



FALLS CITY PUBLIC HOLDS FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY AT JUG BROWN STADIUM IN DECADES. (PHOTO BY BRIAN MCKIM)

FALLS CITY HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS 2020 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Falls City High School Class of 2020 celebrated graduation Saturday, June 20, at Jug Brown Stadium. The ceremony comes over a month after the original graduation date in May. Each student was allowed eight people to attend, and the school encouraged social distancing.

The graduating class made their way onto the field to "Fanfare and Processional" played over the loudspeakers.

The commencement exercise featured the Cum Laude system, as it has since 2011, where there is neither a Salutatorian nor Valedictorian, but rather graduates with varying degrees of distinction. Graduating Summa Cum Laude (with the highest distinction) were speakers Kade Bredemeier, Brynna Bruxellas, and Alexis Sutton.

The other graduate with high academic distinction as Magna Cum Laude was: Maggie McNeely.

As a whole, the class was offered more than \$2.2 million in scholarships.

Samantha Wissmann thanked everyone for coming out to celebrate "the end of this wonderful chapter in our lives. And not only the end of this chapter but the beginning of a new chapter."

Wissmann thanked the school's staff, the parents, and every community member who helped along the way.

"I speak for my whole class because whether it was loving and supporting us to giving us the courage to better ourselves we are grateful for it all," said Wissmann.

District 56 School Superintendent gave the welcome address, acknowledging that this year has been far different than any others.

Brynna Bruxellas spoke saying, "When writing a graduation speech, I was advised to use something every one could

relate to, something that defined our generation, and something that would last into the future. Naturally, I thought of *Star Wars*!

OK, so that may not be what everyone immediately thinks of, but the more I dwelled on that idea, the more I decided there were important lessons we could all take away from the saga."

The first one, is the fact that you don't always get the reward right away. In *Star Wars 4*, Luke Skywalker and Han Solo received medals and although Chewbacca was standing right there, he did not receive one. A lot of *Star Wars* fans complained about that, and so in *Star Wars 9*, Chewbacca received the medal he should have gotten a long time ago. Similarly, there will be times in our lives, where we work hard and should get the reward, the promotion, or the rec-

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OVER 150 PEOPLE TESTED DURING COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING

Over 150 people were tested during last week's Test Nebraska, COVID-19 screening event at Community Medical Center.

The tests were held over a course of two days for four

hours a day.

On Wednesday, 86 tests were given and 67 more were given on Thursday.

Results were expected at the beginning of the week.

LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF COVID-19 HEALTH REGULATIONS PROPOSED

By: Charlie Radatz

During its Mon., June 15 meeting conducted on Zoom, Falls City's City Council took no action on a 12-page Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeast Health District that amounted to a renewable one-year agreement by the City to adhere to state and regional health agency guidelines relating to infectious diseases and have its police department enforce quarantines of persons infected or suspected of being infected with contagious diseases such as Covid-19. During the Council's previous meeting, it decided to have the document reviewed by City Attorney Mike Dunn. Attorney Dunn came back with a recommendation that instead of adopting the Memorandum of Understanding the Council adopt a local ordinance he drafted incorporating the spirit of the Memorandum into Municipal Code by reference and agreeing to have its police department enforce State Health Department and Southeast Nebraska Health regulations for as long as the Ordinance is in effect. Attorney Dunn explained by adopting the Ordinance instead of agreeing to the one-year renewable Memorandum of Understanding the City could opt out of the agreement at any time in the future if it so desires.

During public discussion, Dr. Justin Westengaard, M.D. with Family Medicine Clinic, described the original document as having "strong language" and described taking medical decisions out of the hands of physicians as starting down a "slippery slope." The Director of Southeast Nebraska Health Grant Brueggemann explained that the original agreement was not intended to be "strong-handed" nor "a power grab" but to

obtain agreement of municipalities to enforce health directives.

As it was not on the published agenda, no action could be taken during this meeting on Attorney Dunn's proposed Ordinance. Adoption of an ordinance normally requires approval at three successive Council meetings, but on occasion, the three meeting requirement has been waived.

The City's Aquatic Park officially opened for the season June 18, contact sports are proposed to begin July 1, and the Council voted to begin allowing the public to rent the City Auditorium and Candlelight Cabin at Stanton Lake Park with limited size groups of 500 or fewer at the Auditorium and 15 or fewer at Candlelight Cabin. Renting parties will have to sign a waiver of responsibility of the City for any possible resulting spread of communicable diseases. Approval was by a vote of 6-1 with Councilman Lucas Froesch dissenting and with Councilmember Kaylie Ratcliffe absent.

There was no comment received during a public hearing on a Conditional Use Permit sought by Hullman Ford for a building to be erected on land

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HTRS to start school early

During a board meeting held on June 12, 2020, the Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer board members approved an amended school calendar to start the 2020-2021 school year on August 5.

Teachers will be starting back on August 3.

RICHARDSON COUNTY HEALTH BOARD DISCUSSES PHASE THREE OF NEBRASKA'S DIRECTED HEALTH MEASURE

The Richardson County Board of Health met on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, to give a current COVID-19 update.

Grant Brueggemann gave the Board a rundown of current

cases in the state and district but didn't have a lot more for local case updates.

Brueggemann explained that the purpose of the Wednesday and Thursday COVID-19 testing at Community Medical Center was to offer up testing on a larger scale.

"The locations are set by the state and their determinations in terms of geographical region and trying to limit the amount of travel time that the public would have to travel to each one of these major testing sites so Falls City being in the corner this was a location they wanted to pursue," said Brueggemann.

He also reminded the Board that no out of state residents could be tested at these large Nebraska test sites.

Brian Kirkendall gave an update on local events, including Falls City Public School's graduation and Sacred Heart's graduation later in the summer.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr., let the Board know that the Sheriff's office was operating normally.

Brueggemann then outlined Phase three of the Statewide Directed Health Measure for the Board.

Sports

Fan attendance for youth and school games changes to the same limit as gatherings on June 22 and no longer limited to household members only. Contact team sports may begin practices and games on July 1.

Elective Surgeries

All restrictions on elective surgeries are removed from DHM starting June 22.

Bars and restaurants

Restaurants, bars, bottle clubs, and gentlemen's clubs remain open for dine-in. Patrons will be required to be seated while on-premise unless they are placing an order, using the restroom, or playing games. One-hundred percent of rated occupancy. Maximum of eight individuals in a party (groups larger than eight will need to split into multiple tables). Food may be consumed at bar seating. Self-service

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HAPPENING AFTER NEXT WEEK
Part 3 of the 1918 Flu Pandemic Series.
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Opening for Business

By Governor Pete Ricketts

June is usually the month when summer hits full swing in Nebraska. In a typical year, Omaha would be hosting the College World Series right now. The Swedish Festival in Stromsburg, Polish Days in Loup City, and numerous other community celebrations would occur this month. NEBRASKALand Days would be underway in North Platte. Communities like Seward, Central City, and Nelso would be readying plans for Fourth of July celebrations.



While this year has been anything but normal, we're seeing encouraging signs in our battle against coronavirus. Thanks to Nebraskans who are practicing social distancing even as we reopen, we continue to maintain robust capacity in our health care system. We've seen a downward trend in coronavirus hospitalizations in recent weeks. Counties that 4-6 weeks ago were experiencing a surge in coronavirus cases are seeing very few new cases today.

The virus isn't gone, and we must continue to be smart and follow social distancing guidelines. When you're out in public places, keep six feet of distance from other people. Continue to wash your hands often, avoid large groups of people, and wear a mask when you go to the store. These behaviors will help us slow the spread of the virus even further. As a state, we've been very successful in our efforts so far. As Nebraskans use good sense in their social interactions, I'm confident we'll keep heading in the right direction.

In light of the progress we've made, our Direct Health Measures will be relaxed again on June 22nd. Most of Nebraska—89 out of our 93 counties—will enter Phase Three of our plan to loosen restrictions. Dakota, Hall, Hamilton, and Merrick counties will move to Phase Two of our plan.

Phase Three (applies to all counties except for Dakota, Hall, Hamilton and Merrick).

(A rundown of the phase and how it affects Richardson County is included in the Richardson County Health Board Story on page 1)

As we proceed to the next phases by region, we're also loosening restrictions on sports statewide. Team sports provide important exercise and community camaraderie—something we've all missed the last few months. On June 1st, limited and non-contact sports resumed practices in Nebraska. These sports have safely restarted with no issues. Given how smoothly team sports have resumed, we're going to allow contact sports—such as soccer, basketball, and tackle football—to begin statewide in July. Both practices and games for contact sports can take place as of July 1, 2020.

We've also announced the content of the Phase Four Directed Health Measures. We've not yet set a date for these to take effect. However, we're providing the Phase Four rules so that Nebraskans know what to expect as we move forward.

For details on each phase, go online to dhs.ne.gov/coronavirus and click on Directed Health Measures.

Additionally, Nebraska Department of Education Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt has announced that schools will restart with students in the classroom this fall. Commissioner Blomstedt has been in frequent contact with public health officials and superintendents across the state. He's also coordinated with education leaders nationwide. His team is developing a set of best practices for schools to consult as they safely welcome students and teachers back to their buildings. All this information and more is being posted online at launchme.com. Schools won't look exactly like they did last fall, but I'm confident the Commissioner and local leaders will have a solid plan in place to reopen safely.

Test Nebraska mobile sites continue to deploy to communities across the state. With the exception of Douglas County, any Nebraskan who wants to be tested is now eligible. In Douglas County, we've added 15-35 year olds to the priority groups for testing, and we expect everyone to qualify for testing in the near future. I encourage Nebraskans to sign up at www.TestNebraska.com and make an appointment to be tested.

The newest DHMs, and associated guidance documents, will be posted online at www.dhs.ne.gov/coronavirus. I also invite you to visit my website regularly for updates (www.Governor.Nebraska.gov).

I appreciate Nebraskans exercising personal responsibility to practice social distancing. It's helping keep Nebraska on its path of reopening. As we continue to work to slow the spread of the virus, let's keep cooperating so we can get Nebraska growing for years to come.



A SENSE OF URGENCY, NATIONAL EVENTS AND A ROOKIE MISTAKE IMPACT THE PENDING SESSION

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

Nebraska lawmakers are expected to return to Lincoln July 20 to wrap up the final 17 days of the Covid-19 interrupted session.

One thing they must absolutely do is pass a budget. That would be doable under normal circumstances, but what's normal anymore? Not only has the pandemic changed things, but several killings of black people by police in other states has led to national protests.

The Legislature's Judiciary Committee responded to weeks of protest in Omaha and Lincoln by holding listening sessions—15 hours total—in both cities. Nearly 200 people complained about racial inequality in Nebraska and injustice by law enforcement and called for action.

Committee Chairman Sen. Steve Lathrop of Omaha said he was certain that the committee had been enlightened by the sessions. He noted that the deadline for introducing new bills has long since passed and it will be a challenge to decide what can be accomplished in the final 17 days.

"These listening sessions cannot be another chapter in the 'go-through-the-motions Olympics,'" said Ellen Jorgenson, a Lincoln high school teacher.

"We black and brown people are asking what's in your heart," said the Rev. Janet Goodman-Banks of Lincoln. "We need you to act, not tomorrow, not next year. We need you to act now."

Lathrop explained that lawmakers are totally constrained by the fact they can't introduce new bills. But he vowed to find a way to implement some of the changes that were suggested.

One bill (LB924) introduced by the veteran and term-limited Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha is ready to be passed. That measure requires all law enforcement officers to take two hours of racial anti-bias and implicit bias training each year.

Nebraska Wesleyan University professor of philosophy and religion, the Rev. Jonathan Redding, told the committee he'd taken an anti-bias course with police officers while in North Carolina that had changed officers' perceptions of discrimination.

"It's not enough for Lincoln police officers to kneel and dance with protesters," Redding said. "We have to become anti-racist in everything we do."

Complicating things is the desire of Governor Pete Ricketts to provide some manner of property tax relief and pass an economic development bill aimed at enticing new business investments. Those two measures were linked and passage of both stalled during the last session.

Further complicating things is what can best be called a rookie mistake, although one would think the state Republican Party knows better. A campaign flyer from the party to freshman Sen. Julie Slama's First Legislative District constituents included what two former governors described as "racist, negative campaigning" directed at her legislative opponent, Janet Palmtag of Syracuse.

"Simply put, your flyer is way out of bounds and has no place in Nebraska politics," said former Democrat Gov. Bob Kerrey and former Republican Gov. Dave Heineman. "But what truly marks it as repugnant is the use of race-baiting tactics."

In a letter, the two wrote the senator from Peru, who is a Rickett's appointee that has never been elected,

"If you refuse to apologize, then you mark yourself as unfit for public office and you should resign."

At issue are Slama campaign flyers paid for by the Nebraska Republican Party. The flyers depicted photos of Palmtag and Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha along with text that stated: "Janet Palmtag sides with Lincoln liberals, atheists and radical extremists."

"Is it really true that the most despicable thing that can be done to your opponent is to Photoshop her standing next to a black man?" Kerrey and Heineman asked. "We have both spent many years in the political arena," they wrote. "We know that issues inspire passion and vigorous debate."

"We have often disagreed with one another. But the line must be drawn when it comes to purposely misleading voters, to faith-based attacks, or racist attacks. Tragically, your flyer

does all three."

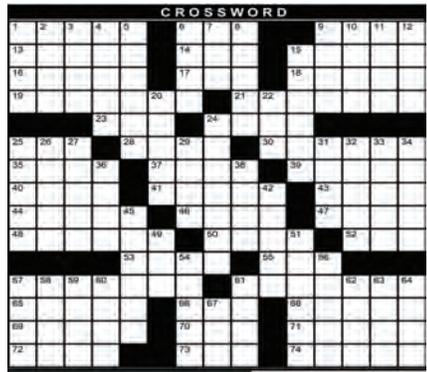
Ryan Hamilton, executive director of the Nebraska Republican Party, said the letter "pretends to know intent of an individual based on vague 'evidence' of wrongdoing, presumptive moral superiority of the accuser, a singular interpretation of comments and imagery that creates a binary characterization of the issue, and culminating with an unreasonable demand."

Two words for Mr. Hamilton's pontification. Ernie Chambers. Given that Ernie is facing his second term-limited exit from the Legislature, I would imagine that 17 days would give him just about enough time to say everything he has to about bad cops, racism and Republicans. Not necessarily in that order.

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: COCKTAILS AND MOCKTAILS

- ACROSS**
1. Angelou and Rudolph
 6. Mason's load
 9. Bobby Pickett's "Monster _____"
 13. Infection from contaminated water or food
 14. Formerly Cassius Clay
 15. Slow, musically speaking
 16. _____ Ste. Marie, Ontario
 17. Bonding words
 18. Like draft beer
 19. "Cognac, orange liqueur, lemon juice"
 21. "Tropical cocktail favorite"
 23. Motion of approval
 24. Homage of rosso sour
 25. Smoker's residue
 28. Big butto
 30. "It has both white and dark rum"
 35. Popular BBQ side
 37. Pea houses
 39. "Hold your drink aloft in honor"
 40. "Downton Abbey" contess
 41. Subject of 17th century Dutch mania
 43. Cote d'Azur locale
 44. Teatro alla Scala offering
 46. Sushi selection
 47. Kind of jeans fit
 48. "She famously disliked the eponymous drink"
 50. Chesterfield or ulster
 52. Bro's sib
 53. Long and lean
 55. Petting spot
 56. "Negroni and boulevardier ingredient"
 61. Time for the big bowl games
 65. Unethical loner's practice
 66. Designed to guarantee equal rights
 68. Cooler manufacturer
 69. #38 Down, pl.
 70. Atlantic catch
 71. Musical ensemble
 72. Rodeo Drive tree
 73. It's of the beholder
 74. Rosetta Stone, e.g.
- DOWN**
1. Difficult situation
 2. Antioxidant-rich berry
 3. Common contraction
 4. Kind of wrench
 5. TV's popular portmanteau
 6. Let it down to relax?
 7. _____ fashioned
 8. D in LED
 9. Take-out handout
 10. Nasty sweater
 11. Sun, e.g.
 12. Indigenous people of northeast Arizona
 15. "Nespolino fruit"
 20. Highly skilled
 22. Elbow rest
 24. Portable lock
 25. Fancy tie
 26. Ski run
 27. Sheik's bevy
 29. *Whiskey _____
 31. Charged particles
 32. Flip side, pl.
 33. Binary digits code
 34. Things on a list
 36. "Star Trek" speed
 38. Fodder holder
 42. Eloise's residence
 45. Quiets
 49. Otitis organ
 51. *Popular mixer, pl.
 54. Brother's daughter
 56. Should
 57. Turning point
 58. World's largest continent
 59. *To warm wine or cider and add spices
 60. Junior ball
 61. Green gemstone
 62. Burn-soothing plant
 63. Agitate
 64. Yesteryear
 67. *First name in cola and grenadine



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From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - June 24, 1970 to June 30, 1970
Richardson County was being asked to appropriate \$1,457 to partially fund a Southeast Nebraska Joint Planning Commission, but the county board's representative on the Commission was opposed to the funding.

Owen Rist, southwest of Humboldt estimated his wheat would bring 40 to 50 bushels per acre.

The Falls City all school reunion was being held and the classes of 1920 and 1945 planned special parties.

A delegation from Humboldt asked County Commissioners to levy \$10,000 to fund the Richardson County Free Fair.

Jerry Joy, head baseball coach at Friends University, Wichita, was in charge of a three day free baseball clinic sponsored by the Southeast Consolidated Booster Club.

The Falls City Legion baseball team won its 12th game of the season defeating Auburn 11-1.

Victor Adams who grew up in the Dawson and Honey Creek areas was the trainer and owner of a horse named "Fleet Apple" considered the leading jumping prospect of the U.S. Olympic Equestrian team.

Objections of the Village of Verdun to re-routing of Highway 73 was expected to delay reconstruction of the highway from Dawson to Falls City until 1973.

A \$15,000 federal grant assisted installation of a sewage treatment facility for Dawson.

The Falls City Elks Midgets were 4-6 on the season after defeating Humboldt 11-0 at City Park.

Don Coupe was president of the Board of Education at Falls City Sacred Heart.

A lady's diamond dinner ring was free with purchase of a mobile home during a three day Open House at Morehead Mobile Home Sales.

A crowd of 500 was on hand for the Thursday night Lucky Money drawings on the courthouse lawn.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission officially designated Indian Cave as a state park.

A Tractor Pull was planned as part of Horseplay Days.

A portion of Brownville was officially entered into the National Register of Historical Places.

The 10-run rule was invoked at the end of the 6th inning after the Legion team scored 11 runs in the top of that inning to win a game at Tecumseh 16-5.

Legion's outstanding second baseman Gil Sanborn signed a professional baseball contract with the Atlanta Braves of the National League.

John R. Cooper, executive vice president of O.A. Cooper Co., Humboldt was named Cooper's "Man of the Year."

Nick Kentopp was the top hitter on the Legion baseball team with a .434 average.

A sports page photo showed John Honea, Falls City, holding two spoon-bill catfish with a combined weight of more than 100 pound that he snagged near Warsaw, MO.

Approximately 200 attended the annual Falls City High School reunion.

Included in a sports page photo were ten members of the Falls City 1920 football championship team who attended the alumni weekend.

The Legion baseball team won the first game of a double-header with Central City 4-2, lost the second 2-1, and then lost to Aurora 4-3.

It was a hitters night at Hiawatha with the Elks Midgets outscoring the Kansans 23-16.

Three national conservation groups were calling for a halt of construction of the Cooper Nuclear Station and 52 other nuclear power plants.

Payments were mailed to Richardson County producers enrolled in the 1970 wheat and feed programs.

Clarence F. Simon of Falls City Mercantile Co. was elected national vice-president of the Travelers Protective Association.

The Falls City Elks Midgets won their third game in a row 5-3 at Atchison.

25 Years Ago - June 24, 1995 to June 30, 1995

Parker Railcar Service Co. (since acquired by Herzog) located on former Union Pacific Railroad property and situated between U.P. and Burlington Northern right-of-way began operations.

Sapp Bros. 66 announced plans to contribute 2-cents from the sale of every gallon of gasoline and diesel fuel during July 1995 for renovation of the locker room and restroom facilities at Jug Brown Stadium.

The Falls City Legion team was 8-8 after losing its 5th game in a row, a 1-0 loss at Norris, and had only 11 players following the departure of four players.

The East team coached by Vicki Bielke and including Anne Brott of FCHS, Missy McLaughlin of D-V, and Celeste Nolte of SHHS scored a record number of points in defeating the West squad 100-58 in the Southeast Nebraska All-Star Girls' Basketball Game at Beatrice.

Anthony Weaver picked up a gold medal and Falls City Swim Team members Devon Kottich and Andrea Froeschl each picked up two in a swim meet at the Falls City pool.

A fund drive was underway to help Todd and Darcy Weldon, Humboldt, with the cost of surgery to repair a hole in the heart of their infant son, Christopher.

Gary Hoover, formerly of Salem, was a nominee for president-elect of the Executive Committee of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG).

Two-hundred-90 attended the annual Falls City High School Reunion at Prichard Auditorium.

Marty Froeschl and Tom Kopf won the Championship Flight of the annual Lions Club golf tournament finishing with a 9 hole total of 31.

15 Years Ago - June 24, 2005 to June 30, 2005

Rex Jones and JoAnn Auxier were co-chairs of a committee with a deadline of October 1st to raise funds necessary for restoration of the historic Candlelight Cabin at Stanton Lake.

John and Julie Wilhelm announced that Southeast Nebraska Cooperative Company, Beatrice purchased assets of the Wilhelm Grain Co., Humboldt.

Leon Schawung spotted a buck deer crossing Harlan toward where today is located a carwash and later the same morning a deer was spotted near Eastview Apartment.

The Falls City Juniors baseball team was 13-1 after a 6-3 home victory over Auburn, a 14-6 victory over Hiawatha, and a doubleheader sweep of Sabetha 11-2 and 11-1.

Nearly 200 bicyclists took part in the "Border Raiders" tour of historic Civil War sites and made a stop in Falls City for food, refreshments, and a night's rest at Falls City High School.

Irene (Renie) Gerweck announced her retirement effective June 30 as a registered nurse at Community Medical Center.

CMC announced plans to open a Humboldt Family Medicine Clinic, seeing patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Spirit of Brownville offered a second dinner cruise Saturday nights including a performance of the play "Murder on the Missouri."

A team of 8-man football all-stars from Nebraska coached by Falls City Sacred Heart's Doug Goltz defeated a squad of eight-man all-stars from Oklahoma 36-8 in a game played in Miami. Among players on the Nebraska squad was former Sacred Heart linebacker Josh Choate who recorded the game's first sack.

Sacred Heart grad Jeremy Kearney scored 10 points and teammate Logan Kopf added three as the East Team beat the West 98-95 in the Southeast Nebraska All Star football game at Beatrice.

Landowners seek repair or replacement of substandard bridge

By: Charlie Radatz

During the Tues., June 16, meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners, a group of landowners in the Northwest part of Speiser Township met with the Board regarding the status of the bridge located approximately 1 1/2 miles north of Hwy 8 on 630 Avenue then 100 ft East on 707 Road. Property owner Robert Storant of 63048 707 Road addressed the Board on behalf of the group and questioned whether or not the bridge could be repaired or replaced. Storant described the bridge as a vital infrastructure for the farming operations of those attending and said failure to repair or replace the structure would create hardship for all. Also of concern, said Storant, was the ability for emergency vehicles to reach a destination in that area when an emergency occurs. The group requested action to make the bridge structurally sound.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau stated that the bridge has many safety concerns and will be closed at some time due to the costs of repair required to maintain it. He also explained what has been done to the bridge to maintain it currently.

Darveau also met briefly with the Board to update it on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done since the last meeting.

Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall, presented to the Board an updated Local Emergency Operations Plan, LEOP, that had been updated by his staff. A motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-50 to approve the updated Local Emergency Operations Plan for Richardson County and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Chairman Sichel to enter into an agreement with Nemaha and Otoe counties to be willful parties to the Southeast Nebraska Emergency Notification System with Everbridge as the IPAWS platform. That motion seconded by Commissioner and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Quotes were received from the NACO Lease Purchase program and American National Bank for the financing of the purchase of radios and equipment approved at a May 2020 meeting for the Law Enforcement Center. After a further review of the quotes received, a motion was made by Frank to accept the quote from American National Bank for a three-year lease-purchase plan at 1.23 percent. That motion was seconded by Caverzagie, and approved unanimously.

Amanda VanAsperen, Coordinator for Southeast NE Drug Court, presented to the Board an Interlocal Agreement for 2020-2021 to renew the existing one with Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee Counties for the Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court and the proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year 2020-2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to approve an interlocal agreement replacing the existing one with SE NE Adult Drug Court and Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee Counties for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, at a cost to Richardson County of \$2,605.22. That motion was seconded by Sichel, and approved on a 3-0 vote.

Laura Osborne, program coordinator and Maxine Schatz, instructor updated the Board on the activity and successes of the 4 County Juvenile Services Grant. Agreements with Laura Osborne dba LMO Consulting, LLC to implement a four County Juvenile Services Plan

and Maxine Schatz, LLC, to implement a four County Juvenile Service Diversion Education program were presented to the Board for consideration. County Attorney Doug Merz was also in attendance for this meeting. The funding sources for the program were also discussed. The Board will consider entering into the agreements at the June 30 meeting.

The Board met with Sheriff Hardesty and Roland Merwin, Chief Deputy Sheriff, to review the business within the Law Enforcement Center. Further review and consideration was given a request by Sheriff's Department employees that the county considers full or partial payment of family health insurance coverage for Department employees. No action was taken.

A report was approved for fees Collected by Sheriff Hardesty and employees in his Department. For April 2020, collections totaled by the Sheriff's Dept. totaled --\$6,424.70 and for May 2020--\$2036.41.

A motion was made by Sichel and approved to recess the regular meeting agenda at 1:23 p.m. and go into an executive session with County Assessor Pam Vice, to discuss personnel matters. That motion seconded by Frank and approved 3-0. A motion was made by Sichel to close the executive session at 1:30 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. That motion seconded by Frank was also approved 3-0.

Chairman Sichel made a motion to approve a subdivision for Douglas Kirkendall and Deborah Ebel located in S5, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-48. That motion was also seconded by Frank and approved by a 3-0 vote.

A motion was made by Sichel to enter into an agreement with Region V to provide services for Emergency Protective Care patients for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, at the cost of \$214.00/day. That motion was seconded by Caverzagie and received unanimous approval.

Chairman Sichel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-49 to correct fund information on claim #20050084. That motion was seconded by Caverzagie and also approved by a unanimous vote.

Commissioners voted to adjourn their meeting after voting to allow the payment of all claims submitted before their meeting.

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to or-

der by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sichel, County Assessor, Pam Vice and Clerk Mary Eickhoff.

The Board of Equalization acted on two items before adjourning at 8:53 a.m. It voted to approve one tax list correction as presented by Assessor Vice, and it voted to approve 24 notices of valuation changes from the Board of Equalization.

ACCIDENTS

On June 12, 2020, according to police reports, Brookelyn Simon, of Falls City was driving south on Clifton Avenue in Falls City. Simon stopped at the stop sign at the 21st Street intersection. Simon attempted to turn East on 21st street when a vehicle driven by Erin Rieschick struck the drivers side door of the Simon vehicle. Simon said she did stop at the stop sign but couldn't see around the hill which was obstructing her vision as she looked East. Ms. Rieschick stated she was not able to stop in time to avoid the collision. Both vehicles were totaled and Simon was issued a citation.

On June 11, 2020, according to police reports, Dale Campbell, of Falls City, was stopped in the East side southbound lane of Harlan Street with his blinker on to turn East onto 12th Street. Jordan Marx, of Falls City was heading South in the East side lane when he collided with the rear passenger side of Campbell. An estimated \$5,000 in damage was done to the Campbell vehicle. No damage was done to the Marx vehicle. No citations were issued.

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FC Splash pad and pool officially open

The Falls City Splash Pad is up and running for the 2020 season. The Splash Pad will be operating from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm daily. New activation buttons have been installed. If you hear two beeps when touching the splash pad, it is off. If you hear one beep, it is on.

Please keep the crowds to a minimum and practice the safety standards set by the State of Nebraska.

We recommend bringing disinfectant wipes to wipe down the actuators. Please make this a community effort to keep it safe and clean.

The Falls City Aquatic Center is now open. There are some essential guidelines that attendees need to know to attend.

Appropriate signage will be placed before entry and throughout the pool area. Three open swim sessions 90 minutes in length at 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. There will be lap swimming and aerobics from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm. The capacity of the pool will be limited to 100 patrons per session. Signup will be required the day before you plan to swim to secure attendance the following day. You can call the Aquatic Center from 1:00 pm. To 7:00 pm to make your reservations. Swimmers will have their temperature check, no person with a temperature over 100 will be admitted.

Names, phone numbers and temperatures will be taken daily. Swimmers will be required to shower in their swimsuits with soap before entering the swim deck. High traffic surfaces around the pool and bathhouse will be disinfected between sessions. No city-owned seating will be available, and patrons must bring their own seating or sit on the ground. Social distancing must be maintained while sitting outside of the pool. Concessions will not be available and the water fountains will be closed. You may bring clear bottled water,

but no outside food will be allowed. Pre-purchased pool passes will be honored for next year. Swimmers can only attend one session per day unless there is availability during other sessions.

Patrons are to remain in their vehicles until their name is announced over the loudspeaker to proceed to the screening area. Please arrive in your swimming attire as changing rooms will not be available. Patrons are to wear a mask during screening and the admission process. Please enter through the main gate and exit at the gates located on the northwest corner by the splash pad. Please follow social distancing guidelines in the pool and only be in your family units when in the pool.

Employees and staff will also be screened before being allowed to work. Employees at the screening station and admissions will be wearing masks at all times. The deck support staff will monitor patrons for social distancing while in and out of the pool. Lifeguards will always maintain the safety of patrons in the pool.

If you don't feel comfortable going to the pool and you decide to put a pool in your yard,

remember if it's over 24" in depth, a building permit and a six-foot gated fence are required. You can call the City of Lieberman with any questions at 402-245-2707.

SOCIETY

Falls City Drove #56

By Marlene McKim
Members of the Falls City Drove #56 met on Monday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. President Karen Ramsey opened the meeting with a flag salute. Phyllis Kreutzer recited the Lord's Prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Tammy Pilgrim was welcomed as a new member. Get well cards were signed for Joyce Buck and Lynn Arms. We will assist the Elks with their Flag Ceremony on Sunday June 14 at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be a social with a potluck meal on July 13, at 6:00 p.m., at the Elks Lodge. Hostesses are Dessie Scholl, Cindy Witt and Marlene McKim. Karen Ramsey, Connie Fiddler and Kim Oliver served refreshments following the meeting.

Project Response updates and community information

As restrictions around the response to COVID-19 are loosened by the Governor across the state, Project Response finds that the state of emergency is still present, especially as cases of COVID-19 continue to rise within the five-county service area. The COVID-19 Response Plan that Project Response follows indicates things are at a Level Two – meaning that there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the communities that Project Response staff reside. This level indicates that staff will work remotely, refrain from in-person meetings, and discontinue travel, therefore, the Auburn and Nebraska City offices as well as The Neighborhood Closet will remain closed to walk-ins during this time.

What does this mean for the survivors and community members that we serve? Project Response is still providing services to survivors 24/7 through the crisis hotline (1-800-456-5764 or 402-274-5092) and meeting in person in emergency situations. Anyone in need of food, personal care items, and/or clothing can also call the hotline to schedule an appointment to pick up these items.

What does this mean for the receiving of donations? They are not accepting any donations, except for food, at this time as the need for food has increased. Please hold onto your clothing donations for the future. The Neighborhood Closet depends on those donations to serve those in need as well as support the services that the agency provides to survivors.

As they reevaluate their COVID-19 Response Plan, they will keep everyone informed. Watch our Facebook pages for updates or call for an update.

These past few months have been extremely difficult for many. If you or someone you know needs our services, please do not hesitate to reach out at 1-800-456-5764 or 402-274-5092 as Project Response is still serving the community 24/7.

The following is a list of other resources that may be beneficial: SENCA: Auburn 402-274-4666; Falls City 402-245-5284; Tecumseh 402-335-2134; Pawnee City 402-852-2208; Catholic Social Services – Auburn 402-327-6242; Department of Health and Human Services – Economic Assistance Programs 1-800-383-4278

Blue Valley Behavioral Health; Auburn 402-274-4373; Falls City 402-245-4458.; Legal Aid of Nebraska 1-888-991-9921; WIC (Women Infant and Children) 402-335-2988; Nebraska Family Helpline 1-888-866-8660; Rural Response Line 1-800-464-0258; National Parent Helpline 1-855-427-2736; Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1-800-652-1999; Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255.

Reports about coronavirus vaccine don't always give the full story

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

By Trudy Lieberman, Community Health News Service

How soon will we have a vaccine to protect us from coronavirus? That's the question uppermost on the minds of many Americans, especially the elderly and others especially at risk for a severe bout of the disease.

Everyone wants the vaccine yesterday. Maybe that's why the media cheered in late May and hope soared when Moderna, a 10-year-old biotechnology company based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, issued a press release with hopeful news.

Positive Phase 1 data, although early, showed promising results, the company said: "These data substantiate our belief that mRNA-1273 (the vaccine name) has potential to prevent COVID-19 disease." Given how devastating the disease has been, who wouldn't appreciate news like that?

The media ran with the story. The company's stock value zoomed up even though Moderna has yet to sell any products. The public was left with the message that maybe a vaccine was right around the corner. But is it?

Readers and listeners need to be on the lookout for clues to the real story right now.

Helen Branswell, a veteran reporter I know who has covered other disease outbreaks and knows her stuff, penned a cautionary message for STAT News where she now works. She wrote, "While Moderna blitzed the media, it revealed very little information, and most of what it did disclose were words, not data. With science, numbers speak louder than words."

I reached Branswell by phone to chat about how people should judge the studies, the claims, and the wishful thinking that will surely come until a new medication has been discovered that will tame the virus.

First off, the public needs to understand that all clinical trials are not created equal. A Phase 1 trial that Moderna reported is just the first step in the process. These trials are usually small with no expectation there will be data about how effective a drug will be. Instead, Branswell pointed out, such a trial is "really about establishing a dose to make sure it's safe enough to keep going."

In a Phase 2 trial, which may enroll a few hundred people, researchers are looking for efficacy and safety signals that tell them whether it makes sense to continue and whether the result may be an effective vaccine for humans.

Phase 3 trials are the gold standard. They are usually large and double blind. That means half of the participants receive the trial vaccine and the other half a placebo. Neither the participants nor the researchers know which half is which until the end of the trial. It's generally best to look for how well a new drug performed in a Phase 3 trial with results published in a peer-reviewed journal where experts have scrutinized the data.

In this case, because of the rush to find a vaccine, Branswell said some testing may be compressed. For example, a Phase 1 trial may be combined with a Phase 2 trial in the hope of speeding up the process and getting quickly to a marketable vaccine.

Branswell told me many things are still not known about the virus. For example, she said, "It's still not clear what protective immunity should look like and what level of antibodies are needed to ward off disease?"

When science produces answers to questions like those, then ideally, results of Phase 3 trials should be published in peer-reviewed journals where experts have a chance to "kick the tires" and cast a critical eye on the data. If a new therapeutic drug passes the test, then it is considered fit for humans.

Moderna's vaccine in the making "may be effective," Branswell said. "But we don't know yet. It's too soon. People don't understand it takes time to produce a vaccine."

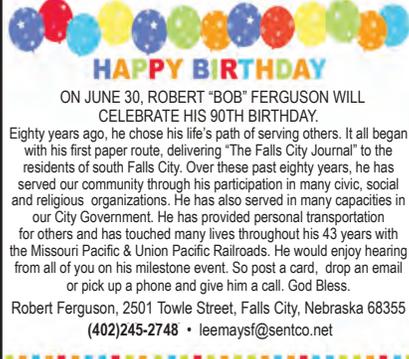
So what does the vaccine universe look like now? Eight vaccine candidates are in human trials, and more than 100 others are ongoing with some in animal testing. Given the urgency to find a vaccine, press releases similar to Moderna's will undoubtedly find their way into the hands of journalists. The public needs to read them skeptically.

The same goes for news stories built around a single source or an animal study or a study that doesn't mention a control group or is built on a "preprint." These are essentially rough drafts of studies that have not peer reviewed.

"Results of these studies should not be reported by the media as established information," warns Gary Schwitzer, the long-time publisher of Health News Review.

"Questions about the quality of the evidence are more important than ever before."

Do you have a question about the efforts to develop a vaccine against the coronavirus? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



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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

Matthew W. Hanesworth, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for July 14, 2020.

Tara M. Tackett, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of 30 days starting on June 16, 2020, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, drug testing fee of \$150, regular probation fee of \$150, jail for a term of 30 days starting on June 20, 2020, jail for a term of 30 days starting June 20, 2022; count two, violate protection order,

amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead no guilty.

Karen S. Martindale, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of 15 months starting June 16, 2020, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, drug testing fee of \$75; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Jordan A. Lunsford, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for August 11, 2020.

COUNTY COURT

Christopher W. Ivey, of Falls City, count one, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for July 6, 2020.

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, dom. asslt-intl. cause body injury/int. ptnr, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for July 6, 2020.

Christopher W. Ivey, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Pretrial

is scheduled for July 6, 2020. Rayshawn M. Pullum, of Falls City, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500, plead not guilty; count two, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for July 6, 2020.

Rachel R. Herr, of Falls City, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for July 6, 2020.

Brittanie J. Dixon, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Andrea L. Scates, of Dawson, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for July 6, 2020.

Franklin T. Rist, of Humboldt, count one, dog collar required, plead not guilty; count two, dog collar required, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for July 6, 2020.

Roy L. Bivans, of Humboldt, count one, dom asslt-third degree, amended to assault by mutual consent, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$150.

Mysheila A Wyrick, of Table Rock, count one, DUI-first offense, amended to reckless driving first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, willful reckless driving-first offense, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for June 24, 2020.

April N. Rath, of Elberon, VA, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for June 24, 2020.

Buck A. Auxier, of Dawson, count one, violate open burning ban, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for July 20, 2020.

CITATIONS

Lavera M. Mitchell, of Arlington, TX, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Jillian L. Slama, of Western, NE, count one failure to signal/improper turn, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

David B. Cooper, of Falls City, count one, negligent driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Victoria L. McAndrew, of Verdon, count one, drive on shoulder of highway, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.



On June 14, 2020, according to police reports, Richardson County Deputies arrested 23 year old Scott Bachman Jr, of Falls City, on two Richardson County Warrants. One Warrant was for Failing to Report for a Court Commitment, and the Second Warrant was for Violation of Probation. Bachman Jr was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

On June 15, 2020, according to police reports, Richardson County Deputies arrested 39 year old Matthew Gilbert of Rulo, NE, on a Cass County, NE Warrant. The Warrant is for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs. Gilbert was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On June 15, 2020, according to police reports, Richardson County Deputies arrested 39 year old Dwaine Price of Omaha, NE, for Burglary and Criminal Mischief. Price was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On June 14, 2020, according to police reports, the Falls City Police Department arrested 50 year old Michael Tackett of Falls City, on a Warrant for Driving Under Suspension. Tackett was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



der of highway, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Thu Q. Dang, of Irving, TX, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Angela M. Carlson, of Pearland, TX, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Nick M. Schramm, of Falls City, count one, fail to use turn signal, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

On June 13, 2020, according to police reports, the Falls City Police Department arrested 39 year old Tara Tackett of Falls City, NE, on charges of Resisting Arrest and Assault. Tackett was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



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The Nebraska City runner just beats the throw to second baseman Sam Dunn.

Baseball is back in FC

Photos and story by Brian McKim

The Blue Storm Juniors opened the 2020 baseball season at home on Thursday evening, June 18, versus Nebraska City. The ballgame was tied at four apiece until the Nebraska City bats came alive for four runs in the top of the sixth inning.

The scoring barrage began with a four-pitch walk. After a strikeout, an error put runners at first and second base with just one out. Pitcher Jaxyn Strauss induced the next batter into a groundout to keep runners at second and third. An intentional walk loaded the bases, then a two-out double to right field cleared the bases. After another walk, Nebraska City's final run came in, scoring on a defensive indifference to make it 8-4.

Kyler Frederick led off the bottom of the last inning for FC with a base on balls. Frederick then moved to second on a groundout by Alijah Hernandez and took third on a balk by the NC pitcher. Frederick then came in to score on a groundout by Bryson Butrick to make it 8-5. Sam Dunn flew out to second base to end the FC rally and end the game with Falls City dropping the opener 8-5.

The visitors led 3-0 entering the bottom of the third frame.

Frederick reached base, getting plunked by the first pitch of the inning. A base knock by Hernandez put runners at first and second with no outs. After two consecutive strikeouts, Frederick scored on an error by the catcher to make it 3-1.

Moving on to the fifth inning, FC trailed 4-1. Again, it was Frederick leading the inning off with a walk. A sac bunt, followed by a single to center field by Cameron Schramm, brought Frederick home to make it 4-2. Sam Dunn then drew a full-count walk to put runners at first and second. Silas Amanuallah then loaded the bases with a four-pitch walk. Jon Craig came up with the clutch hit, pounding a line drive to right field to score two runs and to tie the game at four. The next inning Nebraska City scored four runs to secure the 8-5 win.

NC out hit Falls City 5-3 and has two errors compared to FC's three.

Craig went 1-3 at the plate with two RBI. Hernandez went 1-2, and Schramm was 1-1 with an RBI and a run scored. The Blue Storm batters drew six walks in the contest.

Charlie McNeely started on the hill, lasting three innings and allowing two hits, three runs (one

earned), and struck out four batters. Strauss came on in relief, tossing the final three innings, allowing three hits and five runs (one earned.)

The loss dropped FC to 0-1 for the season. Falls City will be home again on Tuesday, June 30, to take on Doniphan County at 6:00 p.m.

Seniors drop first game of summer

By Brian McKim

The Blue Storm Senior baseball team dropped a four-inning affair, 4-3, to Nebraska City on Thursday night under the lights to kick-off the Legion baseball season.

Falls City jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one inning, but Nebraska City immediately struck back with three runs in the top of the second to take the lead for good. NC got one more run in the third before Falls City came back with one of their own to cut the lead to 4-3 after three innings.

Pitcher Carson Bredemeier worked out of a jam in the first frame. After getting the first two batters he faced out, he surrendered a single and two base on balls before enticing the next batter to groundout to end the threat.

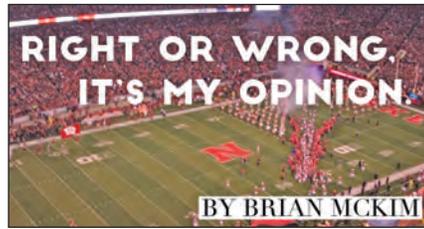
Kade Bredemeier led off the season with a base hit, taking the first pitch he saw to left field. A one-out walk by Kyle Black put runners on the corners. Tyler Witt then came to the plate, driving in the game's first run with a fielder's choice to third base. Black then came in to score to make it 2-0 after the opening inning.

Nebraska City's big inning came in the top of the second. The visitors scored three runs on an error, two singles, a sac bunt, and a double to take the lead, 3-2.

The Blue Storm began the second inning with leadoff batter, Del Casteel, drawing a walk, but a double play quickly ended the FC threat.

In the third inning, Nebraska

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After weeks and weeks of negotiations and steps taken to keep athletes safe, the continuation of basketball and hockey, the start of baseball and football, and golf seem further away than ever.

Just this past week, Covid-19 cases are beginning to overrun the athletic systems across the country. Clemson University reported 28 athletes testing positive for the virus last week, and 23 of them were football players. The Texas Longhorns has 13 players test positive. Kansas State shut down football workouts for two weeks after 14 student-athletes tested positive. At LSU, one-fourth of the football team, at least 30, have been quarantined for either testing positive or for having been in contact with someone who has. In the NFL, the San Francisco 49ers have had at least one positive test. Five players and three staff members from the Phillies baseball team have it, Nick Watney from the PGA has it, Auston Matthews from the Maple Leafs in the NHL has it, and two players from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and a team assistant has tested positive. Players at UCLA have signed a document asking the University to provide a "third-party health official" to protect them. The report states that the players do not trust UCLA in regards to protecting their health. Money is driving these sports to put their athletes at risk; that's all plain and simple.

This is just the beginning. Athletes have only recently been allowed to be near each other, and in weeks ahead, these numbers will continue to rise. What happens when the college or NFL seasons begin, and 35 Husker players are out for two weeks, or 15 Chiefs players are isolated? How can teams compete if you are missing your top units? With only 55 players on the active NFL roster, it wouldn't take long to decimate an entire organization.

I'm not sure how you go about playing any sports in the fall, but I especially have no idea how fans will be allowed into stadiums or arenas to cheer on your favorite teams. I really can't see how Universities will put into place or enforce guidelines. Good luck getting people to follow the rules.

I feel that if Lebron James, Patrick Mahomes, Tiger Woods, or Bryce Harper come down with Covid-19, maybe owners, commissioners, and athletic directors will listen.

Let's stay with college football just for a moment. How many chances does Oklahoma State football coach Mike Gundy get? (Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy apologized for the "pain and discomfort" he caused his players and others due to a T-shirt he was photographed wearing. The apology came after running back Chuba Hubbard took to social media to call out Gundy for wearing a T-shirt from OAN (One America News). He has come under fire multiple times in his career for remarks that should not and cannot be tolerated. His "Good Ole Boy" attitude doesn't fly anymore. It's time for the administration at Okie St. to stand up and do the right thing. Sooner or later, Gundy's actions are going to damage the University, not just the athletic department. He can't continue to plea ignorance time and time again.

I had a phone call last week from former Peru St. football coach Jerry Joy. Joy had a story relating to "Hoot" Gibson article that ran last week. Gibson told a story at his Hall of Fame induction ceremony for Peru St. According to Joy, "Hoot" talked about playing against Hastings College. Hastings had future Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne on the team. He said he knew how proud of Osborne they all were, but he put one over on him in a game. Gibson had his jaw broken by T.O. Not really the feel-good story everyone expected but a solid anecdote none the less. Joy himself was a Peru St. Hall of Fame inductee, having coached the Bobcats for eight seasons beginning in 1975. Joy went 40-36-2 and took the 1979 team to the postseason for the first time in 25 years.

Gibson's legacy was kept alive and perhaps embellished a bit in Jim Sefried's barbershop over the years. I remember his name being discussed quite often by the "usual suspects" while I patiently waited for a trim when I was young.

I also received an email from Norma Thompson at the Richardson County Museum. In regards to the story on Gil Dodds, she informed me that the museum has the 1928 belt and buckle that Olympic runner Lloyd Hahn wore on display. I encourage readers to check that out when the museum opens back up.

I've received a lot of correspondence in recent weeks wanting to discuss some of the older stories and athletes that I've written. I want to thank you for reaching out, and I hope to continue to keep the dialogue. Many of these athletes and teams have been forgotten, and their stories deserved to be (re) told.

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In 2020 I was looking forward to so many things. Getting to travel and take a vacation was one of the things I was most looking forward to. My son Alex is only this age once, and I feel like we are just a day away from him, wiping his hands clean of his awful, embarrassing parents. He seems to enjoy still spending an hour here and there with us, but I know that won't last forever.

This year we saved and saved so we could travel to New York City. I was lucky enough to visit Manhattan last year, and I fell in love with it.

I have a friend in Philadelphia and one in New Jersey. The three of us all decided to get together last year and make a girl's trip to the city. My friend Kate often takes trips to New York City to sell her art in the park or go shopping.

Kate was our guide as we took the train from New Jersey into Manhattan.

I can close my eyes and feel the butterflies I felt from being so excited that morning. The three of us, who all met through attending the TCM Film Festival, of course, discussed movies most of the two-hour ride.

The windows on the train were hazy and dirty, and it was a bit foggy that morning. My first glimpse of the city was going to be when I stepped onto the sidewalk from the underbelly of Penn Station. I emerged with butterflies and took a look around at the people and buildings that surrounded me.

It was everything I had hoped for and more. The three of us took off toward the New York Public Library. Kate wanted to let me have a glimpse of where *Ghostbusters* was filmed. We went to Rockefeller Center, where we explored outside before taking the elevator 70 stories up to the observation deck.

Of all of the cool things I've done in my life, spending two hours on top of the Rock was at the top of the list. Nicole and Kate had both been there before, so this was all new for me. I couldn't stop staring at the buildings below us and One World Trade in the distance.

There is such a romantic feeling being in a place that beautiful. The sun was out, and the temperature was above 95 degrees, so we went out in search of a drink.

My beautiful friends, Lord, love them, but they are both vegans. No street hot dogs for me. We went to a cute little restaurant where I ordered a BLT. I didn't pay close enough attention and realized that the B in the BLT was mushrooms after my first bite into my sandwich. I wanted to be polite to my friends and powered through half of it before I just couldn't take it any longer.

For a while after lunch, we walked, saw Times Square, and hit a street fair where we bought sunglasses and fans.

One thing I wanted to do on this trip was to spend some time in the park. It could be Bryant, Washington Square, or Central Park. It didn't matter. I just wanted to get lost in the people of the city and watch it all go down around me.

One of my favorites, Kate, steered us to Washington Square Park, where *Barefoot In The Park* was filmed.

We grabbed a couple of drinks, tossed a blanket on the ground, and spent the next nine hours there. We talked, we watched the street performers play lovely violin music and blow bubbles. We took a nap, and we snacked.

Those hours looking up into the New York sky with the Empire State Building to my left and the Freedom tower to my right were some of the best of my life.

I was hot, my head was pounding, and we were downwind from the bathrooms, but knowing that I was in the middle of the city with nowhere to be that day, as Deborah Kerr said, "the closest thing to heaven in this city." She was speaking about the Empire State Building in that quote, but I think it is pretty good on a blanket in Washington Square Park.

When Kate and Nicole were chatting, I snuck off to get a hot dog from a vendor. I had been dreaming about a NYC hot dog for as long as I could remember. I stood in line and was chowing down before I could step away.

It was the worst hot dog I've ever had. I was now zero for two on eating in the most magnificent city in the world.

As the sun set, we walked to Katz's Deli to eat. The wait was so long we wandered down the street to another vegan place. I gave up; I wasn't going to eat well on this trip.

On our way back to Penn Station, we stopped for some ice cream. I had an Ube (Purple yam puree) ice cream cone. It was fantastic! Finally, I was able to get one odd yet delicious thing in the city I had dreamt about for years.

My head felt like it was going to explode from the humidity that day, but it was one of my favorite days on God's green earth.

As the train pulled out of Manhattan, I knew I would be back so I could share this feeling with Brian and Alex.

Now I have to wait another year until they feel that same excitement and content of the city.

OBITUARIES

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Paul Sells

Paul Sells, 73, of Falls City, passed away June 18, 2020 at Falls City. He was born November 26, 1946 in Falls City to Clifford and Ruth (Majerus) Sells.

He married Sharon Huppert April 25, 1968 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

He was called to active duty on May 13, of 1968 and he was honorably discharged from active duty on August 20, 1969 and served with the Kansas National Guard the remainder of his obligation.

Paul was raised in Brown County Kansas and graduated Reserve High School in 1964. Following graduation he enlisted in the Kansas National Guard. His unit was activated to active duty in March of 1968 and returned in 1969. Following his service he farmed with his father, then worked at the Rulo COOP and then took employment with the City of Falls City as a heavy equipment operator, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Falls City Honor Guard and American Legion Post 102.

Paul is survived by his wife, Sharon of Falls City, daughters, Kelli Maas and her husband Don of Omaha, NE, Kerri Egner and her husband Rick of Lincoln, NE, son, Anthony and his wife Tracey of Lincoln, brother, Jack and his wife Frances of Rulo, sisters, Shirley Gormley and her husband Joe of Hiawatha, KS, Margaret Sutherland and her husband Archie of Troy, KS, grandchildren, Ethan Maas, Connor and Sydney Sells.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-laws, Edward, Jr. and Delmond Huppert.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Lawrence Stoley officiating. Interment was in Falls City Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Sunday at 5:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Local enforcement of COVID-19 Health Regulations proposed

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the dealership owns at 1224 Stone Street for automotive repair and storage and the Council voted 7-0 to grant the requested permit.

City Administrator Gary Jern reported there were some issues with the operation of the Splash Pad located in Dallas Jones Park. Councilman Mitch Merz, one of the organizers of the fund drive for the Pad, said he would be contacting the firm installing the water feature and seek repairs under the warranty provided at the time of installation.

Rick Kearney

Rick Kearney, 66, of Falls City, passed away June 14, 2020 in Falls City. He was born October 27, 1953 in Nebraska City, NE to Harold and Margaret (Crawford) Kearney.

He married Teresa Marx on June 27, 1981 in Falls City. They divorced in 1990.

Rick was raised in Nehawka, NE and graduated Falls City High School in 1973. Following graduation he worked for Bob Frederick farming. He then took employment with Scheitel Feed and Seed and worked over 30 years there until working at Salem Grain. He retired in 2016. He enjoyed taking care of his grandchildren. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Rick is survived by his children, Stephanie Kearney and Jeremy Kearney and his wife Taylor both of Falls City, brother, Harley of Sioux City, IA, sisters, Cherie Talbot and her husband Brent of Leyton, UT, Linda Ried and her husband Roy of Omaha, NE, Peggy Hobscheidt and her husband Don of Syracuse, NE and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Mass was held Friday, June 19, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Lawrence Stoley as the presiding priest. Inurnment was in Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Thursday, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Falls City Library and Arts Center now open

After three months of keeping the building closed to the public, the library will open on Tuesday, June 23, with restrictions and shorter hours.

If you feel uncomfortable coming inside, the drive-up window is still available.

Please be patient with the Library staff and work together in keeping the community safe.

Starting Tuesday, June 23 the lobby will be open from 10 AM-3 PM.

The drive-thru window will remain open from 8 AM-5 PM, Monday-Friday.

Staff members will be wearing masks. Masks are strongly recommended while visiting the library but are not required.

The computer lab will remain closed. No public restrooms will be available to the public at this time. Keep the visit as brief as possible - no hanging out. There will be no meetings or programs.

All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please follow the CDC guidelines- social distancing, stay home if you're sick, wash your hands, etc. The Library encourage patrons to use the dropboxes for their returns. Returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours and then sanitized.

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Seniors drop first game of summer

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City got an insurance run. With two outs, a single, a double, and an error cost FC another run to make the score 4-2.

Trailing by two entering the third inning, Black singled to right field to start things off. A walk by Witt and a passed ball put the Blue Storm runners at second and third with just one out. A sac bunt by Stephen Acton brought Black in from third to get FC within one run at 4-3. Walks by Casteel and James Eickhoff loaded the bases with two outs, however, a strikeout by Caden Simon ended the inning with FC still down by one.

Pitcher James Eickhoff got a one, two, three inning in the fourth, and Falls City had one last chance. Again, it was Kade Bredemeier leading off the inning with a single. Things were looking up for FC, but three consecutive groundouts had stranded the tying run at third base and ended the game.

Falls City was out hit 6-3 and committed two errors while the visitors had none.

Kade Bredemeier began the season on fire, going 2-2 with a walk. Kyle Black had a solid game as well, going 1-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Tyler Witt and Stephen Acton each had an RBI, and K. Bredemeier and Simon each had two stolen bases.

Carson Bredemeier began the game on the mound for Falls City, throwing three innings, allowing six hits and four runs, none of them earned. Bredemeier was hung with the loss. James Eickhoff came on in relief and threw one scoreless inning, allowing no hits and no runs. Blue Storm pitchers threw well, giving up just two walks and no earned runs in the loss. Brayden Betts of Nebraska City picked up the win, tossing three innings, allowing two hits and three runs.

The Seniors will return on June 30, for a home contest against Dorniphan County at 8:00 p.m.

SE region a in Nebraska has been awarded Federal funds

Southeast Region A, including Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties, has been chosen to receive EFSP CARES funding in the amount of \$15,160 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; and, United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of representatives from the Salvation Army; Ministerial Associations; Government Agency; Southeast Nebraska Community Action, Inc; United Way; Food Pantries; and American Red Cross; and, Homeless Service Providers will determine how the funds awarded to Southeast Region A are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice non-discrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Southeast Region A distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds in the previous phase with Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc., Hands Helping Hands and the Nebraska City Ministerial participating. These agencies were responsible for providing rent and utility assistance to 70 households and numerous food pantries under the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Pam Armknecht, Local Board Chair, at 402-862-2411 Ext. 108 for an application. The deadline for application is June 26, 2020.

FSA expands set-aside loan provision for those impacted by COVID-19

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will broaden the use of the Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) loan provision, normally used in the wake of natural disasters, to allow farmers with USDA farm loans who are affected by COVID-19, and are determined eligible, to have their next payment set aside. In some cases, FSA may also set aside a second payment for farmers who have already had one payment set aside because of a prior designated disaster.

"This immediate change of the Set-Aside provision can provide some welcome financial relief to borrowers during this current crisis," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "FSA recognizes that some customers may need this option to improve their cash flow circumstances in response to the COVID-19 outbreak."

FSA direct loan borrowers will receive a letter with the details of the expanded Disaster Set-Aside authorities, which includes the possible set-aside of annual operating loans, as well as explanations of the additional loan servicing options that are available. To discuss or request a loan payment Set-Aside, borrowers should call or email the farm loan staff at their local FSA county office.

The set-aside payment's due date is moved to the final maturity date of the loan or extended up to twelve months in the case of an annual operating loan. Any principal set-aside will continue to accrue interest until it is repaid. This aims to improve the borrower's cashflow in the current production cycle.

FSA previously announced it was relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need. Direct loan applicants and borrowers are encouraged to contact their local FSA county office to discuss loan making and servicing flexibilities and other needs or concerns. Customers participating in FSA's guaranteed loan programs are encouraged to contact their lender. Information on these flexibilities, and office contact information, can be found on farmers.gov/coronavirus.

FSA will be accepting most forms and applications by facsimile or electronic signature. Some services are also available online to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal where producers can view USDA farm loan information and certain program applications and payments. Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

USDA issues first Coronavirus food assistance program payments

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has already approved more than \$545 million in payments to producers who have applied for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. FSA began taking applications May 26, and the agency has received over 86,000 applications for this important relief program.

"The coronavirus has hurt America's farmers, ranchers, and producers, and these payments directed by President Trump will help this critical industry weather the current pandemic so they can continue to plant and harvest a safe, nutritious, and affordable crop for the American people," said Secretary Perdue. "We have tools and resources available to help producers understand the program and enable them to work with Farm Service Agency staff to complete applications as smoothly and efficiently as possible and get payments into the pockets of our patriotic farmers."

In the first six days of the application period, FSA has already made payments to more than 35,000 producers. Out of the gate, the top five states for CFAP payments are Illinois, Kansas, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and South Dakota. USDA has released data on application progress and program payments and will release further updates each Monday at 2:00pm ET. The report can be viewed at farmers.gov/cfap.

FSA will accept applications through August 28, 2020. Through CFAP, USDA is making available \$16 billion in financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

In order to do this, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date nationwide, as funds remain available.

New customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

Producers can download the CFAP application and other eligibility forms from farmers.gov/cfap. Also, on that webpage, producers can find a payment calculator to help producers identify sales and inventory records needed to apply and calculate potential payments. Producers self-certify their records when applying for CFAP and that documentation is not submitted with the application. However, producers may be asked for their documentation to support the certification of eligible commodities, so producers should retain the information used to complete their application.

Those who use the online calculator tool will be able to print a pre-filled CFAP application, sign it, and submit it to your local FSA office either electronically or via hand delivery through an office drop box. Please contact your local office to determine the preferred delivery method for your local office. Team members at FSA county offices will be able to answer detailed questions and help producers apply quickly and efficiently through phone and online tools. Find contact information for your local office at farmers.gov/cfap.

FSA has been working with stakeholder groups to provide further clarification to producers on the CFAP program. For example, the agency has published a matrix of common marketing contracts that impact eligibility for non-specialty crops and has provided a table that crosswalks common livestock terms to CFAP cattle categories. Updated information can be found in the frequently asked questions section of the CFAP website.

To find the latest information on CFAP, visit farmers.gov/CFAP or call 877-508-8364.

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Five not so obvious household essentials for your time at home

(StatePoint) Extended time at home is making many families more aware of what products they simply can't do without. While you may have predicted that some of these essentials would be -- ahem, toilet paper -- other, not-so-obvious items are helping to make quarantines more comfortable nationwide.

To get a handle on what has come in most handy during this stay-at-home period, Zevo recently conducted a national survey, and here are some of the items topping people's lists:

Home Exercise Equipment. Those with gym memberships or a love of the outdoors may never have assumed there would come a day when they would need a home stationary bike or treadmill. But such equipment is for many people the best way to work out these days, and those who lack the space for a piece of heavy machinery are turning to resistance bands, yoga mats and other smaller items that can be tucked away between uses.

Bug Killer Spray: The last thing people want during quarantine is to share their home with pests. Unfortunately, due to a warm winter and wet spring, the forecast for ants, roaches, mosquitoes and more predicts a very buggy 2020. With so much additional time spent around the house, selecting products without harsh chemicals and odors makes a lot of sense. Zevo Instant Action Sprays with Bio-Selective Technology use essential oils to attack nervous system receptors vital to insects -- not people or pets. With a light scent of lemongrass and no harsh chemical odors, it's a powerful bug solution you can feel good about using around the home.

Multipurpose Tools: Many people are finding that certain basics can be used in more than one way, making them ideal to have around the house. Baking soda for example, has many potential uses, including kitchen cleaner, odor eliminator, itch remedy, vegetable wash, and even as an ingredient for homemade dog toothpaste, to name a few. Likewise, you might find that pair of scissors a go-to household item right about now, whether you are home-schooling, crafting or giving yourself a haircut.

Streaming Video: At a time when people must remain at home, they are relying more than ever on video streaming services like Netflix and Hulu to keep them entertained night after night.

Fun and Games: Screen time may be on the rise, but as it turns out, so is good-old-fashioned family fun, with many households naming puzzles and games as must-have items. Whether it's solving a complicated 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle or organizing a family checkers tournament, having a well-stocked game room or den is a great idea right now.

While everyone's situation looks a bit different and every household operates in its own unique way, there are certain items with widespread potential to create happier, healthier, more comfortable spaces.

Camping in your backyard? I'm off... ...to find a flashlight and comic books.

Kids color stuff in!

Let's Camp

Are you thinking about camping this summer? Many families will go to their local campgrounds and parks. Some campgrounds are in the woods like the famous Smoky Mountains and some are on flatter parcels of land oceanside. Lots of families will build a "tent" to camp in their own home or will pull up a tent in their backyard at some point this year. Whatever you choose, have fun!

GGGhoooo! fizzle fizzle

...and so the ghosts of the trees climbed...

Camping Fun In Your Yard

Fill in the crossword with things to bring or do for camping in your own backyard.

- a comfy sleeping _____
- keep from itching with this _____
- helps you see in the dark _____
- keeps soup warm for later _____
- playing _____ for fun!
- scary ghost _____ at night
- set up a _____ for shelter

bug spray, flashlight, We light up the night! I do too!, Hey, Elton! Want to trade some comic books?, Eek! Do I hear a bear?

Camping Fun Inside Your Home

Fill in the puzzle with fun things to do or bring when camping indoors!

- comfy item to rest head on _____
- build a _____ fort
- perfect drink for a hot summer night _____
- _____ to watch when it gets dark
- stare _____ books
- healthy, fun treat _____
- your favorite _____ game to play with your friends

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What's more fun than camping out and reading comic books by flashlight? Visit our web site for a FREE "Let's Camp" puzzle set! While you're there, get a FREE copy (for the first 100 readers) of the "Chip n' Fish" comic book by award-winning artist Matt Ryan. It all begins at readingclubfun.com.

Camping Stuff

Look around your room to find the things you need to pack for your camping trip to a park or campground. Find and circle these items that may be on your list:

underclothes	socks
laundry bag	shirts
sunscreen	soap
envelopes	hat
toothbrush	shorts
toothpaste	books
hiking shoes	comb
small games	whistle
hairbrush	jeans
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE CDBG-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REUSE LOAN FINANCING IN FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Hall Chamber, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355 Council Chambers, the Falls City, City Council will hold a Public Hearing concerning the use of \$13,500 of Community Development Block Grant - Economic Development Program Income Reuse Loan Fund (CDBG-EDLF) under the approved Economic Development Plan and to discontinue the EDLF as an amendment to the existing Economic Development Plan.

Falls City Foods, LLC ("Business") is requesting \$10,500 as a "Reuse Loan" to be used for the purchase of equipment for the business located in Richardson County at 404 Pacific Street, Falls City, NE 68355. All of the CDBG-EDLF "Reuse Loan" funds will be used for activities that will meet the CDBG national objective of benefiting low-to-moderate income persons. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities and costs also include \$3,000 for general administration. \$10,500 of funds from the City of Falls City's CDBG Economic Development Reuse Fund will be conditionally loaned to the business and will be forgiven upon satisfaction of the national objective.

For the City of Falls City CDBG EDLF "Reuse Loan" the business will be required to create 0.30 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs, primarily benefiting low-to-moderate income persons, as a result of this performance based financing. The CDBG EDLF funds and activities are unlikely to result in the residential displacement of people, and should such displacement occur it will be minimized and resolved pursuant to the City of Falls City's anti-displacement and relocation plans.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant - Economic Development Loan Fund (CDBG-EDLF) funds. Documentation concerning the project proposal for consideration and recommendation from the Falls City CDBG EDLF Application Review Committee will be available for review during regular working hours at the Falls City Clerk's office. Written and oral testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the City Clerk, City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355 and will also be accepted by mail if postmarked on or before Friday, July 3, 2020.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations, including interpreter services, braille, large print or recorded materials, please contact: Gary Jora City Clerk-Treasurer, City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355, (402) 245-2851, no later than 12:00 noon, on Friday, July 3, 2020. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that one business days' notice is received by the City of Falls City.

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF OLAF LEE RILEY, Deceased Estate No. PR20-32

Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Vincent Paul Riley of 316 Nemaha St, Humboldt, NE 68376 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 17, 2020, or be forever barred.

Curtis L. Maschman County Judge Address of County Court: County Court of Richardson County 1700 Stone, Rm. 205 Falls City, NE 68355

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale In Richardson County, Nebraska EXECUTION ORDER

OWNER OF RECORD Matthew Oetjen and Amanda Oetjen 1615 Abbott Street, Falls City, NE 68355

PROPERTY LEVIED UPON AND TO BE SOLD TO SATISFY EXECUTION:

Parcel #: 740072188 MAP #: 4439-00-0-10105-076-0003 CAD #: 004-021-006 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: FALLS CITY HUTCHINGS & MAULST BLK 76 LOTS 5 & 6 (2L) Situs Address: 0615 Abbott Street

Pursuant to a Richardson County District Court Execution Order CI 19-169 and having levied upon the above the above described parcel with improvements will be sold at a public Sheriff's Sale on July 17, 2020 at 10:00a.m. on behalf of the City of Falls City, a Municipal Corporation, to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the first floor of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska to satisfy the ORDER of Execution.

Said sale shall be subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record, liens, and (6) ground leases of record.

The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of property. Full payment must be made with cash or check on date of sale.

BY: Richard L. Hardsy, Jr. #919 Sheriff, Richardson County 17-24-1-8

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF MILDRED ELAINE GOSSMAN, DECEASED PR20-33

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of June, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Bryan L. Gossmann, whose address is 64420 720 Road, Stella, Nebraska 68442, and Kevin L. Gossmann, whose address is 507 N. Vine Street, Stella, Nebraska 68442, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 24, 2020 or be forever barred.

Curtis Maschman County Judge Neal E. Parsons, #13228 Attorney at Law 217 East 18th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355 402-245-3088 24-1-8

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF CHARLES W. RIDER, DECEASED PR20-34

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of June, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the will of said Decedent and that Glenn J. Rider, whose address is 1009 E. 14th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 24, 2020 or be forever barred.

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF SANDRA L. SLAMA, Deceased Estate No. PR20-30

Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Jeremy D. Bitner of 71215 638 Ave, Dawson, NE 68337 and Jessica F. Holliday of 71215 Ridge Dawson, NE 68337 were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 17, 2020, or be forever barred.

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF ARDIS M KING, Deceased Estate No. PR20-31

Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Alan D. King of PO Box 546, Humboldt, NE 68376 and Sondra L. Helms of 2706 T St, Auburn, NE 68302 were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Celco Cellular and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to construct a 315-foot self-support communications tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The site location is 715 Road & 648 Avenue, Verdon, Richardson County, Nebraska 68457, 40-11-2291 N, 95-40-1937 W. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A168940.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/etfs/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Terracon Consultants, Inc., Matthew Herbeck, 15900 A Circle, Omaha, NE 68144, 402-330-2202, matthew.herbeck@terracon.com. 24

County Commissioners

Public Meeting Notice

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 30th day of June, 2020, Room 202 of the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. The agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk in the Richardson County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Room 203, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk

Board of Equalization

Public Meeting Notice

The Richardson County Board of Equalization will meet for at 1:00 p.m. on the 30th day of June, 2020, Room 202 of the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. The agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Richardson County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Room 203, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

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County Commissioners

Public Meeting Notice

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet for a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the 26th day of June, 2020, Room 202 of the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. The agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Richardson County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Room 203, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

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Village of Dawson

Village of Dawson Open Meeting Minutes June 9, 2020

These minutes are unapproved. Any error(s) will be corrected at the next regular meeting.

The agenda for this meeting was posted at the Village Hall, Fire Department and Koch Auto. Roll was called with Gal Kephart, Bill Koch, Robert Richardson, and Larry Koch responding. With a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chairperson Bill Koch. Attending the meeting were Bill Koch, Gal Kephart, Larry Koch, Robert Richardson, and Jan Richardson.

Minutes of the May Open Meeting were accepted and approved with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Gal Kephart. Claims were presented to the Board and approved for payment with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Larry Koch. The Board affirmed. Tree trimming and ditch upkeep was discussed.

Under new business, two bids were received to complete the ditch work. The Board voted to accept the bid from Lukas Fritz for \$5,000 to complete the ditches and replace some tubes with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Larry Koch. The Board affirmed. Tree trimming and ditch upkeep was discussed.

Under new business, the Board vacancy was tabled until next month. Mosquito fogging was discussed. Falls City WPTF will do the fogging this year. The Clerk updated the Board on clerical and financial. Spring Clean-Up was a total of 49 items removed by Falls City sanitation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Robert Richardson.

CLAIMS: Dana Cole, \$140; Fax/Internet/Phone, \$50; Falls City sanitation, \$1010.28; Farm and City Supply, \$48.98; Village Equipment Account, \$500; Stephen Wendlandt, \$360; Penny Cash, \$317.71; Jan Richardson, \$587.65; Kacie White, \$75; Koch Auto, \$611.34; Midwest Labs, \$254; NE Public Health Lab, \$15; PFD/USHS, \$100; PowerService, \$1620.42; TOTAL CLAIMS: \$7,388.54.

Jan Richardson, Clerk

District #70

Board of Education Special Meeting Friday, June 12, 2020 8:00 AM Zoom due to COVID-19

Attendance Taken at 8:00 AM. Mike Bedene: Present. Roch Herr: Present. Neal Kanel: Present. Scott Ogle: Present. Tim Schardt: Present. Sandy Stalder: Present. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER. ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA. Motion to approve agenda presented by a motion by Sandy Stalder and a second by Tim Schardt. Yes: 6, Nay: 0

3. ACTION ITEMS 3.1. Approve revised 2020-2021 school calendar (due to COVID-19). Passage with a motion by Roch Herr and a second by Sandy Stalder. Yes: 6, Nay: 0

4. DEDICATED Meeting declared adjourned at 8:02 am by Neal Kanel. Respectfully submitted, Kellie Workman

District #70

HTRS Special Meeting Notice

On July 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., a meeting conducted by HTRS School District will take place at 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE in the Board Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents who have parentally placed their child in an approved and/or accredited non-public school or exempt home school and representatives of non-public schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend an approved and/or accredited non-public school and exempt home schools which are within the HTRS district for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents of a home-schooled child or a child attending a non-public school who has been or may be identified with a disability and attend an approved and/or accredited non-public school within the boundaries of HTRS School District are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Sheri Edmondson, Superintendent, at 402-862-2151.

Valuation Protest Deadline on or before June 30, 2020

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division, reminds property owners that valuation protests must be filed on or before June 30, 2020.

If there was an increase or decrease from the 2019 assessed valuation of a real property parcel to the 2020 assessed value, the county assessor was required to send a notice of valuation change to the property owner

on or before June 1, 2020. If a change of valuation notice was not received, and there was a change in value from 2019 to 2020, contact the local county assessor for more information.

If a property owner disagrees with the assessed value, whether or not a notice of valuation change has been received, a protest may be filed with the county board of equalization. The valuation protest may be filed in person or by mail with the county clerk in the county where the property is located. Requirements for filing a protest can be found on the Notice of Valuation Change, or contact the county clerk where the property is located.

If the protest filing deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the filing deadline is the next business day. If a protest is sent to the county board of equalization through the U.S. mail, the protest is considered filed on the date of the postmark. If a protest is sent through the U.S. mail using either registered or certified mail, the date of registration or certification will be considered the postmark date.

For more information regarding filing a protest, please contact the county clerk where the property is located. County contact information is available at revenue.nebraska.gov/PAD/county-assessors-and-parcel-search.

For further information, see the Real Property Valuation Protest Information Guide and Property Valuation Protest Forms 422 or 422A.

Third case of rare childhood syndrome potentially associated with COVID-19 reported to DHHS

A third confirmed case of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) was reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The child from Douglas County was recently hospitalized and later released - https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/latest-news. MIS-C is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs.

Two cases of MIS-C were reported earlier in June - one in Dawson County and one in Douglas County. Both children were hospitalized and later released.

Experts don't know exactly what causes this syndrome, but they do know that many children diagnosed with it had COVID-19 or had been around someone with COVID-19. The syndrome appears to be an uncommon manifestation potentially tied to COVID-19. It can be very serious, but most children diagnosed with the condition have gotten better with medical care.

DHHS shared information on recognizing, managing and reporting potential cases of MIS-C with health care providers and local health departments across the state in a May 18 Health Alert Network advisory.

There is still a lot to learn about MIS-C and more study is needed. State and local health departments nationwide are working with federal partners to investigate cases and possible causes.

- Fast facts about Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children:
• MIS-C is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs.
• Experts are working to determine the exact cause of MIS-C.
• Many children with MIS-C had the virus that causes COVID-19 or had been around someone with COVID-19.
• Symptoms of MIS-C include fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, feeling extra tired.
• If parents see potential symptoms of MIS-C in their child, they should contact their health care provider immediately.
• MIS-C can be serious and there have been deaths associated with the syndrome, but most children diagnosed with MIS-C have gotten better with medical care according to the CDC.
• Based on what is known about MIS-C, the best way to protect your child is by taking everyday actions to prevent your child and other household members from getting COVID-19 - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children/protect-children.html
• Parents or caregivers who have concerns about their child's health, including concerns about COVID-19 or MIS-C, should call a pediatrician or other healthcare provider right away.
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FALLS CITY HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS 2020 GRADUATION CEREMONY AMONG PANDEMIC

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-ognition, and it doesn't happen. However, we shouldn't let that define us. We should still continue to strive for our goals, and eventually, we will be noticed.

The second one is fairly personal to me. My great grandpa used to say, 'It takes all kinds to make the world go 'round.' In Star Wars, this is very much the case. There are all sorts of different alien species. They all work different kinds of jobs, like bounty hunters, Jedis, and smugglers. All of these people and professions are necessary. It's the same in our world. We all have different likes and dislikes and will all go on to do different things in our lives. All of us are important in making the world go 'round.

When 2020 hit, and we already had so many things wrong right at the very beginning, a lot of people were probably saying, "I have a bad feeling about this." In Star Wars, this phrase is said in almost every movie,

but somehow, the good guys always win, except maybe when Anakin turns to the dark side in episode three and possibly episode five but that's beside the point.

Right now, is a very confusing time, but we will persevere. Our class will always be remembered because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. However, let's be remembered for more, let's be remembered for our hard work, integrity, and determination.

With these things in mind, let's approach our future with a new hope."

Superintendent Tim Heckenlively welcomed everyone on such a "perfect day."

"Members of the class of 2020, of course we're disappointed you didn't get to experience your last two months of high school and graduate on time. However, someday you'll look back at your senior year and think, "I graduated at the strangest time ever." And even though graduation is different for you today here in Falls City,

your achievement is still the same. You've put in the same hard work. You've learned and grown through this. And I'm proud of your resilience during these trying times of your senior year," said Heckenlively.

Kade Bredemeier addressed the crowd and shared a story about receiving an injury in Junior High and how his class and the school rallied behind him.

"Solutions came to me quickly as my friends would carry my books to my classes, teachers would let me out of class early to arrive on time to my next class, and students helped me move through the hallways safely. This just shows that the students of the class of 2020 are always there for each other through the good times and the bad times in life," said Bredemeier. "As the class of 2020 makes its way out into the world, I am reminded of one of my favorite quotes. Madeline Bridges, a famous author, once said, 'Give to the world the best that you have, and the best will come back to you.' We need to give our best to college, so knowledge and graduation will be the results. We need to give our best to our careers, so we can truly make a difference in the world. We need to give our best to life, so we can find our own happiness and success.

"You were born into this world after 9/11 we came into this life during a National crisis we're now graduating from high school during a world crisis," said Bredemeier. As Pastor Dr. Robert Schuller said, 'Tough times never last, but tough

people do.' The tough times we have seen in our lives have made us tough people. We will be able to overcome any obstacles that come our way.

Congratulations on being great students and even better people."

Alexis Sutton shared memories of the class from preschool through high school, but she said, "Most memories are made for the last four years, and we will remember them for many years to come. Senior year the year, we were most looking forward to since elementary school. It was time for the first of many lasts. Our last first day of school, our last homecoming, our last time sitting in the stands as students, our last musicals, our last prom; well, you know the rest. But our lasts got short due to COVID and that is when everything changed.

"Our last day of school was March 17. The day we turned in our books, the moment we received our caps and gowns was when I realized this was real. We are graduating and we made it through high school. May 16 was the day we were supposed to graduate, but instead, we sat on both sides of Harlan while people cruised and congratulated us, and that's when I knew that our class would never be forgotten," said Sutton. "It's now June 20 and the day has finally come today we graduate we get to switch our tassel, we get our diplomas and we get to share these final moments with each other."

Before presenting the Class of 2020 and giving them their diplomas, Principal Gale Dunkhas addressed the class and crowd.

"It's a special day for these 55 students to be receiving their diplomas. It's fantastic for us to see most of you here today together, even though you're six feet apart. You've been a talented and hard-working group and I want to recognize the class for securing over \$2.2 million in offered scholarship money," said Dunkhas.

"More than any year, this class has had to support each other

some of the uncertainty you face today. I'm sure this experience has taught us all something that will help us in the future.

Today's message will be short but heartfelt. Thank you class of 2020. This year did not turn out the way anyone could have planned. Our digital learning environment required you to be innovative and resourceful, you were more individually responsible for your learning and work completion than any students to graduate from Falls City HS and as the fourth quarter face to face opportunities to learn slipped away due to the pandemic your resiliency and grit were put on display. The exact qualities I just mentioned are the qualities FCPS strives to instill in all students. Great job students, teachers, and parents. I look forward to seeing what these young people's futures hold," said Dunkhas.

"Last year I modeled some bravery and sang a short verse for the graduates from the Carol Burnett Show. This year I will just read a couple verses from a favorite song of mine that is applicable today. It is not possible for me to represent Rasca Flatts with my singing ability.

I hope the days come easy and the moments pass slow, And each road leads you where you wanna go, And if you're faced with a choice, and you have to choose, I hope you choose the one that means the most to you. And if one door opens to another door closed, I hope you keep on walkin' till you find the window, If it's cold outside, show the world the warmth of your smile.

But more than anything, My wish, for you, is that this life becomes all that you want it to, Your dreams stay big, your worries stay small, You never need to carry more than you can hold, And while you're out there getting and hard-working group and I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same things too, Yeah, this, is my wish."

Dunkhas finished the ceremony congratulating the class of 2020.



Tutti Baker

In recognition of 20 years of service as a bus driver and past paraprofessional with FCPS, thank you for your dedication in keeping our children safe on the road and all you have done to serve the students of FCPS. We wish Mrs. Baker well as she and her husband, Rob, relocate to Florida to be near family and enjoy the warmer winters.

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