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On Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, Raymond Acheson of Effingham, KS was driving across the railroad crossing near 4th and Fulton Street on the south end of Falls City. The back of his cattle trailer was hit by the train. According to a police accident report, nearly \$10,000.00 in damage was done to the semi. No citations were issued at the scene. (Photos by Nikki McKim)

WAYS SOUGHT TO FUND EQUIPMENT FOR CITY FIREMEN DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

By Charlie Radatz

During a rare Tuesday Council meeting due to the President's Day holiday, the Council tabled for two weeks a request from the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department for new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) used by firemen entering a burning building. Jon McQueen, Public Information Officer for the Volunteer Department, said the department's present 18 SCBA's fail to meet recommended standards. While \$20,000 was included in the department's budget for their replacement, this number falls far short of the amount required. McQueen said the price of SCBA's has been rising 4 to 5 percent per year and to replace one truck's six air canisters, hoses, masks, and belts with new Scott equipment will cost \$52,000.00 and adding another six replacement air canisters will raise the cost to \$60,000.00. The newer equipment provides 45 minutes rather than 30-minute supplies of air and sounds an alarm when 14 minute' worth of air remains giving firefighters time to exit a burning structure safely and to alert his fellow volunteers that his air supply is being depleted. Councilman Lucas Froeschl urged his colleagues to table the request to allow the Council and City staff to research possible

grant eligibility or local bank borrowing to assist in the purchase of the equipment and the motion was approved by a 5-0 vote with Councilmembers Leyton, Merz, and Wisdom absent. Librarian Hope Schawang reported that she had a 100 percent dedicated great staff and described the Falls City Library and Arts Center as a community resource that is transitioning from being a place to find books and periodicals to "an information shop" providing online learning, research, and assistance for patrons completing online applications and doing business research. The Nebraska Library Commission, Ms. Schawang, stated, has given the local Library its highest possible "Gold Level" accreditation for per capita patron usage and for serving the community well. The Librarian described the Library's largest exhibition and program of the year as the Cobblestone "Cowboy Exhibit" and "Cowboy Poet" presentation. Volunteers, she reported, provided 527 hours of service to the Library. She reported there was attendance by approximately 2,100 persons at 431 meetings of various organizations at the Library, and she commended local businesses and churches for providing healthy snacks for needy children participating in library activities. She also thanked for their support current and retiring library board members, the Richardson County Arts & Humanities Council, and recently reinvigorated "Friends of the Library" organization for its sponsorship of twice-weekly summer Farmers Markets and its assistance during the Hot Air Balloon Show sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

is required for the Ordinance to be enacted.

The Council voted 5-0 to approve a Resolution to establish the City Administrator as its "Agent" to review applications for individual designated liquor licenses, to review applications to ensure compliance with Nebraska Liquor Control Act criteria, and be authorized to recommend to the Commission ap-

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TWO CAR FATALITY ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY 75

On February 19th, 2020 at approximately 0641 the Richardson County Sheriff's Office responded to a 2-vehicle fatality accident on Highway 75. A northbound 2007 Dodge Ram pickup pulling a flatbed trailer crossed the center line striking a southbound 2019 Chevrolet Silverado driven by 69-year-old Robert Hansen of Lincoln, Nebraska. Both vehicles came to rest on the Southbound shoulder. Hansen was pronounced dead on scene. The driver of the Northbound pickup was transported to Nemaha County Hospital and later released with minor injury. Highway 75 was shut down until 8:00pm. The Richardson County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, Humboldt Fire and Rescue, Auburn Fire and Rescue, Stella Fire Dept, Nebraska State Dept of Transportation, Nebraska State Patrol, Koch's Auto Service, and Morrill Collision Repair for their assistance.

FC MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORTS OF A SCHOOL SHOOTING THREAT

On Wednesday, February 19, 2020, a message was sent out to Falls City Middle School parents to inform them of a school shooting threat made. In the letter Heckenlively said that "at no time was there any immediate danger."

The following e-mail was sent to parents.

"Dear FCPS Parents, In an effort to keep you as informed as possible, we feel it is necessary to inform you of an incident that occurred today at Falls City Middle School.

A FCMS student made threats regarding a school shooting to other students. The threat was reported to school administration. The school administrator then immediately notified law enforcement and began an investigation. School disciplin-

ary action along with possible law enforcement action will be taken as appropriate. At no time today, was there any immediate danger to any student or staff member. The procedures that we have in place allowed us to handle this situation with little disruption to the other students in the building, most of whom were unaware that a threat had been made.

The safety of students and staff is the top priority for school officials and law enforcement who work together to resolve issues like this as soon as possible.

The FCPS asks parents and students to contact school officials or law enforcement if you have any information regarding a threat.

Thank you, Tim Heckenlively, Superintendent"



THE FALLS CITY BOOSTER CLUB celebrates during the Feb. 13 Tiger Basketball game: Back, L-R: Meg Baker, Cindy Kopf, Kristen Poppe, Lisa Uhri, Judy Ivey and Robbie Craig; Front row: Sandra McNeely, Becky Gilkerson, Sara Ruiz. Current board members who were not able to attend were: Hank Schwartz, Trish Brewer, Racie Hullman and Marc Merz. (Photo by Brian McKim)

FC BOOSTER CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Falls City Tiger Booster Club celebrated 50 years of dedication to Falls City High School.

Started in the summer of 1970 by Hank and Ron Schwartz, and an enthusiast and dedicated group of Tiger fans started this group. Their purpose was to always be there to show the athletes and coaches that they could depend on their support. The founding group always wanted to encourage good sportsmanship and the promotion and pride

of the school colors, orange and black.

Fifty years later, the Tiger Booster Club is still going strong. Through Parent's Night, equipment and uniform purchases, sound systems for the gym, scholarships for senior athletes, the building of a weight room, gym bags, pizza, Gatorade, and watermelon, the Booster Club has always been there to give their support to their Tiger athletes.

Each year the Booster Club

honors all athletes with the annual all-sports banquet.

"Throughout the last 50 years, we have been blessed with outstanding, awesome members and Tiger fans. Thank you to our many Tiger boosters who contribute to the Tiger Booster Club each year. The Booster Club wouldn't be the vibrant, active group it is today without all those who have given of themselves so tirelessly," said Board member Cindy Kopf.

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Silent films are criminally underrated. I know several people who won't even give them the time of day. I confess that I was this way many years ago. In high school, I would see Turner Classic Movies 'Silent Sunday Night' promos and shiver in horror. In my mind silent movies were creepy and who wanted to watch all of these overacting long-dead people in a film? Not me.

I've told the story before so I won't tell it again, but one night I found Harold Lloyd's *Speedy* on TCM. The print was clear and didn't for one-second look like was shot in 1928, it looked like it was shot a couple of years ago and made to look like a silent. I was mesmerized and hooked from that moment on. I did everything I could to watch Harold Lloyd films. (I later found out he was born in Burchard, NE and that put me on a whole new level of fandom) I saved up for months to buy the Harold Lloyd film collection and begged anyone I knew to watch one of his films with me. I knew I could turn them into die-hard fans of this lost art.

The list I have is not a list of 'intro to silent's' type of films. This is a list of beautiful, wonderful and my personal favorite silent films that I just can't stop watching.

Speedy (1928): Harold "Speedy" Swift, a fan of Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees, saves from extinction the city's last horse-drawn trolley, operated by his girlfriend's grandfather. There's a great cameo by Babe Ruth, the old Yankee Stadium and Coney Island. Those glimpses of NYC in the 1920's warm my heart.

The Temptress (1926): An architect tries suppressing his passion for a beautiful unhappily married woman. The woman is played by Greta Garbo and the man is played by Antonio Moreno. This story of love and hate is my favorite Garbo film. There is powerful acting in this one and an appearance by Lionel Barrymore, aka, Mr. Potter for you *It's A Wonderful Life* fan's.

Exit Smiling (1926): Maid, Beatrice Lillie works for a traveling theatre troupe and wants to be an actress. She gets a few smaller roles but tries to show up the other actors. This is a film that isn't as well known as many others, but there's something about it that pulled me in from the start. Beatrice Lillie steals the show. It's such a bummer that she isn't as well known today as many others from that time. Time has not been kind to the female silent comedians of the silent era.

Speaking of wonderful female comedians, *The Patsy* (1928): Marion Davies, Marion Davies, Marion Davies! This woman could do it all, she could be beautiful, kind, funny and serious. She was the entire package. In this film, she plays an awkward girl who falls in love with the man who's interested in her older sister. She does everything she can to make him notice her. Davies is at her best in this film. Many say that *Show People* is *THE* film to watch, and I agree that it's incredible, but give this one a shot if you can.

Beyond the Rocks (1922): I would be remiss if I didn't include Valentino or Gloria Swanson on this list and this film hits on both of them. I love a love story. Swanson marries an older millionaire then meets and falls in love with Valentino on her honeymoon. This film was lost for many decades and was found in 2003 in a private collection. I watched it when it debuted on TCM in 2006 and was immediately drawn to it. I wanted to watch it as much as I could. I have since bought it on DVD, but there's nothing like the thrill of watching a restored once lost film during its debut back into the world. According to her autobiography, Gloria Swanson said she wished this film would one day resurface.

The Unknown (1927): What is there to say about a film with the best acting I have ever seen and will probably ever see in my life? Lon Chaney delivers the greatest acting performance ever captured (in my opinion). He is everything in this film, villain, martyr, and protector. Chaney plays Alonzo, a criminal who is on the run and hiding in a circus act. He falls in love with Nanon, played by Joan Crawford and makes a great sacrifice to win her love. Chaney is my favorite actor of all time and this film proves why he is worthy of that title. (See also, *He Who Gets Slapped*, 1924)

Safety Last (1923): This film is the most recognizable of Harold Lloyd's movies. Everyone knows the scene of him on the clock dangling for his life. The movie is about a boy who heads to the city to make enough money so his girl can join him and they can get married. There is a lot to unpack about this movie like Lloyd did these stunts missing his right thumb and index finger. This movie just speaks to the genius that is Harold Lloyd.

The Gold Rush (1925): My son loves Harold Lloyd. He has been to his birth house and celebration dozens of times, he has seen every Lloyd movie we can get our hands on, but to my dismay, his favorite silent movie is *The Gold Rush*. Chaplin is a prospector who goes to the Klondike in search of gold. He meets up with a big burly man to help him through the tough times and meets Georgia who he falls in love with. The famous scene of Chaplin with dinner rolls is in this heartbreaking, yet funny film. It's said that audiences loved the film scene so much that projectionists would stop the film during the showing and replay it. There is so much heart in this film and I rank it as my favorite Chaplin performance.

Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans (1927): This film is a tearjerker. It gets me every time. It tells the story of a man, George O'Brien who is stepping out on his wife, Janet Gaynor. He finds a way to make his wife disappear but changes his mind at the last moment. They spend the day together, but then tragedy strikes. *Sunrise* was released a month after *The Jazz Singer* and didn't do well in the box office due to audiences wanting to see actors who spoke. It was also the first silent film to be released on Blu-Ray.

The General (1926): I had to include a Buster Keaton film on this list and *The General* was the best one to recommend. Keaton plays a man who wants to go into the military, but can't because he is valuable as an engineer. When Union spies capture *The General* (his train) with his love on board, he rescues his train and his love. Admittedly Keaton is a bit of a blind spot for me. I have been to the Keaton Film Festival in Iola, KS a few times and loved it, but I'm such a Lloyd fan that I haven't seen a lot of Keaton films. Honorable mention: *He Who Gets Slapped*, (1924); *The Crowd*, (1928); *Lady of the Night*, (1925) and *Show People*, (1928).



SENTENCING REFORM IS A VIABLE APPROACH TO SOLVING PRISON OVERCROWDING

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

Several measures aimed at reducing prison overcrowding through sentencing reform have gained an interesting proponent during debate in the Nebraska Legislature.

Appropriations Committee Chairman John Stinner of Gering has spoken in support of Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks's proposal (LB131) that would require a minimum sentence be no more than half the years as the maximum for certain class felonies. The change would have the practical effect of allowing offenders to become parole-eligible sooner and alleviate the overcrowding crisis.

Stinner told his colleagues that it would cost the state \$400 million to \$500 million just to build more prison space, not counting operating costs. He said he thinks the state has a lot of other priorities than to build prisons.

Pansing Brooks and Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Steve Lathrop of Omaha said the several sentencing reform measures could be as consequential as any property tax or business incentives bill because of the money involved.

Under the Pansing Brooks proposal, if the maximum sentence is 20 years, the minimum could be no more than 10 years. In cases where a statutory mandatory minimum has been established, the measure would not apply. She noted that just because an inmate would be parole eligible doesn't mean the person would be granted parole. That's still the function of the Parole Board.

Lathrop reminded colleagues that a looming declaration of emergency population conditions is due July 1. That will require the Department of Corrections to release inmates to get the population adjusted. He said the system only has room for 150 more inmates and there are 900 people who have gone beyond their parole eligibility date and are still sitting in the state's overcrowded prisons.

Those 900 have not been paroled for a variety of reasons, including not getting the proper programming needed for release. Another Pansing Brooks bill (LB133) requires the Board of Parole to notify Corrections about any who have been denied parole because of lack of programming and to provide recommendations on programming or treatment in which the offender should participate in order to enhance his or her likelihood of release.

Lathrop said prison population projections show that by the end of 2030 the prisons could hold more than 7,300 inmates. That would mean the department would have to build 200 beds a year just to be at 140% design capacity. Senators must decide if the state wants to try to build its way out of the crisis or address it with sentencing reform.

I agree with Lathrop and Stinner that we can't build our way out of this. The system can't keep

enough staff in its current facilities, let alone staff new ones.

That makes the sentencing reform measures consequential. As Lathrop says, if the state has to spend that kind of money on brick and mortar, and workers and operations, it can forget about property tax relief, business tax incentives and properly funding schools.

Reform doesn't sit well with the law-n-order types, newly represented by Sen. Julie Slama of Peru, an appointee of Governor Pete Ricketts. She says debate centers around a serious concept that involves sentencing a person guilty of a heinous crime to 10 to 20 years -- instead of 19 to 20 years, and thus allowing parole

eligibility in a shorter time.

Similar bills have always been opposed by the Attorney General's office and prosecutors who say the discretion by judges to determine a sentence on a case-by-case basis is good enough. Prosecutors say it could pose a significant and unnecessary risk to public safety and have no verifiable impact on crowding of prisons.

We've seen how that has worked out so far. Given the overcrowding crisis, it hasn't.

So why not try something new? Let's give sentencing reform a fair chance. It just might work. *J.J. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.*

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: WOMEN INNOVATORS

- ACROSS**
- Cause for September celebration
 - Net holder
 - Island near Java
 - "Pokémon," e.g.
 - Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman wrote its first version in 1923, acr.
 - Archaeologist's find
 - Synagogue scroll
 - Bag in Paris
 - "Behind ___ Lines"
 - Aviation pioneer
 - She rebelled against sentimental novel
 - Nurses' org.
 - Deceptive maneuver
 - Director's cry
 - Snow and cycling helmet manufacturer
 - Low hemoglobin
 - Bryce Canyon state
 - Something to do
 - Lady's Bella Notte date
 - Puerto
 - Bone hollow
 - Slang for heroin
 - Cake cover
 - and drab
 - Roman robe
 - "Purple People ___," pl.
 - Defender of skies, acr.
 - Easter leud-in
 - Attention-getting interjection
 - Pres. Truman's 1947 creation, acr.
 - She originated the little black dress
 - "Hidden
 - Knights' feat of strength
 - "Mary Phelps Jacob patented the 1st modern one-
 - Dickens' Heep
 - Ladies' fingers
 - Three strikes
 - Access Rene
 - Crowd-sourced review platform
 - Liliputian
 - Master of ceremonies

- DOWN**
- Better than never?
 - a.k.a. midget buffalo
 - 100 cents in Ethiopia
 - D-Day beach
 - Move a picture
 - Investment option, acr.
 - Last European colony in China
 - Crooked
 - Sheltered, nautically
 - Trace or outline
 - Slippery surface
 - Feel indignant about something
 - Indian cuisine dip
 - "Sally Ride was 1st woman in space for this country
 - Speaker's platform
 - 1st person to win two Nobel Prizes
 - Carthage's ancient rival
 - Implied
 - She developed philosophy of Objectivism
 - Formerly, formerly
 - "Home of Wesleyan College, first college chartered to grant degrees for women
 - Insect, post-metamorphosis
 - "Inventor of a newborn screening test
 - Use a whetstone
 - Caitlyn Jenner's ex
 42. Primitive calculators
 - Ulysses and Cary
 - Female
 - "*Singular of #60 Across
 54. Temis-affected joint
 - Geld, to a chemist
 57. Pepsi rival
 58. Fling
 59. Rush job notation
 60. Inevitable occurrence
 61. Reduced instruction set computer
 62. Alleviate
 63. Old Woman's home
 64. Jennifer Lawrence played her in eponymous 2015 movie.
 66. Rivoli in Paris, e.g.

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From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz

50-25-15 Years Ago



50 Years Ago - Feb. 26, 1970 to Mar. 3, 1970

A newly formed Taxpayers Association elected as its officers W.J. Prichard, chairman; Lloyd Stalder, vice chairman; Virgil Wiltse, secretary; and K.G. Sandrock, treasurer.

A flu epidemic prompted Community Hospital Administrator Max Rathman to limit those visiting patients to members of their immediate families.

Donald L. Gentry, Falls City, suffered a fracture of his right leg and a mashed foot when hit by a cattle truck while walking a picket line at the Missouri Beef Packers' plant near Rock Port, MO.

Only a handful of persons attended a hearing on the re-routing of Highway 73 along its present location for 1.1 miles north of 25th Street.

The Hamlin KS. Elevator was sold to Lincoln Grain Co., Atchison, KS, by Frank and Elmer Isch, Morrill, KS.

Husker guard Tom "Scants" Scantlebury was considered as a possible candidate for All-Big Eight honors after pouring in 28 points in a game with Oklahoma.

A large number of Falls City Water & Light customers were without power for about an hour while a new switchboard was put into service at the City Power Plant.

Will Groothuis was president of the Falls City Lions Club and new officers included Charles Smith, 2nd vice president; Roger Kiekhaefer, 3rd vice president; Dr. James Slominski, tail-twister; and Max Rathman and Subby Lombardo, directors.

Labor problems were slowing construction at the Cooper Nuclear station at Brownville.

A keepsake ring lost five years earlier at the City ballpark was found there under three inches of dirt using a metal detector.

Movies at the Rivoli were "The Savage Wild" and "Daddy's Gone A-Hunting".

Dance bands playing at Ole Tyme Saloon included "The Rockets" and "The 3 Dog Bones."

Dairy Dip's March 1 Spring Opening featured 24-cent Beef-burgers and 19-cent French Fries.

The contract was awarded for a \$93,800 Community Hospital remodeling project.

Sterling Kottich, Falls City, was elected chairman and Floyd Vrtiska, Table Rock, vice chairman of the Southeast Nebraska Health Planning Council.

Cheryl Miles and Glen Rider, Falls City High seniors, were selected as the winners of the Elks' Most Valuable Student competition.

New enlistments increased the strength of Company B, 134th Infantry, Falls City, to 137 men.

The Falls City Tigers closed out their regular season with a 75-61 victory over Auburn.

Miss Rita Seid, Auburn, reigning Southeast Quad County Pork Producers Assn. queen and Miss Kathy Niss, Pawnee City, State Pork Queen were busy handing out awards during the Show.

The B.P.O. Does, custodians of "Mrs. Maust's Milk Fund", made a donation of \$136 to assist youngsters receiving free or reduced price lunches.

For the second time in the same week former President Lyndon B. Johnson suffered pains in his chest and left arm and heartbeat irregularities.

The City Council voted to extend its liability insurance coverage to protect police officers against false arrest charges.

Officials who left their striped shirts, trousers, and shoes in the faculty lounge at Tecumseh following a game in January were surprised to find that someone had sewn shut the legs of their trousers when they returned to officiate another game a few weeks later.

25 Years Ago - Feb. 26, 1995 to Mar. 3, 1995

After 18 hours of deliberation, jurors from Omaha who heard the case in Richardson County District Court, found Marvin Tom Nissen guilty of first degree murder in the death of Brandon Teena, guilty of second degree murder in the deaths of Lisa Lambert and Phillip DeVine, and also guilty of felony burglary.

Mayor Bill Farmer appealed to parents to assist the Police Department in getting youth under 18 to comply with the city's curfew ordinance in effect midnight to 5 a.m.

Max Waldo of DeWit had the grand champion hog at the annual Market Hog Show in Humboldt.

The season for the Lady Irish basketball team came to an end with a 68-63 loss to Adams in the D2-1 district final.

Movies at the River Twin Cinema were "Richie Rich" and "Quick & The Dead."

Sportsman's Depot was sponsoring an 8-Ball Tournament.

Southeast Consolidated's quest for a berth in the girls' State Basketball Tournament came to an end with defeat by Deshler 43-33 in the District championship game.

A Southeast Consolidated School booster ad wished Journal sportswriter Del Sutherland good luck in his retirement and thanked him for his coverage of the Southeast Schools.

Peru State College Business Contest winners included Eric Hunzeker, Brandi Standerford and Alison Hammon of Humboldt and Eddie Fritz, Shae Ketelsen, Ryan Schulte, and Kari Hilgenfeld of Dawson-Verdon.

Falls City High's FFA judging team won the Judging Contest at the Humboldt Hog Show.

Leon and Steve Frederick were accepting consignments for their second annual Consignment Auction.

The Community Hospital Health Fair was not held because of limited parking available due to construction on the hospital site.

The Southeast Consolidated boys' powerlifting team finished first in the Southeast Powerlifting meet. Their girls team was the only one to compete and shattered all existing records.

The Richardson County Athlete of the Week was Marc Knobbe of Sacred Heart who scored 16 points in the sub-district semifinals and 21 in the title game.

Honored as Junior Rotarians by the Falls City Club were Beverly Lampe from Sacred Heart and Kara Bachman from Falls City High.

Falls City Monument Co. celebrated its Grand Opening.

Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. announced that William J. "Bill" Niedfeldt had been elected Vice President and Manager of its Stella Branch.

15 Years Ago - Feb. 26, 2005 to Mar. 3, 2005

The No. 2 ranked Sacred Heart girls defeated their nemesis, the Freeman Falcons, 45-44 to become district champs and the number 2 seed in the state Class D1 girls basketball tournament.

The annual Richardson County K-12 Schools Art Contest sponsored by the Falls City General Woman's Club attracted 558 entries.

Richardson County student athletes Whitney Thomas of Falls City High School and Kelly Moyer of HTRS were honored by the Nebraska School Activities Association as winners of "Believers and Achievers" awards.

Richardson, Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, and Pawnee counties were chosen to receive \$24,945 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in those counties.

"LEAD Program Fellow" Ben Steffen of Humboldt returned home after participating in a 10-day National Study/Travel Seminar conducted by the Nebraska LEAD program.

Sandy Appleoff, Falls City, a master's degree student at the University of Kansas was the costume designer for a K.U. production of "You Can't Take It With You."

Ways sought to fund equipment for city firemen during City Council meeting

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-proval if compliance is demonstrated. The Administrator shall recommend approval by the Commission for those events under control of the catering license holder or religious non-profit organizations for events on its grounds or grounds under their control. The City Administrator is required to provide a quarterly report to the Council of special designated liquor licenses recommended for approval. Not recognized as routine and continuing to require Council approval before being granted will be special designated license applications submitted by a retail licensee for an outdoor beer garden event, events to be held on City-owned property, or other special events

where music will be present and are not considered to be routine.

The resolution was passed following approval of requests for the use of Prichard Auditorium for two wedding receptions and three designated liquor licenses for such events. Permission was given for wedding receptions with alcohol served at Prichard Auditorium for Logan Scheitel and Brooke Klein on June 6 and Casey Erickson and his fiance' on December 12. Favorable recommendations were made to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for Special Designated Licenses for Stonebridge Vineyard, Inc. of Pawnee City, NE, for wedding receptions at Prichard Auditorium April 25, June 6 and December 12.

At the outset of the meeting City Administrator, Gary Jom reported to the Council that the Nebraska Supreme Court had ruled in favor of the City by affirming a Lancaster District Court's dismissal of a lawsuit seeking \$1,490,785.00 in legal fees from the City filed by DH-1, LLC, of an assignment of legal fees claimed by two law firms, Bradford Whitted, PC, L.L.O. and Weaver & Merz, a partnership. Administrator Jom said City Attorney Mike Dunn would be seeking return of city files in the possession of former City Attorney Doug Merz of Weaver & Merz. The Supreme Court's dismissal of the suit was detailed in a front-page story in the February 19, 2020, Falls City Journal.

2020 Primary Election information

Preparation is underway at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk for the Tuesday, May 12, 2020, Primary Election.

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—David D. Sickle*.

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/Kulo and Arago/Barada.

County Commissioner District 3 seat is up for a four-year term—Terry L. Frank*.

District 3 serves the following precincts: Salem, Liberty, East Muddy, West Muddy/Porter, Franklin/Humboldt Rural/Speser 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—June Bowers*, Scott Hollens* and Dan Jones; School District 70 four year term—Kyle Hilgenfeld.

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—Amber Holle*; Ward II—Kaylie Ractliffe*; Ward III—Carla Rhodd*; Ward IV—Jim Wisdom*; City of Humboldt Ward I—Larry Stauffer*; Ward II—Stacey J. Edmundson*.

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.

Republican Party County Convention delegates—Vincent C. Metzner, Gayle A. Swisegood, Jerry Duerfeldt, and Pamela S. Scott.

Other offices to be nominated at the Primary Election are: President of the United States, United State Senator, Representative in Congress-Dist. 3, Member of the Legislature—District 1, 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

BABIES OF 2019



Barrett Matthew
November 12 - 8 lbs.

Parents:
Capt. Adam and Becky Schwartz
Madison, WI
Grandparents:
Neal and Marie Parsons
Matt and Karen Schwartz

BENEFIT FOR DAVID FRITZ WHO WAS HIT BY A CAR WHILE HE WAS DRIVING HIS MOTORCYCLE ON AUGUST 10, 2019

FISH FRY BENEFIT

FREE WILL DONATION - MARCH 13, 2020
ELKS LODGE IN FALLS CITY, NE AT 1417 STONE STREET
STARTING AT 5:30 UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT
Two guns will be raffled w/tickets available ahead of benefit, at the door & a 50/50 drawing the night of benefit.

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Selling 200 Acres in Section 30 Township 3 North, Range 17 East Richardson County, Ne.
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JACK CUMMINGS

Happy 70th Birthday



Come join Jack and his family to celebrate his 70th birthday. Sshhhh — it's a surprise, so don't tell him! It will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, in the Community Room at Woodland Park Townhomes, 4180 Pennsylvania Ave., in Grand Island. If you cannot attend but would like to send a card, send it to: 1809 S. Adams St., Apt. B, Grand Island, NE, 68801



Sun Mart of Falls City recently donated \$1,000 to Falls City High School as part of its "Direct Your Dollars" campaign. Direct Your Dollars was launched in 2016 as part of Sun Mart's commitment to support the communities they serve. The year-round program replaces Support Our Schools in select locations. The store's general manager, Angie Phroper, presented the check to Falls City North School Students, front, L-R: Maeleigh Pagnano, Beckett Shafer, Sawyer Kafer, Tucker Hoffman. Back, Mrs. Shafer (Kindergarten Teacher) and Angie Phroper. Families from schools participating in the "Direct Your Dollars" campaign collect Sun Mart cash register receipts and the company makes a \$1,000 donation for every \$150,000 returned. (Photo by Chelsie Alexander)



McKenzie Witt, a senior point guard for Falls City Sacred Heart Irish recently signed her letter of intent to play basketball for the Peru State Bobcats. In her senior season, Witt is averaging seven points and leads the team with 62 steals and 156 assists. Pictured above, L-R: DeLanie Witt, Jamie Sopot, McKenzie Witt, Travis Witt, Treyden Marx; Back Row Left to right: Adam Santo, PSC Assistant, Coach Ian Holleran; PSC Head Coach, Joan Albury, Bailey Witt, Aspen Witt, Alisha Hoppe, Holly Westengaard, and Luke Santo

SOCIETY

Falls City Drove #56
Members of Falls City Drove #56 met Monday evening, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Falls City Elks Club. President Karen Ramsey led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chaplain Phyllis Kreutzer offered a prayer. Minutes of the

January 13 meeting were read and approved as written. Donations will be made to Empty Bowls Soup Supper, to be held March 11 at Prichard Auditorium; Summer Rec.; Falls City Jr. and Sr. Prom and Sacred Heart Prom; American Cancer; Richardson Cancer and sponsor the Does small girls softball team. Monetary donations had previously given to Falls City Ministerial Assoc. and Dogs for Better Living. Plans are being made to have a Style Show and a Dessert Bar in June. Refreshments were served by hostess Karen Ramsey and Marlene McKim. Door prizes were won by Joyce Buck, Connie Fiddler and Russel Arms. Hostesses for the March meeting are Glenda Bippes and Gina Scheitel.

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order Of The Eastern Star
By Donna Monnette, Secretary
Ten members were present for the February 6, 2020 meeting of the Humboldt Chapter #234

Order of the Eastern Star. Sarah Nims, Worthy Matron, presided in the East at 7:30 p.m. at the Meeting Place. Chapter opened in form as the members sang the Opening Ode, "Morning Has Broken" following prayer by the Chaplain. All pledged allegiance to the American flag. The regular order of business followed with reading of the previous meeting which were approved. The Treasurer gave her report. Communications were read by the Secretary. Bills were allowed. Information was received on the "Enduring Hope Session" to be held in Kearney, NE at the Younces Conference Center on May 12-14. Worthy Grand Matron Karan Birdsall and Worthy Grand Patron Bruce A. Baker will preside at the Nebraska Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star Session. The OES News was distributed to the members. Scholarship information was received and Debbi Dunn, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee will get the information to Falls City High School and HTRS High School Counselors. It was decided to award one \$500 scholarship to a

2020 graduation senior in connection with the Grand Chapter. Announcement of Megan Pruitt of Waterloo as the new District 1 Grand Supervisor was received. She will conduct a School of Instruction to the members of Pawnee City and Humboldt Chapters in March. More information will follow as to date and time. The Chapter was approved to change their meeting time to 2:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Previously they met at 7:30 p.m. Installing Past Matron Carolyn Bredemeier and Installing Marshal Elizabeth Ketner installed the following officers—Organist-Debbi Dunn and Christina Joy. There being no further business Chapter closed in prayer by Chaplain Joan Wheeler and the singing of the Closing Ode, "Hymn of Promise." Refreshments were served by Nancy Nemechek.

With perfect planning there are situations where taxpayers may not pay any income tax on the distributions. This is article is purely from a tax perspective. A great retirement portfolio consists of both pre-tax and post-tax retirement accounts. Every scenario is different, therefore this general advice cannot be applied directly to your situation and is not intended to be tax advice. If you have concerns about retirement contribution deductions, it is best practice to consult with a tax professional.

Peru State College awards 49 degrees in August

Peru State College and its President, Dr. Dan Hanson, granted degrees to 49 graduates on Friday, August 2, 2019. Local graduates include: Alison Danielle Mullins, Master of Science in Education in Curriculum and Instruction, of Falls City and Carlee LeTia Michelle Tasler, Bachelor of Science in Educational Studies, Cum Laude, of Shubert. Peru State granted 25 Master of Science in Education degrees, two Master of Science in Organizational Management degrees, one Bachelor of Arts degree, 15 Bachelor of Science degrees and six Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. The formal ceremony for all 2018-2019 graduates was held in May of 2019. August graduates were eligible to walk in that ceremony.

Easiest way to reduce your tax liability

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No one wants to pay more taxes than what is required by law. There is one piece of advice that can apply to most working taxpayers, is to increase pre-tax retirement contributions. Increasing contributions to a pre-tax 401K, simple IRA, or traditional IRA reduces the income that is subject to federal and state income tax. The maximum employee contribution for a 401K just increased to \$19,500 a year, so now there is more flexibility in this strategy than before. There are tax consequences when withdrawing pre-tax retirement funds. Distributions are subject to federal and state income tax, and a 10% penalty can be applied if withdrawing funds before age 55. If you are taxed on distributions, what is the benefit to contributing to a pre-tax retirement account? Taxpayers are in higher tax brackets during working years, therefore contributing to retirement accounts causes a larger deduction. During retirement years the distributions occur in lower tax brackets, therefore less of a tax burden occurs. Receiving a larger tax deduction versus the tax burden on distributions is the advantage.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY DAD!
Love, Carol, David & Gary
Reception, 1-3PM
March 1, 2020
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MARCH 2020

Early St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Saturday, March 14th
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in promo cash or \$500 in cash every 1/2 hour 1pm-1am.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Tuesday, March 17th
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 every 1/2 hour Noon-11pm.

Extended St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Saturday, March 28th
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in promo cash or \$500 in cash every 1/2 hour 1pm-12:30am.
Drawing to win \$2,000 in cash at 1am.

NEW MEMBERS GET \$30 IN PROMO CASH FOR SIGNING UP THIS MONTH OF MARCH!! (Excludes March 14, 17 & 28)
If you sign up as a new member on the excluded days (March 14, 17 or 28), you will receive your \$30 in promo cash in the month of April.

SUNDAYS, MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS
SUNDAYS, MONDAYS & THURSDAYS - 3X POINTS 9AM-NOON!
Prime Time Tuesday!! TUESDAYS ONLY - \$2 off lunch and dinner buffets (55 & over).
WEDNESDAYS - 2X POINTS 9AM-NOON!
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in promo every 1/2 hour 1pm-11pm, plus you could win promo for April. (Excludes Tuesday, March 17)

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in promo every 1/2 hour 6pm-1am. (Excludes Saturdays, March 14 & 28)

*** BINGO ***
Drawings every night (excludes March 14, 17 & 28)
Early St. Patrick's Day Drawings - Mar. 14
St. Patrick's Day Drawings - Mar. 17
Extended St. Patrick's Day Drawings - Mar. 28

*** BUFFET ***
PRIME TIME TUESDAYS!!
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FCMS AOK WINNERS FOR JANUARY. L-R: Josephine Kirkendall; eighth grade, Sierrah Vermeer; seventh grade and Emmett Daake sixth grade. These students were nominated by other students and adults at Falls City Middle School for demonstrating acts of kindness during the school day. Each month students and staff make nominations and students then vote anonymously for one act of kindness from each grade level that goes above and beyond.

PSC announces Fall President's and Dean's Lists

Peru State College announced the President's and Dean's Lists for the Fall 2019 semester on February 14.

Local students making the Lists are: Nicholas Nathan Novak, Dean's List, of Dawson.

Bailey Racaann Armbruster, President's List; Alexandria Nicole Bangert, Dean's List; Bailey Nicole Bindle, President's List; Drew Joseph Bippes, Dean's List; Molly Lucille Brown, Dean's List; Hailey Lynn Campbell, Dean's List; Bailey Rachelle Counce, President's List; Taylor Sophia Counce, Dean's List; Tyler Garrett Harms, President's List; Ashlynn Radene Hoelsing, Dean's List; Castin Elaine Klima, President's List; Natalie Rose Kreifels, President's List; McKayla Ann Nagengast, Dean's List; and Douglas Popham, Jr., Dean's List, all of Falls City.

Carter James Drake, President's List; Tiffany Sue Phillips, Dean's List; Whitney Leigh Ramsey, President's List; David John Reuter, President's List; and Bethany Grace Worthey, Dean's List all of Humboldt.

Austin Martin, Dean's List; and Rande Michelle Louise Witt, President's List, of Salem.

Emma Louise Shubert, President's List, of Shubert.

Bailey A Kuhlmann, President's List; Maggie Mae Tomek, President's List, of Table Rock.

Shirley Elizabeth Schuetz, President's List, of Verdon.

To make the President's List, students must have a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, have completed at least 12 graded credit hours during the past semester, have no incomplete grades for the

semester and be seeking their first degree.

To make the Dean's List students must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester, have completed at least 12 graded credit hours during the past semester, have no incomplete grades for the semester and be seeking their first degree.

Local students named to UNL Deans' List

More than 5,700 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' List for the fall semester of the 2019-20 academic year.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director.

The following area honorables, with their year in school, college(s) and academic major(s) or program were named to the list.

Sydney Margaret Brewer, of Falls City, senior, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, fisheries and wildlife.

Alyssa Lee Frederick, of Falls City, junior, Dean's List, College of Education and Human Sciences, elementary education.

Joshua David Froeschl, of Falls City, senior, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, biochemistry.

Jade Kathleen Hill, of Falls City, junior, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, pre-veterinary medicine.

Tucker Merz, of Falls City, senior, Dean's List, College of Education and Human Sciences, elementary education.

Katelyn Joleen Stoller, of Falls City, sophomore, Dean's List, College of Education and Human Sciences, English language arts.

Dylan Christopher Sutton, of Falls City, junior, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, anthropology.

Cheree Joy Abbott, of Humboldt, sophomore, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, agribusiness.

Laura Ann Stalder, of Humboldt, junior, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, fisheries and wildlife.

Matilyn Irene Stalder, of Humboldt, freshman, Dean's List, Explore Center, undeclared-undergraduate.

MO State Senator congratulates Chief of Staff Janson M. Thomas on his new position

Missouri State Senator Gina Walsh is congratulating her long-time Chief of Staff, Janson M. Thomas, on his new position as Deputy Chief of Staff to St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page.

"Janson has been an outstanding staff member, trusted adviser, and dear friend to so many throughout his 16 year tenure serving the Missouri State Senate, and I have been fortunate to have him by my side these last eight years as my Chief of Staff," said Sen. Walsh. "Janson knows the people, issues and opportunities facing St. Louis County, and his insight and experience will continue to serve the County well in his new position. Janson will be greatly missed here in the Capitol, and I am incredibly proud of all we have accomplished together for Missouri children, seniors and families."

"It has been a privilege and an honor to serve Senator Walsh as her Chief of Staff. Sen. Walsh's unwavering dedication to her constituents has served as an inspiration and example of the positive force for good that can be achieved when our leaders are driven by a genuine respect for the people they represent," Thomas said. "I look forward to continuing this important work as I support County Executive Page's transformative agenda to restore honesty, accountability and transparency to St. Louis County Government."

A graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, Thomas began his career in public service as a policy analyst for then-Governor Bob Holden. As a legislative assistant to former-Senator Tim Green, Thomas developed a reputation as a thoughtful, highly capable, and versatile staff member respected on both sides of the aisle. In 2012, Thomas began his current role as Chief of Staff to State Senator and Senate Democratic Leader Gina Walsh. Thomas will begin his new position with the Page Administration on February 18th.

Janson is the son of former Falls City residents, Tom and Lori Thomas; grandson of John and Harvina Thomas and Sharon Eckard and the late Bob Eckard; and the great-grandson of the late Winnie Hazelwood.

Nathaniel Finck named to Creighton University Dean's List

Creighton University College of Arts and Sciences sophomore, Nathaniel Finck of Falls City, was named to the Dean's List for fall 2019.

Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List.

Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, enrolls 4,446 undergraduates and 4,464 graduate and professional students among nine schools and colleges.



Winners of the fifth and sixth grade Richardson County Spelling Bee. L-R: Brenden Lemerond, second place (Sacred Heart); Hayden Clow, first place (Sacred Heart); Clara Feighner, third place (HTRS); and Isabelle Nussbaum, fourth place (Sacred Heart).



Winners of the seventh and eighth grade Richardson County Spelling Bee. L-R: Ethan Neddenriep second place (Sacred Heart); Paige Young, first place; (Falls City Public); Addison Keller, fourth place (Sacred Heart); Hannah Koziol, third place (HTRS).

Richardson Co. Spelling Bee winners

The Richardson County Spelling Bee was held Tuesday, February 11, at the Roh Activity Center and hosted by Sacred Heart School. Paige Young, winner of the seventh and eighth grade division will advance to the Midwest Spelling Bee in Omaha on March 28.

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COST: \$10.00 Adults
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Contracts to be finalized by March 11, 2020
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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.

CITATIONS

James R. McLaury, of Sioux Falls, SD, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Christine E. Huttles, of Waverly, NE, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Denice A. Rathbone, of Auburn, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Ka Y. Xiong, of Storm Lake, IA, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Dylan M. Leafy, of Falls City, count one, speeding 21-35, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs.

Bobbi J. Sammons, of Nebraska City, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Newton H. Kam, of Humboldt, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Daniel S. Farley, of Falls City, count one, failure to yield ROW, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Leo S. Lucash, of Veregin, SN, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Jacob C. Scholl, of Clearwater, FL, count one, violate stop or yield sign, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Allison L. Weiler, of Lawrence, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Austin R. Sells, of Rulo, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Jevaughn S. Clarke, of North Lauderdale, FL, count one, speeding 11-15, amended to speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Billy J. Hays, of Ponca City, OK, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and court costs.

Gerald W. Bohling, of Stella, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined and overweight fine of \$75; count two, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty found guilty and fined and overweight fine of \$75 and court costs.

Nathan Neddenriep, of Falls City, count one, failure to signal/

improper turn, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

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

Charles B. Keller, of Great Bend, KS, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

COUNTY COURT

Taegen R. Kratz, of Pawnee City, count one, unauthorized use of fin tran device/under \$500, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for February 26, 2020.

Mindy A. Monroe, of Humboldt, count one, dom asst-third degree, amended to attempt of a class one misdemeanor, plead not guilty, found guilty; count two, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing scheduled for April 1, 2020.

Scott J. Bachman, Sr., of Humboldt, count one, theft-utility services, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for March 4, 2020.

Matthew L. Gilbert of Humboldt, count one, drive during revocation/impound-second/third, plead not guilty.

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. Show cause hearing is scheduled for March 2, 2020.

Shawn C. Brabec, of Omaha, count one, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count three, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2020.

Bruce C. Larsen, of Dawson, count one, DUI-15+, amended to DU-alcohol-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess/consume open alcohol container, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, fail to use turn signal, amended to count/dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled.

Bruce C. Larsen, of Dawson count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty. Show cause hearing is scheduled for March 2, 2020.

DISTRICT COURT

Jessica L. Popejoy Hayes, of Rulo, count one, possess con-

trolled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Jury Trial is scheduled.

Jeremy M. Patnode, of Falls City, count one, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, plead not guilty; count two, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

Holly M. Pfohl, of Hiawatha, KS, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500; count two, false reporting-misde-meanor, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to four days in jail starting on February 18, 2020, credit for four days serve and court costs.

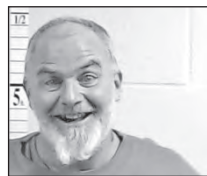
Donita A. Frederick, of Falls City, count one, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count four, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count five, 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, plead not guilty; 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 March 17, 2020.

Natalie C. Auxier, of Council Bluffs, count one, burglary, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled.

Natalie C. Auxier, of Council Bluffs, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Jury Sentencing is scheduled.

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

All suspect's are innocent until proven guilty.



On February 10, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested Joshua O'Grady, 44, of Falls City, on a Court Commitment. O'Grady was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On February 10, 2020, Richardson County Sheriff Deputies arrested Dalton Holst, 25, of Falls City, on a warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Narcotic Equipment Possession. Holst was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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Playing in his final home game, senior Kade Bredemeier scores over the Fairbury player. Bredemeier finished in double digits with 10 points.

Slow start dooms Tiger Boys

Story and photo by Brian McKim

In the regular-season home finale, the Tigers dug a hole early on and never quite recovered. Falls City, hosting 13-8 Fairbury, fell behind 4-0 in the opening minute of the game. With just under five minutes to play in the first, Will Vitosh drove to the hoop and got the layup and foul to make it 4-3. A free throw by Kade Bredemeier with 4:08 to play was the last points of the quarter for FC, as the Jeffs went on a 10-0 run to close out the period with a 16-4 lead.

The second period didn't start great for FC, as they scored their first points with 4:39 to play on an offensive rebound and putback by Hunter Arnold. That stopped a scoring drought that lasted 7:29 of game time. A three by Fairbury with 2:36 to go made it 25-9. Falls City then ended the half on a 6-0 run to make it 25-15 at intermission. A drive to the hoop and a foul by Mason Crawford made it 25-12 and got the Tigers leading scorer on the board. The half ended with Caden Simon hitting a free throw and a layup

to make the halftime deficit 10 points for FC.

Falls City came out on fire to begin the third quarter. Crawford drilled a three from the wing to make it 25-18 at the 7:30 mark. Bredemeier then hit a trey from the same spot on the court to cut the Jeffs lead to 25-21 with 5:45 to play in the third. Finally, Fairbury got a hoop to end the Tigers 12-0 run. FC wasn't cashing it in just yet, Bredemeier hit another three from the top of the key and a layup with :45 left to cut the lead to four at 30-26. The Tiger defense was giving the Jeffs fits, and a jumper by Crawford with :14 left made it 30-29. Fairbury hit a pair of free throws with :01 on the clock to end the Tigers 8-0 run and make it 32-29 heading into the fourth.

Arnold went 2-2 from the charity stripe to begin the fourth and make it 32-31. That is as close as the Tigers would get. A three by Fairbury made it 35-31, and the Jeffs sealed the contest, making 7/0 foul shots down the stretch. Down by nine with 4:00 to go, FC tried to mount one last comeback. A hoop in

the paint by Vitosh made it 42-35. A three by Crawford thirty seconds late cut the lead to six at 44-38. Falls City would get no closer, falling to Fairbury 54-42. The Tigers were outscored 22-13 in the fourth period as they fell to 11-12 on the season.

The Tigers shot just 31% from the floor, making 13-41 shot attempts and only 4/19 from behind the arc. Fairbury finished 18/38 (47%) and 4/12 from behind the three-point line. The Jeffs were also proficient from the foul line, making 14/16, while the Tigers were just 12-23. FC did out rebound the Jeffs 23-17.

Crawford led the Tigers with 15 points, making 5/18 shots and adding two rebounds. Bredemeier added 10 points and three rebounds. Arnold had a big night, leading FC with seven rebounds and scoring eight points.

Scoring vs. Fairbury, Crawford 15, Bredemeier 10, Arnold eight, Vitosh six, Caden Simon three.

Next up for Falls City is the Class C1-1 sub-district in Beatrice.



Hannah Clary powers over the Wilber-Clatonia defender last week.

Lady Tigers season comes to a close

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Falls City Tigers played the Class C1-6 sub-district last week in Beatrice, first defeating Wilber-Clatonia on Monday, 50-18, before falling to Syracuse 58-35 on Tuesday evening.

On Monday, the Lady Tigers raced out to a 10-3 lead to begin the game. Freshman Madison Jones poured in the games' first eight points, including a three from the wing with 6:10 to play in the first. The onslaught continued as FC finished the quarter with a 15-3 advantage. The Wolverines lone points came on a three with 3:30 on the clock.

Wilber scored the first five points of the second period to make it 15-8 with just over six minutes to play in the half. A pair of free throws by Hannah Clary with 4:03 on the clock finally got FC on the board in the second quarter. Leading 19-8 with 2:55 to go, Sara Black hit three on back to back possessions to give FC a comfortable 25-13 halftime lead.

The third period entirely belonged to FC, outscoring the Wolverines 18-4 to build a 43-17 advantage. Chase Nolte got the scoring started with a hoop in the paint one minute into the second half. Consecutive hoops by Nolte midway through the

quarter pushed the lead to 58-13. A trey by Clary, followed by a basket by Reece McNeely, made it 40-17, and another three by Black gave the Tigers the 26-point advantage heading into the final eight minutes.

The Tiger defense kept the pressure on, allowing just one point in the fourth period as they cruised to the first-round win, 50-18. Madi Jones led all scorers with 12 points, making 4/12 shots from the field and 3/6 free throws. Chase Nolte also hit double figures with 10 points on 5/8 shooting. Megan Tinsley led Wilber-Clatonia with eight points.

For the game, FC was 14/48 from two-point range and 5/11 from behind the arc. The Tigers also hit 7/10 from the foul line. The Wolverines made just 3/16 two-pointers and 2/14 from behind the arc.

Scoring vs. Wilber-Clatonia, Black nine, Sneath six, Jones 12, Clary nine, R. McNeely two, Nolte 10, Beer two.

With the win on Monday, the Tigers earned a shot at top-seeded Syracuse. FC had upset on the mind early on, leading 10-8 after the first quarter. Hannah Clary had five points, and Sara Black had a three to pace the Tigers early.

The Rockets started to come alive in the second quarter, taking a 23-16 halftime lead. The Rockets continued with the momentum in the second half, outscoring Falls City 35-19 to take the 58-35 win.

The Tigers shot just 13/48 from the floor in the contest, while the Rockets were 24/49 from the field. In her final game as a Tiger, Clary had a team-high 15 points, making 5/19 shots from the floor. L. Vollertsen led the Rockets with 22 points, and L. Meyer added 17.

Scoring vs. Syracuse, Black three, Sneath five, Jones six, Clary 15, R. McNeely four, Beer two.

The loss ended Falls City's season with a 7-17 record. The Rockets went on to defeat Fairbury to win the sub-district and improve to 20-5.



Madi Jones drops in a three of her 12 points last week in the sub-district opener.

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Erison Vonderschmidt beats the Jet defender for two of her game-high 17 points.

Irish girls survive Jets, one step closer to State

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish girls survived a push from the Sterling Jets to win the sub-district final in Pawnee City on Thursday night 35-31. The Irish got off to a sizzling start, staking a 6-0 lead with 5:40 to play in the first. Sterling then scored six consecutive points to tie the game at six with just under four minutes to go. The Irish regained the lead with an offensive rebound and score by Rachel Magdanz and made it 10-6 with another offensive board and putback by Erison Vonderschmidt.

The second period again looked good for the Irish as Olivia Eickhoff hit a jumper to make it 12-6. A three-pointer by M. Witt with 7:00 to go in the half made it 15-6, and the game had all the makings of an Irish rout. Sterling scored the final nine points of the quarter and tied the game at 15, heading into the locker rooms. The first half was sloppy by both teams, with the Irish turning the ball over 13 times while the Jets finished with 11.

Sterling hit a free throw at the 7:08 mark to take their first lead of the game, 16-15. A steal and layup by Eickhoff game the Irish the lead back 17-16. With 1:14 on the clock, Vonderschmidt hit a jumper and got fouled, pushing the Irish lead to 23-18. With just four ticks left on the clock, Vonderschmidt struck again, a basket off the glass, gave SH a 25-19 lead with only eight minutes to play.

In the fourth, a baseline jumper by Vonderschmidt kept the Jets at bay, 27-21 with just under seven minutes to go. Another hoop by Vonderschmidt on an inbounds play made it 29-23 with six minutes left. The Jets weren't ready to quit just yet. A steal and layup, followed by two free throws, made it 30-27 with 4:24 on the clock. However, a baseline jumper from Danielle Bippes made it 32-27 with just 2:40 left in the game. The Irish had a chance to ice the game, but made only 1/6 free throws in the final 1:33 but still held on for the 35-31 win.

The Irish were 14/40 from the field while holding Sterling to just 9/35. The Irish were only 6/17 from the foul line while the Jets converted 12/17 attempts. SH held a 34-21 rebound advantage, and a 10-5 assist upper hand. Both teams played sloppy, with SH committing 20 turnovers to Sterlings 17.

Vonderschmidt led the Irish scoring with 17 points, making 6/8 shots and 5/11 from the foul line. Magdanz led the Irish with nine rebounds, while Vonderschmidt added eight, and Bippes had seven. Freshman Macy Richardson had 19 points to lead the Jets.

Scoring vs. Sterling, Magdanz six, M. Witt six, Vonderschmidt 17, Eickhoff four, Bippes two.

Tuesday nights game vs. Parkview Christian wasn't quite as close. The Irish defense didn't allow a single point in the second half as they cruised to the 60-10 win. SH held quarter leads of 13-3, 34-10, 47-10, and 60-10.

SH shot well from the floor,



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hitting 26/53 shots while holding Parkview to just three makes on 18 attempts. The swarming Irish defense forced 33 turnovers while committing only nine.

Macy Keller led the Irish with 13 points, making 6/8 attempts. McKenzie Witt also hit double

figures with 10 points and six steals. A. Rogers had six points to lead Parkview Christian.

Scoring vs. Parkview, Magdanz two, Niemeyer seven, Simon three, M. Witt 10, J. Wertenberger six, E. Wertenberger two, Littrel two, Vonderschmidt six, Eickhoff two, Bippes seven, Keller 13.

Strong second half sends Irish boys to win

By Brian McKim

The Irish boys found themselves in unfamiliar water on Saturday in Nebraska City. The Irish, slow out of the gate, trailed Lourdes Central 13-10 after one period and 25-15 at the half. The Irish mounted a second-half comeback, outscoring Lourdes 34-16 in the final two quarters to earn the 49-41 win.

SH was cold to begin the game, hitting only 5/16 first-quarter shots and 1/7 in the second quarter. The Irish were also just 2/9 from the foul line in the first half. After a talking to at the half by Coach Goltz, the Irish came out hitting 7/11 shots in the third period and made 11/13 fourth-quarter free throws to seal the eight-point win.

Neither team played lights out, with the Irish shooting just 40% (15/38) while Lourdes Central hit 35% (14/40) of their shot attempts. The Irish held a decisive rebound advantage 30-19 and forced 11 turnovers while committing 12 of their own.

The Irish had three scorers reach double figures with Jamie Stice, Jarrot Simon, and Jack Fiegner, all pouring in 10 points. Stice scored 8 of his 10 points after intermission, going 5/6 from the foul line in the fourth period. Tyler Witt added ten rebounds, and Simon had eight. Blake Miller paced Lourdes with 16 points, and Leo Sibenelli chipped in 11. The Lourdes defense held Witt well below his season average of 16 points per game, allowing just six points on 2/6 shooting.

The win, the ninth in a row for SH, gave them a 23-1 record heading into post-season play. The loss dropped Lourdes Central to 11-12 to end the regular season.

Scoring vs. Lourdes Central, Jordan seven, Stice 10, Hoy six, Witt six, Simon 10, Fiegner 10.

The two teams also played a four-quarter JV game, with the Irish winning 53-38. SH held quarter leads of 9-8, 24-21, 40-31, and 53-38. Evan Keithley had the hot hand for Sacred Heart, pouring in 18 points, ten coming in the fourth period. Jake Froeschl and Derek Schawang each had nine for the Irish. The Sacred Heart junior varsity wraps up the season with a 15-2 final record.

Sacred Heart begins their quest to get back to the state tournament this week with sub-district action in Pawnee City. The top-seeded Irish will face the winner of 4-17 Lewiston and 10-12 Diller-Odell in the final at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, at Pawnee City High School.

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The scholarship was established as a means to say "Thank-You" to all of you who help make Richardson County a great place to live and work. The scholarship program is a way to encourage and assist area youth to further their education.

Two scholarships will be awarded; each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,600.00. The scholarships will be awarded this spring to graduating seniors from any of the three county high schools who plan to continue their education at an accredited four-year college or university beginning the fall term of 2020. One scholarship will be awarded to a student furthering their education in the business field and the other to a student majoring in the field of agriculture. The scholarship selection committee consists of a panel of five community leaders. Applicants are selected based on their personal achievements, academic success, recommendations and without regard to economic need.

Seniors are encouraged to submit an application for the Centennial Scholarships. Applications may be delivered or mailed to Frontier Bank at 1616 Harlan Street. April 1st is the deadline for submitting the applications.



Alan McQueen

Alan J. McQueen, 65 of Falls City, passed away on February 17, 2020, at Madonna Rehabilitation in Lincoln, NE. He was born November 27, 1954 at Sabetha, KS to the late Robert R. and Joyce E. McQueen.



Alan graduated from Sabetha High School in 1972. He married Carol Nickelson, they had two children and were later divorced. Alan enlisted in the Air Force 7-18-1973 and was discharged 7-24-1981. While in the Air Force he earned Good Conduct Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Medal, NCO Professional Education Ribbon, Longevity Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and National Defense Service Medal. He was an Electronic Mechanical Communications and Cryptographic Equipment Technician. He was Discharged as a Staff Sergeant. After leaving the Air Force he worked in Lincoln and later moved to Falls City and worked part time at the Falls City Nursing Home. He retired due to health and remained in Falls City until his death.

He was member of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Falls City, a member of Knights of Columbus #1336, and was a ham radio operator and belonged to the

radio club in Hiawatha, KS.

Alan is survived by a daughter Heather McQueen of Chicago, IL, and a son Robert and wife Olivia of New York and their children, daughter Lilly and son Oliver. He is also survived by a sister Nancy Kommer and husband Peter of LaVista, NE, brothers Barry and wife Rita of Lawrence, KS, Jay and wife Martha of Dodge City, KS, and Jon and his wife Teresa of Falls City, NE, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and nephews Steven Kommer and Travis McQueen.

A funeral mass was held on February 22, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Rulo, NE, with Father David Oldham as the presiding priest. Interment was in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Rulo NE. Military graveside services by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

A parish rosary was held on February 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with visitation to follow. Dorr and Clark funeral home Falls City, NE. in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to

Sts. Peter & Paul Church Renovation Committee, 1820 Fulton St., Falls City, NE 68355.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

On January 30, 2020 June M. Bowers, of Falls City, filed to run as a candidate for District #56 School Board member for a term of four years.

On February 12, 2020 Amber Holle, of Falls City, filed to run as a candidate for District 1 Falls City Council Member for a term of four years.

On February 18, 2020 Daniel Jones, of Salem, filed to run as a candidate for District #56 School Board member for a term of four years.

On February 14, 2020 Kaylie Racliffe, of Falls City, filed to run as the District 2 candidate for Falls City, City Council for a term of four years.

On February 14, 2020 Kyle S. Hilgenfeld, of Stella, filed to run as District #70 School Board member for a term of four years.

ACCIDENTS

On February 13, 2020, according to police accident reports, Darcy Kiekhaefer, of Falls City was traveling east on 17th Street near the Harlan Street intersection when another driver, Ruthie Heinzelman, of Falls City couldn't stop because the street was iced over and Heinzelman slid into the back of Kiekhaefer in the Eastbound lane while Kiekhaefer was at the stop sign at 17th and Harlan Street. An estimated \$1,100.00 in damage was done to each vehicle. No citations were issued.

On February 21, 2020, according to police accident reports, Marvin Dettmann, of Falls City was backing out of a parking space and hit a vehicle owned by Chesterman, Co. An estimated \$100 in damage was done to the Dettmann vehicle and an estimate \$200 was done to the other vehicle. No citations were issued.

How to tell if you have severe asthma

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Is your asthma under control? To find out, start by visiting the American Lung Association website, where you can take the My Asthma Control Assessment and access a downloadable summary of its findings to take to your next doctor's appointment. Visit Lung.org/severe-asthma for more information, as well as to access questions that you can ask your doctor for a more productive conversation. Better understanding your asthma is the first step to taking better control of your symptoms. (StatePoint)

Dania Nutzmen is currently confined to Old Chaney Rehab Center and would enjoy hearing from friends! You can write her at: 5431 South 16th St., Room 513, Lincoln, NE 68512 or you can call her at 531-739-3243.

NEST529 "Why I want to go to College" writing sweepstakes now open

For the 18th year, Nebraska State Treasurer John Murante and the Omaha Storm Chasers will be sponsoring the "Why I Want to Go to College" writing sweepstakes, with entries due Friday, March 27, 2020.

Prizes will be awarded to 12 winners who will receive contributions to the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST) college savings accounts - including \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place. Three winners will be chosen from each of Nebraska's three Congressional districts, and three winners will be chosen from outside Nebraska.

Each Nebraska winner will receive four tickets to the Sunday, May 3rd Storm Chasers game at Werner Park in Papillion at 2:05 p.m. where they will be recognized during the game.

"This event is such a highlight of just how inspiring the NEST529 program can be. It is a wonderful way to challenge students to focus on their goals, improve their writing skills, and learn the importance of saving for their education. I'm looking forward to meeting the winners and their families at Werner Park," said State Treasurer John Murante.

Families can save for college for their children and grandchildren through NEST529, the state-sponsored 529 college savings program that allows for tax-free investments and tax-free qualified withdrawals. Nebraska account owners can qualify for up to \$10,000 a year in state income tax deductions.

Students are asked to reflect on the value of education and what they hope to achieve through higher education. Entries are limited to 750 words and should be sent to Andrea Bedore, Omaha Storm Chasers, 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion, NE 68046.

Information about the writing sweepstakes is available on the Treasurer's website at www.treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/.

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USDA seeks applications to increase rural access to education, training and health care

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald "DJ" LaVoy has announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help increase access to education, training and health care resources in rural communities.

USDA is making \$71.7 million in grants available under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant program. This program helps rural communities use telecommunications-based audio and video equipment to connect teachers, students, medical providers and rural residents with each other and the world.

Applicants in rural areas of 20,000 people or less who provide education or health care services through telecommunications facilities are eligible to apply. Applications will be scored, reviewed and selected on a competitive basis.

Applications must be submitted to the applicant's nearest USDA office or electronically via grants.gov by April, 10, 2020. For more information, visit grants.gov. For more information in Nebraska, contact Roger Meeks at 402.416.4936 or roger.meeks@usda.gov.

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB) to help improve the quality of life in rural America. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide

measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include: Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America; Developing the Rural Economy; Harnessing Technological Innovation; Supporting a Rural Workforce; Improving Quality of Life.

USDA encourages applications for projects located in rural Opportunity Zones. Localities qualify as Opportunity Zones if they have been nominated for that designation by the state and that nomination has been certified by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury via his delegation of authority to the Internal Revenue Service.

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New crops, cow-calf budgets available for 2020

Two decision-making tools created by Nebraska Extension for agricultural producers across the state have been updated for the new year.

The 2020 Nebraska crop budgets and new representative cow-calf budgets are now available to provide producers with cost-of-production estimates.

Both sets of budgets are available as PDFs and Excel files, which feature tools that allow users to enter their own information into worksheets to calculate their estimated production costs.

"Both the crop and livestock budget files are made available online so producers can download, then modify production and expense figures to more closely match their various enterprises," said Glennis Mc-

Clure, an extension educator in the Department of Agricultural Economics. "Understanding enterprise cost of production in agriculture is important in product mix decision making, pricing, marketing, and financial analysis."

The crop budgets include 82 production budgets for 15 crops produced in Nebraska, along with cost data for power, machinery and labor. They were compiled by a team led by Robert Klein, an extension western Nebraska crops specialist, and McClure, utilizing a template created by Roger Wilson, a retired extension farm and ranch management analyst.

There are five cow-calf budgets that offer representative herd data for different regions of the state. Background stories are included to assist producers with information relevant to each budget, which may guide producers in determining their own costs. McClure led the cow-calf budget effort as they were compiled from information gathered from producer panels that have met as part of the university's multidisciplinary Beef Systems Initiative.

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How to reduce skin cancer risk in the winter

Sunscreen and the great outdoors go hand-in-hand during the warmer months of the year. For instance, few people can imagine spending a day at the beach without first covering their skin in sunscreen. But skin also must be protected when spending time outdoors in winter.

The World Health Organization notes that one in every three cancers diagnosed across the globe is skin cancer. While that's a scary notion, it's important to note that many skin cancer cases are preventable. Protecting skin in winter, a time when many people mistakenly believe their skin is not vulnerable to damage caused by the sun, is one way for people to reduce their risk of developing skin cancer.

• Don't put sunscreen in storage. Even if you won't be beachfront and basking in the sun's rays, it's still important to apply sunscreen in winter. The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, which specializes in cancer treatment and actively seeks tomorrow's cures through cutting-edge research, recommends applying a sunscreen with a minimum sun-protection factor, or SPF, of 30. Make sure to apply sunscreen to all areas that may be exposed to the sun, including the face, neck, ears, and hands.

• Frequently reapply sunscreen. The "set it and forget it" approach does not apply to protecting the skin with sunscreen. Reapply sunscreen every 90 minutes that you are outdoors to ensure your skin is fully protected at all times. Skiers should recognize that they are much closer to the sun as they traverse the slopes, and that means the UV radiation is more intense on the mountain than it might be in the foothills or lower elevation areas. That heightened intensity only underscores the importance of reapplying sunscreen.

• Don't forget to protect your lips. The DFCI notes that the lower lip is especially vulnerable to the sun's rays. A lip balm with an SPF of 30 or higher should be applied before going outside and then frequently reapplied while outdoors. In addition, women can use makeup with SPF to further protect their lips and their skin.

• Avoid tanning booths. Indoor tanning booths increase users' risk for skin cancer and premature skin aging. In fact, the DFCI notes that cancer researchers have found that the risk of developing melanoma is 60 percent greater among people who have been exposed to UV radiation from indoor tanning. And that risk only increases with each visit to a tanning booth.

• Don't forget to protect the skin while on vacation. People who vacation in warm climates during the winter may be the envy of coworkers and neighbors upon returning home with a tan, but it's imperative that travelers prioritize protecting their skin while on vacation. Embrace the same principles of skin protection, including applying sunscreen and wearing wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses, that you would when lounging by the pool or visiting the beach in the summer.

Unprotected skin is vulnerable to sun damage and skin cancer year-round, including when the temperatures dip below freezing.

We're studying problems... ...and thinking about inventions.

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Have you ever invented anything? Inventors notice a problem, then figure out a way to fix it. Sometimes inventors have a brand new idea and sometimes they combine other people's ideas with their own. Please excuse me now. It's time to practice my "Ollie."

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- Thomas Edison developed over 1,000 inventions. He is most famous for the light bulb, but he also invented the _____, which has become popular again.
- A team of inventors working for the U.S. Department of Defense created the Global _____ System, a tool to find your way using satellites!
- Marie Curie was the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize. Her work helped us to understand _____ and the effects of X-rays. She has an element named after her - Curium.
- Louis Braille, blinded in an accident at three years old, created a system of _____ and writing by using raised dots that people could feel with their fingers.
- Orville and Wilbur Wright owned a bicycle shop. They experimented with flying machines. Their plane (trial flights at Kitty Hawk, N.C.) was the basis for the _____ we have today.
- Francis Robbins Upton helped to keep us safe from fire by inventing the smoke _____.
- Alec Jeffreys changed the court system when he invented DNA _____. With this invention, guilt or innocence were much easier to prove!
- Leonardo da Vinci, the artist who painted the *Mona Lisa*, was also talented at sculpting, engineering and inventing. He had ideas for a helicopter, a _____ and a diving suit.
- Martin Cooper improved on the invention of Alexander Graham Bell with the _____, widely used to communicate today.
- George Washington Carver was born into slavery, but he became a botanist who developed over 300 uses for _____ and many ideas for sweet potatoes and pecans.
- Ben Franklin was known for experimenting and inventing many things.

Inventors Change Our Lives!

Inventions We Love! Find and circle these words in the puzzle:

Match each clue about an inventor to the invention we love:

- Samuel Born invented a machine that inserted the sticks into _____.
- Rose Totino invented a dough product for frozen _____.
- Pedro Flores mass produced a toy on a string called a _____.
- Robert Patch, at 6 years old, designed a toy _____.
- Ralph Baer invented the first home video game console and _____.
- George Ferris designed this giant fun ride called the Ferris _____.
- Frank Epperson, who at age 11 found a fruit, soda and stirring stick he left outside to be frozen, invented the _____.
- Alan Ollie Gelfand developed the "Ollie," a leap into the air on a _____.
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NRDs sign agreement with NRCS to continue conservation efforts

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) collectively signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Jan. 28. This agreement is a renewal of a long-standing commitment between the NRDs and NRCS that reaches back to the Dust Bowl days.

"For more than 80 years Nebraska's NRDs and the NRCS have been working side-by-side to provide natural resource management assistance to Nebraskans," said David Eigenberg, Upper Big Blue NRD general manager. "We are committed to continuing our conservation efforts with NRCS to protect lives, property and the future."

In 1935 President Roosevelt signed the Soil Conservation Act. The law was designed, "To provide for the protection of land resources against soil erosion, and for other purposes."

A driving force behind the creation of the Soil Conservation Act was the severe drought that was occurring in the Great Plains. Beginning in 1932, persistent drought conditions caused widespread crop failures leaving soil exposed and vulnerable to wind. This period was prone to dust storms that would block out the sun.

The Soil Conservation Act formed the Soil Conservation Service, which today is called the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It didn't take long for the newly-formed Soil Conservation Service to learn that they needed ways to extend conservation assistance to more farmers. There needed to be a locally-led approach, and the idea for the conservation district was born.

In 1937 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) drafted the Standard State Soil Conservation Districts Law, which President Roosevelt sent to the governors of all states. This law created Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

In 1938 the Papio Soil Conservation District became the first conservation district in Nebraska. By 1972 the Nebraska Unicameral created the NRD system, which combined the responsibilities of the 154 special-use districts into a modern network of 23 Natural Resources Districts established along river basins.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has 77 county offices in Nebraska divided into management areas that mimic NRD boundaries. This allows the NRD and NRCS staff to work together on the same, locally-identified natural resource concerns. Today, Nebraska's unique NRD system of locally-controlled, tax-funded, watershed-based conservation is widely admired throughout the nation.

"The signing of this agreement is a symbol of our commitment to continue the legacy of our conservation partnership established more than 80 years ago," said NRCS State Conservationist Craig Derickson. "It was true back in the Dust Bowl that the issues facing agriculture couldn't be solved alone. That's still true today. By working together, we are able to accomplish more for farmers and ranchers in Nebraska."

"Through partnerships like this, we help Nebraska farmers and ranchers remain productive and profitable while ensuring our natural resources are protected for generations," said Annette Sudbeck, Lewis & Clark NRD general manager.

Each of the 23 NRDs will sign an agreement with NRCS, which reinforces the partnership between the agencies and will be in effect until mutually modified or terminated.

For more information about Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts, visit www.nrdnet.org. To learn more about the programs and services available from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, visit www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov.

NE PSC moves forward with complaint against Organic Grain Dealer

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) today, Wednesday, February 19, voted to move forward with a Complaint requiring Organic Producers Iowa Nebraska South Dakota (OPINS) Cooperative of North Bend to cease and desist all operations as a Grain Dealer in Nebraska.

In August 2019, OPINS Cooperative, filed a renewal application for a Grain Dealers license, but failed to comply with Nebraska Revised Statute §75-903 or Commission Rules and Regulations. As a result, the Grain Dealer license for OPINS Cooperative was allowed to expire as of October 1, 2019.

In December 2019, the Cooperative management received additional correspondence from the PSC informing them they no longer held a Grain Dealer license. In January 2020, PSC Grain Department examiners visited the North Bend facility and reviewed company records indicating grain purchases had been made without an active Grain Dealer License.

A formal complaint will be opened and an Order setting a hearing date for OPINS Cooperative will be issued at a later time. Once a hearing is set, the Cooperative will be required to show cause as to why it should not be assessed civil penalties for operating as a Grain Dealer without a license.

\$90,000 Iolta Grant awarded to legal aid of Nebraska

The Nebraska Lawyers Trust Account Foundation (NLTAf) awarded a grant of \$90,000 to Legal Aid of Nebraska. The Foundation administers the statewide Interest On Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program, and it is through participation in this program that legal representation is made available to Nebraska's low-income citizens.

NLTAf has provided a total of \$6,203,500 to date in funds. This year's 68th grant presented to Legal Aid of Nebraska, which is a statewide organization, will help numerous indigent individuals. In 2010, there were 283,027 or 16.2% of Nebraska's population living at or below the poverty level.

The Foundation's work results from the voluntary cooperation of over 2,800 Nebraska lawyers and 260 banks across the state. Foundation President and Lincoln attorney Angelica W. McClure said:

"This semi-annual disbursement to Legal Aid of Nebraska is critical for Legal Aid to continue representing Nebraskans who meet the federal poverty guidelines. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, a family of four earning \$27,563 annually meets the 125% poverty guideline. This grant assists Legal Aid in helping indigent Nebraskans." President McClure added: "Legal assistance for low-income Nebraskans is the result of the strong partnership of the legal and banking communities. The Foundation's Board of Directors salutes the voluntary participation of the many Nebraska lawyers and banks that aid our Nebraskans through the IOLTA Program."



By Superintendent Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on February 10, 2020. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Program Spotlight features FCPS Academic Decathlon – In the FCPS's inaugural season, high school mathematics instructor and high ability learner coordinator, Jason Vitosh, led 25 students in grades 10-12 in their first year of team academic competition. At the conclusion of the academic decathlon season, the FCPS team compiled an impressive record, earning 52 medals, placing 2nd at the regional competition and earning first place honors in the Super Quiz category. With a year of experience and growing interest among students, optimism is high for the 2020 season beginning next fall. Academic decathlon is designed to promote learning and academic excellence among students of varying achievement levels by developing and providing multidisciplinary academic competitions using national Academic Decathlon curriculum, and provides all students the opportunity to excel academically through team competition.

Property Tax Relief Measure LB 974, the Revenue Committee's school funding/property tax relief bill may be voted out of committee this week and go to the floor of the Unicameral as early as next Tuesday. The entire education community is testifying against the bill. We believe that in spite of a minimal increase in funding to rural school districts in the form of Foundation Aid (aid per student), the new constrictions placed on districts will ultimately be disastrous for FCPS District 56 and a great many districts of all sizes across the state. Again, the entire K-12 education community stands in opposition to LB 974 as it was introduced. The promise of funding for LB 974 is simply built on projections of positive increases in state revenues. With no new sources of revenue, the educational community finds it difficult to trust that the state funding will always be there. Especially considering the fact that over the past decade our school district along with scores of other rural districts have lost all Equalization Aid (state aid). When state revenue diminishes in the future, it is of great concern we will be right back where we are today—with little or no state funding but with less ability to meet the needs of our community's children.

Following are a few talking points demonstrating the negative impact of LB 974.

- Funding for the proposal isn't sustainable, which will likely result in further cuts to TEEOSA, the school funding formula, and other priorities.
- The foundation aid component would flip our school funding formula on its head and result in less funding for schools that need it most.
- Many of the bill's elements will result in reduced and less stable revenues for schools.
- Reduces or eliminates the school district's ability to levy for facility and building improvements/renovations.
- More loss of local control.

FCPS Sixpence Program Earns Top Marks - The Falls City Sixpence Program participated in the annual quality improvement monitoring visit on January 21. Staff qualifications, intensity and duration of services and caseload, supervision, curriculum, screening and parent/community partnerships were all assessed during the monitoring visit. Findings indicate the Falls City program is meeting the goals and expectations of Sixpence while providing a quality early childhood program for the community of Falls City.

Activity Conference on the Horizon for FCPS - The East Central Nebraska Conference (ECNC) meeting held in late January focused discussion on the Falls City Public Schools. The ECNC board discussed the Falls City letter of application and potential membership. The membership will be acted upon at the March 25th ECNC meeting. Upon a successful vote to admit, Falls City would be a member of the East Central Nebraska Conference.

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items before concluding the regular meeting.

1. Approved board policy reviews on final readings 1) Policy 6175 Certified Staff Certificates;
- 2) Policy 8213 Media Centers; 3) Policy 8410 Annual Report; 4) Policy 9111 District Criteria for selecting evaluators.
2. Approved the school calendar for 2020-2021.
3. Accepted with regret the resignations of 1) Lynne Davis, administrative assistant and paraeducator - 24 years; 2) Maria de Merlo, High School Spanish instructor, two years)
4. Approved the Teacher Employment Contract for 2020-2021 off Jimmy Robidoux, High School Spanish instructor.

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, Tim Heckenlively.

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Corrected LB's

By Senator Julie Slama

The last two weeks of committee hearings are upon us, which means that late night debate is just around the corner. The 482 total bills introduced this session will have each had a public hearing by February 27. The focus of the column this week will be two bills which originated in the Judiciary Committee that would potentially compromise the safety of our corrections officers and our communities. This past week, we heard testimony on LB 1208 which relates to restrictive housing, immediate segregation, discipline, and other conditions of confinement in state correctional facilities.

"Restrictive housing" is a term used within the Nebraska Department of Corrections when an inmate is moved from the general population to a more restricted setting with less contact with other inmates and less time spent outside the cell, typically due to attempted assaults on staff or other inmates. LB 1208 placed limitations on Department of Corrections' use of restrictive housing with our most dangerous inmates, setting caps for the amount of days an inmate could spend in restrictive housing and setting a minimum number of hours to be spent outside the cell each day.

Many leaders in corrections opposed this bill during public hearing because it would compromise the safety of staff and of the prisons as a whole. Dozens of staff members at TSCI reached out to my office, as well, to share their concerns with a bill that prioritized inmate comfort over staff safety.

According to the hearing testimony of the Director of the Nebraska Department of Corrections, Scott Frakes, Nebraska was 2nd in the nation for the percentage of inmates held in restrictive housing in 2015. Of the 5,162 people incarcerated in NDCS, 685 were in restrictive housing, with 173 of those held in "administrative segregation". Over 45% of the people who are considered for placement in immediate segregation instead go to an alternative, less restrictive setting. The Department of Corrections has lowered the number of inmates in restrictive housing since that time by 60%, with a mere 273 inmates in restrictive housing today. Director Frakes also shared that LB 1208 would decrease prison safety and has the potential to increase risks to staff, inmates, visitors and the public at large. LB 1208 represents an initiative that would work only in a hypothetical world with unlimited resources for building facilities up to the most modern standards possible and the ability to double our staffing numbers at correctional facilities across the state. I oppose the bill because we must legislate based on current conditions, and those current conditions paired with the mandates of LB 1208 would put staff in danger.

Another corrections bill that is a carry-over from last session is LB 131. This bill, which I oppose, would allow dangerous felons back into our communities before the originally-scheduled completion date of their minimum sentence. The amended bill, which passed through committee with me as the only vote in opposition, would restructure sentencing to make felons eligible for release, in some cases after serving only a quarter of their original minimum sentence. In the first round of floor debate on this bill, it was shared that LB 131 was meant to address the prison overcrowding crisis in Nebraska. For me, releasing felons who have been convicted of heinous crimes such as sexual assault of a child, manslaughter, repeat DUIs, kidnapping, attempted murder, drug trafficking and human trafficking is far too high a price to pay for the potential of lowering our states incarceration rate by a few dozen people. I oppose this bill, and will continue to do so on the floor.

As always, I welcome your input on issues important to you. Follow along on my Facebook and Twitter pages, both entitled "Senator Julie Slama" for more updates, or contact me directly at Senator Julie Slama, District 1 State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln NE 68509-4604; telephone: 402-471-2733; email: jslama@leg.ne.gov.

Farm risk assistance

Appointments are available with Austin Duerfeldt, Agricultural Economist, who will assist producers using the Texas A&M Farm Bill Decision Tool if contemplating between the choice of the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs.

Austin will be available Wednesday, February 26th, and Thursday, February 27th, at the Nemaha County Extension Office at Suite #2, 1824 'N' St. at the Nemaha County Courthouse in Auburn, NE. Please

call (402) 274-4755 to schedule a one-hour meeting. If we fill up the appointments for these two days we will make a waiting list and try to schedule an addition day for consultations in early March.

Please stop by your FSA office and collect your farm numbers, base acre allocations for each farm, current PLC yield, and historical irrigated percentages before arriving at the meeting. Interested producers must sign up for either program (ARC or PLC) by March 16, 2020.

DHHS to cover child care provider fingerprinting costs

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) understands the value of child care and the importance of maintaining and retaining child care providers in Nebraska. Starting March 1, the Department will pay the \$45.25 fee charged by the Nebraska State Patrol for completing background checks for existing child care staff and household members employed or living in family child care homes before October 1, 2019.

The new fingerprinting law, which went into effect September 1, 2019 requires providers and employees to pay the \$45.25 cost of the background check. DHHS announced the payments for existing employees and other adults living in family child care homes in a letter sent to child care providers. For existing providers, the Department will make payments directly to the Nebraska State Patrol, which also removes a step and could speed up the process of receiving results.

"We realize the important role of child care workers in Nebraska and we want to support them whenever we can," said Danette R. Smith, DHHS Chief Executive Officer. "The new law better protects Nebraska children and aligns us with federal regulations. We are pleased to be able to offer financial assistance to ease some of the burden to providers and help them to get into compliance with this mandate."

The Department identified more than \$500,000 in federal child care program funds to cover the existing employee background checks after concerns were raised about the burden the cost of the background checks puts on businesses and individuals.

The cost of fingerprinting for new child care workers hired after October 1, 2019 remains the responsibility of the new hire.

DHHS, in collaboration with the Nebraska State Patrol, has developed a two-year implementation schedule for the criminal history background checks for existing child care workers. Providers are being notified by mail when their staff must complete the new background reviews.

The new law was passed this year to bring Nebraska into compliance with the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, which funds child care licensing activities in the state. The state could risk fiscal penalties with federal funding should Nebraska not comply with this federal mandate. It applies to all licensed Family Child Care Homes I and II, Child Care Centers, School Age Only Centers, Preschools and residential child caring agencies.

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ROUTINE BUSINESS
1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act.
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mayor's Report
CONSENT AGENDA
1. Minutes Approval for February 18, 2020.
2. Agenda Approval.
3. Claims Approval.
4. Consent Agenda.

Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Council Member, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda Section of the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Final Reading - Ordinance 2020-100 - To authorize the issuance of Utility Revenue Bond, Series 2020 in the amount of \$375,000 in the form of a promissory note issued by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (See Attachment).

2. Discussion and Action - Request funds for SCBA equipment for the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department (See Attachment).

REGULAR BUSINESS
1. Discussion and Action - Review of meter post around Richardson County Courthouse.
2. Discussion and Action - Review and accept bid for surfacing the Tennis Courts at Grandview Park (See Attachment).

3. Discussion and Action - Review and accept bid for refurbishing or replacing the boiler at Aquatic Park (See Attachment).

4. Discussion and Action - Review and accept bid for milling and asphalt overlay of Chase Street from 14th Street to 21st Street and Chase Street from 25th to 26th Street (See Attachment).

5. Discussion and Action - Professional Services agreement between the City and Olson for Clarifier Improvements in the amount of \$97,065 as recommended by the Board of Public Works (See Attachment).

6. Discussion and Action - request to add a full time service person to the Gas Department as recommended by the Board of Public Works (See Attachment).

ADJOURNMENT
Gary Jern, City Clerk

Board of Equalization

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
FEBRUARY 11, 2020
CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sicket at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sicket, County Assessor, Pam Vice and Clerk Eickhoff.

Chairman Sicket announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.
Motion was made by Frank to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sicket-aye. Motion carried.


The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.gov.

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS
Assessor, Pam Vice, presented the applications for real estate tax exemption submitted by the charitable, educational and religious organizations located in Richardson County. A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 8:45 a.m. to consider the approval or disapproval of the applications.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Sicket to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sicket-aye. Motion carried.

David D. Sicket, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

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Winners with their artwork, front, L-R: Ruby Nguyen, Abigail Boatright, Faith Zimmerman, Madison Littrel; Back: Chase Nolte, Caylee Ewers, Macy Keller, Samantha Wissmann, Eliza Kuker. Not pictured: Virginia Kouba

2020 Student Art Show at Falls City Library and arts

By Lori Gottula

From stils of tennis shoes to incredibly-detailed portraits, and from oil paintings to mixed media, the 2020 student art show sponsored by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council promises something for everyone. The show opened in the Stalder Gallery of the Falls City Library and Arts Center last Wednesday afternoon. It will be on display during regular library hours through March 14th.

Rita Seid, who organized the competition for the eleventh straight year, said that this is the 69th year for the contest, and there are 572 entries included in the exhibit at the library. Contest winners are designated with ribbons.

"The General Federation of Women's Clubs started the con-

test in 1951," Seid said.

"They ran it themselves for 58 years, but then asked for assistance from the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council."

"That's when Seid stepped in as director.

"The two organizations sponsored the contest together then, up until this year," she said.

"The local chapter of the GFWC disbanded in 2019, so the Arts and Humanities Council vowed to keep the contest running, and is the leading sponsor now."

The exhibit showcases the talents of students in grades K-12 from the following schools: Falls City High School (FCHS), Sacred Heart (SH), Falls City Middle School (FCMS), North School, South School, Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer (HTRS), and Twenty-fourth Street Academy.

"This contest and show would not be possible without the support of the art teachers and the administration of the schools involved," Seid said. "There is significant student talent in southeast Nebraska, so we are fortunate to have the teachers that we have. The judges had some tough decisions to make."

The top two winners, Faith Zimmerman and Ruby Nguyen, won "best in show" honors in the two age groups—Faith for the 9-12th grade division, and Ruby for students in grades K-8. Faith is a senior at Falls City High School, and Ruby is a seventh grader at Falls City Middle School.

The "best of category" winners in the high school division, their grades and schools were: Acrylics, Abigail Boatright, 10, FCHS; and Faith Zimmerman, 12,

FCHS; 3D/Mixed Media, Madison Littrel, 12, SH; Oil, Chase Nolte, 10, FCHS; Drawing Color, Caylee Ewers, 9, SH;

Printmaking, Macy Keller, 9, SH; Graphic Design, Samantha Wissmann, 12, FCHS; 2D/Mixed Media, Eliza Kuker, 10, FCHS; Watercolor/Tempera, Virginia Kouba, 11, Twenty-fourth Street Academy.

The first place winners in the K-8 division were: Kindergarten, Isabelle Chavanak, SH; 1st grade, Lilly Kopf, FC North; 2nd grade, Evelyn Chavanak, SH; 3rd grade, Kemper Sipple,

SH; 4th grade, Jacob Furrow, FC South; 5th grade, Dorothy Crouse, SH; 6th grade, Alana Tunget, FCMS; 7th grade, Ruby Nyugen, FCMS; 8th grade, Ciara Martin, FCMS.

Other winners in the high school categories, their grades and schools were as follows: Drawing Color: 1st place, Caylee Ewers, 9, SH; 2nd, Virginia Kouba, 11, Twenty-fourth Street Academy; 3rd, Brittney Steinhauser, 11, FCHS; Honorable mentions: Christiannon Ivey, 12, FCHS; Gavin Lechtenberg, 9, SH; Jessica Werthenberger, 9, SH; Kaylee Tackett, 10, FCHS; Macy Keller, 9, SH; Madison Littrel, 12, SH.

Drawing Tonal: Best of category, Faith Zimmerman, 12, FCHS;

1st place, Emily Werthenberger, 12, SH; 2nd, Gabe Coninico, 9, SH; 3rd Emily Werthenberger, 12, SH; Honorable mentions: Caylee Ewers, 9, SH; Emily Werthenberger, 12, SH; Jena Reeves, 12, SH; Evan Keithley, 9, SH; Jessica Werthenberger, 9, SH; Macy Keller, 9, SH.

Acrylic: Best of category, Abigail Boatright, 10, FCHS; 2nd place, Madilyn Scholl, 10, FCHS; 3rd, Michael Wickham, 11, FCHS; Honorable mentions: Claire Davidson, 11, SH; Madilyn Scholl, 10, FCHS.

Oils: Best of category; Chase Nolte, 10, FCHS; 2nd, Madilyn Scholl, 10, FCHS; Chase Nolte, 10, FCHS.

Watercolor/tempera: Best of category, Virginia Kouba, 11, Twenty-fourth Street Academy; 2nd, Cara Kirkendall, 10, SH; 3rd, Tyler Catlin, 10, SH; Honorable mention, Samantha Wissmann, 12, FCHS.

2D/Mixed Media: Best of category, Eliza Kuker, 10, FCHS; 2nd, Jessica Werthenberger, 9, SH; 3rd, Madison Littrel, 12, SH; Honorable mentions: Gaebrielle Ratliff, 10, FCHS; Madison Stamper, 10, SH.

3D/Mixed Media: Best of category, Madison Littrel, 12, SH; 2nd, Faith Zimmerman, 12, FCHS; 3rd, Emma Littrel, 10, SH; Honorable mention; Elizabeth Selleck, 10, SH.

Graphia Design: Best of category, Samantha Wissmann, 12, FCHS; 2nd, Michael Wickham, 11, FCHS; Hannah Clary, 12, FCHS; Honorable mentions, Brianna Pfohl, 12, FCHS; Jessa Beckner, 12, FCHS.

Printmaking: Best of category, Macy Keller, 9, SH; 2nd, Max Froeschl, 12, SH; 3rd,

London Nachtigal, 9, SH; Honorable mentions, Ella Simon, 10, SH; Gabe Cananico, 9, SH; Olivia Eickhoff, 12, SH.

The winners in grades K - 8 were as follows: Kindergarten: 1st, Isabelle Chavanak, SH; 2nd, Olivia Neville, SH; 3rd, Lucy Santo, SH; Honorable mentions; Lucy Santo, SH; and Carter Kopf, SH.

First grade: 1st, Lilly Kopf, North; 2nd, Kaylor Karst, North; 3rd, Madelynn Cluskey, SH; Honorable mention; Lainey Vice, North.

Second grade: 1st, Evelyn Chavanak, SH; 2nd, Halleigh Fritz, SH; 3rd, Blaize Greever, SH; Honorable mentions, Cohen Shields, North; Delana Richey, North, Isabel Janky, North.

Third grade: 1st, Kemper Sipple, SH; 2nd, Stella Waller, SH; 3rd, Ashlynn Alexander, South; Honorable mention, Elin Vonderschmidt, SH.

Fourth grade: 1st, Jacob Farrow, South; 2nd, Bella Johansen, South; 3rd, Milayna Crofford, SH; Honorable mention, Austin Bangert, SH.

Fifth grade: 1st, Dorothy Crouse, SH; Roy Capek, South; Tripp Lippold, South.

Sixth grade: 1st, Alana Tunget, FCMS; 2nd, Gavin Bauer, FCMS; 3rd, Malori Kuker, FCMS; Carlea Dunkhas, FCMS; Clara Feighner, FCMS; Emma Dean, FCMS.

Seventh grade: 1st, Ruby Nguyen, FCMS; Serrah Vermeer, FCMS; 3rd Trinity Pierce, FCMS; Honorable mentions, Elsie Thompson, FCMS; Emilou Schulerberg, FCMS; Estela Lopes, FCMS; Katelynn Titus, FCMS; Talon Anderson, FCMS.

Eighth grade: 1st, Ciara Nrlin, FCMS; 2nd, Sophia Nelson, FCMS; 3rd, Ciera Uhrich, FCMS; Honorable mentions; Alexis Brewer, FCMS; Emily Vitosh, FCMS; Leila Frederic, SH; Leia Meyer, FCMS; Wyatt Karpenski, FCMS.

According to Seid, several local individuals and businesses provided prizes, or contributed to the purchase of prizes. They were as follows: Lori and Randy Gottula, Schulerberg Bakery, Butch and Dobby Haws, the John Falter Museum, Carrie Clark of Port Arthur, TX, Sonic Drive-In, American National Bank, Frontier Bank, Kaylie and Zach Racliffe, Thriver Financial, and the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council.

For more information about the art contest, contact Rita Seid at (402) 245-7237, or rseid@sentco.net.



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1  | 2 FC City Council 6 PM Wellness Brunch at FC Personal Care 10:30 AM | 3 | 4 FC Lions Noon | 5 Rotary Noon FC & SH GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN LINCOLN | 6 | 7 Shubert Christian Church Soup Supper 5-7 PM. Free will donation to missions |
| 8 | 9 BPO DOES 7 PM FC Vol. Fire Dept. 7 PM VFW Aux. 6:30 PM | 10 American Legion Aux. at Shubert 7:00 PM FC Chamber Board of Directors at Noon | 11 FC Lions Noon | 12 Rotary Noon FC & SH BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN LINCOLN | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 FC City Council 6 PM | 17 Humane Society at Sun Mart - 7:30 PM FC-Parent Teacher Conf. 4-7:30 | 18 FC Lions Noon FC Jaycees 6:30 PM | 19 Rotary Noon FC-Parent Teacher Conf. 4-7:30 | 20 | 21  |
| 22 | 23 BPO Does 7PM | 24 | 25 FC Lions Noon Blood Mobile Auditorium 12-6 | 26 Rotary Noon 9-3 | 27 SH Dismissal 1:10/1:23 FC Out Two Hours | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 Blood Pressure Clinic at Senior Center 12-1PM |  | | | |

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