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## IN FC SOCIAL GATHERINGS OF 10 OR MORE 'IT'S A VERY SERIOUS DEAL,' PROHIBITED AND PARK EQUIPMENT CLOSED RICHARDSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE CLOSES ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), issued guidance for COVID-19, specifically warning against gatherings of more than ten people. Governor Ricketts requested voluntary compliance by Nebraskans with guidelines recommended by the CDC that a ten-person limit on gatherings be observed as well as other measures be taken for social distancing.

Most organizations, businesses, bars, and restaurants within the corporate limits of Falls City have voluntarily implemented the recommendation of the CDC. Some social gatherings in excess of ten persons continue to take place

within Falls City. Such gatherings could result in the fast community spread of COVID-19 virus within our city and county.

Based on available data and estimates, the spread of the virus within Falls City could quickly overwhelm our healthcare system and endanger the lives of the residents of Falls City.

The Board of Health of the City of Falls City, to safeguard the health of the people of the city, issue the following regulation to go into effect at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2020, and remain in effect until Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. unless sooner repealed or extended by the Board.

All gatherings of more than ten

people are prohibited.

A gathering is defined as any event that brings together more than ten patrons customers or other invitees excluding staff in a single room or single space at the same time including but not limited to: a school, daycare facility (including in-home facilities), gymnasium, salon, fitness center, auditorium, stadium, arena, large event conference room, meeting hall, theater, library or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This also includes weddings and funerals, as well as parades, fairs, festivals, concerts in other indoor and outdoor events.

For clarity, a gathering does not

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By Nikki McKim

During the regular meeting of the Richardson County Commissioners, Commissioners Terry Frank, John Caverzagie and David Sicked voted to close the Richardson County Courthouse to the public, effective Tuesday, March 24, at 5:00 p.m.

The motion was made after hearing from members of the Courthouse staff, Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr., and Emergency Management Director Brian Kirkendall.

Sheriff Hardesty opened the discussion telling the Commissioners that the Sheriff's Office had limited on-site visits and locked the outside doors, using the intercom system to allow people into the building when needed.

"We're trying to limit contact with whoever, whatever as much as possible," said Sheriff Hardesty.

The Sheriff said that traffic through the office has died down outside of gun permits, and they are encouraging video monitor visits to the prisoners. The procedures were implemented on Friday, March 20, after a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Nemaha County.

"We're trying to do whatever we can to ensure that our residents and staff are safe," said Sheriff Hardesty.

The Sheriff indicated that due to the action put into place by Governor Ricketts, that it helps them with VIN inspections.

Governor Ricketts issued an executive order acknowledging the restrictions in place to limit the spread of COVID-19. The Governor extended driver licenses and vehicle registrations expiring on or after March 1. The extension applies to all driver licenses, state identification cards, permits, or other credential issued by the

Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. Creditors will be able to renew credentials online; in order to reduce the number of individuals requiring in-person assistance. This step will assist with social distancing and lessen the need for people to travel to

driver licensing offices. Any vehicle title requirements, registrations, in-transit tags, or motor carrier temporary documents due to expire on or after March 1 will be extended until 30 days after the executive order is lifted. Any Nebraska penalties or interest associated with the

late filing of quarterly returns for members of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) will be waived. Monthly inspection and reporting requirements under the ignition interlock program will be provided a two-week extension period for all existing interlock customers. Additional extensions may be available, as determined on a case-by-case basis.

The Sheriff said that if Richardson County has a confirmed case, then procedures for the Sheriff's Office may change, but for the time being, it will stay limited access.

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Young informed the commissioners that she had 60 people through her office since the day before.

"That's sixty people who have been around twenty other people apiece," said Bartek-Young.

Currently, her office is operating by only allowing two people in the door at a time so they can be kept six feet apart.

"There is nothing that has to be done right now. Nobody will be expired unless they were expired before March 1," said Bartek-Young.

County and District Court will continue.

*"I think it's a very serious deal. It's something that they keep increasing and increasing. The only way they're talking about keeping it from having more cases is by social distancing."*

-RC Sheriff, Rick Hardesty, JR.



## ABOUT TESTING FOR COVID-19

By Staff at Community Medical Center

Because of shortages in testing materials up to this point, we have been reserving Covid-19 testing for patients with severest symptoms. With greater access to testing now available, we are following the recommendations of the State of Nebraska and the CDC that testing be done for people that 1) have symptoms that suggest possible or likely COVID-19 AND that 2) either have been

hospitalized due to the severity of symptoms OR are part of defined groups that put them at higher risks. We are unable to test those with mild or moderate symptoms that are not in these groups. We are also unable to perform "rule out" testing for those who do not have symptoms, even if they are concerned about possible exposure. We are working with our physicians and practitioners to make sure testing is available to all who meet the criteria. As the guidance

changes, we will adapt accordingly. In the meantime, we would be pleased to take your name and contact information, so we can coordinate with your doctor or notify you when additional tests are available.

To be notified when COVID-19 testing is more widely available, please text 402-245-6522. Alternatively, you may call 402-245-6736 or email us at covid19@cmfc.org. The phone and texting line

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## FCPS EMPLOYEES SERVE HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS DURING GRAB AND GO LUNCH PROGRAM

Story and photo by Lori Gottala  
Grab and go. That's the title for the lunch and breakfast program that is currently being offered to students

in pre-K through 12th grade classes at Falls City Public Schools, Falls City Sacred Heart, and Head Start.

The plan was the brain-child of two administrators with the Falls City Public Schools system— Nutrition Services Director, Mara Dungan, and Superintendent Tim Heckenlively. The service began running last Monday, March 23rd, and has served more than 600 students per day since then, Monday through Friday. It was started in response to the school closings in Nebraska, due to the coronavirus, and will continue until school starts again or summer break begins, whichever comes first. Falls City Public Schools and Falls City Sacred Heart are currently scheduled to be closed until May 1, 2020.

"The USDA and Nebraska Department of Education provided the guidance and immediate availability of the reimbursable funds

to all schools that qualify for the USDA Summer Lunch Program," Mr. Heckenlively said, in a recent telephone interview. "Any student, regardless of income level, can participate."

Falls City Public Schools also offered the service to Sacred Heart students and Head Start preschoolers, so every child who attends school in Falls City is eligible.

The grab and go sack lunches, which also include breakfast for the following morning, are served like drive-through orders in the bus lane at the Falls City Middle School, 1415 Morton Street. Service times are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents are asked to enter the service area from the north, and drive south into the bus lane in front of the building. A volunteer will check to make sure the family is registered, then will

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## COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL MAY-FOR NOW

It was announced on Wednesday, March 25, that all local schools including, Falls City Public, Sacred Heart, Humboldt-Table Rock, Steinauer and Auburn Public Schools, would extend their closure until May 1, 2020. They included that there is the possibility of closing for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

ESU 4 Superintendents and School Leaders announced that they made this basis on recommendations from the Southeast District Health Department and the Nebraska Commissioner of Education, public and private schools within Educational Service Unit 4. Each school will continue to provide learning opportunities for their students according to their own school's plan.

They acknowledged that this decision was made with the highest level of seriousness and know how challenging this is on families. Each school will be engaging their families to help address their needs.

A decision of this magnitude would not be made if it wasn't absolutely necessary to help ensure the general welfare and safety of the community at large.

In correlation with the school's decision, the NSAA has suspended all activity practices and competitions through May 1. The suspensions may be extended should the conditions warrant.

The State Education Commissioner is recommending that schools should not return to normal operations for the school year, but no announcement has been made.

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# THE WAR AGAINST THE VIRUS

By Governor Pete Ricketts

It's hard to believe how quickly the coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed our lives in just a matter of weeks. I am grateful to Nebraskans for making sacrifices and taking precautions to help slow the spread of the virus and keep people healthy.

Restaurants have adjusted how they serve customers, moving to take-out, drive-thru, or curbside services. Parents and educators are finding creative ways to continue studies through distance learning and homeschooling.

The last week has proven that COVID-19 can spread rapidly. Positive cases have now been confirmed in Adams, Buffalo, Cass, Dawson, Douglas, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Madison, Nemaha, Sarpy, and Washington counties as of March 23rd.

We have two levels of social distancing restrictions. Right now, the entire state must abide by guidance to limit social gatherings to 10 people.

In the Omaha area, cases of "community transmission" have been confirmed. Community transmission cases are cases that our public health teams have not been able to trace to their origin.

As other regions of the state confirm community transmission of COVID-19, we will issue DHMs for other parts of the state to increase social distancing measures.

All Nebraskans, both rural and urban, should continue to take this virus with the utmost seriousness. If you show any symptoms, stay home and immediately contact your healthcare provider for an initial screening.

As our response continues, I am also working with the Legislature on an emergency package to provide \$83 million of funding to combat COVID-19 in Nebraska.

Assistance for Nebraska Communities: The largest portion will go towards purchasing much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to help our communities respond.

State Public Health Division: From epidemiologists who advise LHDs to robust public information campaigns, our Public Health team has been overseeing the statewide response.

State Agency Overtime: This part of the package will help cover costs for overtime and additional staff to maintain healthcare coverage needs at veterans' homes and state care facilities.

University of Nebraska Medical Center: Additional funding for the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) would pay for equipment and systems at UNMC.

Additional Flexibility: The Legislature is also considering an additional \$25 million in flexibility for the Governor's Emergency Fund to ensure the State has the resources it needs as the scope of the pandemic unfolds.

As our response continues, we will monitor the needs of our public health teams, medical centers, labs, and care facilities to make sure they have the best possible access to resources.

In the coming days, Nebraskans should continue to practice social distancing and stay informed about the coronavirus. The more action we take individually now, the more we can slow the spread of COVID-19.



## CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR GETS WHOPPING RAISE, NOTHING WILL CHANGE

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

The same day that the newspaper reported two staffers were injured at the state prison in Tecumseh, it was also announced that Nebraska Department of Corrections Director Scott Frakes received a 30 percent (yes 30 percent) raise this year.

That salary makes him the second highest paid state official behind only the head of the Nebraska Investment Council, but still the highest paid who answers to Governor Pete Ricketts.

Front-line corrections corporals and caseworkers were given an 8.4% salary bump in January as well as long-sought step increases for longevity after negotiations between the union representing corrections officers and the Ricketts administration.

Neighboring Iowa and Kansas pay their state corrections director's yearly salaries of \$154,300 and \$140,000, respectively. California, which has more than 20 times as many inmates as Nebraska, pays its corrections chief \$265,900 a year.

Am I the only one shaking my head about this? Am I the only one questioning? Maybe I'm old school, but I always thought a salary increase reflected good performance. I'd love to see Frakes' performance evaluations.

Nebraska's prisons hold about 2,000 more inmates than their current design capacity of 3,500, according to the Department of Correctional Services.

I've met Frakes. He's a nice guy, easy to talk to. But has he made the much-needed sweeping changes to a broken system that would warrant the exorbitant salary increase? In my humble opinion, sorry, the answer is NO!

Ricketts' spokesman Taylor Gage defended the decision and said the governor took over a corrections department in crisis and now that it is "trending in a positive direction with increased capacity, reduced staff turnover and more rehabilitative outcomes for inmates, Gov. Ricketts wanted to acknowledge Scott's success?"

other facilities. Rehabilitative outcomes delayed by overcrowding and waiting lists for programming. Don't get me started on two riots at Tecumseh and numerous assaults on corrections workers by inmates.

Gage said the overcrowding can't be blamed on Frakes because he doesn't sentence the inmates. He's right. Those policies are greatly influenced by the conservative law and order stance of Ricketts' and the Attorney General and their lack of flexibility to look at alternatives.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Steve Lathrop and veteran lawmaker and committee member Sen. Ernie Chambers, both of Omaha, said that they were surprised at the raise, given the on-going problems.

"(Frakes) has presented no plan for alleviating the overcrowding, and has demonstrated an unwillingness to work with the Legislature to find solutions," Lathrop told the Omaha World-Herald.

Chambers said he will likely filibuster the state budget unless the Appropriations Committee removes \$50,000 for the Frakes' raise from Ricketts' budget.

This is just another wrinkle in the on-going saga folks. More money for the Director solves nothing. Stay tuned!

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

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: MYSTERIES AND THRILLERS

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

**50 Years Ago - April 1, 1970 to April 7, 1970**

Attorney Harold C. Prichard was elected president of the Rotary Club. Census workers were conducting a door to door canvass of Falls City residences.

The Tiger track team won its opening dual 78-77 at Auburn thanks to speedsters Chuck Sailors and Gayle Swisegood.

Falls Citizens Steve Holland, Dale Comer, and Angela Wheeler were members of the Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir performing at First United Methodist Church.

The Sacred Heart Junior Class and the Falls City Lions Club were co-sponsoring a talent show at Prichard Auditorium.

A heavy snowfall caused a five hour power failure in OPPD territory in eastern Richardson County.

Donna Mack of Southeast Consolidated was chosen to represent the Shubert American Legion Auxiliary at Girls State.

National Guard Sgt. Rex Jones was authorized to accept 12 new recruits.

Through traffic was briefly halted on the Burlington line after two grain cars derailed at Salem.

A Minnesota pickle canner said it was going ahead with plans to contract for cucumber planting on small plots in Richardson County.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of World War I, Barracks No. 1485, celebrated its 11th anniversary.

Falls City High School Principal Robert Joy was the new exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge.

Glen Rider won the Falls City High school science night competition with a "Plasma Generator."

Miss Nebraska 1969, Jane Briggeman, was the leader for a youth rally at Bethel United Methodist Church.

NU Chancellor Durward B. "Woody" Varner was the speaker for a Rotary Club meeting.

Amateur Talent Show winners were "Brenda's Charmers" in the 10 and under group, Doug Appleoff among 11-15 year-olds, and Brenda Clark in the 16-19 category.

Gayle Swisegood placed third in the 880 to earn the Tigers only points in the Tarkio Tri-State track and field meet.

What we know today as Falls City's yard waste and tree dump was the newly opened Falls City sanitary landfill.

A large barn burned to the ground on the Buchholz-Marrs Hilltop farm west of Salem.

Emery Watton bought the 146 acre farm of Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson northwest of Verdon for \$272/acre.

**25 Years Ago - April 1, 1995 - April 7, 1995**

Richardson County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution declaring a "financial crisis" created by unusual legal expenses and the flood disasters of 1992 and 1993.

The Shubert American Legion #222 and its Auxiliary named as its Boys and Girls State representatives Wes Havelman and Gynae Hall and Cheryl Patchen.

Police Chief Norm Hemmerling reported that enhanced 911 Phase I equipment was ready for installation and praised the DARE program conducted by Officer Sean Notte.

A new Jaycee chapter, The Indian Cave Jaycees, was chartered with 37 members from the Stella, Shubert, and Nemaha areas.

The Falls City Affordable Housing Council broke ground for a spec home being constructed at 925 Reavis Street financed by American National Bank.

Against larger Class C schools at the Titan Relays at Norris, the Sacred Heart girls won gold medals in 11 events and the boys took gold in 10.

The Falls City golf team finished sixth in the two-man and eighth in the four and six man competition in the eight team Hiawatha Invitational.

The Falls City High School classes of 1980, 1981, and 1982 won the 1995 alumni basketball tournament.

The top finishers in the Awana Club "Pinewood Races" were Matthew Gerdes, 1st; Tricia Villanueva, 2nd; and Michael Fritz, 3rd.

Jim Hunzeker, rural Humboldt, and Ken Zoeller, rural Falls City, were presented Certificates of Appreciation by the Nebraska Rural Water Association.

Richardson County Commissioners told District Court Judge Robert T. Finn the County would meet its financial obligations in the murder trials of John Lotter and Thomas Nissen.

Judge Finn denied a motion filed by Nissen for appointment of a new attorney to represent him.

Dan Hill was the new president of the Falls City Lions Club.

The Harvey Mann Humboldt American Legion Post 269 and its Auxiliary chose as its representative to Boys State Josh Moyer, Humboldt, and to Girls State, Mindy Connell, Humboldt.

Falls City High senior Teri Langan submitted an acrylic work showing a chipmunk that was chosen the winner in the annual Nebraska Habitat Stamp Contest.

Jerry McKim was elected exalted ruler of the Falls City Elks Lodge.

A pickup belonging to Bob and Lana Popejoy, Rulo, was recovered in Atchison County, MO two hours after the Popejoys reported it stolen.

It took six years to complete the task, but 1,000,000 pop can tabs were collected by second graders of North School teacher Kim Oliver.

Falls City senior Jamie Lynn Liberty was awarded a \$400 scholarship to attend Peru State College.

Matthew Kirkendall, Falls City received a \$300 scholarship to attend Southeast Community College.

Falls City finished 6th out of nine teams at the Nebraska City Invitational Track Meet. Eighteen of the Tigers 32 points were scored by Nathan Thompson who picked up two second place medals and joined teammates to finish fourth in the 1600-meter relay.

Sacred Heart's Celeste Nolte was named to the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Girls' Basketball Team.

Pat McInteer fired the Falls City golf team's best round of the year, 82, and finished 23rd out of 65 golfers in the Lincoln Plus Invitational.

**15 Years Ago - April 1, 2005 to April 7, 2005**

Bill Guilliams, water and wastewater operator for the Village of Verdon, was honored for his outstanding service by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Richardson County Commissioners were notified that the county had been granted an additional \$437,911 for the Preston Road North and South project.

Two Falls City High students, Brenda Chavez and Jay Steinman, were the winners of the 2005 Scholastic Art Awards.

The Heartland of America Open Skies Wind Quintet provided a free master class in wind instrument performance for students of Falls City High and Sacred Heart.

The Falls City golf team finished 5th in the 8 team Auburn Invitational. Josh Stoller, Miranda Chandler, Darcy Stice, Hanna Milam, and Trent Scheitel, advanced to the state contest following a Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Contest.

The Southeast Consolidated Senior Math team of Cassie Weitzkamp, Lindsay Fischer, Matthew James, and Dan Gossman finished fourth out of 23 teams in the Northwest Missouri State Math Competition.

Aaron Hamilton of Falls City Sacred Heart and Chad Kennedy of Southeast Consolidated were chosen to represent Richardson County Farm Bureau at a Youth Leadership Conference.

# Courthouse closes doors to the public

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"We're still having court. They're implementing web access so that a lot of them don't have to appear at the Courthouse, but the courthouses that are closed, the parties, if they want to come to the live court, they're still able to come in. Somebody would let them in, make an appointment, call and things like that," said Clerk of District Court Pam Scott. Sheriff Rick Hardesty noted that all inmates that have to come to court have their temperature taken before they are brought into the Courthouse.

"If they have a fever, we'll notify the courts," said Sheriff Hardesty. Clerk Magistrate, Nancy DeKlotz informed the Commissioners that the state has indicated that they want some employees to take some time off and work from home if possible. It was suggested that maybe the elected official and the deputy from each office chose to have one person stay at home to protect each other from contact, so someone is always available to work in the office.

Amanda Bartek-Young said it wouldn't be fair to her staff to operate that way.

Staff members of the Courthouse explained that they didn't want to close the Courthouse completely. They want to work; they only wish to limit access to the public if possible. They explained that other courthouses around the state have limited access and post numbers on the doors so people can call to be let in or make appointments.

At the time of the meeting, 54 Nebraska Courthouses were suspending public access. Two hours later, the number had gone up to 59 Courthouses, not including Richardson County's decision.

"I think it's a very serious deal. It's something that they keep increasing and increasing. The only way they're talking about keeping it from having more cases is by social distancing, and people can do things by phone calls and make appointments," said Sheriff Hardesty.

Commissioner Sickle told the room that he had seen on the news that, "When this 15 day is up, we would go back to business as usual."

Sheriff Hardesty informed Commissioner Sickle that during the Richardson County Health Board meeting with Dr. Tramp, Dr. Tramp talked about a peak being in the middle of May.

"He said we are looking at three to six months before it's pretty much all cleared up, then we'll still have isolated cases, and that's if it doesn't mutate."

"Nebraska Emergency Management is still saying that May 12 is going to be the peak. So we're still looking at that far out. That's taking a number from the CDC, their own Nebraska numbers, but they're saying it's still May 12, so we're still a ways out," said Emergency Management Director, Brian Kirkendall.

"Right now, I think we, you guys have an opportunity to be proactive and look out for your employees and yourselves and our community and close to the public," said Kirkendall.

"You hired me as an Emergency Manager; you hired me to do the planning. What I'm worried about is if it does get widespread, are all of these employees still going to be healthy enough to where I can put them in a different job? I may have to recruit some people and put them in different jobs, and if they've been seeing the public for the last two weeks-I may have nothing," said Kirkendall.

Sheriff Hardesty said it would be the same for the Richardson County Sheriff's Department.

"There's seventeen of us. If the numbers that Dr. Tramp threw out were thirty to forty percent of the population of Richardson County will be infected; five percent of those would be hospitalized; one to three percent would be critical, and of that one and a half to point three-four percent would be a fatality. So like I said, there's 17-18

of us, as law enforcement we start losing cops. What do we do? I'll have to start to deputize. The fact is that if this starts spreading-we get one confirmed case, by the time it's confirmed how many people have been contaminated?" said Sheriff Hardesty. "We could go from one to sixty, pretty quick. With the numbers they were throwing out, they figured 80 to 100 people in Richardson County may be a fatality."

"I do believe that's the way to go at this point. Looking out for ourselves to do our jobs, plus looking out for our community-I believe we should be closed to the public, post phone numbers, and go that route," said Kirkendall.

A motion was made by Sickle effective at 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2020, to suspend the public access at the Richardson County Courthouse due to the COVID-19 until further notice and to post on all entrance doors telephone numbers of each office for the public to contact the office in need to perform their business over the phone if possible, also post the County's website address for persons to access in which most business within the Courthouse can be conducted through and if not to schedule an appointment to perform such business that is otherwise not available through any other source with that office. Motion seconded by Frank. The motion carried.

County Court and District Court will still be in session and persons needing to appear for court hearings should call that office to gain access to the respective courtroom. District Court, Judge Smith is 402-245-2023 and County Court, Judge Maschman is 402-245-2812.

Driver examinations will not be conducted during this time by the NE Department of Motor Vehicles. For further information on licensing questions, please call 402-416-2240.

County officials encourage citizens to use the online services available at the Richardson County website to cut down the amount of foot traffic in the Courthouse and to limit the opportunity for community spread.

For further resources, please visit the Richardson County website at [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us) or the Nebraska Association of Counties' website at [www.naacne.org](http://www.naacne.org).

## About COVID-19 testing

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will have a live person available 8-4 Monday through Thursday and Friday 8 to 12. If after hours, please leave your full name, your date of birth, your telephone number, the name of your doctor and your reason for concern. Family Medicine Clinic is fielding a large volume of COVID-related calls, and we hope that the text line and other methods will help you get answers to questions related to COVID-19, so the main clinic number is available for making appointments and other communication.

For questions about Covid-19, potential exposure, and what you should do, please call your primary care office or the Nebraska DHHS Covid-19 Information Line at (402)-552-6645 (8AM to 8PM 7 days a week).

If you believe you are having a health emergency and need emergency medical treatment, please call 9-1-1 or seek help at the hospital emergency department.

## ACCIDENTS

On March 15, 2020, according to police reports, Dallas Huddleston, of Falls City, was driving for the first time. He was heading east on 13th Street and trying to turn north onto Fulton Street, he said he got excited and hit the accelerator too hard. He hit the light pole at the intersection and the neighbor's parked car in the driveway. An estimated total of damage to the Huddleston car was \$3,000, an estimated \$100 was done for Aaron Moore, of Falls City; approximately \$821.92 in damage was done to the light pole owned by the City of Falls City.

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Students of the Month, L-R: Mason Crawford, Laney Feek, Madilyn Scholl, Silas Amunullah

## Falls City High School Students of the Month

The staff and administration of Falls City High School have announced the selections for February High School Students of the Month. The honors go to the following students:

Upperclassmen- Mason Crawford,

### SOCIETY

#### Stella Research Club

Elizabeth S Ketter, secretary

The GRWC/NFWS Stella Research Club met at the home of Chris Joy on March 16, 2020. President Vicki Beilke introduced Lori Kimbrough of Lincoln. Mrs Kimbrough presented a slide program of her family and activities in Scotland. The audience was able to ask questions of Mrs. Kimbrough.

The meeting was called to order after the program. Guest Penny States gave an opening prayer, followed by Mrs Beilke leading the flag salute. Seven members answered roll call by donating childrens' care items. Secretary Elizabeth Ketter read the minutes of the January 23, 2020 and February 13, 2020 meetings. Both were approved as read.

Jackie Uhri gave the treasurer's report. She noted that the check sent to NFWS for the Sophomore Pilgrimage was returned, due to cancellation of the program. The club had donated \$25.00 to HTRS for the post prom party.

Marian James asked whether the club should offer the annual Easter egg hunt to the area children, due to the Coronavirus. If the club goes forward with the hunt, she would like to be able to hold it in the fire hall if the weather is bad, but that the problem of too many people in a small area is discouraged. The club decided to wait until closer to the date to see how the virus is further impacting activities.

Correspondence: President Beilke mentioned that not only was the Sophomore Pilgrim-

ford, a senior, is the son of Clay and Chris Crawford. Laney Feek, a junior, is the daughter of Keith Feek and Ginger Feek.

Underclassmen- Silas Amunullah, a freshman, is the son of Sara Ruiz and Mohammad Amunullah. Madilyn Scholl, a sophomore, is the daughter of Chad and Janelle Scholl.

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

aged cancelled, so was the Fine Arts Day, because of the virus.

History: Uhri reported on activities from the 1939 scrapbook. She mentioned that the county had over 20 active womens' clubs.

Courtesy: Jan Mason said she appreciated the cards the club had sent her, and also would send a card to Janet Kirkendall. Beilke said she would be passing the Water is Life donation can at the April meeting.

The next meeting will be at Cathy Donahoe's, with the date to be determined later.

Donahoe said she would ask around about prices for repainting the mural downtown. She also mentioned that the flower barrels downtown need to be replaced, so she will check with the village about assisting with purchase costs. Something sturdy and attractive are what is wanted.

James asked about retaining the present slate of officers, and then presented it as a motion. Cathy seconded the motion and all voted Aye.

Mrs. Ketter gave several GFWS minutes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Chris served refreshments. Jan Mason assisted, and Diana Rieschick was an absentee hostess.

role models for their peers," according to high school principal Gale Dunkhas.



## Findlay winner of National Scholarship

Jackson Findlay, son of Susan and Jeff Findlay, and student at Falls City Public High School is a winner in the Annual Washington Crossing Foundation National Scholarship Competition. The prestigious awards are granted to high school seniors for the best all-around presentations including an explanation of why they are planning careers in government service. The Foundation noted that these winners represented the most talented and accomplished of our country's young leaders and that it is these young men and women who are dedicating themselves to public service. The non-profit Foundation, whose headquarters is in Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, has awarded \$80,000 this year to 36 students across 21 states.

The Washington Crossing Foundation has awarded more than \$1,700,000 in scholarship since its inception. Scholarships were inaugurated in 1969 and honor the more than sixty years of dedicated service to the nation by the late author-historian Ann Hawkes Hutton.

## ACA has had positive effects, but many problems remain

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

By Trudy Lieberman

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), nicknamed Obamacare, turns 10 this month, and what a tumultuous run the health care law has had! The law's rocky existence hasn't smoothed out yet, and it faces additional scrutiny by the U.S. Supreme Court next fall, the result of more legal challenges to its future.

Nevertheless, the occasion of the law's 10th birthday is a good time to take stock of what it has done and what it has not. How have Americans been helped? What serious challenges facing the health care system remain?

No matter what happens to the law on its latest trip to the Supreme Court, some changes have resulted that will continue to benefit millions of Americans.

The biggest one in my mind is that surveys show the public now generally believes everyone, sick or well, is entitled to buy health insurance. No longer is it acceptable to exclude people with preexisting health conditions. That's a huge step forward in our collective thinking about the country's health insurance arrangements, and it is allowing us to begin a conversation about universal health coverage that I have never seen in my decades-long career covering this stuff.

Before the ACA passed, sick people who tried to get insurance were denied if they had any kind of pre-existing ailment, even a minor one like an ear infection. If they did find a carrier to insure them, they often discovered that the very ailments they had were excluded from coverage.

Even if the ACA disappears, the principle that anyone, sick or well, must be able to buy insurance is likely to be enshrined in the country's insurance arrangements. So are a few other changes like allowing young adults to remain on their parents' policies until age 26 or lifting the caps on lifetime benefits, something that undoubtedly helps families with catastrophic illnesses.

But without a doubt the biggest plus under the law was to extend coverage to some of the country's poorest citizens by making more of them eligible for Medicaid, a program passed as part of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society reforms that now covers some 71 million Americans. About 40 percent are children.

"Childless adults got a major improvement in access to care," says Dr. Steffie Woolhandler, distinguished professor of public health at the City University of New York.

In 2012 the Supreme Court allowed states to decide whether to expand Medicaid coverage as the ACA provided. To date 14 states mostly, in the South and Midwest, have not done that, still leaving many of their poorest residents without medical help.

The biggest hole in the Affordable Care Act was the absence of any way to control medical costs, a problem now threatening the law itself as well as family budgets across the country.

"People can't afford their care," says Woolhandler. "Many people have insurance they can't afford to use," noting that last year families borrowed \$84 billion to pay for medical care.

An NBC News/Commonwealth Fund poll released a few weeks ago found that nearly half of likely voters with medical bills have used their savings including retirement savings to pay them, and 28 percent worry about receiving a surprise medical bill in the next year.

That's a pretty grim result for a law whose official name is the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, sold with the slogan "affordable quality health care" a phrase crafted in the PR shop of a Democratic pollster.

The law subsidized low-income people to help them buy insurance and pay the deductibles and coinsurance. "If your income is below 250 percent of the poverty level, or \$65,500 for a family of four, you're feeling no pain," says insurance consultant Robert Laszewski. "If your income is over 250 percent, you get no subsidies. You're screwed."

This year, the law says insurance companies may require families to pay as much as \$16,300 and individuals to pay as much as \$8,150 in out-of-pocket cost sharing. That includes deductibles, coinsurance, and copays. Many policies set lower limits. Still, families incurring medical bills are likely to be on the hook for significant amounts of money.

With premiums for family policies exceeding \$1,000 a month, it's easy to see how the middle class is screwed.

Earlier this year it looked like Congress might re-evaluate parts of the ACA along with solutions to the high price of drugs. The health agenda has moved in a different direction for now, so the troublesome aspects of the ACA are likely to remain.

Has the Affordable Care Act impacted your family? Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com).

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# Drinking water safe during COVID-19 pandemic

As Nebraskans are taking preventative measures against COVID-19, the Drinking Water division of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would like to remind everyone that drinking water remains safe to use.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water, and that conventional water treatment methods of filtration and disinfection — which are in most municipal drinking water systems — should remove or inactivate the virus causing COVID-19.

“Common disinfection methods used in water and wastewater treatment are expected to be effective for inactivation of coronaviruses when executed properly,” said Sue Dempsey, administrator of the DHHS

### Drinking Water Division.

Dempsey advises water system operators to continue monitoring drinking water disinfection processes for systems with upstream wastewater impacts both during and after the outbreak for infectious coronaviruses.

Although drinking water from the tap is safe for public consumption, federal guidance also recommends that the public consider maintaining a supply of bottled water. If people are ill and have to isolate in their own homes, it is easiest to use bottled water rather than sanitizing water glasses that might be shared with the rest of the household.

Stay up to date on the latest news regarding the Coronavirus with the World Health Organization, CDC and DHHS.

# Richardson County Sheriff’s Department implementing changes during COVID-19 pandemic

During the current COVID-19 Pandemic, when possible, Sheriff’s Department officers will take reports from a distance. Many of the reports that we take can be handled over the telephone. In addition to telephone, email can be utilized for some written/paper documents.

Officers will still respond to crimes in progress. Some precautions may be taken by officers to limit face to face contact and communicate from a greater distance, or follow-ups may be conducted over the phone opposed to face to face.

Officers may be seen wearing gloves or masks depending on the situation. Additionally, officers will not be shaking hands or making other close contact. This is not meant to be unfriendly, but as a precaution to limit exposure or spread of the corona virus.

Officers will continue to patrol and enforce the law, this will not be a time when law violators or criminals get free reign, instead we will perform these functions without being up close to people situation permitting.

These precautions are not meant to offend anyone but to minimize the possibility of an officer becoming exposed to the virus. If we proceed with precaution, we will hopefully not affect the service provided.

Precautions are being taken at the jail to limit the exposure and prevent the spread of the virus into the jail.

Onsite visitation at the jail is suspended until further notice. Offsite visitation is still available and can be accessed at [www.inmatesales.com](http://www.inmatesales.com). Please call and let the staff know that you are setting up an online visit so it can be approved.

If possible, please utilize the online banking function through [www.jailatm.com](http://www.jailatm.com) to put money on an inmates account to limit traffic coming into the sheriff’s office.

Dispatchers and office staff are taking additional precautions as well and may be seen wearing gloves and masks.

You can reach the Sheriff’s Office at 402-245-2479

# Project Response still providing services, but differently in light of current events

Amongst the COVID-19 pandemic, Project Response is still serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence 24/7. The way their services are being provided does look slightly different than what everyone is accustomed to, but services are still being provided.

In conjunction with the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, as well as several other domestic and sexual violence agencies across the state, they are following a COVID-19 Response Plan that limits face-to-face interactions. In following this response plan, the Auburn and Nebraska City office locations, as well as The Neighborhood Closet, are closed to walk-in clients until April 2nd, at which time the response plan will be reevaluated.

During this time, all services are being provided through our 24/7 crisis hotline, 1-800-456-5764. There may be certain situations in which meeting face-to-face with a survivor is necessary; such situations are evaluated on a case by case basis. Again, they are limiting face-to-face interactions as much as possible to protect survivors, staff, and all other community members.

Project Pantry, the food pantry located at the Auburn office, is still open to community members Monday – Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments must be made prior to picking up food. Once you arrive at your appointment time, your food will be handed to you at the back door. Unfortunately, at this time no one is allowed into Project Pantry to select their food items, to limit face-to-face interactions.

For services or to make an appointment to pick up food, please call 1-800-456-5764.

# Falls City Police Department taking precautions

The Falls City Police Department has said that to limit the exposure to their officers and staff. They will take certain logical precautions and have modified some procedures to reduce exposure during their community interaction.

There will be some changes in the way that Police Officers interact with them in the community. Officers may practice social distancing by limiting handshakes and follow the recommended guidelines from federal, state, and local experts. The public may also notice Officers in patrol units completing reports and fielding complaints. These patrol units may be stationary for a time.

Falls City Police Department Officers are authorized to use telephone reporting for calls for service that do not require immediate Law enforcement responses. The Department requests that these calls be reported to the Police Department’s non-emergency line, 402-245-4422. If an Officer is not immediately available, they will contact you by phone.

The Police Department has asked that people start exchanging names and information when involved in an accident. If such an accident results in an injury or substantial damage, the Police Department will respond; however, they may take additional precautions for the health and safety of the officers and parties involved.

The Falls City Police Department will be utilizing Personal Protective Equipment so they may be wearing gloves, face masks, and eye protection. They may be wearing a protective piece of apparel such as a gown, apron, or smock.

On calls requiring an Officer to respond to a residence, the reporting party will be asked some screening questions and may be asked to come out of their residence to make a report.

When you contact the Police Department for an emergency, you will likely be asked these screening questions also. This process includes ambulance calls. The Department asks for the public’s understanding as they get services there as quickly as possible.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please make sure you tell the call taker or the Officer responding so they may take any needed precautions before arrival.

Additional services such as fingerprinting may be done on a case by case basis; dog licenses will be extended, and the Clinic offered may be held at a later date; they are also asking that people limit their presence in the Department’s lobby. Call the non-emergency line, 402-245-4422.

The Department is actively encouraging that citizens keep their property and buildings clean and orderly during this time. This is to limit officer exposure to unnecessary contact and to further assist with offer time restraints.

“These changes in our operations are challenging for the community, and our staff, we are committed to the safety and security of the Falls City Community, and this is our top priority,” stated Police Chief Duane Armbruster.

## SOCIETY

### Humboldt Lions Club

By Humboldt Lion’s Club, President Ron Rist

The world is facing many challenges. Natural disasters, famine and disease are common. Conflict, prejudice and greed are seen every day. The unfortunate reality is that there will always be difficulties for as global citizens to overcome. Yet, history has also shown the potential for creative and peaceful solutions to those problems, a path to a more harmonious existence. While the problems may seem insurmountable when faced alone. We can all take comfort in our strength, our nearly 1.4 Lions and our incredible ability to engineer solutions.

Only through a diverse group of perspectives, including people of all backgrounds and all places can we realize our full potential as Lions and serve the diverse needs of our communities and the world. There’s a reason that we’ve each chosen to be a part of Lions Clubs International. It’s because we value the insight, the beliefs and the hearts of others. We, as Lions, realize the greater good that can only be achieved when we join together as one. ‘We Serve.’

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> – APRIL FOOLS!!**  
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in promo every 1/2 hour 1pm-3pm.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TWO Gravelly ZTX 42 Mower GIVEAWAYS!!**  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> – HAPPY EASTER!!**  
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in promo or cash every 1/2 hour 1pm-11pm.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Gravelly ZTX 52 & ZTHD 52 Mower GIVEAWAYS!!**  
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in promo every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in promo every 1/2 hour 6pm-11:30pm. Each winner will be a qualifier for the Gravelly Pro Turn 260 Mower giveaway on the 25<sup>TH</sup> at 1am. See Player's Club for details.  
 Gravelly ZTX 52 & ZTHD 60 Mower Giveaway at 12am and 1am.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Gravelly PRO Turn 260 Mower GIVEAWAY!!**  
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in promo every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in promo every 1/2 hour 6pm-12:30am. Each winner will be a qualifier for the Gravelly Pro Turn 260 Mower giveaway at 1am. See Player's Club for details.  
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**(Editor's Note** - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action). Fined \$50, plus Court costs of \$49.

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

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

**COUNTY COURT**

Kyle D. Skates, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Kyle D. Skates, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$150 and court costs.

Andrew S. Reed, of Falls City, count one, possess open alcohol container, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

Mary F. Witlse, of Falls City, count one, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead guilty, found guilty and fined

\$50; count two no brake lights/turn signal, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Shemaiah Davis, of Omaha, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia plead no contest, found guilty and fined, \$25 and court costs.

Sean J. Meyer, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, speeding 21-35, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs.

Dillon M. Lotter, of Falls City, count one, drive under suspended/before reinstated state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs.

Tyler S. Binder, of Table Rock, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, vehicle owner permits law permits, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs.

Richard C. Adam, of Verdon, count one, DUI-.15+, plead not guilty; count two, drive on shoulder of highway, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for May 4, 2020.

Nathanael E. Smithson, of Falls City, count one, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for April 1, 2020.

Nathanael E. Smithson, of Falls City, count one, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for April 1, 2020.

Julian M. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, dom. assault-third degree, plead not guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 6, 2020.

Cole E. Ramer, of Shubert, count one, no proof of insurance, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count two, drive under suspended/before reinstated state license, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$150, revoked license starting March 23, 2020 for a term of one year; count three, reckless driving-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500 and jail for a time of three months starting on March 30, 2020.

Amanda M. Teixeira, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, possess or obtain legend drugs, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing is scheduled for April 29, 2020.

Cara L. Cavaness, of Falls City, count one, drive under suspended/before reinstated-state, plead not guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 8, 2020.

Vincent C. Bennett, of Rulo, count one, assault-first degree, amended to assault-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 4, 2020.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Anthony R. Newcomb, of Sabetha, KS, count one, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weap-

on-prohibited person, amended to possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, amended to possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count eight, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty; count nine, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty; count ten, carry concealed weapon, first offense, plead not guilty; count eleven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

Joseph M. Sweigart, of Topeka, KS, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, plead not guilty, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of four years starting on March 24, 2020, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$1,200, drug testing fee of \$240, jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 25, 2021; jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 25, 2020; jail for a term of 30 days starting March 25, 2023; count two, burglary, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, burglary, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, theft-shoplifting, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of 180 days starting on March 24, 2020, credit for 98 days served; count five, unauthorized use propelled vehicle-1st, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of 90 days starting on March 24, 2020, credit for a term of 53 days and restitution of \$510 and court costs.

Joshua D. Arington, of Humboldt, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled

for April 21, 2020.

Michael A. Costa, of Falls City, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos cntrl subs-sch 1,2,3, plead not guilty; count two, contribute to delinquency of child, plead not guilty; count three, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for April 21, 2020.

Matthew L. Gilbert of Humboldt, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for April 7, 2020.

**CITATIONS**

Samantha K. Jones, of Atchison, KS, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Cody Davidson, of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Tyler S. Binder, of Table Rock, count one, speeding 6-10, plead not guilty; count two, vehicle owner permits law violations. Pretrial is scheduled.

Courtney B. Thomas, of Beatrice, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Colten J. Acton, of Cimarron, KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Marcelino Linares Gabaldon, of Kansas City, MO, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Ralston C. Moore, of Pawnee, OK, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Robert L. Carpenter, of Humboldt, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined and overweight fine of \$75 and court costs.

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include normal operations at airports, bus and train stations, health care facilities shopping malls and centers, or other spaces where ten or more persons may be in transit. It also does not include typical office environments, factories, or retail or grocery stores where large numbers of people are present. Still, it is typically unusual for them to be within six feet of one another. It also does not include events at which members of the media may need to be present, courts of law, Public Utilities, critical state, County, and City operations, election offices in polling places on Election Day, distribution centers, or family residences housing ten or more people. However, these settings are directed to use heightened, diligent, and effective disinfection of exposed services meeting the directions of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Environment Protection agency.

The above regulation shall have the force and effect of law. Any law enforcement officer may enforce it with jurisdiction within the corporate limits of the city of Falls City. Any persons who shall violate or refuse to comply with any of the provisions shall be deemed guilty of an offense and upon conviction therefor shall be fined not more than \$500 for each offense. Failure to disperse according to the lawful order of any law enforcement officer in the enforcement of the regulations may result in an additional citation under this regulation comma the Nebraska Criminal Code or other state statutes.

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With this the City of Falls City also stated that the use of all City of Falls city owned playground equipment, basketball courts, and shelter houses are prohibited. The previously named items can not be disinfected and don't support social distancing. Stanton Lake walking trail around the park, frisbee golf, the dog park, tennis courts and skateboard park remain open.



## Waggoner lands monster fish in the Mighty Mo

While scanning the Missouri River with a Lowrance fish finder in 42 degree water, Jeremy Waggoner found what appeared to be a Big Bluecat. "I went a little ways upstream, anchored and put on a chunk of cut-bait and cast out. Within 10 minutes my pole hammered down. After about a 15 minute battle I finally landed this beast!" said Jeremy Waggoner. The monster weighed 83 pounds. Waggoner released it to grow even bigger, he said.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Tami Simpson, 1019 Morton Street; demo of garage, \$150.  
Nancy Stokes, 1413 Fulton Street; kitchen renovation, \$8,000.  
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Cheyenne Heard, 2702 Towle Street; garage to living area remodel, \$6,000.  
Hart Management, 1022 Harlan Street; roof, \$19,940.  
Amalia Morehead, 4 Zephyr Drive; interior remodel, \$65,000.  
Falls City Airport Authority, 3301 N. Business Parkway; rehab of access.

# APRIL 2020 FALLS CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**•EVENTS •CLUB MEETINGS •SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 FC Lions Noon	2 Rotary Noon	3	4
5	6 FC City Council 6 PM	7 American Legion Aux. at Shubert-7:00 PM Richardson County Commissioners Meet	8 FC Lions Noon	9 Rotary Noon	10	11
12 	13 FC Vol. Fire Dept. 7 PM BPO DOES 7 PM VFW Aux. 6:30 PM	14 FC Chamber Board of Directors at Noon	15 FC Lions Noon FC Jaycees 6:30 PM	16 Rotary Noon	17	18
19	20 FC City Council 6 PM	21 Richardson County Commissioners Meet Humane Society at Sun Mart - 7:30 PM	22  FC Lions Noon	23 Rotary Noon	24 	25
26	27	28	29 FC Lions Noon	30 Rotary Noon		

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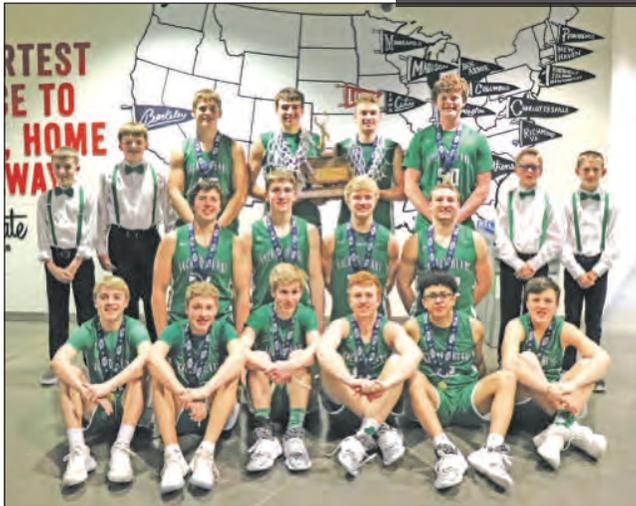
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## Irish win 10th state basketball title

Story and photo by Brian McKim

Last Saturday, March 14, the Sacred Heart Irish boys capped off a nearly perfect season, beating the Humphrey St. Francis Flyers 45-33 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The Irish led by as many as 19 with 2:00 to go before the Flyers made a late push to close the final gap to 12. Final Class D2 rankings had St. Francis #2, Johnson-Brock #3, and Parkview Christian #4, all teams the Irish defeated on the way to State title number four. The only loss of the season came on January 21 at the hands of Class C1 champ Auburn, 45-31. After that loss, the Irish won 15 consecutive games, including three over the defending champs, Johnson-Brock. The Eagles gave the Irish the toughest competition at the State Tourney, a 45-40 win for SH in the opening round. The Irish finished the season with a 29-1 final record.

Most contests for the Irish were not close this season with the fi-

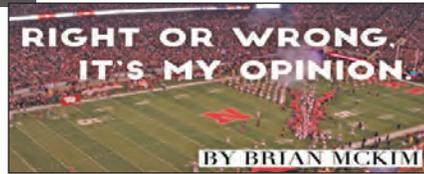
nal margin of victory averaging 60-30. SH scored a season-high 82 points against Friend on December 13, and the 31 points scored against Auburn was the low mark for the Irish. 12 times the Irish held opponents to less than 30 points, allowing just 17 points twice this season.

As a team, the Irish made good on 700-1432 shot attempts (48.9%), while opponents shot 33% from the floor (350-1054). SH made 168-501 three-point shots and 241-394 free throws. The Irish scored 1809 points while giving up 928 over the 30 games. Sacred Heart held an 865-523 rebounding advantage and forced 510 turnovers while committing just 268. The Irish finished the season +180 in the assist/turnover department while their foes were -283.

Individually for the Irish, senior Tyler Witt led the way with 455 points (15.2), 255 rebounds (8.5), 51 steals, 50 blocked shots, and 92 assists. Witt made

61% of his shots from the floor. Another senior, Jake Hoy, added 300 points (10.0), was second on the team with 124 rebounds, and led the team with 90 steals and 97 assists. Senior guard Jamie Stice was next for SH with 232 points (8.3) making a team-high 52-115 three-point attempts. Stice added 45 steals and 62 assists. Senior Jarrot Simon was right behind Stice with 240 points (8.0) and 115 rebounds. Simon also added 64 assists. Finally, sophomore guard Jakob Jordan averaged 6.3 points per contest (189), added 40 steals and 66 assists. Off the bench, Jack Fiegenger added 195 points, 96 rebounds, and 27 steals.

Scoring for SH, Jordan 189, Dunn 3, Stice 232, Froeschl 60, Hoy 300, Casteel 31, Witt 455, Keithley 45, Bauman 25, Simon 240, Nelson 2, Fiegenger 195, Nachtigal 26, Schawang 6.



With no sports on the docket for the foreseeable future, I thought I might explore a few hypothetical who's the greatest type of columns. Over the course of the next few weeks, I will be arguing in one way or another which Husker football teams were the best or who the best Royal of all-time is. Of course, some or most of you may not agree with me, but we're going to get the conversation started. So, if anyone has any ideas of theoretical arguments, you'd like to explore, email me your thoughts and we'll go from there. I also hope to dive into some of the great teams and events from our local schools from over the years. Some will feel like maybe their team should have been highlighted too, great let me know, and I'll see what I can do.

So, sports junkies, what have you been doing as of late to fill the void. I, for one, have been watching past Husker football games that have been made available on the Huskermax website. Yesterday it was the 1999 game vs. Texas A&M, on Friday, I watched the 1988 Oklahoma St. game featuring Barry Sanders, and on Thursday, it was Calvin Jones's record-breaking day vs. Kansas in 1991. Jones, started the game on the bench, but finished the contest with 294 yards on 27 touches and six touchdowns. The 88 Oklahoma St. game feature All-Americans Steve Taylor and Broderick Thomas for Nebraska and future Hall of Famer Barry Sanders for the Cowboys. N.U. raced to a 35-0 first-quarter lead and held on for the 63-42 win in Lincoln. The Huskers ran for 570 yards, remember those days?, and Sanders finished with 189 yards on 35 carries. Sanders was outdone on the day by Husker I-back Ken Clark. Clark had a monster day, rushing for 256 yards on 27 carries. The tv announcers were part of the Cowboy television network and were extremely upset with the showboating that was part of Broderick Thomas's game. Maybe they were just upset with how the Huskers controlled the game from start to finish. I remember some of his antics, and after re-watching these games, he pales in comparison to what the players do today. These two announcers would blow a gasket seeing how a player celebrates every tackle or each two-yard gain. With the win, Nebraska improved to 6-1 and went on to an 11-2 final record, falling to Miami 23-3 in the Orange Bowl to end the season.

On top of other topics, I'll recap a couple of these Husker classics each week. While I'm still on the subject of football, it came out this week that A.D. Bill Moos is considering the sale of alcohol at athletic venues in the future. With the loss of revenue due to the virus, Moos has been contemplating many ideas, including alcohol sales. According to Moos, a Nebraska home football game generates \$12 million in revenue for the University, not counting money from television contracts. So, if games are canceled, he and his staff need to be looking at ways to make up for the lost money. I say go for it. As everyone knows that has attended a game at Memorial Stadium, the booze is already there; they may as well be making money off of it. Teams like Ohio St. and Purdue have reported profits of over \$1 million per year since alcohol was introduced at their football stadiums. Some diharders are against it (Tom Osborne), but I think sooner rather than later, the beer will be flowing at the Devaney Center and Memorial Stadium.

Again, let me hear some of your ideas. Email me at [brianmckim@yahoo.com](mailto:brianmckim@yahoo.com) with any thoughts or arguments. I look forward to hearing from you.

### SHARED MEDIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT



On March 21, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 35 year old Paige Frederick of Salem, on Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession with Intent to Deliver. Frederick was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On March 21, 2020, 45 year old Michael Tinsley of Salem, was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a Court Commitment.

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Although there are few confirmed cases of coronavirus in Nebraska at this time, the Nebraska Dental Association has recommended that its dentists and dental practices **postpone dental care except for emergency services until 6 April due to everchanging guidelines** in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. We have always had the best interests of our patients at heart, and we will be complying with the request of our state organization.

We will have restricted hours of operation through the end of March with our office open from 0800-1200 Monday through Friday until 6 April. We will continue to care for patients with dental emergencies. During this time and in the foreseeable future, we will also use the additional enhanced screening protocols for the virus that we have instituted to insure the maintenance of good health of our patients and dental staff. Please call our office if you have any questions about your treatment. Thanks to all our patients for their understanding during this confusing and trying time.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Lillian Morehead Whitten

Lillian (Morehead) Whitten, 94, of Falls City, Nebraska passed away Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Lillian was born June 18, 1925 in Shubert, NE the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morehead. She attended and graduated from Shubert High School. Lillian was united in marriage to Dearnle B. Whitten on November 28, 1942.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years; her parents; her sister, Nadine; her three brothers, Donald in infancy,



Marvin and Vincel. Lillian is survived by her son, Dr. Terry Whitten and his wife, Georgia Litterell; her granddaughter, Traci Ayres and husband Dave; and three little great granddaughters, Lily, Lexi, and Lydia, and also nieces and nephews.

Private family graveside services will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at the Maple Cemetery in Salem, Nebraska. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.popkessmortality.com](http://www.popkessmortality.com).

## Mildred Gossman

Mildred Elaine Gossman, one of two children of Cecil and Forrest (Oakman) Noa, was born December 12, 1927 in rural Stella, Nebraska. Elaine, as she was known, grew up on a farm near Stella and attended school in Stella, graduating from Stella High School in 1945.

On March 12, 1949, Elaine was united in marriage to Glenn "Jerry" Gossman in Mexico while Jerry was serving in the United States Navy stationed in California. The couple would be blessed with two sons and a daughter: Bryan, Kevin, and Patricia. After Jerry was discharged from the Navy, the couple made their home on a farm near Stella.

As a farm wife and homemaker, Elaine raised her children and was a doting grandmother. She had a real passion for her grandkids as they were added to the family.

Elaine was baptized and confirmed at the Stella Community Church. As a lifelong member, she taught Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and sang in the church choir. She was a 50+ year member of Eastern Star in the Mercy Chapter 306 and Humboldt Chapter 234. Elaine was a Husker volleyball fan, enjoyed bowling, tending to her flowers, and most of all loved being with her family.

Elaine was admitted to Community Medical Center in Falls City, Nebraska on March 24, 2020. It was there she passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jerry, daughter Patricia, and brother Carrol Noa.

Those left to remember Elaine's loving ways include her sons and daughters-in-law Bryan and Laura Gossman of Stella, Kevin and Julie Gossman of Stella; grandchildren Debra (Troy) Hinrichsen of Brownville, Kyle (Paulina) Gossman of Stella; great-grandchildren Carter and Carson Hinrichsen; sisters-in-law Marjorie Noa of Falls City, Marge Nelson of Lincoln; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Private graveside services were held Monday, March 30, 2020, at Prairie Union Cemetery, officiated by Pastor John States. Bryan Gossman, Kevin Gossman, Kyle Gossman, and Troy Hinrichsen served as honorary bearers. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Services were entrusted to Hemmingsen Funeral Home of Auburn.

## Ardis King

Ardis Mary (Kors) King, 92, formerly of Humboldt, Nebraska was born on October 14, 1927, and was raised on the family farm north of Humboldt. Ardis was the only child born to Elmer H. and Rose A. (Friedly) Kors. Ardis attended Franklin Center country school through the eighth grade, and then went to Humboldt High School where she graduated with the class of 1945. After graduation, Ardis went to secretarial school in Lincoln. When she was nineteen years old, her father passed away, so her mother and her moved into Humboldt. She worked at the O.A. Cooper Company as a secretary for many years until some time after her first child was born.

On July 16, 1958, Ardis was united in marriage to Everett L. King, son of Aaron Silas and Mary E. (Snoke) King, at the United Methodist Church in Humboldt. To this union two children, Sondra and Alan were born. The couple raised their family on the Kors family farm north of Humboldt where Everett then farmed. They later moved into Humboldt after retiring from the farm. Ardis was very active in the community and belonged to many clubs and organizations. She was a life-long member of the Humboldt United Methodist where she belonged to the Methodist Women's Group and held many offices throughout the years. She belonged to the Humboldt O.E.S. Chapter #234, after being initiated in April of 1947, and held many offices including Worthy Matron. Ardis was a member of Richardson County Farm Bureau, neighborhood Do Drop In Club and was very involved in 4-H, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts along with her children. She always helped them out with their projects tremendously. When the kids were little, Ardis sewed their clothes and was a very busy homemaker and farm wife. She cooked for her family and often hired hands, raised chickens, moved a

whole lot of grass, always had a large garden and canned, helped herd cattle, loved cats her entire life and even would drive tractor to put up hay. Ardis worked at the Home State Bank in Humboldt for Otto Kotouc and Allen Fankhauser during income tax time from March 1946-April 1980. She even beat cancer after that. Ardis was proud to receive the AK-SAR-BEN Pioneer 100-year award at the Richardson County Fair in 2011.

Ardis entered the Colonial Acres Assisted Living on March 3, 2017 due to failing health. On November 1, 2019, she fell, breaking her leg and her health declined further. Ardis passed away at Colonial Acres Nursing Home on Friday, March 27, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Everett, brother-in-law Dale (Lucile) King and sister-in-law EmmaLee DeJonge.

Ardis is survived by her daughter Sondra (Keith) Helms of Auburn, NE; son Alan (Linda) King of Humboldt, NE; grandchildren: Lucas Geyer of Lincoln, NE; Codi King and fiancé Matt Tichy of Humboldt, NE; Lacey (Adam) Noa of rural Nemaha, NE; great-grandchildren: Lexus and William Tichy of Humboldt, NE; brother-in-law Lammet DeJonge of Humboldt, NE; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at the Humboldt Cemetery with Pastor Dorothy Smith officiating.

Visitation was held from 9:00 a.m.-8 p.m. on Monday, March 30 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at the Wherry Mortuary, 207 N. Nemaha Street in Humboldt, Nebraska.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Humboldt United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be shared online at [www.wherrymortuary.com](http://www.wherrymortuary.com). Services entrusted to Wherry Mortuary-207 N. Nemaha ST.-Humboldt, Nebraska 68376 (402) 862-2915

## Howard Auxier

Howard Auxier, 95, of Falls City, NE, passed away March 27, 2020 at Falls City. He was born October 4, 1924 at Salem, NE to Walter and Elizabeth (Zurbrick) Auxier.

He married Angie South on September 3, 1947 at Omaha, NE. She passed away January 21, 1992.

Howard enlisted in the U. S. Army on November 27, 1944 at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. He served in Japan earning the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal,

Army of Occupation Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Sharp Shooter Badge. He was honorably discharged on November 7, 1946 at Camp Beale, CA.

Howard was raised in rural Salem and graduated Salem High School. After his discharge he returned home and worked for the Missouri Pacific Rail Road before he began farming with his father on the family farm.

He retired from farming in 1991 and moved into Falls City and has lived here since. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 20th and Towle St. and also served on the District 56 School Board.

Howard is survived by his daughter, Pam Venning of Asburn, VA, son, Scott and his wife Cindy of York, NE, brother, Harold of Falls City, grandchildren: Chris Venning of Asburn, Nathaniel Auxier at Omaha, Adrienne Auxier at Medford, OR, and two great-granddaughters. He was



preceded in death by his parents, wife, daughters, Linda Goetz, Vickie Auxier, a brother, Ralph Auxier, three grandchildren, Eugene Lee Goetz and twins in infancy.

Mr. Auxier has been cremated and a private memorial service will be held at a later date with inurnment to be held at Verdon Cemetery.

## USDA Service Centers open for business by phone appointment only

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## SOCIETY

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Second Monday of month: Women's Circle, 7 p.m.  
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First Friday of each month: Group breakfast with speaker at 7:00 a.m.  
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Wednesday: Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. (after Ash Wednesday, 6 p.m.) 5 p.m. Midweek Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 7:00 p.m.  
Dan Grifford, pastor

**First Brethren Church (1902 Lane Street)**  
Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, nursery (or pre-school), adult, 10:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hour, 6 p.m.  
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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.  
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Fr. Lawrence Staley, pastor  
402-245-3002 or 402-450-4552.

**First Church of Nazarene (1812 Wilson)**  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:00-10:15 a.m.; morning worship, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Sunday evening Bible study, 6 p.m.  
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Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Fr. Lawrence Staley, pastor  
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**Bethel United Methodist Church (70654 656 AVE) (1/2 mile N of Preston Corner)**  
Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday choir, 7:30 p.m.  
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402-245-4584

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th and Harlan)**  
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**Big Lake Baptist Church (213 Lake Shore Drive)**  
Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.  
Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: Children's, Youth and Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.  
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Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m.  
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: beginning September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in O'Conor Hall, continues each Wednesday through April 1, 2020.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, 30 minutes before Sunday Masses, weekdays, before each Mass daily or by appointment.  
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
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Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; first, third and fifth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
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# FCHS serves hundreds

(Continued from Page 1) deliver the appropriate number of meals to the vehicle occupants.

Employees with the food service program prepare and package the orders, and volunteers distribute them.

"Parents had the opportunity to complete online registrations for the grab and go," North School Principal Shelly Leyden said, as she helped distribute sack lunches on Monday. "The food service staff members took it from there. Now, all the families have to do is use the bus lane during the service times, according to the directions listed, and pick up the sack lunches."

The other volunteers throughout the past week have included teachers, administrators, members of Partners in Education (PIE), and residents who just want to serve. Some of Falls City's bus drivers have even delivered meals to children on bus routes, using school vans.

"The bus drivers are going door-to-door for the registered kids in Rulo, Salem, Verdon and Shubert," Heck-enlively said, "This has also been a great opportunity to continue providing employment for our bus drivers and food service staff members during this time of uncertainty."

"The main purpose has been to support the children, to make sure they are getting the nourishment they normally receive at school. The program also gives us a neat opportunity to see and say hi to the kids," Heck-enlively said. "Furthermore, we have heard from a lot of parents who are grateful because many of them are still working, so this makes their lives much easier during these trying times."

For more information about the program, call (402) 245-3455. School administrators with the Falls City Public Schools system can be reached at (402) 245-2825.

## Nemaha N.R.D.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2020, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held by telecommunication; members of the public will not be allowed physical access to the meeting room. Instructions for joining the meeting via phone will be provided after 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, on the District's website (nemahand.nrd.org) or by contacting the Nemaha NRD office (402-335-3325). An agenda is being kept current at the office - 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450. The agenda and other meeting materials will be made publicly available on the District's website immediately prior to the meeting.

## Peru State WBB signs Witt from Falls City SH

Peru State women's basketball head coach Joan Albury recently announced the signing of McKenzie Witt, a 5-7 guard, from Falls City.

Witt, who plays for the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish, is the daughter of Travis Witt/Alisha Hoppe and Jamie Sopotci of Falls City.

For the past four years, Witt has been a member of Irish team which has been represented in the Nebraska High School D-2 State Tournament. During her freshman and sophomore years, the Irish were the state champions. Her junior year, Sacred Heart finished as the runner-ups. This year, the Irish finished in third place.

On Tuesday, Witt was named to the Pioneer Conference Second Team - an honor she received for the second year in a row. In addition, following her junior year, Witt was named to the D-2 All-State Second Team in one of the major papers.

As a sophomore, Witt earned MUDECAS and All-State honorable mention. Her career highs were 16 points and 18 assists.

Albury stated, "McKenzie is a true point guard. She has great court vision and makes her teammates better scorers by feeding them spot-on passes for open looks at the basket. McKenzie will be able to run our up tempo offense and full court pressure defense."

The future Bobcat plans to major in management at Peru State.

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It's Time for... **Spring Cleaning**

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- messy clothes
- your favorite sweater
- clothes you have seen in storage
- ready as you can
- vacuum things gone
- brush to
- get the rooms some color
- vacuum that
- have gathered dust and dirt
- vacuum that have been damaged during the winter
- of your room with a fresh crisp breeze
- steam windows with screens
- cleaning so that we can move cars about easily
- the overgrown grass on the lawn
- walks from the garden
- the furniture in your room for a new look
- the dust out of rugs
- suck from the chimney
- the overgrown bushes
- the water and the air
- clean the dirty carpet
- laundry to dry on a clothesline

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Can You Clean Up These Messes?

How many of these DISTASTES did I find under your bed? Lock behind the whole page. Put your answer in the biggest bubble!

What things might you use to clean up? Can you find their uses in the words below and circle them?

new trip house approach

ladder house water

brush soap wash soap

paper towel trash can hedge climer

Can you match these slang expressions to their meanings?

- clean sweep
- clean out
- clean hands
- come clean
- keep one's nose clean

- to stay out of trouble
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- empty
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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 19th day of March, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Mayor Members: Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel, Absent: Albu. Ray Lahrung recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated at all attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MEMORES
A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Joy to approve the minutes for the March 5, 2020 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YES" Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA
A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to approve the March 19, 2020 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YES" Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

GAS DEPARTMENT STAFFING - UPDATE
Utility Superintendent informed the Board that the position advertisement closed on March 17, 2020. Also informed the Board that the position advertisement schedule.

LIFT STATION - UPDATE - DISCUSSION
Utility Superintendent informed the Board that final design and contract documents are complete and the project is currently being advertised for bid. Bids are due April 23, 2020 at 2:00pm at the Kearney office of Miller & Associates.

OPPD OUTAGES - DISCUSSION
Utility Superintendent discussed with the Board the outage on March 16th that was caused by a failed insulator in the OPD 993 substation adjacent to the Power Plant. Informed the Board that we ran local generation for 4 hours during outage.

COVID-19
Utility Superintendent informed the Board on practices put in place by the City regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed closing all City facilities to public access and then a copy of the Mayor's press release. Also discussed disconnect issues.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on March 19, 2020 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and a copy of the next convened meeting of said body, that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jern, City Clerk
Tom Bartek, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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Estate of NELLE LEE LOCKARD, Deceased. Estate No. PR20-21

Notice is hereby given that on March 25, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Shannon L. Wamsley, 71929 637 Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of the Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 1, 2020, or be forever barred.

Curtis L. Maschman, County Judge
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DATED: March 6, 2020
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 7th day of April, 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 Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Room 203, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room Door, the Richardson County Clerk's Office, and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us

Mary L. Eickhoff, Richardson County Clerk

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

You are hereby notified that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on August 29, 2016, in Book 267, Page 155, in the Office of the Richardson County Register of Deeds will be selling the following-described property at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 14th day of May, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The property is legally described as follows:

Lot 3 in Block 1 in Holman Park Addition to the City of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska.

DATED: March 25, 2020

By: Samantha K. Scheitel, #26389
Attorney for Frontier Bank
For: Weaver & Merz Law Office
1719 Stone Street
Falls City, NE 68355
1-8-15-22-29

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/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 # C1 19-160, I will sell on the 3rd of April, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at public auction 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 McLaughlin Street, Falls City, NE 68355, Legal description as follows: Parcel # 740062530, Lots 21 and 22, OT BLK 193, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020
Sheriff Rick Handberg
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 6:15 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

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MAY 12, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING BALLOT REQUEST FORM

I, the undersigned, declare that I am a registered voter in Nebraska and will not be going to the polls on the day of said election, therefore I request an early voting ballot for the Primary Election occurring on May 12, 2020.
I am a registered voter in Richardson County at the following address:
I am registered as: Republican, Democrat, Libertarian
I am registered as: Independent (plus a nonpartisan voter)
I am registered as: Independent (plus a nonpartisan voter)
I am registered as: Independent (plus a nonpartisan voter)

I request to vote on the Election Office trays on the Early Voting Polling Place.
I request to take my ballots with me, for the person I am voting on, at the following address:
I request ballots be mailed to me, for the person I am voting on, at the following address:

The County Clerk or staff member may reach me at the following phone number:
To verify any information, which might be required prior to sending the ballot to me:

My Application: RICHARDSON COUNTY CLERK
1700 STONE STREET, RM 202
FALLS CITY, NE 68355
Tel. No.: 402-245-2941
Email: cler@richardsoncountyneb.org

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Ballot Mailed:
Ballot Received:
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Quality On Tap! City of Falls City Annual Water Quality Report For January 1 to December 31, 2019. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Falls City water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of water used by City of Falls City is ground water. Contaminants that may be present in ground water include: 1. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which can cause illness and death in some cases. 2. Inorganic chemicals, such as nitrates, nitrites, and other substances, which can cause health problems. 3. Organic chemicals, such as pesticides, herbicides, and other substances, which can cause health problems. 4. Volatile organic compounds, such as benzene, toluene, and other substances, which can cause health problems. 5. Radionuclides, such as radium and uranium, which can cause health problems. 6. Other contaminants, such as lead, copper, and iron, which can cause health problems. The City of Falls City water system is committed to providing safe drinking water to all of its customers. We will continue to monitor our water quality and take the necessary steps to protect our water supply. If you have any questions about this report, please contact the City of Falls City Utilities Office at (402) 245-2941.

TEST RESULTS table with columns: Microconstituents, Highest No. of Positive Samples, No. Collected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2019, MCL, MCLG, Likely Source Of Contamination, Violations Present. Rows include Lead and Copper, COPPER, FREE, LEAD, Regulated Contaminants, ARSENIC, NITRATE-NITRITE, Disinfection Byproducts, TCTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5), THM, Unregulated Water Quality Data, SULFATE, and Drinking Water Quality.

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**NEBRASKA EXTENSION** - Richardson County is seeking a qualified individual for position of full-time office manager/education support staff. This position requires excellent leadership, interpersonal, and communication skills. Strong organizational and time management skills are essential plus proficiency in computer programs such as Word, Excel, and Quicken. A background in 4-H Youth Development and/or Extension would be beneficial, but is not required. Office experience is preferred, an Associate's Degree in closely related field is beneficial.

Application information and a full position description are available at the Extension Office or online at [extension.unl.edu/statewide/richardson](http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/richardson). Submit a cover letter, completed application, and current resume with three references to Nebraska Extension - Richardson County, Attn: Kaytlyn Kennedy, 1700 Stone Street - Courthouse, Falls City, NE 68355, by Friday, April 3, 2020. Richardson County is an equal opportunity employer.

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**White Cloud Health Center, LLC**

Is currently seeking a motivated individual to fill the position of Licensed Practical Nurse to work in the comprehensive health center in White Cloud, KS.

Hours-Monday thru Friday 8:00 am. - 4:30 pm  
Benefits include paid health, dental, vision insurance, 401K with up to 3% company match, paid holidays, accrued vacation and sick leave.

Salary is negotiable based on experience and education.  
Indian Preference applies (BIA form 4432)

Application can be found at <https://www.iowatribeofkansasandnebraska.com/job-openings>  
Please submit your resume/application to White Cloud Health Center 3349 B Thrasher Road White Cloud, KS 66094 or email Scott Miller at [scott.tribalhealth@gmail.com](mailto:scott.tribalhealth@gmail.com) or Brenda Griffin at [Brenda.griffin@ihs.gov](mailto:Brenda.griffin@ihs.gov)  
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## City Council

**MARCH 16, 2020**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 16th day of March, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Jon recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Bindle publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

In light of the COVID 19 virus and the pandemic conditions that it has the ability to bring with it, I want the citizens and council members to be aware that we, as a city, are coordinating with local entities and authorities to monitor the ever evolving situation. We don't take this situation lightly and will continue to monitor and make changes where and when necessary to ensure that our first responders, employees and citizens are as safe as they can be.

I want to take this time to Congratulate Coach Goltz and the Falls City Sacred Heart Varsity Basketball team on winning the 2020 Class D2 Championship. As a special note, this is their 10th state title in school history. They certainly make Falls City Proud!

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

**WHEREAS**, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and **WHEREAS**, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** BY THE City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting hereby approved. 2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the agenda for March 16, 2020 is hereby approved. 3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the Police Report for February 2020 is hereby approved. 4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for February 2020 is hereby approved. 5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for March 16, 2020 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**REVIEW AND ACCEPT BID FOR MILLING AND ASPHALT OVERLAY OF CHASE STREET FROM 14TH STREET TO 21ST STREET AND CHASE STREET FROM 25TH TO 26TH STREET**

A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Rhodd to remove from the table Herzog's bid for milling and overlay of asphalt. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve Herzog's bid for 2" milling and overlay of asphalt on Chase Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:07PM.**

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on March 16, 2020; that all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting; kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning minutes of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jon, City Clerk  
Shawna Bindle, Mayor

## Misc.

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Thank you for your patience and understanding during these ever changing times. Your health and safety are our greatest concern.



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For the time being, Dr. McPeak will follow the CDC recommendations and will not see patients for routine eye exams. The Dr. will not be open at either office for walk-in issues. If you have a concern about your vision or eye health, call the Dr. at home at 785-742-2969 or the office at 402-245-2019

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During this time, Spirit Shoppe will continue to remain open with regular business hours unless we're otherwise advised to change. An auto hand sanitation dispenser has been placed at the door for customer use. Please respect the distancing. Our staff will continue to wipe down handles and frequently touched areas for all our safety. Be safe, and Thank you for your business. It is much appreciated.

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