Put as much "best" as you can!

Check out what you're eating!

Notice the _____ of the area of MyPlate for vegetables and fruits.

We can do _____ vegetables, ones that were frozen right after picking or packing soon after - they are all good for us in our cooking by adding herbs like basil and spices like onion powder.

Some _____ is needed for our body and brain to function well. Choose equal fat as you eat after this food group.

Put _____ in a small amount of dark chocolate, half of a brownie or a yogurt of low-fat ricotta cheese with fruit.

It's easier to have on a healthy track if your family and friends do too. It's fun to cook and exercise with others. We're checking out the sports and activities at our school and local Parks and Recreation Department for upcoming spring months. That will keep us moving!

Read the clues to fill in our Healthy Habits crossword, then find and circle the words!

1. Check out some new, healthy _____ for favorite comfort foods like meatballs and casseroles.
2. Try some _____ vegetables like kale, spinach, Brussels sprouts and kale or purple cauliflower or rainbow carrots (orange, red, purple, white).
3. Play sports, dance, try karate - find a type of _____ you like and have fun with it for 30-60 minutes a day.
4. Soak your energy each morning with a good _____.
5. Eat three meals and don't forget 2-3 small _____.
6. Choose snacks that will give you lots of _____, vitamins with low-fat milk, fruit, yogurt, lunch once a day and bread too.
7. Get your _____ done, then, if allowed, enjoy playing a computer or video game.
8. _____ is important for resting and repairing our bodies, so get a good night's sleep.
9. Get a _____ for a checkup and an eye exam, and be careful to check your teeth!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS Sealed BIDS will be received on behalf of the City of Falls City in the Engineers' Office, Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE on April 23, 2020, until 3:00 P.M. Local Time, and then such BIDS shall be publicly opened and read aloud in the Engineer's conference room for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials and supplies required to construct diversion mainline, 50.1 F gravity sewer line, new lift station, 40 L.F. forcemain, demolition of existing lift station, and other such work as may be incident to NORTH-EAST LIFT STATION RECONSTRUCTION.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and to waive irregularities or informalities to accept the BID it deems most beneficial. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The Owner will accept only those sealed bids, either hand delivered or received via U.S. Mail or other commercial carrier, items transmitted by facsimile or electronically will not be accepted.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE 68347 City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C., located at 1111 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 230, Kearney, Nebraska 68347, Telephone 308.234.6456 upon payment of \$40 for each half-size set. Full-size sets of documents can be obtained for a deposit of \$55. Any PLAN HOLDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within fourteen (14) days of the BID OPENING, and in good condition, will be refunded \$15. A complete set of electronic copies of drawings, specifications, documents and proposal form may be obtained from www.miller-engineers.com for a fee of \$25.00 (non-refundable). Once logged into the website, go to "Bidding Documents" (in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage) and you can select the set of documents to download. Each BIDDER will be required to submit with its proposal a certified check, cashier's check or bid made payable, without condition, to the City Clerk, Falls City, Nebraska, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Contractors and subcontractors or USEPA federally assisted construction projects are required to pay their laborers and mechanics wages not less than those established by the Department of Labor. A current wage decision containing the appropriate building and/or heavy trade is included in the specifications for bidding purposes. The prospective participants must certify by submitting EPA Form 3700, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.

BIDDERS on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications. Each BIDDER must fully comply with the requirements, terms and conditions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements, including the fair share objectives for disadvantaged business participation during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the fair share objective for disadvantaged business participation contained herein and all other requirements, terms and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting proposals in sealed bids.

In January 17, 2014, H.R. 3547, "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014," was enacted. Section 456 of the Act requires that none of the appropriated funds may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States, unless a waiver is provided to the recipient by EPA. Conditions for the waiver are found under the Information for Bidders. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

The Owner is an equal opportunity employer and requires all contractors and consultants to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. The Owner, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, and Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 2, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, sex, age and disability handicap in consideration for an award.

CITY OF FALLS CITY ATTEST: Gary Jon, City Clerk by Shawna Bindle, Mayor 11-18

NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALAN J. McQUEEN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA PR20-17

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative of said Alan J. McQueen, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a Jon M. McQueen as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 4, 2020 or be forever barred.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Eugene Duane Ranner, Jr. and Christine Ranner, dated July 8, 2005, and recorded on July 15, 2005, in Book No. 219, at Page 235 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Richardson County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on April 14, 2020, at 1:00 A.M., at the main lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Sixty-three (63), Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, more commonly known as 1723 McLean St., Falls City, NE, 68355-2241

Edward E. Brink, Successor Trustee First Publication: March 4, 2020

NOTICE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (NO. 222537). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com 4-11-18-25-1

VILLAGE OF VERDON NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska that the Village Board will meet at 7:00 a.m. on the 1st Day of April 2020 at the Village Hall in Verdon for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2020.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent 11-18-25-1

NOTICE OF ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PROGRAM HEARING Notice is hereby given pursuant to Nebraska §39-1503, a public hearing will be held in the Office of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners, Room 202, Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska on the 24th day of March, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting to the public the One and Six Year Highway Improvement Program for Richardson County, Nebraska.

The proposed program is on file with the County Clerk and available for public inspection. David D. Siskel Chairman Richardson County Board of Commissioners 4-11-18

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska in an action wherein Midwest Management is the Plaintiff and Linda L. Conrad, N/K/A Linda L. Luginbill, Shawn D. Luginbill, Credit Management Services, John Doe, and Mary Doe, and all other persons/entities unknown claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein, Defendants, Case # CI 19-160, I will sell on the 3rd of April, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the 1st floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state the following real property, to wit: 820 29th Street, Falls City, NE, 68355. Legal description of falls: Parcel # 74002630, Lots 21 and 22, OT BLK 193, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020 Sheriff Rick Handley L Richardson County Nebraska 11-18-25-1

VILLAGE OF BARADA NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska that the Village Board will meet at 4:15 p.m. on the 8th Day of April 2020 at Richardson County Courthouse, Room 202, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE, for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2020.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent 18-25-1

Notice of Organization Company Name: D & H Contracting, LLC Formed: 2-23-2020 Registered Agent: Shannon Homeyer, 66300 703 Lane, NE, NE 68431 Designated Office: 66312 703 Lane, Rulo, NE, 68431 Services Offered: Hauling & Excavation 4-11-18

Notice of Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit The City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, will meet on April 6, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, to hold a public hearing at which time interested parties and citizens have an opportunity to be heard concerning the request for a conditional use permit for a day care center use of the following described real estate, to-wit: 816 E 16th Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Falls City - Forney's 2nd Addition BLK I Lots 22 & 23.

The application is made by Regina Kapusta for a conditional use permit for the above real estate located in the (R2) Medium Density Residential Zoning District of the City of Falls City, as provided in Article 6 of the Falls City Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

The City of Falls City Clerk Gary Jon, City Clerk 18

VILLAGE OF SALEM The Village of Salem is requesting bids for the 2020 mowing season. Bidders are asked to bid per mowing and must provide their own equipment. Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on April 7, 2020.

Bidders must include proof of insurance with bid. Bids may be sent to: The Village of Salem, PO Box 297, Falls City, NE 68355 or present at the Village Board meeting on April 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Carolyn Glahar Village of Salem 18-25

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of this County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 24th day of March, 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 for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Richardson County Office, Courthouse, Room 203, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours minimum 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.richardson.ne.us

Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk 18

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the Trustee under the deed of trust recorded on October 2016 in Book 268, Page 1, in the Office of the Richardson County Register of Deeds will be selling the following described property at public vendue to the highest bidder, for cash, in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska on the 30th day of April, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Lot 2 in the E/4 of the SE/4 of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 17 East of the 16th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska.

DATED: March 2, 2020 By: Samantha K. Scheitel, #26389 Attorney for Frontier Bank For: Weaver & Merz Law Office 1719 Stone St., Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3015 18-25-1-8-15

VILLAGE OF PRESTON NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska, that the Village Board will meet at 7:00 a.m. on the 8th Day of April 2020 at Richardson County Courthouse, Room 202, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE, for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2020.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent 18-25-1

VILLAGE OF RULO NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska, that the Village Board will meet at 6:15 p.m. on the 15th Day of April 2020 at the Village Hall, for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2020.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent 18-25-1

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 5, 2020 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 5th day of March, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Joy, Veigel, Absent: Goodman, Rull. Calling recording: none. Minutes of the meeting: None. Notice to meeting: none. A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the minutes for the February 20, 2020 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YES" Bartek, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Albu. Motion carried.

AGENDA A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the March 5, 2020 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YES" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the Utility Superintendent Report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YES" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

LIFT STATION - UPDATE - DISCUSSION Utility Superintendent gave the Board a status update on the project and answered questions. ELECTRIC SYSTEM UPGRADES - UPDATE - DISCUSSION Utility Superintendent gave the Board a status update on the project and answered questions.

AGREEMENT/OLSON Utility Superintendent gave the Board a status update on the project and answered questions. CLAIMS A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the claims for February 2020 as follows: Electric Department - \$657,508.89, Water Department - \$60,363.50, Mechanic Shop - \$10,163.40, Gas Department - \$20,200.00, Sewer - \$37,491.54. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YES" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00P.M. the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Board of Public Works on March 5, 2020 at all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for that meeting, kept continuously current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda was sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that the minutes were true and correct as to the substance of the matters presented at the meeting; that the minutes were written in full and available for public inspection within ten working days of the meeting; that the minutes were made accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jon, City Clerk Tom Barton, City Clerk Merle Veigel, Chairman

District #56

Agenda for the Special Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. 1.0 Business Items: 1.1 Roll Call - Open Meetings Act Notice 1.2 Approval of Absences 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication 1.4 Approval of Agenda 1.5 School Closure Planning Discussion 1.6 Action Items 2.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Board Committee meetings TBD.

Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM The Salem Village Board will meet on February 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building, Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. Carol, Caitlin, and Veggie answered roll. Wesel was absent. Robert McHenry reported on the operation of the water system.

Straw removal at the Community Building was discussed. Ice melt will be at the hall, and available at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Keith Fouraker came to the board to discuss a complaint about a parked car. He requested a copy of Village Ordinances. The clerk will provide him a copy. The County requested use of the Community Building for a meeting on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 P.M. for the November general election. Both dates will be put on the Hall calendar.

The County requested use of the Community Building for a meeting on Tuesday March 10th, seconded by Kim. Motion carried. The Board will meet with JEO about the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Caitlin. Motion carried. Kim, Strauch, Caitlin voting yes. Veggie abstained. Keam moved to adjourn at 8:40, seconded by Veggie. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 10th, seconded by Kim. Motion carried. The Board will meet with JEO about the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Caitlin. Motion carried. Kim, Strauch, Caitlin voting yes. Veggie abstained. Keam moved to adjourn at 8:40, seconded by Veggie. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 10th, seconded by Kim. Motion carried. The Board will meet with JEO about the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Caitlin. Motion carried. Kim, Strauch, Caitlin voting yes. Veggie abstained. 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HELP WANTED

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.

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Driver for OTR deliveries.
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Requirements
1 Year of OTR experience
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Drivers are paid:
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Call 785-336-0022 for an appointment - EEO
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PRODUCTION POSITION OPENINGS

Our "2020 Vision" includes significant production growth bringing great new career opportunities. We have many positions available on both day and night shifts. Night shift receives \$3 shift differential. Limited time \$500 hiring Bonus!

- Maintenance Technicians
- Package Operators and Techs
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- Mill Assistants
- Truck Drivers
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- Sanitation and QA Techs

Enjoy working 15 days a month with every other weekend off! C.J. Foods/LANI offers competitive pay with a full range of benefits, including health, dental, company match 401(k), company paid short term disability, company paid life, paid time off, paid holidays, medical reimbursement, and more!

To see what is available at our locations and apply visit our websites at www.cjfoodsinc.com and <http://www.lanipet.com>



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Sabetha Community Hospital is accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Full-Time Night Med/Surg Registered Nurse:** Three 12-hour shifts per week with every 3rd weekend mandatory. Shifts are 5pm-5am. Responsible for the total patient care within assigned nursing unit.
- **Full-Time Home Health & Hospice Registered Nurse:** Four 9-hour shifts per week with every 4th weekend On-Call. RN will provide care to individuals who qualify for Home Health or Hospice services.
- **Full-Time Maintenance Worker:** Five 8-hour days plus monitoring of systems on alternating weekends. Applicants should have prior experience working with electricity, HVAC and other general maintenance, along with the ability to problem solve and work independently.
- **Full-Time Admissions/Insurance Clerk:** Five 8-hour days and every 6th Saturday morning. Responsible for interviewing and updating admission data along with submitting insurance claims and following up. Medical terminology helpful.
- **Part-Time Scrub Tech/Nurse:** Two or three 8-hour shift per week with 7-10 nights on call per month. Responsible for providing a safe and aseptic environment during surgery and assisting staff as needed. An excellent base salary is offered for these positions including vacation, holiday, and sick time. Benefits may include group health with dental, eye and a prescription drug rider, pension plan, group life insurance with dependent life, disability, long term care, TDA's, cancer plan and numerous other benefits.

If interested in these opportunities visit the hospital's website at www.sabethahospital.com or call Julie Holthaus, Human Resource Director at 785-284-2121 ext. 1584.

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Welders & Assemblers

Local manufacturer of agricultural equipment has openings for full time Welders and Assemblers that can work in a team environment and pass a physical capacity profile/drug screen.

Pay based on experience plus group health plan, vacation and 401K. Work schedule is Monday - Thursday 6:30a.m to 5:00pm with occasional overtime on Friday's. Bestway Ag is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply in person at Bestway Ag, 2021 Iowa St., Hiawatha, KS.

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JOB OPENINGS

The Nemaha County Hospital has the following open positions:

- **Home Care Registered Nurse - 40 hours per week.** Must be a licensed RN in the state of Nebraska and have a valid driver's license. Full-time benefits available.
- **Unit Coordinator/Nursing Assistant - Full-time position available.** Up to 7 am shift, includes every third weekend. Competitive wage with short and weekend differentials, full benefit plan.

Apply online at <http://nemahacountyhospital.org/employment>
Call Steve Slings 402-774-6131 with any questions.
EOE Employer/Disabled

2025 1st Street Auburn, NE

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Site Lead Electrician

Do you want to make a difference, learn new things, and lead a team? Do you want to travel and see different parts of the USA? NorthWind is growing and wants to talk to you! We are looking for a Site Lead Electrician on our installation team to supervise onsite electrical installation projects.

NorthWind offers complete benefits including, a 401(k), paid employee health insurance, and much more! If you're looking for a new opportunity with competitive benefits, NorthWind is for you!

Responsibilities include:

- Plan and develop work schedules and equipment usage
- Ensure material is onsite when needed
- Be a role model in the areas of safety, quality, and productivity
- Understand and be able to apply the National Electrical Code
- Interface and communicate with customers to answer questions within the NorthWind scope of work

Qualifications:

- 5 years of experience required
- Journeyman's license highly preferred
- Valid driver's license required (CDL is a plus)

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FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Employment Opportunities

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONALS CUSTODIAN - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit an online application: <https://fctigers.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

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FOR SALE

LADIES ST. TOE TENNIS SHOES
SIZE 10 BY TERRAMAR
1 PAIR-ONLY \$55.99

NEW
MEN'S & WOMEN'S SPRING
RAIN/WINDBREAKER JACKETS

WE HAVE A GREAT SELECTION
OF WILLOW TREE ANGELS
FOR MANY OCCASIONS!

FARM & CITY SUPPLY,
ACE HARDWARE.

2010 Ford Extended Cab
88,000 Mile
\$15,500
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FOR RENT

House for rent in Dawson. 3 BDRM, 1 BA, \$425 per month, + deposit. References required. 402-217-3601. 10-11

Furnished Apt. for rent, utilities included. References & deposit required. 402-245-7029. 50-ft

House for rent, references and deposit required. 402-245-7029. 50-ft

Pack Rat Storage. Units Available. 402-245-7236. 49-FT

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Mary Lou Johnson wish to thank the Falls City Care Center for all their care they provided to Mary Lou during her stay. She liked and loved you all, she had a smile for each and every one of you. We so appreciate the fun and laughter you brought to her. As you found out she liked teasing and played her loud music all the time, she always had a smile for you. Thank you Falls City Family Practice and Dr. Trapp and Dr. Grant Anderson and Dr. Celeste Jones and all the office staff for overseeing our mother's health through the years. Thank you to the Falls City Ambulance Squad, St. Elizabeth Regional Health Center and Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Thank you Ladies of the First Presbyterian Church for the very nice luncheon. Thank you Pastor Rick for your kind years. Thank you family and friends for the cards, flowers, food, Memorials and your prayers.

Mary Lou Johnson Family

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SERVICES

Shear Joy Salon
Open: Thurs., Fri., & Saturday
By Appointment
402-245-4008
Seniors my speciality!
(no steps)

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CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS HIT NEBRASKA

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larly scheduled, and any decision to close will be made in collaboration with SEDHD based on known, factual information.

"According to the Commissioner of Education, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is formulating plans that allow districts flexibility meeting certain statutes and rules governing instructional time, services and maintenance of effort for special needs children, OT/PT/SLP services, and other mandates should schools be forced to close for a short time, or for longer periods. At this time, those plans have not been available for review or release.

A significant part of those discussions involves providing instruction during school closures. The concept of instruction through online access - or "eLearning" - seems to be the most popular. However, for many districts, including FCPS, there are challenges with that model - family wi-fi access, device availability, etc... Building administrators are discussing ideas and options for instruction with teachers with the intent of having a basic plan in place should we need to close," said Heckenively.

Local changes that will go into effect immediately for FCPS include: Student related travel, trips, activities will be suspended through March 28, and the situation will be reassessed at that point. Activities practices will be as normal to prepare for the first contests unless seasons are canceled. FCPS is planning for a Grab 'n Go breakfast/lunches in the event of a school closure. FCPS will suspend the March 17 and 19 parent/teacher conferences in an effort to minimize additional traffic through schools. Parents are encouraged parents to reach out to teachers if there are concerns.

"I want to emphasize that given so many unknown factors of the dis-

ease and with the prevalent speed of the spread, that anything is possible and no "playbook for schools" exists. In addition to being a new strain, changes in the scope of the spread and the science of COVID-19 are happening in hourly increments. The impact of the virus may force FCPS and families to create a Plan B, Plan C, Plan D, at a moment's notice based on all the variables of the situation. Knowing that decisions will be made quickly and at almost anytime, it is important for families to be prepared to make adjustments quickly if a school closure should be required," said Superintendent Heckenively. He continued, "The district will continue to seek guidance from our health agency partners as they are the subject matter experts, and their professional networks and expertise will help guide the district through the viral outbreak. I will provide further updates as decisions are made, if pertinent information is released from state agencies, or if school or community status levels demand immediate notification."

Soon after we sent the Journal to print, Falls City Public Schools announced that they would indeed be closing the schools.

"The Falls City Public Schools will dismiss 2-hours early on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 as the school district follows the guidance of Commissioner of Education Blomstedt and Governor Ricketts to take steps necessary to close schools by the end of the week. This is a precautionary measure to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Tomorrow will allow students the opportunity to gather personal and learning items from lockers and classrooms, and meet with their teachers. We will resume classes on Monday, April 6. FCPS has been actively collaborating with state officials to assist in this decision.

Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and Thursday, March 19, 2020 are cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Important Notes: All school buildings will be closed to students March 18, 2020. Faculty and staff will report as normal. School buildings will not be open or accessible to the public.

Administrators, teachers, and staff will spend the next 5 days finalizing a plan for extended, outreach learning opportunities and the district will be in communication with families and students. If you have questions, please contact the respective principal of your building.

The district is planning a free Grab and Go breakfast/lunch program for every student in the district due to schools being closed for COVID-19, beginning on Tuesday, March 25. The meal will include a lunch for the day and breakfast for the next day. You will be receiving a survey this week to indicate your participation and the details of the meal pick-up locations and delivery options.

Effective Monday, March 16 all NSAA activity practices are suspended until Monday, March 30 and all NSAA activity competitions are suspended until Thursday, April 2. These suspensions may be extended should the conditions warrant.

We will continue to provide updates and further information. Thank you for your support during these extraordinarily, uncharted times. Sincerely, Tim Heckenively, Superintendent

The Falls City Library announced that they would also be closed until further notice.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry held at Prichard Auditorium on March 20, will be a drive-thru pick-up or delivery option only. (See ad on Page 5)

Several fast-food restaurants and other businesses have sent out statements to customers via email ensuring patrons' safety.

An email from Sonic Drive-In received on Sunday night stated that they would implement additional measures including expanded sick leave and pay policy for team members in company-owned drive-ins impacted by COVID-19; increased cleaning of high touched areas inside and outside the drive-in and reminding team members and guests of contactless ordering and payment options through mobile apps. "As part of Inspire Brands, we have established a Coronavirus Task Force in partnership with the other restaurants to monitor the outbreak in real-time. We will continue to explore additional tools, resources, and processes to further protect you and our team," said Claudia San Pedro, President of Sonic Drive-In. Since Thursday, store shelves have

emptied at grocery stores and other supply outlets. President Donald Trump stated that "there's no need to hoard."

The government's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said Sunday that he would like to see a National 14-day shutdown that would require all Americans to hunker down, allowing the disease spread to slow down. As of Sunday morning, there were at least 3,010 coronavirus cases in 49 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington D.C.

In California, the governor called for all wineries and bars to close. In Illinois, all bars and restaurants will be closed to dine-in customers until the end of the month.

President Donald Trump was tested for the Coronavirus over the weekend. The White House physician Sean P. Conley said the test came back negative.

People who were at the following locations - <https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/latest-news> - during the time frames mentioned should self monitor for the development symptoms that include a fever, cough, shortness of breath and in some cases a sore throat.

"We are monitoring the situation for a second community-acquired case, said Dr. Gary Anthonie, Chief Medical Officer and Director of

Public Health for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). "We need your help. DHHS is advising Nebraskans to stay home if they're experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses including fever, cough, shortness of breath and in some cases a sore throat. By staying home you protect those in your community."

Social distancing and taking other actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 is critical. Slowing the spread of the virus will help decrease the potential strain on health care providers and facilities and help ensure care for those who may need it.

Nebraskans should continue to expect closures and cancellations in their communities as we work to slow the spread of COVID-19.

As Nebraska continues to adjust to a new normal as a result of COVID-19, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has sent up a coronavirus information line that will allow residents to get answers to general questions and receive information on resources available. The number is 402-552-6645. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Information is rapidly changing, so check in with your local news or school if you hear rumor of any possible changes.

Selling your business (Stock Sale)

By Wisdom CPAS

The goal of most business owners is to sell their business upon retiring. There are two ways to sell a business, selling the assets or selling the stock of the business. The way in which you sell your business can make a large impact on your tax liability.

A stock sale is the full sale of the business. The purchaser acquires all assets and liabilities of the entity. All contracts automatically transfer to the new owners, as the entity is still in place. In most instances it is an easier, less complex transaction. A stock sale is a type of equity sale, but is only available to C-Corporations and S-Corporations. Partnerships can be sold using the equity method,

but sole proprietorships are unable to use this method for a sale.

A stock sale is more advantageous to the seller, as the seller will have capital gains on the stock sale. Capital gains is taxed at a lower rate, which significantly reduce the seller's tax liability versus an asset sale. However, the buyer is unable to deduct or amortize the purchase price of the business, as the sale price increases their basis in the stock/interest.

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 a business sale, it is best practice to consult with a tax professional.

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EMPTY BOWLS SOUP SUPPER

THANK YOU

Donations totaling \$5,275 were collected for the Annual Empty Bowls Soup Supper event. Donations that evening were \$2,550 and prior donations from the community totaled \$2,725.

Falls City Travel - Mandi Gras
Lani Little - Corned Beef & Cabbage
Girl Scout Troop 20566 - Chili
Girl Scout Troop 20705 - Cheeseburger
Falls City Care Center - Santa Fe
Thomas Beaman - Thomas' Fire Roasted Chili
Tiger Booster Club - Stuffed Pepper
Wild Bill's - Chili
F&M Bank - Creamy Potato with Bacon
Great Western Bank - Very Berry Dessert Soup
Kobza Dental - Chase Street's Finest Chili
SNC (Jim Wisdom) - Jim's Retired Chili
P.J.E. - Loaded Baked Potato
Jaded & Co. - Chicken & Dumplin'
St. Thomas Episcopal Church - Vegetable Beef
Blue Valley Behavioral Health - Velvet Corn
Community Medical Center - Vegetable Beef
Corner Liquor - Cheesy Potato
City of Falls City - City Surprise
Pony Creek Rentals - Chicken Noodle
A&G Steakhouse - Lasagna Soup
Big Red Inn - Chicken Noodle
North School - Tortellini Soup
One Stop Cafe - Vegetable Beef

We would like to show our appreciation to the businesses, organizations and individuals for their support and contributions to the event!

FC Public Schools - Cinnamon Rolls
Sacred Heart Booster Club - Cookies/Bars
Falls City BPO Does #56-Cookies/Bars
Falls City Chamber - Cookies/Bars
Girl Scouts - Volunteers
SunMart - Cookies/Bars
Six Perice - Volunteers
Runza - Cookies
Subway - Cookies
Falls City Sacred Heart - Volunteers
Falls City Public Schools - Volunteers
Joel & Samantha Maxwell & Family - Entertainment

Second place to Great Western Bank with Very Berry Dessert Soup

This year's winner is Falls City Care Center with Blue Santa Fe Soup

Third place is P.J.E. with Loaded Baked Potato Soup

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Monday, March 23rd
Cookies in the Main Bank Lobby
1701 Stone St.

Tuesday, March 24th
Grab a Cinnamon Roll at One Stop Cafe from 6am-10am.

Wednesday, March 25th
Dessert at Wild Bill's from 11am-1pm.

Thursday, March 26th
Donuts at Farm & City Supply.

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