

## COVID CASES STILL RISING HERE, BUT EXPLODING IN NEMAHA COUNTY, NE

The Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) reports six new cases of COVID in Richardson County this week bringing the total to 34; the SEDHD Dashboard reported only 33 cases on Friday, but six new cases in the county. When the *Journal* reached out to confirm the total of cases in Richardson County, we were notified Brueggemann was out of the office until September 7.

Nemaha County and Otoe County continued to see a massive jump in cases adding an additional 23 cases between Aug. 22 and Aug. 28.



**RICHARD SCHOCK PASSES AWAY DUE TO COVID RELATED PNEUMONIA**

Richard (Dick) Wilbur Schock, 86, of Hoover, Alabama, died Sunday, August 23, 2020, of COVID related pneumonia.

Dick was born in 1934 in the front room of the home of his parents, Wilbur and Emma Schock, on Chase Street in Falls City (His only sibling, Connie, was born in the same room three

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## JOURNAL TO BE DELIVERED ONE DAY LATER NEXT WEEK

The *Falls City Journal* will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 in honor of Labor Day.

The *Journal* will have a publication date of Thursday, September 10, 2020. The *Journal* will be available in town on Wednesday, September 9. The *Journal* will be delivered via mail on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020.

The deadline for the Sept. 10 paper will remain Friday, September 4, by noon.

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## COMMUNITIES ALL AROUND THE DISTRICT, WE NEED TO TAKE SOME OWNERSHIP ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AND DO THE LITTLE THINGS LIKE WEARING A MASK, MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING

By Nikki McKim  
Sheriff Hardesty, Chairman of the Richardson County Board of Health meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Sheriff Hardesty, Chairman of the Board and Dr. Allan Tramp, the appointed physician/medical advisor and the Secretary, Mary L. Eickhoff, Richardson County Clerk, were present.

Per usual several persons from different agencies and departments requested to participate in the meeting and those present were: Grant Brueggemann, Executive Director, SE NE Health Department; Kathy Messner Clinical Care Mgt—Infection Control from Community Medical Center; Brian Kirkendall, Emergency Management; Gary Jom, City Clerk, David Sichel, County Commissioner, and City Attorney, Mike Dunn were present.

Grant Brueggemann of the Southeast Nebraska Health Department provided an update on the coronavirus pandemic in the Southeast Nebraska area.

On Tuesday, August 26, 2020, there were 32,322 positive cases confirmed in Nebraska since the pandemic began and 383 deaths.

The Southeast Nebraska Health Department 207 confirmed cumulative cases in our area on Monday, August 24, with 120 cases occurring in the last 30 days, by county Otoe had 88 cases; Johnson County, 21; Pawnee county, 10; Nemaha County 59; Richardson County, 29.

The Southeast District Health Department will update their dashboard each Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the week. They will no longer be updating their Facebook page as each Monday and Wednesday as they have done in the past. The dashboard can be found here:

<https://sedhd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/e672703d-c38847f59d5210a554e1560b>.

They will update their Facebook page each Friday evening with a district total from the week.

Brueggemann said he hadn't seen any issues with school planning in the district. "Right now, they're working out just fine. Luckily we have not had any huge outbreaks or transmis-

sions in the school yet, so we're able to iron out some of these fine details."

Dr. Tramp inquired about the state of Auburn schools and how the decision was made to operate at the current A-B schedule.

Brueggemann said that decision was not made because of an outbreak at the school or cases in the school system. He said the decision was made more so because of what was happening within the community itself. "At the time of the decision Nemaha County was seeing a transmission rate or instance of new cases that was competing with some of the metropolitan areas and to be preventative and proactive I had made the recommendation that they move up to their next planning element with a district total from the week." "Also, our reasoning was that if we can go to this A-B schedule now and extend the life of school throughout the year, it would be better than waiting-then all the

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## ACCIDENTAL HITCHHIKER OR HUSKER-BOUND TRAVELER?

Local man, Mark Gonnella took this photo of a dead armadillo, along highway 75 in Richardson county approximately one and a half miles north of Dawson, Nebraska last week. A recent article in the *Nebraskaland* magazine talked of armadillos being spotted in the central and western part of the state.

According to reports out of Kearney late last year, Craig Allen, the Director for the center for resilience in working agricultural landscapes at the University of Lincoln-Nebraska said Armadillos have been around Nebraska for years, the first ones showing up in the 1970's. Allen said armadillos are appearing in other regions by literally hiking. They are accustomed to domestic movement. Armadillo are a species that have taken advantage of

the changes that are happening, whether it be climate change or land change or the combination.

Armadillos are responding to Nebraska's warmer and dryer weather. So this moving animal community is moving faster in the north compared to the southern parts of the U.S., said Allen. However this guy could have been a hitchhiker who arrived in Richardson County by truck as well.

Scientists don't expect to see families of the nine-band armadillo in Nebraska, but they could become a permanent member of the mammal community in Nebraska. An extremely cold winter could drive them south again. Armadillos eat mostly insects but also worms, snails, small amphibians, bird eggs, berries and fruits.



President Donald J. Trump and Charles W. Herbster

### CHARLES W. HERBSTER APPOINTED

### NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF NEW AGRICULTURAL COALITION FOR DONALD J. TRUMP

Falls City Resident Charles W. Herbster was recently appointed National Chairman of a new Agricultural Coalition for President Donald Trump, "Farmers and Ranchers for Trump."

Vice President Mike Pence spoke at the National Launch of "Farmers and Ranchers for Trump," a coalition of agricultural leaders who will work with rural communities across America to re-elect President Donald J. Trump on November 3, 2020.

"I am extremely humbled to be named the National Chairman of 'Farmers and Ranchers for Trump.' I look forward to President Trump's re-election and his continued effort to help hard-working people prosper throughout rural America," said Herbster.

A fourth-generation farmer and rancher and owner of six agricultural-based companies, Herbster has his feet firmly rooted in agriculture. In addition to being the Owner, Chief Executive Officer, and President of Herbster Angus Farms Inc., Carico Farms Inc., Conklin Company Inc., Judy's Dream Inc., North American Breeders Inc., and Agri-Solutions Inc., he actively raises Angus cattle, corn, soybeans, and dairy-quality alfalfa hay on his family farms in Falls City. He also grows wheat in Colorado.

Charles Herbster as a guest of the President attended the President's acceptance speech last Thursday evening on the South Lawn of the White House at the Republican National Convention.



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# A BIG DEAL FOR NEBRASKA

By Governor Pete Ricketts

As Governor, property tax relief has been my number one priority. Every year, I've worked with State Senators to increase the amount of state relief from local property taxes. From 2015-2019, we nearly doubled the amount of direct property tax relief from \$140 million annually to \$275 million annually. This relief helps pay your annual property tax bill. It is applied directly to your property tax bill, and appears as a credit on your statement. I have also proposed many other ideas about how to make structural changes to Nebraska's property tax system over the years.



Last week, we celebrated a giant step forward in delivering substantial property tax relief. In the final days of the recent legislative session, senators voted to approve LB 1107, which incorporates some of the property tax relief measures I've advocated over the years. This bill not only delivers significant property tax relief to Nebraskans, but also reforms our business incentives and puts Nebraska in the running for a \$1 billion federal investment in the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). LB 1107 is a big deal for our state. Getting the bill to the finish line was a generational accomplishment that will grow Nebraska for years to come.

Property tax relief is LB 1107's biggest priority by far, which is a good thing for our farmers, ranchers, and working families. From historic flooding to the ongoing pandemic, Nebraskans have encountered unprecedented challenges over the last 18 months. The bill delivers property tax relief in two forms. One, it puts into law a minimum level of funding of \$275 million annually for the existing Property Tax Credit Relief Fund. This is the same relief mentioned above that is applied directly to your property tax bill. This measure will ensure that this level of relief continues into the future.

Second, it creates a new refundable income tax credit based on your property taxes paid to schools. Once the tax credit is phased in, the state will provide an additional \$375 million in property tax relief. The relief from this credit will be delivered to you when you file your state income tax return. After the credit is phased in, the amount of credit from the state will grow as property valuations grow.

What will this relief mean for you? In Lancaster County, a home valued at \$201,584 with a property tax bill of \$3,395 will experience a 17% overall reduction in its property tax bill. A 980-acre farm in Hamilton County will see \$14,179 of property tax relief for a 21% reduction on its property tax bill. These scenarios are based on property tax data available to us today.

Under these property tax relief programs, the state will deliver a total of \$650 million in annual property tax relief. This is more than a four-fold increase in relief since I took office. And relief will continue to grow in the coming years. LB 1107 contains an escalator that grows the property tax relief as property valuations go up, helping to ensure that relief from the state continues to make a difference on your property tax bill.

In addition to property tax relief, LB 1107 also makes important reforms to the state's business tax incentive program. Reforming and renewing our tax incentives keeps Nebraska economically competitive. Unlike other state incentive programs, Nebraska's tax incentives are performance-based. Tax benefits aren't given in the hopes of future investment. They're only earned by businesses that have already created verifiable jobs in the Cornhusker State. This feature ensures that incentives reward actual job creation in Nebraska. Action by Senators ensures that Nebraska will continue to have this important tool to help recruit great jobs to communities across our state.

Finally, LB 1107 supports Nebraska's bid for a major project at UNMC in Omaha. Due to coronavirus, Nebraskans are more familiar than ever with the great work done at UNMC. UNMC is in the running for a huge federal investment in an academic medical facility that would put UNMC at the forefront of the United States' strategic response to future pandemics and other public health hazards. Additionally, the project has the potential to create 8,700 great-paying jobs.

The significance of LB 1107 cannot be overstated. This is a major win for Nebraskans and the communities we live in across the state. And it wouldn't have happened without the commitment of so many everyday people who have been coming to the Capitol, writing their Senators, and asking for property tax relief for years. I want to extend a major thank you to the citizens of Nebraska who persisted in contacting their Senators and giving voice to the urgent need for property tax relief. I also want to thank Speaker Jim Scheer of Norfolk who helped shepherd LB 1107 through the legislative process. His leadership was critical to the tax relief bill's success.

As we continue to work to get Nebraska growing in the coming months, LB 1107 will give the people of our state major relief from property taxes and help us bring more great job opportunities here to the Good Life. If you have questions about what LB 1107 will mean for your family or business, please email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. Thank you to each and every one of you who put time and energy into making property tax relief happen in 2020



## WAIT, WHAT? IS IT STILL MARCH IN NEBRASKA?

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

As I write this, it feels like March 175th, not late August. March, the month that just wouldn't end in 2020, the year that wouldn't quit.

Maybe it doesn't feel as brutal as March 2019 when Nebraska was blasted by a "bomb cyclone" weather event that killed several people with flooding and ice and snow and wind. That statewide disaster rocked Nebraskans on their heels as they struggled to recover and rebuild. Crop and livestock loss reached into the millions of dollars and the leftover sand from flooding, gigantic ice chunks and other debris wiped out a crop year for many.

March 15, 2020, is when things stood still because of the severity of the Coronavirus, Covid-19, the Pandemic. That's the Sunday that many churches decided it wasn't safe to meet in person. That's when public schools and colleges started to send students home and worked on plans to offer on-line classes. It was glitchy for a few weeks — and I'm not really sure that all the kinks were ever worked out.

While confusion turned to chaos in Washington — so what's new? — Americans received mixed messages about wearing masks. Scientific explanations somehow became political and many started screaming about their rights being trampled. I have never really understood that line of thinking. We have adjusted to "no shirt, no shoes, no service" and to "no smoking" and "no outside food or drink."

But, all of a sudden, there's a problem with wearing a mask to prevent yourself from spreading germs to others and others reciprocating.

Even the rising death toll — pushing 400 in Nebraska at this writing — didn't phase people. The president rarely wore a mask. The Nebraska Governor occasionally wore a mask, but refused a statewide mandate because he said that forced compliance wouldn't be readily accepted by this hardy bunch we call Cornhuskers. Then it seemed to get political.

Lincoln's Mayor, a Democrat, successfully pushed for adoption of a mask mandate. True to Nebraska form, Omaha's Republican Mayor did the same thing. Maybe scientific evidence defeated party loyalty. There were the outliers who refused to follow the mandates and took things to court. At this writing, a Nebraska resident is suing a number of state and local officials for violating his rights with the mask-wearing mandate.

So, we slogged through six months of March as we watched daily "dashboards" in the media to see how many died, how many were tested, treated, on ventilators or recovered. Things that were seriously morbid became as routine as following daily baseball or football statis-

tics. Oops, no football in the Big Ten until maybe Spring 2021. My bad.

For many of us, we didn't know anybody who had the virus. Maybe a friend of a friend or somebody's relative in another state. Then (in my case) a church member died from the disease. That made it way too personal.

Now, a friend and former colleague is on a ventilator in an Omaha hospital fighting the virus. That really makes me steam when I see people whining about having to wear a mask or trying to get away without wearing a mask. This thing just got deeply personal.

Remember to wash your hands, wear a mask, be kind to one another.

On top of everything else, healthcare professionals tell us that substance abuse is on the rise. People contemplating suicide and incidents of family or spousal abuse have also increased.

So here are some important phone numbers for all of us: Nebraska Family Helpline: 1-888-866-8660 Nebraska Rural Response Hotline: 1-800-464-0258 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

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

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: 1980s LYRICS

### ACROSS

- Lascoux and Mammoth, e.g.
- At the stern
- Eyeball rudely
- Inuit boat
- And not
- Sing like Sinatra
- Manicurist's file
- Old-fashioned "before"
- "If you \_\_\_\_\_, I won't cry. I won't waste one single day"
- "Steve walks warily down the street with the brain pulled way \_\_\_\_\_"
- "She's just a girl who claims I am \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Play it, \_\_\_\_\_" from "Casablanca"
- Boris Godunov, e.g.
- "All right stop collaborate and listen, \_\_\_\_\_"
- Between Phi and Kappa
- Restriction limiting use of lights during air raid
- J.D. Power awards competitors
- "Oh, back on the chain \_\_\_\_\_"
- Curtain's coat
- Slightly
- Algorithmic language
- French "place"
- Kind of potato masher
- Brickowski's brick
- Cleopatra's necklace
- Curtain's coat
- Sol or fal
- National Institutes of Health
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas, I gave you my heart"
- Trinitrotoluene
- "You were working as a waitress in a cocktail bar when I \_\_\_\_\_"
- "I wanda dance with somebody, with somebody who \_\_\_\_\_"
- Lithograph, for short
- Holstein sound
- Radio sign
- Killed, like dragon
- Commotion
- Yiddish shrew
- Sleep in rough accommodations
- Gourmet mushroom
- Cancel an edit, pl.

### DOWN

- Whispered from a prompting booth
- Shells and such
- "Meeting you with a \_\_\_\_\_ to a kill"
- Brings home the bacon
- First U.S. space station
- Again
- "Hello, is it me you're looking \_\_\_\_\_?"
- Weight of refuse and chaff, pl.
- Black and white cookie
- One from Goa
- "And I'm never gonna make it like you do, making \_\_\_\_\_ out of nothing at all"
- Compass reading
- One of religious orders
- Experienced
- Sine over cosine
- "I'm long to see the sunlight in your hair and tell you time and time again how much \_\_\_\_\_"
- Northwoods dwelling?
- The Goldbergs sibling
- "Cuse I'm your \_\_\_\_\_ cool one, and I'm built to please"
- Scotch ingredient
- Kitchen tear-jerker
- Wombs
- "Ooh, what's the matter with the crowd I'm seeing? Don't you know that they're out of \_\_\_\_\_"
- Petals holder
- "Wake me up before you \_\_\_\_\_"
- It creates instant millionaires
- Count on, two words
- One from Laos
- Emissaries
- Poison ivy or Poison oak
- Religious doctrine
- Venus de \_\_\_\_\_
- Greek HS
- Nut that
- Pile's stant
- Not loony
- Catcher's gear
- Geological time periods
- Psychic acronym
- Lyric poem



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## From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz

50-25-15 Years Ago



**50 Years Ago - Sept. 2, 1970, to Sept. 8, 1970**  
There were 12 new teachers on the faculty of 74 in the Falls City Public Schools.

Richardson County received word from the County's group health insurance company that it planned to raise premiums by 65 percent.

The Richardson County Taxpayer Alliance asked County Commissioners to reject new property tax assessments.

Sacred Heart elementary and high school first-day enrollment totaled 236, a decline of 20 students from the previous year.

Geri Bucher continued to have the top vote total for Richardson County Fair Queen.

N.U. offensive backfield coach Mike Corgan told those attending a Vets Club dinner returning Huskers were in better physical condition than any group he had coached.

The Rivoli was showing "Paint Your Wagon," "Young Billy Young" and "Renfro Valley Barn Dance."

Movies at Breezy Hill Drive-In included "The Sterile Cuckoo" and "The Italian Job" and "Oliver."

"Stone Soul Picnic" entertained at a Back to School pre-football dance at Prichard Auditorium.

Lowell Lewis, Falls City, was first vice president of the Nebraska Elks.

About 200 members and guests of the Lions Club consumed 400 pounds of carp during the Lions Annual Fish Fry at Rulo.

Enrollment at Southeast Consolidated School at Stella on the first day of school was 445, an increase of 23.

Lightning struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harshburger four miles north of the Preston corner.

A water well was being drilled in the backyard of the Dale Hannika residence, 718 E. 21st St.

Federal officials approved plans for the present-day Highway 73 route on the city's north side.

The Falls City Tiger Booster Club had grown to 225 members.

Pat Cash, Shubert, was a member of the Tarkio College Owls football squad.

Mark Joyce, Bronxville, N.Y., was the new principal of St. Paul's Lutheran parochial school six miles north of Falls City.

A Montgomery Ward track driver, Larry Alger, got a hole in one with a three-wood on hole No. 7 at Falls City Country Club.

Alvin Strasil, Falls City, claimed second place in Class I at the Lincoln State Fair Horseshoe Tournament.

**25 Years Ago - Sept. 2, 1995, to Sept. 8, 1995**

During a V-J celebration on the Courthouse lawn Master of Ceremonies, Larry Whalen described V-J Day the "greatest event of the 20th Century".

County Commissioners approved a budget that would require \$1,723,892 in property tax revenues and continued seeking grants to help with the cost of two murder trials.

The Chamber of Commerce kicked off its raffle of a Dodge Ram pickup to be given away during the Farmer-Merchant banquet.

Pat Hengen of Farmers National Co. was selected to receive a two-year Nebraska LEAD Program Fellowship.

Turnovers spoiled the Falls City Tiger football team from upsetting C-1 fourth-ranked Wahoo-Neumann with the Tigers taking the game down to the wire before losing 20-14.

The Irish won their 78th consecutive football game defeating Baileyville B & B in their season opener 42-0.

Southeast Consolidated, despite not having star quarterback Wes Haveman available, shutout Humboldt 28-0 in its season-opening football contest.

Movies at River Twin Cinema were "The Baby-Sitters Club" and "The Net."

The Nebraska Cornhusker football team was ranked number 2 in the nation in both the A.P. and USA/CNN College Football polls.

Max and Michelle Milam won the Labor Day Couples Scramble at Falls City Country Club, combining for a six-under-par 64. Forty-five teams competed.

The Nebraska Supreme Court heard arguments about why Dennis Ryan should or should not receive a new trial after having been convicted in the 1985 slaying of James Thimm on a farm near Rulo.

Volunteers found two 1/2-year-old Misty Skirmont safe and sound after she wandered away from the home of her grandparents, Wilbur and Irma Last.

"Back to the Future" was the theme for the Richardson County Fair parades and Queen Coronation Program.

Fifty-five members of the 50-year class (Class of 1945) at Falls City High donated a total of \$4,550 for needed renovations at Jug Brown Stadium.

Falls City's city council approved a 1995-96 budget requiring a three percent increase in property tax askings.

The Dawson-Verdon Jets football team dropped its season-opening game to Bern 56-12.

Despite a big effort by Sophomore Janelle Findlay who was 22-27 hitting the Lady Mustang volleyball team dropped its match with Auburn 15-11, 11-15, 15-1.

Freshman Denise Witt went nine of nine serving, had three aces and scored eight points as the Lady Irish Volleyball team defeated South Holt 15-1, 15-1 at Prichard Auditorium.

Despite good play by Senior Susie Eickhoff, Junior Steph Dunlap, and Junior Sara Glathair, the D-V Lady Jets lost their season-opening volleyball match at Lourdes 6-15, 15-9, 10-15.

Sophomore Tiger cross country runner Rachelle Hundley finished in second place just 26 seconds behind the winner of a Falls City Invitational at Stanton Lake.

The descendants of Savilla and Gustave Strauss had a family reunion. Gustave, the founder of Straussville, was its postmaster and ran a general store in a community that once had a blacksmith shop, barbershop, two elevators, and a railroad station.

**15 Years Ago - Sept. 2, 2005, to Sept. 8, 2005**

"Stars on Parade" was the theme of the Richardson County Fair, which paid tribute to the late Johnny Carson of Norfolk, who for 30 years was the emcee of the *Tonight Show*.

Midland Villa nursing home was sold to Careage Management and became known as Careage Estates.

Signs were erected, marking 25 downtown parking spaces for one-hour parking only between 8 am and 5 pm.

Thirty persons attended a public hearing in Humboldt on a proposed city sales tax to fund projects estimated to cost between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000.

Former Sacred Heart three-sport standout Allison Weaver was voted to be captain of the Doane college volleyball team.

The Falls City High softball team dropped to 1-3 after committing too many errors in an 8-5 loss to Auburn.

Playing without junior hitter Chelsea Lewis, the Falls City Volleyball team was 0-2 after losing to Tecumseh (11-25, 25-26) and HTRS (25-16, 22-25, 25-27).

The 3-State Stockyards men's softball team placed fourth in a Tournament at Omaha. Leading hitter was Chad Scholl, with a .632 average.

Exalted Ruler Alan Romine and Jim Wisdom represented the Falls City Elks at the Nebraska Elks Assn. Fall Conference.

It was harvest time at the Don and Becky Runyan farm where 20 acres were planted to watermelons, cantaloupes, and squash.

The Knights of Columbus Council #1336 installed new officers headed by Steve Severin as Grand Knight.

The Area Fellowship of Churches mounted an effort to recruit members to assist with its four annual events.

The Cowboys of Boys Town crushed the Falls City Tigers at Jug Brown Stadium 41-14.

# Communities all around the district, we need to take some ownership on what's happening and do the little things like wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing

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sudden its 100 percent online and harder to come back to in-person instruction."

Brueggemann said, for other schools, it would be the same process. If something is happening in the county that he seems concerned with, he would start reaching out to those schools and work with their leadership to make recommendations.

Dr. Tramp asked how testing works for Peru State College and if the number of positive cases reflects on our district or the hometown of the student in question. Brueggemann said that unlike in the past where the person is counted in the county of their residence, "We will likely count Peru students and staff that live on campus or in the town of Peru and surrounding areas as part of our population in cases. Primarily because we can prove long term residence and those cases will have a direct impact on the communities. If there was certain circumstances where a person truly wasn't within the district or wasn't living within the district or out of state, then it would be a case by case situation, but in those instances, we would very much be watching it and keeping track of those outside sources as well."

"If we were not to count Peru State students, it could get very confusing and time-consuming keeping track of cases that have a home address of York, Omaha, or Scottsbluff and try to put into clusters and track outbreaks that way," said Brueggemann. Dr. Tramp asked Brueggemann to address some of the larger events that have been held recently in our area and how it has affected the case count. "I can't speak to any specific events in

Richardson County or likewise, but in general it seems to be that a lot of our cases are coming from events of some sort—whether that be weddings, baby showers, or a couple of golf tournaments, that seems to be the majority of our cases where our secondary cases are coming from. So we may not know where exactly the first person got it, but we have been able to tie some to these events."

Brueggemann said the same concerns are still there, "Communities all around the district, we need to take some ownership on what's happening and do the little things like wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, the events-if you're going to go to a large scale event practice the same sort of non-pharmaceutical interventions, stay home when you're sick if you have a sick child, please, don't send them to school, in the off chance that it is a cold at least we don't start an outbreak."

Brueggemann said he was comfortable with how local schools are planning to handle sports with fans. "If things change or new details come out, things may need to be adjusted, but things the way they are right now, I'm comfortable with the

school districts and how things are planned."

Kathy Messner of the Community Medical Center reported that they have drive-thru testing Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with the hospital. Patients need to be pre-scheduled and approved through their practitioners. Messner also said that Rapid COVID testing is available, but tests are currently limited. The criteria for these tests is for people who are in the first five days of their symptoms.

On Wednesday, testing is done with Test Nebraska from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Patients need to sign up ahead of time. There is no referral needed for Test Nebraska testing on Wednesday, but you do need an appointment. Visit [www.TestNebraska.com](http://www.TestNebraska.com) to schedule an appointment if you feel you need to have a test done.

Turn around time was taking longer from 24 hours, sometimes up to 48 hours, Messner reported.

The Board scheduled another meeting for September 16, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. to see how things are progressing after some of the larger events have recently been held.

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Studies show that Nebraska ranks 48th out of 50 in terms of broadband access. More than 25% of Nebraska's rural have access to "high speed" broadband. For the counties in Southeast Nebraska, we have a disparity of access to broadband, Richardson (92.5%), Otoe (81.6%), Nemaha (75.1%), Pawnee (56.7%), Johnson (50.1%). While visiting with law enforcement officers in Southeast Nebraska, I learned of their frustration with cell coverage creating serious safety concerns. The digital divide is real. Our neighboring states are way ahead of us with 80% of Missourians having access to broadband, 88.3% for Kansas and 89.7% for Iowa.

Although legislation recently passed in Nebraska is a step in the right direction, we need to do more to invest in infrastructure and technology for rural Nebraska. I commend the work of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund as well as work being done by the University of Nebraska. As your State Senator, I will work to build coalitions with neighboring states and our federal delegation to ensure that Nebraska is not only caught up, but even surging ahead when it comes to broadband access in rural Nebraska.

We have to ensure the reliability of service at an affordable price. Currently the U.S. is working toward a speed goal of 25G Mbps, but Canada has already moved to a standard of 50/10 Mbps. We must continue the work of mapping, building capacity, keeping up with technology, and partnering with allies to ensure that rural Nebraska does not fall further behind.

This is an issue that impacts everyone - agribusiness, rural healthcare, education (K-college), banks, small businesses, and media - just to name a few. I look forward to working on the cutting edge of this issue in the Nebraska Legislature.

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# Hearing set on County budget requiring one percent property tax increase and pay increased for experienced County law enforcement officers

By: *Charlie Radatz*

During its Tues. August 24 meeting, the Richardson County Board of Commissioners wrapped up its review of proposed budgets for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, approved the additional one percent increase in the restricted funds subject to state-imposed limitations, and voted to set a Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Mon., September 14, on the county's 2020-2021 proposed budget and tax levy. Despite a four percent (\$648,129.65) reduction in expenditures from those included in the 2019-2020 budget, due mainly to one point three percent (\$18,337,907) decline in assessed property values, the proposed budget will require a 1% increase in property taxes or approximately \$4.02 on a property valued at \$100,000. The 2020-2021 budget will require a levy of \$0.321160, a ½% increase, and the jail bond will add \$0.020246 to that for a total levy of \$0.341406 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Included at the end of this article is a comparative list of budgets and levies of the past years.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. The Sheriff indicated that a patrol vehicle, a 2019 Ford Explorer with approximately 46,000 miles and fully equipped, would be available for pickup on September 11 from the Kansas Highway Patrol for \$26,350.00.

Quotes received for the service of providing meals to the jail inmates were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Sickle to approve the quote from the Consolidated Correctional Food Service of Des Moines, Iowa and proceed to enter into a contract for the services. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank and was approved by a 3-0 vote.

The meal plan calls for a 2400 minimum calorie plan of meals consisting of a cold breakfast, hot lunch, and hot dinner prepared onsite by employees of the Iowa company on a sliding scale based on the number of inmates served. The rate per meal will be \$33.71 each for one to five inmates, \$11.65 each for 6 to 10 inmates, \$7.32 each for 11 to 15 inmates, \$5.47 each for 16 to 20 inmates, and \$4.46 each for 21 to 24 inmates. Dietician approved meals will be served. Included is all the food costs are the costs of kitchen management and labor, employee benefits, and uniforms. A regional manager will make regular visits to the jail and be available for daily support, and all office equipment, supplies, and accounting services will be provided.

The Board also discussed salary increases for the deputies that have five years of overall service in Law Enforcement. A motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to approve a salary increase for deputies with five years of total law enforcement service to an hourly wage of \$24.13/hour from \$23.66 effective August 23, 2020. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank and

approved by a unanimous vote.

The discussion was also held with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy regarding establishing a position for a K-9 officer, but no action was taken during this meeting.

Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges during the prior week. Brush complaints, rock hauling and grading of roads were discussed.

The Board met with the members of the Road Department Union and their representative to further consider contract negotiations for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, but no action was taken at this meeting.

Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance Technician, planned to review quotes further to be received for the repairs to plumbing in the Courthouse but had not yet received all the quotes. This matter will be examined further at next week's meeting.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Young presented to the Board pledge security receipts that need to be replaced. A motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to approve and replace pledge securities receipts from F&M Bank. The motion was seconded by Sickle and approved 3-0.

Tax foreclosures were presented to the Board by County Attorney Doug Merz, whose request for authorization to proceed with six foreclosures received unanimous approval.

Also approved by a unanimous vote was a subdivision for LaRita West and others located in S19-T2-R16.

Commissioners adjourned their meeting after voting to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted during the week prior to their meeting.

Year	Tax Requirement	Tax Levy	Valuation
1984	1,625,905.80	4942	350,257,243
1985	1,723,892.71	4894	352,189,429
1986	1,674,522.13	4654	360,469,768
1987	1,363,210.98	401952	339,147,002
1988	1,294,174.85	333356	385,225,918
1989	1,576,427.00	380458	414,086,583
2000	1,576,390.00	357953	440,390,827
2001	1,671,644.00	369881	451,941,575
2002	1,667,921.25	35216	473,625,880
2003	1,667,785.43	35216	473,581,733
2004	1,974,873.77	385425	499,430,101
2005	2,092,521.60	413266	506,337,160
2006	2,369,611.94	442146	535,934,277
2007	2,469,154.63	434182	568,690,882
2008	2,696,227.32	408771	659,593,333
2009	3,027,474.45	430733	702,864,781
2010	3,342,591.80	430789	775,929,028
2011	3,943,833.20	431363	914,271,446
2012	3,895,126.77	389684	999,559,114
2013	4,135,616.14	374151	1,105,332,562
2014	4,312,340.97	336394	1,281,931,727
2015	4,970,180.95	347020	1,432,244,839
2016	5,084,667.83	344051	1,477,881,362
2017	\$5,032,411.34	340166	1,479,430,524
2018	\$4,869,397.19	340166	1,431,518,830
2019	\$4,695,653.87	337391	1,391,753,212



## Kevin Workman as the new State Personnel Director

Nebaska Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Director Jason Jackson recently announced the appointment of Kevin Workman, formerly of Humboldt, as the new State Personnel Director.

The State Personnel Division provides centralized human resource services to state government including support for hiring, compensation, labor relations, training, and benefits administration. By law, the division is responsible for the administration of the personnel rules and labor contracts that govern labor relations for approximately 15,000 teammates in state government.

"Kevin is a thoughtful leader that understands running government like a business starts with how we lead our people," said Director Jackson. "His blend of government and private sector experience will accelerate our progress in best practices like performance management and pay for performance."

Workman, originally from Humboldt, currently of Lincoln, previously served as the Human Resources Director for the Nebraska State Patrol before coming to DAS in early 2018 where he served as Deputy Director of State Personnel and Director of Talent Acquisition.

"I'm excited with this new opportunity to lead State Personnel to elevated levels of customer service," said Workman. "I'm looking forward to leading the State Personnel team to continue our efforts in delivering effective, efficient, and customer-focused services to our customers."

Workman assumed the State Personnel Director role on August 17, 2020.

Unit 222's standing rules were gone over, and a few changes and updates were made. These will be sent to the Department.

The meeting was adjourned after announcing the next meeting will be on September 8. Chaplain pro-tem Ms. Patchen gave the closing prayer from the Auxiliary magazine. The meeting was closed.

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**Shubert ALA #222**  
 Shubert's ALA Unit #222 met at the Shubert library on August 11, 2020. President Tana Brown opened the meeting. Linda Patchen, chaplain pro tem, gave the opening prayer from the ALA Star. Everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance, sang "God Bless America," and recited the ALA Preamble. The meeting was declared convened, and Secretary pro tem Elizabeth Ketter called the roll, with six answering. She then read the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting. They were approved as read.

There was a discussion of the still unused Easter candy, and no decision was reached.

Judy Schlosser gave the treasurer's report. She stated she would be ordering new checks soon. No bills were presented.

Committee reports- VA&R - nothing has been done yet. Education-The HTRS Third grade teacher was contacted, and the 10 for 10 Program was discussed with her.

Membership-the unit is doing well, and members have been sending in their dues.

Americanism-June Bowers will be assisting with scholarships, Americanism, and Girls State as before.

Members signed sympathy cards for members Marilyn Capps and Nancy Ramer. They also signed a 100th birthday card for member Gisela Ahern. It was noted that Doris Erickson, unit secretary, was in the hospital.

Mrs. Ketter is planning a flag retirement ceremony for September 8, prior to the regular meeting. The Legion will be invited to attend, and ALA members are asked to bring cookies for refreshments. The community is to be invited to the ceremony also.

The treasurer's books are to be audited and Vicki Beilke and Mrs. Ketter volunteered to do that.

The unit had talked about having a veteran of the year, but no decision was reached.

Due to the coronavirus, the monthly potluck had been put off all summer, but it was thought that we could restart October 6.

The District's newsletter was gone over. A few of the upcoming events are: Fall Round-up on October 17 in Cook; Mid-year Conference Jan 15-17 in Columbus, and District 13 Convention February 20, in Johnson. The AEF can was passed.

The unit will continue to meet in the Shubert library until the post has had their building's floor repaired, and had the odor controlled in their building.

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# Protecting the U.S. Postal Service also safeguards your access to information

By Dean Ridings, CEO, America's Newspapers

Facing a fierce public outcry, the U.S. Postal Service is "suspending" its sudden cost-cutting moves — tossing out high-speed sorting machines, uprooting collection boxes, reducing Post Office hours and eliminating carrier overtime — that have slowed mail delivery and threatened the on-time delivery of mail-in ballots for the presidential election.

That's all to the good, but it's important to understand that the changes to USPS that Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and the current administration have in mind for after the election could permanently damage this quintessentially American institution — and citizens' access to far more than ballots for November 3.

Already, the controversy over the go-slow edicts have aroused public alarm about the effects on nearly every household. These effects aren't just theoretical: Many have experienced delayed or missing deliveries of prescription medication, paper Social Security or payroll checks, legal documents, packages of the wide array of purchases during the pandemic lockdown and more.

To these impeded services, add a vital source of local news for many Americans — the daily or weekly newspaper delivered to their mailboxes by a postal carrier.

In the public imagination, kids on bikes earning a bit of money before or after school still toss the local newspaper to the doorstep of subscribers. They were long ago replaced by adults with cars — but even that has changed at many local newspapers.

Finding the independent contractors willing to deliver before dawn is a challenge for many newspapers, and sometimes the shrinking sizes of their routes make no economic sense for the newspaper or the driver. Newspapers discovered over the years, too, that their "alternative delivery" strategies for distributing advertising materials were becoming

prohibitively expensive. The most cost-effective alternative for these newspapers is often the Postal Service.

Newspapers and the USPS over the years have had their "frenemy" moments, with publications ever alert to changes in postage rates — with their arcane distinctions such as "in-county carrier routed sorted" or "Saturation/High Density Plus/High Density flats" — that have their roots going back to 1775 when the Post Office founded by Ben Franklin set purposely low rates so that newspapers could bring information quickly to the Colonies in the throes of revolution.

But just as the newspaper is a local business, the local Post Offices and distribution centers are staffed not by faceless bureaucrats but neighbors and community residents. Newspapers' partnership with the USPS has so far ensured that readers usually get their copies the same day that's printed on the front page.

Delivering newspapers is just one of the important services of an institution that has "service" in its very name.

Unfortunately, the USPS is being treated as if it is a commercial enterprise that now "loses" money, a standard never applied to the Department of Defense, say, or FEMA. Nor has another agency, or private enterprise for that matter, been forced by law to pay up-front the cost of post-retirement health benefits going 75 years into the future. The Institute for Policy Studies, a non-partisan think tank, figures this mandate costs the USPS more than \$4 billion a year.

Delivering the mail, including delivering newspapers, throughout the nascent and soon to be sprawling United States was so important to the framers of the Constitution that in its Article I they empowered Congress "To establish Post Offices and Post Roads."

With this crisis that's been forced upon an already wounded United States Postal Service, it's time to remind Congress that it also has a duty to sustain this vital wellspring of democracy and American identity.

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## ACCIDENTS

On August 24, 2020 according to accident reports, Stacey O'Banion of Falls City struck a vehicle owned by Dora Willey of Falls City. O'Banion stated she fell asleep. The vehicle owned by Willey was totaled. The vehicle owned by O'Banion had an estimated \$2,000 in damage. O'Banion was issued a citation.

## FC Tiger Golf Classic winners

The Falls City Tiger Golf Classic fundraiser was held on Saturday, August 22 at Classic Club 8 Golf course.

The Mens Championship Flight winners were: Darin Davis, Lucas Froeschl, and Jim Lucan.

Mens first Flight winners were: Jake Craig, Aaron Kurpgeweit, and Cade Schawang.

Mixed Champion winners were: Brandon Liberty, Brianna Liberty, and Jeremy Kirkendall.

Women's winners were: Barb Kelly, Denise Kurpgeweit, and Cece Simon.



Thomas Fields, Tyler Uhri, Justin Brewer and Raymond Feek.

## FCPS State Welding Convention

There was a crazy outcome this year with the state convention being virtual, the welding contest took on a new form. Participants welded at school and mailed in their welds to be evaluated. The State welding team consisted of Thomas Fields, who placed 13th in ARC, Tyler Uhri, who placed 10th in TIG (tungsten inert gas), Justin Brewer who placed 6th in MIG (metal inert gas), and Raymond Feek, who placed fifth in OA. The Team placed very well with a fifth place finish.

Other achievements were the following who received state degrees, Keldon Campbell, Seth Brewer, Jack Findlay, and Gwen Oberling. For State Proficiencies there were two in the top 10 in the state in their respective area. Seth Brewer who placed top 10 in Grain Production placement, and Gwen Oberling who placed second for Equine Science placement. Gwen received a plaque and would have walked on stage to receive it in person during convention.

## SOCIETY

### Parish Circle Methodist Church

By Deb Harris

The Parish Circle of the Methodist Churches met on Monday, August 17, 2020

Deb Harris hosted the meeting at the First United Methodist Church. Jan Deckinger led the lesson. She opened with a devotion from the new Guideposts magazine. The group then continued with their Bible Lesson from a new book by Beth Moore called Chasing Vines. Following the study, a business meeting was held. The group supports military personnel serving outside the United States, and items to be sent were collected.

Also, members offered up a special Dedicated Light in honor of all essential workers during the coronavirus outbreak. Joys and prayer requests were shared. The next meeting will be held at the Methodist Church at the usual time.

Jan Thompson will serve as hostess and Sherry Rieger will lead the bible study on chapters 6-7 in the book

## Local Bobcat Student-Athletes make Peru State's Spring 2020 Dean's List

Recently, 70 Peru State student-athletes were named to its Spring 2020 Dean's List.

The following is a local list of those making the Dean's List by sport with their hometown, and major.

Football: Nicholas Novak (Dawson) – Criminal Justice-Administration; Bradley Rose (Falls City) – Kinesiology; and Bryan Rose (Falls City) – Biochemical Science and Disease and Human Health.

Cheerleading: Molly Brown (Falls City) – Elementary Education. In addition, many other student-athletes who had completed their eligibility and were finishing their degrees, along with student assistants and student managers, were on the Dean's List.

All nine of the athletic department's programs were represented with at least three or more individuals on either the President's or Dean's List. In order to make Peru State's Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99, have completed at least 12 graded credit hours during the past semester, have no incomplete grades for the semester, and be degree seeking. One student-athlete was a dual-sport competitor.

Athletic director Wayne Albury was pleased with the number of student-athletes gaining recognition. He stated, "Having 106 student-athletes on either the President's or Dean's List is a significant accomplishment for our department."

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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**

Garret E. Wright, count one, sell obscene literature to a minor, amended to disturbing the peace, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$400, court costs of \$50, sheriff fees of \$8.00.

Joshua M. Bachman Sr., count one, assault-third degree, amended to disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100, and court costs of \$50.

Jacob L. Smith, count one, driving under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty. Case continued to September 14, 2020 for sentencing.

Joshua Fletcher, count one, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead not guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated state, plead not guilty; count three, unlawful/

fict. Display of plate/new, plead not guilty; count four, fail to use turn signal, plead not guilty; count five, violate stop or yield sign, plead not guilty. Case continued to September 14, 2020 for entry of plea.

Thomas Cunningham, count one, dom asslt-third degree, plead not guilty. Case continued to September 9, 2020 for hearing.

Jeremiah T. Eppens, count one, possess controlled substance, probable cause found. Case bound over to District Court; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice.

Robert S. Sanders, count one, possess controlled substance, probable cause found. Case bound over to District Court for trial; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice. Case continued to September 8, 2020 for arraignment.

Christopher V. Clow, count one, assault by mutual consent, fined \$200 and sentenced to jail for a term of three days and probation for a term of nine months, \$30 administrative enrollment fee, \$20 drug testing fees and \$50 court costs.

Rayshawn M. Pullum, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500, plead not guilty; count two, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Case continued to September 9, 2020

for hearing. Andrea L. Scates, count one, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$75 and \$50 court costs.

Paige D. Watkins, count one, willful reckless driving-first offense, fined \$500, court costs of \$50, administrative enrollment fee of \$30, probation fees of \$225, drug testing fee of \$20 and court ordered probation for a total of nine months.

Chance M. Dunback, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Case continued to September 9, 2020 for entry of plea.

Kelly R. Simpson, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-st., plead guilty, found guilty. Case continued to September 2, 2020 for sentencing.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Kyle D. Scates, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500/third/subs, plead not guilty. Case continued to September 1, 2020 for hearing.

Kyle D. Scates, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500/third/subs, plead not guilty; count two, theft-services \$0-\$500, plead not guilty; count three, criminal trespass-second degree, plead not guilty. Case continued to September 1, 2020 for hearing.

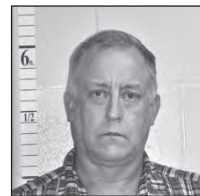
Paige M. Martinez-Lamb, count one, attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, count dropped/dropped; count three, count dropped/dropped; count four, drive under suspended/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty; count five, count dropped/dropped; count six, count dropped/dropped. Case continued to September 8, 2020 for sentencing.

Paige M. Martinez-Lamb, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, count dropped/dropped. Case continued to September 8, 2020 for sentencing.

Ashley M. Pohlman, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-1s, plead not guilty; count two, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-1s, plead not guilty; count three, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-1s, plead not guilty; count four, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-1s, plead not guilty; count five, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-

1s, plead not guilty; count six, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count eight, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count nine, possess money while violate 28-416(1); count ten, possess controlled subs w/o tax paid, plead not guilty; count eleven, commit child abuse negligently/no inj, plead not guilty; count twelve, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty. Vase continued to September 8, 2020 for entry of plea-PTC.

Mary V. Clancy, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos/except haz drug, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count three, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), plead not guilty. Case continued for pretrial-further hearing.



On August 26, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 50 year old Buckley Auxier of Humboldt, on a Richardson County Warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs. Auxier was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On August 25, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 31 year old Justin Anderson of Omaha, on an Eagle County, Colorado arrest warrant for Trespassing. Mr. Anderson was also arrested on RC charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance-Methamphetamine (Class 4 Felony) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Anderson was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



August 24, 2020, at approximately 10:40 am, Richardson County Deputies arrested 35 year old Lucas Morehead of Falls City, on a Pawnee County warrant for Failure to pay fines and costs. Morehead was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

On August 25, 2020 at 8:37 PM Ericka M. Rosas, 20, of Humboldt, was booked into the Richardson County Jail for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana less than two oz., and possession of narcotic equipment.

**RC SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
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On August 19, 2020, at approximately 5:00 a.m., Richardson County Deputies arrested 23 year old Harold Hicks of Lawrence, KS for Driving Under Suspension. Hicks was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On August 26, 2020, at 4:30 AM 30 year old male Devon J. Cooper of Humboldt, was booked into the Richardson County Jail for driving under suspension.



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Leighton Vice makes the tackle on the Trojan ball carrier Friday night as a slew of Tigers follow in pursuit.

## Tigers drop Trojans in season-opener

*Story and photo by Brian McKim*  
In the first action at Jug Brown Stadium this fall, the Falls City Tigers defeated the Platteview Trojans 28-18 on Friday, August 28.

On the third play of the game, Platteview's QB had a pass picked off by Thomas Fields to give the Tigers excellent field position at the Trojan 40-yard line. Ten plays later, Lukas Aldana crossed the goal line from one yard out to give Falls City a 6-0 lead with 6:15 to play in the first.

On the next possession, Platteview again has a pass picked off, this time by Rayce Farmer, setting FC up with a first and ten at the Trojan 25-yard line. Four plays later, Carson Simon kept the ball up the middle for a seven-yard score to Falls City in front 12-0. Aldana carried for the conversion, and the Tigers led 14-0 with 2:53 on the clock.

Platteview struck back quickly, covering 69 yards in three plays, including a 31-yard TD run, to cut the lead to 14-6 with 1:37 to play in the first.

FC was forced to punt on its next possession for the first time this season, pinning the Trojans

at their seven-yard line to begin the drive. 11 plays later, from the Tiger 48-yard line, the Trojan quarterback was intercepted again, this time by Leighton Vice, who rumbled down the sideline to the Platteview 41.

With 2:50 left in the half, Simon again called his own number, running through tackles for a 14-yard score to cap off the eight-play, 41-yard drive. The conversion attempt failed, but FC let 20-6 with less than three minutes remaining in the half.

The Tigers defense held on the next possession by Platteview, and the teams went into the locker rooms with FC leading 20-6.

FC came out in the third quarter and just took the wind out of the Trojans sails. The Tigers methodically moved down the field, 77 yards on 14 plays, ending with another 14-yard TD run by Simon. On second and eight from the 14, Simon kept the ball to the right, avoiding tacklers and scored his third touchdown of the night. FC led 26-6 after eating up six minutes and 41 seconds of the third quarter.

Drake Butler carried for the conversion to make it 28-6.

Platteview drove down the field on the next possession against FC, setting up a first and goal at the four. The Tiger defense stood tall on the goal line, turning the Trojans away, giving the Tigers the ball back at their four-yard line.

The Tigers, unable to move the ball, were forced to punt for just the second time. On the next play, Platteview covered 45 yards down the sideline for the score to make it 28-12 with 10:10 left in the game.

The Trojans got on the board one last time. After a Tiger punt pinned the Trojans at the three-yard line, Platteview covered 97 yards in 10 plays, ending with a 28-yard TD pass as time expired to make the final 28-18.

Platteview outgained FC 352 yards to 213. The Trojans finished with 77 yards passing. All the Tigers yardage came on the ground Friday night.

FC finished with 15 first downs, caused four turnovers, and committed just one penalty. The Tigers were led by Simon, who finished with 12 carries for 67 yards and three TDs. Jace Heckenlively added 62 yards on ten carries.

On the defensive side of the ball, Vice, Thomas Fields, and Farmer all had interceptions. Vice added five tackles; Drake Butler had ten stops, Jaden Nolte has eight tackles, two for loss, and Fields has six tackles, two for losses.

"I thought we handled some adversity pretty well last night," said Coach Darin Fritz. "Lots of things to fix and lots of ways to get better. Raymond Central got a big win against Filmore Central last night, and they look like they were a pretty explosive team, and they return lots of guys from last season, and we had a really close game with them, so we expect a dogfight."

The 1-0 Tigers will host the 1-0 Raymond Central Mustangs on Friday, September 4, at Jug Brown Stadium.

## Tigers VB team open the season with a pair of losses

*By Brian McKim*

The Falls City Tiger volleyball season got underway last Thursday, August 27, when the Tigers traveled to Wymore to take on Johnson-Brock and Southern. Unfortunately for FC, they dropped both games, falling to 0-2 to begin the season.

Against Southern, the Lady Tigers fell in the first set 25-18. Falls City then rallied to take set two 25-17, before falling 25-15 in the third and final set. Eryn Snethen finished with six kills on 20 attempts, and Rae Ann Thompson added four kills on 16 tries. Josie Riggs and Makinely Scholl both added ace serves. Riggs also led the way with 11 digs, while Lindsey McNeely had ten, and Scholl added nine.

The Raiders were led by Callie Cooper with nine kills, while Carley Saathoff had 12 assists. In the other match of the evening, Falls City fell in straight sets to the Johnson-Brock Eagles, 25-16 and 25-20. Reece McNeely and Nevada West each

led the way for the Lady Tigers with six kills apiece. Thompson added four more kills on 18 tries. McNeely and Ava Morgan each added an ace serve, while Reece McNeely and West each added two blocks at the net. Ashleigh Kirkendall was smooth with the ball-handling, dishing out 13 assists.

Jadyn Hahn led the Eagles with ten kills, five ace serves and eight digs. Cristina Johnson led Johnson-Brock with 14 assists.

Falls City has 41 kills on 174 attempts for the season, four ace serves, four blocks, 74 digs without an error, 21 assists, and 82 serves received with eight errors.

The Lady Tigers look to get into the win column this week. On Monday night, August 31, the Tigers hosted Plattsmouth. On Thursday, September 3, Falls City travels to Johnson County Central for a triangular against the host school and HTRS. FC will then play at Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday, September 8, with the JV match scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

## Tigers SB dominate Southern

*Story by Brian McKim; photo by Lori Gottula*

With only one game on the slate last week, the Falls City Tiger softball team bounced back from a rough opening week, to beat Southern on Thursday night, August 27, 14-5.

Falls City struck first in the top of the second inning. Kacy Brewer opened the inning with a double to left field. With one out, Thayer Armbruster put runners at first and third with a single. Courtney McClintock then knocked in the first run of the game with a ground out to the shortstop. Hannah Collier, the next batter, dropped in a base hit to give the Ti-



Kacy Brewer lets one fly last Thursday, Aug. 27, against Southern.

gers a 2-0 advantage.

FC was right back at it in the third. A double by Elyse Poppe, a bunt by Sara Black and a fielders choice by Madison Jones loaded the bases. Brewer then came through with her second double of the game to push the lead to 3-0. A sac bunt by Christina Gilkerson scored Jones and two-bagger by Armbruster gave Falls City its fifth run.

Leading 5-3, the Lady Tigers added six insurance runs in the sixth inning. Singles by Collier and Zoey Ebel, a triple by Black and a single by Jones, extended the FC lead to 8-3. Then came the power, back to back home runs by Brewer and Gilkerson made it 11-3.

Falls City wasn't done yet. In the seventh inning, the Tigers used a dropped third strike, two singles, a walk, and Brewers third double to add three more runs.

With the win, the Tigers improved to 2-3 on the young season.

Falls City out hit Southern 16-5. Brewer was an absolute terror at the plate, going 4-5 with three doubles, a home run and five runs batted in. Armbruster went 2-4, with a double, Gilkerson was 1-4 with a home run, and Black was 1-4 with a triple

and two RBI.

Brewer also got the FC win, tossing 4 2/3 innings, allowing three hits and three runs while striking out four. Poppe came on to close out the final 2 1/3 innings, allowing two hits and two runs.

The Tigers played Savannah on Tuesday night and will host Auburn and Freeman on Thursday, September 3. FC will then play in the Auburn tournament on Saturday, September 5. Next week starts with the Tigers hitting the road to Weeping Water on Tuesday, September 8, before returning home to host the Falls City Invitational on Saturday, September 12.

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Senior Brenna Leyden and freshman Ava Armbruster had strong finishes at the Auburn Invitational last Thursday.



Senior Eli Bottom blew away the competition last Thursday in Auburn, winning the gold in 18:02.

## Cross country teams off and running

Story and photos by Brian McKim

On Thursday, August 27, at the Auburn Country Club, the Falls City Tigers cross country teams fought the heat and came home with some hardware. With nine teams competing, the Tiger girls finished fourth, and the Tiger boys came in fifth.

On the girl's side, freshman Ava Armbruster was the top runner, navigating the 3.1-mile course in 24:10 to earn an 11th place medal. Right behind Armbruster was senior Brenna Leyden, who ran a 24:35 for 13th place. Also running on varsity was Nia Crawford, who was 20th at 27:06, Emmy Feek, 21st at 27:30 and Mikaela Hawley, who ran a 31:32 for 30th. Elianna Bruxellas was ninth for the junior varsity at 34:46.

"I like where they started, and I can see that this team has a lot of potential to move up in the team standings this year," said Coach Hawley.

The boys were led by Eli Bottom, who blazed through the course in 18:02 for a first-place finish. Fellow senior Jared Hawley also had a solid race, running an 18:58 for fourth place. Freshman Alex McKim ran the course at 22:43 for 36th, Carson Bredemeier was 39th at 23:09, Brock Hogue was 42nd at 23:27, and Joe Vrtiska ran a 24:05 for 45th. Ray Feek and Bryson Butrick both medaled for the junior varsity. Feek was 5th at 23:23, and Butrick was 7th in 24:20. Also, for the JV, Kyle Daake was 15th (25:20), Will Vitosh was 18th (25:35), Pressler Bruxellas was 19th (25:41), and Riley Kobza was 34th in 36:06.

"The boy's team has the potential to run at a higher level. We lost three of our top six runners from a year ago. The seniors are going to have to rally the team and move forward and work at a higher level in practice," said Hawley.

The girl's final standings were tight, as FC was only four points away from a runner up finish. DC West took first with 18 points, Nebraska City was second with 51, Auburn was third with 53, and FC was fourth with 55.

Louisville won the meet with 34 points for the boys, DC West was runner-up with 43, Plattview was third with 57, Nebraska City was fourth with 71, and Falls City was fifth with 80 points.

The middle school also competed on Thursday with three athletes medaling. Miley Crawford was ninth in 14:47, Tate Wilcox was fourth in 12:10, and Maddox McCullough was ninth in 12:51. Also running for the junior high was Izzy Armbruster, 13th place in 15:18, Hayden Findlay, 18th in 15:41, Peyton Brown, 18th in 18:40, Emmet Daake, 26th in 18:52 and Gabe Heitsusan was 40th in 22:41. The high school and junior high will compete again on Saturday, September 5, in Beatrice.

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## Mary Lynn Reschke

Mary Lynn Reschke, 70, of Tucson, AZ, died on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Lynn was preceded in death by her parents Maruin and Mary Reschke.

Survivors include very close friend, Kay Standerford, of Tucson; brother, Robert (Bob) Reschke, of Grand Island, NE; Nephew, Brent (Kathleen) Reschke, and family, Julia, Rosemary and Charles, of Indianapolis, IN; two nieces, of Lincoln, NE.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the family to be used at a later date.

## Irish girls VB sweep Lourdes

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish girls volleyball team kicked the season off last Friday, August 28, at Peru St. Colleges Al Wheeler Activity Center. Taking on Nebraska City Lourdes, the Irish couldn't have scripted a better start to the 2020 season.

The Lady Irish dominated all evening, winning in straight sets, 25-15, 25-10, and 25-15. Junior Erison Vonderschmidt led the attack for the Irish with eight kills. Senior Danielle Bippes added four, and Lainey Ebel and Rachel Magdanz each had one. Bippes also added two aces serves while Magdanz was the top playmaker for the Irish with 18 assists.

Sacred Heart played at Tri-County on Tuesday night and will play in the Weeping Water Tournament on Saturday morning, playing at 10:00 a.m. SH will host Diller-Odell next Tuesday, September 8, with JV action set for 5:30 p.m. at the Roh Activity Center. The Irish enter the second week of action at 1-0.

## Heart Return to Play Guidelines released to member institutions, such as Peru State College

The Heart of America Athletic Conference (Heart) Council of Presidents (COP) has approved the Heart Promise, a detailed document that provides guidelines to each member institution on returning to play for the upcoming season.

"The task force and the presidents have met weekly since May and will continue to do so throughout the academic year. We have built in a weekly review of each institution and will closely monitor the landscape of Heart athletics," said Heart Commissioner Lori Thomas.

Items covered in the Heart Promise include, but are not limited to, the following: Testing and Contact Tracing Information; Screening Procedures; Travel Protocol; Game Management Standards; Specific Rule Modifications for Fall 2020; Facility Disinfection and Preparation; Crowd and Fan Attendance and Communication Strategies

Each member institution will be given the autonomy regarding the fan attendance, how to handle ticketing, entry procedures, and occupancy at their respective venues while following their local and state guidelines. The Heart will require the use of face coverings at all conference competitions.

Detailed information on each member institution's spectator policies will be posted on the Heart of America website (<http://www.heartofamericaconference.com/>) prior to competitions beginning on September 5 and 12 for fall sports.

## Wayne Lewis

Wayne E. Lewis, 79, was born on June 11, 1941, and passed away on August 9, 2020.

Wayne was born in Rulo and was a lifelong Nebraska resident. He graduated from Falls City High School and Milford Trade School with a particular interest in high-performance engines.

In 1962 Wayne and two friends started a drag racing team and competed in the 1964 US Nationals. In 1966 he partnered with Dick Heier and in 1968 set a national record in the B-modified production class with his engine. In 1969 Wayne started Lewis Automotive, where he built winning engines for drag racing and sprint cars. Many NHRA records were set and championships were won with Lewis power. Wayne began doing tech inspections for NHRA in 1996 and since 2002 had been the Division 5 Assistant Tech Director. Wayne was honored to be inducted as a member of the Nebraska Auto Racing Hall of Fame in 2010. He worked at Speedway Motors for the last

25 years and enjoyed golf and Husker Football.

Wayne had a kind soul and will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by parents Willard and Margaret Lewis; sister Margaret Ann Turner; brother Harold Lewis.

Survived by wife of 32 years Susan; daughters Kathy Huggins and Shari Piper (Dave); grandsons Andy and Brian Huggins; stepsons Ken Eggers (Julie), Jeff Eggers (Jeanne) and Steve Eggers; nine step-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild; brother Robert Lewis (Ginny); twin sister Elaine Penkava (Tom); many nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was Thursday, August 13, and Funeral Services were on Friday, August 14, 10:30 a.m., both at Butherus, Maser and Love Funeral Home. Interment was in College View Cemetery.

Memorials will be directed by the family. [www.bmlfh.com](http://www.bmlfh.com)



## Southeast Nebraska Community Wildfire Protection Plan completed

The Southeast Nebraska Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Butler, Cass, Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Sarpy, Saunders, and Seward Counties has been completed. The plan was prepared with the collaboration of counties, emergency managers, fire departments, natural resources agencies, and individuals.

This plan is intended to enhance collaboration and communication among the various agencies and organizations who manage fire in Southeast Nebraska, and to help them effectively prepare for and respond to wildfire.

Landowners in counties that adopted the plan are eligible to apply for federal and state cost-share funds for vegetative fuel reduction and other hazard mitigation efforts in at-risk areas within the CWPP boundary. The plan may also provide increased opportunities for counties, municipalities, and rural fire districts to seek grant funding for activities related to fire protection.

The plan, part of a statewide network of Community Wildfire Protection Plans, provides information useful to both local emergency responders and those from outside the area who provide mutual aid. The CWPP consolidates and relays critical information needed for responders in unfamiliar terrain.

The final plan is available online at <https://nfs.unl.edu/documents/CWPP/Southeast.pdf>. Questions may be directed to [sbenon4@unl.edu](mailto:sbenon4@unl.edu) or 402-684-2290.

be a living document for guiding how our conference will operate this fall."

In addition, Bobcat athletic director Wayne Albury stated, "In addition to what the Task Force has done, there has been plenty of behind-the-scenes work at each institution as the plan allows for institutional autonomy in some situations." Concluding, Albury added, "One example of our planning is the work that project coordinator Brenda Lutz and associate athletic director Ted L. Harshbarger have done with our attendance plans in coordination with the Southeast District Health Department. There will be a press release coming out soon on our new procedures for the fall."

Peru State president Dr. Dan Hanson is a member of the Council of Presidents. Albury noted, "Dr. Hanson and I meet weekly and converse more often on what is occurring and work diligently to make the best decision for Peru State and its student-athletes and fans."

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## Donald Gerdes

Donald Eugene Gerdes, 89, was born January 24, 1931, in Falls City, NE, to Wallace and Vastana Bradbury Gerdes. He passed away on August 22, 2020. He grew up on a farm near Falls City, NE went to country schools and graduated from Verdona, NE high school in 1948.

On March 4, 1956, he married Carole Lee Sander at First Methodist Church in Falls City. They were blessed with two daughters, Lucinda and Kristin. Donald farmed and then in 1957 took employment with Safeway Stores in Falls City, transferring to Glenwood, IA in 1975, Red Oak, IA in 1981 and Wharton, TX in 1982. After retirement from Safeway, they moved back to Falls City and he worked for WASP and ASCS.

The couple traveled and were winter Texans for many years and, in 2008, moved to Harlingen, TX. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlingen.

He was an avid fisherman, square dancer, and volunteer at the church's thrift shop. He was a caring Christian man who loved his family and his special grand-dog, Mitsi. He enjoyed playing cards with family and



friends and was a longtime Nebraska Cornhusker football fan. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother & sister-in-law Wallace Jr. and Elaine Gerdes and brother-in-laws Ronald Sander and Harold Roesch. Survived by wife, Carole Lee,

daughters Lucinda Graves (Kim) and Kristin Hayes (Frank), Harlingen; grandchildren Andrew Mallonee (Amanda), Carissa Mallonee, Floyds Knobs, IN; Kurtis Hayes, Council Bluffs, IA and Kyle Hayes, Coppell, TX and four great-grandchildren: Drew, Halle, Aria and Haden Mallonee, Indiana; brother Ronald (Mildred) Gerdes, Harlingen; sister Mary Ellen Roesch, Hiawatha, KS and sister-in-law Patricia Sander, St. Joseph, MO; aunt and uncle Bertha and Leo Kruse, Sabetha, KS.

Graveside service will be in Falls City, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 321 E. Harrison Ave., Harlingen, Texas 78550.

You are invited to sign the on-line guestbook or leave a memory at [www.buckashcraft.com](http://www.buckashcraft.com).

Arrangements are with Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home.

## Ed Bauman

Ed Bauman, a loving father, grandfather, and brother, passed away on August 24, 2020, at the age of 66 in Lincoln, NE. Ed was born on June 1954 in Falls City, NE, to Charles and Verna (Curfman) Bauman.

Ed was raised in Falls City, NE and graduated from Falls City High School in 1972. After high school, Ed worked for the city of Atchison, KS and also did carpentry work. Following a work accident, he became disabled and lived in Topeka, KS and Falls City, NE. He was also a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

During Ed's younger years, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and being ornery (he may have gotten a speeding ticket or two). He had a life-long love affair with black licorice and quite frankly anything sweet. He enjoyed talking on the phone and looking at pictures of family and friends on Facebook. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Ed is survived by his daughters, Tonya Griepenstroh and her husband Glen Duerfeldt of Syracuse, NE and children, Braiden Kendall and Chad Du-

erfeldt; Shawna Rhodd and her husband Sam of Liberty, MO and children, Tarcis and Taryn Coronado, Roberto Angel and Bailey Rhodd; Cierra Zirjacks and her husband Hyson of Joplin, MO and children, Wyatt and Abigail Johnson and Kynlee Zirjacks; Sabrina Tillman and her husband Tim of Topeka, KS and children, Haley, Hayden and Hunter Barta; brothers, Randy and Dan Bauman of Topeka, KS; sisters, Barbara Heaton and Tenna Morton and her husband Robert both of York, NE and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Verna Bauman; his sister, Marvel Roland; his son, Roy Bauman; his great-granddaughter, Aubree (AJ) Johnson; and great-grandson, Justyn Murdock.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, August 28, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Interment followed at Steel Cemetery. Open visitation and viewing was on Thursday, August 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The family prefers memorials to Family Choice.

## Richard Schock

(Continued from Page 1) years later). He was a three-sport athlete at Falls City High School before leaving for Lincoln to earn his engineering degree at the University of Nebraska. After graduating, Schock accepted a position with the Army Ballistic Missile Agency based in Huntsville, Alabama, where he worked under famed rocket scientist Wernher von Braun, known still as the "father of the U.S. space program." Schock followed von Braun to the newly-formed National Aeronautics and Space Administration, where Schock led a team of engineers tasked with mitigating shock and vibration issues within the Saturn V rocket, which was then being modified to safely lift the massive Apollo command module and lunar module from earth's atmosphere. (The Saturn V remains the most powerful rocket ever built.) For his work, von Braun personally awarded Schock NASA's Sustained Superior Performance Award.

When the Apollo program was discontinued, Schock, a charter member of the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, became the lead engineer for the Systems Dynamic Lab in developing the Space Lab within the Space Shuttle payload bay. Subsequently, Schock was co-investigator of the Solar Array Flight Dynamics Experiment, which flew on the Space Shuttle in 1984. That solar array concept was the design chosen for the four solar arrays (which combined are half a football field) that continues to power the International Space Station to this day.

For his pioneering work with the U.S. space program, as well as his efforts to educate the next generation of scientists, Schock was inducted in 2015 as the 22nd member of the Falls City High School "Wall of Fame."

After retiring, Dick became a dedicated volunteer, specializing in making homes more accessible and safe by building wheelchair ramps and weatherizing homes. He helped students design model rockets and bridge trusses at Huntsville's Space Camp. While visiting Falls City from Huntsville (where he lived for more than 50 years), Schock several times spoke to civic groups as well as science-class students at FCHS.

As an avid sportsman, he raced sailboats in Muscle Shoals, backpacked and camped in Colorado, fly fished in Durango's Animas River, and skied in National Standard Races at Snowmass and Jackson Hole.

Mr. Schock, a great-grandson of Falls City founders David and Ann Dorrington, is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Margaret Marsh Schock; children Amy Schock Townsend (Tommy), Bill Schock (Hanna), and Joe Schock (Angela); grandchildren Katie Schock Hobbs (Tyler), Julianna Schock, Rebecca Townsend, Clayton Schock, Josiah Schock, and Caroline Schock; sister Connie Nelson (Marshall) of Falls City; nieces and nephews Scott Nelson (Janice), Carrie Nelson Krickbaum (Bruce), and Robert Nelson (Denise).

Services will be held at a later date when it is safe for large gatherings. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Virginia Pethoud

Virginia A. Pethoud, 83, Falls City passed away August 24, 2020. She was born on May 8, 1937, to Kenneth and Marjorie (Coleman) Pelton.

Virginia graduated from Beatrice High School in 1954. On January 30, 1955, she married Marvin Pethoud in Beatrice. Marvin passed away on December 13, 2008.

They moved to Aurora, Colorado, in 1959, where Virginia was employed at Lowry's Air Force Base.

In 1972 the family moved to Mitchell South Dakota, where Virginia was employed at the Johnson Furniture store.

In 1974 they moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where Virginia worked at the VA Hospital until moving to Falls City in 1975, where she and Marvin purchased the Hested Store, later named the Falls City Department Store. They also opened the Falls City Shoe Store and Falls City Men's Clothing Store.

Virginia worked at the office of doctors, Couse and Stominski then went to work for FmHA until retirement in 1998. Virginia was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by daughters, Sue Allen, Mitchell, SD; Pam (Bruce) Merz, Falls City, NE; Sons, Mike (Gloria) Pethoud,



Adams, NE and Tim (Rita) Pethoud, Cozad, NE; grandchildren, Vicki (Jack) Bangert, Jamie

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Preceding her in death were her husband, Marvin; her parents, Kenneth and Marjorie Pelton; brother, Keith Pelton, and son-in-law, Ken Allen.

Funeral Services were held at 10:00 AM, Friday, August 28, 2020, at First United Methodist Church in Falls City, NE, with Pastor Young Je Kim officiating. Graveside services were held at 3:00 PM, Friday in the Evergreen Home Cemetery, Beatrice, NE. Visitation was 7:00 to 8:00 PM, Thursday evening, August 27, 2020, at the church.

A memorial is established to the family's choice with the mortuary in charge. A guestbook is available online at [www.harmanwrightmortuary.com](http://www.harmanwrightmortuary.com) Harman-Wright Mortuary, Beatrice, in charge of arrangements.

## Dr. Donald Burling

Dr. Donald Eugene Burling, 86, of Aurora, Nebraska, passed away on August 24, 2020. Don was born June 20, 1934, in Hastings, Nebraska. He grew up in Kenesaw, Nebraska,

where he graduated high school in 1952. He then went on to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln from which he graduated in 1956. Don served in the US Army Reserves and was permitted to teach for one year before fulfilling his reserve commitment

and going active in basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After completing basic training, he was awarded graduate assistantship at the University of Nebraska and earned his Master's Degree in School Administration. It was during this time that he met his beautiful wife, Alice Ensz (aka "Shorty"), who was a South Dakota native. They were married on August 25, 1957, and started their family together.

After receiving his master's degree, Don served as a school administrator at Harvard and began earning his Ph.D. in School Administration. He then served as Superintendent in Harvard, Falls City and finally Aurora, Nebraska, where he retired in 1997 after 22 years. Throughout his career, Don was an active member of various professional and civic organizations.



In retirement, Don enjoyed traveling with Alice, watching his grandkids participate in music and athletic activities, his twice-daily coffee group and volunteering at the Senior Center.

He was a long time member of the United Methodist Church in Aurora. He had a passion for learning, sharing good stories with friends, Cornhusker football and above all else, his family. Don was a family man through and through.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Annette Burling, and his son, William Burling.

Don will be missed dearly by his wife, Alice; their sons, Philip Burling, of Kearney and Michael (Patty) Burling, of Omaha; their six grandchildren, Natalie (Kyle) Kuypers, Pascal (Chase) Johnson, Erin Burling, Braeden Burling, Brock Burling, and Ellen Burling; one sister, Jeneane Ortman, of Marion, South Dakota; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Private family graveside services were held at the Kenesaw Cemetery on Friday, August 28, 2020. Rev. Greg Reed will officiate. Inurnment were in the Kenesaw Cemetery. Memorials may be to the family to be designated at a later date. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family through the mortuary website at [www.highbymortuary.com](http://www.highbymortuary.com).

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Wednesday: 9 a.m. Sew 'n Sew; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML.  
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Wednesday: Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. (after Ash Wednesday, 6 p.m.) 5 p.m. Midweek Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Missionary League, 7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, nursery (or pre-school), adult, 10:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hour, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.  
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Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.  
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# Check out fields for weed problems

Late summer, fall and harvest are good times to check out where you may have a problem with specific weeds or where a new weed is invading or possibly even herbicide resistance is developing. By identifying the weed, extent of any infestations and locations of weed problems, you will have a better strategy for managing these weeds in the future, maybe even this fall. Mareastail or maybe more specifically, glyphosate resistant mareastail has become a major problem in Nebraska. In traveling around southeast Nebraska, mareastail control and weed control in general appears to be much better overall this summer compared to previous years. Once mareastail bolts from the rosette state it is hard to control. It can emerge in the fall, so keep an eye out for it. Several growers have actually found that cereal rye has been very effective in control of mareastail. This may be another option and at the same time provide erosion control and potentially improve soil health. Fall control of winter annuals should improve field conditions next spring for planting and weed control in next year's crop. Another very tough weed to control is field horsetail or scouring rush (Equisetum).

This is the weed that looks like a small bamboo plant and it grows in wet areas, especially along railroad right-of-ways and ditches. Unfortunately, it many times is invading more into fields and is very tough to control. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has conducted research in controlling this weed. They found Chlorsulfuron, labeled as Glean for use in wheat, or as Telar for use in non-crop areas, was very effective at controlling scouring rush for more than one year when it was applied at 3 oz/A.

Chlorsulfuron has a long soil residual and can cause significant injury to corn and soybean. The maximum use rate in wheat is 0.33 oz/A (approximately 10 times less than what was applied in noncrop areas, and the rotation interval to corn or soybean is 24 months. If chlorsulfuron were used to control a scouring rush patch that is expanding from a non-crop area into a corn or soybean field, individuals should only consider planting an IR-corn or STS soybean in the treated area in the subsequent 3-5 years, and may still suffer some crop injury from herbicide carryover.

Another major concern in Nebraska is palmer amaranth. While I have not seen infestations of it in the area, I know there are fields in southeast Nebraska that have it. In south-west Nebraska glyphosate resistant palmer amaranth is causing all kinds of problems. The best method of controlling these resistant weeds is to limit their seed production by alternating herbicides, combining herbicides with glyphosate in treating weed problems or even hand-walking fields. It is important to recognize fields that have herbicide resistant weeds so you can prevent them from producing seed. If you think you may have palmer amaranth in a field, do whatever you can to limit seed production. Recent research at Kansas State University, shows promise for the use of cereal rye as a cover crop in slowing down early spring emergence and growth of Palmer Amaranth. If it be-

comes a problem in southeast Nebraska it may be a valuable tool to use.

Finally be aware of the noxious and invasive weeds in the area, specifically musk thistle and Sericea lespedeza. It is important if you can identify these weeds in pastures or CRP before they become major problems. Unfortunately Sericea lespedeza is showing up more in CRP, pastures and grasslands. There have been reports of it being in grass seed mixes, spread by deer, birds and the wind.

Other weeds that are showing up in southeast Nebraska and could cause problems include: phragmites, common teasel and cutleaf teasel. Phragmites can be found growing along some of the wet ditches and wetland areas in southeast Nebraska. Teasel can be found in non-cropped areas and in pastures or CRP. It is a problem in the neighboring states Kansas and Missouri.

If you have questions about any of these weeds or need assistance in identifying a weed, feel free to contact me at the Nemaha County Extension office at 402-274-4755 or (402) 274-9639 (cell).

## Did you know?

Large school buses are not equipped with seat belts, but that doesn't compromise their ability to transport students safely to and from school. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that school buses are designed differently than passenger cars and light trucks. As a result of their unique design, as well as their size and weight, school buses distribute crash forces differently from other vehicles, utilizing a different kind of safety restraint system that is effective at keeping passengers safe.

This system is known as "compartmentalization." The NHTSA says the interiors of large buses protect children without seat belts because of closely spaced seats that have energy-absorbing seat backs. This compartmentalization will keep children from being forced out of their seats during an impact. However, in the United States, small school buses, or those with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, must be equipped with lap or lap/shoulder belts in all seating positions.

## District #70

**Public Meeting Notice Board of Education District #70**  
Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock-Stenauer School District #70 will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020 in the Music Room following the conclusion of the tax request and budget hearings. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Neal Kanel  
Board President

## Nemaha N.R.D.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2020, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 7:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office - 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

## E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 office in Auburn, Nebraska. The following were paid for the months of July and August:  
General Fund - \$375,809.90/\$2,458.03  
Payroll - \$428,400.58/\$439,636.70  
NCEBVI - \$27,400.16/\$24,716.72  
Federal Programs - \$16,520.65/\$62,446.42  
The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its General Fund Budget Hearing at 5:15 p.m. its Meeting to Establish a Tax Levy Rate at 5:20 p.m., and its Regular Meeting at 5:50 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The agenda for this meeting is kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

## Board of Equalization

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
AUGUST 18, 2020  
CALL TO ORDER  
The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sichel. County Assessor, Pam Vice and Clerk Eickhoff.

Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws be posted at the entrance to the meeting room.  
Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

**THREE YEAR ASSESSMENT PLAN**  
County Assessor, Pam Vice presented to the Board the 3 Year Assessment Plan to the Board for review.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. Chairman Sichel thanked the County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk.

## County Commissioners

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
AUGUST 11, 2020  
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Roll call was answered by Frank, Caverzagie and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Frank. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**  
Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. The FY20-21 proposed budget was further reviewed.

**RICHARDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Richard and Ann Meizer of the Richardson County Historical Society presented to the Board the annual report which included a listing of how the funding received last year from the County was used. The Society is requesting continued funding from the County for FY20-21 in the amount of \$15,000.00.

**BUDGET REVIEW**  
The Board reviewed the proposed budgets for FY20-21 with Pam Vice, County Treasurer and County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Vony.  
**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**  
Motion was made by Sichel to authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Wildlife Protection Plan for Southeast Nebraska. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Frank to authorize Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director as the authorized representative for Richardson County for Federal Declared Disaster DR4221. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**  
Roland Meyers, Chief Deputy Sheriff updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He also reviewed further with the Board the proposed FY20-21 budgets of the Sheriff, Jail and Humboldt Law Enforcement Center.  
A fee report for fee collection during the month of June, 2020 by the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$16,188.15 was approved.  
The Board recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:05 p.m.  
**NEBRASKA STRONG RECOVERY PROJECT**  
Cory McLean and Brent Perry representing the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project supported by Region V Services presented to the Board the outreach program working in partnership with the local communities to provide counseling and identify needs during the current COVID-19 pandemic.  
**TYLER COOPER, COUNTY BLDG MTC TECH**  
Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance Technician met with the Board to review a quote for the replacement of drain and sewer pipes and also a quote for the replacement of the water supply lines to the restrooms and offices within the Courthouse. Further information will be obtained and reviewed again at next week's meeting.

**CLAIMS**  
Motion was made by Sichel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today at the County Building Maintenance Technician meeting. Further information will be obtained and reviewed again at next week's meeting.

**GENERAL FUND**  
Cash-Wa Distributing, supp.....932.99  
DeKloz, Nancy, reimb.....21.92  
Dell, supp.....160.64  
Falls City Journal, adv.....115.50  
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....40.00  
Galls, WHP.....118.96  
Hullman's, serv.....48.88  
Maxwell Schular, L.L. reimb.....82.80  
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv.....30.00  
Office Depot, supp.....311.46  
Pro Serv, serv.....121.00

Quill, supp.....68.57  
Richardson Co Clerk Petty Cash, reimb.....43.50  
Richardson County CPR, serv.....70.00  
Richardson Co EMA Petty Cash, reimb.233.68  
Richardson County Sheriff, serv.....60.88  
Richardson Co Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb.190.23  
Richardson Co Vendor, FCA/Vetite, etc.....119.10  
Spartan Stores, supp.....14.83  
True Value, supp.....162.77  
Wing's Locksmithing, serv.....57.00  
Wolf's Printing, supp.....16.22  
Payroll Expense.....8727.05  
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$110,929.73

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**  
Diversified Drug Testing, serv.....335.00  
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....20.00  
Martin Marietta Materials, rock.....13540.14  
NMC, supp.....879.47  
Quill, supp.....5.79  
Sapp Bros., fuel.....2391.98  
SNC, serv.....162.77  
Unifirst, supp.....39.04  
Payroll Expense.....40191.03  
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$56,255.25

**JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND**  
Osborne, Laura, reimb.....39.00  
TOTAL JUV DIVERSION FUND.....\$39.00

**ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.  
David D. Sichel, Chairman  
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

Village of Deals  
in  
Richardson County, Nebraska

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-601 to 13-613, that the governing body will meet on the 14 day of September, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Building for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, objections, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget shall be available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

	2019	2020	Change
Operating Budget	\$ 24,800.00	\$ 25,000.00	2%
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 17,170.00	\$ 17,170.00	0%
Valuation	\$ 4,839,518	\$ 4,833,249	0%
Tax Rate	\$ 0.35517	\$ 0.35517	0%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	\$ 0.35629		

Breakdown of Property Tax:  
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes: \$ 17,170.00  
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds: \$

City of Falls City  
in  
Richardson County, Nebraska

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-601 to 13-613, that the governing body will meet on the 14 day of September, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 2307 Nevada Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, objections, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget shall be available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

	2019	2020	Change
Operating Budget	\$ 17,070,000	\$ 17,070,000	0%
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 17,170,000	\$ 17,170,000	0%
Valuation	\$ 4,839,518	\$ 4,833,249	0%
Tax Rate	\$ 0.35517	\$ 0.35517	0%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	\$ 0.35629		

Breakdown of Property Tax:  
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes: \$ 17,170,000  
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Humboldt-Table Rock-Stenauer School District (74-0573) in Richardson County, Nebraska

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-601 to 13-613, that the governing body will meet on the 14 day of September, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at HTSRS Music Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, objections, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget shall be available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours.

	2019	2020	Change
Operating Budget	\$ 31,408,420.00	\$ 28,837,114.00	-8%
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 109,700.00	\$ 112,094.00	1%
Tax Rate	\$ 0.033075	\$ 0.033468	2%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	\$ 0.044827	\$ 0.042747	-1%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	\$ 0.045303		

Breakdown of Property Tax:  
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes: \$ 112,094.00  
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds: \$

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	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Resources	Total Available Resources (Before Property Taxes)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(7)
PLNCS	2014-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021			
Operating Budget	\$ 7,812,350.00	\$ 7,558,533.00	\$ 6,481,562.00	\$ 627,338.00	\$ 3,039,830.00	\$ 8,095,115.00
Capital Budget	\$ 186,362.00	\$ 231,113.00	\$ 714,580.00	\$ -	\$ 714,580.00	\$ -
Unemployment Benefits	\$ 28,746.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 333,575.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 813,075.00
Actuals	\$ 294,817.50	\$ 429,811.00	\$ 452,711.00	\$ -	\$ 452,711.00	\$ -
Special Revenue	\$ 169,743.00	\$ 231,152.00	\$ 441,908.00	\$ -	\$ 441,908.00	\$ -
Bonds	\$ 812.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Funding	\$ 483.00	\$ -	\$ 468,342.00	\$ -	\$ 468,342.00	\$ -
Grants/State	\$ 138,228.00	\$ 239,620.00	\$ 347,125.00	\$ -	\$ 347,125.00	\$ -
Grants/Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Other	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ 8,683.00	\$ -	\$ 8,683.00	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 8,791,493.50	\$ 8,790,859.00	\$ 11,658,546.00	\$ 627,338.00	\$ 3,246,720.00	\$ 8,095,115.00

**Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request**

Humboldt-Table Rock-Stenauer School District (74-0573) in Richardson County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 17-1801.01, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at HTSRS Music Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, objections, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax rate.

	2019-2020	2020-2021	Change
Operating Budget	\$ 31,408,420.00	\$ 28,837,114.00	-8%
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 109,700.00	\$ 112,094.00	1%
Tax Rate	\$ 0.033075	\$ 0.033468	2%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	\$ 0.044827	\$ 0.042747	-1%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	\$ 0.045303		

**2019/20 Budget Information**

Category	2019/2020	2020/21	Change
Operating Fund	\$ 31,408,420.00	\$ 28,837,114.00	-\$ 2,571,306.00
Capital Fund - 14	\$ 186,362.00	\$ 714,580.00	\$ 528,218.00
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# Witt a key returner for 2020 PSC Volleyball team

One of the main goals for the Peru State volleyball team in 2020 is to secure a winning record for the season. In addition, another goal will be take the next step in post-season play.

The road to improvement will be challenging as it is assumed that several of the team's opponents will be ranked when the initial NIAA preseason poll comes out.

Returners: The team returns one all-conference performer from 2019. Senior Tyra Mollhoff (Lincoln) earned Heart honorable mention as a middle blocker. Mollhoff has played in 245 games over the first three seasons and has amassed 274 kills - 164 of which came last season. She averaged 1.4 kills per set last year while hitting just under .200. In addition, Mollhoff more than doubled her efforts in blocking last year as she had ten solo blocks and 55 block assists.

Peru State returns many others from last year who had significant playing time. Two of those include setters Cassidy Davis (Colorado Springs) and Hannah Burianek (Lincoln). Davis is a senior while Burianek is a junior. The two combined for over six assists per set last season.

Other returners who will be challenging for starting roles include sophomores Randee Witt (Salem) and Jaime Copenhagen (Omaha). Witt is a setter and Copenhagen is an opposite/middle blocker. Also, Mattie Nichols (Auburn) returns after a red-shirt season while rehabbing from an injury. Nichols is a defensive specialist.

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ference (Heart).

The conference post-season tournament has been modified with the top three teams in each division going to the playoffs with the last two spots going to the teams with the best conference records.

Pre-Season Polls: The Bobcats are ranked 11th in the conference's pre-season poll which ranked all 14 teams as a conference, rather than by division.

2020 Schedule: The regular-season home opener will be on Labor Day when Peru State hosts Culver-Stockton (Mo.) at 4 p.m.

The 2020 schedule has changed many times due to the Covid-19 pandemic and could continue to change throughout the season. All NIAA teams had their season openers moved back to Sept. 5.

Initially, the Bobcats were scheduled to play in the Bellevue Tournament, but it was cancelled. So now the Cats will open in Sioux Center, Iowa, facing Northwestern (Iowa) and the hosts Dordt in matches begin-

ning at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5.

The Bobcats will be hosting their own Fall Classic and it has undergone many revisions due to the pandemic. At present, it still will be a two-day tournament on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12. The final schedule will be set soon.

Senior Recognition Day is planned for Halloween against Evangel (Mo.) at 11 a.m. The complete schedule can be found on the Bobcat athletic website at <https://pscboabcats.com/sports/womens-volleyball/schedule>

Fans will be able to follow live stats as well as watch home games via provided links. All games will be linked to the schedule on the website.

Junior Varsity: This is the first year in at least 25 years that Peru State will have a junior varsity team. They will play approximately 15 contests. There will be no charge for junior varsity games which are played on individual nights. However, most will be held prior to a varsity competition.

# RC Fair Queen top ten voting

The race for Richardson County Fair Queen has narrowed the count down to ten young women.

The Richardson County queen candidate vote totals as of August 10, were as follows: Makayla Mason, 20,961,558; Alyssa Howe, 20,769,588; Natalie Novak, 17,226,725; Jacey Leech, 12,547,856; Brooke Hain, 12,392,725; Gracie Shafer, 8,837,042; Kenna McClarmen, 8,562,999; Ellie Schardt, 7,643,636; Abby Stadel, 6,028,705; Allie Vaughan, 2,462,548.

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## Village of Dawson

Village of Dawson Open Meeting Minutes August 11, 2020

These minutes are unapproved. Any error(s) will be corrected at the next regular monthly meeting. The agenda for this meeting was posted on August 8, 2020 at the Village Hall, Fire Department, and Koch Auto. In attendance was Bill Koch, Robert Richardson, Larry Koch, and Gary Kephart. Bill Koch was excused. Roll was called and with Bill Koch, Larry Koch, and Robert Richardson resigned. The meeting was called to order at 7:26 pm. Minutes of the July 2020 open meeting were approved with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Robert Richardson. Claims were presented to the Board and approved for payment (with two claims presented individually for payment) with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Larry Koch. One individual claim was for FEMA related reimbursement to Larry Koch (abstained) and approved for payment with a motion by Robert Richardson and a second by Bill Koch. The second claim was also FEMA related expense reimbursement to Bill Koch (abstained) and was approved for payment with a motion by Larry Koch and seconded by Larry Koch and seconded by Robert Richardson.

A motion was made by Bill Koch and seconded by Robert Richardson by Robert Richardson to transfer \$671.81 from equipment savings account to the general account for tractor repairs claims. Under old business, the Board is seeking a board member to finish the term of Dennis McClarmen. An update was given on the street repairs and an estimate will be secured to replace a non-working water meter. Under new business, the Board voted to have full clean-up with an approximate date of September 26-October 10 with a motion from Bill Koch and a second by Larry Koch. (A flyer will be included with the water bill with the exact dates.) Placing a tube at 10th Street for 1003 Ridge was discussed and further study will be done before a decision is made. Discussion was held and no decision was made regarding Nemaha Street north of 10th Street. Further action and a decision will be made in the near future. The Clerk/Treasurer updated the Board on clerical and financial status of the Village. The FEMA projects are close to completion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Robert Richardson.

Claims: Core & Main, \$1558.83; Conharsher Press, \$32.05; Dana Cole, \$280; Davis Pkg, \$2130.90; Fax/Internet/Phone, \$50; Falls City Journal, \$13.22; Falls City, \$228.71; Jan Richardson, \$12.04; Levi Koch, \$400; Petty Cash, \$34.81; Senca Sanitation, \$870; Stephen Wendlandt, \$450; Village Equipment A/C, \$500; Lewis Implement, \$54.48; Lukas Fritz, \$260; Martin Marietta, \$230.48; NPPD, \$795.27; Larry Koch, 1485; League of NE Munc, \$210; Merz Farm Equip, \$129.39; People Service, 1450; Stetline Ag, \$188.75; Bill Koch, \$2970. Total Claims, \$18,281.94. General Checking Balance: \$131,137.08 (\$1120 after claims paid). Jan Richardson Clerk

## Village of Dawson

Village of Dawson Special Meeting August 18, 2020 7:30 p.m.

In attendance was Bill Koch, Robert Richardson, Larry Koch, Gary Kephart, and Jan Richardson. The agenda was posted at the Village Hall, Fire Department, and Koch Auto 24 hours prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm. The sole purpose of the special meeting was to vote of the claim of Hein Construction LLC for the street repair work.

A motion was made by Bill Koch and seconded by Gary Kephart to pay the invoice of Hein Construction, LLC. All board members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm with a motion by Gary Kephart and a second by Larry Koch. Jan Richardson, Clerk

## City Council

Falls City Council Chambers, 2307 Barada Street Falls City, NE 68355 Phone (402) 245-2707 September 9, 2020 6:00 P.M.

The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

### ROUTINE BUSINESS

- 1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act.
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Department Report.
5. Mayor's Report.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes Approval for August 17, 2020.
2. Agenda Approval.
3. Claims Approval.
4. Consent Agenda.
Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Council Member, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda Section of the Agenda.

### OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Second Reading - Ordinance 2020-102 - Provisional Dog License (See Attachment).
REGULAR BUSINESS
1. Discussion and Action - Technology Plan and Security System - Brad Griffin.
2. Discussion and Action - Repairs to AHU #2 at Richard Auditorium for \$30,545 (See Attachment).
3. Discussion and Action - Review and Accept insurance policy bid for 2020-2021 (See Attachment).
4. Public Hearing - City of Falls City Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget (See Attachment).
5. Public Hearing - Set Tax Levy and Final Tax Request for Fiscal year 2020-2021 for the City of Falls City (See Attachment).
6. Discussion and Action - Approve the 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget for City of Falls City.
7. Discussion and Action - Handicapped ramps at 10th and Harland Street - Richard Newland (See Attachment).
8. Discussion and Action - Appointment of Alan Romine to the Board of Adjustments as recommended by Mayor Blinde.
9. Discussion and Action - Resolution authorizing Mayor Blinde to sign Municipal Annual Certification of Program Completion Form 2020 (See Attachment).
10. Public Hearing - Falls City Floods LLC application for Community Development Block Grant for \$30,000 (See Attachment).
11. Discussion and Action - Resolution authorizing Mayor Blinde to sign application for CDBG Funds (See Attachment).
12. Discussion and Action - Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG Program (See Attachment).
13. Discussion and Action - Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan for CDBG Program (See Attachment).
14. Discussion and Action - Record Restriction List (See Attachment).
15. Discussion and Action - Opening restaurants at City Parks.

### ADJOURNMENT

Gary Jon, City Clerk

ESU #4
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 14 day of Sept 2020, at 6:16:07:00 PM, at Educational Service Unit #4 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

	2019	2020	Change	%
2019-2019 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 6,737,858.00	\$ 6,737,858.00	\$ 0.00	0%
2019-2020 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 8,495,824.00	\$ 8,495,824.00	\$ 0.00	0%
2020-2021 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 8,880,800.00	\$ 8,880,800.00	\$ 0.00	0%
2020-2021 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 3,999,231.00	\$ 3,999,231.00	\$ 0.00	0%
2020-2021 Total Resources Available	\$ 12,880,211.00	\$ 12,880,211.00	\$ 0.00	0%
Total 2020-2021 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 1,049,460.90	\$ 1,049,460.90	\$ 0.00	0%
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 300,237.10	\$ 300,237.10	\$ 0.00	0%

Breakdown of Property Tax: Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes: Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds: \$ 1,049,460.90

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1021.02, that the governing body will meet on the 10 day of September 2020, at 6:30:00:00 P.M., at 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the City Clerk during regular business hours.

	2019	2020	Change	%
Operating Budget	\$ 2,236,179.56	\$ 2,236,179.56	\$ 0.00	0%
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 1,964,975.20	\$ 1,964,975.20	\$ 0.00	0%
Valuation	\$ 6,943,156.038	\$ 6,996,539.283	\$ 53,383.245	1%
Tax Rate	0.028009	0.028009	\$ 0.000000	0%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.028488	0.028488	\$ 0.000000	0%

Nemaha NRD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Heather Diane Salors, Plaintiff vs. Timothy Wayne Curtis, Defendant... NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT... To Timothy Wayne Curtis: Notice is hereby given on or about July 10, 2020, in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Paternity, Custody and Support as well as a Motion for Temporary Orders seeking to determine paternity, custody and support for the parties' minor child and for such other and further relief as the court deems just and equitable.

Diane L. Mervin, #24172 Fankhauser, Nelson, Wertz, Ziskey & Mervin, P.C. 713-40 St., P.O. Box 126 Humboldt, NE 68376

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

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DATED: August 18, 2020.

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LESLIE V. HARNES and DOROTHY HARNES, Husband and Wife, et al., vs. Timothy Wayne Curtis, Defendant. Notice is hereby given that on August 28, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Leslie V. Harnes and Dorothy Harnes, who address is 818 2nd Avenue, Apt. 3, Richard, WA 98033, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate of Timothy Wayne Curtis.

The heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives, and all other persons interested in the estate of any of the aforesaid Defendants who may be deceased, real names unknown.

All persons, having or claiming any interest in and to, the above described real estate and to the proceeds of said real estate, are notified that the Plaintiff has filed a Petition for foreclosure sale certificates and subsequent taxes on the above described real estate and that an accounting be had by the Court of the amount due the Plaintiff from the Defendants in the severally separate causes of action therein and in default of the payment of such sums to be due the Plaintiff, within twenty days from the date of the decree therein, said separate and several parcels of real estate described therein shall be sold to satisfy the debt, and the proceeds of said sale, Plaintiff be paid the sum found to be due and owing, with interest and attorney's fee, to be taxed costs, together with the costs of said action; that the right, title, interest, lien and claim of the Defendants and each of them be determined, found and decreed to be subsistent, superior and inferior to the liens of this Plaintiff; that the purchaser of each said premises at said sale be not in possession thereof; that the Defendants, and each of them, be foreclosed of all right, title, interest, lien, and equity of redemption in and to said real estate and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable in the premises.

You are required to answer said Petition on or before the 8th day of October, 2020.

THE COUNTY OF RICHARDSON, A Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, Plaintiff

BY DOUGLAS E. MERZ #12807 Richardson County Attorney 1710 Stone Street P.O. Box 569 Falls City, NE 68355 (402)245-3222

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENISE C. WILSON, DECEASED. Notice is hereby given that on August 28, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Eric K. Kijima, whose address is 818 2nd Avenue, Apt. 3, Richard, WA 98033, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate of Denise C. Wilson.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before November 2, 2020 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk of the County Court 1710 Stone Street, Room 202 Falls City, NE 68355

Prepare and submitted by: Thomas E. Whitmore, 14500 7602 Pacific Street, Suite 200 Omaha, NE 68118 (402) 391-2400 Attorney for Applicant

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Salem NE as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec. 39-219 et seq., R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 18th day of September, 2020, beginning at 7:30 P.M. in the Village or City office at which time objection to or recommendations for said Plan may be made.

Carlynn Gahler Clerk/Treasurer

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Roll call was answered by Frank Caveragez and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Frank Caveragez. Chairman Sichel announced the open meeting agenda has been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caveragez to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caveragez-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of August 4, 2020. Motion seconded by Caveragez. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caveragez-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caveragez to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caveragez-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse on the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.rcc-ne.org

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Steve Davard, Road and Street Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. The FY20-21 bid and budget was presented. He informed the Board that he would be advertising to fill a vacancy at the Department and Commissioners are to be notified of any road conditions that need some attention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sichel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:00 a.m. with Sheriff Handery to discuss personnel matters and the prevention of needs injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caveragez-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to close the executive session at 10:40 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caveragez. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caveragez-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Handery presented media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were in the presence of the media and the place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the agenda of the meeting be made available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Garly Joyn, City Clerk Tyler Merz, Sheriff

City Council

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 17th day of August, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Clerk P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Binkley called the meeting to order and Clerk Joyn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council members were present: Ferguson, Frosch, Holl, Leyden, Merz, Racitelle, Rhoad, Widom. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and to the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the covered meeting was available to the public. Mayor Binkley publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the agenda of the meeting was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Racitelle to approve the Consent Agenda deleting 2nd regular business: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Agenda and that the minutes of the meeting be amended to reflect the same. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the August 3, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the August 17, 2020 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the August 24, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the August 31, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the September 7, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the September 14, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the September 28, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the October 5, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 11. 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Richardson County Department of Roads is accepting applications for a full time Laborer, position requires a Class A CDL. Applications are available at the Hwy. Supt. office, 65087 706 Trail, Falls City, NE and on the website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Richardson County is an equal opportunity employer. 35-36

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# IRISH FB TEAM PULL AWAY FROM LOURDES

By Brian McKim

The top-ranked Sacred Heart Irish football team began its 2020 season with a win over Nebraska City Lourdes at Peru St. College on Friday night, August 28. The Irish held leads of 8-0 after the first quarter, 30-16 at the half and 42-22 heading into the final period. SH held on for the 56-30 season-opening win.

Jakob Jordan set the Irish up with excellent field position after intercepting a Lourdes pass and returning it to the Nebraska City five-yard line. Three plays later, Evan Keithley hauled in a six-yard pass from Jordan to give SH a 6-0 lead. The PAT carry by Del Casteel put the Irish ahead 8-0.

Casteel's sack on fourth down gave the Irish the ball back on the Lourdes 35-yard line to begin its next drive. Five plays later, Casteel finished the drive with a 10-yard run to give the Irish a 14-0 lead with 11:56 to play in the first half.

QB Blake Miller put Lourdes on the board as he burned the Irish defense for a 62-yard run with 7:33 to play in the half. The two-point conversion made it 14-8.

The Irish struck right back, slowly marching down the field for a score. Jordan capped off a 65-yard, 15 play drive that ate up over four minutes with a one-yard TD run. The conversion run, also by Jordan pushed the Irish lead back to 22-8.

However, big plays again hit the Irish defense hard. Nebraska City covered 55-yards on just two plays to make it a six-point game at 22-16 with 2:39 still to play in the half. After the Lourdes score, the Irish

wasted no time, putting together a 60-yard drive that ended with Jordan's second TD. The conversion pass from Jordan to Jake Froeschl made it 30-16 at the half.

The Irish came out of halftime and took all of :49 to add to their lead. Keithley broke free for a 39-yard touchdown run to extend the SH lead to 36-16. After forcing a three and out on defense, the Irish offense scored their second TD of the half, this time Jordan found Keithley through the air for a 24-yard TD strike to increase the Irish lead to 42-16 with 9:35 to play in the third quarter.

Late in the third and early in the fourth quarters, Lourdes made one last attempt to get back into the contest. With 2:09 to play in the third, QB Miller scored from 34-yards out to make it 42-22. After an Irish fumble on the fourth quarter's first play, Miller again made the Irish pay, scoring from 65-yards out to make it 42-30 with 11:41 still on the clock.

The Irish settled down and used up four minutes of game time on its next drive. Jordan scored his third TD of the night on a 15-yard keeper to make it 50-30 with 7:41 to play.

Feeling the game slipping away, Lourdes was forced to go for it on fourth down its next possession. A fake punt saw Derek Schawang intercept a shovel pass and give the Irish the ball back at the NC 23-yard line. Four plays later, Jordan scored from nine yards away to make the final score 56-30.

"We played fairly well for the first game of the season. We gave up a few big plays which we need to eliminate, but otherwise, our defense was good," said Coach Doug Goltz. "Our offense was balanced, but we need to run the ball better. Lots of areas to improve, but I thought we competed well Friday night."

The Irish outgained Lourdes 491-298. SH finished with 284 yards on the ground and 207 through the air.

QB Jakob Jordan led the rushing attack for SH with 105 yards on 16 carries and four



**Ribbon Cutting.** Front row, L-R: Amber Holle, Kelsi and Creighton Kresin, Beverly Bernhardt, Susan Witt, Weston Witt, Crew, Tasa and Jake Armknecht

## FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES OPENS ON STONE STREET

On August 17, community members, family and friends gathered to wish Weston Witt luck on his new venture with Farm Bureau Financial Services at 1613 Stone Street.

Weston is a graduate of Peru State College with a degree in business management. Insurance wasn't always the goal for Weston, but a family friend connected him with Tasa and Jake Armknecht, Farm Bureau agents in Auburn.

"They were looking for an agent to serve the Falls City area and it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up," notes Weston. "I then spent the next several months studying for two state

TDs. Del Casteel added 100 yards on 20 touches and a score. Jordan also threw the ball well, connecting on 13-18 pass attempts for 179 yards and two scores. Jack Fiegner hauled in six catches for 111 yards, and Keithley also added six grabs for 53 yards and two TDs.

Tyler Catlin was the top tackler on defense, getting in on 11 stops, including two sacks. Casteel added nine tackles, and a sack and Brogan Nachtigal had eight stops.

The Irish will host Nebraska Lutheran on Friday, September 4, at Jug Brown Stadium, with an afternoon kickoff scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

exams."

While studying, Weston also purchased the building on Stone Street and spent countless nights and weekends renovating his new office. The historic downtown space also includes an apartment upstairs that Weston

is calling home.

Farm Bureau specializes in home, auto, farm, ranch, commercial, health and life insurance. They also offer other financial services like college and retirement planning.

"I'm excited for this opportunity to serve our community and live in the town I love," says Weston.

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'CLARIFY THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN ACTUAL PROTESTORS AND THE OTHER PRETENDERS'

I wonder if there are any other folks besides me who would like the media to clarify the distinction between actual protestors and the other pretenders. Protestors gather or march peacefully to voice their dissent with a particular policy, action or person.

What we are seeing in many of our major cities are demonstrations of looting, arson, violence, disruption of traffic, assaults on innocents in restaurants, in their cars or on the streets, shootings, and mass destruction of property. These are not protestors committing these acts. These are plainly and simply unrepentant criminals and thugs committing criminal acts, and they deserve to be arrested and fully prosecuted for their actions. There also seems to be more than speculation that many of these atrocities are being spurred on or instigated by persons coming into these cities from other areas.

I find it incomprehensible that their city officials and even some of the media have glossed over the commission of these criminal acts and are still referring to these criminals as protestors. Some of the elected officials in these affected cities are even releasing these criminals back into the streets for a redo. The craziness and mayhem has reached the breaking point, and our nation's future looks dim if this continues.

Thank God there are still those who want to see law and order in a just society. We need the support of our police and our elected officials to quell this madness. Let the media call these people by their proper names. Let the protestors protest, but call out and prosecute the criminals.

Chick James

Before, During & After Picnic September 5, 1959



Away they go, whooshing toward someplace where there's lots of green land and a far-arching abundance of sky. All hands are sparkle-eyed with vigor and vim, even mother, although she had to start doing chores at six a.m. to get this show on the road by eight. (Ignore Spoteye, the dog, who is just taking a cat nap). In due time the food is eradicated, the gang's vigor is renewed, the dog takes a dog nap, and mother applies her vim--to doing chores. And by and by in artist John Falter's purple night everybody passes out except you know who, there at the wheel--and for heaven's sake, look who has come to in the back seat! Mother doesn't reflect that a woman's work is never done; what she does think is, They're my babies, including old batter-out here beside me, and I love taking care of them all. johnphlipfaltermuseum.com

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