

## CMC PROVIDES WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATES AND UPDATES OF VISITOR RULES

By Nikki McKim

During an April 6, 2020, briefing the community was provided with updates on the current Coronavirus situation and how it affects us locally.

Grant Bruggemann of the Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) gave updates on the five counties he serves including, Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties. He reported that the number of confirmed cases in our area stands at three, with zero confirmed cases in Richardson County.

Brian Kirkendall, Emergency Management, said he is meeting weekly with SEDHD and other counties Emergency Management teams to stay updated.

Mayor Shawna Bindle said Falls City has continuously been monitoring the situation and how it has the potential to affect the City.

"We've made a great effort to be proactive and not reactive," said Mayor Bindle.

She reminded everyone that all City-owned properties remained closed to walk-in traffic. To pay utility bills, drop-off outside or online payment is encouraged at this time. All online payment fees have been waived. Also, late fees have been suspended as well as disconnections for late payment. If anyone is unable to pay their utility bill, she encouraged them to contact the City utility office so payment arrangements could be made.

All City Board and Council Meetings will be held via video conference. Members of the community may attend these meetings electronically. A link to the meeting can be found on the City's web page.

"I encourage you to remember Falls City's small businesses at this time; chances are if there's something you need, you can get it delivered to you curbside," said Mayor Bindle. "I continue to pray for the health and the safety of our community together we will get through this."

It was noted that all members of the public are encouraged to stay out of the city parks.

The administrator of Community Medical Center, Ryan Larsen, said that Family Medicine is seeing patients with illness in the afternoon and seeing patients that are 'well,' in the morning. Family Practice is doing the opposite; they are seeing patients with illnesses in the morning and 'well,' patients in the afternoon.

Larsen encouraged those who have questions about COVID-19 to email covid19@cmccf.org or text 402-245-6522.

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING CONDUCTED ON ZOOM

By: Charlie Radatz

Pursuant to Governor Pete Ricketts Executive Order the Mon., April 7, the meeting of Falls City's City Council was held with Council members, other city officials, and the general public participating in the meeting using the Zoom video/telephone technology to avoid possible spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Mayor Shawna Bindle took time at the beginning of the meeting to inform citizens of changes in city operating procedures due to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Mayor Bindle began by saying, "The city has been constantly monitoring COVID-19 and how it has the potential to affect us and the great citizens that live here. We've made an effort to be proactive, rather than reactive. Currently, all city-owned properties remain closed to walk-in traffic. While you can't enter the library, it is still open and available to use by utilizing the drive-through. In addition, you can reserve books using the online catalog, or by calling the library staff. To pay utility bills, we encourage you to use our drop box located outside of city hall or to pay online. We have currently waived all online payment fees. In addition, we have suspended late fees and disconnections for non-payment. In the event you are unable to pay your utility bill, you need to contact the city utility office so that we can work with you to make payment arrangements. All customers will be responsible for all usage during this time."

Mayor Bindle continued, "The Governor has issued directed health measures so we will not have a need to renew our resolution concerning ten-person gatherings with the city health

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This week the hospital should be rolling out some scheduled testing to make it easier for community members who have a practitioner's order to get tested. Starting on Saturday, April 11, the following visitor rules were set in place.

No visitors are allowed for non-minor patients with potentially contagious respiratory illness, including confirmed or suspected COVID.

One person may be designated as a support person to visit and support an admitted patient during a non-respiratory admission. These support persons will be identified at the start of a stay and must be over the age of 18, in good health, be screened every day, and agree to exercise safe practices, including going directly to the patient's room, and agreeing to be steadfast with masks, hand hygiene, and social distancing—both inside and outside the hospital.

Minor patients will be allowed one parent or guardian, who must still be screened and abide by hospital policy.

Persons receiving outpatient surgeries will be allowed, one support person. CMC will coordinate with that person to reduce or eliminate time in waiting rooms or other public areas.

Emergency patients may be accompanied by a support person if it is deemed safe by emergency practitioners or personnel. They may be asked to wait in the ED waiting room and are not permitted to enter the main hospital while waiting.

Patients being seen for other services, including clinics, therapy, imaging, lab, etc., should generally come by themselves, unless they require a support person, such as due to disability or age.

If staff feel an exception should be made regarding visitation, such as, perhaps, in emergency

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## COMMISSIONERS ENABLE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE COURTHOUSE TO REMAINED CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

By: Charlie Radatz

The Tues., April 7, meeting of the Richardson County Commissioners was held by teleconference.

Chairman Sickel opened the meeting by stating that due to this meeting being offered through a teleconference that a set of ground rules would have to be followed to prevent participants from talking over one another.

He requested that members of the public mute their phones. He said as Chairman he would allow everyone to speak by calling for public comment after each agenda topic was announced, he asked all who wanted to speak to state their names prior to speaking, said he as Chairman would repeat their name so that everyone would know who is speaking, and asked that persons addressing Commissioner indicate

when they were finished speaking.

First on the agenda was a motion by John Caverzagie to continue suspension of public access to the Richardson County Courthouse until further notice due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The motion seconded by Commissioner Frank and was approved with all voting aye.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges during the week prior to the meeting. Mr. Darveau reported that signs for weight limits on bridges that are co-located with 'No Commercial Traffic' signs posted on the County's hard-surfaced roads will be removed from those sign locations. He reported that the rock quarries are working on weekends to get stockpiles built



## GOVERNOR RICKETTS EXECUTIVE ORDER WAIVES

### IN-PERSON VOTING REQUIREMENT

Early voting in person will not be done for the Primary Election, according to the Governor's Executive Order.

A State of Emergency was proclaimed in Nebraska on March 13, 2020, to control the spread of the coronavirus. With social distancing and deliberately increasing the physical space between people, most county offices, including county election offices, are closed to the public at this time. The reopening of these offices to the public on April 13, 2020, which is the scheduled date for the commencement of in-person early voting and registration, will increase public health risk to both voters and to those officials who are required to mail out early voting ballots and to prepare for the opening of the polls on Election Day.

All citizens can register to vote online or by mail. All registered voters were mailed an application to request, and early ballot and drop boxes were purchased for each county in the state. Early Voting applications received which will continue to be received at the Office of the County Clerk will be processed and ballots mailed to the voter requesting.

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts waived specific statutes pertaining to the Election Act for the purpose of conducting the primary election. The provisions are waived only to the extent that the statutes require county election offices to be open for individuals who do not require the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device. All county election offices will continue to accommodate voters who need the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device to independently, privately, and securely cast an early ballot, or voters who require an election official to physically assist in the completion of their ballots. Voters requesting these accommodations may schedule an appointment with their location election office.

Voter registration will continue to be available online at sos.nebraska.gov. Eligible citizens can register by mail when renewing their drivers' licenses, or with the DHHS and the Nebraska Department of Education when applying for programs.

The Secretary of State has encouraged voters to request early ballots for the primary. Nebraska voters have answered the call. To date, more than 140,000 early ballots have been mailed to Nebraskans, who have requested an early ballot.

Polling places will be open on Election Day for those who still desire to vote in person on Election Day.

and that the department rock trucks are hauling as much rock that is available at the present time. Bridge crews are working on several projects, and ditch cleaning and road repairs are also being done.

During the Highway Superintendent's report, a motion was made by Commissioner Sickel to approve an agreement with Windstream for the use of county road right-of-way for laying of Windstream cables along 713 Road west of Hwy 75. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank and approved by a unanimous vote.

The Board met with Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin to review business within the Law Enforcement Center during the previous week. The discussion was also had regarding the idea of providing a hiring bonus for

Sheriff's deputies that are Nebraska certified officers. Information from other agencies that provide this option will be requested for further review of the program and also assist in developing a policy for the Richardson County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Merwin reported the Sheriff's Department is reviewing the possibility of obtaining ankle monitors for inmates that are sentenced for court commitments, probation violation, and other circumstances that are approved for house arrest. A service agreement from Vigilnet was also provided to the Board for review and consideration at a later meeting.

A letter that was received by Commissioners from an inmate currently being held at the Law

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# Media Groups call on Congress to support local news, local media amid coronavirus crisis

Asks include funding of federal advertising spending on local media, direct funding for government agencies for local media advertising.

Four national media organizations representing thousands of local newspapers and local broadcast media outlets – the News Media Alliance, National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), National Newspaper Association (NNA) and America's Newspapers – jointly called on Congress to provide critical support to local news media in its next stimulus bill designed to provide relief to businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. In its summary document <http://www.newsmediaalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/>, the organizations specifically call for Congress to ensure the ability of local media to seek relief under the Paycheck Protection Program and to fund federal advertising spending on local media through directing current U.S. government advertising campaigns to local news and media outlets, and providing the Department of Health and Human Services, the Small Business Administration and other relevant agencies with an additional \$5-10 billion for direct funding for local media advertising that would be evenly distributed to local media in communities of all sizes.

The document states: The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that when we face our largest challenges, one of our greatest needs is access to reliable news and information. That is why your local newspapers and radio and television broadcasters are critical components to the nation's COVID-19 response.

In this moment, local newspapers and radio and television stations are working around the clock, often in dangerous conditions, to consistently get critical and timely information to the public. News publishers and local broadcasters have maintained their operations, provided a wide range of information at no cost, worked to protect employees in often dangerous conditions and – most of all – kept isolated individuals and families connected to their communities.

Unfortunately, the rapid and likely continued drop in advertising revenue from local businesses resulting from COVID-19 is having an immediate impact on publishers' and broadcasters' basic capacity to maintain their operations. Unlike many industries, the business proposition for locally-focused media – and local journalism in particular – was challenged before the pandemic. That situation has only worsened.

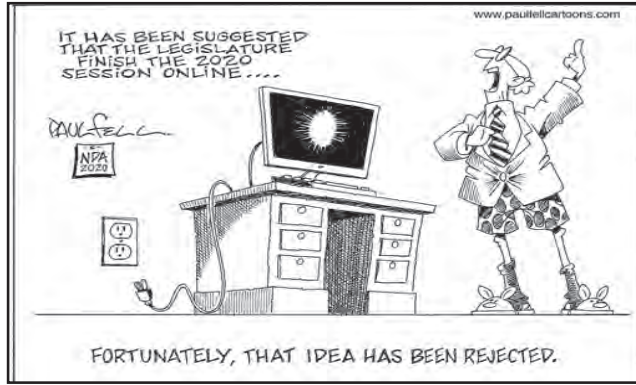
News Media Alliance President & CEO David Chavern stated, "Local news provides reliable, fact-based information that is absolutely critical to communities, particularly during events like the COVID-19 crisis. This is evident in the public's incredible demand for information from local publishers. However, the rapidly contracting ad market in response to the pandemic is dealing a sharp and immediate blow to local news publishing. If this continues, there won't be local journalism in many communities."

Readers have rushed to local news outlets to obtain reliable news and information about their communities, but most of the value of the online engagement flows to the dominant tech platforms. The sharp decline in the general ad market since the COVID-19 pandemic began has caused the revenue of local publishers to contract dramatically. According to an industry survey, despite record audience, most publishers who saw an increase in subscriptions from February saw growth of under 10 percent. Additionally, advertising and other sources of revenue are projected to fall by at least 25 percent, with many expecting declines of over 50 percent. As a result, a wide range of local news publishers have been forced to consider layoffs, furloughs or pay cuts, just when the public needs them the most.

National Association of Broadcasters President and CEO Gordon Smith stated, "NAB is proud to join our friends at the News Media Alliance, National Newspaper Association and America's Newspapers in support of local media. In communities across America, local broadcasters and local newspapers provide an indispensable source of credible journalism and community focused information that simply cannot be replaced by other media platforms. We urgently request that policymakers support our effort to preserve advertising-supported local media outlets that are so important to the fabric of daily life."

National Newspaper Association President and publisher of the Douglas (Wyo.) Budget Matt Adelman stated, "Local newspapers are valiantly serving their communities to the best of their abilities through the COVID-19 public health crisis. They are more critical than ever at a time like this. As the nation pulls together to get through this period, local media need the revenue from advertising and the public needs essential messages from the government."

America's Newspapers CEO Dean Ridings, stated, "In the face of business challenges that are pervasive and all-encompassing, our member newspapers are carrying out their mission to provide their communities with vital news and information. The assistance we are asking for today is an investment in sustaining the information infrastructure that is an essential element for a successful American response to this public health crisis."



# IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE, LAWMAKERS TOOK A (SORT OF) BREAK

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

The last time the Speaker of the Nebraska Legislature adjourned for an indefinite period was in 1985 when a serious budget impasse had to be resolved but a solution couldn't be found. Two special sessions followed in September and October. It took two more special sessions in 1986 in November and December to finally resolve the matter.

The time before that was during the Farm Crisis of 1983 when a large group of lawmakers took time off to leave Lincoln and head for Washington, DC, in an effort to find resolution.

So, before March 15 when Speaker Jim Scheer declared a temporary recess to the 106th Legislature Second Session in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to practice government recommended "social distancing," those were the only notable incidents according to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office.

Assistant Clerk Dick Brown said he hasn't seen the Capitol as quiet and the mood as somber since the events of September 11, 2001 (9-11) which brought things to a standstill. Senators are mostly gone for now and many offices have minimal staff available. Most have signs on the office door encouraging constituents to call or e-mail for assistance.

Since it's a short session year, the only budget bill lawmakers face is an adjustment to the second year of the Biennium. That measure had advanced to second round debate when Scheer put a temporary halt to things. Passing a budget every two years is the only statutory requirement of the Legislature. Everything else is extra.

Save for three days in March when lawmakers reconvened for the sole purpose of creating an \$83.6 million emergency fund to respond to the COVID-19 situation, the quiet has remained. It has been a good time for veteran legislative reporters to reflect on the weighty job of the Speaker, the Lieutenant Governor and the rich history of Nebraska politics surrounding it.

Interestingly, the 1983 incident came during the administration of then-Governor Charlie Thone. The Speaker of the Legislature was Senator Bill Nichol of Scottsbluff, first elected in 1974 to replace the venerable Terry Carpenter. Though not quite as flamboyant or outspoken as Carpenter on the national stage, Nichol was a force to be reckoned with.

He was a life-long friend of my folks and had been a prize fighter in his younger years and worked as an insurance claims adjuster and repo man in later years. He struggled with remembering my name but I settled for him calling me by the two initials of his choosing. He often landed on J - R.

The late Thone was known for his coalition of senators called the Thone Clones. But the farm crisis of 1983 was nationwide and bigger than his partisan group of supporters. That's when Nichol, Speaker from 1983-1986, called a recess for a few days so a delegation could go to Washington to make its case to Congress.

Things got interesting after the election of Bob Kerrey as Governor in 1984. Nichol presided over the 1985 Legislature regular session and two special sessions between September 19 and mid-November. He presided over the 1986 regular session and two special sessions between November 12 and December 6, 1986. Three of those dealt with Kerrey's call to make budget adjustments. The first special session in September 1985 dealt with the payment of \$8.5 million to victims of the now-storied Commonwealth Savings collapse.

Kerrey served one-term as Governor and was replaced by Governor Kay Orr with Nichol as her Lieutenant Governor. That meant that Nichol was again the official presiding officer of the Legislature. He certainly had the experi-

ence for handling business as "not so usual."

But, back to the current situation. Brown said there have been discussions about conducting business electronically, through Zoom or Skype or some other popular platform, but it would be a logistical nightmare. Bill-related documents have to be processed and filed and votes have to be counted. In short, it's much easier and efficient to do it in person.

Discussions on distancing will continue, no doubt, but for those of us admitted extroverts, you just can't beat that face-to-face interaction. Just don't touch your face and, yes, wash your hands!

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

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: NAME THE ANIMAL

### ACROSS

1. Spoil
6. Delivery service
9. Gallup's inquiry
13. Madison Square Garden, e.g.
14. One of the Tudors
15. Pinkerton's gallery member
16. Beneath, to a poet
17. Birds-to-be
18. Not slouching
19. \*Koko or Digit
21. \*George or Marcel
23. Langley agency
24. Can of worms
25. Pine juice
28. Up to the task
30. Most recent
35. Furnace output
37. Gives a helping hand
39. Veranda in Honolulu
40. \*European sea eagle
41. Waterwheel
43. Ladder crosspiece
44. \*Valued for its down
46. Stealers' Chuck
47. Genealogical plant?
48. Treat for Dumbo
50. Hoofbeat sound
52. \*To \_\_\_\_\_ is human"
53. Jan Carew's, 1994 disguise
55. Garden cultivator
57. \*Roger or Peter
60. \*Rocket or Rascal
64. "Random" audience member
65. Mozart's "L. \_\_\_\_\_ del Cairo"
67. Resin-producing tree
68. Like haunted house
69. Time delay
70. City in Germany
71. Not a bee
72. Pilot's deadline
73. Not those

### DOWN

1. Pirates on a plank?
2. Black and white treat
3. \*Papa or Mama
4. Clown act
5. Perennial garden flower
6. Iris holder
7. \*Babe or Wilbur
8. Fraternity letter
9. Politician's barrelful
10. Curved molding
11. Famous Australopithecus
12. \_\_\_\_\_ the wild rumpus begin!"
15. Hertz offering
20. Labanotation founder
22. Doesn't mix well with water
24. Wilma and Fred's hometown
25. \*Dolly
26. Eagle's nest
27. \*Giant or Red
29. \*Simba or Elsa
31. Queen of Hearts' pastry
32. Accustom
33. Not so crazy
34. \*Detroit mascot
36. Not quite an adult
38. Perfect houseplant spot
42. Luau greeting
45. S. E. Hinton's " \_\_\_\_\_ Fish"
49. Chi precursor
51. Place for a square
54. Furry scarf
56. What's in your e-wallet?
57. Actress Perlman
58. Runs, as on TV
59. Radar flash
60. Indian music
61. Yorkshire river
62. Lade deposits
63. Supreme Court number
64. Make a seam
66. \*Tom or Sylvester

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**50 Years Ago - April 15, 1970 to April 21, 1970**  
 Apollo 13 astronauts made a safe splashdown in the Pacific. The daughter of a Falls City couple, Mrs. Tom (Betty Cole) Cooper, was the high school English teacher of astronaut Fred Haise, Jr.

Raymond Yoessel and Ed Huppert, Jr. were honored as honorary chapter fathers during the annual Falls City Future Farmers of America banquet. Movies at the Rivoli this week included "The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes," "The Reivers," and "Funny Girl."

Linda Fritz and Jerelyn Schuetz had the leads in "Exit the Body", the Dawson-Verdon senior class play.

Ronald D. Bachman, 22, Rulo was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, one of the nation's most distinguished scholastic honorary societies.

The Southeast Nebraska Quarterhorse Association Quarterhorse Show and Paint Horse Reveue attracted 136 entries.

The Imperial Service Station had a "Ladies Only Special", a free bar of Woodbury Beauty Soap with a purchase of \$3.00 or more at the pumps.

A scientific paper on the use of computers in medicine prepared by William V. Glenn, Jr. was selected for delivery at the George Washington University Senior Research Assembly.

The Community Hospital Bazaar raised \$2,414 for purchase of a cardiac crash cart.

A Sacred Heart production of "Hello Dolly" attracted a crowd of 450 to Prichard Auditorium.

Southeast Consolidated faculty, students, and Booster Club members built a curb around the school's track in advance of the Mustang Invitational.

Southeast senior Curt Field, Humboldt, won a UNL Regents scholarship. Bob McKelvey picked up the only first for Falls City in the 220 at the Syracuse Invitational.

The city's new sanitary landfill opened for the first time, an area that has since become our tree and lawn waste disposal site.

Nominated by their local American Legion Clubs to represent them at Boys State were Joe Steffen, Rt. 2, Humboldt; Dennis Williams, Stella; Michael McKim, Falls City; and David Auxier, Dawson.

Winners in the opening golf tournament of the season at the Country Club were Ernie Comfort, 1st flight; John Falter, 2nd flight; and Chuck Chaney, 3rd flight.

The City Council authorized application for a \$902,000 HUD grant to cover 45% of the cost of a new waterline to Rulo and to build a new main sewer loop around the city.

The Nebraska Department of Game and Parks began a condemnation proceeding in County Court to acquire 810 acres for Indian Cave State Park.

Nicholas B. Kentopp, Shubert, was granted a \$500 scholarship to attend Midland Lutheran College, Fremont.

**25 Years Ago - April 15, 1995 to April 21, 1995**

Arguments were heard in District Court on whether to allow use of evidence related to the alleged rape and kidnapping of Teena Brandon in the murder trial of John Lotter.

Richardson County Board Chairman Jim Seifried said the Board would cut costs and use inheritance tax money to cover the costs of murder cases and two floods.

The City Council voted to auction off five and a half lots but elected to retain another six at 1003 Morton used as a parking lot for Grandview Park.

Ira Humm, 27, who trained under Jake Nanomantube, earned his third-straight Midwest Golden Gloves championship and won the Boxer of the Year Trophy during an event in Omaha.

River Twin Cinema was showing "Tommy Boy" and "Outbreak."

The Falls City High School production of "Pomp and Circumstance" was presented at Falls City High School Auditorium.

Peru State College senior Mark Junker, Falls City, was the recipient of a Clifford Harding Social Science Scholarship.

Pam Johansen's Karate Academy had 45 youngsters enrolled in her Karate Academy in the basement of River Twin Cinema, 1715 Stone Street, Falls City.

Students of the Month for March at Falls City Middle School were Rachel Thompson, 8th grade; Cody Merz, 7th grade; and Andrew Hopp, 6th grade.

Work was progressing on a two story addition on Community Hospital's northwest side that was to house an expanded laboratory, X-ray, ultrasound, mammography, and nuclear medicine.

Sacred Heart senior Aaron Hill and Kari Hilgenfeld, a senior at Dawson-Verdon High School, were winners of \$500 scholarships from Richardson County Bank & Trust Co., Falls City.

Carl Messner got a little more than he was bargaining for while turkey hunting northeast of Falls City. Messner heard a rustling sound and saw a bobcat flying through the air toward him, he ducked, the animal bounced off his arm, but he was not injured.

Sacred Heart dominated the Mustang Invite at Nebraska City with the boys taking first place with nine gold medals and 161 points and the girls taking first place with seven golds and 147 points. Nate Froeschl set a new meet record in the high hurdles.

Boy Scouts of America presented Troop 393's new charter to Elks Exalted Ruler Jerry McKim.

The Falls City Rotary Club was celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

**15 Years Ago - April 15, 2005 to April 21, 2005**

Falls City FFA Chapter members Joel Frost, Ben Allen, Andrew Rieschick, Cody Jones, Brandon Nussbaum, David Goff, and Drew Foster earned the State FFA degree.

Honorary FFA Chapter Degrees were presented to Mr. & Mrs. Roy Rieschick and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Allen. Tylene Windle was the winner of a \$250 scholarship awarded by the families of Everett Frost and Dale Goff.

Community Medical Center and Family Medicine Clinic announced that Dr. David Borg, M.D., and Sandy Catlin, APRN, would continue to provide services at Family Medicine Clinic.

Falls City High senior Alyssa Gyhra set a new school record in the two mile run and established herself as the best in that event and the one mile run among Nebraska runners in Class B.

The Sacred Heart boys track team won 17 medals and took first place at the Lewiston Invite with 114 points. The Irish girls finished fourth.

Honored as Falls City Journal Athletes of the Week were Morgan Hillyard and Michael Oberling. Morgan placed first and set a new meet record in the pole vault going 9-1. Michael won both the 110-meter hurdles (1:6.3) and the 100-meter dash (1:17) at Lewiston.

Hannah Milam and Miranda Chandler each took first place in their respective age divisions of the Knights of Columbus State Hoop Shoot.

Falls City High senior Adrienne Werner took first place in the sports photo contest sponsored by the Nebraska Women High School Communications Contest.

Falls City High junior golfer Lee Hullman tied with a 75 for the best round of the day at the Sabetha Invite only to lose medalist honors in a playoff. He shot an 81 for third place at Nebraska City.

Lisa Palmer was one of 25 UNL seniors honored as Chancellor's Scholars for earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average on all graded work completed during her studies.

The Richardson Foundation announced that it would donate \$425,000 from the Bessie Thomas Estate for enhancements to the new Falls City Aquatic Center.

The City of Falls City was recognized for the 13th time as a Tree City USA.

## Commissioners meet and Courthouse to remained closed to the public

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 Enforcement Center regarding some complaints that he had regarding the facility, and it's procedures. Sheriff Hardesty informed the Board that all the complaints have been reviewed and are baseless.

Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance technician, reviewed with the Board plumbing repairs that need to be addressed in the Courthouse building. The Board requested that Mr. Cooper contact contractors that do plumbing to get quotes for the work that needs to be done.

Danitra Roberts met with the Board regarding the placement of signs of encouragement for the general public coping with spatial separation and other lifestyle changes recommended during the Corona19 outbreak. She also asked for permission to place signs on the Courthouse lawn congratulating graduating Falls City Public School and Sacred Heart School Seniors. The Board indicated that the signs for the Seniors could only be placed on the lawn for part of the day that had previously been designated for Commencement Exercises, which have now been postponed or canceled due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Chairman Sickle asked if there was anyone from the public that wanted to make comments at this time. No one from the public responded.

Fee reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of March 2020: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$347.15; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$8,808.50; Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court, \$472.00; and Sheriff Hardesty, February 2020 fees, \$9,066.05.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 10:28 a.m. after having reviewed the monthly operating statement for March 2020, and voting to allow the payment of all claims submitted prior to their meeting.

## City Council meeting conducted on Zoom

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 board. All city board and city council meetings will be held by video conference. Members of the community may attend these meetings electronically. We will be utilizing "Zoom" to do this. The link to the meetings can be found on the City's FB page as well as the city's web page."

As for ways the city working to protect its employees, Mayor Bindle said, "City employees are being vigilant in their cleaning efforts within their departments. We are screening houses prior to workers going inside, and the crews do have PPE that they can wear if needed. In addition, if a worker feels the need, they can go home and shower within their shift. We are trying to do what is needed to support the crews during this time."

A public hearing on an application of Casey's General Store to upgrade their Class B Liquor License, allowing the sale of beer for off-premises consumption, to a Class D License, allowing the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for off-premises consumption, at their 1221 Harlan Street convenience store drew no public response. The Council then voted 8-0 to make a favorable recommendation on the license upgrade to the Nebraska Liquor Commission.

The Council received no public comment during a hearing on a recommendation from the City Planning Commission that it grant a request from Gayle

and Linda Swisegood for the rezoning from R3 (High-Density Residential) to B3 (Highway Commercial) a 2.83 Acre property they own at 1210 E. 14th Street on which a warehouse storage building is located. In requesting the zoning change, Gayle Swisegood told City Administrator Gary he was considering the possible sale of the property. The recommended change made the zoning consistent with that of neighboring properties, and the Council voted 8-0 to approve the request.

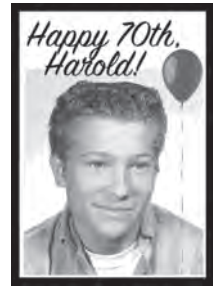
A public hearing was also held on a request from Regina Kapuska for a Conditional Use Permit for the Child Day Care Center at 816 E. 16th Street previously owned and operated by Chris Crawford. During the hearing, Ms. Kapuska provided information on her experience as a daycare provider. The Council then voted 8-0 to approve the request.

And, the Council voted unanimously to recommend to the Nebraska Liquor Commission an application from American Legion Post 102, 721 Harlan Street, Falls City for appointment of James Inglis, 923 Chase Street, Falls City as the corporate manager responsible for adherence to Nebraska Liquor License regulations in the dispensing of beer, wine, and distilled spirits at the Post's clubhouse.

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**Sun Mart of Falls City recently donated \$1,000 to Falls City Middle School as part of its "Direct Your Dollars" campaign.** Direct Your Dollars was launched in 2016 as part of Sun Mart's commitment to support the communities they serve. The year-round program replaces Support Our Schools in select locations. A check was presented to the school, Front row: Corbin Lenderman, Traven Luginbill, Indie McCullough. Back row: Angie Phroper, Jessica Sells, Miyuna Kong, and Rob Alderson. Families from schools participating in the "Direct Your Dollars" campaign collect Sun Mart cash register receipts and the company makes a \$1,000 donation for every \$150,000 returned. (Photo by Chelsie Alexander)

### 2020 Richardson County Republican Convention

The Richardson County Republican Convention was held on Friday, March 27, 2020, by telephone conference arranged by the State party at 7:00 p.m. There were eight present (seven delegates).

The Convention was called to order by Chairwoman Mary Bohling. Gayle Swisegood made the motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Mail-In Ballot as new business. Vincent Metzner seconded, motion passed.

Mary Bohling offered prayer. Vice-Chairman, Gayle Swisegood, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bohling welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the 2018 convention and the treasurer report had been emailed out to the delegates prior to the meeting. Gayle Swisegood made the motion to approve, and Vincent Metzner seconded; the motion was approved.

Gayle Swisegood and Vincent Metzner gave a report of the 2018 State Convention held in Nebraska City. Old Business, none. New Business: Mary Bohling has the email addresses of the delegates and wondered if the officers could use for faster contact. Everyone agreed.

The 2020 Convention was to be held in Kearney. Because of the COVID-19, it will not be a physical meeting. The date is set for June 5-6. The meeting will be by Facebook live, (at this time.) The registration fee would be approximately \$10-\$15 per person. Gayle Swisegood made the motion to pay fees for the delegates and the alternates. Jerry Duerfeldt seconded. After the Convention, the participants will present their bill to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Report on the Five County BBQ; it will be a Sunday in September, because of COVID-19, planning has been pushed back. The fee for the County will be \$600 this year. Jerry Duerfeldt made the motion to pay the \$600.00, and Vincent Metzner seconded. Motion passed. Everyone was urged to attend. Republican Ad for General Election. Vincent Metzner made the motion to run an ad in both newspapers for all Republican candidates running for election. Gayle Swisegood seconded. Motion passed. Everyone was encouraged to put up yard signs, walk-in parades, etc.

Mail-in Ballot; Mary Eickhoff, County Clerk, gave a review of using a mail-in ballot. All registered voters will be receiving a postcard from the Secretary of State office with instructions.

Convention Delegates, Jerry Duerfeldt, nominated Gayle Swisegood and Metzner seconded. Pam Scott nominated Vincent Metzner, and Gayle Swisegood seconded. Gayle Swisegood nominated Dana Bauer as an alternate, Jerry Duerfeldt seconded. Vincent Metzner nominated Jerry Duerfeldt as second alternate, Gayle Swisegood seconded. Mary Bohling will send the forms in for the delegates/alternates to attend the state convention.

Election of a Chairperson, Gayle Swisegood, nominated Vincent Metzner as Chairman. Jerry Duerfeldt seconded. All in favor.

Election of a Vice-Chairperson, Vincent Metzner nominated Gayle Swisegood, and Jerry Duerfeldt seconded. All in favor.

Election of a Secretary-Treasurer, Vincent Metzner, nominated Pam Scott. Gayle Swisegood seconded, all in favor.

No resolutions. Gayle Swisegood thanked the delegates and Mary Eickhoff for joining the meeting and serving four years as Chairperson. Mary thanked everyone for helping and attending and advised everyone to go vote.

Gayle Swisegood made the motion to adjourn, Vincent Metzner seconded. Motion passed.

## Early season weed control important for crops, pastures and lawns

By Gary Lesoing

While the winter of 2020 was not nearly as challenging as the winter and spring of 2019, spring is here, temperatures are warming up and weeds are beginning to grow. With the rain we received last fall since last growing season, very few if any fields were sprayed last fall for control of winter annuals. With no herbicide down last fall and moisture, it will provide ideal growing conditions for weeds. Keep an eye out for weeds beginning to grow in your crop fields. Weed control will be extremely important this spring, especially where there were previous issues with marestail or other winter annuals. Cover crop acres were reduced due to the wet weather last fall as well.

Cover crops, especially cereal rye has been an excellent strategy for suppression of marestail. It is important to control marestail early this spring, prior to the plant bolting (shooting a stem). It will really be challenging controlling marestail if it bolts and is glyphosate-resistant, which the majority of it is. Check the 2020 University of Nebraska Weed Management Guide for best herbicides to use for control with your weed problems. In pastures, if you were not able to control weeds last fall, check your pastures for musk thistle. If we receive some rain and it is too wet to do field work, you still may be able to spray your pastures. The early season treatment of musk thistles in particular is critical for effective control. Musk thistle is a noxious weed in Nebraska, meaning it is unlawful to let it grow on your property without attempting to control it.

The best time for controlling musk thistle is when it is just starting to grow, in the rosette stage. Once thistles start to bolt or shoot up a stem or stalk, it is much more difficult to control them.

There are several herbicides that work well on musk thistle and other pasture weeds, such as: 2,4-D ester, 2,4-D ester plus Banvel, Grazon P & D, Ally, Transline, Redeem R&P and Overdrive. Another weed we have had issues with the past couple of years in southeast Nebraska is poison hemlock. I just saw some poison hemlock in the rosette stage this weekend. I have not seen too much of it yet, but it is key to controlling this weed as it can cause livestock deaths. Finally some of us may have weeds in our lawns or around our yards. Most of these are just getting started to grow or have not yet germinated.

You have time to control these weeds now and in the next few weeks for the warm-season weeds. Information on broadleaf weed control in home lawns can be found online at: <https://turf.unl.edu/NebGuides/BDLV-control2011b.pdf>. Information on crabgrass control can be found online at: <https://turf.unl.edu/NebGuides/Crabgrasscontrolhomelawn2010b.pdf>.

If you have other questions, feel free to contact me at the Nemaha County Extension office at (402) 274-4755, (402) 274-9639 or [glesoing2@unl.edu](mailto:glesoing2@unl.edu).

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

#### ACCIDENTS

On April 2, 2020, according to police reports, Bonnie Hossfeld, of Falls City was traveling west on 18th Street when she hit a parked vehicle owned by Gary Liberty, of Falls City. An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Hossfeld vehicle; an estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Liberty vehicle. No citation was issued.

On April 7, 2020, at 2:39 PM 38 year old Christopher V. Clow of Falls City, was booked into the Richardson County Jail for Assault, and Simple Assault. On April 7, 2020, at 9:55 PM 39 year old Mitchell L. Jarzbec was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a warrant. On April 9, 2020 at 12:28 AM 35 year old April Rath of Falls City, was booked into the Richardson County Jail for shoplifting.

goed seconded, all in favor.

No resolutions. Gayle Swisegood thanked the delegates and Mary Eickhoff for joining the meeting and serving four years as Chairperson. Mary thanked everyone for helping and attending and advised everyone to go vote.

Gayle Swisegood made the motion to adjourn, Vincent Metzner seconded. Motion passed.

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## Bobcat student athletes make Peru State's Fall 2019 Dean's List

Recently, 73 Peru State student-athletes were named to its Fall 2019 Dean's List.

The following is a listing of local students making the Dean's List.

Football: Nicholas Novak (Dawson), Criminal Justice-Administration.

Basketball: Drew Bippes (Falls City), Undecided. Cheerleading: Molly Brown (Falls City), Elementary Education.

All nine of the athletic department's programs were represented with at least three or more individuals. In order to make Peru State's Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99, have completed at least 12 graded credit hours during the past semester, have no in-

complete grades for the semester, and be degree seeking.

The golf and volleyball teams had the highest percentage of their teams earning dean's list and/or president's list recognition. All of the members of the golf team were on one of the two lists.

In addition, many other student-athletes who had completed their eligibility and were finishing their degrees, along with student assistants and student managers, were on the Dean's List.

Athletic director Wayne Albury was pleased with the number of student-athletes gaining recognition. He stated, "Having 99 student-athletes on either the President's or Dean's is a significant accomplishment for our department."

## Peru State College recognizes 2019 Fall student-athletes

The tradition of recognizing Peru State outstanding student-athletes continued between games with Evangel (Mo.) on February 8.

The following is a list of local student-athletes recognized with their hometown noted in addition to the honors received.

It should be noted that the Heart Scholar-Athlete awards are from the 2018-19 academic year.

Cross Country: Destiny Worthey (Humboldt), Heart Scholar-Athlete.

Football: Nicholas Novak (Dawson), 2019 Academic All-America@ Football NAIA Team, CoSIDA NAIA Academic All-District@ First Team, Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete\*

In addition, Nicholas Novak (Dawson) was also specially noted as he was named a CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team member this past fall. Novak is a member of the Bobcat football team.

NAIA-Daktronics Scholar-Athlete\* - The NAIA has changed its policy to do this recognition at the end of the academic year. Those noted with the asterisk are anticipated Peru State honorees for the 2019-20 season.

Those in attendance were presented their certificates and/or plaques by President Dan Hanson, the First Lady Elaine Hanson, and Athletic Director Wayne Albury. They were assisted in the presentation by the athletic department's project coordinator, Brenda Lutz.

The presentations were made in front of one of the largest crowds of the season as the Foundation's National Alumni Association was hosting its 11th annual alumni chili feed.

A special recognition was given to the Peru State women's teams who for the third time in a row had the highest cumulative grade point average (gpa) in the Heart of America Athletic Conference (Heart).

## FC Sacred Heart releases third quarter Honor roll

These Sacred Heart students have been named to the third quarter honor roll.

**Green (94-100%) Honor Roll**  
Seventh Grade: Evan Bailey, Jayme Ewers, Patrick Froeschl, Clayton Keithley, Addison Keller, Jentry Lechtenberg, Ethan Neddnerip, Connor Nelson, Henry Rottinghaus, and Cole Schawang.

Eighth Grade: Elle Falk, Leila Frederick, and Vaughn Lenard.

Freshmen: Kayden Bauman, Gabriel Canonico, Olivia Eichhoff, Evan Keithley, Macy Keller, Gavin Lechtenberg, Grace Malcolm, London Nachtigal, Matthew Neddnerip, Carson Sells, and Jessica Wertenberger.

Sophomores: Hunter Bauman, Tyler Catlin, Laine Ebel, Emma Frederick, Taylor Frederick, Jake Froeschl, Jakob Jordan, Nicholas Keithley, Zachary Keithley, Chloe Knobbe, Emma Littrel, Rachel Magdanz, Lauren Malone, Derek Schawang, Ella Simon, Madison Stamper, and Erison Vonderschmidt.

Juniors: Kyle Bauman, Danielle Bippes, Del Casteel, Jack Fiegner, Elle Froeschl, and Kailey Peeks.

Seniors: Max Froeschl, Jacob Hoy, Madison Littrel, Mackenzie Nelson, Claire Niemyer, Lexis Pokorny, Jena Reeves, Luke Schawang, Evi Schock, Emily Wertenberger, and McKenzie Witt.

**White (91-93%) Honor Roll**  
Seventh Grade: Adisen Fischer, Jocelyn Olberding, and Sadie Tisdell.

Eighth Grade: Madison Dougherty, James Froeschl, Saylor Hutfles, Zach Kafer, and Joe Simon.

Freshmen: John Crouse, Mackenzie Dougherty, Sam Dunn, Riley Nelson, and DeLanie Witt. Sophomores: Peyton Doerr, Cara Kirkendall, and Brogan Nachtigal.

Seniors: Blake Frederick, Jarrot Simon, Paige Stamper, and James Stice.

## Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer third quarter Honor roll

Students named to the HTRS High Honor Roll.

Seniors: Carissa Allen, Peyton Bredemeier, Kaitlyn Frey, Cameron James, Lauren Nanninga.

Juniors: Kaitlyn Glathar, Austin Herr, Emily Hutton, Shannon Jones, Donovan Kostecka, Joseph Lamb, Sara Mayo, Kenna McClarnen, Jayden McNealy, Natalie Novak, Peyton Schardt, Abby Stalder, Joseph Stalder, William Stalder, and Tara Zimmerling.

Sophomores: Issac Bittner, Hunter Frey, Saydee Hardesty, Brittany Holley, Alyssa Howe, Jacey Leech, Corey Oliver, Ellie Schardt, Gracie Shafer, Daniel Snodgrass, Andrew Stalder, Allison Vaughan, and Aiden Worthey.

Freshmen: Robert Harrah, Ashlyn Holley, Sally Joyner, Derek Kish, and Benjamin Shubert. Eighth Grade: Maelynn Bittner and Hannah Koziol.

Seventh Grade: Laramie Glathar, Macy Vritska, and Lily Wamsley.

Students named to the HTRS Honor Roll.

Seniors: Jaden Cooper, Trey Drake, Kylie Kalin, Triston Mendenhall, Stacy Oliver, Mya Richey, Rylee Sanford, and Alayna Thompson - Anderson.

Freshman: Jaylyn Bohling. Ninth Grade: Clayton Howe, KayLee Jeralds, Jaylie McNealy, Lauren Ogle and Lauren Schardt. Eighth Grade: Jakob Manning.

## How to talk to your kids about the Coronavirus outbreak

Parents normally at work are quarantined, kids are out of school indefinitely. Your children know something is wrong and they come to you with questions.

"Children look to adults for guidance on how to handle stressful events," said Sheri Dawson, director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). "Acknowledging their concern will help your kids speak about their fears. When parents and caregivers deal with the evolving COVID-19 situation calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children."

"As the uncertainty over how long this pandemic will continue grows, it's not only stressful for you, but for your kids," said Mikayla Johnson, disaster behavioral health coordinator and administrator for the Division of Behavioral Health. "Remind kids that doctors and healthcare workers are learning as much as they can about the virus and are doing what they can to keep everyone safe."

What else can parents do? Reassure children that they are safe. Let them know it is okay if they feel upset. Share with them healthy ways to cope with stress. Encourage them to talk about and label their feelings. Reassure them those feelings are normal.

Children may be acting out their fear and anxiety, so note any change in behaviors.

Reinforce with kids the importance of washing their hands often, coughing into a tissue, and getting enough sleep.

As much as is possible, create a set routine for the day to provide a sense of normalcy. Wherever you can provide the familiar in this time of uncertainty, you are working in the best interest of their mental health. While kids will likely be excited that school isn't in session for the first few days, boredom and a desire to see friends will rapidly change that.

Explain social distancing rules and the need for them. Help them identify new ways to stay in touch with friends and

family.

Inform kids of COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and let them know to tell you if they are feeling any of these things.

Limit your child's exposure to media coverage of the event. Keep young children away from frightening images they may see on TV, social media, computers, etc. For older kids, talk together about what they are hearing on the news and correct any misinformation or rumors you may hear.

Set a good example by showing empathy and support to those who are ill.

Connect with friends and family members over electronic communications.

As a parent, if you are struggling with your own fear or anxiety and need tips on how to talk with your child, help is available 24/7. Please call the Nebraska Family Helpline, 800-866-8660. It's okay to not have all the answers. Reaching out to keep you and your family healthy and safe should be a priority. More suggestions and tips can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/talking-with-children.html>

If you are feeling overwhelmed with emotions such as sadness, depression, anxiety, or feel like you want to harm yourself or someone else, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) or the in the event of a true emergency, you can call 911 or Nebraska Family Helpline, 800-866-8660 who can access local crisis response teams. As well, SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at (800) 985-5990, or text Talk-WithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

## Twenty-seven Peru State student athletes on President's List

Recently Peru State announced its President's List for the fall 2019 semester.

Out of the 173 students earning a perfect 4.0 GPA, 27 were student-athletes - two of whom were dual sport athletes. There was at least one student-athlete from each of the nine sports on the President's List.

PSC Volleyball player, Randee Witt (Salem), General Studies/Undeclared, made the President's List.

To make the President's List, students must have posted a

grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, completed at least 12 graded credit hours during the fall semester, have no incomplete grades for the semester, and be seeking their first degree.

Seven members of the Bobcat volleyball team earned the President's List recognition.

The rest of the students earning recognition were on the Dean's List in which they had to have a semester GPA between 3.50 and 3.99. There will be a separate release noting the student-athletes honored on that list.

### Remember:

Terry L. Frank was the Commissioner who voted to cut the trees around the Courthouse down.

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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank friends, family, and everyone that sent a card, called, or personally acknowledged my birthday. I'm sorry that we had to cancel the party, but wanted everyone to be safe!  
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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.

Ethan K. Nycum, of Rulo, count one, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

Drew J. Bippes, of Falls City, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Peggy L. Watton-Gilkerson, of Hermitage, MO, count one, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Tyler G. Bender, of Humboldt, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined an overweight fine of \$325; count two, overweight capac-

ity plates, plead guilty, found guilty and fined an overweight fine of \$100 and court costs.

Jordan M. Beber of Lawrence, KS, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Amber L. Bowser, of Shubert, count one, speeding, 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Kim D. Sullwold, of Stella, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined an overweight fine of \$15 and court costs.

Raymond Acheson, of Effingham, KS, count one, fail to obey train crossing signal, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

Mayra T. Mendez, of South Sioux City, NE, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Rodney R. Heinen, of Dawson, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, over weight capacity plates, plead guilty, found guilty and fined an overweight fine of \$375; count three, violate load contents requirements, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court

costs.

Patrick C. Sanborn, of Garnett, KS, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined an overweight fine of \$150; count two, CMV-brake audible air leak 393.45 (a), plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Jason H. Kilgore, of Overland Park, KS, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Alexandra A. Graf, of Auburn, count one, violate stop oryield sign, plead guilty; count two, speeding 11-15, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Alexandra A. Graf, of Auburn, count one, speeding 1-5, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$10; count two, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Kenna L. McClarnen, of Dawson, count one, speeding, 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Andrew D. Dunn, of Falls City, count one, violate load contents requirements, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

Michele R. Rakestraw, of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

David A. Mezger, of Table Rock, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Renee J. Hill, of Omaha, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Venkatesh Kuna, of Omaha, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Robert L. Hamilton, of Falls City, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no valid registration/truck-31-40 days, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; no license on person, plead guilty, found guilty

and fined \$25; count four, CMV-marking 390.21(a), plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count five, CMV-lights inoperable 393.9(a), plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Catherine L. Gundersen, of Kearney, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Lowell M. Lewis, Jr., count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

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

Laverta V. Andrew, of Rock Port, MO, count one, speeding 6-10, 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.

Manuel Moreno, of Oklahoma City, OK, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Tomsee S. Ogden of Rulo, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty and found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Tomsee S. Ogden, of Rulo, count one, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Manique L. Brye, of Omaha, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Alexandra A. Graf, of Auburn, count one, speeding 1-5, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$10; count two, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Gerald Cooper, of Sargent, TX, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Angelo J. Covert, of Lawrence, KS, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Shengjun Qin, of Flushing, NY, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Bethel C. Trew, of Nebraska City, , count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Jeremy C. Kearney, of Falls City, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, CMV-Marketing 390.21 (a), plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

Justin L. Courtney, of Rulo, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Jerry L. Schutte, of Falls City, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Tish R. Brooks, of Topeka, count one, speeding 6-10, 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.

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## Falls City Tigers set to join the East Central Nebraska Conference

By Brian McKim

On April 8th, 2020, the ECNC membership committee met via Zoom teleconference to discuss the application of Falls City Public Schools into their conference. The Tigers were unanimously voted in, allowing Falls City to be part of a conference for the first time since 1980. Ryan Terwilliger, Superintendent of Malcolm Public Schools and ECNC Directory congratulated FC and welcomed them into the conference.

The Tigers last belonged to a conference in 1980, before the Twin Rivers Conference dissolved. According to *Journal* sports editor, Del Sutherland in his May 2, 1979 column, Falls City received bad news at a conference meeting held the week before in conjunction with the Twin Rivers Track Meet at Nebraska City. Blair, Plattsmouth, Syracuse and Nebraska City announced they were leaving join other conferences, setting in motion the beginning of the end for the Twin Rivers Conference. When news of this broke, Sutherland gave his two cents,

saying FC wouldn't be looking for a new conference long, as many schools were jumping ship and creating new conferences. 40 years later the Tigers will no longer be an independent.

Falls City Public School will join Auburn, Elmwood-Murdock, Freeman, Johnson County Central, Malcolm, Mead, Palmyra and Weeping Water. Auburn will be the closest school to FC in the conference at 35 miles. Elmwood-Murdock will be a 94-mile trip. Freeman is 73 miles away and JCC is 52. Malcolm is 117 miles, Mead is the furthest at 126, Palmyra is 84 and Weeping Water is an 83-mile trip.

"It's exciting to belong to a prestigious conference," said Athletic Director Don Hogue. "We have had a lot of support from other member schools to make this happen for us. Our students will have conference recognition and have a chance to win conference championships."

Falls City became a member of the ECNC effective at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

## CMC provides weekly COVID-19 updates and updates in visitor rules

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trauma or imminent end-of-life situations, the department head or designee or administrator on call should be consulted.

Consistent with these changes, waiting rooms have been changed to separate sitters. Additionally, magazines and snacks—other than hands-free coffee and water—have been removed.

If you have any questions, please call 402-245-2428 and ask for the nurse's station.

Betsy Coolidge, the Executive Assistant at Community Medical Center, said the hospital is taking homemade masks, gowns, and surgical caps. Personal protective equipment may be helpful if shortages occur in the future.

Volunteers interested in assisting by making these items may drop them at the front door of

the hospital between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. in a plastic bag. Please leave your name, address, and phone number with donated items.

If you have questions, please call Tiffany Johansen, RN at 402-245-6520 or Racy Hullman, LPN, 402-245-6508.

Please note the CDC recommends isolation gowns be made of a polyester or polyester/cotton blend. Sizes XL or Larger are preferred.

Patterns for surgical bouffants and isolation gowns can be found in the CMC photo album on Facebook, "Surgical Bouffant and Gown Patterns." If you want a pdf or copies of the patterns made instead, please email Betsy Coolidge - bcoolidge@cmfc.org or Linda Santo at lsanto@cmfc.org and one of them will get that sent out to you.



Oak Anderson



Sarah Ockinga



## Sheriff's Dept. makes arrest on Highway 75

On April 10, 2020, a Richardson County Deputy stopped a gray Jeep Grand Cherokee for a traffic violation just south of Dawson, on highway 75.

The Deputy requested that Brown County, Kansas, K9 handler run his K9. The K9 indicated on the vehicle. Richardson County Sheriff's Office conducted a search of the vehicle. The following was found in a shoulder bag, approximately 450 grams (one pound) of a white crystal substance that field tested positive for Methamphetamine, three Oxycodone pills, five Hydrocodone pills,

three Xanax pills, 33 Tramadol pills, one morphine pill, 190 Adderall pills and approximately \$2,000.00.

Sarah Ockinga, 29, of Lincoln and Oak Anderson, 48, of Lincoln were placed under arrest for the following charges: possession and intent to deliver (Methamphetamine), possession with intent to deliver (Adderall), three charges of possession of a controlled substance, no drug tax stamp, possession of money while violating drug statute.

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# Richardson County Board of Health meets to discuss COVID-19 updates

By Nikki McKim

The Richardson County Board of Health met again on Wednesday, April 8, to receive updates on cases of COVID-19 in Richardson County and the process of the approval of the procedures for the prevention of the spread of communicable disease, illness or poisoning.

At the time the Journal went to print, there were still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richardson County.

Dr. Alan Tramp said there is more testing going on in the County, but so far, everyone has been testing negative with five awaiting results.

"Most of those we think are still low likelihood. I'm hoping the reason it's so low is that everybody's trying to do the right thing like social distancing. Everybody's doing their part," said Dr. Tramp.

Grant Brueggemann, of the Southeast Nebraska District Health Department, said there are only three confirmed cases in Otoe, Johnson, and Nemaha counties. Testing capacity is increasing and expected to continue to increase day to day.

So far, only six percent of those who have been tested for the virus has come back positive in the state of Nebraska.

"It's still a fairly low occurrence; however, there are some localized areas that do have a higher percentage," said Brueggemann. "We're continuing to increase our response activities on a needed basis, and we will continue to monitor it and make changes as it starts to work its way down to Southeast Nebraska.

Brueggemann said that the state peak in virus numbers is expected to be towards the end of April or early May. He said he wasn't sure of the specific timeline, but it's dependent on

the public's participation and nonpharmaceutical intervention. So the stay at home, avoid social gatherings, strict social distancing, those kinds of things.

"We'll probably be able to judge when that's going to occur in the next couple weeks," said Brueggemann. "In terms of Southeast Nebraska, I don't really have any way to predict when that's going to be. I would anticipate that its probably going to be later than the state average just because of our location and our geography."

Brueggemann discussed the President's recommendation that the public start wearing some sort of mask when they go out.

"I would have to side that if they absolutely have to be out in public to get groceries or be out, I don't think it's a bad idea if people want to wear masks to prevent it."

Brueggemann said he had seen an increase in the healthcare facility workers wearing masks when seeing patients, regardless of what the patient is being seen for. The same thing for EMS increasing the usage of masks when seeing patients.

Police Chief Armbruster said there were some issues at Stanton Lake with people following the six feet special mandate, but other than that, he said the community is doing a pretty good job.

Sheriff Hardesty said he went around the County to restaurants, bars, and grills to visit with everyone and see if there were any questions or concerns. He said he discussed small business loans that these businesses could apply for.

"They're doing what they are supposed to be doing, they're doing the best they can," said Sheriff Hardesty.

Brueggemann said he has

scheduled a public meeting for April 20 about the regulations to prevent the spread of communicable disease, illness, or poisoning. Public comments will be received, and revisions would be made if needed. The regulations would then be passed by the District Health Board and go on to the counties so they can sign off on it.

Kathy Messner, CMC Clinical Care Management, said they are working on a testing area that would be set up back behind the Emergency Room at CMC. Doing this would keep people out of the doctor's offices.

Law Enforcement officials questioned if they would be able to enforce a quarantine on someone they knew had the virus. If the person was out and about law enforcement officials wanted to know if they could do something about it.

Brueggemann said that the way he has handled positive cases is to make sure the health providers know about the positive result in the County, notify Emergency Management, schools, and Government and City officials. "We don't give out information on the County level. I won't give out where the person lives specifically or what city they reside in," said Brueggemann.

Sheriff Hardesty said he had concerns as a law enforcement official about being able to enforce a quarantine and needed to know who the person is or where they live.

Brueggemann said a conversation is happening now discussing what is allowed and what isn't allowed in terms of the Federal and State HIPAA privacy concern. He said he understands the concern, but didn't feel comfortable giving anything out besides the notice that there is a definite case.

"This may get to the point where confirmed cases are really irrelevant in terms of the clinical diagnoses. So for instance if we got to a point where we could give you an address of where that person is



## Marjorie Dettman

Marjorie "Marge" Dettman, 89, of Falls City, NE, passed away April 8, 2020 at Falls City. She was born January 31, 1931 at Falls City to Emmitt and Ella (Hunker) Fisher.

She married Loy Dettman on April 12, 1959 at Falls City. He passed away January 15, 2012.

Marge was raised in rural Rulo, NE and graduated Falls City High School in 1948. Following graduation she worked at Hested's for several years. When married the couple established their home on a farm northwest of Stella. She spent many hours working on the farm and helping Loy milk cows and also did custom harvesting and hay baling. She enjoyed gardening and canning. Up until her later years she remembered many people on their birthdays with a card, Loy never went a day without a homemade pie in the refrigerator. She made many batches of homemade ice cream with the fresh cream from their dairy. She attended Stella Community

Church.

Marge is survived by her daughters, Judy Ivey and her husband Bob of Falls City, Kristy Fischer of Stella, NE, grandchildren, Lindsay (Trent) Holscher of Ogallala, Lacey (Cody) Guthals of Falls City, Brooks Ivey of Lamoni, IA, great-grandchildren, Dylan and Wyatt Holscher and Watson Guthals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Robert and Lester Fisher, sisters, Helen Ruth, Dorothy and Betty Jean all in infancy.

Private graveside service was held on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Steele Cemetery with Pastor Mike Hader officiating.

Friends may view and sign the guest register at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, please bring your own pen for sanitary purposes and keep a safe distance away from others.

Viewing began Saturday afternoon until 5:00 PM and on Sunday from noon to 5:00 PM.

## NNRD to close off restrooms, playgrounds and picnic areas

and if you had to respond to an issue or if first responders had to perform critical care, it may give a sense of false security in that you may think, this is the person who has it but next door they might also have the virus, we just don't know. It may be wise that all fire responders start practicing that every person they come in contact with could be a potential carrier of the virus," said Brueggemann. "I understand your concerns, and I've expressed them through my channels to see what we could do for it."

The next meeting of the Richardson County Board of Health will be held on April 22, 2020.

This closure includes Kirkman's Cove, Iron Horse Trail Lake, Duck Creek Recreation Area, Wirth Brothers Lake, and Prairie Owl.

The closure was directed by the NRD board during their meeting Thursday, April 9. These facilities will be closed until further notice in an effort to protect both the public who visit the parks and the staff who maintain the areas. All other activities are still allowed including fishing, camping (both tent and RV), and hiking. Group activities of more than 10 people are prohibited, and visitors are urged to practice good social distancing.

On Friday, April 10, NNRD staff began locking some lesser used restrooms and posting signs at the parks with the goal of closing all the restrooms, playgrounds, and shelters on Monday.

It is hoped that this step will further help in preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Everyone is asked to abide by the posted restrictions; failure to do so could result in more restrictions or even total closure of the parks.

Park permits are still required at the parks and may be purchased online with your credit card (safest and most efficient method) or through the collection boxes at the parks. Either way, your permit will be mailed to you. Keep in mind that permits purchased at the park may not be mailed as soon as normal in order to ensure safety of those collecting the envelopes and processing the payments.

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## New ways to keep kids engaged while distance-learning

(StatePoint) As learning goes remote, many teachers and families are doing their best to adjust. Luckily, new resources and tools are emerging to help ease this process.

For example, the "Learn Through This" campaign, an initiative of VTech Electronics North America, is expanding learning opportunities for kids at home. Here's what to know about the campaign and how your family can access these resources:

**Online Resources**  
Through the LeapFrog Learning Path, an online portal featuring free resources to keep children learning at home, parents can find valuable advice from learning experts on a variety of topics, such as preparing kids with 21st century skills and learning to read. In addition, the portal provides a suggested daily schedule, a curated list of educational websites and free printable activity books to help parents maximize their children's time outside the classroom and keep them engaged.

Families can also access an extended free trial of the LeapFrog Academy educational app, as well as reduced costs on the six-month and 12-month plans. An interactive learning program filled with over 2,000 engaging games and activities for 3-6 year olds, the app can be used on any device with no Wi-Fi required.

**Learning Toys**  
It's not always easy to ensure toys chosen for children enrich their development and encourage learning. To help parents find the right toys to meet their children's needs, VTech and LeapFrog will be sharing video walkthroughs on their YouTube channels. Whether a parent is looking for a role-play toy for their child that loves pretending to be a chef, a desk to practice writing skills or an interactive learning system to get kids excited about reading, personalized toy recommendations will make it easier for parents to keep children engaged and learning.

**Support for Schools**  
As schools remain closed, many parents are getting a fuller picture of the important role teachers play and the scope of their responsibilities. To support educators faced with the challenge of recreating the classroom from home, VTech Electronics North America made a \$50,000 donation to AdoptA-Classroom.org's COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund. The fund will be disbursed to high-needs teachers and schools impacted by COVID-19. A national, award-winning nonprofit, AdoptA-Classroom.org is working directly with educators, schools and vendor partners to identify their needs and get tools in the hands of students to make sure the learning doesn't stop.

For more information about the "Learn Through This" campaign and the resources available to your family, visit learnthroughthis.com.

Parents, teachers and children are facing unique challenges during this unprecedented time. But with the right balance of education and fun, children can continue to thrive and learn.

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## Earth Day 50th Anniversary: The Earth's 3 R's

Every year we put our heads together to share new ideas and ways we can keep our environment clean on a daily basis.

The 3 R's stand for reduce, reuse and recycle. They are crucial to help us protect our future careers. Today, students also learn about the Earth's 3 R's: reduce, reuse and recycle, which if practiced will help us keep our future environment safe and clean.

Families can do a lot to lessen the amount of trash that's created. When you fill in the puzzle, one of the "3R's" of the Earth's 3 R's will appear below the maze.

Families can... **Reduce**

Use packaging... **Reuse**

With a great day to get together with others, pick up their trash and plant trees and flowers.

**Bring Something**

**Take Something**

### The Swap Shack

Families can... **Recycle**

Look at things you want to throw away. Can someone reuse them instead of them ending up on the trash heap?

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Families Can Reuse by...

- giving clothes and toys to good shops to younger children
- bringing old animal bags to carry groceries home
- using both sides of a piece of paper
- using up your table and sporting equipment to use again
- growing plants from seeds in milk cartons

**Families can... Recycle!**

Recycling is the "3R" Collecting items so that they can be cleaned, reused and made into new products is called recycling. Can you match the beginnings below with the correct endings?

- Bring bottles, newspapers, etc.
- collected batteries and Christmas wires
- plastic items
- old tires

A. to be turned into wood-like fuel can be used on paths, around bushes, in gardens

B. back for deposit (in some cases)

C. for bins and recycle centers

D. can be recycled and turned into "new" ones or playground equipment

E. have codes on them telling how to go. We different codes for recycling

Can you find an extra 15 or more words that have 4 or more letters?

Start Here: **Flare materials taken from the earth** → **Shipped to where product is made** → **Sent to home, but don't throw away!** → **Used**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Falls City, invites you to submit a sealed bid for:
"Water Treatment Equipment Procurement
Falls City, Nebraska - 2020"

The project is briefly described as follows:

Stage I

- 1. Design water treatment solids contact clarifier equipment to be furnished in Stage II.
2. Provide design support to ENGINEER during development of Construction Contract Documents, including:
a. Submit a Draft Technical Submittal as required for the solids contact clarifier system.
b. Respond to ENGINEER'S questions.
c. Review Construction Bid Documents prepared by ENGINEER at 60, 90 and 100 percent completion levels and provide written comments.
3. Furnish Installation Contractor Information Package which includes:
a. Final Technical Submittal
b. Equipment delivery schedule
c. Special shipping/handling information requirements
d. Special installation requirements
e. Draft startup plan and schedule
f. Scope of System Supplier (SS) Stage II Services

Stage II

- 1. In accordance with the Contract Documents, furnish, deliver, and provide installation assistance for a complete water treatment solids contact clarifier equipment for the new clarifier to be located at the existing Falls City Water Treatment Facility. The Goods and Special Services shall also include preparation of shop drawings and operation and maintenance manuals, providing electronic files of the proposed equipment, coordination with an Installing Contractor, performance testing (field and shop testing), startup and training services and demonstration testing.

The Proposal consisting of furnishing and delivery of the specified equipment (referenced as Goods) to the point of destination, including performance of special services at the site in conjunction with installation of the equipment as part of the Buyer's construction program, all in accordance with the Proposal Documents.

Sealed Proposals for the furnishing of Goods and Special Services related to the Water Treatment Equipment Procurement will be received by the Olson Office, c/o CRAIG REINSH for City of Falls City, Nebraska, PE, 601 P Street, Suite #200, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, until 11:00 a.m., local time, April 28, 2020, for the procurement of the equipment as described in the Proposal Documents.
Bidding Documents also may be examined at:
Olson, 601 P Street, Suite #200, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68555
Lincoln Builder's Bureau, 5910 S. 58th Street, Suite C Lincoln, Nebraska 68516
Omaha Builder's Exchange, 4159 So. 94th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68127

A complete set of electronic plans, specifications, contract documents and bid form may be obtained from www.cityoffalls.net for a fee of \$15.00 (non-refundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 697519 - Water Treatment Equipment Procurement, Falls City, Nebraska - 2020.

A complete set of electronic plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form on a CD may be obtained from the Issuing office for a non-refundable charge of \$30.00. Unsuccessful bidders are requested to return the plans and specifications.

Each Proposal must be returned on the Bid Form furnished and must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a cashier's check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid amount, made payable to the City of Falls City. The check or draft may be cashed by the City as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract within the fifteen (15) days after the award and post bond satisfactory to the City ensuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract.

The project shall be funded by the Nebraska Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRV-F). The Contractor shall comply with all program requirements as detailed in the Contract Documents.

No proposal may be withdrawn within a period of sixty (60) days after the date fixed for proposal opening.
The City of Falls City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive informality in proposals submitted.

Owner: City of Falls City
By: Shawna Bindle, Mayor 8-15-22

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

The Southeast District Board of Health will hold a special meeting on April 20, 2020, at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at the office of Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE. A conference call option is also available by dialing 1-888-475-4499. Meeting ID: 204 623 753. The meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available in the Director's office at the Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE during regular business hours. 15

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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.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on October 25, 2016, in Book 268, Page 1, in the Office of the Richardson County Register of Deeds will be selling the following-described property at public auction to the highest bidder, for an office in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska on the 30th day of April, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Lot 2 in the E½ of the SE¼ of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 17 East of the 16th PM, Richardson County, Nebraska.

DATED: March 6, 2020
By: Samantha K. Scheitel, #26389
Attorney for Frontier Bank
For: Weaver & Merz Law Office
1719 Stone St.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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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
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF
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Notice is hereby given that Frederick Welding, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on March 20, 2020 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Jared P. Frederick.
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Southeast District Health Department
Public Hearing on the Prevention of the
Spread of Communicable Diseases, Illness, or
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2020 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE 68305
Or Conference call: 1-888-475-4499
Meeting ID: 204 623 753

The purpose of the portion of the meeting on the Prevention of the Spread of Communicable Diseases, Illness or Poisoning regulations is to present the draft regulations and receive public comment on the regulations proposed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-501, and 71-1629 et seq. that apply to the exercise of authority by the Department to order Directed Health Measures necessary to prevent the spread of communicable disease, illness or poisoning which includes Quarantine, Isolation and Decontamination. The agenda for the meeting and copies of the proposed regulations will be available at the meeting or available prior to the meeting by calling: (402) 274-3993. 15

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 21st day of April, 2020, via teleconference for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. Public access to the meeting via teleconference can be done by dialing 1-888-829-1398 attendee code 96179316. The agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection by contacting the County Clerk at the County Clerk at the Richardson County Clerk's Office, 402-245-2911 during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room Door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.
Mary L. Eckhoff, Richardson County Clerk

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Notice is hereby given that THE GOOD BITE, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 18 Sunset Drive, Falls City, Nebraska 68555. The initial agent for service of process for the Company is Jamie Milam, 18 Sunset Drive, Falls City, Nebraska 68555. This Company is now being managed, purchased, its Operating Agreement. The nature of the Company is to engage in the general business, operation, control and oversight of retail and wholesale manufacture and distribution of edible food, including baked products, for public consumption or off the premises; food services; food decorating supplies; gifts; cooking, baking, and decorating classes and seminars, in person and virtually live instruction, catering, and consulting. The Company commenced existence as of April 7, 2020, the date of filing with the Nebraska Secretary of State. 15-22-29

Village of Verdun

VERDUN MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 1, 2020 -
7:00 PM - VILLAGE HALL
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson Koso called attention to the updated Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.
ROLL CALL: Present were: Denise Koso, Wade Lawe, Brenda Fritz, Shannon Weimann. Absent: James Cokerham.
GUESTS: Dawn Bennett
MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Lawe to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.
AGENDA: Motion by Weimann, second by Streit to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.
TREASURER'S REPORT: Not available to approve.
APRIL 2020 CLAIMS: Motion by Koso, second by Lawe to approve paying the claims with all the Trustees present voting YEA. The claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Pro tempore Shannon Weimann.
COMMUNICATIONS:
1. The April 2020 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board. All have been paid except for one customer who asked permission to pay it on April 10th.
2. A resignation letter from Library Board Member, Brenda Fritz was read.
3. Time sheets for March 2020 were reviewed by the Trustees and initiated.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
1. Committee Reports: None available
2. Updates/Utility Report: Copies of the written update reports for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Bennett, were passed to each Board member and reviewed.
3. Unsafe Structures: The Board of Health Committee reported that they decided to wait until after the COVID-19 pandemic has settled down before they meet again and decide the course of action they would like to take on the unsafe structures in town.
NEW BUSINESS:
1. Mosquito Spraying Contract: A motion was made by Koso and second by Weimann to accept the 2020 mosquito spraying contract with HFP Pest Control. We will pay the total balance in advance to take advantage of the discount. All Trustees present voted YEA.
2. Great American Cleanup Program: It was discussed and decided to not participate in the Great American Cleanup Program this year.
OTHER BUSINESS:
Discussion was held on checking on local residents that might live alone or be elderly with no family around to make sure they are doing well and if they need anything. Koso said she would make a list and do the calling.
Motion by Koso and second by Weimann to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and all the Trustees present voted YEA. Meeting adjourned.
Dawn Bennett, Verdun Assistant Clerk
The next regular Verdun Board meeting will be held on May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF VERDUN
MARCH 2020 CLAIMS

Table with columns for item name and amount. Items include EFTPS, EX., PETTY CASH/SU, VERDUN LIBRARY, K.C.R.W.D. #2, SUE, SENeca SANITATION SERV, S.N.C.S.E., N.P.P.D., O.P.P.D., DAVIS F.B. BREATHING, BLUEBROOK, MIDDLEWEST LABS, AARON DAVIS, BRENDA DANIELS, TAMMIE BENNETT, TAMMIE DANIELS, BRENDA DANIELS, TAMMIE DANIELS, DAWN BENNETT, EX-EXPENSE, FE-FEE, MILWAUKEE, RE-REIMBURSEMENT, SA-SALARY, SE-SERVICE, SU-SUPPLIES.

VERDUN ASSISTANT CLERK

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City Council

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-003, this meeting will be held by video/telephone conference. Members of the public may attend this meeting electronically or telephonically:
Falls City
Council Agenda
City Council Chambers, 2307 Barada Street
Falls City, NE 68555
Phone (402) 245-2707
April 20, 2020
6:00 PM
The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

- ROUTINE BUSINESS
1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act.
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mayor's Report.
CONSENT AGENDA
1. Minutes Approval for April 6, 2020.
2. Agenda Approval.
3. Police Report Approval.
4. Treasurer Report Approval.
5. Consent Agenda
Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Council Member, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda Section of the Agenda.
OLD BUSINESS
REGULAR BUSINESS
1. Discussion and Action - 1st Quarter EDGE Report - Executive Director Beckie Cromer (See Attachment).
2. Discussion and Action - Request to use HUD EDI funds as recommended by the Citizen Advisory Review Committee for the North Commercial Corridor Road Design as required by NDOT.
ADJOURNMENT
Gary Jora, City Clerk

Public Reminder: Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes Due. 1st half due by April 30th. Delinquent first half payments will be charged interest starting May 1st, 2020 as per State Statute #77-204. \*As of this notice being sent we are closed to the public - please utilize the mail, phone, online or dropbox on North Side of Courthouse to make applicable payments. \*\*Please include a phone number in case of questions. \*\*\*When paying online the "check" option only charges \$1.00 whereas a credit/debit card will charge 2.25%.

Amanda Bartch-Young Richardson County Treasurer. 1700 Stone St. Falls City, NE 68555. Office hours M-F 8:30 to 5:00. (402) 245-3511. Taxes payable online at www.info.us.

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Salary is negotiable based on experience and education.  
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<https://www.iowatribeofkansassandnebraska.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 Bobbie Rhodd at [Bobbie.rhodd@ihs.gov](mailto:Bobbie.rhodd@ihs.gov)  
Application/Resume must be received by 4:30 p.m. April 22, 2020

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<https://www.iowatribeofkansassandnebraska.com/job-openings>  
for more information contact:  
Brenda Griffin, Director of Nursing at 785-595-3450, Ext. 6  
White Cloud Health Center, 3349 B Thrasher, Road, White Cloud, KS 66094. This position is open until filled.

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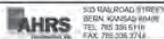
The City of Falls City Police Department is currently seeking a part-time radio dispatcher with a competitive starting wage and paid training. Applications will be received at the office of the City Clerk, at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska until 4:00 P.M. on April 17, 2020. The Job description and qualifications for the position are available at the office of the City Clerk. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Gary Jom, City Clerk 14-15

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## CARDS OF THANKS

Crazy! Crazy! Crazy!  
After March 5, 2020, this is how we will now think of all the firemen, neighbors, family, and just random people who showed up to save our house from becoming a pile of ash. After living in the community all our lives, we've had the impression that these people were normal, clear thinking guys. Not anymore. It's hard to express what these men do, as volunteers, until I saw it myself. The courage and training it takes to head toward an unpredictable fire to try and help others is "crazy." We are so blessed to have so many "crazy" people living in our community. Saying "thank-you" doesn't begin to express how grateful we are that the firefighters were able to save our home. We still can't believe that it didn't go up in smoke the way the garage did. If I forgot to mention anybody I do apologize, it was an overwhelming day. Thank you to Brian Kierendall, Falls City Rural Fire Department, Verdun Fire Department, Falls City Fire Department, and the Richardson County Sheriff's Department. Thank you to Deputy Mooney for thinking about getting our dog Gunner out of the house. Special thank you to our daughter and son's fiancé for trying to save some things from our house. It was a great comfort knowing so many from our Church families were including us in their prayers. We are so appreciative of family, friends, and neighbors (you are the best!) who showed up to offer support and help clean things up in the days following the fire. We couldn't have done so much so quickly without so much help. Thank you! Tyler and LeAnn Bek

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## WANTED

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## Misc.

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To Our Valued Dollar General Customers  
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**DOLLAR GENERAL**

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• One person may be designated as a support person to visit and support an admitted patient during non-respiratory admission.  
• Minor patients will be allowed 1 parent or guardian, who must be screened and abide by hospital policy.  
• Everyone entering the hospital and clinic are being screened.  
• Patients for clinics, therapy, imaging, lab, etc. should come alone, unless assistance is needed.  
• All non-urgent services are postponed to preserve capacity.  
• Meals are no longer available to the general public.  
• We are working closely with local, state and federal officials and agencies.  
• Questions?  
• Visit the CDC website or call CMC, 402-245-2428 or Family Medicine Clinic, 402-245-4475 or the DHHS COVID Information line, 402-552-6648.  
Our teamwork and proactive measures will help keep our community safe and healthy.

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It's critical we take every precaution possible during the COVID-19 outbreak to prevent the virus from entering our center. Protecting our residents' health and safety is our top priority! We have no confirmed or suspected cases of the COVID-19 at this time.  
**WE ARE CURRENTLY:**  
Restricting ALL visitation to emergency only situations; All vendors restricted from entering our facility – all deliveries are made at the back door; Limited to essential staff – all screened for temps & symptoms prior to reporting to work area; All residents monitored for temps & symptoms routinely; All resident non-emergent appointments & resident outings on hold; All communal dining have been discontinued; All group activities have been discontinued; All out of room activity requires social distancing. All staff is required to wear a mask at the facility.  
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