

A JOINT STATEMENT FROM COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER, SEDHD, AND OTHER HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICT REGARDING THE UPTICK IN COVID CASES

In recent weeks, the Southeast Health District has seen an increased rate of confirmed cases of COVID-19. The recent transition to phase four of the Directed Health Measure has given some hope of returning to normal life activities. However, this perception of hope is misleading as COVID-19 has embedded itself within the district, which may lead to future disruptions during the fall and winter months.

Southeast District Health Department and the district’s healthcare system highly encourages citizens to stay vigilant. As a community, we must take ownership to protect ourselves, our family, and those at most risk. Simple steps can be taken to limit the spread of COVID-19 without jeopardizing the economy and halting day-to-day activities.

These steps include: Monitor your health daily. Stay home when you are ill. Wear a mask when in public settings. Practice social distancing. Avoid large indoor gatherings. Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home. Wash your hands often. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

If you are exposed to someone with COVID: Stay home until 14 days after the last exposure and maintain physical distance from others. Self-monitor for symptoms: Check your temperature twice a day. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste and smell, or any other symptoms. Avoid contact with people who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

These simple and proactive strategies are proven to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 within communities. By following these recommendations, southeast Nebraska communities will limit the burden of COVID-19 and be in good standing this spring.

Signed, Nemaha County Hospital, Pawnee County Memorial Hospital, Community Medical Center, CHI Health St. Marys, Johnson County Hospital, Syracuse Area Health and Southeast District Health Department.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SEES LARGEST COVID CASE JUMP SINCE START OF PANDEMIC; GOV. RICKETTS ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO DIRECTED HEALTH MEASURES

The Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) reported a total of 93 cases as of Friday, October 16, 2020, up from 78 reported last week in Richardson County, a 15 case jump, marking the highest jump the county has seen since the start of the pandemic.

Nemaha County is reporting 170 cases; Johnson County, 83 cases; Pawnee County, 22 and Otoe County, 255,

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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NEW JUG BROWN STADIUM DIGITAL SCOREBOARD

Jug Brown Stadium is a showcase in the corner of the state and the surrounding area. With the completion of the press box and an updated P/A system, a new scoreboard would make our historic stadium the jewel of the entire state, so The Falls City Educational Foundation is asking the community for support in helping raise \$25,000 in donations to purchase a state-of-the-art digital scoreboard.

The fundraiser kicked off on September 2 by challenging all Falls City alumni from the decade of the 1960’s to help get the ball rolling, and as of October 1, over \$4,000 had been raised.

Stripes and Signs of Falls City designed a Fundraiser ‘Thermometer’ that will be on display at the Falls City Chamber of Commerce at 1705 Stone Street. The football will move up the field ‘gaining yardage’ as donations are received.

At the end of the fundraiser, donors will be listed on a donation board. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of friends and loved ones.

To donate, please send your check to Falls City Educational Foundation, 1415 Morton Street, Falls City, NE 68355 with “Scoreboard” written on the memo line. If you have any questions, you can contact Cheryl Kirkendall McCann at cherylmccann000@gmail.com, 402-883-7309, or contact Dobey Falter Haws at dobey.haws@gmail.com, or 402-450-3724.

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE TRANSFER OF EASEMENT OF PRESERVED LANDS ALONG MISSOURI RIVER TO THE IOWA TRIBE OF KS AND NE

By Charlie Radatz
During the Tuesday, Oct. 13, meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners, Lance Foster, Vice-Chairman of the Iowa Tribe of KS and NE, and Shannon Engberg, Land Protection Coordinator of The Nature Conservancy Nebraska Chapter, presented to the Board documents requiring their approval for transfer of the Rulo

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COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEETS

“THE GENERAL MESSAGE WOULD BE IF THERE’S A TIME TO TAKE THIS SERIOUS THAT WOULD BE NOW”

By Nikki McKim

Sheriff Hardesty, Chairman of the Board, called to order the Richardson County Board of Health meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 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.

Several persons from different agencies and departments requested to participate in the meeting. Those present were: Grant Brueggemann, Executive Director, SE NE Health Department; Kathy Messner Clinical Care Mgt—Infection Control from Community Medical Center; Brian Kirkendall, Richardson County Emergency Management and City Attorney Mike Dunn.

Those not present were, Doug Merz, David Sickel, Duaine Armbruster, Marty Lewis and Gary Jorn.

Grant Brueggemann of the Southeast Nebraska Health Department provided an update on the coronavirus pandemic in the SE NE area. Brueggemann said the district would be nearing 600 cases at the time of the meeting.

“Looking at some trends, there’s a trend upwards. Three weeks ago, we were about 40 cases per week ending on September 26; two weeks ago, 74

cases week ended on October 3; roughly looking at the data the week ending October 10, we were just 80 cases, plus or minus a couple. So the last two weeks, we surpassed our high total week since the beginning of the event,” said Brueggemann. “What we’re seeing here is paralleling the state. One of the big concerns statewide is a trend that is accelerating in terms of bed availability. Total beds and ICU beds are trending downward that continues to have an upward trend that is at a rate higher than what we experienced in the late spring-early summer time frame.”

Dr. Tramp asked Brueggemann about patients being contacted by the SENHD and the time factor before they get contacted during the contract tracing done by the Health Department.

“With the increasing cases, we’ve had to reach back to the state to get some additional support and it depends if that case is assigned to the state. It may take a little a bit longer because they wait for the case information to get through the state system. That may be a day or two where we have the contract tracers internally to manage the cases; once we get the facts, we have made the first phone call and do some contact tracing in 24 hours. The initial phone calls

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RIBBON CUTTING: Front row, L-R: Glenda Taft, Jeannie Mullins, Sue Bieker and Debbie Lemerond.

THEA’S GIFT AND THRIFT OPENS IN DOWNTOWN FALLS CITY

On Tuesday, October 6, the ribbon was cut to celebrate Falls City’s newest business, Thea’s Gift & Thrift, located at 1623 Stone Street. The addition is a second-hand store operated by only volunteers whose proceeds benefit the Sacred Heart School and Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

The store is the brainchild of Father Stoley, who had seen the idea work in other communities and thought it was an excellent way to continue their charitable works while supporting the school and church. He first ran the idea by Jeannie Mullins.

“I thought she might hang up on me when I ran my hare-brained idea by her of starting

a thrift store.” laughed Father Stoley.

However, Jeannie thought it was a great idea and soon after, a committee was formed to start planning their new adventure. With a lot of work and praying, it all began to fall together. Dozens of individuals with different talents and skills stepped up to volunteer. They did some light remodeling of the building on the corner of 17th & Stone that had set vacant for several years. They secured a volunteer store manager, Sue Bieker and solicited other volunteers to work shifts throughout the week.

Next came the task of naming their store. The group thought of

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GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME

By Governor Pete Ricketts

It’s October in Nebraska, and change is literally in the air. Yellow, orange, and red leaves are falling from trees to the grass, marking the turn of season. It’s fitting, then, that October is the month we celebrate change in state government. All month long, we’re spotlighting our Center of Operational Excellence and the positive changes it’s making to improve government services for Nebraskans.

In my first year as Governor, my team and I created the Center of Operational Excellence (COE) to lead change and drive operational excellence across state government. The COE equips state teammates with process improvement skills. These skills help state teammates identify waste, eliminate unnecessary steps, and deliver a better customer experience for taxpayers.

By instilling these skills in our team, the COE has helped drive a culture of continuous improvement throughout state government. As President John F. Kennedy once said, “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.” The COE helps state teammates to look ahead and see how they can make things better. We don’t want our agencies to get stuck in a rut, repeating the same steps because “this is how we’ve always done it.” Instead, we want to empower our teams to find new and improved ways to serve Nebraskans. To help lead this change, we’ve embedded process improvement coordinators within state agencies to give our teams this future-oriented perspective.

Process improvement coordinators are helping deliver a customer service experience taxpayers expect and deserve. American businesses are the most innovative, customer-friendly enterprises on the planet. Because of the speed and quality of private sector service, people increasingly expect the same level of excellence from their government. Over the last several years, we’ve seen great success running state government more like a business. Since May 2016, the COE has led over 450 process improvement projects across 18 agencies. Over 540,000 hours of time have been saved, allowing our team to put an even greater focus on customer service. From the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), these changes are delivering a higher level of services for you.

Since our state’s historic floods of 2019, NDOT has been working hard to repair roads and rebuild bridges. In May, NDOT also took on the largest project in its history, beginning construction on the Lincoln South Beltway. Process improvements are helping NDOT speed up its completion of construction projects like these.

For example, NDOT’s Environmental Section uses “Green Sheets” to document and communicate the steps needed to reduce environmental impacts during a construction project. The “Green Sheet” outlines actions to control erosion, protect endangered species or historic sites, and properly dispose of hazardous materials. Once these actions are determined, NDOT’s Environmental Section forwards the “Green Sheet” to NDOT’s Construction Division.

The Construction Division lists these actions in their contracts to ensure contractors fulfill their environmental responsibilities during road construction. NDOT sensed that the “Green Sheet” process was outdated and enlisted the help of COE to expedite it. The team discovered how to eliminate 27 process steps (from 87 to 60) by moving from a paper to electronic distribution, review, and approval process. This led to an 81% reduction in lead time, cutting the “Green Sheet” process from an average of 16 days to 3 days. NDOT’s success on the project continues our wise stewardship of our natural resources, while helping to get Nebraska drivers moving.

Continuous improvement projects at Nebraska’s Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are helping families caring for children with special needs. DHHS reimburses families in the Disabled Children’s Program and Medically Handicapped Children’s Program for mileage and hotel expenses when they take a child to see a specialist. Many of the families enrolled in these programs are financially disadvantaged. Having to pay expenses up front, and then wait for reimbursement, can be challenging.

DHHS enlisted the COE to review and improve the way the agency processes reimbursements. By using electronic/fillable forms, the COE helped DHHS reduce the average time to issue reimbursement from 15 days to 2.67 days. That’s impressive improvement. It also makes a tremendous difference for families in Nebraska trying to take care of disabled children while living paycheck to paycheck.

Simple changes to how we do business add up to more effective, more efficient, and more customer-focused state government. Our team is working every day to cut through the red tape, so government can work for the people of our state. If you have an idea for improving customer service in state government, email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. We look forward to hearing from you.



CASINO GAMBLING, REGULATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS ON BALLOT

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

Three ballot issues from the initiative petition process cover casino gambling at licensed Nebraska horserace tracks, the regulation and taxation of that activity and the distribution of the proceeds. They are: Initiative Measure 429, a proposed constitutional measure allowing casino gambling at licensed horse race tracks; Initiative 430, a proposed law setting up a regulatory framework for the casinos; and Initiative Measure 431, a proposed law to tax the casinos and direct most of the tax revenues to property tax credits.

It took a ruling from the Nebraska Supreme Court to clear the measures for the ballot. It’ll take a minute to grasp the domino effect of the three-part proposal. Initiative 429 would allow for the enactment of Initiative 430, which would authorize and regulate gambling at licensed racetracks, and Initiative 431, which would impose an annual tax of 20% on gross gambling revenue of licensed gaming operators. Without the approval of Initiative 429, Initiatives 430 and 431 would not take effect.

Together, Initiatives 429, 430, and 431 would allow, authorize and regulate, and tax gambling at licensed racetracks.

Nebraska Initiative 429 would add a new Section 24 to Article III of the state constitution to exempt laws authorizing gambling at licensed racetracks from the state’s constitutional prohibition on gambling. Currently, the Nebraska Constitution prohibits gambling, except for the state lottery, which was authorized in 1992, and authorized raffles intended to raise proceeds for charitable causes.

Revenue raised from the lottery is allocated to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and the legislature to fund education.

Gambling in some form is legal in 48 of the 50 states, with Utah and Hawaii completely banning it. Twenty-five states have legalized commercial gaming and 30 states have authorized tribal casinos.

Three states will be voting on measures concerning gambling. Colorado would allow local jurisdictions where gambling is legal to approve a maximum single bet limit of any amount and expand allowable game types in addition to slot machines, blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps. A second Colorado Amendment would lower the number of years an organization must have existed before obtaining a charitable gaming license from five years to three years.

Maryland would authorize sports and events wagering at certain licensed facilities with state revenue intended to fund public education. A South Dakota constitutional amendment would authorize the South Dakota State Legislature to legalize sports betting within the city limits of Deadwood.

A “yes” vote supports amending the Nebraska Constitution to allow laws to authorize, regulate, and tax gambling at licensed racetrack facilities in the state.

A “no” vote opposes amending the Nebraska Constitution to do those things and would maintain the state’s prohibition against gambling at racetracks.

Nebraska Initiative 430 would authorize gambling at licensed racetracks with licensed gaming operators. It would establish the Nebraska Gaming Commission to enact rules to license gaming operators and regulate the gambling industry. The measure

would prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from playing on gambling devices or participating in gambling at the racetrack. Currently, Nebraska outlaws gambling, except with respect to the state lottery, licensed raffles, and bingo.

A “yes” vote supports enacting a law that authorizes gambling operations within licensed racetracks and establishes the Nebraska Gaming Commission to regulate gambling operations.

A “no” vote opposes enacting a law that authorizes gambling operations within licensed racetracks and establish the Nebraska Gaming Commission to regulate gambling operations.

Nebraska Initiative 431 would authorize the Nebraska Gaming Commission to collect a 20% tax on all gross gaming revenue generated within licensed racetracks. Gross gaming revenue is defined as the amount of money players gamble minus the amount won, federal taxes, and any promotion gam-

ing credits received from the operator and redeemed by the player.

The revenue from the tax would be allocated as follows:

- 2.5% to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund,
- 2.5% to the General Fund,
- 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, and
- 25% to local jurisdictions where licensed racetracks operate.

The Nebraska Gaming Commission would be authorized to develop rules for reporting revenue from the tax, and gaming operators that do not comply would receive a maximum penalty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

A “yes” vote supports imposing the tax and distribution as outlined. A “no” vote opposes the tax on gross gambling revenue of licensed gaming operations.

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

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: HALLOWEEN

ACROSS

- Bobby Fischer’s game
- Reggae precursor
- Octagonal sign
- Haile Selassie’s disciple
- Goose egg
- Water-filled gorge
- Blue eyes, e.g.
- Jean of Dadaism
- Pariah, for medical reasons
- *Pumpkin’s Halloween precursor
- *Famous magician who died on Halloween
- *____ mortuaire, or body bag in Paris
- Nordstrom’s outlet
- “____ Now or Never”
- Good or bad and felt by others, sing.
- Haiku, e.g.
- Equal to distance divided by time
- Post-it slip
- Quickly fry
- Type of mountain goat
- *Graveyard denizen
- Heart of the matter
- Tender spots
- Bailing twine, e.g.
- Icelandic epic
- Boss
- Greek muse’s strings
- Up and down nod
- “Beware the ____ of March”
- One of seven, in eponymous 1995 film
- *Dead one
- *Jordan Peele’s scary 2017 film
- Dodge
- Freud’s concern
- Pertaining to hours
- *Funereal feeling
- Swindle
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- Adult elvers
- Human digit
- *What vampire does in a coffin

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- TV tube in days of yore
- Wagner or Powers in a TV classic
- Isaac’s firstborn
- Mixes up
- Geo-spacial positioning system, for short
- Ginger cookie
- CrÈme de cassis plus wine
- Top dog
- Musher’s ride
- Language of Tupi people
- *Black cat, possibly
- ____ wig or ____winkle
- Oopsie daisy moments
- Best part of cake?
- *Halloween month
- Alters to be more useful
- Type of coffee with alcohol
- Forbidden
- Howard of radio fame
- Physicist Niels ____
- Preakness, e.g.
- Like cottage cheese
- Piano student’s exercise
- *Leatherface’s state
- Biz bigwig
- ESPN award
- To the point
- *Scary story-related sensation
- Lyric poem
- Choice word
- Upright
- Nary a soul
- Give up
- Skin soothing gel
- Boring
- Fusses
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50 Years Ago - Oct. 21, 1970, to Oct. 27, 1970

About 20 members laid about 600 square feet of sod around the new Country Club building.

Champions of the Girls Athletic Assn. Wiffle Ball Tournament at Falls City High School was the team captained by Cathy McKim.

Gayle Swisegood, Falls City, and Jay Hagerman, Humboldt, were on the Peru State Cross Country team that won six meets.

Falls City attorney, Bayard T. Clark, was honored by the Nebraska Bar for his 50 years in law.

Construction was completed and Interstate 80 was open to traffic from Omaha to Denver.

The movies “Boatniks” and “Zig Zag” were being shown at the Rivoli. “The Desperadoes” was on the big screen at Breezy Hill Drive-In.

At this point in the season, Stan Kottich was the leading rusher for the Falls City Tigers with 198 yards, Fred Ivey, the top receiver with 378 yards and Gale Furnas, the top tackler with 48.

In a *Journal* interview Belle Dupuis, 99, revealed her grandfather, Antoine Barada, for whom the village of Barada was named, was known as a man of prodigious feats of strength.

The Nebraska Highway advisory commission approved a new route for Highway 73 through Verdon only slightly south of the then-current east-west segment.

With 7:34 left in the game, the Falls City Tigers closed within a touchdown of visiting Nebraska City, but the visitors ran out the clock to claim a 26-20 victory.

All the scoring came in the first half as the Humboldt Cardinals defeated Sacred Heart 20-0. Fumbles by SH led to scores on a one-yard run by Gene Hayes and a seven-yard scamper by Roger Glatthar. The final TD came on a 20-yard pass by Lynn Holechek to Jerry Bernecker.

Ralph Arnold became the first cross country runner for Falls City High to qualify for the state meet after finishing 5th in the Class B District.

Miss Vicki Hall, a junior from Stella, was named Peru State College Homecoming Queen. Roxann Runyan, Falls City, was among other queen candidates.

One-hundred-68 attended the Third District convention of Christian Churches held in Falls City.

Trophies were awarded for both the children and store clerks for the best costumes during the Halloween celebration in Falls City.

Senators Roman Hruska and Carl T. Curtis and Congressional Candidate Charles Thorne spoke to a convocation of students from Sacred Heart and Falls City Public high schools.

Milt Harmon, Falls City, won the Richardson County Horseshoe tournament at City Park.

A political ad with a drawing of a Holstein cow included the caption “This Ain’t No Bull! Richardson Countians Need Joe” (Fleskoski).

Elmer Duerfeldt filed suit seeking to restrain the Nebraska Department of Game and Parks from interfering with his harvesting of a corn crop on land within Indian Cave State Park.

NPPD announced plans to issue \$160 million in revenue bonds to finance construction of its Cooper Nuclear Power Plant at Brownville.

AP reported 1970 average prices paid to farmers for all products was expected to be the highest since the Korean War.

25 Years Ago - Oct. 21, 1995, to Oct. 27, 1995

County Commissioners referred to the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad for review three bids for a new ambulance.

Members of the Falls City FFA Team competing in the State Land Judging Contest included Don Wickham, Tom Bletscher, Pat McInteer, and Joe Fritz.

D1 third-ranked Southeast Consolidated rolled up 244 yards defeating Nemaha Valley 48-0 in its final regular-season game.

Sacred Heart sophomore Brandy Bletscher and Falls City senior Vicki Pethoud were named to the Peru State College Volleyball All-Tournament Team.

D-V’s David Koso carried the ball 17 times for 76 yards and had 12 tackles on defense in a season-ending 54-6 loss to Sterling.

Final Pioneer Conference champions were in football, Sacred Heart (8-0), and in volleyball, Southeast (13-2).

Movies at the River Twin Cinema included “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers” and “The Scarlet Letter.”

Major college football rankings put Nebraska #2 in both the USA Today and AP Top 25 polls.

The Verdon Public Library made a \$500 donation to Boy Scout Troop #396.

A new wing at Falls City Care Center was completed with 19 new rooms and physical therapy and occupational therapy facilities.

Tri-County beat the Falls City Tigers 20-14 to end their football season as well as their seven-game winning streak.

With its 40-8 football playoff victory over Clarks, Sacred Heart won its 86th game in a row and Doug Goltz won his 100th game as head coach of the Irish.

The Humboldt Cardinals were knocked out of the D1 state football playoffs with a 48-0 third-quarter loss to Friend.

For October, Southeast Consolidated Students of the Month were 8th grader Josh Georges, senior Caleb Howe, junior Elizabeth James, and 8th grader Arica Alexander.

15 Years Ago - Oct. 21, 2005, to Oct. 27, 2005

Presentations on Medicare prescription drug plans drew large crowds at Falls City High School auditorium and the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall.

The city council of Falls City authorized the Board of Public Works to seek bids for a new 45-foot aerial bucket truck.

The Southeast Consolidated Homecoming Queen and King were Chelsi Dotson and Joe Bromen.

City Manager Dick Gist warned natural gas customers they might face higher bills if natural gas needed to be purchased on the open market.

Construction was underway on the Falls City Aquatic Center.

Movies at River Twin Cinema included “Oliver Twist” and “Walle & Gromit-The Curse of the Were-Rabbit.”

The Tiger volleyball team went 1-4 at the Johnson-Brock Invite, defeating the host team in two sets but losing in two to each of the other four teams: Beatrice, Auburn, Pius, and Nebraska City.

The Class D2 Sacred Heart Lady Irish beat NC Lourdes but lost to Sterling at a Triangular it hosted.

Brian Poppe, Falls City, was honored as a member of the 1980-81 Grant High School football and basketball state championship teams.

Honored as Journal “Athletes of the Week” were FCSH linebacker/fullback Raymond Gruber; FCHS setter Emily Pierson, Southeast football tackle Olin Dotson, and HTRS golfer Jordan Schaardt who won district runner-up honors.

The HTRS/Southeast girls’ golf team finished 13th in the 15 team Class C state golf tournament.

With no time left on the clock and FCSH leading 48-42, NC Lourdes completed a 10 yard TD pass to tie the game and then converted a 2 point conversion to make the final 50-48.

A new automatic car wash was under construction at 18th & Harlan by Rob Gerweck.

Falls City Sacred Heart qualified for the state football playoffs as a No. 7 seed and was scheduled to play the 8-0 Johnson-Brock Eagles in the first round.

The 2005 football season for HTRS came to an end as a result of a 44-22 loss to Lewiston.

Southeast Consolidated finished its football season 0-8 after a 54-8 loss to Sterling at Stella.

The Tiger volleyball team was 9-14 after a hard-fought five-set loss to Omaha Duchesne.

The 2-6 HTRS 2005 football season came to an end with a 40-22 loss to Lewiston.

Falls City Middle School students of the month for September were Amy Dunn, 8th grade; Skylar Olberding, 7th grade; and Jacy Lewis, 6th grade.

County Health Board meets to discuss COVID

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have been 24 hours,” said Brueggemann.

If a patient of family member tests positive and wants to contact the Southeast Nebraska Health Department personally, Brueggemann said his office would gladly accept those calls to offer some guidance. However, his office would likely not do any case investigation at that time. It may take a few hours or a day before they could do that lab report.

Suppose someone received a positive lab report and wanted to contact their employer or the school system or people they have been in close contact. In that case, they are welcome to do so, but Brueggemann did emphasize that he would want those close contacts to know that the Southeast Health Department would still be getting in contact with them.

“What I would ask is, if they do inform those close contacts, let them know that when we go through our investigation, we will call them. One of the burdens that lags us down a little bit is that they let everybody in close contact know and all those close contacts are calling us too, so our systems get a little bogged down and it’s hard to put all the pieces together. We will call you and inform you and give you some recommendations for what the guidance is at that time.”

Brueggemann reminded everyone that parents are not required to inform the school of a positive test and employees are not required to notify employers of a positive test. Still, it is highly recommended that they do to keep it from spreading.

He said that the schools have done a great job with the card they’ve been dealt and they’ve continued to improve on the process continuing to get in front of it, helping the Southeast Health Department, so they’re not getting inundated with phone calls.

Dr. Tramp asked Brueggemann if there were any general recommendations for medical personnel, school systems, or the public, in general, to help level the situation back off with the increase of cases or hospitalizations. Brueggemann said, “The general message would be if there’s a time to take this serious that would be now. There’s no doubt about it that there’s been a very dramatic increase trend upwards and this is no longer a virus that’s special to the Metropolitan areas of this state. It’s embedded in southeast Nebraska, it’s being transmitted across the different communities. Some communi-

ties more rural than others. It’s establishing a stronghold. The non-pharmaceutical interventions are still the same; we know how to manage it. We see locally that events are still causing exposure and still causing cases in varying sizes; to the large events, weddings, and everything to that effect, but we’re also starting to see small group gatherings of 20 or fewer people that we’re having cases come out of. Small instances not necessarily in Richardson County. School cases are leading to subsequent cases with parents and grandparents and other close relatives. So our goal is to protect those most vulnerable to prevent hospitalizations and mortality and the community as a whole needs to take it seriously.”

Sheriff Hardesty asked if there was a criteria to meet for a time around a person who had tested positive to be considered a close contact.

Brueggemann said that close contact is someone within six feet for 15 minutes or more. “If that 15 minutes is not cumulative, 15 minutes is not a sustained, 15 minutes, so that allows for some subjectivity. We try to take the specific information from the case and make a determination that’s a general definition of a close contact.”

Dr. Tramp asked if a close contact time period was based on when the test is positive when symptoms began, meaning if they were exposed to them two days before they had symptoms, when they got a test, or how it varies depending on when the exposure happened?

Brueggemann said the infectious period goes 48 hours from symptom onset. “So from that 48 hours on. We will contact the close contacts. For an A-symptomatic case, it starts 48 hours from a positive test. Masks are something we consider. By itself, masking does not preclude quarantine or close contacts.”

Brueggemann said that what they’re finding is they can call a case and ask if they’re wearing a mask and they’ll say yes; they get told that they’re wearing a mask all the time and they’re diligent about it, but when they start doing close contacts, they find out the opposite and vice versa. “So masking is something that is considered. So we try to use the help to prevent mask quarantine, but it’s not always relevant. There’s no question that masking is preventative. Still, unfortunately, the general public is not trained to wear personal protective equipment, and not touch

their mask, and keep their hands clean while removing their mask and putting them on and such.”

Kathy Messner from Community Medical Center reported seeing a lot more positive cases. “Some families are turning up positive together,” Messner said they’re seeing a lot of spread between families. She said turnaround for send-outs is 24-hours. She said right now; things are “overall doing good.”

Dr. Tramp voiced some concern on Nursing homes running low on rapid testing kits as time goes on. He said he’d like to see everyone try to keep the number of cases and exposure as low as we can. “If you’re young and can get through it yourself, you don’t want to pass it to those who cannot.”

Sheriff Hardesty said it was business as usual at the Sheriff’s Department but said they were running low on masks and gloves.

The Board scheduled another meeting for November 16, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

Thea’s Gift and Thrift opens in downtown FC

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the store of Bertha Bowman. Bertha was born in 1937 in Canton, Mississippi. She joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at La Crosse, WI. at age 15. Bertha became Sister Mary Thea; she took the name, Thea, meaning “of God”, in honor of her father, Theon Bowman. Sr. Thea is known for her love of education, the poor, and the holy priesthood. So fittingly, in her honor, Thea’s Gift & Thrift became the name.

Then it came time to fill the store and the group was astonished at the many generous donations of household items and one of a kind furniture pieces they received. Finally, after a year of planning and prepping, they were ready to open to the public.

The store is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00-2:00 except on Thursday’s when their hours are 2:00-6:00 to accept donations. The main thing that sets Thea’s Gift & Thrift apart is that they do not accept clothing or shoes. A shortlist of items they do accept include: books, kitchenware, small furniture, bedding and linens, small appliances, toys, sporting goods and baby items.





Officer Kaleb Gilkerson displays the new ‘Irish Plate’

FC Police Department obtains new training tool

The Falls City Police Department recently obtained an additional training tool, called an Irish Plate. The Irish Plate is used as a target at the firearm range. Not only does the Irish Plate help with officers shooting accuracy, but also helps with moving targets, multiple targets and timing. The Police Department is also working on a system where each arm will be numbered; which will help with the possibility of additional training. One side labeled one thru four, the other five thru eight. Thus, the firearms instructor could realistically request the shooter to shoot which target or targets are a threat. Shoot, don't shoot the good guy/bad guy scenarios could be used.

Blueprint Nebraska studies tax modernization

Blueprint Nebraska today highlighted the release of two key white papers outlining the case for broad modernization of Nebraska's outdated tax system. The organization will consider themes presented in these papers as it prepares to deliver a final report outlining the path to tax reform consistent with its strategic growth plan for Nebraska. A final report is expected in late 2020. "Nebraska stands poised and positioned for unprecedented economic growth and success," said Jim Smith, Blueprint Nebraska president. "Tax modernization and reform, as part of the comprehensive Blueprint Nebraska plan, offers the best path for seizing this opportunity. Such an initiative will boost statewide economic competitiveness, growth and prosperity as reflected in higher wages, increased jobs and stronger investment by current and prospective employers."

The white papers, available at blueprint-nebraska.org, are authored by the Tax Foundation, one of the nation's leading voices on tax policy, and David Brunori, Senior Director at RSM US LLC and Research Professor of Public Policy at The George Washington University. The two pieces separately recommend a principled approach to

modernizing Nebraska's tax structure.

The tax policy experts supported the following overarching principles to guide tax reform efforts in Nebraska.

Eliminate or significantly reduce personal and corporate income taxes.

Broaden the sales tax base and restructure the sales tax system to reflect an increasingly service-dominated economy.

Keep future growth of property taxes in check by making constructive changes to the design and escalation parameters of the property-tax assessment system.

Minimize the stagnant economic effect of other local and state taxes and fees. In 2019, Blueprint Nebraska released its statewide economic plan, Growing the Good Life. The report identified 15 signature initiatives with the broadest and deepest impact on statewide quality of life, overall job growth, attracting 18-34-year-olds and the cost of living and doing business in the state. The plan also included a strong focus on growth of key business sectors across Nebraska by accelerating the adoption of technology and unlocking innovation in key industries like agriculture and manufacturing.

Commissioners approve transfer of easement of preserved lands along MO River to the Iowa Tribe of KS and NE

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Bluff's Conservation Easement within the reservation area to the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. The easement of lands preserved in their natural state along the banks of the Missouri River has been an ongoing project of the Nature Conservancy, a District of Columbia corporation. A motion to approve the transfer of the easement was made by Commissioner John Caverzagie, was seconded by Commissioner David Sickel and was approved by unanimous vote.

The supervisors voted unanimously to approve an interlocal agreement with Johnson, Pawnee and Nemaha Counties to implement a 4 County Juvenile Services Plan for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. met with the Board and updated them on the routine maintenance being done during the previous week on County roads and bridges. The hiring of staff for the vacant positions in the department was reviewed.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, discussed with the Board steps that need to be taken for removal and disposal of an old underground fuel storage tank now that a new one has been installed at the Courthouse. The Board requested that Mr. Kirkendall seek estimates from the licensed contractors to close and remove the tank.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board this week on the business of the Law Enforcement Center.

A fee report was approved for County Clerk Mary L. Eickhoff for fees collected during September 2020, a total of \$188.00.

The Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned after the Supervisor voted unanimously to allow the payment of all claims that had been submitted during the week before their meeting.

A Richardson County Board of Equalization meeting was held before the regular Board of Commissioners meeting by Chairman Sickel at 8:45 a.m. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sickel, County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek and Clerk Eickhoff.

During that meeting, a motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a motor vehicle tax exemption application for the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council. The motion was seconded by Frank and approved unani-

mously.

A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m. and that motion also received a 3-0 vote of approval.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Jon Dunlap, 2202 Hiland Ave; Sewer service replacement, \$500.00.
- Ryan Seeba, 2307 Chase St.; Siding, insulation, soffit, fascia and trim, \$20,000.00.
- Michael Dougherty, 2624 Schoenheit Street; Addition to existing sidewalk, \$2,821.00.
- Dwight and Krista Meyer, 822 East 16th Street; Single roof, \$1,281.00.
- Stan Coupe, 924 Patricia Drive; Roof, \$25,101.00.
- Will Yoesel, 1802 Burton Drive; Roof, \$13,402.00.
- Suellen Scholl, 1913 Burton Drive; Roof, \$9,513.00.
- Nancy Foster, 1906 Burton Drive; Water line replaced, \$1,500.00.
- Northwinds Development USDA, 502 East 14th Street; Interior Remodel, \$40,000.00.
- First United Methodist Church, 1700 Harlan Street; Sign, \$13,000.00.
- Tom Aitken, 2011 Fair Ave.; Roof, \$15,860.00.
- Dennis and Cheryl Hullman, 2003 Lane Street; Windows, \$9,700.00.
- Paige Shiley, 1322 Morton Street; Deck, \$800.00.
- Allen and Brenda Meyer, 2523 Fulton Street; Inground pool, \$35,000.00.
- City of Falls City, 1613 Abbott St.; Demo of house, \$8,250.00.
- BBT Rentals, 1916 McLean St.; Demo of house, \$4,950.00.
- Tammy Schulenberg, 1101 Chase St.; Carport - Approved by the board of Public Works, \$1,300.00.
- Frontier Bank, 1616 Harlan Street; Roof, \$62,000.00.
- Hannah Milam, 228 West 8th Street; Shed, \$3,500.00.
- Falls City Foods, 404 Pacific Street; Renovate interior room, add metal building, \$1,500,000.00.

SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order Of The Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Seven members of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star met on Thursday, October 1, for their stated meeting at The Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. Worthy Matron Sarah Nims presided in the East. During the Opening Ceremony, all members Pledged Allegiance to the American flag. Prayer was given by the Chaplain, Joan Wheeler.

Secretary Donna Monnette read minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved. Treasurer Joan Wheeler gave the treasurer's report.

Communications included the Nebraska OES News and Home Front news from the Children's Home in Fremont. The Children's Home needs a new, slightly used van for transporting their children to school and 4-H activities. Correspondence from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Plattsmouth revealed their Nurse Charting Station should be operating by the end of the year. They are also reviewing designs for the outdoor Canopy Project. COVID-19 costs continue to be expensive. Thanksgiving greetings were read from Worthy Grand Matron Karan Birdsall and Worthy Grand Patron Bruce A. Baker and the remaining Grand Officers and Grand Companions. The Worthy Grand Matron also issued an Executive Order of the election of 2021 officers for subordinate chapters. Members are encouraged to celebrate the incoming New Year by a virtual-social celebration at 6:00 p.m. on January 1.

The Chapter voted to send \$50 towards the van request from the Children's Home and \$25 Thanksgiving gifts to each of the Children's Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home.

Sickness and improvement reports were given of several members. There being no further business, Chapter closed in form with prayer by the Chaplain.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER 3RD DISTRICT

DAVID SICKEL FOR

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NOVEMBER 2020

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THURSDAY, NOV. 26 ~ HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Free gift to first 100 customers! Registration Drawings to win up to \$1,000 CASH or free play every ½ hour 1pm-12am. Come in and enjoy our Thanksgiving Day Special in the restaurant from 11am-2pm & 5pm-9pm!

FRIDAY, NOV. 27 & SATURDAY, NOV. 28

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour 1pm-5pm; plus win 5 extra entries into the CASH drawings from 9pm-1am. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-2am. (Excludes 9pm, 10pm, 11pm, 12am & 1am)

Registration Progressive CASH Drawings to win up to \$5,000 every hour 9pm-1am! We will start with \$1,000 at 9pm and add a \$1,000 every hour, until \$5,000 goes at 1am!

SUNDAY, NOV. 29 ~ MORE TO CELEBRATE!!

Everyone actively playing at 1pm will get \$20 in free play! Registration Drawings to win up to \$1,000 CASH or free play every ½ hour 1pm-12am.

CASH DRAWINGS FOR FALL INTO CASH THANKSGIVING WEEKEND GIVEAWAY - NOV. 26-29 - Registration will begin on November 1st 9am. Registration tickets will be handed out all month long for everyone to register and put into the big barrel. One entry per person, per day and you must be present to win. All entries will remain in big barrel until the last drawing on the 29th. You can also win extra entries Fridays, Saturdays and Nov 27-28. These CASH or free play Drawings will be on the 26-29 see monthly schedule for registration drawing times. You can only win one of the CASH Drawings (Nov. 27 & 28 9pm-1am).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th - HAPPY VETERANS DAY!! All Military personnel get \$20 in free play with valid ID. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour 1pm-12am. If you are a Veteran and you win a hot seat, you will get \$50 in free play for the month of December!

NEW MEMBERS - GET \$50 IN FREE PLAY FOR SIGNING UP IN NOVEMBER!! (\$25 IN NOVEMBER AND \$25 IN DECEMBER) If you sign up as a new member on the excluded days, you will get the full \$50 in free play on December 1st. If you are a current member of the Player's Club and you bring a new member in, you will get \$20 in free play. (Excluded dates are Nov. 11 & 26-29).

BIRTHDAY MONTH - If you are a current member of the Player's Club, and it is your birthday month, stop by the Player's Club desk and you will get \$20 in free play for your birthday or if you come on your birthday you get \$20!

MORE NOVEMBER EVENTS

SUNDAYS, MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS - TEXT NOW ALERT - If you get a text now alert on one of these days (Sun. - Thurs.) saying you get \$20 in free play, stop by the Player's Club desk and show them your phone text and you will get \$20 in free play! Must have a valid ID. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour 1pm-12am. Everyone who wins a drawing Sunday, Thursday will get their name put into the \$2,500 CASH Drawing, plus get \$25 in free play for Monday, November 30th! The Drawing will be at 10pm on Monday, November 30th and you must be present to win. (Excludes Wed, Nov. 11th, Thurs, Nov. 26th & Sun, Nov 29th)

MONDAYS - VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY - Active Military, Veterans, Police Officers, Firefighters and Paramedics/EMTs (you must present valid Military ID, your department ID, or state certificate papers) are invited to join us on Mondays, where they will receive \$20 in free play. Please visit the Player's Club Desk for more details. Thank you for your service!

TUESDAYS - SENIOR DAY - Everyone 55 years plus will get \$20 in free play. Stop by the Player's Club Desk for more details.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every ½ hour 9am-5pm and to win up to \$1,000 in CASH or free play every ½ hour 6pm-2am. Plus 5 extra entries into the Fall into Cash Thanksgiving Weekend!! (Excludes Fri, Nov. 27th & Sat, Nov. 28th)

BINGO

Daily Drawings - Initial buy in drawings daily!!

Senior Sunday - All Seniors (55 and over) get \$10 off their bingo buy-in!! (must have valid ID)

Double Action - Bingo on Double Action and have the chance to win up to \$500 extra cash!!

Birthday Bingo - Bings on your birthday month you get \$20 in free play. Bings on your birthday and get \$20 in free play!! (must have valid ID with birth date)

B-I-N-G-O Days - Bingo on the letter of the day of the week and get \$20 in free play!! (B-Tuesday, I-Wednesday, N-Thursday, G-Friday, O-Saturday)

Each day has a special letter to bingo on for an extra prize. When you bingo on that letter of the day, you will get \$20 in free play!! See Bingo Cage for more details!

Thanksgiving Day Special - November 26th

FREE drinks to first 150 guests! See Bingo cage for more details!

Early Birds Session amounts: regular games \$100, the last game \$150

Regular Session amounts: Level 1 - \$300 level 2 - \$500

Special games: See Bingo cage for more details!

Orange game: consolation prize plus \$100 if progressive doesn't go.

Crazy T game: consolation prize plus \$100 if progressive doesn't go.

Pick a pet prize amounts: \$200 - \$300 - \$400 - \$500 - \$600 - \$700 - \$800

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FCPS Superintendent Update

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on October 12, 2020. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Continuous School Improvement and Strategic Planning for Falls City Public Schools includes participation in the Nebraska Framework External Visitation on February 9-10, 2021. For the 2020-21 School year, three options are available for schools to host their External Team Visit. FCPS administration will meet with the school improvement team leader on October 14 to set the district's external visitation course.

1.On-site - all team members are at the school fully participating in the visit

2.Modified - a combination of team members on-site and others joining via remote options

3.Remote - all of the External Team Visit would be accomplished via remote. No Team Members On-Site.

Pandemic Planning for COVID-19 continues and reporting to date shows the positive school-based cases since August 10, 2020, includes six staff and three students. The identified individuals self-quarantined under the direction of the Southeast District Health Department to avoid transmitting the virus to others; 2) Parent/Teacher Conferences for the fall of 2020 will be in a virtual format utilizing Zoom conferencing, with information coming for parents to access the conference sign up system; 3) Winter indoor activities and NSAA Protocols will be released in the coming weeks as further restrictions are predicted for indoor school activities; 4) Music and Fine Arts Concerts for the fall 2020 semester will see modifications or postponement in order to reduce the spread of the virus in large gatherings.

School Board Policies reviewed during the board meeting included 1) 2111 Open Meetings - LB 148 requires all school districts to give notice of their meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the district and, if available, on that newspaper's website. LB 148 also adds a new requirement that the meeting minutes note the method(s) and date(s) of the meeting notice. LB 148 becomes effective on November 13, 2020; 2) 5111 Budget - LB 148 requires that budget hearings now be held separately from any regularly scheduled meetings and cannot be limited by time. The district will need to make at least three copies of the proposed budget statement available to the public at the hearing. The district must also make a presentation outlining key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget. Any member of the public desiring to speak on the proposed budget statement must be allowed to address the board at the hearing and must be given a reasonable amount of time to do so. The policy is amended to reflect these changes as well as to highlight some of the other requirements related to budget hearings; 3) 6319 Professional Boundaries Between Employees and Students - LB 1080 requires schools to enact a policy regarding appropriate relationships between a student or former student and a school employee or any student teacher or intern. The policy is amended to incorporate the new policy requirements.

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

1.Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 2111 Open Meetings; 2) 5111 Budget; 3) 6319 Professional Boundaries Between Employees and Students.

2.Accepted with gratitude the resignation/retirement notice of Charles Smith, Alternative School Teacher, 23 years with District 56.

3.Approved the teacher employment contract of Hailey Ruiz, Special Education Teacher.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Tim Heckenlively.



FCMS AOK STUDENTS OF THE MONTH, L-R: Sixth Grade, Jessica Dougherty; Seventh Grade, Brock Caudle and Eighth Grade, Dustin Stilen. These students were nominated by other students and adults at Falls City Middle School for demonstrating acts of kindness during the school day. Each month students and staff make nominations and students then vote anonymously for one act of kindness from each grade level that goes above and beyond.



Falls City FFA students choose their answers after checking out the excavated soil pit.

Local Future Farmers of America members compete at annual contest

Over 200 FFA students competed at the annual Southeast Area Land Judging Contest. Held every fall. The 2020 contest took place on October 7, east of Auburn. The contest was sponsored by the Nemaha Natural Resources District with assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Mark Willoughby, retired NRCS soil scientist.

Participants traveled among four pits on the farm and were tested on soil characteristics and recommended land treatment measures at each pit. In order to meet COVID-19 safety requirements, all students and adults wore face coverings and maintained social distancing. Also, competitors stayed within their own school group instead of mixing with students from other schools. Schools arrived in 20-minute intervals, proceeded through the four-station contest site, and left at the end of their school's competition. Results were not announced in a group on the day of the contest as usual but instead were sent to all schools the following week.

FFA chapters who competed at this year's southeast area contest came from Diller-Odell, Fairbury, Falls City, HTRS, Johnson-Brock, Johnson County Central, Lewiston, Meridian, Nebraska City, Palmyra, Pawnee City, Syracuse, and Tri-County. Though students compete individually, four-member teams are also formed from each school based on their scores. The top four schools will advance one team each to the State Land Judging Contest scheduled October 28 in York County. Individually, anyone finishing in the top 10 who is not already on a state-qualifying team may also advance to the State contest.

Earning a berth at the State contest were the top four teams, including first place finishing team Tri-County, Lewiston, and third place was awarded to the Diller-Odell. Rounding out the top four teams were Justin Brewer, David Kuker, Kyler Frederick, and Havyn Ruiz from Falls City.

Justin Brewer and David Kuker, both from Falls City, rounded out the purple ribbon winners in eighth and ninth place.



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October 24, 2020

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ACCIDENTS

On October 5, 2020, according to police reports, Amber J. Ramer, of Falls City was stopped at 23rd and Harlan St., facing north waiting to turn west on 23rd Street. James Black, of Des Moines, IA was heading north on Harlan. Black did not notice Ramer and crashed into the back of her vehicle totaling it. An estimated \$7,000 in damage was done to the vehicle Black was driving owned by Blake Black, of Falls City. Black was issued a citation.

On October 9, 2020, according to police reports Brandon Amb, of Falls City was backing out of a parking space and hit a parked vehicle owned by Lillian Adams of Verdon. An estimated \$2,000 in damage was done to the Adams vehicle. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Amb's vehicle. No citation was issued.

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7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. • 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

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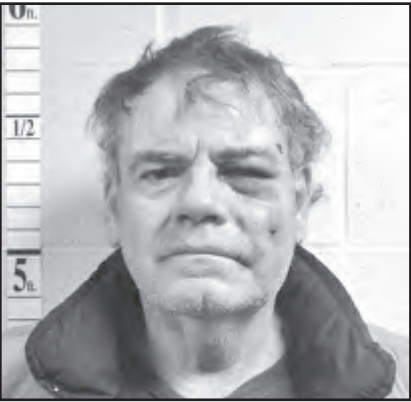
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On October 2, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 64 year old Donald Murphy Jr. of Falls City, on a warrant for a Violation of Sex Offender Registry Act. Murphy was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On October 11, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 40 year old Tara Tackett of Falls City, on a warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs. Tackett was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On October 13, 2020, Richardson County Deputies received into custody 41 year old Joshua Darden of Omaha, NE on two warrants for Failure to Appear. Darden was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On October 5, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 38 year old Christopher Clow of Falls City, NE on a warrant for Driving Under Suspension. Clow was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

On October 15, 2020, at 4:30 PM 38 year old male Christopher V. Clow of Falls City, NE was booked into the Richardson County Jail for violation of a protection order, and driving under suspension.



On October 10, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 37 year old Rickey Long of Humboldt, on a charge of Driving Under Suspension. Long was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On October 17, 2020, Richardson County Deputies received into custody 31 year old Corrina Phroper of Lincoln, on a Court Commitment. Phroper was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On October 13, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 36 year old Amanda Teixeira of Auburn, on a Gage County warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Teixeira was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On October 15, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 39 year old Matthew Gilbert of Humboldt, on a warrant for Failure to Appear. Gilbert was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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Voter Information

Nebraska General Election
November 3, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR EARLY VOTERS

October 23 Last day to request a mail-in ballot

October 27 USPS recommendation date if you are returning your mail-in ballot by mail

November 3 Mail-in ballots have to be returned by close of polls

The polls will be open November 3rd
8:00 am (CST) – 8:00pm (CST)
7:00 am (MST) - 7:00 pm (MST)

3 WAYS TO RETURN MAIL-IN BALLOTS

- > By mail
- > Drop box located outside each Election Office
- > Drop it off in person at your county election office

Every polling site will receive kits to protect poll workers. Social distancing standards will apply.

For more election information, visit sos.nebraska.gov

October 29th is World Stroke Day

Would you recognize the most common signs of a stroke?

F FACE DROOPING
Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven or lopsided?

A ARM WEAKNESS
Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S SPEECH
Is their speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand?

T TIME TO CALL 9-1-1
If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get them to the hospital immediately.

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How to prepare for a unique Election Day

Like many days that came before it in 2020, Election Day figures to be unique this year. The global COVID-19 pandemic has changed many aspects of life as people know it, and it figures to change how they vote this fall as well.

The right to vote and participate in a representative government should never be taken for granted. Many people across the globe have no such right, so citizens of the United States should be grateful they can vote and express that gratitude by doing their part and voting each year on Election Day.

State and local governments may be approaching Election Day differently as they try to juggle their responsibilities to make voting accessible to all while simultaneously keeping voters safe during the pandemic. Voters can do their part by taking the following steps prior to Election Day, which is November 3, 2020.

Confirm you are registered to vote. Voter registration deadlines differ by state. A list of state-by-state voter registration requirements can be found at www.vote.org/voter-registration-deadlines/.

Learn the mail-in ballot policy in your state. Many voters may not vote via mail-in ballots on a typical Election Day, but 2020 is not a typical year. The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. notes that all states offer some form of mail-in ballots. Many states are asking voters to vote via mail-in ballots in 2020 in an effort to reduce voters' risk of getting and spreading the COVID-19 virus. Confirm the mail-in ballot policy and procedure in your state as early as possible to make sure your vote is counted.

Return your completed mail-in ballot as soon as possible. Many states are urging voters who plan to vote using mail-in ballots to return their ballots as early as possible. In a mailer sent to all registered voters, the Superintendent of Elections and the Board of Elections in New Jersey noted it is critical that voters return their mail-in ballots early in the upcoming election season. Mail-in ballots can be returned via the United States Postal Service (all ballots include postage paid return envelopes), and voters also may be able to return their ballots in person at their designated polling locations or by placing the ballots in secure ballot drop boxes. Confirm your mail-in ballot return options with your local County Clerk of Elections well before Election Day.

Election Day 2020 will be unique. Voters should not hesitate to take all necessary steps in advance of November 3 to ensure their votes are counted this fall.

Which party do you like?

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Political parties choose their candidates to run for government offices. They run campaigns and ask people to vote for their candidates with office. When they win, they will surely "party" to celebrate their victory!

I'm not interested in politics, I don't belong to any political party.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. Having to do with government affairs

2. Election where one candidate wins by a large majority

3. In a election, parties vote for the people who will represent them in the general election

4. A person who is running for President

5. A political party's largest gathering

6. Highest political office in the United States

7. Group of people coming together to make government work the way they wish it to

8. A political party's official stance on the issue

5. A Presidential election is held every 4 years

6. Tuesday in November is the best day to vote

7. Parties are active in this people are in an office

8. Policies or goals as issues that parties have

9. A person who is running for President

10. A group of people coming together to make government work the way they wish it to

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The two major political parties in the United States are the Republican and Democratic parties. They often go "head-to-head," especially during the election when candidates use their heads to think and answer questions quickly!

Other smaller political parties have their own points of view and their own candidates running for office.

Can you find and circle all the words on this page that begin with the letter "P"? My favorite "P" word is "patriot!"

The symbol of the Republican Party is the

Head-to-Head!

Find and circle the names of these political parties: Constitution, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Republican, and the large group of people who are independents.

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Taylor Frederick goes up for the block against Diller-Odell on Saturday in the Pioneer Conference title game.

IRISH VB TAKE PIONEER CONFERENCE CROWN

Story and photos by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Lady Irish ranked #2 by the Omaha World-Herald, took down the top-rated Diller-Odell Griffins Saturday night at Lourdes Central High School in Nebraska City to win the 2020 Pioneer Conference championship. In doing so, the Irish handed the defending Class D-1 State champion their first loss in 41 matches.

The match started just the way Sacred Heart wanted, winning the first set 25-23. The Griffins fought back to take the second and third sets, 20-25 and 18-25. That's when the Irish came alive, winning set four 25-22 and set five 15-7. The Irish had previously fallen to Diller-Odell twice this season. The only other losses of the year have been to Johnson-Brock and BDS.

In the finals on Saturday, Erisson Vonderschmidt could not be stopped. Vonderschmidt finished the night with 36 kills, one ace, three blocks and 13 digs. Dani Bippes led the Irish with two ace serves while adding nine kills, three blocks and 18 digs. Rachel Magdanz set up her teammates with 38 assists and Lauren Malone led the team with 33 digs.

In the Pioneer Conference tourney opening round, the Irish made quick work of the Sterling Jets, winning 25-12 and 25-23. In that game, Vonderschmidt

had 15 kills and four blocks to lead the Irish. Bippes finished with three aces and five blocks while Magdanz added three ace serves and 19 assists.

In the semi-final contest on Wednesday, October 14, the Irish faced off against the fifth-rated team in Class D-1, the Johnson-Brock Eagles. Sacred Heart cruised right through the Eagles, winning in straight sets, 25-20, 25-14 and 25-20. It was the second win in three tries against the Eagles this season. Emma Frederick, Lainey Ebel, Magdanz and Taylor Frederick all had an ace serve in the match. Vonderschmidt finished with 18 kills, Bippes had six and Ebel and Magdanz each added three. Vonderschmidt was also tough defensively, blocking five Johnson-Brock shot attempts. Olivia Eickhoff and Taylor Frederick each added two blocks. Magdanz had 26 assists and Malone led the team with 13 digs.

The Irish closed out the regular season with a triangular at HTRS against the Titans and Johnson-Brock. Sacred Heart will enter the sub-district tourney on October 26 and 27 with Lewison, Sterling, the Irish and Diller-Odell all in the D2-1 sub-district, site yet to be determined. The Irish are currently 22-4 on the season and third in wildcard points with a 46.46 average.

IRISH FOOTBALL TEAM ROLLS INTO PLAYOFFS

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish football team showed no signs of rust on Thursday night, downing the Diller-Odell Griffins, 52-6. The Irish, coming off

a bye week due to COVID-19, jumped all over the visitors early, taking a 24-0 first-quarter lead and a 44-0 halftime advantage. With the win, the Irish

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TIGERS FOURTH AT ECNC TOURNEY

By Brian McKim

With teams dropping out due to COVID19, the Lady Tigers volleyball team got a first-round bye on Tuesday, October 13, and took on the top-seed, Mead Raiders, later that same night. The Tigers fell in three sets to

the Raiders, 25-17, 25-15 and 25-13. With the loss, Falls City played in the consolation game on Thursday night in Mead versus Elmwood-Murdock. This time the Knights took down the Tigers in two sets 25-17 and 25-16. At the game's conclusion, the Tigers played JCC in a match unrelated to the tourney, taking down the Thunderbirds 25-23 and 25-13. With the win on Thursday night, the Tigers improved to 11-15, heading into the regular season's final week.

In the tourney's opening game against Mead, RaeAnn Thompson and Chase Nolte each had three kills to lead the Tigers. Eryn Snethen, Ava Morgan and Lexi Brewer all had an ace serve for FC. Makinely Scholl and Ashleigh Kirkendall each had eight digs, while Kirkendall was the top playmaker with nine assists. Scholl led the team with 29 serves received while committing only three errors.

On Thursday night in the third-place contest, Thompson again led FC at the net, hammering six kills on 12 attempts.

Snethen, Scholl and Reece McNeely all added two. Kirkendall added two ace serves to go along with her ten assists. Scholl led the team with six digs, while McNeely and Kirkendall each added five.

In the night's final game, the Tigers took on Johnson County Central in a match unrelated to the tournament. The Tigers battled in the first set for the 25-23 win, then cruised to a 25-13 win in set two. Thompson was on fire as she finished with a team-high nine kills. Brewer added four ace serves and nine digs, while Kirkendall set up her teammates 14 times for points.

The Tigers enter their final week of the season, tuning up for Sub-districts on October 26 and 27. Auburn, Fairbury, Falls City and Syracuse will compete in the C-1 Sub-district. As of now, the site has not been announced.

When asked about the season, Coach Allison Haines had this to say, "This season has shown so much growth. We currently have a young group of players playing and they have really rose to the occasion. We have five underclassmen playing all the way around or starting. They have stepped up and been a great addition to our team. We went through a rough time when both of our seniors and a junior were put into quarantine, but my other two juniors really stepped up and led the team. The team is starting to find its rhythm. After moving a few players to different positions and finding the right rotation, we have been very competitive and had more success and we believe this is a great place to be heading into districts."



Nia Crawford



Brenna Leyden



Jared Hawley



Ava Armbruster

TIGER XC SENDING TWO TO STATE MEET

Story and photos by Brian McKim

A pair of senior cross country runners will represent Falls City at the Class C-1 State Championships at Kearney, Nebraska, on Friday, October 23. Senior boys Jared Hawley and Eli Bottom will compete on Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Kearney Country Club. This will be Hawley's second consecutive trip to the State meet.

The Class C-1 District cross country meet took place Thursday, October 15, at Sycamore Farms near Waterloo, Ne. The course was quite unconventional, with no hills and lots of sand and gravel for the runners to traverse.

Overall, the Lady Tigers team finished sixth with 104 points. DC West was first with 29, Fort Calhoun was second with 50, Platteview was third with 68, Auburn was fourth with 75 and Concordia High was fifth with 100. FC was sixth out of ten teams.

On the boy's side, Fort Calhoun took the team title with 36 points. Louisville was second with 50, Boystown was third with 57, Arlington was fourth with 65, DC West was fifth with 71, Platteview was sixth with

89, Concordia High was seventh with 129 and Falls City was eighth with 132. There were 11 teams competing in the boy's division.

On the girl's side, senior Brenna Leyden saw her Tiger running career come to an end. Leyden finished 23rd in 21:53. Close behind Leyden were Nia Crawford, 27th at 22:33 and Ava Armbruster in 28th at 22:41. Junior Emmy Feek was 41st at 24:24, Mikaela Hawley was 44th at 25:16 and Eliana Bruxelles was 55th at 28:52.

Eli Bottom was the top runner for the Tiger boys, covering the flat course in 17:37 for 12th-place. Jared Hawley had a strong finish to claim the final qualifying spot, finishing in 15th at 17:47. Freshman Alex McKim was next, crossing the line at 19:53 for 52nd. Sophomores Bryson Butrick and Joe Vrtiska were next. Butrick ran a 20:11 for 55th and Vrtiska was 60th at 20:39. Ray Feek, a junior, was the sixth Tiger racer, finishing in 63rd in 21:06.

Olivia Lawrence of Platteview won the girl's race at 19:15 and Jacob Rupp from Fort Calhoun was first for the boys in 16:13.

TIGERS FB TEAM END TWO-GAME SKID

By Brian McKim

After dropping the two previous contests, the Falls City Tiger football team played with a chip on its shoulder Friday night, October 16, in Nebraska City. The Tigers held a 22-14 lead after the first quarter and a 42-21 halftime lead as they cruised to the 54-21 win over the Pioneers in Nebraska City.

The Tigers took the opening drive right down the field against the Pioneer defense, only to turn the ball over on a fumble inside the Nebraska City 15-yard line. The fumble was returned to the FC 23. Two plays later, the Pioneers were on the board, taking a 7-0 lead with 9:42 to play in the first.

The Tigers struck right back, going 52-yards in six plays for the TD. Drake Butler took the ball, cut it up the field, and went 22 yards for the score. The PAT kick was no good, and FC trailed 7-6 with 7:56 on the clock.

Nebraska City struck again, this time in only three plays.

The QB found a receiver for a quick slant across the field that went the distance for a 52-yard TD. The home team pushed its lead to 14-6 with 6:02 still to go in the opening quarter.

Carson Simon got FC right back on the scoreboard. Simon capped off a four-play 57-yard drive with a 23-yard TD run. The two-point conversion run was good, and FC had tied the game at 14 with 5:17 still to go in the first.

Not yet done in the first, Lukas Aldana plunged in from six yards out to give Falls City its first lead of the night, 22-14.

After forcing a punt, the Tiger offense was right back at it. This time, Jaxon Lunsford ran up the middle for a two-yard score to boost the Tiger lead to 28-14 with 10:22 on the clock before halftime.

After the defense forced a turnover on downs, the FC offense covered 51 yards in six plays, ending with a seven-yard TD

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GOOD LUCK
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Late League Tournament Champs: Bart Keller, Joe Dunn, and Adam Froeschl

Men’s Golf League ends season

The Early League this year had 12 players. This year’s Regular season champs were Dan Simon and Alan Romine; Tournament champs were Gary Hays and Victor Haworth. Tournament second place was Bill Simon and Steve Severin. Tournament third place was Denny Heinzelman and Dan Hankins.

The Late League this year had 48 players. This years Regular Season Champs were Tom Witt, Keith Gilkerson and Alan Romine. Tournament Champs were Joe Dunn, Adam Froeschl and Bart Keller.

Tournament second place was Rob Gerweck, Dave Borg and Doug Waller. Tournament third place was Steve Simon, Lucas Froeschl and Adam Morris.

Men’s Golf league will start their 2021 season with a League Break-fast tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2021. The first week of league will be Tuesday, April 27, 2021. A league tournament would start Tuesday, August 17, 2021. The Classic Club 8, Club Championship scheduled for August 14 and 15, 2021 and a League Banquet Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021. To join the Men’s Golf League, you must be a member of Classic Club 8.

It’s the Golf League Committee’s goal to research every men’s club champion in the history of the Falls City Country Club/Classic Club 8, to erect a perpetual plaque with those results. If anyone has a list of past winners, along with the year they won, please email that information to Lucas Froeschl (Lucas@wildetool.com).

Tiger SB season comes to an end

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger softball season didn’t go quite the way many had hoped. After a promising 13-14 campaign in 2019, the Lady Tigers were poised to take the next step. Unfortunately for FC, the season was full of ups and downs. After a 17-5 win on September 19 against Lincoln High, the Lady Tigers dropped seven consecutive contests to finish the year with five wins and 20 losses.

“We struggled to finish off games this year,” said Coach Joe Dunn. “At times, our offense would show up without our defense and vice versa.”

One big inning by the opponents dramatically changed the season for Falls City. Throughout the year, FC played great except for one inning, costing the Tigers many opportunities at securing wins.

Even with everything that the team had to endure, the Tigers never gave up and never quit having fun. “This was a fun group to coach. They always brought a lot of fun and excitement to the games,” said Coach Dunn.

This season, the Tigers batted .319 with 190 hits, 15 home runs, 105 RBI, walked 42 times, struck out 157 times and scored 119 total runs. FC was also successful on the base paths, swiping 28 bases on 35 attempts.

The Falls City pitchers threw a combined 135 1/3 innings, allowing 290 hits, 245 runs, 172 earned runs, 70 walks, 89 strikeouts and finished with an 8.89 ERA.

Individually for FC, Madison Jones led the offense with a .507 batting average. Courtney McClintock finished at .411 and Kacy Brewer batted .388 for the Tigers. Jones also led the team with 37 total hits, including 26 singles, six doubles, three home runs and 16 RBI’s. Brewer finished with 26 hits, including 11 doubles, five home runs and a team-high 25 RBI. McClintock added 23 hits, including five doubles and a home run. Jones also led the team with ten stolen bases. Abby Harms and McClintock each added three.

Elyse Poppe and Brewer handled all the pitching for FC this year. Brewer logged 73 innings and Poppe threw 62 1/3. Brewer allowed 110 hits, 71 earned runs, 56 base on balls while striking out 55 for a 6.81 ERA. Poppe allowed 179 hits, 99 earned runs, issued 14 walks



Nick Novak



Tyler Harms

Novak and Harms named to PSC Homecoming Court

Peru State College announced its 2020 Homecoming Court. Seniors were crowned as the 2020 Homecoming King and Queen on Saturday, October 3, during the annual homecoming football game.

All candidates were selected by the student body and honored at the Homecoming game. Local king candidates included, Tyler Harms, of Falls City and Nick Novak of Dawson.

Tyler Harms is the son of Thad Harms and Susie Kreifels. He is from Falls City, Nebraska. Harms is double majoring in Business Management and Marketing. He also serves as the Student Trustee for the Nebraska State College System and a resident assistant. Harms

is a member of Phi Beta Lambda and plays club golf and e-sports. Upon graduation Tyler plans to go to graduate school. Nick Novak is the son of Mark and Lorrie Novak. He is from Dawson, Nebraska. Novak is majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Drug and Alcohol Counseling. On campus he is involved in football, Criminal Justice Club, and intramurals. Upon graduation, Nick plans to either join the military or become a member of the law enforcement in rural Nebraska. Seniors Shianna Oestreich, of Hadar, NE and Isaac Simpson, of Papillion, NE were crowned as the 2020 Homecoming King and Queen.

while striking out 30 to finish with an 11.12 ERA.

The Tigers will lose seniors Abby Harms, Zoe Ebel, Thayer Armbruster, Sara Black and Shaylee Mackey but will return the bulk of the team.

“It was a very respectful group of young ladies that I enjoyed being able to call my players. There’s a lot of talent with this group and I believe they have the opportunity to become very good ball players one day,” said Coach Dunn.

Several season bests for Bobcat Men’s Cross Country team

The Peru State men’s cross country team competed Saturday in the Maple Leaf Invite

hosted by Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan.

As the program was revitalized this year, there is still a considerable amount of learning and work being done under the direction of coaches James Cole and Jim Thurman.

However, on Saturday, team members showed progress as four runners had their season-best times.

Overall, the host Baker team won the meet with a score of 19. Other team placings included second – Evangel (Mo.) – 50, third – Park (Mo.) – 84, fourth – Central Methodist (Mo.) – 97, and fifth – Peru State – 145.

Running in his first collegiate meet, Brandon Fenner (Charleston, Ark.) was the Bobcats’ top runner as he finished 30th overall in a time of 31:48.77. Fenner placed 23rd in terms of scoring.

Edwin Quinones (Loiza, P.R.) was Peru State’s second-best runner Saturday as he finished in 36th/29th in a time of 33:40.31. Noah Temme (Fairmont) was 37th/30th in 34:41.93.

Alan Simpson (Powhattan, Kan.) was 38th/31st in 36:06.50 while Jeffrey Hart (Elkhorn) was 39th/32nd in 38:48.00.

Andrew Black Elk (Rushville) finished in a time of 42:09.35 and was 40th/33rd while Austin Eads (Falls City) was 41st/34th in 42:51.45.

Quinones, Temme, Hart, and Black Elk each had their season-best times. Quinones shaved a little over a minute over his previous best time.

Upcoming Meets

The Bobcats will be competing in two more meets this season.

Next Saturday, Peru State will be participating in the Mount Marty Invite in Yankton, S.D.

Two weeks later, the Bobcats will be taking part in the Heart of America Athletic Conference championship in Baldwin City, Kan.

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Shall Judge Jeffrey J. Farns be retained in office?

Yes

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No

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposed Amendment No. 1

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the Legislature to vote on the maximum length of time for the payment of indebtedness related to the payment of financing from 15 years to 20 years if more than one-half of the property in the project area is designated as extremely damaged.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the maximum length of time for payment of indebtedness unchanged at 15 years.

A constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to allow cities and villages to pledge property taxes as part of a redevelopment project for a period not to exceed twenty years if, due to a high rate of unemployment combined with a high poverty rate as determined by law, more than one-half of the property in the project area is extremely damaged.

For

Against

Proposed Amendment No. 2

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the Legislature to vote on the maximum length of time for the payment of indebtedness related to the payment of financing from 15 years to 20 years if more than one-half of the property in the project area is designated as extremely damaged.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the maximum length of time for payment of indebtedness unchanged at 15 years.

A constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to allow cities and villages to pledge property taxes as part of a redevelopment project for a period not to exceed twenty years if, due to a high rate of unemployment combined with a high poverty rate as determined by law, more than one-half of the property in the project area is extremely damaged.

For

Against

Initiative Measure 428

A vote FOR will amend the Nebraska Constitution to (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services borrowers, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and unenforceable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap.

A vote AGAINST will not change the Nebraska Constitution to be amended in such manner.

Shall Nebraska statutes be amended to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services borrowers, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and unenforceable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap?

For

Against

Initiative Measure 429

A vote FOR will amend the Nebraska Constitution to state that laws may be enacted to provide for the authorization, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska.

A vote AGAINST will not cause the Nebraska Constitution to be amended in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to state that laws may be enacted to provide for the authorization, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska?

For

Against

Initiative Measure 430

A vote FOR will amend a statute which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute.

A vote AGAINST will not cause such a statute to be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute?

For

Against

Initiative Measure 431

A vote FOR will amend a statute which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village.

A vote AGAINST will not cause such a statute to be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village?

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Arago/Barada: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

FC Rural/Ohio: Prichard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City

FC Ward 1: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20th & Towle, Falls City

FC Ward 2: Prichard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City

FC Ward 3: Prichard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City

FC Ward 4: Assembly of God Church, 6th & Reavis, Falls City

Franklin/Humboldt: Rural/Speiser, Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St, Humboldt

Grant/Nemaha: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

Humboldt Ward I: Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St., Humboldt

Humboldt Ward II: The Meeting Place, 718 3rd Street, Humboldt

Jefferson/Rulo: Rulo Library, Rulo

Liberty: Verdon Community Building, Verdon

East Muddy: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

West Muddy/Porter: Stella Community Building, Stella

Salem: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

Mary L. Eickhoff, Richardson County Clerk

WRITE-IN VOTES:

Write-ins are allowed for those offices included on the ballot, which provide for a write-in. The oval must be blackened for a write-in vote to be counted. (NE §32-1005)

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING BALLOT INFORMATION:

November 2, 2020, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline that a voter can vote early in the County Clerk's Office. (NE §32-942) The Office of the Richardson County Clerk is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for early voting. The office is located on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse, Room 203. November 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m. is the deadline for a voter's agent to pick up an absentee/early voting ballot for a voter. (NE §32-943)

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE RICHARDSON COUNTY CLERK BY 8:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, TO BE VALID AND COUNTED. (NE §32-950).

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Any registered voter who changes his/her residence within the county or due to marriage has changed their name since registering to vote, may be entitled to vote a provisional ballot (NE §32-915). Request this provisional ballot from the poll workers.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF STATUTORY INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would eliminate a provision in the Nebraska Constitution that states that slavery or involuntary servitude may be used as a punishment for conviction of a crime.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the language regarding slavery or involuntary servitude unchanged in the Nebraska Constitution.

A constitutional amendment to eliminate slavery or involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the Legislature to extend the maximum length of time for the repayment of indebtedness related to tax-increment financing from 15 years to 20 years if more than one-half of the property in the project area is designated as extremely blighted.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would leave the maximum length of time for repayment of indebtedness unchanged at 15 years.

A constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to allow cities and villages to pledge property taxes as part of a redevelopment project for a period not to exceed twenty years if, due to a high rate of unemployment combined with a high poverty rate as determined by law, more than one-half of the property in the project area is extremely blighted.

☐ For

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PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 428

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 428

A vote "FOR" will amend Nebraska statutes to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and uncollectable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap.

A vote "AGAINST" will not cause the Nebraska statutes to be amended in such manner.

Shall Nebraska statutes be amended to: (1) reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; (2) prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and (3) deem void and uncollectable any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this rate cap?

☐ For

☐ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 428

(underscored language indicates added language, strike-through indicates language being removed)

Object Statement

TITLE: The object of this pe-

tion is to amend Nebraska statutes to reduce the amount that delayed deposit services licensees, also known as payday lenders, can charge to a maximum annual percentage rate of thirty-six percent; to prohibit payday lenders from evading this rate cap; and to deem void and uncollectable any transaction made in violation of this rate cap.

Proposed Text of Statutory Initiative Petition

TEXT: FOR AN ACT relating to the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act; to amend sections 45-918 and 45-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to change provisions governing licensees; and to repeal the original sections. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska, Section 1. Section 45-918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

45-918. (1) ~~No licensee shall charge as a fee a total amount in excess of fifteen dollars per one hundred dollars or pro rata for any part thereof on the face amount of a check for services provided by the licensee. A licensee shall not impose an annual percentage rate greater than thirty-six percent in connection with a delayed deposit transaction. Any delayed deposit transaction made in violation of this section is void, and the licensee making such delayed deposit transaction has no right to collect, receive, or retain any principal, interest, fees, or any other charges in connection with such delayed deposit transaction.~~

(2) The fees set forth in this section shall not be charged to individuals on active duty military or their spouses or dependents in an amount that exceeds what is allowed under 10 U.S.C. 987, as such section existed on January 1, 2018.

Neb. Rev. Stat. §45-919 Acts prohibited.

(1) No licensee shall:

(a) At any one time hold from any one maker more than two checks;

(b) At any one time hold from any one maker a check or checks in an aggregate face amount of more than five hundred dollars;

(c) Hold or agree to hold a check for more than thirty-four days. A check which is in the process of collection for the reason that it was not negotiable on the day agreed upon shall not be deemed as being held in excess of the thirty-four-day period;

(d) Require the maker to receive payment by a method which causes the maker to pay additional or further fees and charges to the licensee, an affiliate of the licensee, or any other person;

(e) Accept a check as repayment, refinancing, or any other consolidation of a check or checks held by the same licensee;

(f) Except as provided in section 45-919.01, renew, roll over, defer, or in any way extend a delayed deposit transaction by allowing the maker to pay less than the total amount of the check and any authorized fees or charges. This subdivision shall not prevent a licensee that agreed to hold a check for less than thirty-four days from agreeing to hold the check for an additional period of time no greater than the thirty-four days it would have originally been able to hold the check if (i) the extension is at the request of the maker, (ii) no additional fees are charged for the extension, and (iii) the delayed deposit transaction is completed as required by subdivision (1) (c) of this section. The licensee shall retain written or electronic proof of compliance with this subdivision. If a licensee fails, or is unable, to provide such proof to the department upon request, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a violation of this subdivision has occurred and the department may pursue any remedies or actions available to it under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act;

(g) Enter into another delayed deposit transaction with the same maker on the same business day as the completion of a delayed deposit transaction unless prior to entering into the transaction the maker and the licensee verify on a form prescribed by the department that completion of the prior delayed deposit transaction has occurred. The licensee shall retain written proof of compliance with this subdivision. If a licensee fails, or is unable, to provide such proof to the department upon request, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a violation of this subdivision has occurred and the department may pursue any remedies or actions available to it under the act;

(h) Charge, collect, or receive any finance charges, fees, interest, or similar charges for loan brokerage, insurance, or any other ancillary products;

(i) Negotiate or present a paper check for payment unless the check is endorsed with the actual business name of the licensee;

(j) Engage, in connection with a delayed deposit transaction, in unfair or deceptive practices or advertising under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act to engage in any act that limits or restricts the application of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, including, but not limited to, making transactions disguised as personal property, personal sales, or leaseback transactions, or disguise transaction proceeds as cash rebated for the pretaxual installment sale of goods and services; ~~or~~

~~(k) Evade the requirements of section 45-918, including, but not limited to, making, offering, assisting, arranging, or guaranteeing a delayed deposit transaction with a greater rate of interest, consideration, fees, or charges than is permitted therein through any method including mail, telephone, internet or any electronic means regardless of whether the licensee has a physical location in the state; or~~

~~(l) Attempt to deposit or negotiate a check after two consecutive failed collection attempts unless the licensee has obtained a new, written payment authorization from the maker.~~

(2) No licensee, affiliate of a licensee, or any other person, including a person operating as a credit services organization, shall charge, collect, or receive any finance charges, fees, interest, or similar charges that would cause a maker to pay an amount in excess of or in addition to those permitted under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act in connection with a delayed deposit transaction, including, but not limited to, charges for loan brokerage, insurance, or any other ancillary products.

(3) For purposes of this section, (a) completion of a delayed deposit transaction means the licensee has presented a maker's check for payment to a financial institution as defined in section 8-101.03 or the maker redeemed the check by paying the full amount of the check in cash to the licensee and (b) licensee shall include (i) a person related to the licensee by common ownership or control, (ii) a person in whom such licensee has any financial interest of ten percent or more, or (iii) any employee or agent of the licensee.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 429

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 429

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to state that laws may be enacted to provide for the authorization, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska.

A vote "AGAINST" will not cause the Nebraska Constitution to be amended in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to state that laws may be enacted to provide for the authorization, regulation, and taxation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by licensees within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska?

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TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 429

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Object Statement

TITLE: The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to state that laws may be enacted allowing for the licensing, authorization, taxation, and regulation of all forms of games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in the state.

TEXT: Article III, Section 24, of the Constitution of Nebraska shall be amended as shown:

1) Except as provided in this section, the Legislature shall not authorize any game of chance

or any lottery or gift enterprise when the consideration for a chance to participate involves the payment of money for the purchase of property, services, or a chance or admission ticket or requires an expenditure of substantial effort or time.

(2) The Legislature may authorize and regulate a state lottery pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and other lotteries, raffles, and gift enterprises which are intended solely as business promotions or the proceeds of which are to be used solely for charitable or community betterment purposes without profit to the promoter of such lotteries, raffles, or gift enterprises.

(3)(a) The Legislature may establish a lottery to be operated and regulated by the State of Nebraska. The proceeds of the lottery shall be appropriated by the Legislature for the costs of establishing and maintaining the lottery and for the following purposes, as directed by the Legislature:

(i) The first five hundred thousand dollars after the payment of prizes and operating expenses shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund;

(ii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to be used as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act;

(iii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be used for education as the Legislature may direct;

(iv) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equivalent to ten percent of the funds available for transfer. Such matching funds may be obtained from the city and any other private or public entity, except that no portion of such matching funds shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair ceases operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund; and

(v) One percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

(b) No lottery game shall be conducted as part of the lottery unless the type of game has been approved by a majority of the members of the Legislature.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit (a) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of wagering on the results of horseraces, wherever run, either within or outside of the state, by the parimutuel method, when such wagering is conducted by licensees within a licensed racetrack enclosure or (b) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of bingo games conducted by nonprofit associations which have been in existence for a period of five years immediately preceding the application for license, except that bingo games cannot be conducted by agents or lessees of such associations on a percentage basis.

(5) This section shall not apply to any law which is enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of this subsection or at any time thereafter and which provides for the licensing, authorization, regulation, or taxation of all forms of games of chance when such games of chance are conducted by authorized gaming operators within a licensed racetrack enclosure.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 430

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 430

A vote "FOR" will enact a statute which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consis-

tent with the enactment of such statute.

A vote "AGAINST" will not cause such a statute to be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) allows games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska; (2) establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to license and regulate such gaming; and (3) amends and repeals existing sections of law to harmonize provisions consistent with the enactment of such statute?

☐ For

☐ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 430

(underscored language indicates added language, strike-through indicates language being removed)

Object Statement

TITLE: The object of this petition is to enact a statute allowing all games of chance to be conducted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska and establishes a Nebraska Gaming Commission to regulate such gaming in Nebraska.

Proposed Text of Statutory Initiative Petition

TEXT: FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend sections 28-1101, 28-1105, 28-1113, 77-2704.20, and 77-3001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 2-1203.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to adopt the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to authorize games of chance as prescribed; to create a commission; to provide for the regulation of games of chance; to define terms; to provide duties for the State Racing Commission; to exempt the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act from prohibitions and penalties on gambling; to exempt purchases by the Nebraska Racing Commission from sales and use taxes; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska, Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, and to the full extent permitted by the Constitution of Nebraska, including amendments to the Constitution of Nebraska adopted contemporaneously with the enactment of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, the operation of games of chance is permitted only by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures as provided in the act.

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act:

(1) Authorized gaming operator means a person or entity licensed pursuant to the act to operate games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure;

(2) Authorized gaming operator license means a license to operate games of chance as an authorized gaming operator at a licensed racetrack enclosure;

(3) Game of chance means any game which has the elements of chance, prize, and consideration, including any wager on a slot machine, table game, counter game, or card game. Game of chance does not include any game the operation of which is prohibited at a casino by federal law;

(4) Gaming device means an electronic, mechanical, or other device which plays a game of chance when activated by a player using currency, a token, or other item of value;

(5) Licensed racetrack enclosure means premises at which licensed live horseracing is conducted in accordance with the Constitution of Nebraska and applicable Nebraska law;

(6) Limited gaming device means an electronic gaming device which (a) offers games of chance, (b) does not dispense currency, tokens, or other items of value, and (c) does not have a cash winnings hopper, mechanical or simulated spinning reel, or side handle; and

(7) Racing license means a license issued by the State Racing Commission.

Sec. 4. (1) The operation of games of chance at a licensed racetrack enclosure may be conducted by an authorized gaming operator who holds an authorized gaming operator license.

(2) No more than one authorized gaming operator license shall be granted for each licensed racetrack enclosure within the state; provided that, it shall not be a requirement that the person or entity applying for or to be granted such authorized gaming operator license hold a racing license or be the same person or

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entity who operates the licensed racetrack enclosure at which such authorized gaming operator license shall be granted.

(3) Gaming devices, limited gaming devices, and all other games of chance may be operated by authorized gaming operators at a licensed racetrack enclosure.

(4) No person younger than twenty-one years of age shall play or participate in any way in any game of chance or use any gaming device or limited gaming device at a licensed racetrack enclosure.

(5) No authorized gaming operator shall permit an individual younger than twenty-one years of age to play or participate in any game of chance or use any gaming device or limited gaming device conducted or operated pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.

Sec. 5. (1) For purposes of providing the necessary licensing and regulation of the operation of games of chance by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, the Nebraska Gaming Commission is created.

(2) The commission shall consist of seven members. Not more than four of the seven members shall be affiliated with the same political party. No member shall have any personal financial interest to any licensed racetrack enclosure or authorized gaming operator for the duration of his or her term. The members of the commission shall elect one of the members to be chairperson.

(3) The five members of the State Racing Commission shall be ex officio members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission, serving terms and receiving appointment in the same manner as provided in sections 2-1201 and 2-1202.

(4) The Governor shall appoint two additional members to serve with the members of the State Racing Commission as members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission. The members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall serve five-year terms. One of such members shall have experience in the Nebraska gaming industry, and one shall be a member of the organization representing the majority of licensed owners and trainers of horses at racetracks in Nebraska.

(5) The compensation of the members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission shall be one thousand dollars per month, which may be adjusted every two years in an amount not to exceed the change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the period between June 30 of the first year to June 30 of the year of adjustment.

Sec. 6. The Nebraska Gaming Commission shall:

(1) License and regulate authorized gaming operators for the operation of all games of chance authorized pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing rules and regulations governing such authorized gaming operators consistent with the act;

(2) Regulate the operation of games of chance in order to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices and fraudulent behavior, and thereby promote integrity, security, and honest administration in, and accurate accounting of, the operation of games of chance which are subject to the act;

(3) Establish criteria to license applicants for authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses for other positions and functions incident to the operation of games of chance, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing rules, regulations, and eligibility standards for such authorized gaming operator licenses, gaming licenses, and positions and functions incident to the operation of games of chance;

(4) Charge fees for applications for licenses and for the issuance of authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses to successful applicants which shall be payable to the Nebraska Gaming Commission;

(5) Charge fees to authorized gaming operators in an amount necessary to offset the cost of oversight and regulatory services to be provided which shall be payable to the Nebraska Gaming Commission;

(6) Impose a one-time authorized gaming operator license fee of one million dollars on each authorized gaming operator for each licensed racetrack enclosure payable to the Nebraska Gaming Commission;

(7) Grant, deny, revoke, and suspend authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses based upon reasonable criteria and procedures established by the commission to facilitate the integrity, productivity, and lawful conduct of gaming within the state;

(8) Grant or deny for cause applications for authorized gaming operator licenses of not less than twenty years in duration with no more than one such authorized gaming operator license granted for any licensed racetrack enclosure within the state;

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(9) Conduct background investigations of applicants for authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses;

(10) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the standards of manufacture of gaming equipment;

(11) Inspect the operation of any authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance for the purpose of certifying the revenue thereof and receiving complaints from the public;

(12) Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of any records, books, memoranda, documents, or other papers or things at or prior to any hearing as is necessary to enable the commission to effectively discharge its duties;

(13) Administer oaths or affirmations as necessary to carry out the act;

(14) Have the authority to impose, subject to judicial review, administrative fines not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation of the act or any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act;

(15) Collect and remit administrative fines collected under this section to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska;

(16) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for any gaming taxes assessed to authorized gaming operators;

(17) Collect and account for any gaming taxes assessed to authorized gaming operators and remit such taxes to the State Treasurer or county treasurer as required by Nebraska law;

(18) Promote treatment of gaming-related behavioral disorders;

(19) Establish procedures for the governance of the commission;

(20) Acquire necessary offices, facilities, counsel, and staff;

(21) Establish procedures for an applicant for a staff position to disclose conflicts of interest as part of the application for employment; and

(22) Do all things necessary and proper to carry out its powers and duties under the act, including the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations and such other actions as permitted by the Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. 7. Section 2-1203.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018 is amended to read:

2-1203.01. The State Racing Commission shall:

(1) Enforce all state laws covering horseracing as required by sections 2-1201 to 2-1229 and enforce rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission under the authority of section 2-1203;

(2) License racing industry participants, race officials, mutuel employees, concessionaires, and such other persons as deemed necessary by the commission if the license applicants meet eligibility standards established by the commission;

(3) Prescribe and enforce security provisions, including, but not limited to, the restricted access to areas within track enclosures and backstretch areas, and prohibitions against misconduct or corrupt practices;

(4) Determine or cause to be determined by chemical testing and analysis of body fluids whether or not any prohibited substance has been administered to the winning horse of each race and any other horse selected by the board of stewards;

(5) Verify the certification of horses registered as being Nebraska-bred under section 2-1213; ~~and~~

(6) Collect and verify the amount of revenue received by the commission under section 2-1208.; ~~and~~

(7) Serve as ex officio members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission, and perform the duties set forth in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.

Sec. 8. Section 28-1101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1101.

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) A person advances gambling activity if, acting other than as a player, he or she engages in conduct that materially aids any form of gambling activity. Conduct of this nature includes, but shall not be limited to, conduct directed toward (a) the creation or establishment of the particular game, contest, scheme, device, or activity involved, (b) the acquisition or maintenance of premises, paraphernalia, equipment, or apparatus therefor, or (c) engaging in the procurement, sale, or offering for sale within this state of any chance, share, or interest in a lottery of another state or government whether or not such chance, share, or interest is an actual lottery ticket, receipt, contingent promise to pay, order to purchase, or other record of such interest except as provided in the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, or section 9-701;

(2) Bookmaking shall mean advancing gambling activity by unlawfully accepting bets from members of the public as a business upon the outcome of future contingent events;

(3) A person profits from gambling activity if, other than as a player, he or she accepts or receives money or other property pursuant to an agreement or understanding with any person whereby he or she participates or is to participate in the proceeds of gambling activity;

(4) A person engages in gambling if he or she bets something of value upon the outcome of a future event, which outcome is determined by an element of chance, or upon the outcome of a game, contest, or election, or conducts or participates in any bingo, lottery by the sale of pickle cards, lottery, raffle, gift enterprise, or other scheme not authorized or conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, or section 9-701, but a person does not engage in gambling by:

(a) Entering into a lawful business transaction;

(b) Playing an amusement device or a coin-operated mechanical game which confers as a prize an immediate, unrecorded right of replay not exchangeable for something of value;

(c) Conducting or participating in a prize contest; or

(d) Conducting or participating in any bingo, lottery by the sale of pickle cards, lottery, raffle, games of chance, or gift enterprise conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, or section 9-701;

(5) Gambling device shall mean any device, machine, paraphernalia, writing, paper, instrument, article, or equipment that is used or usable for engaging in gambling, whether that activity consists of gambling between persons or gambling by a person involving the playing of a machine. Gambling device shall also include any mechanical gaming device, computer gaming device, electronic gaming device, or video gaming device which as the capability of awarding something of value, free games redeemable for something of value, instant-win tickets which also provide the possibility of participating in a subsequent drawing or event, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of value, instant-win tickets which also provide the possibility of participating in a subsequent drawing or event, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of value, except as authorized in the furtherance of parimutuel wagering. Supplies, equipment, cards, tickets, stubs, and other items used in any bingo, lottery by the sale of pickle cards, other lottery, raffle, game of chance, or gift enterprise conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, or section 9-701 are not gambling devices within this definition;

(6) Something of value shall mean any money or property, any token, object, or article exchangeable for money or property, or any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property or of any interest therein, or involving extension of a service or entertainment; and

(7) Prize contest shall mean any competition in which one or more competitors are awarded something of value as a consequence of winning or achieving a certain result in the competition and (a) the value of such awards made to competitors participating in the contest does not depend upon the number of participants in the contest or upon the amount of consideration, if any, paid for the opportunity to participate in the contest or upon chance and (b) the value or identity of such awards to be made to competitors is published before the competition begins.

Sec. 9. Section 28-1105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

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(1) A person commits the offense of possession of gambling records if, other than as a player, he or she knowingly possesses any writing, paper, instrument, or article which is:

(a) Of a kind commonly used in the operation or promotion of a bookmaking scheme or enterprise and such writing, paper, instrument, or article has been used for the purpose of recording, memorializing, or registering any bet, wager, or other gambling information; or

(b) Of a kind commonly used in

the operation, promotion or playing of a lottery or mutuel scheme or enterprise or other scheme not conducted pursuant to the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, or section 9-701 and such writing, paper, instrument, or article has been used for the purpose of recording, memorializing, or registering any bet, wager, or other gambling information not permitted by such acts or section.

(2) Possession of gambling records in the first degree is a Class II misdemeanor.

Sec. 10. Section 28-1113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1113. Nothing in this article shall be construed to:

(1) Apply to or prohibit wagering on the results of horseraces by the parimutuel or certificate method when conducted by licensees within the racetrack enclosure at licensed horserace meetings; ~~or~~

(2) Prohibit or punish the conducting or participating in any bingo, lottery by the sale of pickle cards, lottery, raffle, or gift enterprise when conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, or section 9-701.; ~~and~~

(3) Apply to or prohibit the operation of games of chance, whether using a gambling device or otherwise, by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures or the participation or playing of such games of chance, whether participated in or played using a gambling device or otherwise, by individuals twenty-one years of age or older within licensed racetrack enclosures as provided in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.

Sec. 11. Section 77-2704.20, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

77-2704.20.

Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of purchases made by licensees of the State Racing Commission: ~~or of purchases made by licensees of the Nebraska Gaming Commission.~~

Sec. 12. Section 77-3001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

77-3001.

For the purposes of the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Person means an individual, partnership, limited liability company, society, association, joint-stock company, corporation, estate, receiver, lessee, trustee, assignee, referee, or other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination of individuals;

(2) Mechanical amusement device means any machine which, upon insertion of a coin, currency, credit card, or substitute into the machine, operates or may be operated or used for a game, contest, or amusement of any description, such as, by way of example, but not by way of limitation, pinball games, shuffleboard, bowling games, radio-ray rifle games, baseball, football, racing, boxing games, and coin-operated pool tables. Mechanical amusement device also includes game and draw lotteries and coin-operated automatic musical devices. The term does not mean vending machines which dispense tangible personal property, devices located in private homes for private use, pickle card dispensing devices which are required to be registered with the Department of Revenue pursuant to section 9-345.03, gaming devices or limited gaming devices as defined in and operated pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, or devices which are mechanically constructed in a manner that would render their operation illegal under the laws of the State of Nebraska;

(3) Operator means any person who operates a place of business in which a machine or device owned by him or her is physically located or any person who places and who either directly or indirectly controls or manages any machine or device;

(4) Distributor means any person who sells, leases, or delivers possession or custody of a machine or mechanical device to operators thereof for a consideration either directly or indirectly received;

(5) Whenever in the act, the words machine or device are used, they refer to mechanical amusement device; and

(6) Whenever in the act, the words machine, device, person, operator, or distributor are used, the words in the singular include the plural and in the plural include the singular.

Sec. 13. This act becomes opera-

tive on January 1, 2021.

Sec. 14. Original sections 28-1101, 28-1105, 28-1113, 77-2704.20, and 77-3001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 2-1203.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, are repealed.

Sec. 15. If any section or provision of this act is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 431

Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 431

A vote “FOR” will enact a statute which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund, and 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village.

A vote “AGAINST” will not cause such a statute to be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) imposes a 20% annual tax on gross gaming revenue from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations; (2) distributes 75% of such gaming tax revenues to the State for credit of 2.5% to both the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and General Fund, and 70% to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund; and (3) distributes 25% of such gaming tax revenues to the county where the licensed racetrack is located, or, if the racetrack is located partially within a city or village, distributes this percentage evenly between the county and city or village?

☐ For

☐ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 431

(~~underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed~~)

Object Statement

TITLE: The object of this petition is to enact a statute establishing an annual tax on gross gaming revenue generated by authorized gaming operators of games of chance within licensed racetrack enclosures and directs the collection, enforcement, and distribution of revenue from such gaming tax.

Proposed Text of Statutory Initiative Petition

TEXT: FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to provide a tax on gaming as prescribed; to provide for distribution of tax proceeds; and to define terms. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. To the full extent permitted by the Constitution of Nebraska, including amendments to the Constitution of Nebraska adopted contemporaneously with the enactment of this act, an annual gaming tax is hereby imposed on the operation of all games of chance by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures.

Sec. 2. For purposes of this act:

(1) Authorized gaming operator means a person or entity licensed pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to operate games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure;

(2) Dollar amount collected means the total dollar amount wagered by players of games of chance less the total dollar amount returned to such players as prizes;

(3) Game of chance means any game which has the elements of chance, prize, and consideration, including any wager on a slot machine, table game, counter game, or card game. Game of chance does not include any game the operation of which is prohibited at a casino by federal law;

(4) Gaming commission means the Nebraska Gaming Commission established pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act;

(5) Gross gaming revenue means the dollar amount collected by an authorized gaming operator from operation of all games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure as computed pursuant to applicable statutes, rules, and

regulations less the total of (a) all federal taxes, other than income taxes, imposed on the operation of such games of chance and (b) the amount provided to players by an authorized gaming operator as promotional gaming credits, but only to the extent such promotional gaming credits are redeemed by players to play one or more games of chance being operated by the authorized gaming operator;

(6) Licensed racetrack enclosure means a premises at which licensed live horseracing is conducted in accordance with the Constitution of Nebraska and applicable Nebraska law; and

(7) Promotional gaming credit means a credit, token, or other item of value provided by an authorized gaming operator to a player for the purpose of enabling the player to play a game of chance.

Sec. 3. An annual gaming tax is imposed on gross gaming revenue generated by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures from the operation of all games of chance equal to twenty percent of such gross gaming revenue. The gaming commission shall collect the tax and shall account for and remit such tax as set forth by law.

Sec. 4. Of the tax imposed by section 3 of this act, seventy-five percent shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit as follows: Two and one-half percent to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, two and one-half percent to the General Fund, and seventy percent to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. The remaining twenty-five percent of the tax shall be remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located to be distributed as follows: (1) If the licensed racetrack enclosure is located completely within an unincorporated area of a county, the remaining twenty-five percent shall be distributed to the county in which such licensed racetrack enclosure is located; or (2) if the licensed racetrack enclosure is located at least partially within the limits of a city or village in such county, one-half of the remaining twenty-five percent shall be distributed to such county and one-half of the remaining twenty-five percent to the city or village in which such licensed racetrack enclosure is at least partially located.

Sec. 5. Every authorized gaming operator subject to taxation as set forth in this act shall pay such tax and make report thereof to the gaming commission under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the gaming commission.

Sec. 6. If the tax provided for in this act is not paid within such time as may be prescribed for payment thereof by rules and regulations prescribed by the gaming commission, the same shall become delinquent and a penalty of ten percent shall be added thereto, together with interest at the rate specified in section 45-104.02, as such rate may from time to time be adjusted, until paid.

Sec. 7. Any authorized gaming operator that willfully fails, neglects, or refuses to make any report required by this act, or by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated under this act, or that knowingly makes any false statement in any such report, is guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

Sec. 8. If any section or provision of this act is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Evnen

Secretary of State

(Publish three times, weeks of Oct. 12, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN R. "JACK" CHITTICK, SR.
DECEASED.
ESTATE NO. PR20-38
NOTICE OF FORMAL PROBATE AND
FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Notice is hereby given that on July 15, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Anna Charlene Haverkamp Chittick, whose address is 314 East 23rd Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, Rita K. Rumbaugh, whose address is 202 Thompson Avenue, York, Nebraska 68467, Karen M. Chittick, whose address is 3330 Hillside Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506, and John R. Chittick, Jr., whose address is 2602 Wilson Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Probate of Will of said deceased, Determination of Heirs and Appointment of Co-Personal Representatives has been filed and its set for hearing in the Richardson County Court on November 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
Dated October 5, 2020.

Cassandra R. Buethe
Clerk of County Court
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Richard L. Halbert, #11659
Halbert & Dunn, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
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NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Glenn D. Aston, Sr., Deceased
Estate No. PR 20-49

Notice is hereby given that on September 23, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Glenn Aston, Jr., whose address is 407 Greenwood Avenue, Clarks Summit, PA 18411 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with his Court on or before November 30, 2020 or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Buethe
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1700 Stone St.
Falls City, NE 68355

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Notice to Bidders

Sealed bid will be received by the City of Falls City, Nebraska, Gary Jom, City Clerk at the City Building, 2307 Barada Street, until 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on October 29, 2020, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the cost of materials and labor to replace compressors on condensing unit AHU #2 at Pritchard Auditorium. To inspect AHU #2 for bidding purposes contact City Hall at (402) 245- 2707, Monday through Friday 7a.m. to 5p.m.

The City reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantages to the City, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of (30) days after bids are opened.

Gary Jom, City Clerk.

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District #70

**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 12, 2020 7:30 PM
Music Room, Humboldt**

Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM. Mike Brede-meier: Present, Rock Herr: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Scott Ogle: Present, Tim Schaardt: Present, Sandy Stalder: Present.

1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER- ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda passed with a motion by Rock Herr and a second by Sandy Stalder. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS

4. PATRON COMMENT – none.

5. CORRESPONDENCE - none.

6. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Passed with a motion by Sandy Stalder and a second by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.1. Meeting Minutes

6.2. Bills for Payment

6.3. Review Treasurer’s Reports

7. REPORTS

7.1. Principal Othmer

The report included a description of the external accreditation visit this year, student news, and the diligence of the staff regarding COVID-19 sanitizing.

7.2. Assistant Principal Lottman

This report included the lack of paraeducators and substitutes and an assessment update.

7.3. NASB Report

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1. Building and Grounds

Quick update on the completion of steps for the bleachers at the football field.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1. Approve board member’s leave of absence

9.2. Approve Superintendent’s job description Policy 4025 will remain in effect.

9.3. Approve resignation of Debra Cornelius as a paraprofessional effective October 16, 2020

Passed with a motion by Sandy Stalder and a second by Tim Schaardt. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.4. Approve resignation of Shari Berglund as a paraprofessional effective September 18, 2020

Passed with a motion by Rock Herr and a second by Sandy Stalder. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.5. Return to School Plan

Amend the plan by requiring all activity attendees and participants to wear a mask with the only exception being the students actively participating in the current event effective October 19th passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Rock Herr. Tim Schaardt: Nay, Mike Brede-meier: Yea, Rock Herr: Yea, Neal Kanel: Yea, Scott Ogle: Yea, Sandy Stalder: Yea

10. Super: 1

10. SUPERINTENDENT EDMUNDSON REPORT

Included in this report were a levy comparison with surrounding districts and a paraeducator wage comparison.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Negotiations

11.1. Recognize HTRSEA as official bargaining unit for 2021-2022

Passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Sandy Stalder. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

12. ADJOURN

Neal Kanel declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Workman

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

Mary L. Eickhoff

Richardson County Clerk

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Village of Verdon

**VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 7, 2020
- 7:00 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:05 p.m.

Chairperson Koso called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Denise Koso, Brenda Streit (via telephone conference call due to Covid-19 restrictions) and Shannon Weinmann.

Absent: James Cockerham and Wade Lowe.

GUESTS: Herman and Sandra McAdams, Dawn Bennett and Tammie Bents.

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to approve, all the Trustees available voted YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Weinmann, second by Koso to approve, all Trustees available voted YEA.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to approve, with all the Trustees available voting YEA.

OCTOBER 2020 CLAIMS: Motion by Weinmann, second by Koso to approve paying the claims with all the Trustees available voting YEA.

The claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Pro tempore Shannon Weinmann.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The October 2020 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board. One resident has been shut off.

2. Time sheets for September, 2020 were reviewed by the Trustees and initialed.

3. There was an announcement/reminder that the dedication service for Brenda Daniels will be on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the Verdon Community Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None available.

2. UTILITY REPORT: Copies of the written update reports for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Bents, were passed out to each Board member. Various items were discussed that had occurred during the past month. Bents asked if she could ask Rick Adams to spray for bugs at the Community Center. A motion was made by Koso and second by Weinmann to have Rick Adams spray the Community Center for bugs. All Trustees available voting YEA.

3. COMMUNITY CENTER - DISCUSSION ON RENTAL DAYS/FEES: This was tabled again until the next regular meeting in November.

4. APPROVAL OF RAISES FOR EMPLOYEES: This was tabled until the next regular meeting in November.

5. APPROVAL OF NEW LIBRARY BOARD/ COMMUNITY WORKERS MEMBERS: A motion was made by Koso and second by Streit to approve the appointment of Hailey Liberty, Victoria McAndrew, and Lauren Weinmann as new Library Board/Community Workers members. All Trustees available voting YEA.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: This will be reviewed at the next regular board meeting in November.

2. A discussion was held on the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2020.

3. BUILDING PERMIT APPROVAL: A motion was made by Koso and second by Weinmann to approval the building permit application submitted by Herman and Sandra McAdams. All Trustees available voting YEA.

RESOLUTION:

1. A motion was made by Koso and second by Weinmann to adopt the following Resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02

SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FORM 2020

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorization the signing of the certification form.

Be it resolved that the Village Board Chairperson of the Village of Verdon is hereby authorized to sign the attached Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance form.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2020 at Verdon, Nebraska.

Roll was called on this motion and all Trustees available voted YEA. Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Motion by Koso and seconded by Weinmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and all Trustees present voted YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk

The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be held on November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF VERDON
SEPTEMBER, 2020 CLAIMS

EFTPS, EX.....	\$546.92
PETTY CASH, SU.....	35.00
VERDON LIBRARY, EX.....	25.00
R.C.R.W.D. #2, SU.....	909.36
SENECA SANITATION SERV, SE.....	1,223.50
S.N.C., SE.....	94.19
GREAT PLAINS LAWN CARE, SE.....	1,200.00
FARM & CITY SUPPLY, SU.....	204.30
N.P.P.D., SE.....	1,171.45
O.P.P.D, SE.....	134.50
NE PUBLIC HEALTH, SE.....	227.90
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE.....	7.68
ANIMAL HEALTH CENTER, FE.....	40.00
CORE & MAIN, SU.....	312.14
WOLFE’S PRINTING, SU.....	43.59
WATER MONEY FUND TRNSF, EX.....	1,130.00
SEWER SINKING FUND TRNSF, EX.....	400.00
BERWICK OIL, SU.....	297.85
TAMMIE BENTS, SA.....	1,797.94
TAMMIE BENTS, MI.....	115.58
TAMMIE BENTS, RE.....	278.76
DAWN BENNETT, SA.....	596.10
DAWN BENNETT, RE.....	300.00

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RE=REIMBURSEMENT, SA=SALARY,
SE=SERVICE, SU=SUPPLIES

DAWN BENNETT, VERDON CLERK

County Commissioners

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 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 Commissioner Frank. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2020 meeting. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Frank to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sichel. 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

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. met with the Board to update them on the routine maintenance being done this week on County roads and bridges.

Motion was made by Frank to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-12 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification of Program Compliance with NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 81)

The removal of the wooden structure building at the Humboldt Road Dept. yard was reviewed.

COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Young requested approval from the Board for a replacement of a pledge security receipt from F&M Bank. Motion was made by Sichel to approve 3 pledge security receipts from F&M Bank, receipts #392205995, #392212525 (2 total \$95K) and #392209226 to replace receipts #392159709, #392205995 and #392183629. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sichel presented the proof of publication and declared that a public hearing be opened to receive comment on the intention of the County to file an application to USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to help fund the purchase of 2 police cruisers and equipment.

Sheriff Hardesty and Deputy Clinton Stonebarger were in attendance to provide the information on the application and to answer questions. No persons from the public were in attendance. Chairman Sichel declared the public hearing closed at 10:10 a.m.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board this week on the business of the Law Enforcement Center.

Notice was received from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice that the Richardson County Jail was found to be in compliance with the NE Minimum Jail Standards.

DOUG MERZ, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Reviewed with the Board an inheritance tax case in which monies are owed by 2 heirs that have not yet remitted the taxes due. The County Attorney’s Office will make an attempt to contact the heirs to notify them of the taxes that are due.

The staffing and at the County Attorney’s Office was also reviewed and Mr. Merz informed the Board that he would be hiring an attorney for the County Attorney’s Office as the number of cases have increased.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the September, 2020 operating statement.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of September, 2020: Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$10,964.25; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court, \$603.00.

Employee Handbook

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-11 regarding changes with Paid Time Off, Vacation, Holiday and Funeral Leave to the employee handbook. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 80)

Other

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the proposal with Bob Aitken, CPA, PC to develop a central service cost allocation plan for the year ended June 30, 2020 at a cost of \$4,650.00. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Frank to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

American National Bank, supp.....	164.65
Ankrom, Jami, reimb.....	57.36
Cash-Wa, supp.....	696.77
Charm-Tex, supp.....	1577.96
Culligan, serv.....	98.54
Curtis, Ryan, fee.....	20.00
DAS State Accounting, serv.....	448.00
East Richardson Rural Water, serv.....	264.68
Falls City Journal, adv.....	765.48
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....	40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv.....	6052.58
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv.....	4995.00
JV19-18, JV19-2, JV19-3, JV20-2, JV 20-3	
Ferebee, Elizabeth, serv.....	1820.00
JV 19-3, JV 19-2	
James, Kelly, fee.....	20.00
Juvenile Services Fund, transfer.....	5416.51
Kansas Highway Patrol Car Fund, car263500	
Meyer Home Center, supp.....	140.90
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv.....	110.00
MIPS, serv.....	1465.45
O’Keefe Elevator Co., serv.....	376.88
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv.....	261.64
Region V Systems, cont.....	5012.25
Richardson County Court, fees.....	1379.06
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire, etc.....	20160.22
Schwang, Brandon, serv.....	380.00
SMPC, serv.....	325.75
SNC, serv.....	1130.52
SumnerOne, serv.....	38.00
True Value, supp.....	42.35
Verizon, serv.....	329.99
Wolfe’s, supp.....	233.01
Payroll Expense.....	93564.19
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....	\$173,737.74

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Barrett Concrete Pumping, serv.....	650.00
DB Environmental, serv.....	300.00
Culligan, serv.....	35.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv.....	753.44
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....	20.00
KS HCI, serv.....	900.00
Martin Marietta, rock.....	10123.74
Mr. Automotive, supp.....	383.38
NPPD, serv.....	34.21
NMC, supp.....	5295.87
Norris Quarries, rock.....	7860.71
O’Reilly Automotive, supp.....	326.80
Richardson County Vendor, tax.....	2693.00
Rulo, Village of, serv.....	25.00
Salem, Village of, serv.....	21.90
Speece-Lewis Engineers, serv.....	517.50
Truck Center Companies, supp.....	81.67
Unifirst, serv.....	39.31
Verdon, Village of, serv.....	27.92
Payroll Expense.....	33289.94
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$63,379.39	

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv.....	297.17
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUNDS	\$297.17

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, October 13, 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

RICHARDSON COUNTY SEES LARGEST COVID CASE JUMP SINCE START OF PANDEMIC; GOV. RICKETTS ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO DIRECTED HEALTH MEASURES

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Nebraska.

On Friday, October 16, Governor Pete Ricketts announced changes to the State’s directed health measures (DHMs) that will take effect statewide today, October 21, 2020.

The Governor also launched a campaign to encourage Nebraskans to avoid the “Three C’s” to help slow the spread of the virus: 1) crowded places, 2) close contact, and 3) confined spaces.

Dr. James Lawler, associate professor of infectious disease at UNMC, joined the Governor to emphasize the increasing spread of the virus across the state. The State’s Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Gary Anthonie, announced the State of Nebraska is allocating up to \$40 million of CARES Act funding to support hospital capacity.

Gina Uhing, Health Director for Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department, urged Nebraskans to continue social distancing and wearing masks to help mitigate the risk of infection. Additionally, Matthew Blomstedt, Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education, discussed his department’s work to reinforce the importance of students practicing healthy behaviors in school, at home, and out in the community.

Changes to the State’s DHMs: Effective Statewide as of today.

Elective Procedures/Surgeries

In order to continue elective

procedures, hospitals must maintain at least 10 percent of their staffed general and ICU beds as reserve capacity to treat COVID-19 patients.

Hospitals must continue to accept and treat COVID-19 patients and must not transfer COVID-19 patients to create capacity for elective procedures.

Bars and Restaurants

Patrons will be required to be seated while on premise unless they are placing an order, using the restroom, or playing games.

One-hundred percent of rated occupancy continues.

Maximum of eight (8) individuals in a party (groups larger than eight (8) will need to split into multiple tables).

Gatherings

Indoor Gatherings will be limited to 50 percent of rated occupancy (not to exceed 10,000).

Outdoor Gatherings will remain at 100 percent of rated occupancy (not to exceed 10,000).

Gatherings include but are not limited to Indoor or Outdoor Arenas, Indoor or Outdoor Auctions, Stadiums, Tracks, Fairgrounds, Festivals, Zoos, Auditoriums, Large Event Conference Rooms, Meeting Halls, Indoor Theaters, Libraries, Swimming Pools, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space.

Groups shall be no larger than eight (8) individuals.

Plans for reopening or expanding to new capacity limits must be submitted to the local health departments and approved for all indoor and outdoor locations/venues that hold 500 or more individuals (1,000 or more in counties over 500,000 population) before reopening is permitted. The reopening plan must contain planned number of guests, how the location will meet social distancing guidelines, and sanitation guidelines.

Wedding and Funeral Reception Venues

Maximum of eight (8) individuals in a party (groups larger than eight (8) will need to split into multiple tables).

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Gary Jorn, City Clerk

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E.S.U. 4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of October:

- General Fund -- \$213,696.01
- Payroll -- \$444,334.60
- NCECBVI -- \$21,965.64
- Federal Programs -- \$8,678.44

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. Registration is required for attendance at this meeting. Please contact Ellen Stokebrand to register. Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

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Misc.

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SE Dist. Board of Health

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
The Southeast District Board of Health will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the conference Room at the offices of Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE. The meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available in the Director's office at the Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE during regular business hours.

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IRISH FOOTBALL TEAM ROLLS INTO PLAYOFFS

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head into the postseason for the 34th consecutive season under Coach Doug Goltz.
The game began with the Irish defense forcing a three and out, something the Irish defense would do four times in the first half. After a solid kick return by Jake Froeschl, the Irish needed just two plays to cover 20 yards for the score. Del Casteel went in from eight yards out for the first TD of the night. A Jakob Jordan run for the two-point conversion made it 8-0 with 9:45 left on the clock in the first period.
A second straight three and out by the Irish “D” set up another two-play scoring drive for SH. This time Jordan found Jack Fiegenger for a 47-yard TD strike through the air. The PAT run by Kyle Bauman made it 16-0 with 7:37 left in the opening quarter.
The next Irish drive took a little longer, this time covering 65 yards in three plays. Froeschl got in on the scoring action this series, hauling in a 21-yard

TD pass from Jordan. A Casteel run put the Irish ahead 24-0 with 2:47 left in the first period. The Irish controlled the opening period, leading 24-0 on just seven offensive plays.
The second quarter began where the first left off. SH forced a punt and then drove 38 yards in eight plays for the score. Casteel picked up his second touchdown of the game, plunging in from six yards away. The PAT run by QB Jakob Jordan put the Irish ahead 32-0 with 9:47 left in the half.
Following an interception by Fiegenger at the SH 16-yard line, SH needed seven plays to cover the 64 yards for the second TD of the quarter. Tyler Catlin grabbed a pass from Jordan and took it to the house from 21-yards away. The conversion attempt failed, but SH led handily, 38-0, with 7:44 still to go before halftime.
The half’s final points came on a Froeschl punt return from 37-yards out to put the Irish ahead 44-0 heading into half-

time. The Irish offense accounted for 240 yards of offense in the first half on just 22 plays.
The third quarter saw the Irish increase their lead to 52-0 when Jordan scored his first rushing TD of the night from eight yards out. A Casteel run completed the PAT attempt and the Irish JV took over from there.
The only score of the night from the Griffins came with 1:03 left in the game. Nate Lyons scored on a 27-yard pass to make the final 52-6.
The Irish outgained Diller-Odell 196-4 on the ground and held a 306-119 advantage in total offense.
Jordan led the rushing attack for SH with 75 yards and a TD on eight attempts. Casteel finished with 60 yards and two scores on eight carries and Tyler Catlin had 35 yards on three attempts. Jordan completed 6-9 passing attempts for 110 yards and two TDs and Fiegenger hauled in two passes for 58 yards and a TD.
On defense, the Irish were led by Casteel with eight tackles. Catlin added five stops, including a sack and Kyle Bauman had three tackles, two of them sacks. Fiegenger had the lone takeaway, an interception for the Irish defense to go along with four stops.
The Irish will host Fullerton on Thursday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m. at Jug Brown Stadium in the opening round of the Class D2 playoffs. SH enters the postseason at 6-1 and the top overall seed. This season, the teams entering the second round of the playoffs will be re-seeded 1-16 statewide, instead of the east/west seeding in the past.



Former local man, Phillip Doerr.

Former Verdon man arrested in Jackson County after fleeing to avoid authorities

The Brown County, Kansas Sheriffs office was asking the public’s assistance in locating a person of interest in recent criminal activity in Brown County.
On October 15, 2020, dispatch received reports of a female who had fled to the ALL-STAR truck stop near Sabetha, KS after reportedly being held against her will by a male suspect.
Officers from Sabetha PD, Sac and Fox, Kansas Highway Patrol, Brown County, Nemaha County, Wildlife and Parks and other law enforcement entities responded. After the victim was

able to enter ALL STAR and request help, the suspect, Phillip Doerr 26, with the last known address of Webb City, Missouri, fled in a 2004 Gray Mitsubishi Eclipse and eluded officers.
The vehicle was recovered in Nemaha County the morning of October 16, later that night Doerr was arrested in Jackson County, KS on charges of possess of drug paraphernalia, criminal possession of a firearm and possession of methamphetamine. Doerr also allegedly provided a false name and was wanted on a Topeka, KS parole warrant.

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FALLS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CONDUCTS PINK-OUT PENNY PROJECT

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but Falls City Middle School took this a step further and conducted the Pink-Out Penny Project. Almost every middle school student has been affected directly or indirectly by different types of cancers. It was decided that students would collect change beginning October 1 and running through October 12. Each of the 11 homerooms collected pennies/change to be donated to the Richardson County Cancer Fund. A culminating activity as everyone was encouraged to wear pink on the 12th for Pink-Out Day. One student from each homeroom was selected to represent their homeroom for the picture.
The total collected was \$333.58! That is tremendous for just eight days of school.

TIGERS FB TEAM END TWO-GAME SKID

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run by Butler off the right side of the line. After the two-point conversion, the Tigers had opened up a 36-14 lead, scoring 22 straight points.
Nebraska City got its final score of the contest with 4:51 to play in the half. The Pioneer QB lofted a pass just out of reach of an FC defender and the receiver raced 67 yards for the score.
Falls City put together one last drive before halftime, covering 80-yards in 10 plays. With less than a minute on the clock, Simon found Jayden Kreifels streaking down the field for a 26-yard TD pass. FC went into halftime with a commanding 42-21 lead.
After forcing a punt on the second half’s first drive, the Tiger offense again took over. Eating up most of the third quarter, the Tigers covered 62-yards in 19 plays, ending with a 16-yard TD up the middle by Simon to put FC ahead 48-21 with 1:33 left in the third.

The Tiger defense again forced a turnover on downs, setting up the final score of the contest. Six plays and 45 yards later, Simon kept the ball up the middle for a two-yard TD run to make the final score 54-21.
Simon finished the game completing 1/3 pass attempts for 26 yards and a TD. Simon also carried the ball 13 times for 126 yards and three scores. Drake Butler led the rushing attack for FC with 131 yards on 16 attempts and two scores. Jace Heckenlively also cracked the century mark, finishing with 108 yards on nine rushes.
The Tigers outgained the Pioneers 526-262, including a 500-43 advantage on the ground. FC finished the game with 26 first downs.
The 5-3 Tigers will take on the 6-1 Auburn Bulldogs in the season finale on Friday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m. in Auburn. The Bulldog’s only loss came to Ashland-Greenwood in the season-opener, 21-20.