



## FIRST COVID-19 DEATH IN DISTRICT REPORTED IN RICHARDSON COUNTY

On Tuesday, June 10, Community Medical Center in Falls City confirmed a fifth case of COVID-19 in Richardson County.

The individual, a female in her twenties, is a staff member of the hospital and had previously been placed under quarantine due to a known exposure. No other staff members have tested positive, and the hospital continues to monitor the situation closely. Because of safety precautions in place and the quickness of the quarantine action, it is not believed that the staff member posed a risk to patients. CMC is working with physicians and the health department to make sure the situation remains under control.

Because individuals may be contagious for COVID-19 without feeling ill or showing symptoms, even with previously negative tests, CMC requires masks for all staff, patients and visitors in the hospital and recommends masks, hand-washing, and social distancing for anyone in public contact.

The Southeast district Health Department confirmed the fifth case and the first case of COVID-19 related death in the District. A woman in her sixties in Richardson County has passed away to COVID-19 related issues.

## FCPS GRADUATION TO BE HELD JUNE 20, BUT WITH STIPULATIONS

The Falls City Public Schools will be following the Governor's and Nebraska Department of Education Commissioner's guidance regarding graduation ceremonies. They will not exceed 25 percent of rated occupancy of Jug Brown Stadium (400), and information regarding the ceremony, statements of personal responsibility of those attending, and expectations have been shared with parents and posted on the school website and social media accounts.

FCPS graduates are limited to a maximum of eight guests, including immediate family, and will sit in the stadium distanced from other families. Facemasks are encouraged but not required. Fellowship, social gatherings, or other functions before or after the ceremony on school grounds will not be permitted. Large graduation parties are discouraged at this time due to DHM Phase II recommendations.

Graduation will be June 20th, at 2:00 PM in Jug Brown Stadium. The FCPS graduation plan approved by Grant Brueggemann of the SEDHD, provides the best opportunity to keep students, staff, parents, and community safe.

## COVID-19 OR NOT CENSUS MUST STILL BE COUNTED

Right now, our nation is struggling between a global pandemic and widespread protest, but Nebraskans need to make sure they are counted during this year's 2020 census. The 2020 Census counts ev-

ery living person in the United States and five territories. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Each home should have received an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire.

The Census provides needed data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers and many more use to offer valued services and products for the community. Each year, billions of dollars go into federal funding for hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on the data collected by the Census.

The Census's results also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every ten years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

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A group of men wear surgical masks in Shelby, Nebraska, 1918. Photo by History Nebraska

## THE 1918 "FLU" PANDEMIC IN RICHARDSON COUNTY

*By Nikki McKim*  
This article is the second in a series about the 1918 "flu" epidemic that killed millions worldwide. This second article looks at the arrival of the "flu," to Falls City and Richardson County.

Falls City was already in the midst of a newsworthy year when a new deadly flu strain started to spread across the globe.

"Flu" detected in U.S. It's been reported that the first outbreak in the United States was in March 1918. A private in the U.S. Army at Fort Riley, KS, complained of flu-like symptoms; hours later, 100 of his fellow soldiers reported similar symptoms. During this time, the U.S. was sending soldiers by the hundreds of thousands across the Atlantic and into war.

In April 1918, the first mention of influenza appears on April 5 in a public health report. The report discusses 18 severe cases and three deaths in Kansas. Between September and November 1918, the second wave of the epidemic peaks in the United States. The second wave was extremely fatal and responsible for most deaths associated with the pandemic. An estimated 195,000 Americans die of the "flu" in October alone. Philadelphia is hit hard when more than 500 bodies await burial for more than a week. A manufacturer of trolley cars donates 200 packing crates to be used as coffins. By December the Committee of American Public Health Association encourages stores and factories to stagger hours and ask people to avoid using public transportation.

"The Spanish Flu" The illness at the time was dubbed "The Spanish Flu" because of where it was thought to have originated. The symptoms were headache, sore throat, high fever, cough, dizziness, and heavy perspiration. Often bronchial pneumonia would develop, and death would occur in many cases. This strain of flu, unlike COVID-19, was deadliest to healthy young adults and children.

The virus started its spread throughout Nebraska just as WW1 was winding down.

The growing number of cases weren't often reported in 1918 due to wartime censorship.

During World War I, the United States and many other countries would censor "lousy news."

Spain was not in the war, and countries involved in the war didn't want the other side to know they were suffering from this mysterious illness. Spain was neutral in the war and didn't censor press reports of the growing illness to hide it from their enemies, so many thought the "flu" originated there.

"Flu" reaches Nebraska

The "flu" reached Nebraska by October of 1918. Omaha reported its first case on October 3.

On October 7, the state of Nebraska ordered the closings of all "schools, churches, places of entertainment or public congregation, pool halls, and other places of amusement." Mail carriers continued their rounds but wore face masks for protection.

In October 1918, the Falls City News reported that even though King Alfonso of Spain was gravely ill with the "flu," Spanish authorities refute any claim to influenza as the "Spanish" disease.

"If the people of this country do not take care, the epidemic will become so widespread throughout the United States that soon we shall hear the diseased called "American" influenza," said the Falls City News.

The Falls City News soon published an interview with Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the U.S. Public Health Service to help Richardson County residents better understand the "flu."

What is Spanish Influenza? Is it something new? Does it come from Spain?

"The Flu disease now occurring in this country and called "Spanish Influenza" resembles a very contagious kind of 'cold' accompanied by fever, pain in the head, eyes, ears, back or other parts of the body and a feeling of severe sickness. In most cases, the symptoms disappear after three or four days. The patient

then rapidly recover. Some of the patients, however, develop pneumonia, or inflammation of the ear, or meningitis, and many of these complicated cases die. It is not yet known whether this so-called "Spanish" influenza is identical to the influenza of earlier years. There have been numerous epidemics of the influenza. In 1889 and 1890, an outbreak of influenza starting somewhere in the Orient spread first to Russia and thence over practically the entire civilized world. Three years later, there was another flare-up of the disease. Both times the epidemic spread widely over the United States.

What is the course of the disease? Do people die of it?

"Ordinarily, the fever lasts from three to four days, and the patient recovers. But while the proportion of deaths in the present epidemic has generally been low, in some places the outbreak has been severe, and deaths have been numerous. When death occurs, it is usually the result of a complication."

What should be done by those who catch the disease?

"It is very important that every person who becomes sick with influenza should go home and go to bed at once. This will keep away dangerous complications and will, at the same time, keep the patient from carrying the disease far and wide. It is highly desirable that no one is allowed to sleep in the same room with the patient. In fact, no one but the nurse should be allowed in the room. If there is cough and sputum or running of the eyes and nose, care should be taken that all such discharges are collected on bits of gauze or rag or paper napkins and burned. If the patient complains of fever and headache, they should be given water to drink, a cold compress to the forehead and a light sponge. Only such medicine should be given as is prescribed by the doctor. It is foolish to ask the druggist to prescribe, and it may be dangerous to take the so-called 'safe, sure, and harmless' remedies advertised by patent medicine manufacturers. If the

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**HAPPENING AFTER WE GO TO PRINT THIS WEEK**  
-Co. Health Board Meeting.  
-County Commissioners and City Council Meeting.  
-Part 3 of the 1918 Flu Pandemic Series.  
See next week's Journal for more information; or check [www.fcjournal.net](http://www.fcjournal.net) for updates.

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# Let's Get Nebraska Growing

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Last year, Nebraskans came together in the wake of unprecedented flooding to prove the meaning of "Nebraska Strong." After experiencing the most widespread natural disaster in state history during the spring of 2019, Nebraskans worked to rebuild bigger and better than before. The recovery was remarkable. By the last quarter of 2019, Nebraska had the fastest-growing economy in the Midwest.



In 2020, we've battled a new challenge. The coronavirus has been disruptive, and many people have lost jobs—or seen a reduction in employment—due to the pandemic. Through it all, our approach has been to preserve the healthcare system to make sure Nebraskans have access to medical care. We've succeeded in this goal, and now we can begin our return to a more normal life. As we do, Nebraska is in a strong position to regain jobs and restore growth. My team has actively assessed needs, engaged with job creators, and developed a strategy to get Nebraska growing as coronavirus restrictions lessen.

In late April, we conducted a Nebraska Business Response Survey in partnership with the University of Nebraska and state and local chambers of commerce. Of the more than 4,500 organizations that participated, 87% reported having been negatively impacted by the effects of the virus. Their feedback provided us with valuable information about the challenges employers are facing, as well as the hopes they have for the future.

I've directed Tony Goins, Director of the State's Department of Economic Development (DED), to convene a task force to "Get Nebraska Growing." Tony has brought together community leaders, business groups, and nonprofits to gather ideas and input to help us chart the path forward. We've also been in frequent contact with industry associations, mayors, health care networks, and other groups. Even under the toughest circumstances, it's been encouraging to see Nebraskans' spirit of partnership and optimism for the future.

About \$7.8 billion in federal aid has come to Nebraska from coronavirus relief programs. The federal relief has been significant to help our recovery from the pandemic. The biggest source of assistance has been the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) overseen by the Small Business Administration. Nebraska ranked among the top states, per capita, in accessing these funds. Over 40,000 organizations in Nebraska have benefited from PPP funds. Our community banks did an excellent job of helping small businesses get approved for this program so that they can keep people employed. In Nebraska, banks know their customers on a first-name basis. These relationships, strengthened by years of personalized customer service, have been a big benefit to small businesses as they navigate the pandemic.

As part of the \$7.8 billion in federal assistance to the state, Nebraska is receiving \$1.25 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to help with our response to the pandemic. Of this amount, metro areas with a population of 500,000 or more are receiving direct aid. In Nebraska, Douglas County qualified for direct assistance (\$166 million). The remainder (\$1.084 billion) is coming to the State for disbursement. I recently unveiled a plan to invest these funds into four priorities.

**Critical Community Services:** \$85 million will go to community programs that provide critical services such as food security, shelter, and behavioral health care. Service providers can visit the Community Care website for updates on applying for funds.

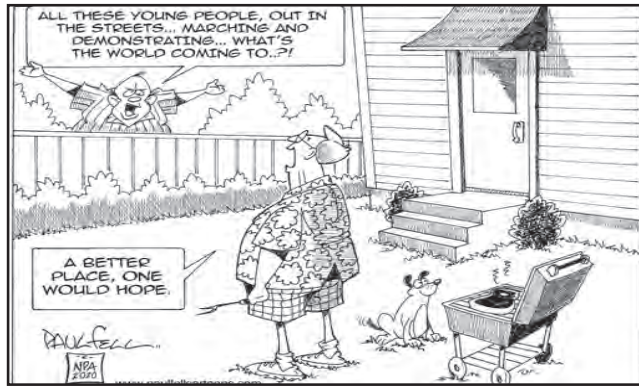
**Business and Agriculture:** \$392 million will go to assist business and agriculture. Of this amount, \$330 million will be made available to small businesses and livestock producers through grants to help them regain financial stability. Another \$40 million will fund a rural broadband remote access grant program to speed and enhance Internet connectivity in small communities. Nebraska businesses, ag producers, and communities can apply for grants online by visiting [getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov](http://getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov).

**State and Local Governments:** \$180 million will be used to reimburse state and local governments for the extra costs they've incurred to keep Nebraskans as safe as possible from the virus. For example, local health departments have hired additional team members to work in public health. They've purchased Personal Protective Equipment for healthcare workers and first responders along with extra disinfectants and sanitizers. They've bought ventilators and provided medical transportation to ensure Nebraskans have access to needed treatment. For county governments to be eligible for reimbursement for these coronavirus-related expenses, they must open their courthouses and offices to the public—on a non-appointment basis—by June 15, 2020.

**Unemployment Insurance:** Nebraska Trust Fund and Potential General Budget Flexibility: \$427 million will go to replenish the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund and, potentially, to provide general budget flexibility during these uncertain times. Nebraska received three years' worth of unemployment claims in two months during the peak of the pandemic. While federal funds have provided extra pandemic assistance, state resources have covered regular benefits. We want to make sure the UI Fund continues to have ample money to meet the needs of Nebraskans whose employment is affected by the pandemic.

You can find details about how the State is using federal funds to Get Nebraska Growing on my website.

As we continue to open more activities and businesses, I encourage you to keep up-to-date with all the latest information by visiting [dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus](http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus) and [governor.nebraska.gov](http://governor.nebraska.gov). Nebraskans have demonstrated their ability to overcome difficulties time and again. As we have before, I am confident Nebraska will emerge from the coronavirus strong, united, and growing more than ever.



## PROTESTING, RIOTING AND LISTENING TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

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

The tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis Police Officer has taught Nebraskans the difference between protestors and rioters and the importance of listening and offering solutions to problems.

A Friday night calm in the Capitol City was broken by a large crowd of mostly protestors marching down O Street in Lincoln, blocking a major intersection or two and ultimately devolving into name-calling, rock-throwing, window-breaking and looting before police dispersed them early into a Saturday morning.

As they did through subsequent nights of demonstrations, mostly centered on Lincoln Mall, the four blocks between the Capitol and the County City Building, protestors carried professionally printed Black Lives Matter signs. The fringe, which one can assume included some rioters, carried hand-lettered signs with messages such as the incendiary "ACAB," translated as all cops are bad.

Saturday night's peace on the mall was marred by a window-breaking spree by one assumes — the rioters. Many were captured on video. Police managed to shepherd the crowd between the County-City Building and the Capitol. Sunday night was more of the same, and more costly.

Authorities estimated more than \$10 million in damage to buildings including the headquarters of the Nebraska Association of County Officials, which is actually a block south of the mall. Rioters also torched the Universal-Inland Insurance Company, a 63-year-old building on the mall which the landlord says may be a total loss. More than 20 people were arrested blocks away as they threw rocks at an already boarded-up Target store.

The mayor spent a fair amount of her time speaking and listening to protestors. On Monday, the governor spoke and allegedly misspoke to a group in Omaha. Omaha's mayor and city council tried to listen. The Saturday night death of a young Black man in Omaha at the hands of an Old Market business owner complicated things there.

Meanwhile, Lincoln's police chief gathered with Black leaders for a listening session as the group forged a bond to work on solutions. The Lincoln mayor opted to lift a nightly curfew and protestors finally outnumbered rioters as police watched from a distance as the demonstrations remained peaceful.

The Legislature's Judiciary Committee convened two public listening sessions, one in Lincoln and one in Omaha. Each session featured familiar rhetoric from protestors. Likewise, the Lincoln City Council held an open mic session with pretty much the same results.

New to the scene this go-round is a demand that police departments be defunded or disbanded. The Minneapolis City Council has said it will disband its police

department. Some have tried to make it a partisan issue with Democrats allegedly favoring extreme to sweeping reform while Republicans cling to the status quo. It's NOT about politics, it's about humanity.

Since this isn't my first rodeo and I am a life-long journalist and observer, I've heard these arguments before. But in this time of a global pandemic and an upcoming presidential election, the outcomes could either be healing or furtherly divisive. That's why it is so important to listen, and then act.

I am a veteran observer and participant in the coverage of demonstrations dating back to anti-Vietnam War and American Indian Movement activities in

the 70s, a Ku Klux Klan rally in Illinois in the 80s and massive worker strikes in the coalfields, the assembly lines of Caterpillar Tractor Company and the meat packing industry in western Iowa into the 90s.

One thing I learned is that when all I said and done, more is usually said than done.

My hope and prayer is that this time there will be positive action for the benefit of all involved with equality and fairness. The process has started. Let's hope those involved keep it on the right path.

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## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: FATHER'S DAY

### ACROSS

- Kind of lively dance
- Greenwich time
- Pilgrimage to Mecca
- Belittle
- A note to follow so
- Annie Oakley's show
- Hipbone-related
- Chicago to Detroit direction
- Historical period
- \*Most gifted Father's Day gift?
- \*a.k.a. Father of the Constitution
- Have a cold, e.g.
- Bog deposit
- Styling product
- Not yet final, in law
- Squirrels away
- \*"Metamorphoses" poet
- Antioxidants-rich berry
- Text that precedes the main text
- Car brand, e.g.
- \*"Full House" father
- Brazilian indigenous people
- a.k.a. droopy
- Precedes shine
- Paving stone
- Early TV manufacturer
- Bayonet wound
- \*"Zip it!"
- Popular form of communication
- Part of a match
- \*Christopher Robin's father
- \*Father known as "one-shot" Finch
- Largest deer
- \*Richard Bobby's offspring
- Precedes desist
- Cuckoo
- Friedrich Schiller's "\_\_\_ to Joy"
- Personal person
- Job for a body shop
- Parent's order
- \*You \_\_\_ the Giant

### DOWN

- It's equivalent to pain?
- Sound mind, \_\_\_ body
- Not of the cloth
- Japanese port
- Jelly ingredient
- High school club
- \*"Boy's father in 'The Road'"
- Recurring melody
- Shoshonean people
- Without further \_\_\_, pl.
- 1920s art style
- \*John-John's father
- Cow's favorite grass?
- Homer's classic
- Pleasurable interjection
- Adrian Brody in 2002 film
- \*Wednesday's father
- Dodge
- Compare
- \*Antithesis to Mufasa
- Liberal pursuits
- Don Giovanni and such
- Echo sounder output
- \*a.k.a. the father of modern economics
- "Indecent Proposal" star Moore
- Research facility
- Used for raising
- U.K. Prime Minister, 1945-51
- Lady lobster
- \*"You \_\_\_!"
- Xe
- Make a connection, two word
- In the thick of
- Steak condiment
- Express complaint
- Antonym of is
- All over again
- \*Popular Father's Day greeting
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- Commoio



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**From the Journal Files**

By Charlie Radatz

50-25-15 Years Ago

**50 Years Ago - June 17, 1970, to June 23, 1970**

Engineers determined an adequate supply of water could be obtained to supply a newly created western Richardson County water district. According to Business in Nebraska, Falls City's general business activity was up in April, but retail sales were down from the same month in 1969.

Entry forms were available for farmers interested in participating in corn and soybean production contests.

Falls City paid \$4,299.30 for power consumed in May, the first full month of operation since the City began being served by a 69-thousand-kilowatt OPPD transmission line.

Movies at the Rivoli included "A Cliffhanger in Space," "Marooned," and "Tell Them Willie Boy is Here."

Breezy Hill Drive-In was showing "Midnight Cowboy" and "Where It's At."

Bids for a new doctor's clinic next to the Humboldt hospital exceeded estimates by \$27,000.

The Falls City Elks Midgets were 3 and 6 after a 5-1 loss to Auburn and after trading victories by the same score of 5-4 in a doubleheader at Columbus.

Rev. Alvin H. Smith began his duties with the Falls City United Methodist Cooperative Parish.

The Village of Verdon was concerned about the impact a rerouting of Highway 73 would have on the Village's sewage treatment facility.

The State Tax Commissioner met with members of the Richardson County Taxpayers Alliance after viewing land with disputed taxable value in the Humboldt area.

"Good Neighbor" awards were presented by Ak-Sar-Ben for neighborly deeds of Mrs. Leona Royal of Rulo, Father Anthony Kotz formerly of Rulo, and Leslie Bippes of Preston.

Harlan Hartung, Humboldt, was arrested for damaging a weather vane and warning light atop the water tower at Dubois.

The Falls City Elks Lodge Youth Week project received a second-place award nationally in the Lodge's size category.

While work was still underway on the downstairs portion of the Country Club's new building, the dining room and bar upstairs were open for business.

Lt. Ronald J. McGinnis, Dawson, graduated from the Nebraska Military Academy and was assigned as a platoon leader of the local guard unit.

"Leisure Hours" was the theme for the annual Horseplay Days parade. The Nebraska Department of Game, Forestation, and Parks paid a \$183,846.25 condemnation award for 810 acres owned by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Duerfeldt and began the development of Indian Cave State Park.

Local grocer Roman Fleskoski restored a used Merry-Go-Round he purchased and put it into operation for the first time at a Rulo horse show.

**25 Years Ago - June 17, 1995, to June 23, 1995**

High winds kept all but one balloon on the ground on Saturday, the first day of the 10th Annual Chamber of Commerce Hot Air Balloon Show, but on Sunday, all 18 lifted off and a stunt pilot put on quite a show at Brenner Field.

Leon and Steve Frederick protested having to obtain an animal permit for pasturing cattle on land only partially in the City, and the Council directed the city attorney to exclude such land from the permit requirement.

The Falls City Legion squad was blown out 11-1 at Tecumseh, lost 8-5 to Beatrice, and 7-4 to Hiawatha.

River Twin Cinema was showing "Pocahontas" and "Braveheart."

The "Backstage Band provided dance music at "The Oasis" (now Veterinary Supply Co.)

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of Corner Liquor owned and operated by Ron and Kayla Inglis.

Kevin Malone and Mike Castle were ram-rodging a fund drive for new seating, refurbishment of restroom and locker room areas at Jug Brown Stadium.

Chosen to compete in the Southeast Nebraska All-Star tournaments were: in Girls basketball, Anne Brott, Falls City High; Celeste Nolte, Sacred Heart; and Missy McLaughlin, Dawson-Verdon; as volleyball team members, Beth Kiekhafer, Sacred Heart; and boys' basketball team members, Kris Shubert, Southeast; Ryan Hogue, D-V, and Aaron Hill, FCSH.

Hard surfacing the road south of Rulo was nearing completion.

The "Yard of the Week" as chosen by the Chamber's Pride Committee was that of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bierman, 2715 Abbott Street, Falls City.

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary donated a U.S. Flag to be flown from the Shubert ballfield.

**15 Years Ago - June 17, 2005, to June 23, 2005**

A federally funded Summer Lunch Program sponsored by the Falls City Ministerial Association was providing nutritious noon lunches to an average of 24 youngsters per day at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20th & Towle.

Ben Steffen, Humboldt, protested a decision by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to deny payment for about \$8,700 worth of soybeans picked up at his farm during the 2004 harvest by the then defunct Wilhelm Grain.

The Southeast Consolidated School Board accepted with regret the resignations of athletic director and business teacher Kyle Finke and Margaret Brust, a grade-school teacher for 33 years at Southeast.

Children of the Shubert and Brock Christian churches attended a Vacation Bible School at Shubert and performed songs for Falls City Care Center residents.

Jeremy and Laura Kirkendall announced the birth of their daughter Ashleigh Diann and Doug and Barb Sefried, Tonawanda, NY, also announced the birth of their daughter, Katie Diane.

Falls City Sacred Heart head football coach Doug Goltz was named Head Coach of a team of Nebraska 8-man all-stars that included Sacred Heart all-state lineman Josh Choate slated to clash with a team of Oklahoma 8-man all-stars in Miami.

Hiawatha's Andrew Jones won a second Class 4A state high school discus championship with a toss of 178-0.

Peru State College named Dave Walker as its new head mens' basketball coach and Johann Murray as Head Cross Country Coach.

The Falls City Elks Juniors were 6-1 after Trent Scholl, and Jake Bartek threw back to back no-hitters in a doubleheader with Atchison won by the locals 10-2 and 11-0.

The Richardson County Historical Society owned the Bell-Jenne House at 20th & Harlan and hosted open houses on weekends.

Nebraska Elks Association President Terry Kramer presented Elks Lodge #963 Exalted Ruler Alan Romine a plaque recognizing the local Lodge's 100th Anniversary and Past Exalted Ruler John Nixon emceed a free barbecue dinner program attended by 225.

Winning awards of special recognition during the Elks 100th Anniversary celebration were the Falls City Journal, Jim Wisdom, who served as Exalted Ruler five times; Phil Woods, a past Exalted Ruler and longtime Secretary; and Jim Davidson, a past Exalted Ruler, treasurer, and chairman of many projects.

The City Council approved an ordinance designating one-hour parking spaces in the downtown business area.

The City Council approved the submission of a letter of the City's intent to apply for a Transportation Enhancement Grant for the development of a walking/bicycle trail leading to the new Aquatic Park.

# THE 1918 "FLU" PANDEMIC IN RICHARDSON COUNTY

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patient is so situated that they can be attended by only someone who must also look after others in the family, it is advisable that they wear a wrapper, apron or gown over their ordinary house clothes while in the sick room and slip this off when leaving to look after others. Nurses and attendants will do well to guard against breathing in dangerous disease germs by wearing a simple fold of gauze or mask while near the patient."

Will, a person who has had influenza before catch the disease again?"

"It is well known that an attack of measles or scarlet fever or smallpox usually protects a person against another attack of the same disease. This appears not to be true of "Spanish influenza." According to newspaper reports, the King of Spain suffered an attack of influenza during the epidemic thirty years ago and was again stricken during the recent outbreak.

How can one guard against influenza?"

"In guarding against disease of all kinds, it is essential that the body be kept strong and able to fight off disease germs. This can be done by having a proper proportion of work, play and rest, by keeping the body well, and by eating sufficient wholesome and properly selected food. In connection with diet, it is well to remember that milk is one of the best all-around foods obtainable for adults as well as children. As far as a disease like influenza is concerned, health authorities everywhere recognize the very close relationship between its spread and overcrowding. The value of fresh air through open windows cannot be overemphasized. When crowding is unavoidable, as in streetcars, care should be taken to keep the face turned as not to directly inhale the air breathed out by another person. It is especially essential to beware of the person who coughs or sneezes without covering their mouth and nose. Make every possible effort to breathe as much pure air as possible.

Days later, the Falls City Journal reported that there were many explanations as to how the "flu" was spread.

"It is generally admitted that the main way is through the coughing, sneezing, and mucus of these persons who have the disease. It is also becoming apparent that the germ is carried by air, and many cases are contracted in this way. However, it is safe to say that 90 percent of the cases are contacted by people who are slightly ill and continue to work as usual. There is no possible way to reach these perpendicular cases except through persons themselves. Every person is intelligent enough to know when they are sick. A man is criminally negligent who continues to do business as usual when he has the symptoms of influenza. He may throw it off but will infect many other people who will not throw it off. If he doesn't care for his friends, he should take the precaution for his own sake. Why not have several influenza masks in your home as a safeguard. They are easily made and inexpensive."

Local newspapers shared a story with tips on how to prevent the "flu." Some stated that you must be clean inside and out with special emphasis on the "inside." "There must be no fermentation of food, beginning in the stomach. To prevent

this condition your diet must be such that food doesn't ferment. It must be digested easily and quickly. Do not eat without appetite. Eat foods that ensure a proper activity of the stomach like spinach, cabbage and all sorts of green stuff. Long walks are another valuable means of purifying the blood and cleansing the internal system. Open windows are essential for the sleeping room. Rise early and exercise for ten minutes to half an hour. Follow with a dry friction bath. Rub the body with the hands a rough towel or brush. Clothe the body sufficiently to maintain warmth. A body that is cared for properly pulsates with the elements of life and vitality, which makes disease of every kind impossible.

First local case reported

The Falls City News reported the first case of the "flu" in mid-October.

"The "flu" is said to be epidemic at Auburn and Hiawatha. Schools, picture shows, churches have been closed at both places, and all public gatherings are prohibited. So far, one case has been reported in Falls City, but it can hardly be expected that the town will escape the disease's ravages. In some states, notably Colorado, the schools have been ordered closed, even when the disease has not appeared, and every precaution taken to end the disaster."

Short supplies

Much like the COVID-19 toilet paper uproar, in 1918, everyone seemed to be hoarding Vick's VapoRub. On October 21, 1918, the Falls City Journal ran several ads for Vicks telling druggists that VapoRub had been oversold due to the present epidemic.

"Tremendous demand the last few days has wiped out excess stocks that we had estimated

would last until next January. Last week's orders called for one and three quarter million jars. Today's orders alone amount to 932,459 jars. Big shipments are en route to jobbers. Until these arrive, there may be a temporary shortage, all deals postponed, but in small lots only. Retailers can get immediate shipments direct by parcel post."

The next day, on October 22, 1918, the Falls City News reported that local schools would close and statewide quarantine rules were issued for home affected by the flu.

The way COVID-19 and the "flu" spread are similar, but the viruses are in fact very different.


Next week we'll take a look at how Falls City acted and sometimes reacted as the "flu" engulfed Richardson County.

**Donations are needed to continue upkeep and maintenance of the Silver Creek Cemetery.**

These donations are used to cut grass and keep the cemetery presentable.

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# 2020 Census must still be counted - COVID-19 or not

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The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every city, no matter the size, no matter the location.

The Census influence highway planning and construction. It also provides grants for public transit. The Census results will help determine how money is allocated for Head Start and grants that support special education and teachers when it comes to our local schools. The Census helps provide housing assistance for older adults, programs to prevent child care, wildfires, and more.

Census takers will work with colleges, senior centers, prisons, and other facilities from July 1 through September 3.

Between August 11 and October 31, Census takers will interview homes that haven't responded to Census paperwork sent out. In December, the Census Bureau will deliver counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

As of June 14, 2020, Richardson County was reporting 59.4 percent self-responses. In 2010 we were at 58.7 percent. We need our goal to rise above these percentages to reflect our population base accurately.

Richardson County's response to the 2020 Census will shape the decisions about how billions of dollars in federal funds flow into communities each year for the next ten years. Additionally, from an economic development perspective, businesses looking to grow and expand use population statistics when making

investment decisions. It's a key factor. Please help us collect accurate data for Richardson County by filling out your census form today," said Beckie Cromer of Falls City EDGE.

Falls City's self-response as of June 7, 2020, is 65 percent; and Humboldt was at 57.1 percent.

Nebraska continues to perform well regarding responding to the 2020 Census. In figures released last week for data, Nebraska ranked 5th highest/best with 66.9 percent of households having responded.

Richardson County is sitting at 45 in county rankings and Falls City is at 126.

The counties performing best — in general urban areas are doing a little better. Sarpy, Seward, and Washington counties are at the top, currently with about 75 percent of households having responded. These areas are outlying/commuting areas for the Omaha, and Lincoln metros respectively. Lancaster County ranks 4th and even highly diverse Douglas County with many "hard to count" areas is 11th.

The updated maps shows that lower responses are generally in western Nebraska. Some of the counties with the lowest rates (Hooker, Thomas, Thurston) are not fair comparisons as many of their forms were to be hand-delivered, and that operation was stopped shortly after it was started given the virus.

The Census is easy asking only 10 generic questions that take about 10 minutes once every 10 years.

It's important because about \$20,000/person flows back to local areas over a decade from population-based federal funding formulas. These responses determine where over 675 billion is distributed.

Over a ten year span one missed resident can equal a \$20,960 loss; a missed household can mean a \$51,980 loss; a statewide Census count off by 0.1 percent can mean a \$40 million loss.

You matter and you count, this is true everywhere but especially in rural areas that have often been depopulating so they want the best count possible.

The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. code to keep all your information confidential. The Bureau can't release any identifiable information

about your home, your business, and they cannot share it with law enforcement agencies. The law ensures your private data is protected, and your answers cannot be used against you by any government or agency.

The answers you give are only used for statistics and kept anonymous.

The 2020 Census does not ask whether you or anyone in your home is a U.S. citizen, but every one counts, everyone living in this country, including non-citizens. They won't ask for your social security number, money or donations, anything on behalf of a political party, or your bank or credit card numbers. If someone claiming to be with the Census Bureau contacts you in any way asking for any of those things, you should not cooperate and contact the local police department.

If someone visits your home later this year to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo.

You may receive multiple mailings for the 2020 Census this year, including an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census and follow-up postcards and letters.

In mid-April, the Census Bureau began mailing the paper questionnaire to homes that have not yet responded online or by phone. If you receive mail after you have already responded, you should disregard it.

To learn more about the Census you can go to: <https://2020census.gov>.

# Capital campaign continues at Brownville Concert Hall

The Brownville Concert Series has announced the receipt of a \$10,000 donation for a stained-glass window to be dedicated in honor of John and Mary Lauber. The honor is deserved reflecting years of volunteer work for the Brownville Concert Series and other non-profits in Brownville. Mary Lauber has long served as Box Office Manager and knows the patrons well. John Lauber was Jim Keene's right-hand person serving in many capacities, including as Vice-Chairman and Production Chairman. John Lauber and his son Joseph Lauber were directly responsible for obtaining the Community Development Block Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for \$350,000, which made the renovation of the Concert Hall possible after it was donated to the Concert Series by Jim and Ruth Keene.

The Concert Series thanks Auburn State Bank for their donation of \$5,000 for the new stained-glass window over the new front doors of the renovated Concert Hall and for all of their contributions and sponsorships over many years. The window was designed by James Aden of River View Glass in Brownville, who recently completed the installation.

Renee' McGuire of West Development Company of Pearland, Texas graciously donated \$20,000 in honor of her sister and brother-in-law, Jan Chism Wright and the late David A. Wright who have been avid supporters of the Concert Series since moving to the area from Houston, Texas in 1997.

Ilma Gottula donated \$3,000 for a diamond window dedicated to the memory of Lee Sapp, a generous benefactor of all things Brownville.

The newly renovated Concert Hall is ready to re-open as soon as health and safety conditions allow. The April, May and June shows of the 30th Diamond Anniversary Season had to be rescheduled for roughly the same time next year but remain part of the current season pass. Prior to the interruption of the pandemic, the Brownville Concert Series had raised 90 percent of the required funding goal of \$810,000, an incredible achievement for such a small but vibrant community.

There is no quitting now in raising the last 10 percent. There are more windows that can be dedicated in honor of, or in memory of loved ones and at the very least, there are bricks to be engraved with names for the "Walk of Fame" for only \$250 each. That's only 320 bricks to reach the goal. Go to: [www.brownvilleconcertseries.com](http://www.brownvilleconcertseries.com) to download the levels of giving.

# Another Tecumseh Prison staff member tests positive for COVID-19

Director Scott R. Frakes announced that a staff member with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) is positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). The staff member is employed at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI). The person is self-isolating at home.

Notification will be provided to those who work and live in the facility as to the new posi-

tive case. In addition, anyone who may have had close contact with the staff member will be directed to self-quarantine until they are cleared by a medical provider.

This brings the total number of NDCS staff members diagnosed with COVID-19 to 19. Ten of those individuals have already recovered from COVID-19 and have returned to work.

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# USS Nebraska Gold earns the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy

By Petty Officer 1st Class Andrea Perez, Commander, Submarine Group 9 Public Affairs

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet recently named the gold crew of the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Nebraska (SSBN 739) winner of The Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for 2019.

The trophy is awarded annually to one ship or aircraft squadron from both the Pacific and Atlantic Fleet for having achieved the greatest improvement in battle efficiency during the calendar year, based upon the battle efficiency competition.

Nebraska Gold's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Alex Baerg, from Everett, Washington, is proud of all his crew has accomplished in the short time since returning Nebraska to strategic service in 2018.

"They have gone from a crew well-versed in shipyard work controls with no sea time, to a crew well-trained for the entire breadth of SSBN missions," said Baerg. "The crew is very diligent about finding creative solutions to problems and aren't willing to simply accept defeat. The ship's schedule over the last year has been challenging and ever-changing, but the crew greets each challenge with mission accomplishment and tenacity."

Prior to her return to service, Nebraska underwent a 41-month engineered refueling overhaul to extend the life of the submarine by 20 years.

"The crew is excited for the recognition of their work and glad to see the payoff of their efforts," said Senior Chief Electronics Technician (Navigation) Chase M. Krause, from Fort Worth, Texas, chief of the Boat, USS Nebraska (Gold). "The

crew has spent many late hours acclimating their skills in all facets of battle readiness. Their efforts, combined with the strong team dynamic they have developed, has pushed them to new levels of success."

The award is named in honor of Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, who had a distinguished Naval career for more than 38 years, in which he made vital contributions to the Navy in many key warfare areas, including battle efficiency, new tactical concepts, weapon systems and Naval leadership.

In a letter of congratulations to Baerg and his crew, Rear Adm. Doug Perry, commander, Submarine Group 9, said he was happy to see USS Nebraska Gold's name on the trophy.

"The competition is always keen for this prestigious award, so you and your crew should be

justifiably proud of your accomplishments," said Perry. "Congratulations and keep charging!" Nebraska was commissioned in Groton, Connecticut, July 10, 1993. She was the first Ohio-class submarine to visit Europe and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Nebraska has also been awarded the Omaha Trophy for excellence in strategic deterrence and two Battle Efficiency Awards.

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# Blood Drive exceeds goal

By Linda Frederick

The American Red Cross Blood Drive held on May 28th and 29th had a fantastic turnout. The drive, which was the summer drive where Sacred Heart students help toward their community service for scholarships. The goal for the two-day drive was 117 units and 140 were collected. Students from Sacred Heart were in charge of posters, calling for appointments, juice, escorts and tables and chairs. Angie Taft and Christina Wertemberger oversaw this part of the drive and jumped in wherever help was needed. Cargill Meat Corp., courtesy of Robert Stuckemeyer supplied the lunchmeat. The bread was donated by the Falls City Rotary; cookies were furnished by First Christian Church and several volunteers. Canteen supplies were furnished by the Falls City Jaycees. The juice was donated by Susan Leavitt; paper supplies were provided by Whitetails Unlimited.

The canteen was set up by Elaine Heineman, making sandwiches were Marilyn Capps and Linda Kirkendall. Mary Jo Huettner took temperatures at the door. Kristi Fischer made and donated masks for those who didn't have one. Helping at the registration table were Kailyn Frederick and Judy Schlosser.

The biggest thank you goes to our donors who took the time to come out and donate. They are Helen Arnold, Barb Baker, Tutti Baker, Lana Bangert, Sara Barker, Jessica Binder, Brody Bindle, Sara Black, June Bowers, Becky Brewer, Gary

Brown, Sandy Caitlyn, Bob Carpenter, Andrew Chavanak, Jacob Crane, Judy Crawford, Mary Darveau, Lynn Davis, Gracie Deckinger, Nancy Demmel, Tami DiGiacomo, Barb Ebel, Ron Ebel, Adam Eickhoff, Dwight Elliott, Olivia Eppens, Karl Erickson, Eugene Ernst, Norman Farnwald, Connie Feek, Nate Finck, Jack Findlay, Jeff Findlay, Susan Findlay, Terra Frank, Hunter Frederick, Jared Frederick, Linda Frederick, Rodney Frederick, Shirley Frederick, Noala Fritz, Paula Fritz, Joe Froeschl, Julie Froeschl and John Furrow.

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The next Blood Drive will be on July 30th and 31st at Prichard Auditorium. This drive will help the Falls City High School students to add to their community service for scholarships.

## Doane University announces locals to Dean's List

Doane University announced recently that 291 students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester.

The following are area students who appeared on Doane University's Spring 2020 Dean's List: Emerson Keithley, JR, Sacred Heart High School; Noah Milam, JR, Falls City High School and Haylee Heits, JR, Sacred Heart High School.

Students must achieve a minimum 3.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and hold 12 graded hours to qualify for this academic distinction.

## Falls City High School announces second quarter honor roll

Falls City High School has announced their second semester Honor Roll.

### Orange and Black Honor Roll

**Twelfth Grade:** Kade Bredemeier, Seth Brewer, Bryanna Bruxellas, Jackson Findlay, Emily Gilkerson, Maggie McNeely, Allyssa Mez, Brianna Pfohl, and Alexis Sutton.

**Eleventh Grade:** Laney Feek, Dalton Fouraker, Brock Hogue, Riley Kobza, Alexander Martin, Courtney Rumbaugh, Jordan Schuetz, Eryn Sneathen, Tyler Uhri, William Vitosh and Alexis Wittwer.

**Tenth Grade:** Abigail Boatright, Carson Bredemeier, Justin Brewer, Pressler Bruxellas, Nia Crawford, Kyle Eickhoff, Emmy Lu Feek, Raymond Feek, Thomas Fields, Spencer Forsyth, Abby Fritz, Sara Gifford, Dalton Helmick, Emma Killingsworth, Eliza Kuker, Makayla Mason, Lindsey McNeely, Jocelyn O'Grady, Josie Riggs, Madilyn Scholl, Jolee Schulenberg, Carson Simon and Piper Sutton.

**Ninth Grade:** Silas Amanullah, Kacy Brewer, Hannah Collier, Jonathan Craig, Cayleigh Eickhoff, Stiephan Fields, Christina Gilkerson, Arienna Hayes, Madison Jones, Andrew Martin, Kellen McAfee, Reece

McNeely, Alexis Miller, Gaby Niedfeldt, Emily Poppe, Miracle Swanson, Emily Thrash, Jodie Uhri and Joseph Vrtiska.

### Regular Honor Roll

**Twelfth Grade:** Hunter Arnold, Skylar Baker, Jessa Beckner, Michelle Beer, Lexie Buckminster, Keldon Campbell, Hannah Clary, Hailey Dorste, Dillon Ebel, James Eickhoff, Cydney Forsyth, Braydon Frederick, Kailyn Frederick, Trey Gilkerson, Dakota Huddleston, Christiannon Ivey, Cole Kirkendall, Mazy McCallough, Braden Oliver, Tyler Schutte, Caden Simon, Helen Walker and Samantha Wissmann.


**Eleventh Grade:** Lukas Aldana, Thayer Armbruster, Elijah Bottom, Emma Clark, Peter Gifford, Abby Harms, Jared Hawley, David Kuker, Brenna Leyden, Shaylee Mackey, Kiley Nutt, Ashlynn Strauss, Kaylee Tackett and Michael Wickham.

**Tenth Grade:** Madisyn Davis, Olivia Eppens, Jonathan Garcia, Brady Gillfillan, Brylee Gilkerson, Treyce Hanlon, Genevieve Loveless, Chase Nolte, Jaden Nolte, Cameron Schramm and Wade Wason.

**Ninth Grade:** Bryson Butrick, Kiersten Clark, Caleb Hamilton, Jordan Radspinner and Jaxyn Strauss.

**FALLS CITY ANIMAL CLINIC**  
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Animal vaccinations given by Animal Health Center staff and City animal licenses will be issued by the Police Dept. staff. Spayed or Neutered pet licenses are \$11. Male and female pets are \$21. Delinquent licenses will be charge an additional fee of \$10. Cost of DHLPPV vaccine, \$20; BORD, \$20; Rabies, \$20; Leukemia, \$35; FVRCP, \$20. Pet licenses must be paid for separately. In the event of rain, the clinic will be postponed to a later date. Any questions may be directed to the FCPD, 245-4422.





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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.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Anthony R. Newcomb, of Sabetha, count one, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to possess controlled substance, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, amended to possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon-prohibited per-

son, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, amended to possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count eight, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty; count nine, carry concealed weapon-first offense, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count ten, carry concealed weapon-first offense, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count eleven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for August 11, 2020.

Julia M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of two years starting June 9, 2020, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, drug testing fee of \$120, regular probation fee of \$120, jail for a term of 11 days on November 10, 2020, jail for a term of 15 days starting April 10, 2021, jail for a term of 15 days starting September 10, 2021; count two, resist arrest-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to two

year's probation starting June 9, 2020; count three, obstruct government operations, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty.

Julie M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess firearm while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of two years starting June 9, 2020, probation enrollment fee of \$30, jail for a term of 15 days starting November 10, 2020, jail for a term of 15 days starting April 10, 2021, jail for a term of 15 days starting September 10, 2021; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty.

Joshua D. Arington, of Humboldt, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2020.

Tara A. Prater, of Highland, KS, count one, theft-deception \$5,000+, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for June 23, 2020.

**COUNTY COURT**

Tommy J. Adams, of Falls City, count one, no boat registration, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for July 6, 2020.

Anthony Uitts, of Falls City, count one, animal running at large, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for June 22, 2020.

Joshua W. Maxwell, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25.

Jamie N. Mackey, of Falls

City, count one, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Brian Mackey, of Auburn, count one, parking maximum time limit, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$10; count two, leaving of wrecked, non-oper.veh(s) onsts. Plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$10.

Joshua T. Hall, of Falls City, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for June 29, 2020.

Brian M. McFeeters, of Falls City, count one, criminal mischief \$0-\$500, plead not guilty; count two, criminal mischief \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for June 29, 2020.

Lucas L. Vice, of Augusta, KS, count one, dom asslt-intl cause body injury/int ptnr, plead not guilty; count two, willful reckless driving - first offense, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for September 2, 2020.

**CITATIONS**

Fiona T. Tokach, of Abilene, KS, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125.

Madelyn G. Gruber, of Hiawatha, KS, count one, over 20 mph but not over 35, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200.

Jason L. Arington, of Stella, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty and fined \$25.

Patrick K. Hermann, of Sabetha, KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Gary O. Hopper, of Holton, KS, count one, no operators license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Eric M. Davidson, of Kansas City, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Caleb Carnahan, of Auburn, count one, speeding 06-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count one, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Gabriele F. Claude-Teet, of

Castana, IA, count one, speeding 06-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Peggy A. Yott, of Tecumseh, count one, speeding 06-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

**RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT**

*All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.*



On June 9, 2020, according to police reports, at approximately 1112 hours, Richardson County Deputies arrested 21 year old Donald L. Richbourg of Falls City, for a Richardson County Court Commitment. Richbourg was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On June 8, 2020, according to police reports, at approximately 1530 hours, Richardson County Deputies arrested 57 year old Mary Clancy of Dawson, on a Richardson County Warrant for -Possession of a Controlled Substance, -Possession of Money while Violating 24-416(1), and -Delivery of a Controlled Substance. Clancy was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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Gil Dodds running in an undated file photo.



Gil Dodds in 1948 after suffering an injury that would keep him out of the Olympics

## THE FLYING PARSON

By Brian McKim

Maybe you've heard of him; odds are you haven't. Gil Dodds, known in the running world as "the flying parson," was one of the most sensational track stars to come from the area. Dodds was born in Norcaur, Kansas, and moved to Falls City with his family, where his dad was the minister at the Falls City Brethren Church. Dodds attended Falls City High School and was coach by Lloyd Hahn. Hahn's story will be for another time, but just for a quick back story in case you've never heard of him. Hahn competed in the Olympics in 1924 and 1928.

Remarkably, Dodds, a middle-distance runner, never lost a race in high school. According to an article in the *Lincoln Journal Star*, Dodds was a three-time gold medal winner in the 880-yard run at the State Track Meet. Dodds won the event in 1935, 1936, and 1937. In his senior season, he set the state record in the mile, running a 4:28.1.

After his stellar high school career, Dodds went on to attend Ashland University, Gordon Divinity School and Wheaton College. While competing in college, Dodds put together a 39-race winning streak, seriously, this guy was tough to beat. In the fall of 1940, Dodds garnered his first national title, winning the NCAA Cross Country Championship in Michigan. He went on to win the AAU indoor mile in 1942, 1944, and 1947. In the spring of 1944, Dodds accomplished a quite astounding feat. On March 11, he broke the world indoor record for the mile at a meet at Madison Square Garden, running a 4:07.2. A week later, in Chicago, Dodds lowered that mark to 4:06.4.

Not long after his college Cross Country Title, Gil decided to depart for Gordon Theological School in Boston. It was there that Dodds was introduced to coaching legend, Jack Ryder, by none other than Lloyd Hahn. Dodds, known as a clumsy runner with arms flailing as he ran, relied on his endurance. After some urging by Ryder and some losses to Leslie MacMitchell in 1941, Dodds realized that he couldn't

run with the best of them, so he decided to run away from them. Dodds often ran as though his life depended on it, often running away from the field.

As quickly as he ascended, he disappeared. Dodds, who always had a background in religion, graduated from seminary school and decided to retire from running to become a full-time minister. The running bug doesn't go away, especially when you are an elite champion. Dodds jumped back into the fray in 1947 with one goal in mind, making the 1948 Olympic team.

Dodds kicked off the 1948 campaign in January, back at the "Garden" in New York City. According to the *Daily News* in New York, Dodds's long time running coach, Jack Ryder, was expecting a record-shattering performance.

"At 29, Dodds never has been better and never has trained as well," said Ryder. "I think he is ready for a 4:02 race, and I will be disappointed if he fails to better his four-year indoor mark of 4:06.4."

Dodds didn't break any records that night, but he did go on to run a 4:08.4, the fastest January mile in the history of indoor track, not to mention that his win was the twenty-ninth in a row. According to the *Baltimore Evening Sun*, there was no doubt that Dodds was far and away the best miler in the U.S.A., and if any person was assured of a place on the U.S. Olympic track and field team, it should be him.

Not long after that January race, Dodds fell ill. On February 8, he had a mumps attack and was forced to rest for 15 weeks. Dodds showed up in Boston to train, weighing only a pound over his best running weight, he was ready to resume his quest towards the Olympics.

In late April of '48, Dodds was back in his old stomping grounds in Falls City. According to *The Gazette* (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), "The 29-year old cinder artist thrilled 'teenagers by working out on the Falls City high track where he first showed promise of becoming the nation's top miler." Dodds also made time to visit with his old coach and two-time

Olympic performer Lloyd Hahn while in town.

In July of 1948, Dodds won the national AAU 1500-meter title, but it came with a price. The "flying parson" aggravated his Achilles tendon in his left leg and wouldn't be able to compete for a spot on the Olympic team. The U.S. Olympic committee stated that it would not be possible to name him to the squad. The Los Angeles Football Writers Association even petitioned the committee to take Dodds along as an alternate, but ultimately it didn't happen.

It was reported in the July 21, 1948 *Reporter-Times* (Martinsville, Indiana) that Dodds would be going to London for the Olympics, only as a spectator. A "Send Dodds to the Olympics" fund was started by an Olympic official in Texas with contributions coming from other officials as well as donations from the VFW and fans. Dodds and his wife Erma Louise left Boston for London on July 28.

Unfortunately, for track and field fans, Dodds never got his opportunity to compete against the world's best. How would the "flying parson" have done against the Swedes and the Finns? The world would never find out.

After leaving running behind, Gil turned his attention to the pulpit. In a story that appeared in the *Boston Daily Globe* in 1950, Dodds talked about the importance of religion in athletics. He spoke of Gunder Hagg, one of the greatest runners in the history of track and field. Hagg knelt and prayed before each race. During a meet with Hagg, Bill Hulse, and himself, Dodds asked him what he prayed for before each race. Hagg's response, "Gil, I was praying for all of us - you, Hulse, and myself. I just prayed that each of us would do his best." It was the perfect answer from such a grand champion. Hagg went on to win the race.

Dodds finished the interview by stating that the rules to be followed to become a top athlete could be narrowed down to two things. First, an athlete has to develop the body, meaning clean living, regular sleep, regular meals, and plenty of

exercise. Smoking and drinking were no no's because they hurt the body's efficiency. Secondly, a healthy body would not be enough to make a champion. An athlete must be able to absorb knowledge and coaching and, above all else, to understand the principles of sportsmanship.

"The proper mental attitude is to aim for the top, to concede victory to no one, to be equally a good winner and a good loser and to look to God for strength and courage," said Dodds.

Dodds used scripture often as part of his ministry. He often quoted Hebrews 12:1 "let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress, and run with endurance that lies before us."

Once before a race, Gil was warming up, running several laps. Just before the race began, he changed shoes. Noticing this, an onlooker questioned Dodds about the sudden change. Dodds handed the fan both pairs of shoes, of which the man could tell no difference between. Dodds then explained to him that his warm-shoes were slightly heavier than his racing shoes, and though the difference was almost undetectable, saving that much weight for the race could be the difference between winning and losing.

In 1943 Dodds was awarded the James E. Sullivan Award as the top amateur athlete in the United States. In 1997 Dodds was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Upon retirement from the sport he loved, Dodds held the World Indoor mile record at 4:05.3, which stood for 11 years. Not bad for a young man who learned how to run, in

Falls City. Dodds would go on to be the cross-country coach at Wheaton College in Illinois.

His personal best in the 800m came in 1946 at 1:52.6. In 1943 he ran the 1500m in 3:48.5, and he ran the mile in 4:05.3 at the Wanamaker Mile at New York's Madison Square Garden, the third time he had broken the indoor mile record.

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Here we are, the middle of June, and the MLB player's union has again rejected an offer from the owners to get the season underway. The players have made it known that if they are to accept pay cuts, then they want the owners to open their books to prove how accurate their losses are.

As I see it, the players are willing, to a certain extent to take downgrades in pay, if the owners can prove that by playing a shortened season, they are on the hook to lose money. Cubs owner Tom Ricketts recently told ESPN that the league's losses are "biblical," while Cardinal's owner Bill DeWitt Jr. claimed on radio 590 The Fan, "the industry isn't very profitable."

I respectfully disagree with both of these businessmen. In December of 2019, Forbes reported record earnings by MLB (\$10.7 billion). If these numbers are correct, it's tough to feel sorry for the owners.

If you want to feel sorry for someone, feel bad for the fans. For example, for a family of four to attend a Cubs game in Chicago, you're looking at roughly \$368.00. Arizona is the cheapest place to take in America's pastime, where it's a steal at \$146.00.

If the owners want the players to get back onto the field, then pay them. Otherwise, shut up. I'll be the first to say most athletes are overpaid, but whose fault is that? Who continues to meet the agent's demands for longer deals and more money? When a team is making more money than projected, it doesn't share it with the players, so when the tables are turned, and organizations are losing money, why should the ballplayers be asked to take pay cuts.

Staying on the topic of baseball, the draft took place last week, and the Royals made some excellent additions to their minor league arsenal. Kansas City graded out pretty well by most accounts, continuing to add pitching that will be major league ready in a couple of seasons. KC currently has the 10th best-rated farm system in MLB.

With the fourth pick of the 2020 draft, the Royals selected LHP Asa Lacy from Texas A&M. His addition could make for a reliable pitching staff in a couple of seasons, joining RHP Brady Singer, RHP Jackson Kowar, and LHP Kris Bubac in the starting rotation. At 6'4 and 215 pounds, Lacy's fastball touches 97 mph, and he has excellent control of his curveball and slider.

With the 32nd pick of the draft, the Royals selected Baylor shortstop Nick Loftin. Last season Loftin hit .323 with six home runs. This season, through 14 games, he hit .298 with two round-trippers.

In the second round, the Royals picked Ben Hernandez with the 41st pick, a senior from De La Salle high school. Hernandez, a 6'2 RHP, has a fastball that tops out at 95mph and, according to some, may have the best changeup in the draft.

In round three, KC chose outfielder Ty Gentry from Alabama. In 2019, Gentry hit .310 with 13 HRs. In 17 games this season, Gentry was hitting .429 with four home runs.

KC continued to add to its depth on the mound in the fourth round. The Royals selected LHP Christian Chamberlain from Oregon St. Small in stature; he stands just 5'10, the lefty can hit 95 mph with his fastball and has a solid 12-6 curveball.

Finally, with their final pick, KC chose RHP Will Klein from Eastern Illinois in the fifth-round. Klein had been used out of the bullpen his first two seasons but has four starts this season with a 3.33 ERA. At 6'5, Klein possesses a fastball that touches 99mph and an above-average curveball.

Four of the Royals' five picks were pitchers, and only one pick came from the high school ranks. GM Dayton Moore knows the importance of strong pitching, and getting them from the college ranks means they should be ready to join the major league club that much sooner.

All in all, the Royals had a good draft. I would rank them somewhere between a B+ and an A-. Only time will tell, but the nice thing about pitchers is they always hold great trade value if the need arises.

# OBITUARIES

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## John 'Curly' Thomas

John "Curly" C. Thomas, 94, of Falls City was born on January 12, 1926, to John O. and Mabel B. (Fickle) Thomas in Falls City, Nebraska. He met the lovely Harvina Taft in 1949 and swept her off her feet. The two married on April 24, 1950. They set up home in Falls City just five months before he was deployed for a term of service in the US Army during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in October 1951. When he returned, John worked maintaining steam engines



for several years before transitioning to home construction with Frontier Homes. He was employed by the City of Falls City for nine years before he began his final career with the United States Postal Service, from which he retired in 1992. A hard and conscientious worker, John also held part-time positions cleaning and delivering the Penny Press newspaper with his grandson, Dylan.

John enjoyed many hobbies, including collecting coins, antique marbles and baseball cards, and exploring family history and genealogy. A long-time member of the Model A Club of America, John relished restoring original Model A Fords. His three youngest children learned how to drive in his 1929 Model A.

John was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who loved entertaining his grandchildren and great-grandchildren with his lively harmonica playing and singing. He was an avid reader and could often be seen poring over a magazine or newspaper, keeping up-to-date on world events. John passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Monday, June 8, 2020, at his home in Falls City.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son Phillip Thomas, brothers: Gayle "Kelly," Ernest "Bud," Patrick (Joanne), Jerry, Jim and Daniel "Babe" Thomas, sisters: Pearl (Al) Black, Sa-

die (Shorty) Hunzeker, Maxine Thomas and Janeth "Susie" Stevens. John is survived by his loving wife Harvina Thomas of Falls City; sons: John Thomas and wife Carol of Lincoln, Pat Thomas of Evergreen, CO; Tom Thomas and wife Lori of Holt, MO; Dave Thomas of Verdon, NE; daughter Annie Frederick and husband Harley of Falls City, and daughters-in-law: Norma Thomas of Falls City, NE; Debra Nelson of Verdon, NE; grandchildren: Jared (Beth) Thomas, Janson Thomas, Megan (Craig) Niemyer, Erin Anderson and fiancé Joey Jarred, Mariah Thomas, Dylan (Heather) Frederick, Raven Holmes, Cody (Jacqueline) Frederick, and Jordan (Jenny) Frederick; great-grandchildren: Grace and Charlie Thomas, Talon and Conner Anderson, Ava and Braxton Jarred, Peyton and Cole Niemyer, Lincoln Frederick, Izaiah Meyer, Zeven Holmes, Collin and Camden Frederick, and Chase Frederick, sisters-in-law: Toni Thomas of Lincoln, NE; Marilyn Thomas of Fremont, NE; and many other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at the southeast shelter of Grandview Park, 1001 Wilson Street in Falls City, Nebraska. Full military honors will be conducted at the park by the Nebraska Army Honor Guard. Due to COVID 19, only the immediate family of John will be underneath the shelter for the celebration. All public attendance and other family will be asked to watch the celebration from the park or in their vehicles via the live radio broadcast of FM station 88.7

Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020, at The Hall Funeral Home, 2403 Harlan Street, in Falls City, Nebraska.

Inurnment will be at the Steele Cemetery in Falls City at a later date. Memorial contributions may be given to the family with a later designation.



## Marilyn Tilton

Marilyn Virginia Tilton, 83, of White Cloud, died Thursday evening, June 11, at Vintage Park Assisted Living Apartments in Hiawatha.

Marilyn was born January 13, 1937, at Shubert, Nebraska, one of two children born to Roland and Jane Ellen Vaughn Hunt.

She worked at the laundry in Hiawatha for 13 years prior to working for Flair Fold Wood Fabrication Plant in Hiawatha for a number of years before she quit to be a stay at home Mom. Marilyn was a member of the auxiliary to American Legion Post #154, White Cloud. She enjoyed helping in the kitchen at the Legion when they served dinners, reading, watching TV, and visiting with family and friends.

Marilyn married LeRoy Edward Tilton, June 30, 1956 at Hiawatha. They raised their family at Everest. When they retired they moved to White Cloud to make their home. He died April 15, 2015.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, brother Allen Hunt, and grandson Jeremy Tilton.

Survivors include her children: Barry Tilton (Terry), Jacqueline Edie (Bob), Patrick Tilton (Kim) Michelle Betts (Russ), Carroll Tilton (Joanne), Ronald Tilton (Penny), 18 grandchildren, with numerous great-grandchildren.

The family met with friends starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, to go in procession to Iowa Point Cemetery for graveside services at 11. Angie Cluck will officiate.

Friends could call at the funeral home from noon until 6 p.m. Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Doniphan County Pet Rescue sent in care of the funeral home, PO Box 33, Highland 66035.

## Rick Kearney

Rick Kearney, of Falls City, passed away June 14, 2020 at his home. His services are pending. Current service information can be found at [www.dorr-and-clark.com](http://www.dorr-and-clark.com)

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## “Now is an incredible time for opportunity for change and progress”

George Floyd’s brother, following his visit to the site of his brother’s death, begged that to initiate change, everyone must educate themselves, refuse to let someone tell them how to vote, then get out and vote.

Change is hard! Many Nebraska voters adhere to a form of “herd mentality” or “bubbles of life” when casting their votes. With little outside influence or diversity, and large doses of nepotism, Nebraska’s small local communities, organizations, or an individual’s social, economic status offer breeding grounds for the “herd mentality” or “bubbles of life.”

The “herd mentality” or the “bubbles of life” impedes attempts for one to self-educate and initiate change; thus, one prefers instead to stick to the comfort of the status quo.

As an example, for years on end, Nebraskans have been complaining about their tax rates. But, when an opportunity arises to self-educate and initiate change, Nebraskans re-elect or vote the same people into office who have done nothing but offer platitudes and lip service year after year as opposed to hard, achievable plans to bring holistic, meaningful, sustainable change to Nebraska’s tax codes.

What are some of those hard, achievable, holistic, meaningful and sustainable changes to Nebraska’s tax codes? Changes that could be achieved if Nebraskans would simply understand in the words of May 30, 2020, OWH’s Tom Shatel: In a time of unrest, ex-Husker Will Compton’s voice is one that should be heard. “You must get uncomfortable to start growing.” This, now, is an incredible time for opportunity for change and progress.

Former President Barack Obama states, “to be uncomfortable is oftentimes very scary.”

To initiate self-education and tax reform dialogue, hard questions must be asked of oneself.

Questions like: Would Nebraska’s state income tax rate be fairer for all if a more progressive rate of 7.84% or 8.84% on amounts in excess of \$750,000 annually as opposed to the current rate of 6.84% on all earning \$31,160 or more?

Given all of Nebraska’s business tax exemptions, “How much do corporations located in Nebraska actually pay in state income taxes.

Is it fair that NioCorp will receive a \$200M tax incentive when the company would locate in the Elk

Creek, Nebraska area, anyway? Why should Nebraska’s public schools shoulder the burden of property tax relief for the relatively small percentage of Nebraskans that own farm or ranch land?

Perhaps the lost property tax revenues associated with the “Homestead Exemption” and “Green Belt” laws should be recaptured at the time of sale.

Instead of stepping outside the “herd mentality” or “bubble of life” and into the scary world of a “leader for change,” Nebraska Legislative District #1 state senator, Julie Salama is signaling her intentions to continue offering platitudes, an unsustainable far-right agenda riddled with inequality, empty promises and retention of the status quo by assuming ownership of and supporting Senators Mike Groene and Lou Ann Linehan’s LB 1106.

I believe that fair minded Nebraskans, after self-educating, will be appalled that District #1 Senator Julie Salama supports LB 1106’s even though it is funded on the backs of our states public schools through a potential one-time tax windfall now zeroed out by the coronavirus. More disgustingly, our state’s wealthiest corporations and individuals will not assume one iota of increased tax burden with the potential passage of LB 1106.

To move forward and achieve holistic, sustainable and meaningful property tax relief, Nebraska needs strong, astute leadership that exhibits equality and fairness for all at the local level. Janet Palmtag will channel dialogue into meaningful, constructive progress towards the demanded property tax reform, broadband access and overhaul of our prison system. She will lend strong leadership that is politically moderate, demonstrate maturity, experience as a real property owner and successful business owner, or waste valuable time on meaningless resolutions that are only symbolic in nature and is not a puppet or mouthpiece to a higher office.

As George Floyd’s brother and Will Compton stated, “Step outside the bubble of comfort, initiate change, everyone must educate themselves, refuse to let someone else tell you how to vote and then get out and vote.

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## Check fields for Alfalfa Weevil Larvae

By Gary Lesoing

With a couple of freezes and late snowstorms this spring, alfalfa was slow to get started growing in several fields. Most of the region was also very dry. The past couple of weeks there have been several reports of alfalfa weevil in SE NE.

In fields checked, I did discover alfalfa weevil larvae of all sizes in each field at varying levels of infestation. All fields had alfalfa weevil larvae present, some at or near threshold levels requiring treatment. The recent rain may have provided much needed moisture to allow for more growth before harvest. If your fields are not ready for harvest, important to check them for alfalfa weevil larvae. To find resources about scouting for alfalfa weevil larvae go to: <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/2020/scouting-advised-alfalfa-weevil>.

Most fields also had very high populations of pea aphids. Alfalfa at this stage can withstand a high aphid population. If you harvest your alfalfa, it will be important to keep an eye on alfalfa following harvest to make sure it greens up normally. If it doesn’t you probably need to check the field for alfalfa weevil. If treatment is warranted, there are several insecticides that are labeled for control of alfalfa weevil and are effective controls. The 2020 Guide for Weeds, Disease and Insect Management in Nebraska has an extensive list of insecticidal controls for alfalfa weevil larvae. Some insecticides registered for alfalfa weevil include: Baythroid, Mustang Maxx, Lorsban, Malathion, and Warrior among others.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Gary Lesoing at [glesoing2@unl.edu](mailto:glesoing2@unl.edu) or (402) 274-9639.

## Free fans, Cooling Assistance Programs available

With summer on the horizon the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is again distributing free fans and offering other cooling assistance programs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). DHHS has partnered with organizations to distribute fans purchased with federal funds to Nebraskans in need. A list of fan distribution locations can be found on the DHHS website. To be eligible for a fan, households must have an active LIHEAP case. Households can assist the partner organization in the eligibility determination by providing the LIHEAP approval notice of action. In 2019, partner organizations purchased 3,863 fans for distribution across the state, up from 3,321 in 2018. Due to COVID-19, there will be less distribution locations than in previous years. Those looking to participate in the program should call their nearest community partner provider first to see what policies that provider has put in place for safe distribution during the pandemic.

In addition to LIHEAP, DHHS also has other programs to help those who struggle to keep cool during the summer months. The Cooling Assistance Program provides bill payment aid; The Crisis Program assists with emergency energy payments; Deposit Assistance helps with energy deposits and reconnections; The Window Air Conditioning Unit Assistance program pays for window air conditioners; The Repair/Replacement Program benefits homeowners who need central air system repairs.



## FCPS Superintendent Update

By Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held the regular School Board Meeting on June 8, 2020.

Required annual policy hearings: The Board of Education conducted public hearings and a review on several policies requiring an opportunity for annual public input and review. Those specific board policies included 1) 7111 Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism; 2) 7142 Bullying; 3) 7500 Student Fees; 4) 8310 Parental Involvement; 5) 8312 District Title I Parental Involvement and Engagement.

Transportation Director’s Report presented by Rob Baker provided a review of the District 56 transportation fleet for the 2019-2020 school year. The eight rural bus routes traveled 72,189 miles during the last school year, compared to 92,770 in 2018-2019. The reduction in route miles directly relates to the COVID-19 school closure. On average, the district’s bus routes transported 305 students on a daily basis to and from school. Over the past school year, District 56 students were transported to 277 school activities, compared to 349 in 2018-2019, covering 32,050 miles. Rob Baker emphasized the impact of COVID-19 requiring the cancellation of 62 activity trips. Furthermore, the Grab and Go Meal Program provided employment opportunities for bus drivers during the school closure as meals were delivered to the rural areas of School District 56. Upon the conclusion of Rob Baker’s final FCPS transportation report for his career, Rob Baker was presented an appreciation plaque from Superintendent Tim Heckenlively, recognizing his 32-years of supervising the school district’s pupil transportation program.

Re-Opening Schools Planning Underway – FCPS Superintendent Tim Heckenlively, in coordination with the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) is participating on a committee of rural school superintendents to create a guidance document for schools re-opening in the fall of 2020. There are a lot of areas that need to be looked at and discussed as schools plan to reopen the doors for all students and staff on August 13th. We understand this will be guidance only and not steadfast requirements as all rural school will need to be making decisions locally as permitted based on the community health situation at the time and addressing CDC school opening guidance.

As the state begins to return to learning facilities and in-person, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is also sharing health guidance on summer programming and beyond in a document known as Launch Nebraska. In all recommendations, the priority remains the safety and well-being of all students, educators, staff, and community members. Restrictions may be gradually reduced over the summer, allowing greater flexibility for summer programming in schools.

Under the current DHM guidelines, student groups returned to the FCPS facilities on June 1 for high school and middle school strength and conditioning, and June 8 for elementary in-person summer school. School staff has welcomed the opportunity to get kids back in the school.

High School Graduation Plan 2020 provides general guidance for the Falls City High School graduation ceremony during the continuing threat of COVID-19 and is not interpreted as a diminution of the threat of the virus. The current and statewide Directed Health Measure (DHM) Order 2020-011 addresses both “gatherings” and “school activities”. The Governor has issued changes updating the Directed Health Measures allowing graduations to happen under the “Gatherings” portion of the DHM after June 1.

The Falls City Public Schools will be following the Governor’s and Nebraska Department of Education Commissioner’s guidance regarding graduation ceremonies. We will not exceed 25 percent of rated occupancy of Jug Brown Stadium (400), and information regarding the ceremony, statements of personal responsibility of those attending, and expectations have been shared with parents and posted on the school website and social media accounts. FCPS graduates are limited to a maximum of eight guests, including immediate family, and will sit in the stadium distanced from other families. Facemasks are encouraged but not required. Fellowship, social gatherings, or other functions before or after the ceremony on school grounds will not be permitted. Large graduation parties are discouraged at this time due to DHM Phase II recommendations. Graduation will be June 20th, at 2:00 PM in Jug Brown Stadium. The FCPS graduation plan approved by Grant Brueggemann of the SEDHD, provides the best opportunity to keep our students, staff, parents, and community safe.

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items during the board meeting.

Approved the final reading on Board Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 7111 Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism; 2) 7142 Bullying; 3) 6112 Evaluation of Certificated Employees.

Reaffirmed Annual Policy Reviews: 1) 7500 Student Fees; 2) 8310 Parental Involvement; 3) 8312 District Title I Parental Involvement and Engagement.

Accepted with gratitude the Resignation of Tutti Baker, School Bus Driver and special education paraeducator – 20 years with FCPS.

Approved the annual curriculum and technology purchasing for 2020-2021.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Tim Heckenlively.

These programs are available to Nebraskans who qualify for LIHEAP, but each program also has other eligibility requirements. Qualification guidelines and more information about the programs can be found on DHHS’ LIHEAP web page. To see if you qualify for LIHEAP, or any of the DHHS cooling assistance programs, go to ACCESS-Nebraska.gov or call Access Nebraska in Lincoln at (402) 323-3900, in Omaha at (402) 595-1258 or statewide at 1-800-383-4278.

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Unemployment claims increased dramatically in the wake of the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. In an effort to prevent the spread of the potentially deadly virus, non-essential businesses were forced to change how they do business, which led many business owners to downsize their staffs through layoffs or furloughs.

Many people who were laid off or furloughed in March or April were forced to file unemployment claims for the first time. Filing for unemployment benefits can be difficult, especially given the substantial increase in the number of people filing in 2020. The U.S. Department of Labor reported that about 26.5 million workers filed jobless claims in a five-week period between mid-March and mid-April, while Statistics Canada reported a sharp spike in the country's unemployment rate in roughly the same period. Filing for unemployment can be frustrating, but laid off or furloughed workers can take certain steps to make the process less stressful.

• Determine your eligibility. Eligibility requirements may have changed as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. For example, in March, the U.S. DOL granted states more flexibility in regard to who can receive unemployment benefits. Eligibility can be confirmed by contacting your local unemployment insurance program.

• Determine what you need to file. Learning what you need to file before attempting to do so can make the process less frustrating. The items necessary to file are not universal, so visit the website of your local unemployment office to determine what you need. For example, you may need copies of a photo ID, addresses of past employers and certain forms before you can file. Learning these requirements before filing can ensure your application is not delayed or denied.

• Prepare to be patient. Depending on where you live, getting in touch with an unemployment insurance program representative can take days, if not weeks. For example, many unemployed workers in the state of New York reported spending full days on hold before finally getting through to begin their claim. Websites also crashed due to enormous spikes in visitors. The process can be frustrating, but knowing you must remain patient ahead of time can make it easier to confront long wait times. Workers who were able to file also must remain patient, as understaffed unemployment offices are processing claims as quickly as possible. Calling to ask about a filed claim may only delay things further, as it forces employees to divert their attention from new and existing claims.

• Document everything you're doing. Documenting everything may help unemployed workers eventually collect benefits on their claims. Keep a log of all calls or emails, whether you spoke to someone or not. Include who you spoke with when you got through, and briefly summarize each conversation in your log. Documentation may not help you get your benefits more quickly, but the paper trail may benefit you in the long run. When trying to get through via an office website, take screenshots to serve as documentation of your efforts.

Millions of people have filed for unemployment benefits in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. Learning how to navigate the process before filing can make it go more smoothly.

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME Trade Name: Famhouse Cookie Company Name of Applicant: Courtney Krefelis Address: 316 E 12th St., Falls City, NE 68355 Applicant is Individually Married in Nebraska...

Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, June 8, 2020 7:00 PM Music Room, Humboldt Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM, Mike Bredemeier Present, Rock Herr Present, Nail Kanel Present, Scott Ogle Present, Tim Schardt Present, Sandy Stadler Present...

District #70

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8.1. Principal Update Report is attached. 9.1. Discussion Items 9.1.1. Kitchen update The project should be completed by June 18th. 9.2. Fitness center The fitness center will remain closed to public for the safety of the students.

10. ACTION ITEMS 10.1. Approve board member's leave of absence 10.2. Approve board member's leave of absence 10.3. Approve resignation of Kathy Stauffer as special education paraprofessional...

10.4. Approve Enrollment Express and Ecolect Powerschool programs Item tabled with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Sandy Stadler. 10.5. Set Substitutes Teacher No changes as recommended passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Bredemeier...

10.6. Set Student Fees No changes as recommended passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Bredemeier. 10.7. SUPERINTENDENT EDMUNDSON REPORT She will be serving on two NRCSA committees - the Food Service and Custodial/Health; also attached were the Special Education caseloads and her leave report.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel Motion to approve entering into executive session at 8:00 pm passed with a motion by Sandy Stadler and a second by Mike Bredemeier. 13. NAY Motion to exit executive session at 8:12 pm passed with a motion by Sandy Stadler and a second by Rock Herr. 14. Motion for movement on salary schedule action.

13. ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm passed with a motion by Sandy Stadler and a second by Rock Herr. 14. Motion for movement on salary schedule action.

Respectfully submitted, Kellie Workman

E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in an Education Services Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of June: General Fund - \$77,273.94 Payroll - \$421,859.64 Federal Programs - \$10,078.16

City Council JUNE 1, 2020 A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 1st day of June, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Jörn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council members were present via video conference: Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places and Falls City Utility Facebook City Web site, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda was attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and all persons of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was available to the public by video conference. Mayor Bindle publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law is available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held. Wisdom lost his zoom connection to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and recurring basis and is of a controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE City Council in the interest of recognizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Law of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consented to: Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the May 18, 2020 meeting be hereby approved. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the agenda for June 1, 2020 is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Claims for May 2020 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Consent Resolution for June 1, 2020 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CONCERN WITH TRAILER PARKS AND TREES - MARK GALASKA A discussion was held on concerns with street trees and trees. Consent Agenda was presented. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Council that the agenda for June 1, 2020 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Claims for May 2020 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Consent Resolution for June 1, 2020 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AND THE SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA HEALTH DISTRICT A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Froschell to table the MOU between the City and Southeast Nebraska Health District. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

COVID-19 RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY FOR SPORTS OR OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to give the Covid-19 Resolution regarding use of City property for sports and other recreational activities. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

OPENING OF THE TRAILER PARK FOR THE 2020 SEASON A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Ferguson to open the trailer park for the 2020 season. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

OPENING CANDLELIGHT CABIN AND PRICHARD A MOTION A motion was made by Council member Merz and seconded by Council member Froschell to keep Candlelight cabin and Prichard room closed for the time being. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO USE STANTON LAKE PARK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020 FROM 7 TO 10 PM FOR A CONCERT BY A LOCAL BAND TRAINWRECK CHAMBER/MAIN STREET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMBER HOLLE A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the request to have a concert at Stanton Lake on June 19, 2020. Chamber/Main Street Executive Director Amber Holle spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO USE CDBG-EDRLF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,745,555 FOR CITY FOODS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND \$3,000 ADMINISTRATION TO SENDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE Mayor Bindle asked if anyone from the public in attendance of the meeting by roll call had any public comments. Rhoad spoke a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhoad to use the use of CDBG EDRLF in the amount of \$10,500 to Falls City Foods and \$3,000 Administration Fees to SENDS. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Racliffe, Rhoad, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:00 p.m. I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on June 1, 2020, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of the reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a true copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

General Fund - \$77,273.94 Payroll - \$421,859.64 Federal Programs - \$10,078.16 The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 pm on Monday, August 10, 2020, in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The agenda for this meeting is kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

City Clerk Shawn Bindle, Mayor

City of Falls City

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes sections for GENERAL CLAIMS MAY 2020, POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE, STREET DEPARTMENT, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, CHAMBER/MAIN STREET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMBER HOLLE, ADJUTANT GENERAL, and AIRPORT.

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Gary Jom - City Clerk

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The family of LaMar Schacht would like to thank everyone for their prayers, virtual hugs due to COVID19, cards, memorials, phone calls and words of kindness during the passing of our beloved Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa and Great Great Grandpa. We would like to thank the Ambulance Squad and Community Medical Center for the loving care given to Dad. Thank you to Brian and Denise Daake of Dorr & Clark Funeral Home for their help and thoughtfulness along with Pastor Tim Boatright of the Good News Assembly of God Church for the wonderful and blessed service. Dad so loved his church and enjoyed his church family. Thank you everyone for all kindnesses during this difficult time.

Garry & Cherry Schacht & family  
Carol Zimmerman & family  
Charlotte Gentry & family  
Cindy Sailors & family

I would like to say thanks to all the people that sent me beautiful birthday cards and letters and also flowers. May God bless you all.

Esther Duerfeldt

Thank you everyone who sent me birthday cards, greetings and said prayers for me on my 85th birthday.

Charles Ebel

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Douglas and Dianna Kotlich

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### Village of Verdon

**VILLAGE OF VERDON**  
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: James Cockerham, Denise Koso, Wade Lowe, Brenda Streit, and Shannon Weinmann. Absent: None.  
**GUESTS:** Dawn Bennett and Cindy Friz.  
**MINUTES:** Motion by Weinmann, second by Streit to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.  
**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Koso, second by Lowe to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.  
**JUNE 2020 CLAIMS:** Motion by Weinmann, second by Koso to approve paying the claims, all Trustees present voted YEA.

The claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso and Shannon Weinmann.  
**COMMUNICATIONS:**  
1. The June 2020 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board. All have been paid.  
2. Time sheets for May 2020 were reviewed by the Trustees and initiated.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None available.  
2. **UPDATES/UTILITY REPORT:** Copies of the written update report for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Benis were passed out to each Board member and reviewed.  
3. **COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATES:** Discussion was held on having the whole floor, including the foyer and stage, refinished at the Community Center nestled off just the main area. There is money budgeted for Community Center repair/upgrades and there are donations that have been made towards it. A motion was made by Cockerham and second by Koso to have Dale Meeting finish and clean up the whole floor at the Community Center in the amount of \$5,749.00. All Trustees present voted YEA.  
4. **SMITHEN WELLS:** No update available.  
5. **ANIMAL CLINIC:** Bennett reported that a call was received by the Animal Health Center and they will conduct the annual Animal Clinic on June 27th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Flyers will be made with the announcement and Koso said she will deliver them to Verdon residents.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
1. **BUILDING PERMIT APPROVAL:** An building permit application was reviewed for Neal and Denise Koso for a concrete patio at 500 E. 4th St. in the amount of \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Weinmann and second by Streit to approve the building permit. Abstain: Koso. Motion carried.  
2. **PARK:** The Board of Trustees wanted to be knowledgeable and thank Ann Liberty for her volunteer work of weeding and cleaning up the flower bed at the School House Park.  
3. **WEED NOTICES:** A discussion was held on if any residents or home owners needed to be sent a notice concerning their tall grass and weeds. It was reported that so far this year everyone has done good job of keeping their grass and weeds mowed. There is one property that needs to be sent a notice.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**  
None.  
Motion by Koso and second by Weinmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and all the Trustees present voted YEA.  
Dawn Bennett, Meeting adjourned.

The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be held on July 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**VILLAGE OF VERDON**  
MAY, 2020 CLAIMS \$566.62  
EFTPS, EX. 182.56  
PETTY CASH, SU.

VERDON LIBRARY, EX.	125.00
R.C.R.W.D. #2, SU.	1,184.70
SENECA SANITATION SERV, SE.	1,193.00
S.N.C, SE.	92.34
N.P.P.D., SE.	1,018.64
O.P.P.D., SE.	129.63
GREAT PLAINS LAWN CARE, SE.	303.00
USA BLUEBOOK, SU.	115.58
MIDWEST LABS, SE.	302.00
DENISE KOSO, RE.	21.85
JOHNNY'S CYCLE, SU.	271.99
CARD SERVICES, EX.	25.16
FARM & CITY SUPPLY, SU.	81.90
CORE & MAIN, SU.	511.59
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX.	304.2
USPS, EX.	70.00
ACE-TECH COMPUTERS, SU.	35.00
VERDON COMMUNITY WORKERS, EX.	500.00
TAMMIE BENIS, SA.	1,724.35
TAMMIE BENIS, MI.	34.50
TAMMIE BENIS, RE.	278.76
DAWN BENNETT, SA.	606.00
DAWN BENNETT, RE.	300.00

EX-EXPENSE, FE-FEE, MI-MILEAGE, RE-REIMBURSEMENT, SA-SALARY, SE-SERVICE, SU-SUPPLIES

DAWN BENNETT, VERDON ASSISTANT CLERK

### B.O.P.W.

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

**June 4, 2020**  
2307 Barada Street  
Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, in said City on the 4th day of June, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Joy, Koopman, Veigel, Absent: Barnek, Ray LaRue. Recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

**MINUTES**  
A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to approve the minutes for the May 21, 2020 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Koopman, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Albu. Motion carried.

**AGENDA**  
A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Koopman to approve the June 4, 2020 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Koopman, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

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

**NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM**  
A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to reject and not participate in the program. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Koopman, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**CLAYTON ENERGY HEDGING AGREEMENT**  
A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Koopman to reject and not approve the Hedging Agreement with Clayton Energy. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Koopman, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**RICHARDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM REQUEST**  
A discussion was held. The Board instructed the Utility Superintendent to verify they are on the correct rate.

**CLAIMS**  
A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Albu to approve the claims for May, 2020 as follows: Electric Department - \$285,997.98; Water Department - \$181,316.25; Mechanic Shop - \$7,699.10; Gas Department - \$79,631.37; Sewer - \$420,143.77. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Koopman, Joy, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:24P.M.**  
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on June 4, 2020 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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



Donald Baxter



Kelly Simpson



Jeremiah Eppens



Robert Sanders

### Four arrests made in Falls City on Saturday night

On June 13, 2020, the Richardson County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Nebraska State Patrol, Sac & Fox Police, and Brown County Sheriff's Office and their K9 Unit, served a search warrant on a residence in Falls City.

Four arrests were made in connection with this search warrant. Richardson County Deputies arrested 45-year-old Donald Baxter of Falls City, for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Narcotic Equipment, and Possession with Intent to Deliver.

Also arrested was 27-year-old Jeremiah Eppens of Falls City, for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Narcotic Equipment.

Forty-four-year-old Kelly Simpson of Falls City, for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Narcotic Equipment, and Possession with Intent to Deliver.

And 33-year old Robert Sanders of Falls City, for Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Narcotic Equipment.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office would like to give special thanks to the Nebraska State Patrol, Sac & Fox Police, and the Brown County Sheriff's Office and their K9 Unit for their assistance.

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR MASKS & STAY SAFE**



RAISING OF THE FLAG, (L-R) Steiphen Fields, Billy Harkendorf and Kyle Daake.

### Falls City Elks dedicate new flag pole to James 'Smitty' Smith

By Nikki McKim; photo by Brian McKim

On Sunday, June 14, The Falls City Elks #963 celebrated Flag Day with a rededication of the flag pole located outside their Lodge building and their annual Flag Day ceremony.

The Falls City Elks Lodge rededicated the flag pole in memory of long time Elk, James Smith.

"In this simple and reverent ceremony, it is not our purpose to deliver a personal eulogy of our brother who no longer answers when his name is called, James Smith," said Roger Lampe. "Smitty" was an American citizen responsive to every duty of citizenship and brotherhood he took his vow before the antlers he attested his obligation upon the great book of law, he pledged to the allegiance to the American flag. It is only fitting that today, June 14, 2020, Flag Day, we rededicate this flag pole in the memory of our beloved "Smitty," Tiler for the Falls City Elks Lodge #963 for the past 25 years.

"On behalf of the Grand Lodge of the benevolent and protective order of Elks, I congratulate you and thank you on the completion of your labors and the success of this project," said Exalted Ruler, Mike Rolfe. "I declare this flag pole rededicated to the memory of our brother Smitty."

The Elks tradition of the Flag Day ceremony has stood since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of

### NDCS offers COVID testing opportunity to inmates

Director Scott R. Frakes announced that men and women housed in the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services will have the opportunity to be tested for the coronavirus, even if they are not symptomatic. Participation is voluntary. Testing will be conducted in each of the 10 facilities.

"This is the same test that is currently available in the community," stated Dir. Frakes.

NDCS health care workers will collect the swabs, which will be processed. Those who are tested will be notified by the agency, as to their results.

"We want inmates to take advantage of the specific days that we have set aside for testing in their facility," explained Dir. Frakes. "This will allow for a more efficient process. If someone requests testing after that period, they will be medically assessed to determine if testing is necessary, and managed on a case-by-case basis."

Dir. Frakes said the current testing process is expected to continue through the end

of the United States of America is a requirement of every member.

In 1907, the Elks Grand Lodge designated by resolution that June 14 be recognized as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance by every Lodge in 1911. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day. It wasn't until 1949 when President Harry Truman, an Elks member, proclaimed that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance.

of the month. To date, seven inmates have tested positive for COVID-19. When TestNebraska expanded to those ages 65 and older, 110 inmates who fell into that category opted for testing as well.

The agency follows guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for isolating inmates who are COVID-positive and quarantining any close contacts.

Dir. Frakes emphasized that increased testing would not diminish utilization of the steps NDCS has employed during the past several months to prevent the introduction and transmission of COVID-19.

"Those things are just as important, if not more important now. We will continue to screen staff and others entering our facilities, taking temperatures, wearing masks, disinfecting, encouraging universal health precautions, and all of the other proactive processes we implemented early on."

NDCS staff members who want to be tested for COVID-19 have that opportunity through TestNebraska, or by scheduling an appointment through their own health care provider.

"We have had 19 teammates who have tested positive. Fortunately for most, their symptoms have been mild and they continue to return to work following a period of self-isolation," said Dir. Frakes. "The level of dedication that staff members have demonstrated during this pandemic has been nothing short of amazing. They know they are critical to the NDCS mission of keeping people safe, as well as healthy."

### BACKYARD WEDDING

June 24, 1950



Congratulations to this happy bride and groom, and to all the Junetide grooms and brides they symbolize. Felicitations to the weatherman—at least to his deputy, John Falter—for not pelting the joyful hour with lightning, cloudbursts and hailstones. Condolences to bad wishes to the guy with his arms innocently folded; he acts like one of those dopes who attend weddings for the sole purpose of tying rubbish on honeymoon cars. As for the uninvited guest, whose wife has just sent him to the grocery store to buy stuff for supper—why, congratulations to you, sir! (It's probably his nineteenth wedding anniversary and he has just remembered it.) Condolences to the bride's mother—or is it the groom's mother?—as she drops the traditional tear. And all bad wishes.

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