



CMC RECOGNIZED BY THE CHARTIS CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH AS A TOP 100 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Community Medical Center in Falls City today announced it has been named a 2020 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. This is the fourth consecutive year CMC has been honored. This annual award honoring rural hospital performance is determined by the results of iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength INDEX®, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2020.

"Our doctors, practitioners and staff are absolutely committed to our patients and community. I am pleased to see their efforts recognized," stated Ryan Larsen, CEO.

Based entirely on publicly available data, the INDEX is the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Utilizing 50 independent indicators, the INDEX assesses performance across eight pillars of

performance that span market-, value- and finance-based categories. Hospitals recognized as a Top 100 facility had one of the 100 highest overall scores among all Critical Access Hospitals nationally.

"The Top 100 Critical Access Hospital award program reminds us that rural providers haven't lost touch with their mission and are committed to delivering better quality, better outcomes and better patient satisfaction. It's a pleasure to be able to not only recognize this year's recipients, but our larger group of top 100 alumni as we celebrate 10 years of The Hospital Strength INDEX," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

Top 100 Hospital Resources: The list of this year's Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals as well as the INDEX methodology can be found at www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) and its partners are closely monitoring the unfolding outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) that originated in China in early December. SEDHD anticipates its impact on Nebraska and its healthcare system as the virus spreads to multiple other countries.

"The health department is working with our federal, state, and local partners in preparing for an anticipated response to COVID-19 in the event community transmission develops within Nebraska," said SEDHD Health Director Grant Brueggemann.

Based on the spread of COVID-19 in other countries, SEDHD is asking residents of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties to self-report to the health department if they have traveled to China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam within the past 14 days. Informing the health department of recent travel history is the most direct way to ensure timely medical care if needed and to minimize the potential risk to others.

Brueggemann encourages residents to stay informed. He notes that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website is maintaining up-to-date information regarding the current status of COVID-19 within the United States and includes frequently asked questions, fact sheets, recommendations for travelers and travel restriction notices, and guidance for communities to limit the spread of COVID-19.

"It is very possible that we could see travel-related COVID-19 cases in Nebraska. We are encouraging residents to stay informed and create a family plan in case community transmission of COVID-19 develops in our district," Brueggemann said.

Residents can help protect themselves and others from COVID-19 and other respiratory infections by:

Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact with sick people and stay home if you are ill.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The SEDHD website will contain any updates relevant to southeast Nebraska. Residents are encouraged to visit the department's website www.sedhd.org or call the health department toll free at 1-877-777-0424.



HARMS CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING

Story and photo by Lori Gottula

It was half-time of the Peru State College homecoming game, in the fall of 2018. Tyler Harms, now a junior at PSC majoring in business management and marketing, was a sophomore then and had been elected by his peers to serve as the class representative during the crowning ceremony.

When the announcer called his name, Tyler walked across the field and looked up into the stands. His dad and step-mom, Thad and Shey Harms of Reserve, KS, were sitting there and so was his mom, Susie Kreifels of Falls City. Susie sat with Tyler's niece, Hannah, who had also come to watch.

As the announcer began detailing all of the things that Tyler had accomplished in his first year at PSC, Tyler thought back to his high school years at Falls City High School, and how much he had grown since he had graduated in 2017. And he smiled.

Back then, he had been involved in football and track, but that was about it. Some people had considered him one of the "class clowns" because he had come out of his shell a little bit during his junior and senior years, but prior to that, he had just gone to school and practice, then either home or to his job as a stocker at SunMart. He hadn't attended the parties, hadn't had that many close friends, and hadn't been involved in many organizations.

Then came Peru State College.

At the new-student orientation that kicked off Tyler's freshman year, he wondered, could he accomplish anything here? Could he make a difference? Or would he just be another suitcase student who attended classes during the week and went home on the weekends?

Then, he listened to several of the upperclassmen as they talked about the opportunities that students often missed because they chose not to get involved.

"You'll get out of college whatever you put into it," the president of the student senate said.

Another one added, "If you study, you'll succeed. If you spend all of your time in your room and go home on the weekends, you'll miss out on the college experience completely."

Tyler took those words to heart and vowed to create the student experience that he wanted. He decided to try everything. If Peru State was going to be his home for four years, then he wanted it to feel just like that. Home.

Delzell Hall, the dorm in which he lived, became his house, and the residents his brothers. He paid attention to the things that the Resident Assistants (RAS) said and did, and he hung out with them, learned from them.

He came out of his shell, introduced himself to classmates, opened up and let people get to know him. He landed a part-time job in the business office, and took that position very seriously. The employees in the office made him feel special. They and many of the other staff members on campus looked out for him and treated him like a younger brother. One lady even baked brownies for his birthday. "Everyone at Peru State was very welcoming," Tyler said recently, during an interview in campus library. "PSC was the perfect fit for me. The professors made me feel like they really cared, and the atmosphere was like a family."

He took the advice of the student leaders and stayed in Peru on the weekends. He made friends with others who also stayed, like the young men who became his best friends—Anthony De Abreu of Venezuela, and Trey Nelson from Lincoln.

"Peru State is only 40 miles from Falls City, and the town of Peru is even smaller than Falls City, so who would've thought I would meet people from other cultures, and become best friends with a guy from Venezuela?" Tyler said. "There are abundant opportunities here to meet people from other places, with different philosophies, and to learn from them."

There are also unlimited opportunities to get involved.

"People say that there's nothing to do in Peru," Tyler said. "But I've never lacked for entertainment. The college always has something going on, whether it's a sports activity, a volunteer opportunity, or an event on campus."

In addition, there are plenty of organizations to join. Tyler signed up for Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) his first year. He knew it

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LATEST COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS SHOW IMPROVEMENTS, CONCERNS FOR RICHARDSON COUNTY

When the first County Health Rankings were in 2010, Richardson County was ranked as the least healthy county in Nebraska. Since then, the county has made slow but steady progress to number 51 (out of 93 counties).

While this progress is heartening, according to Community Medical Center Administrator, Ryan Larsen, the latest reports

still show significant opportunities for continued improvement. For example, one measure used looks at how often people die before the age of 75. Richardson County still has a much higher rate than much of the rest of the state and nation. According to the study, cancer and heart disease are the primary drivers for these "lost years" in our county.

Not surprisingly, the county scores poorly for indicators that tend to reduce risks from cancer and heart disease. These include higher than average rates of smoking and obesity, lower levels of physical activity, and much lower rates for basic screening, like mammograms and colonoscopies. In fact, when looking solely at health behaviors, Richardson County still receives one of the lowest scores in the state.

"While this report is not yet a cause to celebrate, there are still a lot of positives," according to Larsen. "Most importantly, all of these are issues we can do something about. Additionally, we have shown over the last decade that we can improve by

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LEADING AGRICULTURE INTO THE FUTURE

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Nebraskans have been growing crops and raising livestock for centuries on multigenerational family farms and ranches across the state. While agriculture has always been central to our way of life, agricultural practices are constantly changing. Our ag producers are the most innovative in the world. We invent and adopt new technologies, find better ways to plant fields and feed livestock, and adjust our operations to meet shifting consumer demands. To continue to bolster our international growth and innovation in agriculture, it's imperative that we connect the energy, creativity, and education of the next generation to great opportunities in the industry.



This week, it's National FFA Week, which allows us to highlight one of the best pathways to careers in agriculture and related

fields. At schools throughout Nebraska, FFA is preparing the next generation for leadership in our state's number-one industry. FFA students learn by doing and grow by serving. Through hands-on involvement in agriculture and related fields, they're gaining valuable skills and insights that will benefit them throughout their careers. Recently, I hosted state officers and members from the Nebraska FFA Association at a State Capitol ceremony to celebrate FFA Week. I was impressed by their maturity, optimism, and the well-spoken way they talked about their college and career aspirations. I wish all Nebraskans could have met these fine young men and women and seen their excitement to grow our state.

FFA has a rich history in our state. The Nebraska FFA Association started in 1928. It was the sixth state FFA group chartered by the national FFA organization. Nebraska FFA membership continues to rise, with nearly 10,000 members at around 190 chapters this year. Nebraska has one of the fastest growing FFA state associations in the nation in terms of the number of new chapters being added. Nebraska FFA added nine chapters in the last two years, and it plans to add at least six more this year.

Over the years, FFA has expanded to recruit members who did not grow up in agriculture. This is really critical to bridging the urban-rural divide in our country. Take for example Luke Krabel, a member of the FFA chapter at Adams Central High School and a state vice president for FFA. He gave remarks at the ceremony on behalf of FFA where he shared his story. Luke did not grow up in a farm family. His dad works in construction, and his mom teaches. Even so, Luke developed a passion for agriculture through his involvement in FFA and his summer work as a detasseler. He plans to study civil engineering so that he can assist ag producers with soil and water management. Luke is just one example of the hundreds of young Nebraskans who have gained an appreciation of agriculture, even though their immediate family upbringing was not on a farm or ranch. FFA has been a key program to bring students like Luke into closer contact with agriculture.

Luke's plans to be a civil engineer are a good reminder that agriculture offers a diversity of career options. While we often associate agriculture with the corn growers and cattlemen who directly produce commodities, the industry has a host of different job opportunities. Careers in agriculture span a wide range of fields—robotics, finance, science, manufacturing, economics, and more! Consider just a small sampling of the hundreds of professions in agriculture: horticulture instructors, irrigation engineers, crop market analysts, ag aviators, groundwater geologists, soil scientists, plant ecologists, entomologists (insect scientists), microbiologists, livestock veterinarians, butchers, meat inspectors, harness makers, machinists, welders, diesel mechanics, and grain elevator operators. In fact, agriculture creates far more highly skilled jobs than there are qualified workers to fill them. The USDA estimates that nearly 60,000 high-skill jobs come open each year in agriculture, yet only 35,000 graduates are available to perform them. For students with an interest in agriculture, there are plentiful opportunities to find rewarding, well-paying work.

FFA is not only helping to grow agriculture, but they are developing engaged citizens. During the floods last year, FFA members stepped up to help their communities. FFA chapters from Verdigré, Osmond, and Crofton volunteered to clean up the community of Verdigré. They cleared debris from the football field, power-washed bathrooms, and cleaned mud off of equipment and bleachers. In Columbus, members and alumni of the Lakeview FFA chapter gathered supplies for farmers in need and provided meals to volunteers who had come to the community to aid the flood relief efforts. The FFA motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." In the aftermath of the floods, Nebraska's FFA members proved that they take the last part of this motto to heart.

I invite Nebraskans to support their local FFA chapters, and to be advocates for our future leaders in agriculture and related fields. If you are already involved, I encourage you to attend the FFA annual convention which will be April 1-3, 2020 in Lincoln. If you would like to know how to join FFA or start a chapter at your school, please email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. Together, we can connect the next generation to great opportunities in our state, and grow Nebraska!



SO WHY IS NEBRASKA FIGHTING RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT?

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

A recent poll shows that 73 percent of Americans favor the Equal Rights Amendment. Why, then, is Nebraska joining a handful of states seeking to stop Congress from acting on it? Could it be politics?

Constitutional amendments must be ratified by three-quarters of the 50 states, or 38. But the ERA's future is uncertain, in part because the ratification deadline set by Congress expired so long ago.

Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson said there's been a movement to get states that had not previously ratified the ERA to reconsider their prior decision in spite of the expiration of the time limit.

In their lawsuit against the archivist of the United States, Nevada, Illinois and Virginia seek to ratify the 1972 ERA, concluding the time limit issued by Congress was not enforceable, and that states like Nebraska that rescinded their ratification vote (in 1973) should still be counted as supporting it.

Peterson noted that a prior U.S. Supreme Court decision held that once the time period expired, the ERA had become moot. He said Nebraska intervened in the lawsuit because the case asks the court to ignore Nebraska's rescission.

"As attorney general, I cannot allow the formal action taken by the Nebraska Unicameral to rescind its prior ERA vote to be ignored," Peterson said. "Therefore, intervening on the matter was necessary. This is consistent with my oath of office."

Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, a Democrat in the officially nonpartisan Legislature, told her colleagues during floor debate she was more than aggravated and disturbed that state dollars are being spent on the lawsuit. "Of all the messages for Nebraska to send," Pansing Brooks said, "We do not want to protect women. We do not want to give women equal rights."

The five states — Nebraska, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana and South Dakota — filed a motion last month to intervene in a lawsuit filed by Virginia, Nevada and Illinois. All five intervenors rescinded their approvals of the ERA amendment before a congressionally mandated ratification deadline more than 40 years ago. Virginia recently became the 38th state to ratify the measure, designed to guarantee women the same legal rights as men.

The ERA says, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

A recent poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows that 73 percent of Americans support the gender equality amendment, which is now before Congress following Virginia's ratification in January. Only 4 percent were in opposition with 22 percent neutral. The margin of error was 3.6 percent plus or minus.

The poll indicated that 89 percent of Democrats favor the ERA with only 61 percent of Republicans in favor. Of those Democrats, one percent was in opposition and 10 percent were neutral. Republicans were 9 percent in opposition and 30 percent neither. Seventy six per-

cent of women and 70 percent of men favor it. There's the politics. The ERA also faces opposition from conservative activists who see it as endangering their positions on abortion and transgender rights.

Pansing Brooks does not like the message Nebraska's intervention sends to the rest of the country when the state is trying to take people to move here, notably its rural areas, to allow businesses to grow and thrive. Nebraska was one of the first states to ratify it in 1972. She called the change of direction shocking.

In their argument to stop the ratification process, the states argue the ERA could put enacted laws at risk, such as those to prohibit expenditure of public funds on abortion, restrictions on abortion, regulations

that protect women's health or rules that bar boys from playing on girls' sports teams.

It could force states to spend massive amounts of time and money to defend or change laws, they said.

Pansing Brooks said the states don't know that this would affect any of their laws, but just in case, they are going to take a stand against economic development and bringing businesses to the state, she said.

"We need all people," she said. "Quit discriminating."

Agreed. Let's make something work for the good of every Nebraskan.

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

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: CANDY

ACROSS

- Unfathomably deep chasm
- Lawyer group
- Facioid
- Non-flat area
- Loquacious person's gift
- Member of clergy
- Kitty sounds
- Mesozoic one
- All thumbs
- 'Who's Pieces'?
- 'Life
- Comic book cry
- Evening in Roma
- Boar's mate
- Bank deposit
- Ancient region or singer Tim
- Hindred
- Flying saucers
- Yeahs' opposers
- One of the Muses
- Ancient region of western Europe
- 'Sweet bear'
- In a little while, old-fashioned
- Like a neon sign
- Fashion's "New Look" inventor
- Weasel's cousin
- Cash in credit card points, e.g.
- 'Good grief!'
- The Old Man's turf
- Tucked in
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- 'Gimme a break' bar
- 'Egg with a surprise
- Southwestern but
- Step on it
- Small Asian ungulate
- Not radiology and biology have in common
- Chihuahua's cry
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- Allowed into a bar, e.g.
- Past tense of will
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- Raja's wife, pl.
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- Smoke plus fog
- Baghdad resident
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From the Journal Files
By Charlie Radatz
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - Mar. 4, 1970 to Mar. 10, 1970
The Southeast Nebraska Educational Planning Commission recommended school consolidations providing for maintaining high schools at Falls City and Humboldt, Junior Highs in Falls City and Stella, and elementary schools in Falls City, Humboldt, Rulo and Verdon.

O.C. Johnson purchased the Center Lanes Bowling Alley. The Falls City Tigers were eliminated in the Class B district by Tri-County 75-65.

"Hattie's Hints" was a column by Harriet Falter that included tips like "adding a can of beer to browned meat when making beef stew."

Helen's Discount Center at 15th & Stone sold new and used furniture and appliances.

Gibson's opened a new Discount Center at Red Oak, IA and offered many of the same specials at their Falls City store like packs of Polaroid film for \$3.97.

The Action Party election candidates were Roger Kiekhaefer, 1st ward council, Dr. Tom Burton, 2nd ward council, Don Lane, 3rd ward council, Don Baldwin, 4th ward council; Bob Heinzelman and Jack McKelvey for school board; Paul L. Mick, police magistrate; and Dr. James Slominski, airport authority.

A petition signed by 21 persons requesting a public vote on the possible licensing of sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink was turned down by the Verdon Village Board.

Dick Majerus, Rulo, became the 4th to file for First District County Commission.

The home of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wendtlandt & family of Verdon was destroyed by fire.

Rulo native, Dr. Gary Olson of Kearney State, was elected to the board of a regional educational regional and development.

Pfc. Richard Hall, Jr. who lost a leg in the Vietnam war, learned to ski with one leg and was headed to Germany, site of the Winter Olympics.

A Hiawatha man was charged with stabbing a construction worker from Topeka at the Sportsmen's Bar.

Reconstruction of U.S. Hwy. 73 from the Dawson corner to Falls City was included in the state's six year highway program.

A half block tract of land became a parking lot east of Prichard Auditorium. Falls City High's speech team won two superiors and collected a total of 36 points in an invitational speech contest at Nebraska City.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hardt announced the sale of KTNC Radio to Paul L. Denison of Newton, IA.

Capt. Eugene M. Kotouc, Humboldt, NE, was among nine men charged in what subsequently became known as the "My Lai Massacre" during the Vietnam War.

The Citizen's Party Spring election candidates included M.O. Armbruster for Mayor; Jim Heiser, 1st ward council; Norman Lape, 2nd ward council; Gerald Hooper, 3rd ward council; and Ray Mott, 4th ward council; Bob Shields, board of education; William Keeling, police magistrate, and Gary Goll, airport authority.

The Holstein dairy herd of Charles Sandfort, Humboldt, was named the top milk and butterfat producing herd in Nebraska.

25 Years Ago - Mar. 4, 1995 to Mar. 10, 1995

A request by Richardson County Board of Commissioners for city help in funding of the Richardson County Handibus produced a lot of conversation but no money.

"I wouldn't want to go through it again, but I learned a lot..." was the way World War II Marine Corps Veteran Lloyd Hayes, Humboldt, described his combat service in the battle for Iwo Jima.

The City received \$17,550 in federal funds for improvements at Dallas Jones Park.

An "Off the Cuff" column Scott Schock described how the presses had to be held past the regular newspaper production time to allow for an article on the verdict in the case of John Lotter and Marvin Nissen charged with three murders.

River Twin Cinema was showing "Heavyweights" and "Nobody's Fool". Dawson-Verdon, Southeast Consolidated, and Humboldt students fared well during Peru State College's 22nd Annual High School Business Contest.

David Knaup, son of Rodney and Betty Knaup and brother of Steve Knaup, Falls City, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y.

Missy McLaughlin, Dawson-Verdon, was named to the Homesteader Conference All-Conference basketball first team.

Ryan Hogue scored 354 points for the Dawson-Verdon basketball team. Eddie Fritz was the team leader in assists, steals, and blocked shots.

Heavyweight boxer Ira Humm won his final tune-up for the National USA Boxing Tournament with a unanimous decision over Rocky Navarro of Lexington.

Brad Olberding of the Falls City High wrestling team had 30 wins. Sacred Heart Irish starters scoring more than 100 points included Aaron Hill with 487, Nate Froeschl with 243, Brian McKim with 224, Marc Knobbe with 217, and Nate Jaros with 183.

Six Lady Irish topped 100 points; Celeste Nolte with 422, Beth Kiekhaefer with 273, Jamie Sopoci with 212, Alicia Lemerond with 170, and Jina Ahern with 145.

Leading scorers for the Humboldt Cardinal girls were Dee Oehm with 232, Kelly Luthy with 209, and Angel Steinblock with 116.

Parker Railcar Service Co., later to become Herzog Railcar Repair Services, began its operations on Falls City's southside.

A lawyer for convicted murder Marvin Thomas Nissen, Falls City, filed motions in District Court seeking a new trial for his client.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Falls City Monument Company. Elks Exalted Ruler Don Buck congratulated Lisa Palmer and Ryan Castle for their winning entries in the sixth grade essay contest.

15 Years Ago - Mar. 4, 2005 to Mar. 10, 2005

The Zion United Church of Christ dedicated an addition on the west side of the church.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20th & Towle, became the site of a federally funded Summer Food Service Program for children.

Judy Fritz retired as postmaster at Verdon after 36 years with the Postal Service.

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska purchased the former Squaw Creek truck stop at the junction of Highway 159 with I-29.

Joyce Buck was named 2004 Doe of the Year by the B.P.O. Does Drive.

The 20-4 No. 2 ranked Lady Irish were matched up with Daniel Freedom in the semi-finals of the Class D1 girls basketball tournament.

The Southeast Consolidated girls and boys weightlifting teams both placed second in an invitational at Lincoln Christian.

The Sacred Heart boys basketball team qualified for the state basketball tournament by defeating Lewistown 60-53 in the Class D1-1 District Championship game.

Jeff Frenzel finished 4th in Advanced Accounting and Kevin Duerfeldt placed 2nd in Personal Finance and 4th in Economics during the annual Peru State College Business Contest.

The Falls City FFA Ag Mechanics Team placed first, the FFA Welding Team placed second, and the FFA Livestock Management Team placed 4th at the District Ag Contest.

Smart Solutions of West Des Moines, IA was hired to develop what we know today as Falls City Development & Growth Enterprise.

Mike Ellis, CEO of Community Medical Center, resigned.

RC SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT RETRIEVED FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

All suspect's are innocent until proven guilty.



On February 21, 2020 Richardson County Deputies arrested Juan Ramirez Estrada, 41, of Falls City, for Driving Under Suspension. Ramirez-Estrada was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On February 15, 2020, Austin Minard, 23, of Omaha, was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a Court Commitment.



On February 26, 2020 at 7:52 AM Richardson County deputies conducted a warrant service near the 800 block of Nemaha St. in Dawson, NE. At 7:59 AM deputies arrested 54 year old Bruce C. Larsen of Dawson, on a failure to appear warrant. Larsen was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On February 26, 2020 at 12:40 PM Richardson County deputies conducted a warrant service near third and Elm St. in Verdon, NE. At 1:02 PM deputies arrested 28 year old Shemaiah Davis of Omaha, NE on a warrant. Davis was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On February 26, 2020 at 1:12 PM Richardson county deputies arrested 36 year old Tara A. Prater of Falls City, NE on 2 warrants. Prater was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

ACCIDENTS

On February 21, 2020, at 3:58 PM Richardson County Deputies investigated a one vehicle accident near 635 Ave. and 719 Rd near Humboldt. No injuries were reported.

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Falls City Sacred Heart senior Luke Schawang receives President's Volunteer Service award

Luke Schawang, 18, of Falls City, a student at Sacred Heart School, has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Luke was nominated for national honors this fall in recognition of his volunteer service.

Luke is involved in many different activities at Sacred Heart, including many volunteer opportunities.

"Sacred Heart School congratulates Luke on receiving this award. We are proud of him and his accomplishments," said Fr. David Oldham, guidance counselor at Sacred Heart.

In its 25th year, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASPP), recognizes middle level and

high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

"Across the United States, young volunteers are doing remarkable things to contribute to the well-being of the people and communities around them," said Prudential Chairman and CEO Charles Lowrey. "Prudential is honored to celebrate the contributions of these students, and we hope their stories inspire others to volunteer, too."

"Demonstrating civic responsibility through volunteerism is an important part of life," said NASPP Executive Director JoAnn Bartolotti. "These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate."

Prudential Spirit of Community Award application details were distributed nationwide last September through middle level and high schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and Points of Light Global Network members. These schools and officially-designated local organizations nominated Local Honorees, whose applications were advanced for state-level judging. In addition to granting President's Volunteer Service Awards, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards selected State Honorees, Distinguished Finalists and Certificate of Excellence recipients. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria including initiative, effort, impact and personal growth.

MAKING IT RIGHT

In the February 26, 2020 edition of the Falls City Journal it was printed that 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.

That information was incorrect. It was Heinzelman that was stopped at the stop sign and Darcy Kiekhaefer couldn't stop due to ice and struck Heinzelman.

FALLS CITY MONUMENT CO. OPEN HOUSE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY
Wed., March 4 11-1:30PM
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Paul Weinert will be celebrating his 90th birthday on March 20th!
His family is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, March 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 at O'Connor Hall, 1820 Fulton Street.
If you are unable to attend, cards may be sent to: 424 East 22nd Street, Falls City, NE 68355.
We hope that you can help us celebrate on the 22nd!
Mary Jane, Sue, Tom, Carol, Greg, & Mary Beth

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MARK OF EXCELLENCE



Sun Mart of Falls City recently donated \$1,000 to Falls City Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart Students, Front Row, L-R: Maddie Littrel, Luke Schawang, Jake Hoy, Branson Darveau, Claire Niemyer, Paige Stamper. Back row: Mr. Goltz, Sloan Lenard, Tyler Witt, Jarrott Simon, Hunter Frederick, Blake Frederick. 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 Chelste Alexander)

Local NWU students named to Honors list

Nebraska Wesleyan University has announced the fall semester Academic Honors List for its traditional undergraduate program.

Local students named to the list included: Morgan Bletscher, Meredith Poppe and Rudy Vriska, all of Falls City.

Alexander Fairchild-Flynn, Paxton McClarnen and Anastasia Popham, all of Dawson. Clarence Schuler, of Humboldt. A student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.75 (on a 4.00 scale) for 12 or more hours of coursework to qualify for the list.

SOCIETY

Reavis-Ashley D.A.R.
Reavis-Ashley Chapter D.A.R. met Saturday, February 15, 2020, at 11:30 at the home of Lola Droge for luncheon and meeting. Hostesses were Joan

SOUP SUPPER at Shubert Christian Church on Sat., March 7 5-7 P.M.

Serving: Chili, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Homemade Pies, and Cinnamon Rolls.
Freewill Offering Proceeds to Missions

THANK YOU FROM FALLS CITY RECREATION

to everyone who generously supports us throughout the year by making a monetary donation or dedicating their time, all of which benefit the youth in our community.

THE PANCAKE FEED WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Freeborn, and Catherine Knapp, Abigail, and Haven Knapp assisted with the luncheon. Seven members and three guests were present. Before the luncheon, Nathan Knapp gave a speech titled "What makes America Great" from Voice of Democracy he had placed in local and state and went to state in Kansas. Discussion followed. Haven Knapp gave a presentation on "What Horses Did for the Revolutionary Times." Indian minutes were a movie trailer of the movie documentary "The Omaha Speaking" presented by Beverly Droge.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Glenda Nelson using the Chapter Ritual, all recited pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed. Glenda gave treasurer's report. Secretary was absent. No report was available. Chapter members read various reports.

Communications were read and it was announced that Ruth Wells has gotten her member number and is a member of Reavis-Ashley Chapter.

Beverly Droge sent a sympathy card to Kenneth Wullschlegler due to the passing of wife JoAnn, a member of Reavis-Ashley.

Anne Moser reported on the "Women in Outstanding Group" article. Glenda read her report on our Chapter that she will turn in before State Conference.

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 14, 2020, at St. Paul's Lutheran church Falls City, Nebraska, for an 11 am luncheon and meeting. Hostesses will be Glenda Nelson and Beverly Kimmel.

Shubert ALA Unit #222
By Elizabeth S. Keiner, secretary pro tem
Shubert's ALA Unit #222 met

at the post building on February 11, 2020. President Tana Brown called the meeting to order. Chaplain Howard gave the opening prayer from the ALA Star. The group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance, sang "God Bless America", and recited the ALA preamble.

Judy Schlosser gave the treasurer's report.

The Poppy Posters have to be made on special-sized paper, and are due in Department by April 15th.

The February 4 potluck had a good turnout. Hostesses for March will be Mrs. Howard and Ms. Patchen.

Committee reports- Scholarship forms are due back at the unit by March 1st.

Americanism essays are in from HTRS, with nothing yet from Falls City.

Soliciting entries for Girls State is underway.

Vicki Owings will be in charge of the Publicity book for 2020. Members are to give her stories or pictures regarding the unit.

Report from District 13 president Ms. Patchen. All units are to return traveling awards. She reported that District 13 is number one in the state with membership. All units are to pick up their poppies at the upcoming District 13 convention. Lynette Surman made the unit's poppy centerpiece.

Members signed cards for members and passed the AEF donation can.

There was a discussion on the upcoming Neil Eickhoff sale. Unit members will be solicited for food and/or work for the March 29th sale.

The unit will hold a birthday supper for the American Legion on Sunday, March 22nd, at the post. And the post members will have a fish supper on Saturday, March 28th at the Shubert Community building.

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The meeting was adjourned. Ms. Howard gave the prayer from the Auxiliary magazine, and the meeting was closed.

DEADLINE
FRIDAY BY NOON

Narrow networks of doctors and hospitals limit patient choice

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

By Trudy Lieberman

The next time you hear someone – likely a politician or spokesperson for a medical special interest group – argue that America's health insurance arrangements are fine because they offer lots of choice for patients, don't take them seriously.

What choice are they talking about? Almost anyone navigating the health system over the last decade knows that insurers have limited where they can go for care and whom they can see.

The concept of limiting patients' choice of doctors, hospitals, and other medical services like radiology practices or speech therapy began a few decades back with HMOs. The health management organizations argued that, to assure quality, they were allowing their insured patients to see only the best providers.

The theory sounded good, but in practice the health providers squawked, and networks gradually became more inclusive. That changed again as costs continued to rise and insurers started to choose only doctors who accepted their fee schedules. Things got kind of muddy for patients because they didn't know for sure whether a doctor was in the network because they charged low prices or because they offered superior care.

The way networks operate has gotten even more opaque and manipulated, according to new research from Penn State assistant professor of public policy Simon Haeder and his colleagues. Their research tells us more about how insurance carriers are limiting patient choice.

Do insurers deliberately exclude doctors offering certain specialties in the hope of forcing out the "lemons" among their insured patients – those likely to be sick? Haeder told me that may be happening.

For example, diabetics need to see endocrinologists periodically to help manage their disease, but if the insurer constructs a network with no or few endocrinologists, patients may be forced to seek care elsewhere or pay out of pocket. Such a strategy, says Haeder, allows an insurer "to offload costs" they don't want to pay.

It's even harder to find doctors in fields where there are fewer providers such as cardiac surgeons, podiatrists, and in some cases obstetricians and gynecologists. The problem is even greater in rural areas where it's common for patients to drive many miles to find a practitioner to treat them.

Haeder and colleagues also found that the problems with network adequacy also applied to coverage offered through Medicare Advantage (MA) plans. Sales presentations for MA plans often omit the fact they restrict choice through narrow networks.

Haeder's study examined MA plan networks in California and found that seniors may have trouble accessing care. His research showed that large numbers of them might have to travel 30, 60, or even 120 miles to find a higher quality doctor.

Furthermore, he noted, an analysis of coronary stent procedures in New York State showed that provider networks might be more restrictive for Medicare Advantage plan members than for those who get coverage from policies sold in the Affordable Care Act marketplace.

Inaccurate and out-of-date directories also limit patient choice. If directories report that certain specialists for treating kidney problems are located nearby, but when you call for an appointment you find they are no longer practicing, what do you do? Go without care? Pay out of pocket? Or search far and wide for someone who takes your insurance?

When the Affordable Care first went into effect and for a few years after that, the media and advocacy groups did point out that many plans had few providers and others offered directories that were out of date. They singled out those plans.

There's not much of that kind of reporting or outrage these days. Maybe it should come back to highlight the significant barriers to care Haeder uncovered.

"We thought if we gave people insurance everything would be great," he told me. "But there's a difference between having insurance and having access to care."

The focus of advocates, policymakers, and even some insurers became the premium people would pay. But the premium is only one element of a policy that determines the final bill to the consumer. Coinsurance, copays and deductibles, all of which have risen astronomically in the last few years, are equally important and are contributing to the rising medical debt.

Knowing which providers are in a network is important. So is understanding the games insurers play to do what insurers always do: limit their risk of paying out money for sick people.

Have you had experience finding doctors nearby? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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Harrings celebrate 60 years

Walter and Barbara Harring are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in Mesa, AZ, visiting family, friends and classmates.

Worthey receives degree from PSC

Peru State College and its President, Dr. Dan Hanson, granted degrees to 147 gradu-

ates on Friday, December 13, 2019.

Local graduate, Destiny C. Worthey, of Humboldt, graduated a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education PK-3 Elementary Education Health and Physical Education K-12 Supplemental Endorsement: Coaching (7-12), Summa Cum Laude

Peru State granted 52 Master of Science in Education degrees, five Master of Science in Organizational Management degrees, eight Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, two Bachelor of Arts degrees, and 80 Bachelor of Science degrees.

The formal ceremony for all 2019-2020 graduates will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Al Wheeler Activity Center.

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SOCIETY

Area Bridge
Marilyn Stalder, Larry Munn and Lorna Simon won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met February 25, 2020, when two tables of bridge were played. Lorna Simon and Dennie Dixon were the hostesses. Leona Knobbe and Judy Munn will host the next session on March 10, 2020.



Business Contest Participants-Back row: Jared Hawley, Braden Oliver, Stephen Acton, Hunter Arnold, Trey McAfee, Keldon Campbell, David Kuker, and Dalton Fouraker; front row: Michelle Beer, Tessa Gilfillan, Alexis Sutton, Emmy Lu Feek, and Laney Feek.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

On February 21, 2020 Robert Hammer, of Shubert, filed to run as a candidate for Shubert Village Board Member.

On February 24, 2020 Shawn M. Fouraker, of Falls City, filed to run as a candidate for Falls City Airport Authority Board for a term of six years.

On February 25, 2020 Michael Kanel, of Humboldt, filed to run as a candidate for District 70 School Board for a term of four years.

On February 26, 2020 Tomas Borrego, Jr., of Shubert, filed to run as a candidate for the office of Shubert Village Board Member.

On February 28, 2020 Crystal Duneckacke, of Humboldt, filed to run as a candidate for District 70 School Board for a term of four years.

On February 28, 2020 Jonathan Kirkendall, of Falls City, filed to run as a candidate for District 2 Commissioner for a term of four years.

On February 28, 2020 Jordan Frederick, of Rulo, filed to run as a candidate for the Village of Rulo for a term of four years.



Medal Winners, L-R: Trey McAfee (5th- Business Math), Hunter Arnold (2nd-Business Math), Keldon Campbell (5th-Advanced Accounting).

FCHS students compete in the Annual PSC Business Contest

Approximately 450 students from thirty-two Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas high schools competed for scholarships and awards at the 47th Annual Peru State College Business Contest on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Competitions were held in 16 different disciplines. First-place winners in each of the 16 categories were awarded \$500 tuition scholarships for on-cam-

pus classes at Peru State. Medals were awarded to first through fifth place winners. Medal winners from Falls City were Hunter Arnold (2nd-Business Math), Keldon Campbell (5th-Advanced Accounting), and Trey McAfee (5th-Business Math).

Donna Eickhoff is the business instructor at Falls City High School.



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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.

COUNTY COURT

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, dom asslt-third degree, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$125 plus court costs.

Taegen R. Kratz, of Pawnee City, count one, unauth use fin tran device/under \$500 plead guilty, found guilty; count two, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty. Disposition is scheduled for March 16, 2020.

Joshua E. Murphy, of Lincoln, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead no

contest, found guilty and fined \$250, sentenced to probation for a term of 18 months starting on July 10, 2019, drug testing fee of \$20, regular probation fee of \$450, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, jail for a term of 30 days starting on January 13, 2020 for a term of 30 days, jail for a term of 23 days starting on March 16, 2020. Disposition is scheduled for April 22, 2020.

Lucas S. Barr, of Liberty, NE, count one, DUI-alcohol-1st offense, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count two, refuse to submit to test-1st offense, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500, probation for a term of eight months starting February 26, 2020, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$200, revoked license for a term of 60 days starting February 26, 2020, interlock device; count three, refuse to submit to pretest, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes fine of \$100, probation for a term of eight months starting on February 26, 2020 and court costs.

Dillon L. Stalder, of Humboldt, count one, DUI-alcohol-1st offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, minor in possession-ages 19/20, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, possess/consume open alcohol container, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count

four, drive left of center, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count five, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 30, 2020.

Joshua E. Murphy, of Lincoln, count one, intimidation-phone call/electronic comm. Plead no contest, found guilty, sentenced to jail for a term of ten days starting March 13, 2020; count two, intimidation-phone call/electronic comm, amended to count dropped/dismissed, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty.

Tommy L. Morlan, of David City, NE, count one, sexual assault-w/o consent-third degree, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 11, 2020.

Jeremy J. Butrick, of Falls City, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd, plead not guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count three, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count four, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty; count five, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count six, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead not guilty; count seven, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count eight, careless driving, plead not guilty; count nine, violate stop or yield sign, plead not guilty; count ten, no motorcycle operator's license, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2020.

Brian K. Mackey, of Falls City, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty.

Sara A. Marano, of North Las Vegas, NV, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty/ Pretrial is scheduled for March 16, 2020.

Anthony Uitts, of Falls City, count one, animal running at large, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 9, 2020.

Cara L. Cavaness, of Falls City, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state plead not guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 23, 2020.

Lucas M. Morehead, of St. Joseph, MO, count one, no proof

of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2020.

Jordan P. Marx, of Dawson, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

Jaden P. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and probation for a term of 12 months starting February 5, 2020.

Lucy E. Ezell, of Auburn, count one, resist arrest-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, disturbing the peace, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for March 11, 2020.

DISTRICT COURT

Matthew L. Gilbert, of Humboldt, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 24, 2020.

Joshua M. Darden, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

Anthony R. Newcomb, of Sabetha, KS, count one, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, amended to possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, amended to possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count eight, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty; count nine, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty; count ten, carry con-

cealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty; count eleven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 24, 2020.

Nathan A. Purcell, of Falls City, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, amended to unauth use propelled vehicle-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 21, 2020.

Nathan A. Purcell, of Stella, count one, drive under susp/controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, resist arrest-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing is scheduled for April 21, 2020.

Karen S. Martindale, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

Jessica L. Popejoy-Hayes, of Rulo, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty, found guilty and sentenced to 364 days in jail starting on February 20, 2020, credit for 250 days served; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty, found guilty, sentenced to 364 days jail starting February 20, 2020.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

On February 23, 2020 Alec M. Dunn, 25, of David, NE was booked into the Richardson County Jail for driving under the influence.

On February 15, 2020, April Rath, 34, of Falls City, was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a Court Commitment.

On February 15, 2020, Rebecca Fouraker, 29 of Salem, was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a Court Commitment.

On February 18, 2020, Richardson County deputies arrested Abe Kirkendall, 34 of Falls City, on a Butler County, NE warrant for Driving Under Suspended. Kirkendall was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



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Caden Simon hits for two early on vs. Auburn last week in Beatrice.

Lady Irish get shot at redemption

By Brian McKim

After falling one-point short in last season's Championship game versus Wynot, the Sacred Heart Irish have some unsettled business to take care of at this year's State Tourney. The 24-1 Lady Irish dismantled the Wauneta-Palisade Broncos 55-20 at Hastings High School on Friday night to win the Class D2-1 District title and get a berth back in Lincoln for the NSAA State Tournament.

The Irish defense came out stout, allowing just a pair of free throws in the first half, one in each quarter, as they cruised into halftime with a 34-2 lead. With the starters night done early, the Lady Irish reserves saw the court for much of the second half, outscoring the Broncos 21-18 in the second half.

Sophomore Erison Vonderschmidt had a massive game for the Irish, scoring a game-high 19 points, 15 coming in the first half. Vonderschmidt finished the game 7/10 from the floor and 5-6 from the foul line. She also added six rebounds and six steals. Eleven different players put up points for the Irish on Friday night. The Irish finished the game making 9/11 shots from the foul line.

For the game, the Irish shot 37 percent (22/59) while holding the Broncos to 16 percent (6/38). SH held a 35-30 rebound advantage and forced 28 turnovers while committing 12. Rachel Magdanz and Danielle Bippes each added five rebounds, and McKenzie Witt had six assists to lead the Irish attack. Haylee Sandman had six points, and Payton Yearous added five to lead Wauneta-Palisade.

Scoring vs. Wauneta-Palisade, Magdanz seven, D. Witt four, Niemeyer three, Simon two, M. Witt four, J. Wertemberger four, E. Wertemberger two, Vonderschmidt 19, Eickhoff two, Bippes six, Keller two.

"It always feels good to win your district and get back to the state tournament," said Coach Luke Santo. "We're really proud of what the girls have done so far this year and. Happy for them to be back in Lincoln. We were so close to winning it all last year, so we're going to use that as motivation for this week. D2 had another strong field this year. We're definitely taking it one game at a time. We're heading to Lincoln, hoping to be playing our best basketball of the year."

The Irish begin their quest for gold on Thursday morning vs. 19-6 Loomis at Lincoln North Star at 9:00 a.m. With a win, the Irish will take on the winner of Wynot and Lawrence-Nelson at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at the Devaney Center. The Class D2 State Championship will take place on Saturday, March 7, at 4:30 p.m. The third-place consolation game will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday at Lincoln East High School.



Jack Fiegener finishes off a play at the hoop against Diller-Odell last Thursday night.

Tigers give Bulldogs all they can handle

Story and photo by Brian McKim

On Tuesday night in Beatrice in the Class C1-1 subdistrict, the Falls City Tigers almost pulled off the improbable. An energized Tigers squad hit the Bulldogs with a left hook, but the undefeated Auburn Bulldogs held on for the nine-point win, 59-50.

FC got off to a great start on Tuesday with Caden Simon pulling down an offensive rebound and feeding Mason Crawford for a trey at the top of the key to give FC a 3-0. With 3:30 on the clock, Brock Hogue hit another three for FC to give them a 7-5 advantage. A reverse layup by Crawford and a three by Simon gave Falls City a 12-9 lead after one quarter.

FC scored the first four points of the second period, giving them a seven-point lead, 16-9, with 6:50 to play in the half. Auburn then scored five straight to get within two, but Crawford ended the run with a three from the wing to make it 19-14 with just over four minutes to go. Next it was Kade Bredemeiers turn as he drilled a trifecta from the corner to make it 22-17. A shot by Crawford over Auburn's Cam Binder and another three from Bredemeier made it 28-20 with 1:40 to play. Auburn stormed back and scored the final six points of the half to make it 28-26 at intermission.

The third period was back and forth. FC took a 30-26 lead but Auburn quickly tied things up again. The Bulldogs took the lead with 3:00 to play, but Crawford netted another three eleven seconds later to give FC the lead back at 35-34. Hunter Arnold made 1-2 free throws to end the period with the game all knotted up at 38.

Unfortunately for FC they began to run out of steam. 6th center Josh Lambert then scored four straight points in the paint to give Auburn the lead 42-39. A three by CJ Hughes made it 47-40 with 3:39 to go in the game. The Bulldogs hit free throws down the stretch to secure the hard-fought win over the Tigers, 59-50.

Falls City shot well, hitting 43 percent of their shot attempts, however Auburn made 21-33 shots (63 percent) and converted 13-17 free throws. The Tigers outrebounded the Bulldogs 23-16 and had a 9-5 assists advantage. The Tigers committed just two turnovers in the game compared to five by the Bulldogs.

Mason Crawford led FC with game-high 24 points, making 5-13 from behind the arc. Crawford added four rebounds and two assists. Bredemeier added 13 points and three boards. Simon led FC with six rebounds. Lambert led the Bulldogs with 22 points.

Scoring vs. Auburn, Crawford 24, Bredemeier 13, Caden Simon six, Arnold four, Hogue three.

To get to Tuesday's game, FC first had to get by the Syracuse Rockets on Monday night. The game was tight early on, with the Tigers holding a slim 16-14 lead after the first eight minutes. FC began to pull away in the second period, leading 30-19 at the half. The Tigers continued to pull away in the second half, leading 40-25 with one quarter to go. The Tigers controlled the fourth quarter, pulling away for the 57-35 win.

FC shot 41 percent from the floor, making 23-56 shots while holding the Rockets to just 11-42 shooting (22 percent). The Tigers held a 31-24 rebound advantage and held a 15-5 assist edge.

Bredemeier paced FC with 17 points, six rebounds and four assists. Crawford added 13 points, six boards and three steals. Simon finished with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Scoring vs. Syracuse, Bredemeier 17, Crawford 13, Simon 10, Arnold eight, Vitosh five, Carson Simon two, McAfee two.

The loss to Auburn on Tuesday ended the Tigers season with a 12-13 record.

Irish punch ticket to State

Story and photo by Brian McKim

On Saturday afternoon, the Sacred Heart Irish boys played a nearly perfect game to win the Class D2-2 District against Sioux County in Cozad, 81-27, and earn a trip back to the State Tourney. For the second consecutive year, the Irish made the 281-mile trip to Cozad with the winner moving on and the loser going home. The #2 seeded Irish executed their game plan perfectly against the #15 seed Sioux County Warriors.

On the first possession of the game, Jamie Stice set the tone, drilling a three to give the Irish a lead that they would never relinquish. A layup from Jarrot Simon gave SH a 5-0 with only a minute gone by. The Warriors hit a three to make it 5-3, but that's as close as the game would get. SH scored the games' next twelve points to make it 17-3 with just under 4:00 to play in the quarter. Sacred Heart closed out the quarter draining three more from beyond the arc to take a commanding 30-13 lead after the first period.

The next eight minutes began the way the first ended. Stice hit his third three of the game, and SH took a 20-point lead, 33-13. A hoop in the paint by Simon and another trifecta from Stice made it 38-17 with just under six minutes to play in the half. With just over a minute left in the half, Stice hit his fifth bomb of the half, and the Irish cruised into halftime with a 47-19 lead. The Irish converted 8/17 shots in the first half behind the arc.

Four straight points by Tyler Witt and a basket by Simon gave SH a 53-19 lead. With 3:11 on the clock, Jake Hoy got a steal and a layup to push the lead to 41, 64-23, and begin the running clock. The hoop by Hoy also signaled the end of the

game for the Irish starters. The Irish went on to lead 72-23 at the end of three quarters.

SH started slowly offensively in the final period. With 3:00 on the clock, Evan Keithley hit his first of back to back threes to make it 75-27. The final points of the game for SH came on a deep ball from Kyle Bauman to give the Irish the 81-27 win.

The Irish finished the contest making 13/24 three-point attempts and 19/32 shots from two-point range. Meanwhile, the Warriors were held to 10/39 from the floor in the game. The Irish defense also had seven blocked shots and held a 20-4 turnover advantage.

Stice, led the offense, making 6/8 shots for 17 points, all in the first half. Hoy added 12 points, and Simon finished with 11 points, four rebounds, and two blocked shots. Witt finished the game with 10 points, six boards, and three blocked shots. Michael Comstock led Sioux County with 10 points, and Tristan Hunter added eight.

Scoring vs. Sioux County, Jordan nine, Stice 17, Froeschl five, Hoy 12, Witt 10, Keithley nine, Bauman three, Simon 11, Fiegener five.

"The boys handled the long travel and short time to prepare (one day between sub-final and district final) very well. We did a good job Saturday. Our shots were falling, we took care of the ball, and everyone got to play. It was a fun trip. We're playing well heading into the State Tournament," said Coach Doug Goltz.

The win improved the Irish to 26-1, while the loss dropped the Warriors to 14-10. Sacred Heart will now wait for the other districts to finish up to see what the seeding will be for the State Tournament beginning on Thursday, March 12.

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Nebraska Ballers win Sabetha basketball league

After losing to their opponent in last year's championship game, the Nebraska Ballers won the Sabetha men's basketball league tournament last week. The team's second title in three years was won with two starters absent. They never trailed in the second half and finished the season with a 10-2 record.

Irish boys race past subdistrict competition

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish boys improved to 25-1, winning the Class D2-1 subdistrict in Pawnee City last week. On Tuesday, the Irish thumped Meridian 79-17 and then advanced to the district final with a 55-23 win over Diller-Odell on Thursday night.

The game against the Meridian Mustangs on Tuesday was never in doubt. The Irish held quarter leads of 26-6, 43-14, and 71-16 on the way to the 79-17 win. The Irish starters played sparingly after the first half in the run-away win.

For the game, SH connected on 33/69 shots (48 percent) while holding the Mustangs to just 21 percent. The Irish owned the boards with a 45-20 rebounding advantage, including 20 offensive boards. The Irish also forced 25 turnovers while committing only nine.

The Irish had 12 players reach the scoring column with Tyler Witt and Jake Froeschl each scoring 14 points. Jake Hoy and Jack Fiegenger each pulled down ten rebounds, and Witt added two blocked shots. Patrick Williams led Meridian with 10 points.

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Scoring vs. Meridian, Jordan 11, Dunn one, Stice five, Froeschl 14, Hoy nine, Witt 14, Keithley three, Bauman one, Simon seven, Fiegenger 11, Nachtigal one, Schawang two.

On Thursday night, the Fighting Irish faced an 11-12 Diller-Odell team. Again, SH got off to a good start as Jamie Stice drilled a three from the corner on the Irish's opening possession. The Griffins made it 3-2 with 6:26 to play, then SH scored seven straight points, taking a 10-2 lead after a steal and layup by Jake Hoy. The first quarter came to a close with Jack Fiegenger getting a steal and hoop to make it 12-4 after the first quarter.

The second quarter entirely belonged to SH, outscoring the Griffins 24-3 to take a 36-7 half-time lead. Jarrot Simon got the Irish on the board with an offensive rebound and putback to make it 14-4. With 5:40 on the clock, Jake Froeschl hit a three to make it 19-4. Back to back steals and layups by Tyler Witt gave SH a 23-4 advantage with just over three minutes to play. Diller-Odell finally got on the board with 1:32 to play in the quarter. The Irish responded with seven straight points to end the half with a 29-point lead.

The Irish starters played the first four minutes of the third period, extending their lead to 48-7. Stice started the scoring with a running floater from the baseline. Stice then hit his second three of the night to make it 41-7. A jumper by Hoy, followed by a Witt three in transition, made it 46-7. With 4:00 to play, Witt swiped the ball and went coast to coast for the score, ending the starters night. With

3:35 on the clock, Diller-Odell hit a free throw to put points on the board finally. The third period ended with SH leading 48-12.

With the reserves in the game, SH was outscored 11-7 in the final period but cruised to the 55-23 win. The Irish hit 23-47 shot attempts (49 percent) while holding the Griffins to just 8/37 shooting (22 percent). The Irish held a 31-20 rebounding edge and forced 14 turnovers while committing only seven. Stice had the big game for SH with 14 points on 5/9 shooting. Witt added 12 points, nine rebounds, two steals, and two blocked shots. Jacob Meyer led Diller-Odell with 12 points.

Scoring vs. Diller-Odell, Dunn two, Stice 14, Froeschl five, Hoy 10, Witt 12, Keithley three, Simon four, Fiegenger five.

With the win, the Irish earned a spot in the district finals against Sioux County in Cozad on Saturday afternoon, with the winner advancing to the State Tournament.

Arnold named Doane track and field qualifier

Doane University Track and Field will send 29 athletes to compete in the 2020 NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Brookings, S.D. Henry Arnold (SR/Falls City, Neb.) - long jump (10th/7.18m), triple jump (11th/14.46m), will represent Doane at the meet this year. The meet runs from March 5-7 on the South Dakota State University campus.



Darveau signs with PSC, Branson Darveau recently signed his letter of intent to continue his football career with the Peru State Bobcats. Darveau led the Irish defense last season with 121 tackles, including two sacks and 28 tackles for loss. In the last three seasons Darveau recorded 294 tackles and 45 tackles for loss. L-R: Coach Doug Goltz, Branson Darveau and Coach Pannell of PSC. Back, Steve Darveau, Jr.

Tiger reserves finish season 7-6

The Falls City Tigers Reserve boys basketball team finished its season with a 7-6 record. The Reserves beat Nebraska City 50-40. Sophomore Cameron Schramm had a big night with 17 points and 8 rebounds. Freshman Jaxyn Strauss added 11 points to the win. The Tigers then went on the road and lost to Lafayette 71-40 and to Beatrice 40-26. Strauss scored 9 points against the Irish, and Schramm scored 8 points against the Orangemen. In its

final home game of the season, the Tigers beat Horton 54-10. Schramm led all scorers with 12 points, and Freshman Jon Craig chipped in 11 points. The Reserves completed their season with a second-place finish at a tournament hosted by JCC. In the first game, the Tigers beat Conestoga 38-34. Strauss and Schramm scored 16 points and 12 points respectively. In the championship game, Falls City fell to JCC 32-19.

DHHS asking Nebraskans with travel in past 14 days to COVID-19 impacted to contact local Health Dept.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and its public health partners continue to closely track the unfolding outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and anticipate its impact on Nebraska and its health care systems. The virus originated in China and has spread to multiple other countries including the United States. So far, there have been no cases identified in Nebraska residents.

"Ensuring the health of Nebraskans is our main priority and public health officials continue to actively monitor self-isolated Nebraska residents who recently returned from China," said Dr. Tom Safranek, State Epidemiologist for DHHS. "Based on the spread of COVID-19 and an increase in cases in other countries, DHHS is now including Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Iran, Italy, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam, along with China. We're asking people with travel to these countries in the last 14 days to either self-report to the Nebraska public health online system at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx> or contact their local health department for guidance and next steps. Informing the local health depart-

ment of recent travel history is the most direct way to ensure timely medical care if needed and to minimize the potential risk to others."

A map of Nebraska's local health departments can be found at <http://dhhs.ne.gov>.

It is important to remember that people who may become ill upon returning from overseas travel are more likely to have other respiratory illnesses typically seen this time of year like flu, which might also require treatment.

However, it is very possible that we could see travel-related COVID-19 cases in Nebraska residents. State and local public health officials continue to take action to prevent the spread of disease and protect the health of Nebraskans including:

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Becky Nelson

Becky Lynn Nelson, 61, one of three children of Russell and Margie (Gwathney) Nosler, was born April 30, 1958, in Brinkley, Arkansas. Becky grew up and attended school in Wheatley, Arkansas graduating from Wheatley High School in 1976. Becky was very active in her high school, she served as president of her senior class, was a member of the Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, FHA, science club, WHSPA, and a member of the basketball team. After high school, Becky attended Arkansas State University at Jonesboro on a full-ride scholarship to play basketball.

On April 1, 1983, Becky was united in marriage to Jerry Nelson on the front step of the Jersey Lilly in Langtry, Texas. The couple would be blessed with a daughter, Shane.

After moving to Nebraska, Becky worked at the King Louie Sewing factory in Auburn. She then worked at WoodCarv and continued working there as it became Armstrong Cabinet until it's closing. Most recently, Becky worked for Stillwater Public Schools in Oklahoma as a cook.

In Arkansas, Becky was raised in the Methodist Church, while in Nebraska, she attended the Stella Community Church in

Stella where she volunteered as preschool teacher. In her spare time, Becky enjoyed reading and sewing. Her greatest joy though, came from taking care of her granddaughter Josie, making sure to get her to her basketball practices and games.

On the morning of February 20, 2020, Becky was rushed to the Community Medical Center in Falls City where she passed away unexpectedly.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Those left to mourn include her husband Jerry of Verdun; daughter Shane and husband Joseph Decker of Ripley, OK; granddaughter Josie Decker; brothers Jimmy and Tony Nosler of Arkansas; sister-in-law Norma Stinson of Tecumseh; brother-in-law Dick Wheeler of Hamburg, IA; other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held February 26, 2020 at Hemmingsen Funeral Home in Auburn, officiated by Rev. John States. Joe Decker, Matt Lockard, Greg Lockard, Kurt Lockard, Brent Shubert, and Gary Ramer served as casket bearers. Burial followed in the Stella Cemetery at Stella.

Services were entrusted to Hemmingsen Funeral Home of Auburn.

Mervin Geyer

Mervin Robert Geyer, 90, only child of Robert and Lillie (Fritsch) Geyer, was born August 20, 1929 at Auburn, Nebraska. He was baptized September 15, 1929 by his grandfather Rev. E.F. Geyer and confirmed October 25, 1942 by Rev. H. Bents, both at St. James Lutheran (Long Branch) Church near Humboldt, Nebraska. Mervin attended Bratton Union School, graduating in 1947. He learned the value of hard work and money during summers of his high school years on a neighbor's Case hay baler.

Mervin served in the Nebraska National Guard from 1950 to 1956.

On June 26, 1952 he was married to Wilma Bohling at St. Paul Lutheran (Hickory Grove) Church by Rev. Kolm. Their marriage was blessed with three children: Lynn M., Jana, and Elisabeth, and would last 67 years.

Mervin was a lifelong farmer, raising grains, hay, and livestock. He served many years on the Bratton Union School Board and was a member of American Legion Post #269 in Humboldt. As a lifelong member of St. James Lutheran Church, Mervin served in various Church Council positions.

Mervin loved his family and friends. He was also very fond of flowers, Christmas decorations, and the St. Louis Cardinals. He was proud of the fact that he had donated 166 pints of blood to the American Red Cross through the years.

After receiving a cancer diagnosis in 2016 Mervin battled the disease while being able to stay at his home. His wife Wilma,

children and grandchildren were instrumental in helping make his wish to stay home a reality. He passed away at home, with family around him, on Thursday, February 20, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Vern and wife Carol Bohling, and sister-in-law Berneice Boeck.

Mervin is survived by his wife Wilma; son Lynn Geyer of Humboldt; daughters Jana Anderson of Stella, Beth and husband Deon Griffith of Topeka, KS; grandchildren and spouses Dustin and Darcy Anderson, Dru Anderson, Lucas Geyer, Cassidy and Billy Lotter, Lacey and Adam Noa; great-grandchildren Chaelee, Brynlee, Quinn, and Everly; sisters and brothers-in-law Vera and Richard Plager of Humboldt, Marlene and Eiber Alberts of Auburn; brother-in-law Evert Boeck of Smith Center, KS; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held February 25, 2020 at St. James Lutheran (Long Branch) Church, officiated by Rev. Eric Spruth-Janssen. Carolyn Han played accompaniment for congregational hymns. Dustin Anderson, Dru Anderson, Lucas Geyer, Adam Noa, Billy Lotter, and Don Hitzeman served as casket bearers. Cassidy Lotter, Lacey Noa, and Darcy Anderson served as flower attendants. Burial followed in the St. James Lutheran Cemetery. Graveside military honors were provided by American Legion Post #269 of Humboldt and Nebraska National Guard Honor Guard.

Services were entrusted to Hemmingsen Funeral Home of Auburn.

Bob Gibbs

A memorial service for Bob Gibbs, who passed away December 28th will be held Friday, March 6, 2019 at 1:00 PM at First United Methodist Church with Reverend Young Je Kim officiating.

Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery with Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

Mary Lou Johnson

Mary Lou Johnson, 90, of Falls City, passed away February 28, 2020 at Falls City. She was born July 20, 1929 at Alamo, TX, to Frank H. and Alyda (Wood) Eickhoff.

She married Norman (Jitterbug) Johnson, Jr. on June 6, 1950 at Lincoln, Nebraska. He passed away August 8, 2002.

Mary Lou was born at Alamo, TX and lived there for 8 years until moving to Falls City. She graduated Falls City High School in 1947. She started working for Monarch Engineering Company and then Falls City Auto Supply, both in Falls City. After marriage, the couple established their home in Lincoln and she worked for St. Elizabeth Hospital for 30 years until retiring in 1993. Mary Lou moved to Oklahoma City, OK in 1994, Plano, TX in 1996 and to Falls City in March of 2001 where she has lived since. She was a member of First United Presbyterian Church.

Mary Lou is survived by sons, Kenneth Johnson and his wife Jeanette of Lincoln, NE; Michael Johnson and his wife Sheryl of Fargo, ND; William Johnson of Kansas City; daughters, Debra Myers and her husband Steven of Fairhope, AL; Judy Hart of Aurora, CO; daughter-in-law, Helen Johnson of Lincoln; sister, Thelma Kirkendall of Falls City; half-sister, Glenda Sechovec and husband Russ of Donna, TX; half-brothers, Thomas Eickhoff and his wife Lynn of Mission, TX; Danny Eickhoff of Tigard, OR; fourteen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by parents, husband, son, Roger Johnson, step-mother, Lucille Eickhoff and son-in-law, Robert Hart.

Her memorial service will be Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. at First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Rick Martin officiating. Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 P.M. at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Kay Ernst

Kay Ernst, 74, of Falls City, NE, passed away February 29, 2020 at St. Joseph, MO. Her funeral will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Reverend Young Je Kim officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Bonnie Lee Hatch Kennedy

Bonnie Lee Hatch Kennedy died peacefully at home on February 28, 2020.

Bonnie was born February 9, 1932 in Falls City, Nebraska to her parents, Orris Clinton and Amelia Helene Hatch.

After graduation from high school, Bonnie attended Beloit College for two years. On November 9, 1952 Bonnie was united in marriage to Robert Kennedy, who left two weeks later for service in the U.S. Navy. After being assigned to the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, TX, they lived there until the completion of Roberts active duty. They returned to Nebraska with a daughter. After a year in Omaha, NE, the family moved to Lincoln, NE where Robert graduated from the University of Nebraska and the family, now of five, moved to Rochester, NY where Robert was employed by the Eastman Kodak Company. Bonnie was a devoted mother to her children, helping them cope with the problems and joys of growing up. She also found time to work as a secretary and office manager and at another time a

clerk in a pharmacy.

After living in Rochester, where the children were raised, Bonnie accompanied Robert on several overseas assignments, living in Paris, France, Cape Town, South Africa, Bogota, Colombia and Dubai, United Arab Emirates for nearly 10 years. During these times she missed being around the children, but later had some good memories of the experience of being exposed to other cultures. Bonnie and Robert retired to Hilton Head, SC in 1990 and moved to Aiken in 1997. They were active members of First Presbyterian Church and both sang in the Sanctuary Choir.

Bonnie is survived by her husband Robert, son Michael, daughters Marsha and Marta, grandsons Jerad (Victoria) and Derrik (Kelly) and great-grandchildren Caleb, Easley and Quinn. She was predeceased by her parents and a sister, Beverly Ann Hatch.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 2:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

Don Knapp

Don Knapp, 90, of Falls City, NE, passed away February 29, 2020 at Falls City. He was born October 30, 1929 at Ogallala, NE to Wayne and Ila (Bundy) Knapp.

He married Maxine Goddard on September 16, 1956.

Don was raised at Big Springs, NE and graduated Big Springs High School in 1947. He enlisted in the U. S. Army and was honorably discharged September 16, 1955 and returned to Ogallala and worked at Goodall Manufacturing Plant. He then worked in the oil fields and moved to California where he worked in the air conditioning field. He retired at the age of 65 and then did odd jobs helping people, moving to the Falls City area in the early 2000's and has lived here since.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine of Falls City, son, Danny of Colorado, brother, Ivan

and his wife Dee of Ogallala, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Knapp was cremated and no services will be held. Interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Champion, NE at a later date.

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Strategies that can help build strong immune systems

A strong immune system can go a long way toward ensuring one's overall health. But bolstering one's immune system is no small task, as even medical researchers admit there is still much to learn about the links between lifestyle and immune function.

The Harvard Medical School notes that a strongly functioning immune system requires balance and harmony. So it stands to reason that a highly unhealthy lifestyle will compromise the immune system, but it's also worth noting that pushing the body too hard in the other direction also can adversely affect immune function.

Researchers continue to study the potential links between immune response and variables such as diet, exercise, age, and psychological stress. Though studies are ongoing, the Harvard Medical School notes that the immune system is bolstered by various strategies associated with healthy living.

Don't smoke. Smoking is linked to a host of diseases and ailments, so it's no surprise that it also compromises the immune system. The National Cancer Institute notes that cigarette smoke contains high levels of tar and other chemicals, which compromise the immune system's ability to effectively combat infections. The effects of smoking on the immune system are both immediate and long-term. Smokers' immune systems may not be able to fend off common infections like the common cold as effectively as the immune systems of non-smokers. And over time, as smokers keep smoking, their immune systems will continue to weaken, which the NCI says makes them more vulnerable to autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

Eat a healthy diet. There is no magical food or foods that can strengthen the immune system to a point where infection is impossible. However, the Cleveland Clinic notes that a balanced, healthy diet that includes a mix of vitamins and minerals plays a role in strengthening the immune system. Fresh fruits and vegetables contain a bevy of vitamins and antioxidants that help the immune system fight off potential infections. Many people bemoan the absence of fresh fruits and vegetables at their local grocery stores during certain times of the year. But the Cleveland Clinic notes that manufacturers typically freeze frozen fruits and vegetables at peak ripeness. That means frozen fruits and vegetables provide similar nutrition to fresh fruits and vegetables during those times of year when foods are not in-season.

Exercise regularly. Like a healthy diet, routine exercise provides a host of benefits, and one such benefit is its impact on the immune systems. The U.S. National Library of Medicine notes that the precise relationship between exercise and immune system function remains a mystery. Some researchers suspect that physical activity may flush bacteria out of the lungs and airways, reducing one's risk of getting a cold, flu or other illness. Another theory suggests that exercises causes changes in white blood cells, which the immune system uses to fight disease. These exercise-related changes may make it possible for the cells to detect illnesses earlier than they would if the body was not exercised regularly. While it's important to note that these are just theories, the Harvard Medical School suggests that it's reasonable to consider moderate regular exercise an important component of a healthy, immune-boosting lifestyle.

Don't buy the hype. Men and women interested in boosting their immune systems will no doubt find many products claiming to do just that. The Harvard Medical School urges consumers to be skeptical of such products, many of which make dubious claims that are not rooted in recognized scientific research. The immune system remains a mystery in many ways. But several healthy strategies may help people bolster their immune systems and potentially reduce their risk of infection.

We are going to a musical, a... ...play and a symphony this year.

Newspaper Fun!

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Practice, practice, practice!

What does the word **art** mean to you? Art is what people do creatively to share their view of the world with other people. Their expressions may be shown through painting, drawing, poetry, dance, sculpture, acting, music or other art forms.

Music is the art of making sounds. It can be created by making sounds with your voice or by playing instruments. You can keep a piece of music "alive" by writing it down or recording it.

Dance is created by moving the body. Many of the actions or movements are repeated. People in all parts of the world enjoy dance. It is kept in memories and on film. It is passed on from one person to another.

Art lets us create using materials. Paint, charcoal, clay, paper and glue are just a few things you can use to share your ideas and express your feelings.

Try your hand at writing a poem, story or song.

Arts are Alive!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with people creating art!

- thinks about color, light, form; uses brushes, paints, canvases to make a picture
- plays a character in a movie, TV show, on radio or on the stage
- writes and directs musical scores for an orchestra, theatre, film, radio
- takes photographs with film or digital cameras; the use of light is important
- makes images in frames that are moved quickly to bring action in cartoons, movies, on web sites
- creates the look, details of clothing fashions, new items, games
- makes art using the tools on a computer; posters, websites, video games
- plays instrument(s); may play in different styles
- moves the body to rhythm or music; to show feeling or idea, tell story
- uses words to express feelings, tell story
- blends words with drawings to make us laugh or to make a point
- blends illustration with engineering to create buildings, bridges

Read the clues to fill in the music puzzle:

- leads an orchestra
- song for two
- group of church singers
- sailor's working song
- large group of musicians
- written music
- tune, song
- makes up musical works

I love to paint designs on items. I save my money and buy paints and brushes. I choose what I want to give and decide how I'm going to decorate it. Each gift is 'one of a kind', so you won't see someone else wearing the same T-shirt!

Things you can paint for gifts:
T-shirts
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Where do we get things with which we draw and paint? Match each item to things they might be made from:

- pencil
- crayon
- chalk
- paper
- chalkboard
- colors
- paintbrush
- eraser

A. flowers, berries, bark, ground eggshells
B. animal tails, plastic 'hairs'
C. rubber tree juice
D. powdered rock
E. steel sheet and coating
F. bits and pieces of wood
G. wax and powdered colors
H. clay, graphite and wood

What art project would you be getting ready for if you had:

- newspaper and wallpaper paste? erpap-acémh
- clay and kiln? rluspuete
- paint and a wall? lmrua
- paper and pencil? hkstec
- loom and yarn? invwaag
- magazine and posterboard? alocleg
- dye and a shirt? etl-yde

(Hint: Get a piece of paper to unscramble the answers!)

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The telephone scam that could have cost me \$10,000

By: Charlie Radatz

I was having my regular morning breakfast of coffee and a dish of cold cereal when my house phone rang and a voice that sounded very much like that of my son-in-law said, "Mr. Radatz, this is your son-in-law, (and he gave me my son-in-law's first name)." "A terrible thing has happened to me. Please don't tell anybody else about this, but I am in jail here in Chicago. A friend of mine and I became involved in an auto accident that resulted in injuries to the lady in the other car. I was driving and when the police came I failed a breathalyzer test, and they charged me with Reckless Endangerment and DUI. My case number is 20BC1246. I am in jail here, and I need \$10,000 for a bail bond, is that something you can help me with?"

I replied, "Perhaps I can, but I will need a little more information." I heard someone talking in the background, and the person describing himself as my son-in-law then said, "I have a court appointed attorney. His name is 'Chad'. Will you talk to 'Chad' and see what you can do for me? Okay, I've got to go now."

A few minutes later I get a call from a young man describing himself as "Chad" (last name redacted). "Mr. Radatz, this is 'Chad', your son-in-law's court appointed attorney. Did he tell you he has been charged with Reckless Endangerment and DUI. His blood alcohol level content tested at .10%, over the legal limit of .08%. Now I'm going to be viewing some video from a camera near the scene of the accident. Your son-in-law says he believes the driver of the other car ran through a red light, and if the video shows that I am pretty sure the judge will

dismiss the Reckless Endangerment charge, and in Illinois the DUI charge can be expunged from his record if he completes a mandatory 8 hour counseling session. We'll be making an initial court appearance later this afternoon. The case should be taken up again sometime in April. In the meantime can you help him out by posting \$10,000 for a \$100,000 bail bond?"

I responded, "I will do whatever is necessary to help him out," asked for the spelling of his name and his phone number, which he supplied and we ended our conversation.

I was frankly a bit confused because my son-in-law is not a person who ever drinks a lot. Frankly, I had never seen him drink more than one alcoholic drink of any kind in any social situation. The voice sounded like that of my son-in-law, and I knew he had plans to go to a professional conference somewhere about this time, but I could not remember for sure if it was Chicago or somewhere else. I dismissed the idea of calling his cellphone as I had figured they would have probably confiscated it. I thought about calling my daughter, but looked at my watch and concluded that because she lives and works in California she would already be in the classroom where she was teaching and this was news that wouldn't exactly make her day. After mulling things over and talking to a friend, I decided to try to call "Chad" back to find out how and where the money needed to be sent.

A man with a different voice came on the line when I called. I asked if I could talk to "Chad", and he responded by asking what case number I was calling about and I responded by giving the number previously furnished. "Chad" came

on the line, said he was swamped with work, but how could he help. I asked how and to whom we would forward the bond money. He asked for my full name and address and said "Interstate Bonding Agency" would be contacting a bonding company where I lived and would need to be furnished the money in cash or as a cashier's check or money order.

I was becoming increasingly concerned that I might be a scam victim, so I got on line with the Cook County court system to research the case number. I received no match. Then I called the Cook County Public Defender's Office, explained the conversations I had and asked if "Chad" was one of their attorneys. He was not. The lady who answered the phone said she had received another similar call, and verified that the case number was bogus. I gave her the number of "Chad's" phone and suggested she furnish it to the police or sheriff's office for investigation.

I then called my son-in-law's phone number, he assured me he was in California, not Chicago, and told me the conference he intended to attend was at another location on a different date. I told him about the call I had received and how close I had come to being conned out of \$10,000, and while neither of us are sure, it was my son-in-law's opinion the information the con artists had about the two of us was likely derived from Facebook postings. While the movie "1984" made us worried about all the information "big brother" is gathering about each of us, it may be his younger nephew "Chad" who might be using our personal information for his own personal benefit.

NE Corn Board supporting teachers supporting youth

One of the Nebraska Corn Board's (NCB) four main pillars is education, and the board works to develop and implement educational programs with an impact. Over its 42-year history, NCB has helped people of all ages and backgrounds better understand the state's corn industry. As fewer people are growing up and residing in rural areas, a larger gap exists between consumer and producer, which is why NCB identified youth as an important audience to reach through its education efforts.

Earlier this year, NCB approved three new education initiatives to support teachers and students across Nebraska. Through each initiative, NCB will partner with other groups to expand reach, avoid duplication and promote implementation into actual classroom settings.

The "Nebraska Soil Summer Institute" is a partnership between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Lincoln Public Schools and NCB. Through this pilot program, high school science teachers will take part in a two-week summer workshop. Throughout the two weeks, the teachers will get an in-depth training in soil science concepts, hands-on experiments and learning activities. Teacher participants will then develop curriculum for their science classrooms that meet state standards and can be utilized by other teachers.

"Soil science integrates multiple disciplines such as biology, chemistry and physics," said Dr. Martha Mammo, head of UNL's Department

of Agronomy and Horticulture. "By training science teachers in soil science, we support science education and strengthen agricultural education across the state."

"Learn, Then Do" is a collaborative effort between the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation (NFBF), LPS and NCB. This program began as part of a grant from the national Ag in the Classroom program. Through this program, 20 high school science teachers will take part in a three-day workshop. As part of the program, the teachers will take part in various lessons and field trips to better understand how agriculture can be incorporated into their science courses. Teachers will then work with a national curriculum expert to develop lessons that meet Nebraska's state science standards.

"Recently, Nebraska modified its state science standards, which are now modeled after and closely align with the Next Generation Science Standards, or NGSS," said Megahn Schafer, executive director of NFBF. "This puts us in a unique position because there isn't that much curriculum available at this time that meets NGSS standards. By being on the forefront and developing this content now, we can reach teachers who are looking for these materials, and they're all based on agricultural concepts. We're thankful for the support from the Nebraska Corn Board who recognize the importance of exposing teachers and students to agriculture."

The final project, "Making the Connection: An Agricultural Literacy Conference," is a partnership between NFBF and NCB. This conference will bring together a variety of Nebraska educators who are wanting to incorporate agriculture into their programs. Participants could include teachers, Nebraska Extension educators and youth leaders. One key goal of the program is to demonstrate the partnerships between Nebraska commodity organizations, UNL, Nebraska Extension and NFBF, and show how high-quality resources and activities from multiple sources can be used to build a meaningful agricultural literacy program.

"We know we are stronger together," said Brandon Hunnicutt, vice chair of NCB and farmer from Giltner. "By partnering with groups like the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation, Lincoln Public Schools and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, our goal is to reach teachers and students across the state with meaningful agricultural curriculum. We know this is the start of something great. Something we can continue to build upon and make stronger."

Co. Highway Superintendent reports on One and Six Year road plan

By Charlie Radatz

During the Tue., Feb. 25 meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. Mr. Darveau also presented the One & Six Year Road Plan to the County Board.

Ten projects are included on the One Year Plan with a total cost of \$2,045,000. In priority order, these are in order: #1 Replacement of a 28 by 90 foot bridge in 635 Ave. between 718 and 719 Rd., a bridge match project estimated to cost \$250,000, #2 Replacement of a 28 by 30 foot bridge in the Falls City Shop access road at a cost of \$75,000, #3 Installation of a 4 by 44 foot culvert in 653 Ave. between 713 and 714 Rd. at an estimated cost of \$25,000, #4 Installation of two 66" by 42" Corrugated Metal Pipes in 654 Ave. between 709 and 710 Road at an estimated cost \$50,000, #5 Installation of a 6 ft. by 50 ft. Corrugated Metal Pipe in 711 Rd. between 631 and 632 Ave. at an estimated cost of \$30,000, #6 Rehabilitation of one mile of 646 Ave. with culverts between 709 and 710 Rd. at an estimated cost of \$40,000, #7 A two mile regrade of 718 Rd. between 650 and 652 Ave. at a cost of \$40,000, #8 Construction of a Concrete Box Culvert north of 711 Rd. on 656 Ave. at an estimated cost of \$35,000, #9 Construction of a Concrete Box Culvert and installation of a Corrugated Metal Pipe five miles north of 702 Rd. on 651 Ave. at an estimated cost of \$20,000, and #10 Asphaltic overlay of 661 Ave. from Rulo to the Nemaha River Bridge, a distance of 5.6 miles at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000.

The six year program included 17 more projects with a price tag of \$9,722,000. The largest of those proposed projects is replacement of a bridge on 646 Ave between 711 and 712 Road at an estimated cost of \$2,400,000. Nearly as expensive are two other proposed projects, hard surfacing of the County portion of the Airport Road and replacement of the narrow bridge at the bottom of the hill north of Falls City's 21st Street at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000, and construction of a new bridge in 654 Ave between 707 and 708 Road, also at a cost of \$2,000,000.

At 9:50 a.m. Chairman Sichel declared that a public hearing be opened to receive comments from the public regarding the closing of a road described as:

beginning at a point approximately 33 feet east of the Intersection of 658 Ave and 708 Rd in Richardson County, Nebraska. No one appeared at the hearing, and Chairman Sichel closed the hearing at 9:54 a.m.

The Board met with Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin to review the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. Sheriff Hardesty presented to the Board a report on the collection of 2019 distress warrants. A fee report was approved for the Sheriff for fees collected during the month of January, 2020 totaling \$10,573.25.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Control Superintendent presented to the Board the Annual Report of the Noxious Weed Control Plan. Commissioners approved the Plan for 2020 by a 3-0 vote.

Mark Joy representing Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board an update on the activity of the Humboldt Shares, Inc.

Commissioners reviewed and voted to enter into an agreement with OPPD for the use of county road right-of-way on 713 Road east of 630 Avenue to 631 Blvd.

The Board reviewed an Informal Architect Agreement with Berggren Architects to remedy a problem with a water drainage leak in the lower level of the Courthouse, but no action was taken on the agreement at this time.

The Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned after action was taken to allow the payment of all claims submitted prior to the meeting.

Prior to their Board of Commissioners meeting, the supervisors convened as the Richardson County Board of Equalization, a meeting that was also attended by County Assessor Pam Vice and County Clerk Mary Eickhoff.

Chairman Sichel declared that a public hearing be opened at 8:47 a.m. for the purpose of receiving input from the public in opposition or favor of exemption of real estate owned by educational, charitable and religious organizations. The hearing was closed at 8:55 a.m. and a motion was made by Commissioner Frank to approve the real estate tax exemption applications for 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Caverzagie and approved without dissent. The Board of Equalization session was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

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There's so much in the news about the Coronavirus, it feels like dark days are truly upon us. I've found myself staying away from watching the news at night and losing myself in TV shows and movies. I want to talk about anything besides the 2020 elections and illness. There's nothing wrong with wanting to take a step back from this stuff; in fact, I feel like you need to keep your sanity in check. Lately, I've had a movie that's been my go-to when I need an escape.

During the most recent Warner Archive sale, I stocked up on DVD's because I'm a firm believer in physical media. If you ever take any advice from me, make it this, but it's only you can! Everything doesn't go to streaming, and it sure doesn't always stay there. I could give you a few examples of some of my favorite shows that vanished from all streaming services and from DVD after the initial release. One was a show I watched nonstop when Alex was a baby. That one never made it to a streaming service at all. I looked high and low for this show. I could get some DVD's of it on eBay for fifteen times the regular asking price, but that was insane. I finally wrote and asked the creator of the show where I could buy it. He actually responded to me and told me that due to music rights, the show would never be released on any streaming services. This story has a happy ending, but I'll talk about that another time. Just purchase those DVD's. Don't be at the mercy at what's streaming.

Back to my original story, the film I purchased had been on my list for years. It was the 1964 flop, Dear Heart. The first time I saw this film, I fell in love. It was the first Geraldine Page movie I had ever seen, and I was smitten with her.

This painfully sweet movie tells the story of Evie Jackson (Geraldine Page), who is attending a postmaster's convention in New York City. Harry Mork (Glenn Ford) is also in New York City, working as a greeting card salesman who has accepted a new job in Manhattan. He's on the hunt for an apartment for him and his fiancée Phyllis (Angela Lansbury). Harry and Evie are staying in the same hotel and have a "meet-cute" at a restaurant while sharing a dinner table. After a brief separation, the two come back together and attend some of the Postal Convention together. Harry offers to escort Evie to the Statue of Liberty the next day but breaks their date to go apartment shopping. Harry finds Evie later and asks her to accompany him to dinner and to show her the new apartment he has picked out for him and Phyllis. Evie thinks that Harry is going to ask her to move in with him, but she realizes that he actually does intend to live with his fiancée in the apartment. With Evie upset, the two return to the hotel, where a series of events lead to a sweet ending.

I'm not going to give you all the details. It's a film you must see to appreciate. There are so many cute and fun details to this movie that I didn't even get a chance to share. I hope you discover it and feel the same butterflies I did the first time I saw it.

It was Geraldine Page's first solo leading lady role. When the movie was released a reporter for the New York Times called it "a stale, dull and humorless pretension at what its producers dare to describe as "gay, sophisticated comedy," and it makes almost scandalous misuse of the recognized talents of Geraldine Page." Like so many other classic films, this one was overlooked and panned. I don't feel that anyone else could have given this film as much heart as Geraldine Page. You want to hug her and tell her that she is lovely throughout the entire movie.

It's the perfect thing to get your mind off the world and the horrible things in it. I've found myself turning this on more and more recently. For years I would watch Now Voyager when I wanted to get away from the news, but after watching that once a week for many years, I needed a new movie to take me away.

If you have seen this movie or if you watch it at some point, let me know what you think. As Evie would say, "Love and kisses, Bimbo Jones."

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SE Dist. Board of Health

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: The Southeast District Board of Health will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at the offices of Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE. This meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available in the Director's office at the Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE during regular business hours.

Board of Public Works

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

February 20, 2020 2307 Barabara Street Falls City, Nebraska A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barabara Street in said City on the 20th day of February, 2020, at 5:33 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Bartek, Joy, Veigel. Absent: Alba, Koopman, Ray Lahring recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Joy to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2020 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Joy, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Joy to approve the February 20, 2020 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Joy, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

WTP CONTRACT - OLSSON A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Bartek to recommend to the City Council for approval and authorize the Mayor to sign letter of agreement between Olsson and Falls City for design, procurement and project management services to construct a new contract facility at the Water Treatment Plant in Luo. Contingent on City Attorney approval. Roll was called on

this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

GAS DEPARTMENT STAFFING A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Koopman to recommend to the City Council to approve the addition of one new full time employee in the Gas Department bringing the total number of full time employees to six in that department. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CUSTOMER #8537 SEWER ADJUSTMENT A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Koopman to credit the sewer portion of customer #8537 January 2020 utility bill in the amount of \$52.91. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20PM. I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on February 20, 2020 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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Harms can accomplish anything

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was a well-respected academic fraternity that promoted leadership. That was exactly what he was looking for. His freshman year, he even got to attend a leadership convention in New Orleans.

"We were there for a whole week, and it was amazing," he said. "We learned from leaders across the nation."

Last summer, as a sophomore, he got to attend the PBL state competition in Kearney, and qualified for nationals in San Antonio, TX. He and 13 other students flew there with two faculty advisors. Tyler and classmate Noah Wynn of Auburn competed as a team in the category of financial analysis and decision making and placed eighth. Tyler and three others competed in parliamentary procedures, and the team placed sixth. Eighth and sixth in the nation!

This summer, the PBL club will again participate in the state competition. If Tyler and his teammates win their events, they will qualify for nationals in Salt Lake City, UT.

"I never thought I would have these kinds of opportunities," he said.

And PBL isn't the only organization in which he became involved.

His sophomore year, he was elected to represent his class on the Peru State Student Senate. This governing body helps out other organizations on campus, and runs several events of its own—including spring fling week, the homecoming parade, and a PRIDE dance.

"The pride dance is like a second chance at prom," Tyler said. "It's especially important for those who didn't have good experiences in high school."

This past year, the student senate also led the charge for a recycling program on campus, and distributed blue recycling bins in visible areas. The bins were for things like plastic water bottles.

"When Peru went through the flood last year, both the community and the college went without running water for a while," Tyler said. "Everyone drank bottled water, so our blue bins were completely full most of the time."

In addition, the student senate purchased vending machines for the people who live in the Matthews complex on campus. The organization also installed security cameras in the lesser-traveled areas, and provided free transportation to Nebraska City once per week, so students without cars could go shopping.

"Basically, we try to come up with solutions for every problem that the student body presents," Tyler said.

His leadership on the student senate led to even more opportunities. This year, as a junior, he was elected to serve as the organization's president, and received a scholarship for half-tuition. He now leads the entire student body.

In addition, Tyler was hired this year to serve as one of the RAs in Delzell Hall. In exchange for his time and service, he received free room and board.

"The financial benefits were nice, but they weren't the reason that I applied to be an RA," Tyler said, during his interview. "I was more interested in the leadership opportunities. I can now influence others to get involved in the same way that the RAs influenced me when I was a new student. Plus, I can help students who are struggling, and can provide access to resources that they may not know about."

In other words, his entire motivation was to serve others, and that can pretty much sum up his whole college experience so far. He's an RA in Delzell, the president of the student body, an award-winner in PBL, and a respected leader on campus. But wait. There's more.

Because of his leadership skills and experience, Tyler recently received the highest position that any student on the Peru State College campus can achieve. He was selected by Governor Pete Ricketts to serve as PSC's student representative on the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees. That means Tyler will be the voice for Peru State students on the governing body that makes policies for the state college campuses across Nebraska. He will assume that position in June.

"It will be an honor to represent Peru State students on the Board of Trustees," Tyler said.

"It will also be exciting to be part of the policy-making body that affects not only PSC, but Wayne State and Chadron State as well."

Peru State president, Dr. Dan Hanson, had this to say to say about Tyler's appointment: "Tyler Harms has been an exceptional leader since his first day on campus. He immediately became involved in organizations on campus, including Student Senate. He developed relationships with the student leaders at the time and learned from them. I am thankful for his leadership as student body president this past year and look forward to working with him as the Student Trustee on the Nebraska State College System Board representing Peru State College this coming year."

That's high praise for one of Falls City's native sons.

Tyler will have a busy senior year, and when he graduates in May of 2021, will no-doubt have unlimited opportunities. He intends to pursue a position in marketing, where his leadership and promotional skills can best be used.

When Tyler Harms stepped onto the Peru State College campus in the fall of 2017, he was a typical college freshman, wondering if he would accomplish anything during his time on campus. When he steps off campus as a PSC graduate, and heads out into the world, he will probably ask the same question. "Can I accomplish anything?" The answer is, yes. Tyler Harms, you truly can accomplish anything.



Man arrested after Verdon property searched

On February 7, 2020 Richardson County Sheriffs Office executed a search warrant in Verdon. During the search the following items were located; two shotguns, numerous knives with a blade over three and a half inches, numerous swords, three small zip lock baggies with a white crystal substance and numerous boxes of ammunition.

On February 19, 2020 Pawnee County Deputies arrested 49 year old Richard Wheeler on a Richardson County warrant for Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person X2, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Prohibited Person X2, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. These charges are in reference to the search warrant that was executed on February 07, 2020. Richard Wheeler (pictured above) was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

There is an ongoing investigation on this matter and there could potentially be more charges at a later date.



Latest County health rankings show improvements, concerns for Richardson County

(Continued from Page 1) working together and being persistent."

Interestingly, many of the issues identified in the report can be thought of as Women's Health Issues. Larsen confirmed that the hospital sees women's health as an opportunity. "In discussions with our doctors and community groups, we think improving women's health could have a big impact—both

for the women themselves and for their families—since women are often both caregivers and the drivers of health behaviors in their families. Further, we're finding that the hospital and other organizations can and need to do more to support the health of women. For example, focused investments in 3-D mammography, cardiovascular screenings, fitness, and behavioral health have the potential to

benefit a great number of women and families." Larsen said that the hospital is working with the health department and local health care organizations to prioritize and take action.

County Health Rankings can be found at countyhealthrankings.org. They are compiled from publically available data and released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin.

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The most common benefits of an S-Corporation are:

- Avoids double taxation that C-Corporations are subject to
- The profit is not subject to self employment tax
- Reduced taxable gains when selling the business

This designation is designed for small businesses, therefore

there are limitations for what businesses are eligible for this election. S-Corporations are not a business entity type, but a tax designation. The business must first be a C-Corporation or and LLC before making the S-Corporation election.

While the profit from an S-Corporation is not subject to self employment tax, if a shareholder works in the business, they are required to be paid a reasonable compensation through payroll. This ensures that the shareholder is contributing to social security and medicare taxes.

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 S-Corporations, it is best practice to consult with a tax professional.



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