

## LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER BONDS TO BE REFINANCED - COUNTY SURVEYOR TO REMAIN AN ELECTIVE OFFICE

By: *Charlie Radatz*

The annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. During that meeting, Andrew Forney, Vice-President of D.A. Davidson & Co. reviewed with the Board the benefits to the County for the refinancing of the Limited Tax Obligation and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (Law Enforcement Center). Following discussion, a motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-36, calling the series 2015 bonds for redemption. The motion was seconded by Frank and approved by a unanimous vote. Commissioners then voted to adopt by a 3-0 vote Resolution 2019-2020-37 to authorize the refunding of limited tax obligation bonds series 2015.

Chairman Sickel declared a public hearing open at 11:04 a.m. to receive comments from the public regarding the continued election of the county surveyor position in Richardson County pursuant to NE Revised State Statutes 32-525. No one from the public appeared at the hearing, and Chairman Sickel declared the hearing closed at 11:08 a.m.

Following a public hearing, because the County has fewer than 150,000 residents, Commissioners were permitted to maintain the County Surveyor as an elective office, consolidate the office with any other office, or put the issue on the Fall election ballot to let voters decide if the Surveyor should be elected or appointed as either a full or part-time position. Having received no public comment, Commissioners voted to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-34 in reference to keeping the County Surveyor in Richardson County as an elected position.

Two equipment purchases were approved during the portion of the meeting when Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the rou-

time maintenance being done on county roads and bridges. After reviewing the quotes that were received, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the purchase of a 2020 Western Star from Truck Center Companies with the Nebraska State bid contract #14541 (oc) REN 3 for \$120,000.00. Also approved unanimously was the purchase of a 2020 belly dump trailer from Brazos Trailer for \$31,838.00.

Two requests for the use of County road rights-of-way for utility line installations were approved. A motion was made by Frank to enter into agreements with Windstream (job #150000606-90638, #150000606-90647 and #15000060600008) for the use of county road right-of-way for a utility line on 710 Road between 630 and 631 Avenue located between Sections 19 and 30, T2, R13. The motion was seconded by Sickel and approved 3-0. A motion was made by Sickel to approve an agreement with the City of Falls City to use the county road right of way for placement of utility lines in a right-of-way for 658 Avenue south of 159 Hwy then east on 705 Road for 2 miles to 660 Avenue then south for 1/2 mile; from the 1/2 mile mark on 661 Avenue between Sections 19 and 20, T1, R18 south for approximately 1/3 mile. The motion was seconded by Frank and also approved 3-0.

Mr. Darveau also presented to the Board the study on the use of 708 Road east of 658 Avenue. A motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-35 to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 9:45 a.m. to receive public comment on whether the County should vacate or abandon 708 Road east of 658 Avenue. That motion was seconded by Frank and approved 3-0.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, reviewed with the Board plans for the replacement of the generator at the Courthouse. After review of quotes received, Commissioners chose to approve the purchase of a 150W generator with 120 hours from IAO Electric of Hiawatha, KS, for the purchase price of \$46,998.80 that included all expenses related to the installation of the generator.

Laura Osborne, grant coordinator of the Four County Juvenile Services Grant, updated the Board on the grant activity and programs that are being offered and done within Richardson County. Following her report, a motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to enter into an agreement with LMO Consulting, LLC, to provide administrative services for the Four

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March 16, 2019 photo looking east toward Missouri from the Rulo Bridge.

## 'DO YOUR JOB WE'RE DROWNING DOWN HERE'

By *Nikki McKim*

During the second session of the 106th Nebraska Legislature's ten-day session, the only time Senators can introduce bills; Senator Julie Slama introduced a bill pertaining to the U.S. Corps of Engineers and last year's severe flooding.

LR 288 is a resolution to Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requesting them to prioritize flood control on the Missouri River as a top priority for the management of water systems under their authority.

In a January 26, 2020 post to her Facebook page Slama said she was 'done sugar-coating it' and said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is systematically

failing to control the Missouri River.

Senator Slama said Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri have united in splitting costs of a study with the Corps of Engineers on how to prevent future flooding.

"This partnership should not be necessary. The Corps has had a decade to address flooding. This is not a "feel-good story" of states working together with the federal government.

Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa are being forced to use our tax dollars to pressure a federal agency to do its job. That's unacceptable. The Corps has refused to take action, even in the face of consistent failures and

flooding since 2011. That's unacceptable," said Senator Slama.

Slama said that the \$400,000 study referenced would take years to complete several more years before any action takes place.

"That's unacceptable," said Senator Slama.

"These floods are killing people, destroying livelihoods, and wrecking homes. Each flood is a hit to local economies, destroys roads, and forces an outward migration from impacted communities. There's a sense of apathy amongst those with the power to do something, so it's up to us to refuse to accept this as "the new normal," said Senator Slama.

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Emily Nussbaum and Carlos Schulenberg

## FALLS CITY CHAMBER HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

By *Nikki McKim*; photos by *Brian McKim*

The Falls City Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Banquet was held on Wednesday, January 29, at Classic Club Eight. A large crowd of members of the Chamber and the community were present for the event.

Emily Nussbaum of Nussbaum Photography was presented with The 2019 Small Business of the Year award by Chamber Director Amber Hollie. Chamber members and the public were asked to nominate someone they felt pushed the envelope and has

built a business anyone would be proud to own.

In the nomination letter, it stated that "Emily Nussbaum keeps persevering through a lot of hard blows such as flooded studio, broken heater and even a broken sewer line under her historic studio on Stone Street. She understands the importance of supporting her community by having a storefront, so she is constantly investing in her building and business, even though the expensive and extensive repairs. Emily also gives back to her community through partnerships with the schools

and children's youth activities. We are very fortunate to have a local photographer who is passionate about capturing all the special moments in our lives."

Carlos Schulenberg was presented the 2019 Frontline Employee award.

Chamber members and the public were asked to nominate someone who works extensively with the public and provides superb customer support.

In the nomination letter, it stated, "I'd like to nominate Carlos because he is a dream to work with! Carlos is always happy

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Having not watched an entire Chiefs game all season, what a better time to begin than the Super Bowl, right? Would I be good luck or possibly a jinx? Do you believe in superstitions?

Well, to begin with, I am an extremely superstitious person, especially when it comes to sports. In high school, I wore the same t-shirt under my football pads for three seasons. In track, I wore the same pair of racing shoes in meets for all four years. During the Royals World Series win in 2015, Nikki, and I "made/begged" Chelsie Alexander watch all the games at our house for good luck.

What does all this mean? Well, on Sunday night, while watching the game at my sister-in-law's house, we decided to leave at the end of the third quarter. They are Chiefs fans, and we don't follow the NFL, so we told them we were bad luck and going home. We continued to watch the game on our phones on the way home from Auburn as the Chiefs rallied from a 20-10 deficit to produce the city's first Super Bowl win in 50 years. Kansas City scored the final 21 points of the game to pull off the improbable win.

Congrats to all the Kansas City fans. I feel like at least part of the reason the Chiefs won was the fact that we left Heath and Cori's just in time. Superstition told us we weren't meant to be watching the game with them, so we left. After the game was over, we received a text message from my brother in law thanking us for leaving. Of course, I say all of this tongue in cheek, but at the same time superstitions play a large part in sporting events all the time. It doesn't matter what the sport, athletes all have a routine they follow. Some chew the same kind of gum, and some don't wash their socks during a streak. The point is, no matter how big or small we all have little things we do that we feel somehow affects the outcome of something. In reality, it doesn't play a role at all, or does it?

I am so happy for the Chiefs Kingdom and the city of Kansas City. Fifty years is way too long to go in between Super Bowl berths. Maybe this is a start of a dynasty for the Chiefs. With Patrick Mahomes behind Center, anything is possible for the Chiefs. Mahomes didn't have a great night, but he came up big when it mattered most. A World Series appearance in 2014, a World Series title in 2015, and a Super Bowl in 2020. What an exciting last five or six seasons for Kansas City sports fans.

Also, congrats to Coach Andy Reid. Reid ranks sixth all-time with 222 wins, having been a head coach in the NFL since 1999. He took the Eagles to the Super Bowl in 2005 and has led the Chiefs since 2013.



They say it's outside the box thinking, but the box is 27-years-old

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

Senator Steve Erdman of Bayard says his new tax reform proposal (LR300CA) represents "Thinking outside the box on steroids."

Sorry Senator, we opened that box in 1993 and the Legislature's Revenue Committee held a public hearing and quickly closed the box. It was LB195, the Transaction Tax. It looked a lot like your consumption levy act to replace sales, income and property taxes with a single tax levied during every business transaction. The committee voted 6-0 to kill the bill.

The Transaction Tax was brought to Lincoln by longtime McCook businessman Don Klein who represented Nebraskans for Equal Taxation. He convinced Sens. Cap Dierks of Ewing, Owen Elmer of Indianola and Rex Haberman of Imperial to carry the bill. Sens. Tim Hall of Omaha and Jim Jones of Edyville also signed on.

To their credit, the proponents of LB195 actually presented specific definitions of a transaction and suggested that the state establish eight taxing districts to coincide with the existing state Highway Commission Districts. Each district would have a five-member board to determine how the proceeds would be distributed to political subdivisions in the district. One member of each of the district boards would serve on a state tax commission.

The proposed Constitutional Amendment (LR300CA) says it shall be submitted to the electors with the following ballot language: "A constitutional amendment to prohibit the state and all political subdivisions from imposing any form of taxation other than a single-rate consumption tax and to require the Legislature to enact such a tax."

Aye, there's the rub. It doesn't suggest how said tax is to be defined, collected or distributed. It simply says the Legislature has to enact such a tax. Isn't that what lawmakers have been arguing all along in this whole "tax reform" discussion? And hasn't it all boiled down to property tax relief and school finance?

Then there's the overriding Constitutional issue. Experience says to be very, very careful about what you put into the Constitution, because it's easier to put something in than it is to remove it. Be very careful about who calls the shots on such changes. Do we trust the electors to authorize a proposal without knowing the details of implementation?

As we await a hearing on the proposal before the 106th Legislature Second Session, let's look back at the hearing for LB195 before the 93rd Legislature, First Session in March 1993. There were 13 proponents and seven opponents. Two people spoke in a neutral capacity, one of them representing then Gov. Ben Nelson.

According to the introducers' statement of intent, LB195 would have established a one percent tax on every commercial transaction undertaken in the state. Each participant in the transaction would be responsible for payment of half of the tax. As of January 1, 1994, the bill would have repealed the state sales and income tax and prohibited subdivisions from levying any property tax. Let me repeat, the committee killed the bill 6-0.

In his consumption tax proposal, Erdman is joined by Sens.: Tom

Brewer of Gordon; Bob Clements of Elmwood; Curt Friesen of Henderson; Tim Gragert of Creighton; Steve Halloran of Hastings; Robert Hilkemann, Mike McDonnell and Justin Wayne of Omaha and Dave Murman of Glenvil.

Erdman hinted at some ideas he has for implementation in a Local View opinion piece in the Lincoln Journal Star. His key points are in italics. My thoughts on each follow.

All other taxes would be eliminated. The voters did that right before Norbert Tiemann was elected Governor in 1966. The state was left with no source of income and the current tax structure had to be implemented in a move that cost him a second term.

The consumption tax would never tax low-income residents. They would get a monthly "pre-bate" check equivalent to the amount of

consumption tax they would pay up to the federal poverty level. What could possibly go wrong with that scenario?

The consumption tax would only tax new goods and services "such as dry cleaners, dog groomers and garbage collectors." Erdman says "new" is the key word here. So, if you buy a used car and shop at garage sales or thrift stores, you're tax-free. But what, what about food?

There would be no need for several state agencies and business tax incentive programs would be unnecessary, saving the state millions of dollars, he wrote.

Again, I ask, what could possibly go wrong?

I mean, besides EVERYTHING! J.J. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.

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**THEME: BE MY VALENTINE**

**ACROSS**

- 1. \*AbEland to HElloOse
- 6. C.E.O.'s degree
- 9. a.k.a Snowmobile
- 13. Mike amends
- 14. Over, poetically
- 15. Garlic unit
- 16. \_\_\_ lazuli
- 17. New, prefix
- 18. Bumpkin
- 19. \*St. Valentine's Day Massacre city
- 21. James Bond's drink of choice
- 23. Building annex
- 24. Galsworthy's "The Foryste \_\_\_"
- 25. MD, familiarly
- 28. Land of Nod, in relation to Eden
- 30. Hire for work
- 35. Part of an eye
- 37. Feudal laborer
- 39. Request from Amazon
- 40. Waterproofed canvas
- 41. Bunch of bees
- 43. Black cat, e.g.
- 44. Apollo of "Rocky"
- 46. Roofed colonnade
- 47. X in a letter
- 48. Medicinal herb
- 50. Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid
- 52. Tennis barrier
- 53. Hold as a conviction
- 55. End of a fuse?
- 57. \* \_\_\_ Valentine, a.k.a. humorous Valentine
- 61. \*One of star-crossed lovers
- 65. Beyond's occasional partner
- 66. E.T. transporter
- 68. Wombs
- 69. Hansen's disease patient
- 70. Young canine
- 71. \*Flirt
- 72. \*They used to be each other's Valentines
- 73. Attempt
- 74. Passover meal

**DOWN**

- 1. Barber's supply
- 2. Arizona's neighbor
- 3. Serengeti antelope
- 4. \*Like a bottle of champagne
- 5. \*Goodwill Industries' business
- 6. \*Unfortunate consequence of kissing?
- 7. Busy as a what?
- 8. \*Pleasant bouquet smell
- 9. Vegas bandit
- 10. Mischievous Norse deity
- 11. \_\_\_-tempered
- 12. Sub station
- 15. \*Roxane's pen pal
- 20. \*Heart of \_\_\_ "Blondie" hit
- 22. Well-kept secret, for some
- 24. Strata, sing.
- 25. \*Go \_\_\_ or split the cost of a date
- 26. Estrogen maker
- 27. The smallest dwarf planet
- 29. Uses a Singer
- 31. Get the picture
- 32. Short for administrator
- 33. Goslings, when they grow up
- 34. \*German artist or Young's partner
- 36. \*Singes" in "La Planfete des Singes"
- 38. \*Mr. Right, pre-kiss
- 40. Tiny European republic
- 45. Jackie Robinson, e.g.
- 49. Princess tester
- 51. \*My two cents," pl.
- 54. Do like Venusian
- 56. \*HElloOse to AbEland
- 57. Wide river valley
- 58. Wild goat
- 59. Uh-uh
- 60. \*The Three Faces of \_\_\_," pl.
- 61. Printer button
- 62. Old paint hazard
- 63. Gaelic tongue
- 64. \*Wedding cake layer
- 67. \_\_\_ "Elise"



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

**50 Years Ago - Feb. 5, 1970 to Feb. 11, 1970**

The first trophy won by a Falls City wrestling team was earned by a group of sophomore and under young men: Mark Jones, Dennis Liberty, Rex Sitch, Stan Kotich, Arlen Peterson, Steve Goldsberry, Bob Jones, and Rick Hihath. Movies this week at the Rivoli were "King Kong Escapes", "Sweet Charity," and "Big Foot."

Homesteader Conference basketball tournament semi-final: Odell 94 Dawson-Verdon 54

Homesteader Conference volleyball tournament: Dawson-Verdon defeated Lewiston 13-5, 12-10

Golfer Arnold Palmer beat out Celtics basketball star Bill Russell in a vote of sportswriters and broadcasters to be named Athlete of the Decade.

Rebecca Schatz received her nurse's cap from Clarkson hospital's school of nursing.

Mayor M.O. Armbruster declared this week "Boy Scout Week" in recognition of the Scout organization's 60th Anniversary.

Four Brinks guards were greatly embarrassed after locking themselves out of their armored truck when taking a lunch break in Detroit.

ASC Committee Chair Kenneth Wittwer announced farmers with 1969 wheat eligible for price support loans could have those loans extended beyond the April 30, 1970 maturity date.

The Tiger basketball team picked up its third victory in a row defeating Plattsmouth 67-57.

One-hundred and thirty four boys participated in the Elks Lodge free throw contest with the winners in their respective age groups Doug Ramsey, Dawson, and Steve Pokorny and Mike Campbell, Falls City.

Adams won the Homesteader Conference basketball tournament. D-V lost its bid for consolation honors to Table Rock 76-46. D-V's volleyball team was upset in the finals by Odell 16-7, 8-6.

Chief Warrant Officer Donald E. Henke, Rt. 1, Falls City, was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service and the Air Medal.

Les Dodds was the winner of the all-events crown in the Falls City Men's Bowling Assn. Tournament finishing with 1,796 pins.

In boys' basketball: Humboldt 85 D-V 57

Falls City wrestlers lost a dual to Auburn 27-19.

Jan Auxier, Dawson-Verdon, was named the school's "Homemaker of Tomorrow" winner.

The Richardson County dental society's "Dental Health Week" poster contest winners were Gary Kratz, 11; Gayle Ankrom, 12, and Maureen Hoffman, 12.

Winners of \$125 Nebraska PTA scholarships included Maureen Stuehlt Marshall, Humboldt; Virginia D. Boulter, Humboldt; and Linda Berger, Falls City.

Pete Bacacos who retired after being in business for 64 years was presented a certificate of recognition by the Falls City Chamber of Commerce.

Candidates for the Humboldt school board were no longer chosen at an annual caucus but were required to file for the office by completing forms at the office of the Humboldt city clerk.

Falls City high school freshmen and elementary first graders were given tuberculin skin tests.

In boys' basketball: Elmwood 61 Sacred Heart 49, Tecumseh 87 Southeast 74

Gibson's ran four full pages of specials celebrating their Grand Opening at 1615 Stone Street.

**25 Years Ago - Feb. 5, 1995 to Feb. 11, 1995**

Falls City's City Council asked Richardson County Commissioners to move up a new airport road bridge from their six year road program to their one year program.

District 56 received a giant symbolic check from the Nebraska Excellence in Education Council after qualifying for a \$525,957 grant for upgrading computer technology in the district's schools.

A Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul and a steak dinner and program for alumni and friends of Sacred Heart School was held in recognition that the school's endowment fund surpassed \$1 million.

River Twin Cinema was showing "Legends of the Fall" and "House Guest."

Sacred Heart dominated the final Galaxy conference basketball tournament, the girls edged Pawnee City 52-51 and the boys defeated Pawnee City 79-66.

Dawson-Verdon won consolation honors in the Homesteader Conference basketball tournament defeating Sterling 47-45.

Other boys' basketball: Beatrice (#6 in Class B) 70 Falls City 42

A record number (267) of wrestlers competed in the annual Falls City Wrestling Club Tournament that attracted youngsters from Southeast Nebraska, Northeast Kansas, Northwest Missouri, and Southwest Iowa.

In Men's League basketball: Hullman's Ford 115 Humboldt 89. (Scoring Leaders for Hullman's Mark Bippes with 23, Dan Hill with 22)

Mark Dunn, Matt Sells, Tony Santo, and Jim Langan qualified for the Jaycees state contest at the Falls City Jaycees Super Shooters contest.

The Richardson County Handicap Service had 4,506 riders in its first year.

State SEARCH qualifiers from D-V's FHA chapter were Stefanie Dunlap, Andrea Taf, Shauna Balke, and Sara Glothar.

Arguments were heard from prosecution and defense attorneys on whether alleged statements made by Marvin T. Nissen to a cellmate should be allowed in his trial on murder charges.

Bob Williamson was re-elected and Al Trucano was a new member of the Humboldt Community Hospital board.

Falls City girls basketball coach Barb Sailors got a nice present on her birthday, a 34-32 victory of Falls City over Nebraska City. The Tiger boys defeated the Pioneers 59-56.

Other girls' basketball: Falls City 53 Plattsmouth 29, Sacred Heart 66 Fairfax 55, Dawson-Verdon 45 Humboldt 38, West Nodaway 41 Southeast 39

Other boys' basketball: Sacred Heart 70 Fairfax 56, Humboldt 74 D-V 52, Southeast 74 West Nodaway 60

The Richardson county Athlete of the week was Dawn Taylor of Dawson-Verdon who scored 41 points during the Homesteader Conference basketball tournament.

Qualifying for District Wrestling after a Class D subdistrict were Humboldt Wrestlers James Garrett at 142, Eric Hunzeker at 172, and Kevin Dandliker at 185.

**15 Years Ago - Feb. 5, 2005 to Feb. 11, 2005**

Lucas Froschsch was pictured in the Journal working on a carousel at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL where he was completing an internship as part of his studies at UNL.

Pioneer Conference Tournament Championships: Boys: Sacred Heart 70 Lewiston 57, Girls: Freeman 43 Sacred Heart 40.

Boys' Basketball: St. Jos. LeBlond 44 Falls City 37.

Girls' Basketball: Falls City 47 (31 by Hayley Milam) Auburn 44.

Falls City's Cody Jones at 160 went 5-0 and was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the Boys Town Dual, the final regular season event for the Tigers. Jones had a season record of 28-4. Blake Milke (Southeast coop) at 103 also went 5-0 and finished the season 26-3.

Gynae Bantz, Stella, was accepted into the Nurse Anesthesia program at Bryan LGH Medical School.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission voted to take title to the grain at Wilhelm Grain, Inc. Humboldt following the voluntary surrender by Wilhelm Grain of its grain warehouse and dealer licenses.

Connie Brandt, CMC Board Chairman, said following receipt of a report from a consultant that the Board stood by its decision to not renew the physician's contract of Dr. Terry Symonds, but it offered to assist Dr. Symonds transition to a private practice with hospital admitting privileges.

Girls' basketball: Auburn 60 HTRS 40.

In his estate, Falls City native Ken Morehead donated \$1.75 million to the UNMC College of Nursing Morehead Center for Nursing Practice.

**Law Enforcement Center bonds to be refinanced - County Surveyor to remain an elective office**

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County Juvenile Services Program. That motion seconded by Sichel and approved by a 3-0 vote. A motion was also made by Caverzagie to enter into an agreement with Maxine Schatz, LLC, to provide services for the Four County Juvenile Services Program, including acting as the 4 County Juvenile Diversion Instructor. That motion was seconded by Frank and approved by unanimous vote.

The Board traveled to the Law Enforcement Center to meet with Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin. Discussed were grants that are currently available, and the salaries and salary increases for years of service for the deputy, dispatcher and jailer positions that are currently vacant due to recent resignations. No action was taken at this meeting on a resolution to approve a deposit of funds to the Sheriff Fee Account. The Board also conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

Commissioners adopted Resolution 2019-2020-33 regarding the rate of mileage reimbursement for County employees. Approval was by a 3-0 vote.

The reappointments of Bill Niefeldt and Bonnie Kanel to the County Visitors Committee to terms of three years expiring December 31, 2022, also received a unanimous vote of approval.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Young presented to the Board the distress warrant report for 2019 in which she reported that the Sheriff's Department had collected all but two of the warrants, one of which was deemed to be uncollectible and was recommended to be stricken from the tax roll, and one that will be reissued. Commissioners then voted to strike distress warrant #740270538 from the tax rolls in the amount of \$529.75 as it has been deemed to be uncollectible and to approve the 2019 distress warrant return report as presented by the County Treasurer.

Executive Director Beckie Cromer of Falls City EDGE presented to the Board her organization's quarterly report to the Commissioners, the same information that she had reported a week earlier to Falls City's City Council.

Commissioners adjourned their Board of Commissioners' meeting after voting to allow the payment of all claims submitted during the week prior to their meeting. The Board's next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

Prior to meeting as a Board of Commissioners, the Supervisors met as the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. During that session, a motion was made by Commissioner Sichel to approve one tax list correction. The motion was seconded by Caverzagie and approved by a 3-0 vote. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

**Voter information for the 2020 Primary Election**

The Richardson County Clerk's Office is preparing for the May 12, 2020 Statewide Primary Election. Persons wanting to vote in the election are urged to check their voter registration status to make certain they are registered at the correct address and affiliated with the political party for which they are going to cast their nomination ballot. Voters may check their registration at <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov> or by contacting the Richardson County Clerk's Office at 402-245-2911.

Voter registration is taken at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk during regular business hours until Friday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. Voters can also register at <http://ne.gov/go/NEReg2vote>. The deadline for any voter registration form other than in person is Friday, April 27. Early voting applications are also available to request that your ballot be mailed to you if you are unable to vote at your regular polling place. An application form can be found in today's edition of the Falls City Journal or the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

Please contact the County Clerk's Office at 245-2911 if you have further questions or need more information regarding the 2020 Elections.

**Primary Election information**

Preparation is underway at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk for the Tuesday, May 12, 2020, Primary Election. Approaching deadlines for candidates and voters to remember are detailed below.

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m., February 18, 2020 is the incumbent filing deadline. (Incumbent is any person who is elected or appointed to an elective office, NE §32-111). Monday, 5:00 p.m., March 2, 2020, is the non-incumbent filing deadline. A complete list of candidate filings on record at the Richardson County Clerk's Office who will be considered for nomination at the Primary Election are listed below with the incumbents denoted with an \*.

County Commissioner District 2 seat is up for a four-year term—no filings.

District 2 serves the following precincts: Falls City Ward 1 and Falls City Ward 2 north of 21st Street, precincts of Falls City Rural/Ohio, Jefferson/Rulo and Arago/Barada.

County Commissioner District 3 seat is up for a four-year term—Terry Frank\*. District 3 serves the following precincts: Salem, Liberty, East Muddy, West Muddy/Porter, Franklin/Humboldt Rural/Spesier and Grant/Nemaha.

School Districts 56 and 70 all have three positions up for election this year with up to six candidates being considered for nomination at the May 12 Primary Election to be voted upon at the November General Election. Persons who have filed for these positions are: School District 56 four-year term—no filings; School District 70 four year term—no filings.

The City of Falls City and the City of Humboldt Council Member seats up for election to a four-year term. Those persons filing for these positions are as follows: City of Falls City Ward I—no filings; Ward II—no filings; Ward III—no filings; Ward IV—no filings; City of Humboldt Ward I—Larry A. Stauffer; Ward II—no filings.

The Airport Authority in the City of Falls City has two members up for election for a six-year term. Persons who have filed for this position are: David Mullins.

Unlike years past, there will no longer be candidates on the ballot for delegates to the Republican Party County Convention. The law now states (NE Revised State Statutes 32-706) that anyone who wishes to attend the Republican Party County Convention as a delegate must register with the County Clerk by March 2, 2020. Those registering thus far are: Vincent Metzner. Any questions or further information on the Republican Party County Convention should be directed to the Nebraska State Republican Party headquarters at 402-475-2122 or via their website at <http://nregop.org>.

Other offices to be nominated at the Primary Election are: President of the United States, United State Senator, Representative in Congress- Dist. 3, Southeast Community College Board Members for District 2 and At-Large, Nemaha Natural Resource Districts 8, 9, 10. Filing forms for these offices can be obtained at the Office of the County Clerk, but the candidate filing must be made with the Secretary of State.

The candidate filing deadline for Village Board of Trustees and Educational Service Unit #4 is July 15 for incumbents and August 3 for non-incumbents.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE FEED! WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT! Falls City Rural Fire Dept.**

**NOTICE OF DALE E. HEINEMAN & EILLEEN M. HEINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Richardson Foundation, Inc. is taking applications for the Dale E. Heineman and Eilleen Heineman Scholarship. Any student who has graduated from a Richardson County, Nebraska High School and who will be enrolled in a college or university program in medicine or other health care related field in the Fall of 2020 may apply. This includes those in a graduate school program.

Applications may be obtained online at: <http://www.fcjeters.org/vnews/display.v/ART/50bce5c4904f> or from any Richardson County High School Guidance Counselor.

Complete applications and supporting documents must be received by March 19, 2020. They may be turned in to any Richardson County High School Guidance Counselor, or mailed to Heineman Scholarship, c/o The Richardson Foundation, P.O. Box 161, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355 or emailed to: [kotts@sentco.net](mailto:kotts@sentco.net). Two awards for \$2,500.00 will be given in 2020 and will be sent directly to the College or University Financial Aid Office for the Fall 2020 term.

## RC Arts and Humanities Council membership drive

The Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council is kicking off its annual membership drive. Currently in its 15th season, the council brings the arts to Falls City and the surrounding area through art exhibits, youth activities, gallery talks, music concerts, and much more. On a regular basis, the council sponsors art exhibits that feature nationally-acclaimed artists. Each gallery opening features a speaker and most often the featured speaker is the artist whose works are on display in the gallery.

All exhibits are held in the beautiful Stalder Gallery at the Falls City Library and Arts Center, a gallery that is highly-praised by the artists who have been featured in exhibits. In addition, its curator, Christina Wertenberger, is very respected for her knowledge and abilities. Currently on display in the Stalder Gallery are artworks from the permanent collection of the Library and Community Foundation of Richardson County. The artworks will hang in the Gallery through Feb. 8.

The event that follows will be the 69th annual student art contest, sponsored in conjunction with the General Federated Women's Club. This art contest is open to all students in Rich-

ardson County, grades K-12. The students artwork will hang in the gallery Feb. 18 through March 14. This school-wide competition features approximately 600 works.

"This is just one of the many things that the council does," Seid said. "But to me, it's one of the most important, because it lets our local students see their works displayed in a real gallery. That kind of encouragement is priceless."

That's why the membership drive is so important. It helps to make priceless programs possible.

According to Liz Huettner, chairman of the membership committee, memberships are as follows: student membership, \$5; single, \$15; family, \$25; and business/organization, \$50.00.

There is no obligation to attend meetings, but the organization holds one meeting per month, at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. The meetings are held at the Falls City Library and Arts Center.

For those who would like to be patrons of the council, donations range from the Nicholas level at \$1-\$49, all the way up to Michelangelo at \$3000+.

"Every penny goes to support the arts in Falls City," Huettner said, "And all donations are tax-deductible."

To make a donation, or to join the arts council, send a check specifying your intentions to: the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council, P.O. Box 37, Falls City, NE 68355. Member-ship brochures are also available at the library or the Chamber Office.

## CANDIDATE FILINGS

On January 2, 2020, James D. Gerweck, of Falls City filed to run for the office of Director Nemaha Natural Resources District 10 for a term of four years.

On December 11, 2019, Joshua E. Nincehelsner, of Dawson filed to run for the office of Dawson Village Board Member for a term of four years.

On January 21, 2020, Larry Stauffer, of Humboldt filed to run for the office of City Council of Humboldt, ward one for a term of four years.

On January 3, 2020, David Mullins, of Falls City filed to run for the office of Falls City Airport Authority Board for a term of six years.

## RC SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT RETRIEVED FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

All suspect's are innocent until proven guilty.



On January 23, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested Anthony Newcomb, 29, of Sabetha, KS on Charges of Possession of a Deadly weapon in Com. of a Felony X3, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person X3, Carrying a concealed weapon X3, and a Fugitive from Justice Warrant. Newcomb was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 13, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested Joshua Murphy, 27, of Falls City, NE on a Court Commitment. Murphy was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 18, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 60 year old Tammy Berner of Falls City, NE on a Richardson County Warrant for No Proof of Ownership. Berner was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 24, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested Jeremy Patnode, 30, of Falls City, NE on a Richardson County Warrant for 2 counts of Commit child abuse intentional/ no injury. Patnode was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 25, 2020 Richardson County Deputies arrested Donald Richbourg, 20, of Falls City, NE on a Richardson County Failure to Pay Fines and Costs warrant for Attempt of a Class 4 Felony. Richbourg was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



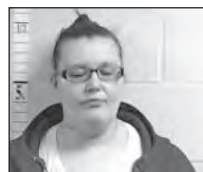
On January 20, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 23 year old Shawn Creamer of Humboldt, NE on a Richardson County Warrant for Theft-unlawful taking \$0-500. Creamer was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 26, 2020, Richardson County Sheriff Deputies arrested Justin McShane, 38, of Beatrice, NE for Driving Under Revocation. McShane was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 17, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 43 year old Jamie Vaughan of Humboldt, NE on a warrant out of Otoe County for Shoplifting \$0-500. Vaughan was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 22, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 29 year old Rebecca Fouraker of Salem, NE on a York County Warrant. Fouraker was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 17, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 28 year old Julian Cooper of Humboldt, NE for a Court Commitment. Cooper was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

## SOCIETY

### Humane Society Meeting minutes, Jan. 21, 2020

The Humane Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Sun-Mart Cafeteria with five members present. Pres. Ardis called the meeting to order. Phroper read sec./tres. report, it was approved as read. Unfinished business was the election of officers for the 2020 year, elected was Ardis Ramsey, President; Marian Vernon Vice, President; and Julie Phroper, Sec./Tres. New Business is the upcoming Individual and Business memberships, business for the year \$25; the individual is \$12. They will be sent out in the near future. Bills were submitted and approved.

The animal report was the adoption of Kaiser, a boxer, a kitten, Mustang, and also the addition of a Great Pyrenees mix Sampson, and a stray tabby kitten. The meeting was adjourned, next meeting Feb. 18 at Sun-Mart, please join us, all are welcome.

## FC Special Olympics bowling team competes at the East Central Regional Competition

The weather was cold, but the lanes were hot for Falls City Special Olympics bowling athletes on Sunday, January 12. Twelve athletes competed in the East Central Regional Competition at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln. Several Falls City bowlers reached new personal records and certainly season records.

There are six bowlers who will return to Lincoln for the Special Olympics State Bowling Competition in April. They include: Becky O'Grady (459 series), Mary Bieker (289 series), Cabe Marquez (144 series), Dane Specht (268 series), Robert Wolf (291 series), and Ken Rider (380 series).

Anyone who has questions regarding the team is encouraged to contact Katy Gifford (245-4618).

## RICHARDSON COUNTY CANCER FUND SUPPORT DINNER AND LIVE AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEB. 29, 2020  
SEID'S EVENT CENTER  
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Contracts to be finalized by March 11, 2020

For more information contact: Dylan L. Handley

Handley Law Office  
217 E. 18th Street, Falls City, NE 68355  
Phone: 402-883-7470  
dylanhandley@hotmail.com

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L-R: Lee Kurgeweit, Craig Marsh, Braden Oliver, and Joe Dunn.

### FC senior Braden Oliver signs to play golf at Hastings College

Falls City High School senior Braden Oliver signed his letter of intent on Wednesday, January 15, to play golf for the Hastings College Broncos. Oliver is a three-year varsity starter and letter winner. Oliver has earned several accolades in his three-year tenure. He was 2017 newcomer of the year, golfer of the year in 2019, and also qualified for the Nebraska Class B State meet as a junior. Oliver medaled in every meet in 2019 and was crowned champion at HTRS Invite and Raider Golf Invite. Braden is a three-sport athlete and has received multiple awards in his other sports. Braden is the son of Brad and Kim Oliver. Coach Marsh, Hastings College coach, said he's excited to sign Braden and looks forward to the contributions he will make on the team.

### STUDENTS

Falls City Sacred Heart School has announced the following Green and White Honor Roll, for the second quarter and first semester of the 2019-20 school year.

#### Green (94-100%) Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

7th Grade: Evan Bailey, Jayme Ewers, Addison Fischer, Patrick Froeschl, Clayton Keithley, Addison Keller, Jentry Lechtenberg, Ethan Neddneriep, Connor Nelson, Jocelyn Olberding, Henry Rottinghaus, and Cole Schawang.

8th Grade: Elle Falk, and Vaughn Lenard.

9th Grade: Kayden Bauman, Gabriel Canonic, John Crouse, Olivia Eickhoff, Evan Keithley, Macy Keller, Grace Malcolm, London Nachtigal, Matthew Neddneriep, Carson Sells, and Jessica Wertenberger.

10th Grade: Hunter Bauman, Tyler Catlin, Lainey Ebel, Emma Frederick, Taylor Frederick, Nicholas Keithley, Zachary Keithley, Cara Kirkendall, Chloe Knobbe, Emma Littrel, Rachel Magdanz, Lauren Malone, Derek Schawang, Ella Simon, and Madison Stamper.

11th Grade: Kyle Bauman, Danielle Bippes, Del Casteel, Jack Fiegner, Elle Froeschl, and Kaley Peeks.

12th Grade: Max Froeschl, Jacob Hoy, Madison Littrel, Mackenzie Nelson, Claire Niemeyer, Lexis Pokorny, Jena Reeves, Luke Schawang, Evi Schock, Jarrot Simon, Emily Wertenberger, and Tyler Witt.

#### White (91-93%) Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

7th Grade: Thomas Aitken, Gavin Clow, Kyle Frederick, and Caden Handley.

8th Grade: Madison Dougherty, Leila Frederick, and Joe Simon.

9th Grade: Mackenzie Dougherty, Sam Dunn, Gavin Lechtenberg, Riley Nelson, and DeLanie Witt.

10th Grade: Peyton Doerr, Jake Froeschl, Jakob Jordan, Brian Frederick, Max Froeschl, James Stice, McKenzie Witt, and Tyler Witt.

11th Grade: Davison, Claire  
12th Grade: Blake Frederick, Hunter Frederick, James Stice, and McKenzie Witt.

#### Green (94-100%) Honor Roll Semester One

7th Grade: Evan Bailey, Jayme Ewers, Patrick Froeschl, Clayton Keithley, Addison Keller, Jentry Lechtenberg, Ethan Neddneriep, Connor Nelson, Jocelyn Olberding, Henry Rottinghaus, and Cole Schawang.

8th Grade: Elle Falk, and Vaughn Lenard.

9th Grade: Kayden Bauman, Gabriel Canonic, John Crouse, Olivia Eickhoff, Evan Keithley, Macy Keller, Grace Malcolm, London Nachtigal, Matthew Neddneriep, Carson Sells, and Jessica Wertenberger.

10th Grade: Hunter Bauman, Tyler Catlin, Lainey Ebel, Emma Frederick, Taylor Frederick, Nicholas Keithley, Zachary Keithley, Cara Kirkendall, Chloe Knobbe, Emma Littrel, Rachel Magdanz, Lauren Malone, Brogan Nachtigal, Derek Schawang, Ella Simon, Madison Stamper, and Erison Vonderschmidt.

11th Grade: Danielle Bippes, Del Casteel, Jack Fiegner, and Elle Froeschl.

12th Grade: Jacob Hoy, Madison Littrel, Mackenzie Nelson, Claire Niemeyer, Lexis Pokorny, Jena Reeves, Luke Schawang, Evi Schock, Jarrot Simon, and Emily Wertenberger.

#### White (91-93%) Honor Roll Semester One

7th Grade: Thomas Aitken, Gavin Clow, Addison Fischer, and Kyle Frederick.

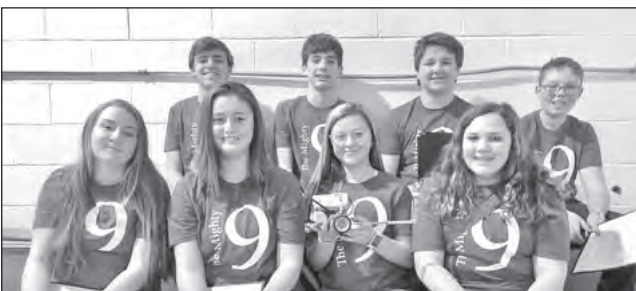
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12th Grade: Blake Frederick, Hunter Frederick, Max Froeschl, James Stice, McKenzie Witt, and Tyler Witt.



Eight Grade Team, Lego, The Mighty 9: Back Row, L-R: James Froeschl, Joe Simon, Vaughn Lenard, and Zachary Kafer (not pictured Jack Stice). Front Row: Elle Faulk, Leila Frederick, Saylor Hutfles, and Madison Dougherty.



Seventh Grade Team, Lego Legends: Back Row, L-R: Jentry Lechtenberg, Adisen Fischer, Cole Schawang, Patrick Froeschl, and Evan Bailey. Front Row: Quincy Koelliker, Addison Keller, Matthew Neddneriep, and Clayton Keithley.

### Sacred Heart Junior High Robotics team qualify for Nebraska Championship

Three teams of Sacred Heart middle school students attended the FIRST® LEGO® League Nebraska City robotics qualifier on Saturday, January 25th. Each team consisted of up to ten 7th or 8th graders who competed against a total of 48 other teams at the competition. Two of the three teams qualified for the Nebraska Championship held at the Strategic Air Command Aerospace Museum in Ashland on February 22nd.

Sacred Heart started this program last year with the help of a donation from the AMES Companies, Inc. in Falls City, NE. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Assistant Jami Ankrom and SH teacher Erin Waller coach the team, and they have met once or twice each

week since the beginning of the school year.

According to their website, "FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) is a program that supports children in order to introduce them to science and technology in a sporty atmosphere." The program challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers. Students build, test, and program a robot using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game. The program celebrates discovery, teamwork, and professionalism.

This year's competition theme is City Shapers. Students were asked to come up with a way to ensure a stronger, more sustainable future for our community.

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**(Editor's Note** - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action). Fined \$50, plus Court costs of \$49.

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

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

**DISTRICT COURT**

Donita A. Frederick, of Falls City, count one, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count four, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count five, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count six, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count seven, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count nine, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count ten, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 18, 2020.

Joshua M. Darden, of Falls City, count one, possess (meth)amphet-

amine 10-27 grams, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count two, use deadly weapon to commit a felony, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count three, possess or receive stolen firearm, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count four, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count six, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count seven, possess controlled substance, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count eight, possess controlled substance, plead not contest, found guilty; count nine, possess marijuana one ounce or less - first offense, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count ten, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count eleven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amend to count dropped/dismissed; count twelve, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amend to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

Joshua M. Darden, of Falls City, count one, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not contest, found guilty; count three, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amend

to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count seven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

**CITATIONS**

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

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

Barbara A. Goden, of Castle Hayne, NC, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Lee T. Jirovsky, of Lincoln, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Charles J. Fiegenger, of Dawson, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Austin R. Sells, of Rulo, count one, violate stop or yield sign, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 count two, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

James R. Ball, of Fairfax, MO, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Faye L. Dappen, of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Anthony O. Franco, of Moundville, MO, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Edward N. Letourneau, of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Nickolus F. Michel, of Onalaska, WI, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Samantha L. Westover, of Wahoo, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

James P. Beer, of Falls City, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150; count two, over weight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined, \$25

and court costs. Dylan D. Johansen, of Hiawatha, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Alicia R. Lenner, of Beatrice, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Christopher W. Abel, of Plattsmouth, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

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

Andrew T. Wellensiek, of Sabetha, KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Katelynn A. Halstead, of Marquette, NE, count one, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Tammy K. Winkler, of Cedar Creek, NE, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

**COUNTY COURT**

Keith A. Ferris, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for January 29, 2020.

Cole E. Ramer, of Shubert, count one, no proof of insurance, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated state, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, reckless driving-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 4, 2020.

Forrest R. Gaston II, of Morrill, KS, count one, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count two, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first, plead not guilty; count three, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty. Hearing

is scheduled for February 12, 2020. Kent L. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, possess or obtain legend drugs, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2020.

Joshua E. Murphy, of Lincoln, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$250 and 18 months probation starting on July 10, 2019, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$450, jail for a term of 30 days starting on January 13, 2020, jail for a term of 23 days starting March 16, 2020.

Joshua E. Murphy, of Lincoln, count one, intimidation-phone call/electronic comm., plead no contest, found guilty; count two, intimidation-phone call/electronic device, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for February 26, 2020.

Caleb S. Cannon, of Falls City, count one, dom asst-lt third degree, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of five days starting January 27, 2020, credit for five days served, probation for nine months starting January 27, 2020, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, jail for a term of 15 days starting July 13, 2020; count two, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amend to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty.

Scott J. Bachman, Sr., of Humboldt, count one, theft-utility services, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Amie S. Hart, 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 February 19, 2020



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Reece McNeely puts pressure on the offensive player in Hiawatha last week.

## Tiger girls fall in fifth-place contest

By Brian McKim; photo by Deena Beer

Last week the Falls City Tiger girls basketball team competed in the 43rd Annual Hiawatha High School basketball tournament. The Tigers fell in the opener to Maranatha 48-40. On Thursday afternoon, the Tigers picked up a ten-point win over Horton, 52-42. Finally, on Saturday in the fifth-place game, Falls City fell to St. Marys 40-33. In the opener on Tuesday, the Tigers led 15-5 after one quarter, but a 21-point second period gave Maranatha a 26-25 halftime advantage. FC saw the deficit grow to five-points at 41-36 with one period left to play. The Tigers were outscored 7-4 down the stretch as they dropped the first-round contest.

Maranatha shot 15/41 from the field, including 8/19 from beyond the arc. Maranatha also converted 10/13 free throw attempts. Meanwhile, FC finished 17/37, making 4/5 from downtown. Hannah Clary led FC with 10 points on 3/13 shooting, and Michelle Beer added eight. O. Favero had 22 points, making 6/12 three-point tries, for Maranatha.

Scoring vs. Maranatha, Bruxelles six, Sneathen six, Jones four, Clary ten, Nolte six, Beer

eight.

On Thursday, the Tigers faced the Horton Chargers. The Lady Tigers held leads of 11-9, 26-16, and 36-27 before eventually winning by ten, 52-42.

Falls City made 19/46 shot attempts and drained 11/20 free throw attempts. Horton hit 14/36 two-point tries but made just 1/12 from behind the three-point line. Clary again led Falls City with 15 points, making 7-10 free throws. Beer added 12 points, making 6/9 field-goal tries. K. Smith had 18 points, and M. Soto added 13 for the Chargers.

Scoring vs. Horton, L. McNeely two, Sneathen nine, Jones 11, Clary 15, Nolte three, Beer 12.

With the win, the Tigers found themselves up against St. Marys in the fifth-place game. The contest was tight throughout, with St. Marys leading 9-6 after one period and 20-13 at the half. The third and fourth quarters were played evenly, with each team scoring twenty points as the Tigers fell 40-33.

The Tigers shot well, making 12/30 shot attempts and 7-13 free throws. St. Marys hit 13/38 shots, including six three-pointers. St. Marys hit four timely treys in the second half to keep

the Tigers at bay. St. Marys failed to make a two-point shot in the second half.

Eryn Sneathen led Falls City with nine points, and Clary added eight. K. Hurla had made three trifectas, scoring 12 points, and M. Hurla had 11 points.

Scoring vs. St. Marys, Black one, L. McNeely two, Sneathen nine, Jones two, Clary eight, R. McNeely two, Nolte four, Beer five.

FC hosted Lincoln Lutheran on Tuesday night and will play at West Nodaway, Mo, on Friday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m. The Tigers will play their final regular-season game of the season on Thursday, February 13, when they host the HTRS Titans.

## Tiger wrestlers grapple at Raymond Central

By Brian McKim

The Tiger wrestling squad competed at Raymond Central on Saturday, February 1. At 138 pounds, James Eickhoff picked up four points for the Tigers. In the first round, Eickhoff fell in a major decision (9-0) to Brett Powers of Beatrice. In the consolation round, Eickhoff got a bye and then pinned Gabe Reinert of Wakefield in 2:20. In the third round of the consolation, Eickhoff fell to Brecken Loftin of Cozad in 1:09.

Lane Burns went at 145 for Falls City, falling in the first round to Wyatt Verzani of Wakefield in 2:24. After a bye in the consolation round, Burns was pinned by Kaden Williams of Millard West at 4:32.

In the 152-pound division, Jace Heckenlively fell to Seth Gage of Bellevue West in :48. After a bye, Heckenlively was pinned in 2:54 by Drew Keller of Auburn.

Kyle Black picked up a fifth-place finish at 170. Black fell to Eli Boryca of Cozad by decision (4-2). After a bye, Black fell to Brody Nelson of Beatrice by major decision (16-2), then came back to defeat Carson Ross of Plattevue (7-6) in a decision.

At 195, Thomas Fields placed sixth and scored nine points for FC. Fields got a first-round bye and then pinned Jesse Hartline

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Mason Crawford gets two in the Tiger loss to Lourdes Central.

## Tiger boys finish third at Thunder Classic in Seneca

Story and photo by Brian McKim

After an opening-round win over St. Marys, then a tough loss to the top-seed Maryville, the Tigers defeated Atchison in the third-place game in the Thunder Classic in Seneca last Monday.

FC staked an early 17-9 lead and never looked back. The Tigers ran into the locker room with a 27-20 lead and continued to pour it on in the second half. FC outscore Atchison 18-11 in the third period, cruising to the 61-44 win.

The Tigers shot well from the floor, hitting 54% of their shots, including an impressive 6/12 from downtown. Falls City also dominated the glass, owning a 27-17 advantage. The Tigers finished with 19 team assists, with Caden Simon leading the way with six.

Mason Crawford led the team in scoring, hitting 13-23 attempts for a game-high 33 points. Crawford was 4/7 from behind the line and added four rebounds and three assists. Hunter Arnold also reached double figures, making 5-8 shots for 10 points and adding ten big rebounds.

Scoring vs. Atchison, Crawford 33, Arnold ten, Carson Simon five, K. Bredemeier four, McAfee four, Hogue three, Caden Simon two.

On Friday night, the Tigers took on the Class C-1 top-ranked Auburn Bulldogs. Auburn set the tone early, taking a 19-9 first-quarter lead. FC kept working, keeping it close at 28-19, heading into the half. Auburn owned a five-point advantage in the third to make it 42-28 with eight

minutes to play. FC played tough, but the Bulldogs were too much to handle, defeating Falls City 55-40.

The Tigers made good on 14-33 shot attempts (42%) while Auburn converted 23-41 shots (56%). Rebounds were close, with Auburn holding a slim 17-13 advantage. Both teams were careful with the ball as FC finished with six turnovers, and the Bulldogs had just three.

Kade Bredemeier led the Tigers with 14 points, going 3-3 from downtown. Crawford added 13 points and four rebounds.

Scoring vs. Auburn, K. Bredemeier 14, Crawford 13, Caden Simon nine, Vitosh two, Arnold two.

On Saturday afternoon, the Tigers hosted Lourdes Central Catholic. FC raced out to a quick lead when Caden Simon got a steal and a hoop one minute into the game to make it 2-0. A deep three by Crawford from the wing gave FC a 5-1 lead thirty seconds later. A free throw by Trey McAfee gave FC their most significant lead of the game at 6-1. Lourdes Central closed the gap and made it 10-8 after one.

A quick hoop by Crawford made it 12-8, but a basket and a steal and another basket tied the game for Lourdes with 5:30 to go in the half. The quarter went back and forth and ended with a Kade Bredemeier drive at the buzzer to give FC a 22-20 halftime lead.

FC played tough the third period, increasing the lead to 36-

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Tyler Witt and Ty Hahn sky for the jump in the Irish's win over Johnson-Brock

# Irish survive scare, improve to 17-1

*Story and photo by Brian McKim*  
Tuesday night, the Sacred Heart Irish boys basketball team downed the Southern Raiders 66-28. Then on Thursday, Sacred Heart battled four three quarters before eventually handing Johnson-Brock a 41-30 loss at the Roh Activity Center.

In Wymore on Tuesday, the Irish faced little resistance, taking a 21-9 first-quarter lead. The Irish expanded the lead to 39-15 by the time halftime rolled around. SH kept it's foot on the gas, outscoring the Raiders 27-13 in the second half, cruising to the 66-28 win.

SH was on fire early, draining

nine three-pointers in the first half, including three each by Jake Hoy and Jamie Stice. For the game, SH connected on 56% of their shot attempts, making 10 of 19 three-point tries. On the other side of the ball, the Raiders made just 12/36 shots for 33%. The Irish also won the battle on the glass, outrebounding Southern 25-16 and forcing 21 turnovers while committing 11.

Tyler Witt led the scoring attack for SH with 18 points, seven rebounds, three blocks, and four assists. Stice added 15 points, making 4/5 from beyond the arc, and Hoy added 13 points, four steals, and five assists. Carson Barzenowski and Brock Adams each had nine points for Southern.

# Tiger wrestlers grapple at Raymond Central

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of Fort Calhoun in 5:18. Fields then fell to Brock Ostdiek of Beatrice in a major decision (14-2). In the consolation semi's, Fields was pinned by Charlie Nosal of Millard West in 2:24, and then in a rematch, fell to Jesse Hartline in 2:57 in the fifth-place match.

On the JV side, at 106, Ray Feek fell to Trey McCoy of Fort Calhoun in :44 and Sam Tokota of Lincoln Southwest in 1:27.

At 120, Travis Ott fell to Adin Rihra of Plattevue in 1:09, then was pinned by Tre Brandt of Lincoln Southwest at 1:37. In the third round, Ott fell to Tristian Grace of Raymond Central, in 2:59.

Kellen McAfee picked up a second-place finish at 145. McAfee pinned Brand Leech of HTRS in 3:24, then fell to Jackson Miller of Beatrice in 1:48 before rebounding with a pin of Logan Driver of Southwest in 1:31.

At 152, Michael Wickham fell to Keanatae Aaron of Omaha Burke in 25. In the second round, Wickham fell to Pierson Lauterbach of Bellevue West in :25, and in the third round, Wickham was pinned by Mitchell Baughman of Southwest in 1:01.

As the season winds down, Falls City will host Auburn and Plattevue on Thursday, February 6, for a double dual beginning at 5:00. Districts will take place on February 14 and 15, and the State Wrestling Tourney will be February 20, 21, and 22.

Scoring vs. Southern, Jordan nine, Stice 15, Hoy 13, Witt 18, Bauman three, Simon four, Fiegener four.

On Thursday night, the Irish faced the defending D-2 state champs, Johnson-Brock. The last time the two teams met, SH fell in the state semi-finals to the Eagles. SH took a 10-5 lead after one quarter and held on for a slim 20-18 halftime lead. The Eagles outscored SH 12-7 in the third to take a 30-27 lead. The Irish defense frustrated the Eagles in the final eight minutes, outscoring Johnson-Brock 14-0 to take a 41-30 win.

Johnson-Brock took an early lead in the third period, 22-20, after a Ty Hahn baseline jumper. SH kept battling, and with 1:50 to go, Stice hit a three from the corner to keep it close at 27-25.

Johnson-Brock gave their fans something to cheer about with a three at the buzzer to give the visitors a 30-27 lead.

That's when the Irish defense took over. An offensive rebound by Jarrot Simon and a dish to Witt got Sacred Heart within one-point with seven minutes to play. Then, with five minutes to play, Witt drained a pair of free-throws to give SH the lead for good. Needing a shot in the arm, the Irish went to a full-court press that took the Eagles out of their comfort zone. Johnson only attempted five shots in the final eight minutes, making none. A steal by Hoy and a layup with 1:30 sealed the win for SH.

Neither team shot well from the floor on Thursday. SH hit 34% of their attempts, while the Eagles made 36%. The Irish owned the glass with a 30-9 rebound advantage. The fourth-quarter pressure also paid off as SH forced 12 turnovers while committing just five of their own.

Witt again led SH with 15 points, 14 rebounds, and two steals. Hoy added 11 points, four boards, and two steals.

Scoring vs. Johnson-Brock, Jordan two, Stice nine, Hoy 11, Witt 15, Simon two, Fiegener two.

The 17-1 Irish play in the Pioneer Conference Tourney this week. The top-seeded Irish will play at 4:30 on Tuesday vs. the HTRS/Pawnee City winner in Southern. With a win, the Irish will play at 4:30 on Thursday in Diller-Odell. The finals will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at Diller-Odell.

# Tiger boys finish third at Thunder Classic in Seneca

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32 heading into the final period. Lourdes Central was just too much down the stretch. Nebraska City took the lead 40-38 with 4:50 to play and never looked back. Trailing 44-40 FC had a shot, but missed free throws kept the score where it was. With 1:20 on the clock, Crawford got a steal and hoop to get FC within two at 44-42. Bredemeier hit a three from the top of the key with :08 left to make it 47-45, but a pair of free throws by NC sealed the contest. Lourdes hit 5-6 free throws in the final :48 to get the road win 49-45.

The Tigers hit just 18/50 shot at-

tempts, including 3-20 from behind the arc. Lourdes made 16-40 attempts and hit 13-23 foul shots. FC won the rebound battle 27-21 and had 13 assists to just four by Lourdes. Crawford led FC with 16 points, and Bredemeier added 13 and a team-high eight boards. Scoring vs. Lourdes Central, Crawford 16, K. Bredemeier 13, Caden Simon 6, Hogue three, Vitosh two, Carson Simon two, Arnold two, McAfee one.

FC hosted Lincoln Lutheran on Tuesday night and will play at West Nodaway on the road Friday night. With the loss on Saturday, the Tigers fall to 8-10 for the season.

# ACCIDENTS

On January 23, 2020, according to FCPD accident reports, Ashley Morrow, of Falls City was stopped or slowing at the intersection of 14th and Harlan Street. Aljah Hernandez was east bound toward the intersection. Hernandez attempted to stop and slid on the snow covered road. Hernandez struck the rear of Morrow's vehicle causing significant damage. Morrow struck a third vehicle that was stopped but it didn't cause any damage. An estimated \$2,000 in damage was done to the Hernandez vehicle and an estimated \$3,000 in damage was done to the Morrow vehicle. No citations were issued.

On January 14, 2020, according to FCPD accident reports, James Crenshaw, of Savannah, MO was backing into an alley way and struck a phone utility pole causing damage to the phone utility. An estimated \$575 was done to the Phone Box owned by SNC. No citation was issued.

Robert Hamilton, of Falls City was northbound in the 1600 block of Harlan. Hamilton said a second vehicle was in the inside lane driving north. Hamilton said the other vehicle was close to the center line between the two lanes but, didn't cross it. He said he had limited room in the lane because of a large snow pile at the entrance of Frontier Bank. The snow was nearly frozen solid and did protrude into the lane approximately three feet. Hamilton struck the snow pile because of the limited room in his lane. An estimated \$800 in damage was done to Hamilton's vehicle. No citation was issued.

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

# Public Notice

**LEGAL NOTICE  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
Richardson COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
Case Number CD0-28  
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF  
Michaele Ann Christie**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of January, 2020, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Michaele Ann Christie to Michaele Ann Christian.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Julie Smith, in Courtroom No. 301, 1700 Stone Street on the 3 day of March, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the convenience for the Court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, petitioner's name will be changed from that of Michaele Ann Christie, to Michaele Ann Christian.

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# PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 11th day of February, 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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The Falls City housing Authority has developed its 2020 Agency Plan. It is available for review between 8 AM and 5 PM, Mon-Fri at 800 east 21st Street, Falls City, NE 68355 and is also viewable at www.falls-cityhousing.org. A public hearing will be held on March 18, 2020 at 12 noon at the aforementioned address. Everyone is invited.

# Village of Dawson

**Village of Dawson Open Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2020**  
These minutes are unapproved. Any error(s) will be corrected at the next regular monthly meeting. The agenda for this meeting was posted at the fire department, Village Hall, and the post office on January 9, 2020.

In attendance was Bill Koch, Gail Kepphart, Larry Koch, Jan Richardson, Lance Martin, Josh Nincshelzer, Robert Richardson, Deputy Lyle McMann, and Sheriff "Junior" Hardesty.

Roll was called with Bill Koch, Gail Kepphart, and Larry Koch responding. Dennis McClaren was absent (unexcused). With a quorum present, the meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Bill Koch. Reading the December 2019 minutes was waived and accepted with a motion by Gail Kepphart and second by Larry Koch. The Board affirmed. Claims were presented to the Board and approved for payment with a motion by Gail Kepphart and a second by Larry Koch. The Board affirmed. There was no old business carried over to January 2020. Sheriff Hardesty spoke to the Board about changes in the department, and plans for the future, and answered questions regarding dwellings with no utilities, trash and junk in the yards, and ticketing for no dog license. A letter will be sent with the next water billing regarding trees that need to be trimmed from sidewalks, alleys, and streets. Homeowners are being given the opportunity to trim their trees. Bill Koch nominated Robert Richardson as a board member to fill the Lyndsay Maas vacancy (moved out of town). Gail Kepphart, Larry Koch and Bill Koch voted yes for Robert Richardson. He will be sworn in at the next regular monthly meeting in February. Banking was discussed and no changes will be made at this time. The clerk reported on financial and clerical. The meeting was closed at 8:07 p.m. with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Larry Koch.

**Claims:** Village Equipment Fund, \$500; Stateline Propane, \$240; CNA Surety, \$115.23; Dana Cole, \$280; Falls City Journal, \$36.45; Seneca Sanitation, \$840; PeopleService, \$1450; One Call, \$4,600; Huettner Trucking, \$801.77; Fax/Internet/Phone, \$50; Petty Cash, \$144.94; Jan Richardson, \$769.73; Kacie White, \$75; Midwest Labs, \$339.19; NE Public Health Lab, \$32; NPPD, \$1489.10; Total Claims, \$7,168.01. General Account Checking Balance, \$82,009.42

Form for Primary Election Early Voting Ballot Request. Includes fields for name, address, and signature. Text: 'I, the undersigned, declare that I am a registered voter in Nebraska and will not be going to the polls on the day of said election, therefore I request an early voting ballot for the Primary Election occurring on May 15, 2020.' Includes checkboxes for registration status and ballot request preferences. Includes a table for ballot request status and a section for ballot assignment.



# OBITUARIES

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## Dennie L. Crofford

Dennie Lee Crofford, 77, of Falls City, Nebraska was born August 18, 1942, in Falls City, Nebraska to Kenneth W. and Helen (Stednitz) Crofford. He was raised in Falls City where he attended public school and graduated from Falls City High School with the class of 1960.

On June 9, 1961, Dennie was united in marriage to Pamela Weik in Holton, Kansas. To this union a daughter, Lesa, was born. The couple later divorced.

On August 14, 1976, Dennie was married to Martha Jane Allen at the First Brethren Church in Falls City. To this union a son, John, was born. Dennie lived his entire life in Falls City where he was employed at Falls City Meat Company for thirty years. He enjoyed spending his spare time camping and fishing.

Dennie passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at the Falls City Care Center in Falls City, Nebraska having reached the earthly age of seventy-seven years, five months and twelve days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Barbara (Gene) Killingsworth, son-in-law Jerome Keithley and sisters-in-law Wanda and Beverly Crofford.

Dennie is survived by his loving wife Martha of Falls City, daughters: Lesa Crofford of Falls City, Michelle Keithley of Falls City, Victoria Cook and Kevin Beckner of Falls City, a son John Crofford of Grand Island,

grandchildren: Jordan Keithley of Falls City, Brittany (Michael) Hunter of Dallas, TX; Brandon (Ashley) Keithley of Falls City, Rachael Keithley of Maryville, MO; Ryan Keithley of Omaha, Zachary and Nicholas Keithley of Falls City, Cameron Gill of Lincoln, Amanda Gill of Falls City, Milayna Crofford of Falls City, Creighton Crofford of Falls City, great-grandchildren: Gracie and Bryer Gill of Falls City, brothers: Jerry Crofford of Falls City, Roger Crofford of Falls City, Terry (Cathy) Crofford of Carl Junction, MO; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Memorial Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at the Church of Nazarene, 1812 Wilson Street, in Falls City with Pastor Stephen Floyd officiating.

Visitation was from 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at The Hall Funeral Home, 2403 Harlan Street, in Falls City. Family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Inurnment will be at The Steele Cemetery in Falls City at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family's choice with a later designation.

Condolences can be shared online at [www.hallfuneral.net](http://www.hallfuneral.net).

Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan ST-Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3131.



Annual Chamber Banquet, L-R: Chamber President Sara Rue, award recipients, RJ Hamilton and Matt Kirkendall and Chamber Director Amber Holle.

## Falls City Chamber holds Annual Banquet

(Continued from Page 1) and has a smile on his face. He is the first to lend a helping hand. If you are looking for an item at Sun-Mart, Carlos will not only tell you where to locate it, he will walk with you to find it. He's a hard worker and a joy to work with."

Chamber Director Amber Holle recognized members who go above and beyond with outstanding customer service, superior products, and who give back to the community through the Member of the Month program. Representatives from Miles Ranch, Gatherings Market, True Value, Mutt & Jeff's, Community Medical Center, Blue Valley Behavioral Health, State Farm, Scholl Lawn and Landscape, Armbruster Motor Co., Jim Hill's, Jones Air Conditioning and Chaney Furniture were asked to stand for a round of applause.

Holle thanked outgoing board

members, RJ Hamilton, and Matt Kirkendall.

"RJ Hamilton has played a behind the scenes role in nearly every Chamber event over the past three years! He's often the "muscle" that helps set up and tear down for our many events. He's also sacrificed nights of sleep by providing security at Cobblestone. He has also been an excellent voice for small business owners and what the Chamber can offer to help those individuals out," said Holle.

Kirkendall, who has also served on the Chamber board for the past three years, was brought up and thanked. "He's brought new ideas to the table and lends a helping hand during event preparations," said Holle.

Three new board members were installed, Kara Ewing, Sarah Bangert, and Hayley McCann. Chamber Director Holle shared some new things planned for the community in 2020, including

an Oktoberfest celebration featuring local beers, food, music, and German-themed competitions and The Shop Hot program linking together the communities of Horton, Hiawatha, Falls City, Brownville and Auburn for a progressive shopping experience.

Holle said 2019 was an exciting year for Falls City with the influx of tourists visiting town between the Falter Museum and Hot Air Balloon Festival.

"No one could have forecasted the amount of people coming to Falls City for the festival, but you'd better believe this year, we'll be ready for them," said Holle.

Closing the banquet, Holle and Chamber President Sara Rue thanked everyone for their support.

"I love my job, and the sole reason I can say that is because of all our amazing members. I can't wait to see where 2020 takes us," said Holle.

## SOCIETY

### Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society

Eleven members and two guests of the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society met at the Richardson County Historical Society museum on Thursday, January 2. Jorene Herr took roll call, and Richard Zentner gave the treasurer's report.

All projects remain unchanged. Correspondence included the NSGS Ancestry. There were no upcoming events mentioned. The Richardson County museum has received pictures of the Falls City and Humboldt schools and of the downtown. Queries were received for the Sears and Fry families.

There was no old or new business. The meeting closed with a show-and-tell time, which included a picture of the curtain from the Gehling theater.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 on Thursday, February 6, in the same place. The March meeting will be the annual Founders' Day potluck dinner.



Gold Medalist Willa Fritz

## 2020 Nebraska State 4-H indoor Archery Championship

Richardson County 4-H'er Willa Fritz participated in the 2020 Nebraska State 4-H Indoor Archery Championship Saturday, January 25th. The tournament was held at Platte Valley Archers in Columbus, Nebraska. Willa shot a 294/300, earning her a Gold Medal in the Cub Freestyle Division. Willa is a member of the Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H Club.

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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

District #70

Public Meeting Notice Board of Education District #70 Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock-Steamer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2020 in the Music Room in Humboldt, which meeting will be open to the public.

City Council

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of January, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Tom recorded the minutes of the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bindle began her report by thanking city employees for the efforts and work they did during the planned electrical outage on January 9, 2020. The planned outage was scheduled to permanently fix damage done to a circuit on December 19, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Racilife and seconded by Council person Rhoadt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time.

PRESIDENT'S DAY AND LABOR DAY COUNCIL MEETING DATE AND TIMES A motion was made by Council person Halle and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the changing dates of Council meetings from President's Day to Tuesday February 18, 2020 and from Labor Day to Wednesday September 9, 2020.

REQUEST TO USE STANTON LAKE AND FREE SWIMMING AT THE AQUATIC PARK ON AUGUST 4, 2020 FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME - OFFICER ZACH RACILIFE A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Halle to approve the use of Stanton Lake and the Aquatic Park for NNO on August 4, 2020.

2019 EDGE 4TH QUARTER REPORT Executive Director, Beckie Croner presented the 2019 Edge 4th Quarter Report to the City Council. A motion was made by Council person Racilife and seconded by Council person Rhoadt to approve the 2019 Edge 4th Quarter Report.

REQUEST TO PARK SEMI-TRUCK AND TRAILER ON STREET AT 817 STONE STREET - PAT BEER A motion was made by Council person Racilife and seconded by Council person Rhoadt to deny parking a semi-tractor and trailer on Stone Street.

THEME BEING: NO FURTHER BUSINESS. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:18PM.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on January 20, 2020; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting; kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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## 'Do your job we're drowning down here'

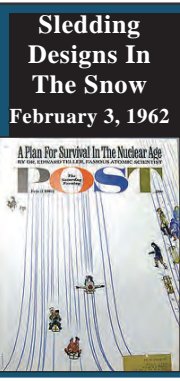
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She ended her message by saying, "My official message to the Corps is simple: do your job. We're drowning down here."

Legislative Resolution 288 introduced by Senator Julie Slama states: "Nebraska has experienced severe flooding in the past several years; and the frequency of severe flood events due to anthropogenic factors and releases from Gavins Point Dam is increasing; and Nebraska's preliminary assessment of damage to bridges, roads, and other infrastructure caused by the 2019 severe flood event reached approximately four hundred and fifty million dollars; and states rely on the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pay for the majority of recovery efforts related to flood damaged infrastructure; and because of the increasing frequency of flooding in Nebraska, the subsequent failure of dams, levees, and dikes caused by high water levels, and the increase in expenses for recovery efforts to restore damaged infrastructure, it is imperative that flood control be a top priority; and the Flood Control Act of 1936, an act passed by Congress and signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, authorized civil engineering projects such as dams, levees, dikes, and other flood control measures to be

managed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and the United States Army Corps of Engineers has authority over many of the levee systems in Nebraska as well as management of water flows in the Missouri River basin using a network of six dams; and as a result of a lawsuit the United States Army Corps of Engineers was ordered to address a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biological opinion outlining measures that must be taken by the Corps to come into compliance with the Endangered Species Act, which led to a revision of the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System Master Water Control Manual for the Missouri River Basin; and the Master Water Control Manual for the Missouri River Basin issued in 2004 provided that the Corps, in consultation with affected interests and other agencies, would appropriately consider endangered species protection in order to obtain the optimum development and utilization of the water resources of the Missouri River basin to best serve the needs of the people; and while development along and downstream of the Missouri River has increased, the standards put in place by the Corps for levee design, construction, and maintenance have not been updated in over twenty years; and the Corps should consider

the impact of flooding on people and agricultural land and economics and prioritize flood control over fish and wildlife under the authority of the federal Endangered Species Act when creating future Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System Master Water Control Manuals and updating levee standards. Nebraska Legislature hearings began January 21 and will end February 27, 2020. Each bill introduced receives a public hearing with public testimony. A Notice of hearing on LR 288 has been set for Wednesday, February 5, 2020.



Oh, what fun it is to ride The kids plugging up the hill can look forward to a swell ride down, but they've got a long pull ahead of them first. If only they knew it, there's an easier way to go up, especially if a patient but absentminded father is at hand. Rather obtusely we asked artist John Falter if he had painted all those vertical sled tracks lying on his side, propped on his left elbow Roman-banquet style. He had not, he replied pityingly but kindly-obviously he needed only to turn the canvas on it's side. Which is as good an explanation as any for the fact that his signature is headed up the hill too. johnphilipfaltermuseum.com

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## Irish roll into conference tourney on four-game winning streak

Story and photo by Brian McKim On Tuesday night, the Sacred Heart Irish girls basketball team hit the road for a contest against 13-3 Wymore Southern. The Lady Irish jumped out quickly on the Raiders, taking an 18-5 first-quarter lead and cruised into the half holding a 26-12 advantage. The Irish allowed just seven second-half points, picking up the 38-19 win. Sacred Heart hit 56 percent of their shot attempts (14-25) while allowing the Raiders to make just 6-19 shots. SH was solid behind the three-point line, making 5-8. Rachel Magdanz led the offensive attack for SH with 11 points, making 3-6 from behind the arc. Danielle Bippes added 10 points, going a perfect 4-4 from the field. Bippes also led the Irish with

31-30 edge. The pesty Irish defense forced the Eagles into 26 turnovers while committing only nine of their own. SH also doubled up the Eagles with a 14-7 assist advantage. Erison Vonderschmidt led the Irish with 10 points and seven rebounds. Bippes added six rebounds to go along with her five points, and McKenzie Witt dished out eight assists and scored six points. Scoring vs. Johnson-Brock, Magdanz seven, D. Witt eight, Niemeyer two, Simon five, M. Witt six, Malone two, Ebel two, Littrel four, Vonderschmidt 10, Eickhoff eight, Bippes five. The Lady Irish will look to make a run in this week's Pioneer Conference Tournament. The top-seeded Irish, 17-2, played the winner of Lewison/Pawnee City at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Southern. With the win, the Irish will face the winner of #5 seed Johnson-Brock and #4 seed Diller-Odell at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday at Diller-Odell. The finals of the tourney will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, at 6:00 p.m. will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at Diller-Odell.

### SHARED MEDIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

On January 20, 2020 at 6:28 PM Richardson County Deputies conducted warrant service on 4th St in Humboldt, NE. At 6:39 PM Deputies arrested 23 year old Shawn Creamer of Humboldt, NE on a warrant for theft by unlawful taking. Creamer was booked into the Richardson County Jail. On January 20, 2020 at 5:16 PM Richardson County deputies investigated a 1 vehicle roll over accident near 648 Ave and 706 Trl near Salem, NE. No injuries were reported. On January 23, 2020 at 7:22 PM Richardson County Deputies investigated a one vehicle accident near 719 Rd and 648 Ave near Shubert, NE. No injuries were reported.

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