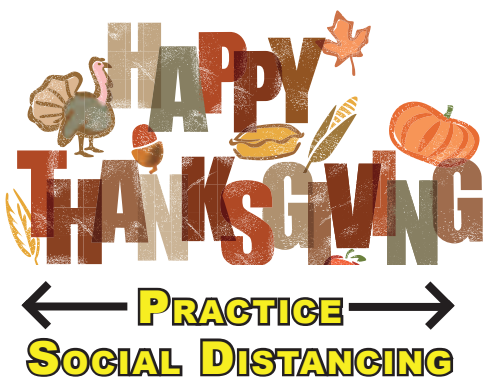

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Santa Claus is coming to town

The Falls City Chamber and Main Street is hosting Drive-Thru Santa Visits on Friday, November 27.

Santa is taking extra precautions this year to ensure everyone has a safe and healthy Christmas.

Kids will have a chance to visit with Santa from the comfort of their own car from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 1501 Stone Street in Falls City.

Don't miss this chance to safety visit Santa this year.

"It's definitely peaking and very serious;" County Health Board meets

By Nikki McKim

Sheriff Hardesty, Chairman of the Board, called to order the Richardson County Board of Health meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 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: Kathy Messner Clinical Care Mgt—Infection Control from Community Medical Center; Brian Kirkendall, Richardson County Emergency Management and Kari Holdsworth, Chief Clinical Officer from Community Medical Center.

Grant Brueggemann of the Southeast Nebraska Health Department was not there to provide an update on the coronavirus pandemic in the SE NE area. Brian Kirkendall gave a quick update in his absence.

Kirkendall said the District numbers were 849 active, positive cases, 132 new cases and 632 recovered cases for a total of 1,472. The numbers for Richardson county were 172 active cases, 11 new cases and 93 recovered cases for a total of 265. Kirkendall gave numbers from the last meeting on October 28, 2020, for comparison. At the end of October, there were 48 active cases in Richardson county and 61 recovered cases for a total of 109.

Dr. Tramp acknowledged the rise in cases and higher numbers in tests at the clinic and the drive-thru clinics. He said the hospital's "COVID Wing" has expanded to eight beds. "At one time, I think we had seven (patients) now we're down to just a couple and they're doing well. We've had several patients that we've had to transfer out. Some of them are not doing so well and some have passed away. So yeah, it's definitely peaking and very serious."

Dr. Tramp said his staff had taken a hit in the past few weeks and they are running short but doing as well as they can.

"Be as careful as you can and wear your mask and everything that Grant's (Brueggemann) been telling us for the last several months. Avoid big crowds if you can. My concerns, as usual, are get-togethers, whether that's family things, especially with Thanksgiving coming up," said Dr. Tramp.

He said schools in town and Humboldt had seen some cases, "We do have more than we like who are having to be quar-

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Richardson County COVID numbers stay high as Thanksgiving approaches

The Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) reported a total of 313 cases as of Friday, November 20, 2020, up from 254 reported last week in Richardson County for a total of 59 new reported cases in one week.

Nemaha County reports 337; Johnson County, 297 cases; Pawnee County, 56 and Otoe County, 663.

Total cumulative cases in the district are now at 1666, with 996 of those cases reported in the last 30 days.

According to the Southeast District Health Department, the district and Richardson County

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Give Thanks

Falls City North School students share what they're thankful for this Thanksgiving

Miss Campbell's First Grade Class

I am thankful for my cat. I am also thankful for my mom. Logan

I am thankful for everything I have. I am also thankful for my mom. Tenley

I am thankful for my pets. I am thankful for my mom and dad. Michael

I am thankful for my cousins. I am so thankful for my aunt. Braylon

I am thankful for my mom and dad. I am also thankful for everything I have. Emma

I am thankful for my brother. I am also thankful for my mom and dad. Owen

I am thankful for my mom and dad. I am also thankful for my friends. Kayden

I am thankful for my mom and dad. I am also thankful for my cousins. Lauren

I am thankful for my dog. I am also thankful for my mom and dad. Stacy

I am thankful for my mom and dad. I am also thankful for my brother. Vada

I am thankful for my mom and dad and Ryker. I a also thankful for Lauren. Sayer

I am thankful for my pets. I am also thankful for my mom. Maci

I am thankful for my mom and dad. I am also thankful for my sister. Siterra

Ms. Hunzeker's Kindergarten Class

I'm thankful for Grandma Torrey, Nana, my dog, family, bottle calf and horse Cody. Aubrey

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Potbelly pigs cause neighbor to squeal

By: Charlie Radatz

During its Mon., Nov. 16, meeting, the City Council, meeting at Prichard Auditorium due to Governor Rickett's Covid-19 recommendations regarding such gatherings, voted 6-2, with council members Lucas Froeschl and Jim Wisdom dissenting, to approve the harboring of two potbelly pigs on two lots owned by Lloyd and Greg Stone at 2516 Crook Street. Action was taken following comments by Lloyd Stone in support of the permit for the pigs and after the Council had an opportunity to review a letter from Brian Kopf, 2510 Crook Street, the closest neighbor to the property at issue in opposition to grant of the animal permit.

Kopf described his property as the one closest to where the pigs were to be harbored and reported he had seen the pigs outside and described them "as well over 100 pounds apiece." Kopf said he decided to purchase a home in Falls City because he did not want to deal with the aggravation of looking at or hearing pigs every day. He stated that the location and neighborhood were significant factors in his decision to purchase his home. Kopf also pointed out that if he or one of his neighbors wanted or needed to sell their homes, it would not be very appealing for the individual looking to purchase such a home after seeing two large pot belly pigs on a neighboring property. Concluded Kopf, "I ask you council members who are currently homeowners living in town reading this would you want to invest your hard-earned money in a home that has two large potbelly pigs running around next door to you."

The Council accepted the recommendations of the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department and approved the appointments of Matt Beer as Fire Chief, Jon McQueen as First Assistant Chief, and Brian Vice as Second Assistant Chief. The recommendations were forwarded to the Council by Mike Mirelez, President, following the annual meeting of the Volunteers held Nov. 9. Other officers of the Volunteers besides Mirelez are Bob Kirkendall, Vice President; Tim Daniels, Secretary; and Jon McQueen, Treasurer.

By an 8-0 vote the Council approved a resolution certifying Justin Stark of Olsson, Lincoln, NE as its Street Superintendent for fiscal year 2020 and the city's Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Income/Expense Report for the City's Street Department, requirements for receipt of state funds to assist with the costs of its street construction and street maintenance. The amount budgeted for fiscal year 2019/2020 was $1,635,141 and the amount expended through Oct. 30 was $604,278.53, or #36.96 percent. Expenses budgeted for the Street Department for fiscal 2020/2021 total $1,623,298,

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County buys a new Veterans Service van

By: Charlie Radatz

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Terry Frank at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Frank and Caverzagie answered roll call. Chairman Sickel was absent. Caverzagie made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Frank and approved by a 2-0 vote.

A motion was made by Frank to approve the agenda as posted. That motion was seconded by Caverzagie and also approved by a 2-0 vote.

Tammie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance, reviewed with the Board the status of the underground fuel storage tank at the Courthouse. She is needing to renew her certification for testing the tank and inquired as to the schedule for the removal of the tank from the Courthouse grounds. The Board members indicated they would be making arrangements to get the tank emptied and Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall is investigating possible contractors who can remove the tank.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. did not meet with the Board this week due to involvement with road maintenance projects being done to-

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Support our Healthcare Workers

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Right now, we're facing one of the biggest challenges our state has ever encountered. In recent weeks, coronavirus hospitalizations have been rapidly rising with many people severely ill and more deaths. There are over four times as many Nebraskans in the hospital with coronavirus now as there were at the beginning of last month. As hospitals fill with coronavirus patients, doctors and nurses are dealing with the heaviest workloads many of them have ever experienced.

With the rapid rise in hospitalizations, we've entered a critical phase in our war against the virus. From October 16th to November 16th, our coronavirus hospitalizations increased by nearly 20 per day. As of November 17th, we're at 938 hospitalizations. If trends continue, our hospitals won't have room to provide the standard of care Nebraskans deserve.

It's urgently important for all of us to take personal responsibility for supporting our healthcare workers, protecting hospital capacity, and slowing the spread of the virus. We can do this by wearing a mask, washing our hands often, staying home when sick, and keeping six feet of social distance. Additionally, Nebraskans should avoid the "Three Cs". Avoid crowded places where you can't practice social distancing. Avoid close contacts where you're within six feet of someone for 15 consecutive minutes. And avoid confined spaces with poor ventilation. By using these tools, we can help protect our hospitals.

In addition to these measures, the state is adjusting our coronavirus restrictions in light of the rising hospitalizations. Last Friday, I announced a new, phased approach to health restrictions based on the percentage of staffed hospital beds occupied by coronavirus patients. Currently, Nebraska is in the "orange" phase, which is the second most restrictive. The State of Nebraska will move into the most restrictive "red" phase as soon as coronavirus hospitalizations reach 25% of the staffed hospital beds in Nebraska. If the percentage of coronavirus-related hospitalizations declines below defined thresholds (on average, over a seven-day period) restrictions will be relaxed. A chart outlining each of the five, color-coded phases is available by clicking here.

Last week, I also issued a new Directed Health Measure (DHM) effective statewide as of Monday, November 16th. It postpones elective surgeries that can wait four weeks or longer without substantially changing a patient's outcome. In addition to the restriction on elective surgeries, the new DHM includes all of the health measures that took effect on November 11, 2020. These include requiring masks in establishments where patrons and customers are within six feet for 15 consecutive minutes, requiring six feet of separation between groups in public spaces, and limiting attendance at extracurricular activities to household members of participants.

As Thanksgiving approaches, Nebraskans are making plans for the holidays. I urge all Nebraskans to limit the size of their holiday gatherings to help slow the spread of coronavirus. Our local public health departments tell us the virus is spreading at informal gatherings, usually in people's homes. As you think about celebrating the holidays, please keep in mind the possibility of Nebraska moving to the "red" zone. If we enter the "red" phase of our coronavirus plan, indoor gatherings will be restricted to 10 people or less.

Regardless of the color of phase we're in, schools will continue to operate. They've been doing an excellent job of helping everyone stay healthy. The risk of the coronavirus to children is extremely low, but the harm of school closures to students and families is enormous. Academically, remote learning simply doesn't work well for some students. Without in-person classes, children miss out on valuable opportunities to build social skills. They also lose the benefits of a structured environment that promotes healthy nutrition, physical and mental health.

The impact of the pandemic extends beyond the virus itself. CDC Director Robert Redfield has highlighted the rising number of deaths from suicides and overdoses among high school-aged kids. For this age group, increased deaths from suicide and drug abuse in 2020—compared to a typical year—have been much higher than deaths from coronavirus. Tragically, we've seen evidence of this in Nebraska. According to work done by the Kim Foundation, suicides among youth under 20 years of age are double what they were last year in Douglas and Sarpy counties. And they're ten times higher than deaths from the coronavirus. In light of these alarming statistics, it's critical that we watch out for the well-being of our children in the coming weeks and months.

If you have questions about Nebraska's coronavirus phases, please email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. I'm confident Nebraskans will pull together to fight the coronavirus. It's in our power to determine where Nebraska goes from here. We must all take responsibility to slow the spread and support our healthcare workers in the coming days. Working together, we can protect our hospitals and help return Nebraska to a more normal life.

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Count your Thanksgiving Blessings Every Day

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

At first blush, I must admit it's hard to find much to be thankful for in the strange year we call 2020. Most of us are just thankful that the year is mostly in our rear-view mirror as we head into Thanksgiving tomorrow.

But I'm sure we could agree that being healthy is worth something during this year of pandemic as we are squarely in the middle of a coronavirus surge as predicted. Thousands have died in the US and worldwide. More than 800 fellow Nebraskans have died because of the virus. Many had existing medical conditions that were worsened by it. I lost two friends to the disease.

This all means that Thanksgiving 2020 is going to be a masked-up, socially distanced affair with fewer than 10 people per party. Close families will likely gather. Casual acquaintances or groups of friends may opt for Zoom or one of the other virtual platforms that have become common household words. Holiday traditions will be forsaken in favor of, perhaps, new traditions.

Just as the pandemic has forced us to binge-watch TV and forego movie theaters, concert venues and dining out in favor of take-out, it has given us time to find new ways to connect with family and friends. It has given us time to read and to think. Hopefully it has given us time to reflect and count our blessings.

History tells us Connecticut was the first state to call a Thanksgiving for general, everyday blessings, in 1639. Other states followed suit. In 1789, George Washington issued the first presidential proclamation ever, and it was for a day of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November to nationalize the tradition.

But Congress objected – imagine that - saying the president didn't have that authority over the states. As a compromise, Washington recommended a day of thanks and sent a copy to every governor requesting, not ordering, them to issue their own day of Thanksgiving.

Those days were finally consolidated when President Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November for "Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

But wait, don't save it all for Thursday. Consider starting every day giving thanks. If you have your health in all this madness, that's a good place to start. If you have something extra, open your heart and pay it forward to someone in need during these trying times.

It's in the giving that we truly live!

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 21 years.

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THEME: DOCTOR'S ORDERS

ACROSS
1. "Back to the Future" antagonist
5. Government Printing Office
8. Frugal driver's acronym
11. 1952 Olympics site
12. Afghanistan's neighbor
13. Letter-shaped girder
15. Wing-shaped
16. Narcotics agent, for short
17. Call it quits
18. *One way to improve health
20. She played a TV genie
21. Cunning
22. Golfer's goal
23. "Kiss the Cook" garment, pl.
26. Keyboard instrument
30. Prefix for before
31. Greek god's libation
34. Door-stopping wedge
35. Full of meaning
37. Fleur-de-___
38. Do penance
39. Type of parrot
40. *Ask for procaine when at this office
42. *Unavoidable risk factor for many diseases
43. Rock grinding
45. *Take a spoonful of sugar to avoid this taste
47. Genetic info carrier
48. Aqua-lung
50. Criticism
52. *Annual ____
55. Fill with spirits
56. First rate
57. Purl partner
59. Vandalized a car
60. Coconut fiber
61. Bulgarian money
62. Filling station filler
63. More of the same
64. Water carrier

DOWN
1. Feathery scarf
2. ____ of Man
3. Linseed
4. Do without
5. Last Supper cup
6. Break down or analyze
7. Fairy-tale beginning
8. Internet share-able
9. Stepping stone to gain
10. Greenwich time
12. *Use a scalpel
13. Like the Vitruvian Man
14. *Stay in bed
19. *Take antihistamines to avoid this kind of nose
22. A pop
23. *Eat one a day?
24. Rap sheet listing
25. So out it's in
26. *Worn until a bone heals
27. Piglet
28. Lightly color
29. Different spelling of emir
32. Horsefly
33. "Wizard of Oz" man
36. *Increase fluid intake
38. Elsewhere, in a courtroom
40. *____ test
41. Maltreater
44. Tattooed
46. Gridiron position
48. Record a movie
49. Diogenes, e.g.
50. ____ market
51. Big name in chips
52. Show worry
53. All over again
54. In real-time
55. *It checks your heart health
58. Road crew supply

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50 Years Ago - Nov. 25, 1970, to Dec. 1, 1970

The Falls City Chamber of Commerce arranged for the arrival of Santa Claus by helicopter with a landing on a parking lot between 17th & 18th Streets to be followed by transport of the Jolly gentleman by fire truck to the courthouse square. The line of kids to see Santa extended from the Santa house near the south entrance to the stairs leading to the west entrance.

Looking ahead to Fall, the Chamber retail committee announced plans to have a "Big Red Event" with a drawing for a pair of tickets to a University of Nebraska football game.

Sheriff L.D. Camblin was presented an award from the Cornhusker Council of the Boy Scouts for his quick organization of a rescue in the summer of a Scout who became lost for several hours at the Boy Scout Camp south of Humboldt.

Nebraska halfback Joe Ordana who scored 82 points (two more than John Riggins of Kansas), was honored as the 1970 Big Eight Conference football scoring champion.

"Tell Me You Love Me Junie Moon" was finishing its run at the Rivoli, followed by "Thanksgiving Greeting," "That's the Way It Is," a film about Elvis, and "Kelly's Heroes."

Boneless Chuck Roast was 79-cents/pound and a Boston Butt Pork Roast 39-cents/pound at Hinky Dinky.

Seven-foot "Scotch Pine" artificial Christmas trees were selling for $19.95 at Earl May.

An Open House was being held at a new building housing credit, warehousing, and invoicing at O.A. Cooper Co, Humboldt.

Richardson County farmers received $2,336,043 from the federal feed grain and wheat programs.

James Thompson, Humboldt, suffered from shock and exposure when he remained in his car overnight after it rolled over on Humboldt's airport road east.

Southeast Consolidated Cheerleaders were Dianna Anderson, Pam Wheeler, Cindy Avery, Connie Brewer, Sue Williams, Glenda Morehead, Joan Pokorney, Betsy Hill, and Patty Johnson.

Winners in the Junior Feeder program sponsored by Richardson County Bank & Trust were Richard Yoesel, Jerry Duerfeldt, Stanley Duerfeldt, Jim Bauman, and Joe Bangert.

Among performers for the annual Christmas Carol Sing was a trio comprised of Mrs. Charmain Davies, Mrs. Don Burling, and Mrs. Ward Reesman.

The state canvassing board reported that a constitutional amendment was approved, lowering the voting age from 21 to 20.

Nebraska won the Big 8 with a 7-0 conference record and was the No. 3 ranked football team in the nation behind Texas and Ohio State.

Coach Eddie Crowder of Colorado said Bob Devaney should be the national coach of the year.

25 Years Ago - Nov. 25, 1995, to Dec. 2, 1995

A sentencing hearing wrapped up for John Lotter, convicted in a triple murder, and defense and prosecution lawyers were instructed to prepare briefs with their recommendations. A psychologist testified that Lotter had an antisocial personality disorder.

Rachel Stratton, nine months, was the first to visit with Santa after he arrived in downtown Falls City by a fire truck.

Richardson County Commissioners were preparing for a trip to Lincoln to seek financial help with the costs of expensive murder trials from the Miscellaneous Claims Board.

Falls City High School's Madrigal Feast, directed by Brian Bellof, was Dec. 3 & 4 at Country Catering.

Former Falls City Chad DeBusk was at Brenner Field tracking satellites used in establishing highway design coordinates for the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Falls City Middle Schoolers Mitch Merz, Matt Buckminster, Katie Hinrichs, and Kelly Hinrichs exhibited the totem poles they made at Breadeaux Pizza.

Among football players named to the *Omaha World-Herald* All-State First Teams were from Southeast Jed Jacobitz and Bruce McKinzey; from Humboldt Jason Glathar; and from Sacred Heart Brett Burenheide and Brandon Sells.

Earning *World-Herald* All-State Honorable Mention were in Class C-1 Dan Martin, Dan Jones, Ryan Nolte, and Darcy Zimmerman from FCHS, in D-1 David Gossman and Wes Haveman from Southeast, and in D-2 Casey Symonds, Marcus Kister, Luke Santo, Justin Barker, and Chip Martinosky from Sacred Heart.

Community Hospital, Inc. was renamed Community Medical Center, Inc. as construction began on a 6,900 square foot physicians clinic (that today houses City Hall and the Police Department) adjoining the remodeled (but since razed) hospital.

Chamber of Commerce President Mel Harmon presented a check for $4,266.11 to the Jug Brown Stadium Renovation Fund. Funds for that donation and donations by the Chamber of $3,000 for the sand volleyball courts project at Stanton Lake Park and $5,143.47 toward new city Christmas decorations were raised by the raffle of a pickup truck.

The CBS TV program "48 Hours" was lambasted by irate Nebraska football fans at coffee shops and on radio talk shows after it aired a segment that inferred that Husker football coaches and fans generally disregarded criminal behavior by Cornhusker players like Lawrence Phillips because of the importance they placed on winning.

New Chamber of Commerce Board members were Carole DeBusk, Lori Gottula, Cheryl Hullman, Bart Keller, and Grant Smith.

The Falls City High wrestling team picked up three pins and decided in its season-opening meet at Nebraska City, won by the Pioneers, who scored eight pins and 54 points to 27 for the Tigers.

Dawson-Verdon senior volleyball player Dawn Taylor was named to the Homesteader All-Conference second team. D-V's Mara Fritz was Honorable Mention All-Conference. D-V running back David Koso made football Honorable Mention.

The Chamber Pride Committee recognized the lighting display of Leon and Sally Campbell, 823 Pacific, Falls City, as its Noel Lights Winner of the Week.

A Journal photo showed second-grader Jessica McQueen, just one of the Sacred Heart elementary students reading a book during a reading marathon in Tiehan gym.

Rotary speaker Ron Kirkendall, Falls City, described his work as a writer of the words put to music by "The Webers" country music group, including its current country hit "A Labor of Love."

During an exploring careers workshop, Glennis McClures from Southeast Community College told Falls City High School students that 60% of available jobs are in the skilled trades.

Rev. Don Wilson began work as senior pastor of Federated Church, Columbus. Since September 1991, Rev. Wilson had served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Falls City and Pawnee City.

15 Years Ago - Nov. 25, 2005, to Dec. 1, 2005

Santa arrived for the Christmas Window Opening in Falls City by a horse-drawn sleigh before setting up shop to hear children's wishes at his Santa's work shop on the Courthouse square.

Human Relations Director Amy Olberding was honored as the Community Medical Center, Falls City, 2005 CMC Caring Kind Award winner.

Approximately 70 craftsmen participated in the NE-MO-KA Craft Guild annual Craft Fair during the Thanksgiving weekend at Prichard Auditorium.

Charlene Schuetz of the Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) was helping seniors select their Part D prescription drug insurance providers at the Senior Center.

HTRS Mock Trial Team #1 captured the Region 9 championship defeating Fillmore Central #1 at Wilbur qualifying for state competition at Omaha.

The John P. Falter Art Revue, chaired by Del Bowers and Don Baldwin, was held at the former Falter Clothing Store building and attracted 235 visitors.

"Old Man Basketball," for men over 35, was underway in the old gym at Humboldt School with play being "2 on 2" or "5 on 5" depending on the number showing up on Wednesday evenings.

Potbelly pigs cause neighbor to squeal

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but that number includes over $947,000 for capital improvements and capital outlays that may or may not be pursued during fiscal 2020/2021 depending on availability of funding. Revenue is budgeted at $711,719, with $110,000 of that revenue anticipated to be realized from the city's local option sales tax.

On a 7-1 vote, with Councilmember Froeschl dissenting, the Council approved on third and final reading a joint ordinance with Pawnee City creating a Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership between the two cities. The Ordinance creates a six-member Housing Authority Board consisting of three members from each city, to which Froeschl objected, saying because Falls City has more units than Pawnee City, it should have greater representation on the Board. Falls City Housing Authority Manager Anthony Nussbaum, who had previously been retained on a contract basis by the Pawnee City Housing Authority, will now be employed by the new Regional Partnership. Nussbaum said he had spoken to council members individually prior to the meeting and thanked them for their approval of the regional concept.

Following a public hearing during which no public comment was received, the Council voted 8-0 to approve a redesignation of the community's redevelopment area. These are areas identified as having several blighted and substandard properties making the entire areas so designated eligible for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for purchase of properties, infrastructure improvements (sewer, water, natural gas and electrical lines and transformers) necessary for the redevelopment of these properties, facade improvements, and improvement of public access including public parking and loading areas serving such properties.

The meeting was adjourned after the Council conducted an executive session but took no action on an item relating to possible litigation.

County buys a new Veterans Service van

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day.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. A boarding prisoner contract has been received from Otoe County and will be acted on at next week's meeting.

Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer, presented to the Board information on replacing the van that has been provided to Richardson County by the Disabled Americans Veterans Transportation Network Program. A motion was made by Frank to approve the acquisition of a 2021 Ford Transit Connect, seven-passenger van, which is being made available to Richardson County through the 2021 DAV Transportation Network Program with Richardson County agreeing to provide a cost-share amount of $14,119.00 to apply towards the full cost of $25,672.00. The motion was seconded by Caverzagie and approved by a 2-0 vote.

Mrs. Godemann also informed the Board that the current DAV van, which was also provided to Richardson County through the DAV Transportation Network Program, will become the property of Richardson County to be used in other departments of the County when the new van is acquired.

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during October 2020: Sheriff Hardesty, $11,056.01; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk-Reg of Deeds, $382.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. after the Commissioners voted to allow the payment of all submitted claims during the week before their session.

ATTENTION!!

Falls City Sanitation Service Customers

There will be NO THURSDAY SERVICE

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 2020.

All Falls City Sanitation Customers **EAST** of Falls City, pick up will be Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020.

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Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Scheitel-Fullner unite in marriage

Kevin and Gina Scheitel of Falls City, Nebraska and Terry and Judy Fullner of Beemer, Nebraska are proud to announce the marriage of their children, Brooke and Micah Fullner.

Brooke is a sixth grade teacher and a coach at Wisner-Pilger Public Schools. Micah is a farmer southwest of Beemer, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Micah Fullner were united in marriage on May 30 at St. John Lutheran Church in Beemer, Nebraska. The couple resides on a family farm southwest of Beemer.

Society

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order Of The Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Nine members of the Humboldt Chapter #234 order of the Eastern Star met for a stated meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at The Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. Worthy Matron Sarah Nims presided in the East. The meeting opened in short form with the Conductress and Chaplain attending at the altar. All present repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

The regular order of business followed with the reading of the previous meeting, which was approved. The treasurer, Joan Wheeler, gave her report.

Communications were read by Secretary Donna Monnette. The chapter received thank yous for Thanksgiving Ingathering gifts given to the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. Recognition was received for the monetary gift in memory of Maxine Gross from the Masonic Home Foundation director. Letters concerning meeting procedures during the Covid 19 period were read from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Marianne R. Shenefelt and Nebraska Worthy Grand Matron, Karan Birdsall. The 50th Triennial Assembly will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, from Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 2021. The "Enduring Hope Grand Gamily" sent Christmas greetings to the chapter members. The Nebraska OES News was distributed to each member.

A motion was made to send $50 to the Purple Ribbon Project of the Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. The chapter will also be sending $5 gifts to each child at the Home for Christmas.

Election of officers for 2021 was held with the following results: Worthy Matron-Carolyn Bredemeier, Associate Matron-Phyllis Kreutzer, Conductress-Elizabeth Ketner, Associate Conductress-Nancy Nemechek, Secretary-Donna Monnette, and Treasurer-Joan Wheeler. The incoming worthy Matron will appoint the remaining officers.

Several members were listed as having health problems. It was decided not to have the usual Christmas potluck and gift exchange. Suggestions were to donate to several projects instead.

There being no further business chapter closed in form with prayer by the Chaplain.

Shubert ALA #222

By Elizabeth S Ketner, secretary pro-tem

Shubert's Unit #222, ALA, met at the Shubert Library on November 10, 2020. President Tana Brown called the meeting to order. Chaplain pro-tem Vicki Owings gave a prayer from the unit's prayer book. The group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance, sang "God Bless America", and recited the ALA preamble. The meeting was declared open.

Secretary pro-tem Elizabeth Ketner called the roll with 7 responding. She read the minutes of the Oct. 13, 2020 meeting. They were approved with the notation that the tour of homes planned for December had been cancelled. It was also noted that Education Week is actually Nov. 16-20, but the unit had decided to take cookies over a week earlier. Judy Schlosser gave the treasurer's report. Lynette Surman made the motion to accept the report, and it was seconded by Mrs. Owings. The motion carried. Mrs. Schlosser noted that so far 87 members have paid their dues, with 20 left to go. She reported that the unit had sent Veteran's Day cards to 32 Legion members.

The unit was reminded that several local people were suffering from the corona virus and they needed prayers.

There was a report on the ALA fall round-up, which had been held in Cook. It was noted that the Legion and Auxiliary mid-year conference will be held in Columbus in January. District 13 will host its convention in Johnson on February 20.

Information was distributed about the no-cost American Legion life insurance policy.

Member Twila Hochstein had died, with her funeral to be held on Nov. 14th in Auburn. So far, the unit had not been asked to assist with a dinner. Mrs. Ketner made a motion to send a check in her memory to the Victory Apartments in Lincoln. Mrs. Surman seconded the motion and it passed.

The can for donations to the emergency fund was passed.

The senior residences in Falls City were questioned and it was determined that there was a total of 26 veterans living there. Mrs. Schlosser said she had purchased throws for the veterans as a Christmas gift from Unit #222. She presented her bill. Mrs. Ketner made a motion to allow the bill, with a second from Mrs. Owings. The motion carried.

President Brown thanked the members who had provided cookies for Education Week. She will deliver them to HTRS. She also stated the planned Veterans Day program at the school had been cancelled.

Member June Bowers will be sent the information sheet for the Americanism essays.

Members are asked to bring non-perishable items for donation to the food bank in Falls City. President Brown also said donations of paper goods and cleaning supplies would be appreciated at the Victory Apartments for veterans in Lincoln.

Correspondence-a thank-you card from Karl Erickson for the unit's help on the death of his wife, Doris, was received. A thank-you was passed around from the local youth group on the candy the unit donated to it.

Gold Star members had been sent a remembrance card from the unit. The Omaha VA sent a thank-you letter for the tray favors the unit had sent.

Mrs. Ketner reminded the unit of the need for an elected secretary.

The County ALA normally is part of County Government Day, but it had been cancelled. However, the unit still needs to pay the county group its dues. It was noted that the county Legion has yet to cash last year's check.

An essay on the thoughts of being a veteran's wife was read by Mrs. Brown.

The meeting was declared closed, Mrs. Owings gave a prayer from the prayer book, and the meeting was adjourned.

Apply Now for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers that the deadline to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) is Dec. 11, 2020. This program provides direct relief to producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

"Producers have one more month to get their applications in for this important relief program," said Richard Fordyce, Farm Service Agency administrator. "Applying is simple and our staff is available to assist every step of the way."

CFAP 2 will provide up to $14 billion to eligible producers of certain row crops, livestock, dairy, specialty crops, aquaculture and more. All eligible commodities, payment rates and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. CFAP 2 is a separate program from the first iteration of the program (CFAP 1) and interested producers must complete a new application to be eligible for payment for CFAP 2. Application Options: Producers have several options for applying to the CFAP 2 program by the Dec. 11 deadline: Using an online portal at farmers.gov/cfap. This allows producers with secure USDA login credentials, known as eAuthentication, to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.

Completing the application form using the CFAP 2 Application Generator and Payment Calculator found at farmers.gov/cfap. This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, then signed and submitted to their local USDA Service Center. Downloading the AD-3117 application form from farmers.gov/cfap and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically, or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment. Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

Producers of commodities with payments based on acreage will use acreage and yield information provided by FSA through the annual acreage reporting process. Producers have the option to complete their application by working directly with their local FSA office or online through the CFAP 2 Application Portal.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply. For existing FSA customers, including those who participated in CFAP 1, these documents are likely already on file.

Both CFAP 1 and CFAP 2 are self-certification programs, which means the applicant certifies the information submitted is correct. FSA will soon begin an important step in the internal controls portion of CFAP 1 by conducting spot checks. Producers have been randomly selected using a statistically sound methodology. These CFAP 1 applicants will be contacted by FSA staff and asked to provide supporting documentation to verify the information certified by the producer on their CFAP 1 application. As of Nov. 9, FSA has paid more than $9.5 billion with more than 576,000 applications nationwide for CFAP 2. This builds upon more than $10.3 billion paid through CFAP 1.

More Information: To find the latest information on CFAP 2, visit farmers.gov/cfap or call 877-508-8364.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Cook Ala Unit #360 hosts Fall Round-Up

By Doris DeJonge, District 13 Secretary

The District 13 American Legion Auxiliary Fall Round-Up was held on Saturday, October 17, 2020, in Cook at the Community Building.

There were six units, Shubert, Humboldt, DuBois, Burchard, Pawnee City, Cook, representing District 13 in attendance. A total of 18 senior members, one junior, three Department guests, two additional guests and Ann from the *Tecumseh Chieftain* newspaper present.

President, Amanda Washburn, welcomed the ladies; Linda Patchen, Chaplain, offered the prayer before a luncheon, prepared by the Cook Unit, was enjoyed.

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 PM. Flags already posted were acknowledged with a hand salute. Chaplain Linda gave an opening prayer, a moment of silence was observed, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Barb Washburn lead in reciting the Auxiliary's Preamble. Doris DeJonge, Secretary, continued with the roll call. The Treasurer's report was given. Cook's Unit President, Karen Cerny gave the welcome and District Vice President, Anita Lang, gave a response.

Amanda introduced the special guests from Department: Kathy Mazur, NEC; Vicki Ozenbaugh, Historian; Kim Gurley, Membership; and Barb Washburn, Past Department President and currently the Northwestern Division VA&R Chairman.

Unit reports and District Officers reports were given. President Amanda had visited a Cook Unit meeting and initiated a new member. Pawnee City and Burchard are on her upcoming schedule. Her goal is to attend all the District's Unit meetings in her first year as President.

Dept. Historian, Vicki Ozenbaugh, informed all that there are new Scholarship forms. Those with the 2020-2021 are the old forms, be accurate with your reports; National President Nicole Clapp will be at the Mid-Year Convention in Columbus; and, Units may still submit a narrative history for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 years. Those dates are April 1 to April 1 of 2020 and 2021.

Dept. Vice President, Kathy Mazur, update your Unit's Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Rules and send to Department. COVID has changed things; males may now be Auxiliary members and some wording has changed in the Preamble.

Kim Gurley, Membership Chairman, the membership years runs from January 1 to December 31. There is a new ALA Member Benefits list and think about Paid Up for Life membership.

A Little Red School House and VA&R coin march were held. President Amanda initiated a new Cook member, Jeanie Speckman. Esther Tegtmeier was recognized as a 70-year member of Burchard Unit 156.

Upcoming dates: Oratorical Contest, November 1 at Johnson; Mid-Year Conference, January 15-17th in Columbus; District 13 Convention, February 20 in Johnson; Junior Law Cadet interviews, April 18 in Johnson; and, 2021 Boys'/ Girls' State Orientation, April 25 in Johnson.

There being no further business, door prizes were awarded, pictures were taken, a closing prayer was given, a hand salute to the flag and the meeting adjourned at 2 PM.

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Student needs not being met, teachers overwhelmed NE educators reply to teaching during COVID-19 survey

Teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic has Nebraska educators over-whelmed, worried about their students, and their health and safety, according to a recent survey from the Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA).

Ninety-two percent of the more than 6,500 Nebraska public school educators who responded to the statewide survey say wearing masks should be mandated for both teachers and students. The NSEA conducted the survey from Oct. 23 – Nov. 2 to assess its' members views and concerns about teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The responses left little doubt that educators are at the breaking point," said NSEA President Jenni Benson. "They are concerned that the needs of their students are not being met. They are worried about their health and safety and that of their students and families.

"Many teachers are having to teach students both in-person and remotely at the same time. That is exhausting teachers and making it nearly impossible to provide quality teaching and learning for students," said Benson.

Eighty-nine percent of respondents from the Lincoln and Omaha public school districts do not believe their district's current learning model is equitably meeting the needs of all students. Both districts include teaching in-person and remote learners at the same time. Statewide, which includes some districts that are offering only in-person teaching, 59 percent of survey respondents said they are concerned that their district's learning model is not equitable for all students.

Benson said educators desperately want to do the best job they can for their students and thus are pleading for more time to plan and prepare for the changing teaching and learning models.

"Teachers are not provided adequate plan time and, because there is a shortage of substitute teachers, they are having to cover the classes of colleagues who are in quarantine or who are ill, so are losing the little plan time they do have. The situation is unsustainable."

Eighty-six percent of the educators who participated in the survey reported feeling overwhelmed, stressed, frustrated or worried. A majority of respondents also said their school district is not listening to educator input regarding issues around teaching and learning during the pandemic. In some cases, teachers have left their teaching jobs just months into the school year.

"Some teachers have already left the profession this year and, without immediate action to help our educators, we are about to lose many, many more," said Benson.

The survey showed that statewide nearly one in four teachers plan to leave the profession by the end of the school year. In Lincoln and Omaha, nearly one in three respondents said they plan to leave teaching.

Educators need public and school district support now more than ever, according to Benson.

"Teachers want to be in their classrooms with their students and they want to be safe. Their concerns and fears are real and legitimate," said Benson.

On behalf of NSEA members and students across the state, Benson said the NSEA will file a petition for a declaratory order with the State Board of Education. The petition will request that the State Board declare the interventions and protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) be adopted as the specific safety criteria under which schools will operate and remain open.

"To keep our schools open and operating safely, the State Board needs to set these basic standards that every school district must uphold for the health and safety of students and staff," said Benson.

Benson and NSEA Executive Director Maddie Fennell said school administrators need to utilize the tools at their disposal to provide necessary relief for staff:

- Suspension of evaluations for non-probationary teachers;
- Make curriculum adjustments and relax pacing. Lost instructional time may be due to cleaning, sanitizing, mask breaks and technical issues with remote learners. Teachers know their students and will keep them advancing academically;

Providing plan time – not more training – as allowed by the recent Nebraska Department of Education guidance posted at: https://launchne.com/commish/

Have more administrators cover classes instead of taking away teacher plan time and increasing the numbers of students in class;

Districts must provide factual COVID numbers to the public and school staff;

Listen to educator input, show empathy and leadership.

Fennell said NSEA is joining with medical experts from UNMC and across Nebraska in asking the Governor to immediately issue Directed Health Measures that will call for:

A statewide mask mandate;

Limitation of 10 people for indoor or outdoor gatherings;

Temporarily close bars and suspend indoor dining and launch a Takeout Nebraska campaign;

Dedensify classrooms with alternative staffing and student attendance patterns, especially when students are eating.

In addition, the NSEA is calling for a suspension of all youth and high school sports and extracurricular activities until January.

FC Library and Arts Center lobby now closed to public

City Administration has closed the Falls City Library and Arts Center lobby from public use until further notice.

The Library drive-up window hours will be Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

Request materials or place hold: on at www.fallscitylibrary.org (requires your patron and phone numbers); by email: info@fallscitylibrary.org; or call: 402-245-2913.

Download books and audiobooks from OverDrive (requires your patron number and the password: tolstoy. WiFi hours: Monday-Saturday, 8 am-9 pm

If you need documents printed, email them to the Library @ info@fallscitylibrary.org and they will print them for you. There are two book drops for returning borrowed materials: one on the east side (near the drive-up window) and one on the west side (near the front door). All returns are quarantined, so there will be a delay in checking items in.

DECEMBER 2020

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th ~ EARLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!!
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $200 in Cash, Promo Cash or a Gift every ½ hour 1pm-5pm. Registration Drawings to win up to $500 in Cash, Promo Cash or a Gift every ½ hour 7pm-2am.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th ~ CASINO WHITE CLOUDS 22nd ANNIVERSARY BASH!! $22,000 CASH GIVEAWAY PLUS PRIZES!!
First 200 guest will get a free gift! Everyone actively playing at Noon will get $22 in free play!! Hot Seat Drawings every ½ hour 1pm-5pm to win $100 in free play, 10 extra entries into CASH drawings, and $50 in free play for January!! Registration Drawings to win up to $2,000 in CASH every ½ hour 6pm-2am. (Excludes 7pm, 9pm, 11pm & 1am) Hot Seat Drawings to win a prize and $100 in free play every ½ hour 6:15pm-1:45am. Registration Drawings to win $2,200 in CASH at 7pm, 9pm, 11pm & 1am.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th ~ 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN ONE!!
Everyone actively playing at Noon will get $20 in free play! Registration Drawings to win up to $1,000 in Cash or free play every hour 2pm-2am. Registration Drawings to win a Gift every hour 2:30pm-1:30am.

THURSDAY, DEC 24TH ~ CHRISTMAS EARLY EVE CASH DRAWINGS!!
Everyone actively playing at 2pm will get $20 in free play! Registration Drawings to win up to $1,000 in CASH or free play every ½ hour 1pm-12am.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25TH ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM CASINO WHITE CLOUD!!
Casino will open at 12pm. Everyone actively playing at 2pm will get $20 in free play! Registration Drawings to win up to $1,000 in CASH or free play every ½ hour 1pm-12am. Hot Seat Drawings to win a Gift at 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm and 1am.

SATURDAY, DEC 26th ~ EARLY NEW YEARS CELEBRATION!!
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $1,000 in free play every ½ hour 1pm-10pm, plus be a Qualifier into the Cash Drawings starting at 10:30pm. Qualifier CASH Drawings to win $1,250 will be at 11pm, $2,500 will be at 12am and $5,000 will be at 1am! See rules for more details. Hot Seat drawings to win $1,000 in free play 1:30am and 2am.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st ~ NEW YEARS EVE CASH BASH!!
Everyone actively playing at 11am will get $20 in free play! Plus $20 in free play New Years Day! Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $300 in CASH or free play every 15 minutes 2pm-5pm. Registration Drawings to win up to $500 in CASH or free play every 15 minutes 6pm-11:30pm. $2,021 CASH Drawing at Midnight. Hot Seat Drawings to win $1,000 in CASH or free play every ½ hour 12:30am-2am. (Casino will stay open until 3am)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

MORE DECEMBER EVENTS

SUNDAYS, MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS
TEXT NOW ALERT – If you get a text new alert on one of these days (Sun. – Thur.) 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 CASH Drawing, plus get $25 in free play for Monday, December 28th! The CASH Drawings will be for $500 every hour 6pm-10pm on Monday, December 28th and you must be present to win. (Excludes Dec 24, 27 & 31)

FRIDAYS (Excludes Dec. 25)
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $100 in free play every ½ hour 1pm-6pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $1,000 in free play every ½ hour 7pm-2am, plus be a Qualifier into the Cash Drawings to win up to $5,000 on December 26.

DAILY SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

WEDNESDAYS – CHRISTMAS APPAREL DAY - Anyone who comes in with an Ugly sweater or Christmas themed shirt will get $20 in free play. Stop by the Player's Club Desk for more details.

NEW MEMBERS - GET $50 IN FREE PLAY FOR SIGNING UP IN DECEMBER!! ($25 IN DECEMBER AND $25 IN JANUARY) If you sign up as a new member on the excluded days, you will get the full $50 in free play on January 2nd. 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, 16 & 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 $30!

REGISTRATION TICKET DRAWINGS - IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND QUALIFIER DRAWINGS DEC 26TH
Registration will begin on December 1st 9am. Registration tickets will be handed out all month long for everyone to register and put into the big barrel for the registration drawings on December 5, 12, 19, 24, 25 and 31. 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 31st. On December 26th, we will have qualifier drawings to win $1,250, $2,500 or $5,000 in CASH!! Drawings to be a qualifier will be Friday nights and drawings 1pm-10pm on the 26th. All qualifiers will need to report to the Player's Club desk by 10pm on the 26th to get registered for the cash drawings. At 10:30pm, we will draw 10 qualifiers from the qualifiers barrel for the 11pm $1,250 cash drawing. Out of those 10 qualifiers we will draw the 11pm drawing winner. The remaining 9 qualifiers will get a consolation prize. At 11:30pm, we will draw 10 qualifiers from the qualifiers barrel for the 12am $2,500 cash drawing. Out of these 10 qualifiers we will draw the 12am drawing winner. The remaining 9 qualifiers will get a consolation prize. At 12:30am, we will draw 10 qualifiers from the qualifiers barrel for the $5,000 cash drawing. Out of those 10 qualifiers we will draw the 1am drawing winner. The remaining 9 qualifiers will get a consolation prize. You can only win one of the registration cash, free play or gift drawings per session per gaming day.

BINGO PROMOTIONS - 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 - Bingo in your birthday month you get $20 in free play. Bingo on your birthday and get $200 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 Crew for more details.
Celebrating Christmas Early on December 19th - Present Giveaway
CHRISTMAS DAY Special - Friday, December 25th
FREE dinner to first 150 guests! Early Birds: regular games $100 level games $150
Regular: Level 1 - $300 level 2 - $500
Special games [illegible] - consolation prize plus $100 & progressive [illegible]
Pick a pot [illegible]

RC Sheriff's Office report retrieved from social media

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

On November 16, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 29 year old Jordan Lunsford of Falls City on a warrant for Violation of a Protection Order. Lunsford was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

On November 14, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 42 year old Heather Norman of Humboldt, NE on a Felony Warrant out of New Mexico for Failure to Appear for Embezzlement. Norman was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

Click It or Ticket Mobilization

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the Click It or Ticket Mobilization from November 16th – 29th, 2020.

During the time, sheriff's deputies will be working extra hours of overtime focusing on seat belt violations. The grant is funded through the Nebraska Department of Highway Safety.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office would like to remind drivers to buckle up and drive safe.

On-site visitation at R.C. Sheriff's Office suspended

On-site video visitation has been suspended until further notice. Online visitation is still available more information can be found by going to www.inmatesales.com or calling(402) 245-2479. There will be no visitation from 12:00pm-1:00pm. If you are coming to put money on an inmates account you may also do so online at www.jailatm.com.

It's requested that when you come to the Sheriff's office for other reasons, you wear a mask if possible. You may also call (402) 245-2479 and see if the matter can be handled over the phone or if you need a form, it can be emailed to you.

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Accidents

On November 14, 2020 at 6:38 PM Richardson County Deputies investigated a car vs. deer accident near Hwy 8 and mile marker 127. No injuries were reported. Occupants names were not released.

On November 14, 2020 at 6:35 Richardson County Deputies investigated a car vs. deer accident near Hwy 8 and Hwy 105. No injuries were reported. Occupants names were not released.

On November 7, 2020, according to Police reports, Steven Rexroth, of Lincoln was headed east on 21st Street and turned right onto Harlan Street, hitting the curb and electronic pedestrian signal. An estimated $200 in damage was done to the Pedestrian Signal owned by the State of Nebraska. No damage was done to the Rexroth vehicle. No citations were issued.

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Irish wrap-up another successful football season

By Brian Mckim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish football team reached the semifinals, only to fall to eventual runner-up Sandhills/Thedford. By most standards, this would be a great season; for the Irish, it will sit with them for a while. For the second consecutive season, SH got within one game of the NSAA State Title game.

The Irish had just two blemishes on their record, a 50-30 loss to eventual Class D2 champ BDS in week three and a 36-26 loss to Sandhills/Thedford in the state semifinals. Note, the Irish trailed by just two points before letting the Knights score with less than a minute remaining, hoping to stop a two-point conversion and get the ball back with time to score.

Sacred Heart finished the season ranked 4th by the Lincoln Journal Star in Class D2. BDS was on top with a 12-0 record and Sandhills/Thedford was second at 12-1. Central Valley, at 10-1, was third, SH was fourth at 9-2 and Osceola rounded out the top five at 9-1.

For the season, the Irish outscored their opponents 564-226, including a 368-112 first-half advantage. The Irish led in virtually every statistical category throughout the season. Sacred Heart rushed for 2144 yards while giving up 1484 to their opponents. The Irish also held a 1754 -1120 advantage through the air. SH only punted the ball 15 times all season, compared to 38 by the other teams. SH had a 3898-2604 advantage in total offense, averaging 195 on the ground and 160 through the air per contest.

Individually for the Irish, Del Casteel led the ground game with 758 yards on 132 attempts and 23 touchdowns. QB Jakob Jordan was next with 697 yards on 101 carries and 15 scores. Evan Keithley added 315 yards on 63 rushes and six TDs and Tyler Catlin had 122 yards and two scores on 16 carries.

Jordan handled the bulk of the passing throughout the season, completing 89-150 pass attempts for 1579 yards, 23 touchdowns and four interceptions.

Jack Fiegener was Jordan's favorite target, catching 34 passes for 803 yards and 13 touchdowns. Fiegener averaged 24 yards per catch and 73 yards per game. Keithley was right behind Fiegener with 32 grabs for 355 yards. Jake Froeschl hauled in 12 passes for 227 yards and Casteel caught ten balls for 192 yards.

Brogan Nachtigal handled most of the kickoff duties, booting 46 touchbacks on 81 attempts, while Keithley punted 11 times for the Irish, averaging 39 yards per punt.

Defensively for the Irish, Casteel led the way with 136 total stops, including four sacks. Nachtigal was next for SH with 96 tackles, four sacks and two fumble recoveries. Tyler Catlin was right behind with 95 stops, four sacks and two fumble recoveries. Fiegener added 70 stops, two interceptions and one fumble recovery. Jordan and Keithley each had a team-high five interceptions. Kyle Bauman led the team with eight sacks while adding 37 tackles.

The 2020 All-District Football teams for the D2-1 district were released last week. Making the first-team offense for the Irish were Jakob Jordan (skill position), Jack Fiegener (skill position) and Kyle Bauman (lineman). The first-team defense included Del Casteel (DB/linebacker), Brogan Nachtigal (Lineman) and Evan Keithley (punter). The second-team offense had Casteel and Keithley, while the second team defense included Tyler Catlin, Jake Froeschl, Bauman and Derek Schawang.

Irish volleyball takes next step

By Brian McKim

After falling in the opening round of the NSAA volleyball State Tournament, the Sacred Heart Irish won the first-round game and won the third-place contest in Lincoln.

The Lady Irish concluded the season with a 27-7 record and a number three ranking by the Lincoln Journal Star. Sacred Heart's only defeats came from Diller-Odell, Johnson-Brock and BDS. The Irish were 1-4 against Diller-Odell, handing the Griffins their only loss on the way to being the Class D-2 champion. BDS finished the season ranked fourth in Class D-1 and Johnson-Brock was rated fifth in D-1. Sacred Heart defeated a very familiar team in Humphrey St. Francis in the State tourney's opening round. After falling to Diller-Odell in the semifinals, SH took down Maywood/Hayes Center to secure the third-place trophy.

Individually for the Irish, Erison Vonderschmidt led the offensive attack with 419 kills on 860 tries. As a team, the Irish had 1206 kills on 3760 attempts. Vonderschmidt added 52 ace serves and 101 total blocks.

Danielle Bippes finished the year with 181 kills on 533 attempts. Bippes finished with 32 ace serves, 41 blocks and 319 digs.

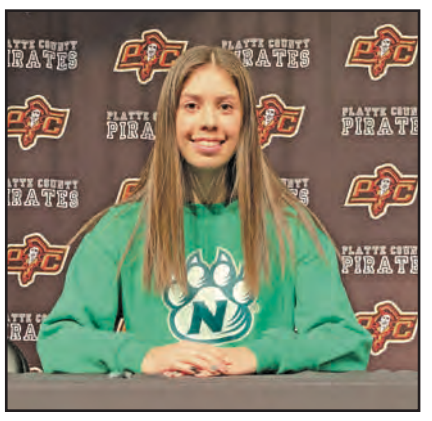
Lauren Malone had 25 ace serves for the Irish and 506 digs for SH. Olivia Eickhoff added 123 kills on 426 attempts, 34 total blocks and 156 digs. Rachel Magdanz finished the season with 39 aces, 91 kills, 42 blocks, 748 assists and 220 digs. Taylor Frederick added 128 kills, 21 ace serves and 89 digs. Lainey Ebel finished the season with 111 kills on 451 attempts. Ebel added 15 blocks and 85 digs.

"I really have to give all the credit of success this season to our girls," said first-year Head Coach Emma Ebel. "I showed up at the beginning of the season with a lot of changes and big ideas and they really just bought into everything I was selling them. They are a hardworking team who was willing to do the work and it paid off. I went to practice every day, happy to be there because I felt like we all had a common goal. Aside from coaching during a pandemic, this team really made it easy on me and I will be forever grateful I had them as a first-year head coach. I also want to thank my assistants, who were rock solid throughout the entire year. And our fan base, Sacred Heart has something special going for them in the sense of that family atmosphere. We really tapped into it together as a team, and it had been something amazing to be a part of."

The Irish return the bulk of their production next season, losing just one senior, Danielle Bippes.

The 2020 Pioneer Conference Volleyball team was also recently announced, with Sacred Heart being well represented.

Making the first team was junior Erison Vonderschmidt. Senior Danielle Bippes was named second-team and Juniors Rachel Magdanz and Lauren Malone were chosen for the third team.



Luna signs with Northwest MO State

Haley Luna, daughter of Ceci Chandler Reschke and granddaughter of Vicki and Bob Beilke of Stella, signed with Northwest Missouri State University to run track next year. Haley is a senior at Platte County High School in Platte City, Missouri - a suburb of Kansas City. She holds three school records at Platte County in the 400 meter, 4 X 200 meter relay, and the 4 X 400 meter relay. She was also a starter on the volleyball team which made their first appearance at the state tournament this year in the school's history and placed third at the tournament. She is one of the top five 400 meter runners in the state of Missouri in all classes.

I gave myself 24 hours to cool down after another debacle by the Scott Frost led Nebraska Cornhuskers on Saturday versus Illinois. The verdict that I reached after an appropriate amount of time is this, Nebraska is no better off right now, two and a half years into the Frost project than they were before he took the program over. Under Coach Frost, the Huskers are a whopping 10-18 after falling to the lowly Fighting Illini. This loss is arguably the worst in the Frost coached era. Not only did Nebraska get blown out at home, 41-23, but they also lost to a team that hadn't won back to back road Big 10 games since the 2007 season.

The Huskers looked as if they didn't want to even be on the field at times. All this from a team that fought so hard in August and September to get the Big 10 to reverse their decision to allow teams to play football. I said it before the year, and I stand by it now. The best thing that Nebraska could have done was to take time off, practice, and get players ready for next season. Instead, the Big Red drops a game by 18 points to a team that they were favored over by 16.5 points at kickoff. The lackluster effort on the field was evident from the start and it didn't seem to get any better as the game progressed.

First off, the Husker defense, every one of them, needs to have their Blackshirts taken away. The vaunted Blackshirt defense allowed Illinois to score 28 first-half points, the most they have scored against a Big 10 opponent since 2010. They also allowed the Illini to convert 11/17 third-down conversions. Illinois racked up 490 total yards of offense against the Big Red, including two rushers who broke the century mark. Remember back when it was a huge deal if a team as a whole put up over 100 yards on the ground against the Blackshirt defense?

So what's killing the Big Red? First, as I mentioned, Nebraska is near the bottom in third-down conversions allowed on defense. Secondly, penalties. Nebraska has seven for 66 yards, including a holding call that wiped out a touchdown run in the first half. Finally, turnovers. Nebraska had five, two fumbles and three interceptions. Meanwhile, Illinois has zero turnovers, not one.

What is missing from this team? Desire? Leadership? Coaching? Or all of the above. The Big Red still has no downfield threat. Wan'dale Robinson can make things happen, but if Nebraska QBs keep hanging him out to dry, he's not going to last long. Maybe that's why JD Spielman left the program. He was sick of getting pummeled trying to catch errant passes all the time. We also have no running back threat. I know we've had injuries, but there is not a running back on the roster right now that has shown me that he can run for 100 yards week in and week out. Finally, why can't we recruit a center? Cam Jurgens was recruited as a tight end, not a center. When a snap to the QB is offline, high or low, it throws the timing of the entire play off. I cannot believe he is the best we have. I feel like it's more of a pride thing for the Coaches who have put time and effort into this kid and they don't want to admit failure. Not only are his snaps bad, but his holding call also negated a touchdown early in the game. Instead, Nebraska had to settle for another red-zone field goal.

Nebraska travels to Iowa this week for their annual Black Friday game against the Hawkeyes. Iowa has won five straight games in this supposed rivalry game. The Hawkeyes are coming off a 41-21 drubbing of Penn St., the same Penn St. team Nebraska hung on to beat by seven last week.

Predictions anyone? Here is what I think will happen on Friday. Nebraska, an underdog, will perform like one. A 3-2 Iowa team will have little trouble sending the Huskers to 1-4. Final score, 31-17 Iowa. After the game Coach Frost will take responsibility, saying the team isn't playing up to their potential. Then next week, same story, different opponent. I hope everyone enjoyed that win last week; it may be the only one of the season for the Big Red.

Village of Stella

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, November 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M at the Stella Community Building

Present: Rick Ramer, Jerry Joy, Heath Stanley, Chasity Davis and Jim Donahoe.
Absent: None
Guests: Pastor John States
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.
Roll call was taken.
Chairperson Joy noted the posting of the open meeting act.
Motion by Ramer and second by Donahoe to approve the minutes as presented. Ramer, Donahoe and Joy voted yea. Stanley and Davis abstained as they were absent for the October meeting.
Motion by Stanley and second by Ramer to approve the treasurers report as presented. All voted yea.
Motion by Donahoe and second by Ramer to pay the claims and payroll as presented. All voted yea.
Communications: Insurance Policy – discussion on the coverage. Motion by Donahoe and second by Ramer to accept the policy as is and will add to it later if needed. All voted yea. The restroom at the big park is being abused and will be closed to public if this continues. It will be closed for the winter. Signage on the north side of the Community Building was discussed.
Committees: Streets – Hein Construction will be here in the next week or two to vacuum up the excess gravel from the Main Street. Ramer noted that there is a small dip at 8th & Vine that we need to keep an eye on. Trash barrels at 9th and Main need to be moved back on the property. Clerk is to order 6 speed limit signs on a motion by Ramer and second by Donahoe. Will check with street superintendent on placement of signs. Lights - One across from Donahoe and by C Vice need replaced. Park – Would like to see a latch on the tennis court gates. W&S- Written report by Milke. Library –Written report by James. A new computer system for the library was discussed, possibly 2 inexpensive laptops for personal use. Maintenance Man – None. Planning – None Tree – None Health – None. Community Building – Voting will be tomorrow from 8 to 8. Main Street Improvement – None
Snow Removal – Noah Vice will remove for $75 per hour on a motion by Donahoe and second by Ramer. All voted yea.
Flags will be put up for election and Veterans Day. Thanks to all who help with this.
Questions from the audience – None.
Water Shut-offs – signed.
Miscellaneous – None
Adjournment - Motion by Ramer and a second by Davis to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. All voted yea.

Vicki Owings, Clerk

November Claims and Payroll

Casey Agency 6130.00; OPPD 321.64; NE Public Health Environmental Labs 273.00; Falls City Journal 91.75; Midwest Labs Inc 199.30; Vicki Owings 550.00; Tracy Milke 350.00; Aaron Davis 300.00; Davis Plumbing 1103.10; American Recycling & Sanitation 1040.00; SE NE Communications 216.21; Sue James 95.85; Vicki Owings 11.00; Tracy Milke 162.00; Sue James 162.00; NPPD 1104.24; Internal Revenue Service 218.11.

City Council

NOVEMBER 16, 2020

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 16th day of November, 2020, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was available to the public by video conference. Mayor Bindle publicly stated to all in attendance that a cur-rent copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the Con-sent Agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the November 2, 2020 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for November16, 2020 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Police Report for October 2020 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for October 2020 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for November 16, 2020 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

FINAL READING – ORDINANCE 2020-103 – A JOINT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AND PAWNEE CITY TO ESTABLISH A SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP – ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

A motion was made by Council person Rhodd and seconded by Council person Wisdom to approve the final reading of Ordinance #2020-103 as presented. Executive Director Anthony Nussbaum spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" Froeschl. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – REDESIGNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREAS AS BLIGHTED AND SUBSTANDARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Bindle declared a public hearing open at 6:04P.M. to approve the Redesignation Redevelopment Areas as Blighted and Substandard as recommended by the Planning Commission. Mayor Bindle then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said plan. Since no one else wished to be recognized, Mayor Bindle then declared the public hearing closed at 6:06P.M. A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Merz to approve the Redesignation Redevelopment Areas as Blighted and Substandard. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Froeschl, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT 2020

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Leyden to approve year end certification of City Street Superintendent for 2020. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – ANIMAL PERMIT FOR 2 POTBELLY PIGS AT 2516 CROOK STREET – LLOYD & GREG STONE

Mayor Bindle declared a public hearing open at 6:09P.M. to approve the Animal Permit for 2 potbelly pigs at 2516 Crook Street. Lloyd Stone spoke. Mayor Bindle then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said plan. Since no one else wished to be recognized, Mayor Bindle then declared the public hearing closed at 6:11P.M. A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Ractliffe to approve the said permit. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd. "NAY" Froeschl, Wisdom. "ABSTAIN" Leyden. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MATT BEER TO FIRE CHIEF, JON MCQUEEN TO FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF AND BRIAN VICE TO SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF FOR THE FALL CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 2021

A motion was made by Council person Ractliffe and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the appointment of Matt Beer to Fire Chief, Jon McQueen to First Assistant Chief and Brian Vice to Second Assistant Chief for the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department for 2021. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - POSSIBLE LITIGATION

A motion was made by Council person Ractliffe and seconded by Council person Merz to recess from regular session and convene to Executive Session at 6:17P.M. to discuss possible litigation. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried. Asst Clerk Ferris attended. A motion was then made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhodd to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in regular session at 6:26 P.M. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froeschl, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "AB-SENT" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:27P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on November 16, 2020; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be dis-cussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Shawna Bindle, Mayor

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
November 19, 2020
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 19th day of November, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. Absent: None. Ray Luhring recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Vice-Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Albu to approve the minutes for the November 5, 2020 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the November 19, 2020 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

WARTSILA WECSPLORER WORKSTATION & TRAINING

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Joy to recommend to the City Council to approve in the amount of $21,510.98. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

CUSTOMER #1781 SEWER ADJUSTMENT/SUMMER RATE

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to deny the claim for adjustment of Sewer portion of Utility bill. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

FIRE HYDRANT ESTIMATE

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to recommend to the City Council to award to Reischick Drilling Co. Inc. in the amount of $47,125.00. Roll was called on this motion and the mem-bers voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:55PM.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on November 19, 2020 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Tom Bartek, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

County Safety Meeting

Richardson County
Safety Committee Meeting
November 10, 2020

Chairman Sickel called to order at 8:45 a.m. the quarterly meeting of the Richardson County Safety Committee. Those present were Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sickel, Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin; Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance Technician; Brian Kirkendall, Emergency Management Agency; Tamie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance; Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent and Wyatt Martin, County Road Department.

The Law Enforcement Center did not have anything to report.

Tyler Cooper, County Bldg. Maintenance Technician reported that the equipment is ready to take care of snow removal and keeping the walks free from ice this winter season around the Law Enforcement Center and the Courthouse square. Tammie Beckner of Courthouse Maintenance reported that ice melt is in stock for the winter season.

Steve Darveau, Jr. and Wyatt Martin representing the Road Department requested that a 4 post vehicle lift be installed at the County Shop which would provide for a safer working condition when doing maintenance on vehicles that by using the jack lifts currently being used. The cost would be about $15,000 installed. Mr. Darveau also inquired as to a plan of action if the department would have to shut down because of employees being affected by COVID. Suggestions were to call in local contractors if needed for snow removal.

Chairman Sickel declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

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

Area Agencies on Aging benefit Seniors
AAA's serve Nebraskans throughout the state

Nebraska's eight Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) have been creative in meeting the needs of clients across the state, according to Cynthia Brammeier, Administrator for the State Unit on Aging (SUA).

During the current pandemic, the Older Americans Act (OAA), which primarily provides nutrition, health promotion and disease prevention, caregiver programs, and legal services to Nebraska senior adults, has been put to good use. These services are often provided through senior centers located around the state. These grants are based on census data for those aged 60+.

The OAA regulates aging programs and requirements which are designed to help people age in a place of their own choosing. Financial and social services, especially for those living in a rural community, minorities, and people with limited English speaking skills are available, with federal priorities aimed at those most in need.

In March, Nebraska received emergency funding as a result of the pandemic, which permits flexibility between the categories of services. The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) totaled an additional $5.7 million for programming. This funding has been used to support expanded services from grab and go and home delivered meals, to activities helping with social isolation, and caregiver services including counseling, training and support groups, and providing "Needs Bags" to caregivers with PPE products, and shelf stable foods. Staff conduct well-check calls to clients, which allows for responsive and adaptive solutions at the local level.

Funds were also used in some agencies within the state to support the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) through University of Nebraska Medical Center to develop materials related to telehealth technologies for older adults. This provides better access to safe health care for seniors without the need to leave their homes. Several AAA's have initiated one-time projects to address safety items within a client's home, such as step repair, railing replacement, and snow removal, and have used funding to increase the Ombudsman Program Coordinator's hours, legal services, and insurance counseling.

The SUA established new documentation requirements to accommodate this flexibility in spending the additional funds. It is expected that senior centers will continue to be maintained and reopened once the public health emergency is over. Additionally, Brammeier states that some of these programs and services may become permanent, such as grocery delivery and prescription and mail pick up for example.

Heart Of America announces revised basketball schedule

The Heart of America Athletic Conference (Heart) has developed a revised league schedule for the upcoming 2020-21 season.

The original conference schedule showcased a mix of three cross-division games and four divisional competitions each night for the majority of the schedule, with regular season play coming to an end on February 20.

Peru State is a member of the North Division of the Heart along with Clarke (Iowa), Culver-Stockton (Mo.), Graceland (Iowa), Grand View (Iowa), Mount Mercy (Iowa), and William Penn (Iowa).

The new schedule features a front-loaded division focus that highlights six division contests and one cross-division game for the majority of conference play dates through January. The revised schedule also adds built-in additional make-up dates for any postponed contests, which will give institutions some flexibility as they navigate the COVID-19 landscape.

"We are continuing to adjust our sails as we navigate the COVID-19 landscape," shared Commissioner Lori Thomas. "We have learned so much from the obstacles and challenges of our fall sport schedules and this overhaul allows us to put what we've learned into action as we move into the conference schedule."

Division play opened on Wednesday, November 18. The top four teams from each division will advance to postseason play. The league's postseason tournament, which will feature three single- elimination rounds, is scheduled to begin with the quarterfinals in late-February.

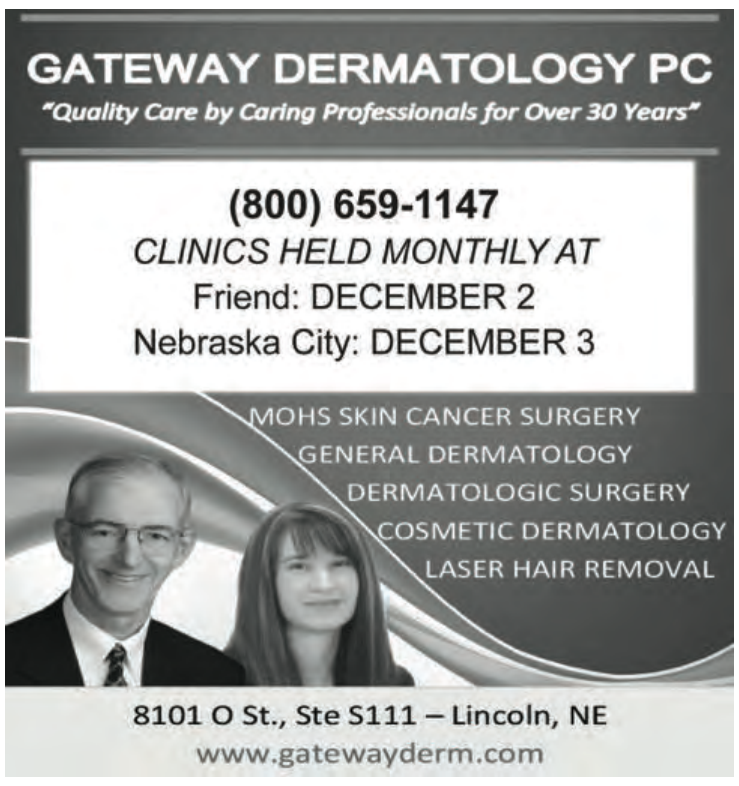
COVID-19 has even altered the Bobcats' Heart schedule for what is to be the opening night of divisional play. The Peru State women actually hosted North Division foe Graceland at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Bobcat men; however, will be hosting Central Methodist (Mo.) from the South Division as the Graceland men are in quarantine due to some coronavirus cases.

Each member institution will be updating schedule information on their individual athletic sites and the conference site. Links to Heart member athletic websites can be found by going to: https://bit.ly/3f6DkKA Access to links for live stats, live video, and spectator policies by institution can be found on our Heart Matrix by https://bit.ly/3hUdOZC

Peru State athletic director Wayne Albury, a member of the Heart's Board of Governors (BOG) noted, "This has been a very challenging year for all athletic programs, from youth to all levels, even the pros. All of us are willing to make the adjustments so we can give our student-athletes the best opportunity to continue to play in a healthy environment."

Continuing, Albury stated, "We understand there will be more changes as we navigate the winter season, so we hope everyone is patient with the process."

For future updates, please check the College's Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/PeruStateCollege or following the athletic Twitter at https://twitter.com/pscbobcats.



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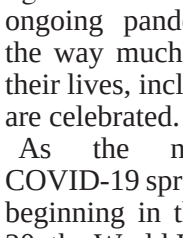
Ron Fritz

Ron Fritz, 84, of Salem, NE, passed away November 18, 2020, at his home. He was born September 7, 1936, on the family farm north of Salem to Harvey and Violet (Jones) Fritz.



He married Brenda Wiar on February 5, 1961, in Falls City, NE.

Ron enlisted in the U. S. Army on March 29, 1956, at Falls City. He earned a Sharpshooter Badge and was honorably discharged on December 31, 1957, at Ft. Sheridan, IL.

Ron was raised north of Salem and graduated from Verdon High School in 1954. He attended the University of Nebraska and ran track. When discharged, he returned to Salem and was a member of the Nebraska National Guard. When married, the couple established their home on the family farm and he took over the farming operation following the death of his father. He retired from farming in 2014 but still helped when needed. He was a member of the Brethren Church at Falls City, he served on the Verdon School board and drove a school bus. He was a past deacon of the Verdon Congregational Church and a long time umpire and member of the ASA Umpires Association for more than 40 years.

Ron is survived by his wife, Brenda of Salem, daughters, Ronda Fritz of Avoca, IA, Stacey Duerfeldt and her husband Stan of Falls City, sister, Catherine Palensky of Omaha, granddaughters, Shelby Kuker and her husband Eli and Lindsey Duerfeldt and her significant other Payton Adams, sisters-in-law, Barbara Young of Jefferson City, MO, Linda Wiar of Falls City, Jakie Fritz of Phoenix, AZ, Jeanine Wiar of Boise, ID, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sons, Brad and Ronnie, brothers, Art and Bob.

All services for Ron Fritz have been postponed due to Covid. Another notification will be issued when services have been rescheduled.

Elaine M. Solt Hall

Elaine M. Solt Hall - RN., 90, of Overland Park, KS, died at home on Oct. 8, 2020.

She was born in Falls City, and graduated from Falls City High School in 1948. She graduated from Bethany Hospital School of Nursing in 1951. She was a nursing supervisor at Bethany Hospital and Shawnee Mission Hospital and an office nurse.

She was a member of Valley View United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, James R. Hall, and their children, David Hall, Gary Hall, Susan Rodgers and husband Tim, Jay Hall; ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

She was proceeded in death by her parents Floyd and Sadie Solt.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Michael Moore

Michael Moore, 80, of Falls City, NE, passed away November 10, 2020 at Lincoln, NE. He was born Oct. 26, 1940 to Basil and Katheryn Moore.

He married Pamala (Wright) Moore in 1991 at Jamestown, CA. They lived in California before moving to Florida in 2000 and then to Falls City in 2003. At that time Mike had already retired from IBM, with a 30-year career. With Pam having family here in Falls City they decided this would be a wonderful place to live.

During the 17 years of living in Falls City, Mike became active with the City Council and worked on many projects. The dog Park was his most favorite project. Mike also worked at the Spirit Shoppe for several years.

Mike loved to read, which meant that the Library became his most favorite place to visit. His other favorite things to do were to walk the dogs, BBQ and have a Happy Hour get together with the friends he most enjoyed being with.

He is survived by his wife, Pam, son Todd (Alison), daughter Lynde (Bruno) Rouche, stepson Jeff (Robin) Hernandez six grandchildren and one great grandson.

Mike will be cremated and returned to California as his final resting place.

How to approach hosting Thanksgiving during the pandemic

Much like the holidays that preceded it in 2020, Thanksgiving figures to be different this year. An ongoing pandemic has changed the way much of the world lives their lives, including how holidays are celebrated.

As the novel coronavirus COVID-19 spread across the globe beginning in the winter of 2019-20, the World Health Organization recommended a host of behaviors designed to prevent the spread of the virus and protect those who are most vulnerable to it. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also noted the importance of keeping distance from others, especially for those who are most likely to get seriously ill if they're exposed to COVID-19, such as the elderly and people with underlying medical conditions.

The WHO and the CDC continue to recommend social distancing, which means Thanksgiving in 2020 will be unlike any other. Families must make their own decisions about getting together this holiday season, but hosts who intend to welcome guests into their homes this Thanksgiving can take certain steps to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Scale back the guest list. Families accustomed to large Thanksgiving gatherings can scale the festivities back this year in an effort to keep everyone safe. Consider hosting a meal for immediate family members only, as the Environmental Protection Agency notes that COVID-19 may spread more easily in indoor environments via airborne particles. Extended family members can visit each other over the long holiday weekend to ensure everyone still sees each other, but keep such visits outdoors when possible.

Consider eating Thanksgiving dinner outside. If the weather permits, consider eating Thanksgiving dinner outside this year. Doing so may limit everyone's exposure to the respiratory droplets that researchers say can spread the virus when inhaled. If necessary, serve the meal earlier than you normally would so everyone can eat in midday when it's still warm outside. Hosts also can consider serving something more convenient than turkey, which takes a long time to cook, and limiting side dishes to one or two items.

Assign seats. If the meal will be served indoors, then hosts can assign seats to protect those most vulnerable to serious illness from COVID-19. Instead of cramming everyone in at one table, set up temporary tables and have guests sit in every other seat rather than next to one another. Isolate the vulnerable as much as possible while still ensuring they can engage in conversation.

Discourage guests from attending if they feel sick. A list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found at www.cdc.gov. In the days prior to Thanksgiving, hosts can share that list with guests via email or social media and discourage guests who are feeling ill on or around the holiday from attending the festivities. If necessary, make a to-go plate for ill relatives and drop it off at their homes so they can still enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

Stock up on hand soap and hand sanitizer. Hosts should make sure hand soap and sanitizer is readily available throughout their homes. When guests arrive, make sure everyone washes their hands immediately, and encourage guests to continue doing so throughout the day.

Thanksgiving will be different in 2020. Hosts need to adjust their normal Thanksgiving routines to ensure the safety of their guests.

Richardson County COVID numbers stay high as Thanksgiving approaches

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are still both in the "RED ZONE."

The risk dial for the district is at 2.93, in the red zone. Richardson, Nemaha and Otoe have also hit 2.93 on the risk dial. Pawnee County is at 2.64 and Johnson is at 2.71.

When in the "Red Zone," residents are advised to follow these recommendations to SLOW the transmission of COVID-19: Avoid Confined Spaces, Close Contact, and Crowded Places; Work from home, if possible; When you go out in public, maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and others and wear a cloth face covering. Shop alone and only shop one time per week. Stay away from others who are sick. Wash your hands often. Review the updated Directive Health Measures and follow them. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, follow public health recommendations of isolation.

If you are a close contact with a positive case, follow public health recommendations of quarantine.

All Test Nebraska locations and the Test Nebraska hotline will be closed on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving, and re-open for regularly scheduled hours on Friday, November 27. There will be no interruption in lab services during the holiday.

Those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 or who are experiencing symptoms can receive a free test through Test Nebraska. Symptoms can include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, tiredness, muscle aches, headaches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

Local COVID-19 testing available every Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Community Medical Center in Falls City. Pre-Register at Test-Nebraska.com. Testing is free through Test Nebraska.

Bonnie Zentner

Bonnie Rae (Kessler) Zentner, 79, of Falls City, was born August 16, 1941, in Falls City, Nebraska, to Alfred and Imogene (Young) Kessler. She was raised in Falls City, where she received all of her schooling. Bonnie graduated from Falls City High School with the class of 1959. On June 12, 1960, Bonnie was united in marriage to Kenneth Zentner at Christ Lutheran Church in Falls City. To this union, two sons, Brad and Mark, were born. Kenneth and Bonnie raised their family in Falls City while Bonnie worked as a bookkeeper for different local businesses over the years. She was a bookkeeper for American Loan, Frank's Jewelry, Stevenson Hotel, and many years for Falls City Auto Supply until retirement. Bonnie was a wonderful homemaker that enjoyed sewing and cooking for her family. She enjoyed camping and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Bonnie was also a very active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Falls City, serving for many years in the Altar Guild, LWML and held the position of Christian Growth Chairman. She was in charge of the making of quilts for the needy of Orphan Grain Train and Lutheran World Relief. Bonnie later became a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 20th & Towle Street in Falls City.

Bonnie went to be with her Lord on Monday, November 16, 2020, at the Falls City Care Center, having reached the earthly age of seventy-nine years and three months. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Sheila Whalen.

Bonnie is survived by her loving husband Kenneth Zentner of Falls City, sons: Brad Zentner and wife Ruthann of Lee's Summit, MO; Mark Zentner and wife Pam of Savage, MN; grandchildren: McKenzie Marston of Kansas, MO; Hunter and Piper Zentner both of Lee's Summit, MO; Megan Zentner of Savage, MN; brothers-in-law: Richard Zentner and wife Carolyn of Falls City, Robert "Bob" Zentner of Falls City, Larry Whalen of Falls City, and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at Steele Cemetery in Falls City with Pastor Andrew Chavanak. "How Great Thou Art" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" was sung by vocalist Jon Von Behren. Honorary Pallbearers for Bonnie's service were her grandchildren McKenzie Marston, Megan Zentner, Hunter Zentner and Piper Zentner.

Visitation was from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020, at The Hall Funeral Home, 2403 Harlan Street, in Falls City.

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

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net

Marie Santo

Marie Santo, 99, of Falls City, NE, passed away November 23, 2020 in Falls City.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, November 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Lawrence Stoley as the presiding priest. Interment in the Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary will be recited on Friday at 12:00 PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Viewing will begin Wednesday afternoon until 5:00 PM and on Thursday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral.

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Sunday: Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Second Tuesday of the month, Dorcas Circle.

Wednesday: 9 a.m., Sew 'n Sews; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML.

Wednesday Evening, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Class. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Christ Lutheran. September through April.

Dan Gifford,
pastor

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 12 miles Northeast of Falls City (Williamsville)

Sunday: Worship 9:15 a.m., first, third and fifth Sundays with communion on the first Sunday. We worship on the second and fourth Sundays at Barada United Methodist Church in Barada, Nebraska. Fellowship and Sunday school following worship.

WELCA 1:30 first Monday
Church Council, 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays

Pastor Mike Hader

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA
(20th and Towle Streets)
402-245-3828.

Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School (pre-school thru adult, during school year);

10 a.m. Worship; Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month;

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Men's coffee; 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. choir practice.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Communion Worship before the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

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Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; church service, 10:15 a.m.

Web page: www.gbfchurch.com
Office: 883-2110
pastor Dave Lockard

Lighthouse Church of God
(2202 330th, White Cloud, KS)
One quarter mile west of Iowa Tribal Com-plex

Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; church service, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Charles J. Haney,
pastor
785-862-1107

Stella Community Church

Sunday: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; adults Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor John States

First United Methodist Church
(1700 Harlan Street)
fumc@sentco.net
402-245-3281

Sunday: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Broadcast live on KTNC AM 1230. Adult Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Children's Sunday school during this service during the school year.

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Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. (During the school year) Fellowship and cookies 10:15 a.m. on second or third Sunday of the month.

Second Monday of month: Women's Circle, 7 p.m.

Every Monday of month: Prayer Shawl Group: 4:00 pm at the Church.

Every Monday: Community Diaper Closet, 4-6PM in Basement-use east side door.

First Friday of each month: Group breakfast with speaker at 7:00 a.m.

Pastor Richard Kent Martin
402-245-2650
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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
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(23rd and Barada)
402-245-3324
www.stpaulsfallscity.org

Holy Communion celebrated 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Sunday: Divine service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

First Tuesday Care & Outreach - 6:30 PM. LLL - 7:30 PM

Wednesday: Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. (after Ash Wednesday, 6 p.m.); 5 p.m., Midweek.

Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 7:00 p.m.

Dan Gifford,
pastor

First Brethren Church
(1902 Lane Street)

Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, nursery (or pre-school), adult, 10:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hour, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

Victor Haworth, pastor
245-5287
Don Shafer,moderator
245-5209

Good News Assembly of God
(600 Reavis Street)
402-245-3977

Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; wor-ship, 10:40 a.m.

Wednesday: Good News Kids, 6:30 p.m.

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Tim Boatright,
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Services held in Barada on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Services held at St. Peter's ELCA on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

"…with God all things are possible." Matt. 19:26

Pastor Mike Hader
402-245-4584

Prairie Union Baptist Church
(Rural Shubert)

Sunday: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Dan Farley,
pastor

Bethel United Methodist Church
(70654 656 AVE)
(1/2 mile N of Preston Corner)

Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday choir, 7:30 p.m.
Mike Hader, pastor
402-245-4584

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
(16th and Harlan)
stthomasepis@sentco.net
www.stthomasfallscity.org

Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist (coffee, tea and conversation follow worship)

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Wednesday: Bible study for all ages, 6 p.m.

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Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 4-5 p.m., or by appointment.

Inquiry classes: Thursdays, 7-8:00 p.m. beginning October 22.

Fr. Lawrence Stoley, pastor
402-245-3002 or 402-450-4552.

Zion United Church of Christ
(4 1/2 miles East of Falls City, 3 miles North and 1 1/2 miles East) 65763 709 Rd, Falls City
245-5024; 245-2398

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Sunday Mass: First, third and fifth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; confessions before Mass.

Fr. Kenneth F. Hoesing
pastor

First Baptist Church
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Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
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Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Children's, Youth and Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

We welcome you to all of our services.

Dick Lionberger,
Intern pastor

Trinity United Methodist Church (Rulo)
fumc@sentco.net
402-245-3281

Sunday: Worship service, 8:45 a.m.; Children's Sunday School during worship.

Rev. Young Je Kim

First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
(1322 Stone Street)
Office Phone, 245-2398 or Parsonage, 245-2397

Sunday: Adult School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.

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Pastor Will Certain
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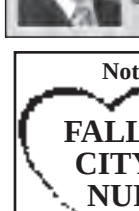
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Holidays may bring some new scams for senior citizens Coronavirus adds new twist

Billions of dollars are estimated to be lost by senior adults each year to scammers, according to the National Council on Aging. Now, with the confusion and fear over the new coronavirus, it didn't take scammers long to begin to capitalize. People 65 and older often are targeted because they're more likely to own their home, have retirement savings and/or have excellent credit. They should be especially vigilant in order to keep the 'Grinch's' from spoiling the upcoming holidays. Federal, state and local officials across the country have alerted consumers, particularly older people, to be aware of several fraud schemes tied to the virus.

Phone or social media-based scams often may target seniors; the caller may claim to be a medical organization saying that COVID-19 vaccine is ready and may ask for an over-the-phone payment. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have issued warnings against at least seven companies that the agencies say have been misbranding products as treatments or preventives against coronavirus. To date, no vaccine has been developed to prevent COVID-19.

A tactic similar to the vaccine scam has some fraudsters calling or emailing, posing as professional cleaners or similar service providers, offering to sanitize homes or businesses. While there are businesses that specialize in this service, they are not typically engaged in randomly calling potential customers out of the blue. Reputable businesses don't engage in hard sells or pressure tactics, particularly if they claim to want to help during this difficult time.

Likewise, the IRS cautions elderly taxpayers about telephone scams where the caller threatens to arrest the victim over the holidays for unpaid taxes. The caller usually demands immediate payment with a credit card or a prepaid debit card. The IRS said it does not call taxpayers without first sending an official notice through the mail. Also, the agency will not demand immediate payment without allowing for questions or appeal of the amount owed. Nor will the IRS threaten to send police or other law enforcement to arrest you for non-payment.

Charity scams are common regardless of what's happening in the news, but fraudsters follow the headlines, and coronavirus is a prime way for them to claim they're gathering donations for families that have been affected by the virus. Research any potential charity, and never give donations through cash, gift cards or by wiring money. Independently verify the information with the Better Business Bureau or with CharityWatch.org that suggest it is best to direct your donations to one or two charities rather than send smaller donations to a long list. Even the best charities have overhead costs related to obtaining and processing your donation. By making a larger gift to one financially efficient charity, instead of sending $20 to 10 different charities, a smaller portion of your donation will be used to cover overhead costs.

The coronavirus crisis is rapidly evolving, and many seniors are eager to make sure they have the most up-to-date information. One email scam uses the logo of the World Health Organization (WHO) to lure users into clicking on a button that unleashes malware. Another scam uses a likeness of the popular Johns Hopkins University coronavirus map to install spyware that can steal passwords, credit card numbers and other data stored within the web browser.

The first line of defense is your computer's firewall which can detect and block many known versions of malware. Updating and layering your computer's security systems will help protect you from such invasions.

Some con artists aren't as high tech. One common deception is the "grandparent scam" in which an imposter calls a senior citizen with a fictitious story about a relative in trouble who desperately needs money to fix a car or get out of jail in order to come home for the holidays. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau suggests before offering help to someone who claims to be a relative such as a grandchild or friend, be sure to contact other family members to verify the emergency or urgent request is genuine. The Bureau also warns anyone not to provide personal financial information to anyone you don't know or aren't positive of who they actually are.

Last year the FTC noted older consumers are becoming more likely to report financial exploitation than their younger counterparts. It's okay to be generous during the holidays if you're also careful. By staying vigilant, you can better avoid becoming a fraud victim.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the State of Nebraska, Liquor Control Commission by Hy-Vee Inc. dba Dollar Fresh for a Class C Liquor License for their place of business located at 1300 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing on December 7, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. at the Prichard Auditorium, 312 West 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska at which time evidence will be heard bearing upon the propriety of the issuance of such license.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
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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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NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF JOHN TIMOTHY LYONS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR20-57

Notice is hereby given that on November 9, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Sandy S. Lyons, whose address is P.O. Box 454, 65307 705 Rd., Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 18, 2021, or be forever barred.

Cassondra R. Buethe
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Falls City, Nebraska, Gary Jorn, City Clerk at the City Building, 2307 Barada Street, until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on Wednesday December 2, 2020, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the purchase of a One Ton Single Rear Wheel Crew Cab Short Box Truck.

Complete Specifications on the unit to be purchased may be obtained from the Office of the Utility Superintendent or the Office of the City Clerk. The proposed unit shall be in strict accordance with specifications. Bids will be received only upon the approved proposal form furnished by the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

The City reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous 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 thirty (30) days after bids are opened.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

GARY JORN, CITY CLERK
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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-103

A JOINT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA AND THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, A REGIONAL HOUSING AGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 71-1581 NEB. REV. STAT.; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF SUCH HOUSING AGENCY BY EACH MUNICIPALITY; SETTING CERTAIN PROCEDURES OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING AGENCIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA AND THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAWNEE CITY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That there is a need for a regional housing agency to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable to persons of low and moderate income residing in a mal-jurisdictional area and that this need will be more efficiently served by the establishment of a regional housing agency.

Section 2. Upon adoption of this Ordinance by both the City of Falls City, Nebraska and the City of Pawnee City, Nebraska, the regional housing agency shall be established and shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved in accordance with law.

Section 3. That the name of the Regional Housing Agency shall be the Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership.

Section 4. The Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership shall be governed by a Board of Commissioners. The initial board shall consist of 6 members. The Mayor of each City with the consent of the city council shall appoint three members to the commission. Two of each City's appointments shall be at large members and one appointment shall be a resident of a facility managed by the agency within the Municipality.

Section 5. Each Commissioner shall serve a 5-year term or until their successor is appointed except the initial commissioners shall be designated at the time of appointment to serve a 2,4- & 5-year term. If during any term a vacancy exists, the appointment shall be by the Mayor with approval of the City Council of the city who appointed the original commissioner and shall be for the unexpired term. The Mayor may appoint one (1) of members of the City Council to serve as one of the members of the commission. No person shall serve as a Commissioner unless he\she resides within the Municipality, appointing them. A certificate of the appointment or reappointment of any Commissioner shall be filed with the City Clerk, and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the proper appointment of such Commissioner. The Commissioner shall receive no compensation of his/her services, but he\she shall be entitled to the necessary expenses including travel expense, incurred discharge of his/ her duties as provided by Section 81-1174 thru 81-1177, R.R.S. A majority of Commissioners shall constitute a quorum of the Agency for the purpose of conducting its business, exercising its powers, and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the Agency upon the vote of the majority of the Commissioners present and voting. The Commissioners shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among the Commissioners and shall have the power to employ an executive director who shall serve as ex-official secretary of the Agency. The Agency may also employ legal counsel for such services as it may require. It may employ accountants, appraisers, technical experts and such other officers, agents and employees as it may require and shall determine their qualifications, duties, compensations and terms of office. The Agency may delegate such other powers and duties to its agents or employees, as it may deem proper. During his/her tenure and for one year thereafter, no Commissioner, officer or employee of the Housing agency shall voluntarily acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any project or in any property included or planned to be included in any project, or in any contract or proposed contract related to any housing project. If any such commissioner, officer or employee involuntarily acquires any such interest, or voluntarily or involuntarily acquired any such interest prior to appointment or employment as commissioner, officer or employee, he/she shall immediately disclose his/her interest in writing to the Agency, and such disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes of the Agency, and he/she shall not participate in any action by the Agency relating to the property or contract in which he/she has any such interest. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute misconduct in office. This prohibition shall not apply to the acquisition of any interest in notes or bonds of the Agency issued in connection with any housing project or to the execution of the agreements by banking institutions for deposit or handling of funds in connection with a project or to act as Trustee under any Trust indenture, or utility services, the rates for which are fixed or controlled by a governmental agency. This section shall not be constructed to preclude, regulate or restrict the participation of any tenant of the Agency from serving, if appointed, as a commissioner of such authority, but he/she may not participate in any decision solely affecting his/her individual interest.

Section 6. One Commissioner appointed by each Municipality to be known as the Resident Commissioner, shall be appointed to the Commission by the Mayor subject to confirmation or denial by the council. To select the initial Resident Commissioner, or to fill subsequent vacancies in the position, the Housing Agency shall notify any Resident Advisory Board or other Resident Organization and all adult persons directly assisted by such Agency, to the effect that the position of Resident Commissioner is open and that if any such person is interested in being considered as a candidate for the position, such person should notify the Housing Agency, in writing, within 30 days of the person's willingness to be considered and to serve as Resident Commissioner. The names of all persons interested who have notified the Housing Agency of their interest in so serving shall be forwarded to the Mayor and the Resident Commissioner shall be appointed from the list of names, subject to confirmation by the council. Upon the appointment of a Resident Commissioner, the Certificate of Appointment shall state the term is for five (5) years or when no longer an eligible resident whichever occurs first. In the event that no qualified person has submitted his or her name to the Housing Agency as being interested as a candidate for the position, the Housing Agency has received no notifications of interest in serving as a Resident Commissioner by any person, no Resident Commissioner shall be required to be selected. In the event a Resident Commissioner is appointed and resigns from the position prior to completion of the appointed term, or is no longer an eligible resident, or is otherwise disqualified or removed from the Board, and a vacancy is create, the Housing Agency shall solicit new candidate(s) for the position following the same procedure set forth above, In the event that no Resident Commissioner is selected and the position is unfilled, the Agency shall renotify all adult persons directly assisted by the Agency that the position of Resident Commissioner is open and solicit these persons for candidates for the position not lets than once annually.

Section 7. The Mayor of each City may remove a Commissioner which they have appointed for neglect of duty, misconduct in office, or conviction of any felony, in the manner prescribed hereinafter. The Mayor shall send a notice of removal to such Commissioner, which shall set forth the charges against him/her. Unless within the ten (10) days from the receipt of such notice, the Commissioner files with the Clerk a request for a hearing before the Council, the Commissioner shall be deemed removed from office. If a request for a hearing is filed with the clerk, the Council shall hold a hearing not sooner than ten (10) days after the date a hearing is requested, at which time the Commissioner shall have the right to appear in person or by counsel and the council shall determine whether the removal shall be upheld. If the removal is not upheld, the Commissioner shall continue to hold his/her office.

Section 8. The Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership political subdivision, independent from the City of Falls City and the City of Pawnee City. The Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership shall constitute a public body, corporate and politic and shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Nebraska Housing Agency Act.

Section 9. Except as otherwise herein specifically provided, the definitions, terms, provisions and conditions set forth in the Nebraska Statues under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act are hereby adopted by reference, as they now exist, or may hereafter be amended, for the operation and management of the Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership and the Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership shall fully comply with and be governed by the terms of the Nebraska Housing Agency Act.

Section 10. The Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership shall adopt and promulgate fair and equitable policies establishing a plan for selection of applicants. The plan shall include standards for eligibility, procedures for prompt notification of eligibility or disqualification, and procedures for maintaining a waiting list of eligible applicants for whom vacancies are not immediately available. Eligible applicants shall be offered available vacancies as provided in such policies.

Section 11. The Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership may adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules and regulations related to carrying out the purposes of the regional housing agency and exercising its powers and to amend or repeal such rules and regulations from time to time.

Section 12. Within six months after the end of the Housing Agency's fiscal year, the Housing Agency shall prepare an annual report. This report shall contain financial statement and the results of the operations. The report shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners and signed by the Chairperson. The annual report of the Housing Agency shall be a public record and available for inspection and copying by members of the general public at the Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership. The Annual report shall be placed on file with the City Clerk of each City upon completion thereof.

Section 13. All of the real and personal property and assets owned, managed and controlled by the Falls City Housing Agency and the Pawnee City Housing Agency shall be transferred to the Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership.

This transfer shall include but not limited to all property rights and land, buildings, records and equipment and any funds, money, revenue receipts of assets of each local housing authority. In consideration of the receipt of such assets the Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership shall be assigned and shall assume all obligations, debts, commitments and liabilities of the Falls City Hosing Authority and the Pawnee City Housing Authority.

Section 14. The City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska and the City Council of the City of Pawnee City, Nebraska hereby each consent to the Dissolution of their local Housing Agency following the transfer of all assets and liabilities of the Falls City Housing Agency and the Pawnee City Housing Agency to Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership. Each local Housing Agency shall hold a final meeting adopting a written resolution to dissolve setting forth in such Resolution that the transfer of all assets and liabilities to the Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership has been completed and winding up of the affairs of local housing authority and dissolving the local housing authority in compliance with §21-15,108 Neb. Rev. Stat. Such resolution shall be delivered to the City Clerk and an Ordinance prepared to repeal the sections of each municipal code relate to the local housing agency.

Section 15. Following the establishment of the Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership additional cities or counties may elect to participate if the requirements of §71-1585 Neb. Rev Stat. or its successor are met.

Section 16. That all Ordinances passed and approved prior to the passing and approval of publication or posting of this Ordinance and in conflict with its provisions are hereby repealed.

Section 17. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage approval and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 16 day of November, 2020.

Shawna Bindle, MAYOR
ATTESTED:
Gary Jorn, CITY CLERK
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NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF JAMES R. INGLIS, DECEASED
PR20-62

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of November, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Amy Taylor Spain, whose address is 3416 Jamesdale Rd, Columbia, Missouri 65202, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 25, 2021, or be forever barred.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Blue Rivers Public Transit is an Applicant requesting financial assistance from the Federal Transit Act, generally described below.

Description of Project

Purpose of the Project is for operating assistance to provide general public transportation. Loca-tion of the Project is Southeastern Nebraska. The estimated cost of the Project by source funds are $530,000 in federal funds, $0 in state funds and $0 in local funds.

A copy of the Application for financial assistance of the Project is available for public inspection at the Blue Rivers Area Agency Offices on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd., Beatrice, NE 68310 for a period of 10 days ending December 9, 2020.

Clifton Lindell
Transit Manager
Blue Rivers Public Transit
A service of Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Falls City, Nebraska, invites you to submit a sealed bid for:

Construction of Water Treatment Plant Improvements, Falls City, Nebraska – 2020, will be received by the City of Falls City, at City office, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355 until 1:30 p.m. local time on December 16, 2020, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

1. Base Bid: Project Work shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment for the construction of a new concrete solids contact clarifier and concrete masonry unit (CMU) cover with hollowcore roofing, including structural fill, foundations, structure, installation of pre-purchased equipment, existing treatment structure and appurtenance demolition, internal and site piping, including connections to existing utilities and controls, electrical, mechanical, miscellaneous site work, including concrete slab, access catwalk(s), and other appurtenant work as shown in the plans and described in the specifications. The project is located within existing City property.

Alternates are included, as described in the Bid Form.

Bids shall be on a lump sum basis, and Bidders are required to bid on all Bid Sections. This is a State Revolving Fund (SRF) funded project.
A pre-bid conference will not be held.
Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s) are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance.
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Olsson, Inc. 601 P Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. Questions should be directed to Craig Reinsch, at 402-458-5671.
Bidding Documents also may be examined at:

- Olsson, 601 P Street, , Suite 200, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
- City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355
- Lincoln Builder's Bureau, 5910 S. 58th Street, Suite C, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516
- Omaha Builder's Exchange, 4159 S. 94th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68127

A complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form may be obtained from www.questcdn.com for a fee of $15.00 (non-refundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc number 7422662 (Falls City Water Treatment Plant Improvements).
A complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form can be obtained from the Issuing Office on EITHER a CD for a non-refundable charge of $75.00 OR printed and mailed for a non-refundable charge of $100.00.
Bidders should take caution if U.S. mail or mail delivery services are used for the submission of bids. Mailing should be made in sufficient time for bids to arrive at the City of Falls City office, prior to the time and date specified above.
City of Falls City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in bids submitted.

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NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) proposes to reissue with change the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Village of Verdon Wastewater Treatment Facility, PO Box 114, Verdon, NE (NPDES# NE0027928; SIC 4952). The publically owned treatment works receives and treats domestic wastewater which discharges from a 2-cell facultative controlled discharge lagoon system through Outfall 001 to Muddy Creek, Segment NE2-10600 in the Nemaha River Basin. The permit would be issued for a period of up to five years and would restrict pollutant discharges to comply with the requirements of Department regulations. The draft permit, fact sheet, and other public information are available for re-view at NDEE's Lincoln Office (address below) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays. To request copies of the draft permit and other information, call 402 471 3557. Individuals requiring special accommodations or alternate formats of materials should notify the Department by calling 402-471-2186. TDD users should call 800-833-7352 and ask the relay operator to call the Department at 402-471-2186. Written comments, objections, and/or hearing requests concerning permit issuance may be submitted to Kim Bubb, NPDES and State Permits Section, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, 1200 N St., Suite 400, the Atrium, PO Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922, before the comment period ending date of December 25, 2020. A determination to hold a hearing will be based upon factual environmental or regulatory consideration.

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RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 10, 2020
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Roll call was answered by Frank, Caverzagie and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Frank. Chairman Sickel 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 October 27, 2020 meeting. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lob-by 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 Sickel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-16 to certify proper completion of NDOT project #STWD-CBMP(2) County Bridge Match Program, structures C00742010P, C0074211110, C007452615. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 85)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Chief Deputy Sheriff, Roland Merwin updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that a deputy has been hired to fill a vacancy. Also reported that a patrol vehicle had been damaged after hitting a raccoon and will be repaired.

COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-17 to authorize County Treasurer to allow payments of taxes in accordance with NE §77-1704.02. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 86)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER
Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for October, 2020.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during October, 2020: Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court, $612.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk-Reg of Deeds, $8,119.00.

CLAIMS

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

Adams, Tina, fee 20.00
Armbruster Motor Co., serv 166.20
Comfort Inn, lodg 249.00
Consolidated Management, serv 4440.57
DAS State Acctg., serv 448.00
Donahue & Faesser, serv 585.00
JV20-15
Falls City Sanitation, serv 60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv 4745.62
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv 1516.00
CR20-8 J. Patnode, CI20-135
Farm & City Supply, supp 753.63
General Fire & Safety, supp 131.50
Good News Assembly of God, rent 300.00
Hillyard, supp 40.00
Hullman's, serv 178.98
Intoximeters, supp 767.25
Jones Air Conditioning, serv 388.50
Keller Bakery, supp 72.00
Kuker, Frances, serv 900.00
Lancaster County Sheriff, fees 57.03
Lynn Peavey, supp 113.00
Martin, Joseph, fee 20.00
Meeting Place, rent 100.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv 110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv 30.00
MIPS, serv 1465.45
Mooney, Colby, reimb 110.91
NCEA, dues 260.00
NE UC Fund, unemploy 1802.45
Office Depot, supp 1455.34
O'Keefe Elevator Co., serv 4187.00
Osborne, Laura, reimb 25.30
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv 121.00
Quill, supp 112.96
Richardson Co Clerk Petty Cash, reimb 87.08
Richardson Co Court, fees 281.50
Richardson Co EMA Petty Cash, reimb 249.08
Richardson Co Sheriff, fees 753.74
Richardson Co Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb 451.27
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc (11/3/20) 19907.32 .....
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv 560.00
Shafer, Max, serv 320.00
SNC, serv 1636.32
Spartan Stores, supp 94.70
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, rent 100.00
Verizon, serv 330.21
Weaver & Merz, reimb 1020.60
Wolfe's Printing, supp 59.10
Woods & Aitken, serv 413.00
****Election Poll Workers Total $8,917.85****
Lois Luthy 236.45
Carmen Mendenhall 174.20
Elaine Burgett 174.20
Abby Stalder 66.00
Mikkayla Flynn 49.50
Sara Mayo 66.00
Denise Kurpgeweit 187.00
Jean McNeely 165.00
Barb Kelly 165.00
Carson Bredemeier 66.00
Jack Fiegener 60.50
Thayer Armbruster 66.00
Mary Beth Rowell 192.50
Carol Bentley 165.00
Shirley Allgood 165.00
Carson Simon 82.50
Jacob Jordan 60.50
Abby Harms 66.00
Barbara Ebel 162.25
Thomas Bartek 167.75
Marci Ankrom 162.25
Del Casteel 66.00
Elle Froeschl 66.00
Jakob Kearney 66.00
Steve Holland 165.00
Lois Hersh 176.00
Sharon Sells 165.00
Brenna Leydon 66.00
Derek Schawang 60.50
Cameron Schramm 82.50
Linda Swisegood 176.00
Mary A. Wenz 176.00
Kailyn Frederick 148.50
Anna Arington 176.00
Donna Koehn 165.00
Carol Glathar 207.05
Shannon Jones 66.00
Saydee Hardesty 99.00
Norma Arington 176.00
Linda Dovel 238.10
Shirley Stevicks 165.00
Natalie Novak 66.00
Tara Zimmerling 66.00
Gracie Shafer 49.50
Victoria Gordon 143.00
Ethel Zentner 171.00
Beverly Frederick 143.00
Dorothy Kirkendall 171.00
Jack Sells 216.00
Hailey Liberty 182.25
Denise Keithley 178.80
Judy Fritz 234.15
Elizabeth Ketner 224.30
Dona Hall 222.00
Jan Mason 165.00
Abby Fritz 88.00
Makayla Mason 88.00
Steven Riggs 88.00
Caden Keller 88.00
Zoe Ebel 85.25
Will Ewers 82.50
Blake Dougherty 82.50
Tyler Catlin 82.50
Jyl Godwin 96.25
Della Meyer 111.85
Kim Oliver (FC Public Schools) 77.00
Glenda VonBehren 96.25
Ann Shafer 107.25
Nancy DeKlotz 107.25
Payroll Expense (11/3/20) 88038.53
TOTAL GENERAL FUND $148,952.99

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

A+ Heating & Cooling, supp 2500.89
City of Humboldt, serv 93.11
Culligan, serv 43.75
Diversified Drug Testing, fee 75.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp 81.38
Falls City Utility Dept., serv 402.69
Farm & City Supply, supp 428.84
Hullman's, supp 19.22
Inland Truck Parts, supp 97.60
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc., serv 867.30
Martin Marietta Materials, rock 8829.06
Midwest Service & Sales, supp 1682.10
Mr. Automotive, supp 868.93
NPPD, serv 34.21
Norris Quarries, rock 1878.89
Operation & Expense Account, reimb 215.31
O'Reilly Automotive, supp 76.07
PowerPlan, supp 38.89
Quill, sup 63.46
Rulo, Village of, serv 25.00
Salem, Village of, serv 20.50
SNC, serv 165.53
Unifirst, supp 55.10
Verdon, Village of, serv 26.46
Woods & Aitken, serv 570.00
Payroll Expense (11/3/20) 33839.69
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND $52,998.98

VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND

Richardson County, fee 25.00
TOTAL COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND $25.00

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv 297.17
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND $297.17

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Brite, supp 3000.00
Falls City Edge, funding 7500.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND $10,500.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv 125.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND $125.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 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. Sickel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

District #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2020 7:00 PM
Zoom due to COVID-19

Attendance Taken at 7:04 PM. Mike Bredemeier: 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 Sandy Stalder and a second by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS
4. PATRON COMMENT – Mark Novak asked about the protocol for returning to yellow or green status as the school begins orange protocol for COVID 19.
5. CORRESPONDENCE – none.
6. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.1. Meeting Minutes
6.2. Bills for Payment
6.3. Review Treasurer's report
7. REPORTS
7.1. Principal Lisa Othmer

Mrs. Othmer reported on the current Directive Health Measure (DHM), updated NSAA guidelines, and a resolution on community responsibility during the COVID 19 epidemic.

7.2. Assistant Principal Kari Lottman

Mrs. Lottman gave a verbal update on ACT scores she had recently received.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS
8.1. Negotiations

Negotiations with teachers begin tomorrow evening.

9. ACTION ITEMS
9.1. Approve board member's leave of absence
9.2. Approve Superintendent's Job Description

Approve the third option titled Superintendent Job Description passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Tim Schaardt. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.3. Approve Policies 2008, 3001, 3004.1, 4043, 5018 and 5067

Approve changes to current policies passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Sandy Stalder. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.4. Approve hiring Maggi DiNapoli as a paraprofessional

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

9.5. Approve hiring Martyna Holthus as a paraprofessional

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

9.6. Approve hiring Alicia Manley as a paraprofessional

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

10. SUPERINTENDENT EDMUNDSON REPORT

Mrs. Edmundson attached a report on current expenditures to date.

11. ADJOURN

Neal Kanel declared the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Workman

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HELP WANTED

JOB OPENING

The Nemaha County Hospital has the following open position:

Registered Nurse - Full-time 12 hour (one shift, 7p – 7a, working every third weekend. Must have a current Nebraska RN license. Benefit package available. Apply online at https://nemahacountyhospital.applicantpool.com/jobs/

Call Sonia Stepp 402-274-6121 with any questions.

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NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL
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GOTTULA PROPANE

is looking to fill a full time position which includes local propane delivery.

If interested, contact Don or Kathy Gottula at 402-857-3645

Applicant must have a clean driving record and be able to obtain a CDL with Hazmat endorsement.

Complete LP Gas Services Work
402-223-2645 | Elk Creek, NE

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SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1415 Morton Street

Daily Pay Rate: $125 per day. Long-term substitutes who substitute for the same person for 10 or more consecutive school days are paid at a rate of $196.23 for each day worked.

Education: Substitute teachers must have at least 60 or more college credit hours or hold a current teaching certificate in order to substitute teach in Nebraska. Visit the Nebraska Dept. of Education Teacher Certification Office at 402-471-0739 or www.education.ne.gov/tcert to learn more about substitute teaching certificates. Contact Anne Crofford at 402-245-2825 for a signed letter from our superintendent if you are obtaining a Local Substitute certificate.

For more questions on getting your license to substitute teach and applying please contact Falls City Public Schools, District Treasurer, Anne Crofford by calling 402-245-2825.

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MAGNOLIA METAL CORP.
Currently Accepting Applications for:
Second Shift Janitor
Starting Rate $15.00/Hour

Immediate opening for Second Shift Janitor.
We are looking for two individuals to each work approximately 29 hours per week. This position involves cleaning offices, bathrooms, break rooms and doing laundry. We offer competitive wages and benefits, including vacation and holiday pay.
Apply in person at: Magnolia Metal Corporation,
63859 730 Road, Auburn, NE 68305
Or online at: www.magnoliabronze.com and click on careers.

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MAGNOLIA METAL CORP.
Currently Accepting Applications for:
Foundry Furnace Operator
4 day work week - Starting Rate $17.00/Hour

Excellent opportunity for an individual who takes pride in their work and is willing to accept responsibility. No experience necessary, we are willing to train individuals with a good work record. This job rotates between 2 shifts with a $1.50 night shift differential. We offer competitive wages, excellent fringe benefits including group health and life insurance, monthly bonus, 401k and deferred profit sharing.
Apply in person at: Magnolia Metal Corporation,
63859 730 Road, Auburn, NE 68305

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Hiawatha Community Hospital is Accepting Applications for the following Positions:

Environmental Services Tech: Full time day and evening shift position with a weekend rotation required. Position is key in keeping the facilities clean and sanitized for the health and safety of patients and staff. Hours are 6:30 am – 3:00 pm or 3:00 pm – 11:30 pm with a weekend rotation.

Nurse Aide: This position is a Full Time day position with opportunities in the Med/Surg unit as well as the OB unit. Our Nurse Aides provides direct non-professional nursing care to all patients. Hours are 7:00 am – 7:00 pm; 36 hours per week with weekend rotation.

Registered Nurses: HCH has openings for RN's in several departments: OB, Surgery, Med/Surg and ER. Our Registered Nurses provide professional, direct nursing care to all patients. Please see our website for various shifts available.

Medical Laboratory Technologist/Technician: This is a full time evening shift 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
M – F; All applicants will be considered for this important position.

FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO APPLY ONLINE PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.hch-ks.org; Career Section
HCH is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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BESTWAY AG

We're Growing!

Welder

Local manufacturer of agricultural equipment has an opening for a full time Welder that can work in a team environment and pass a physical capacity profile/drug screen.

Pay based on experience plus group health plan, vacation and 401K. Work schedule is Monday – Thursday 6:30a.m to 5:00pm with occasional overtime on Friday's. Bestway Ag is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply in person at Bestway Ag, 2021 Iowa St., Hiawatha, KS or send resume to cknudson@bestwayag.com

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BESTWAY AG

Inside Sales/Support

Local manufacturer of agricultural equipment has an opening for an Inside Salesperson that can work in a team environment and pass a physical capacity profile/drug screen.

This position would be responsible for the following:

- Provide in person, telephone and email customer support on all Bestway Ag products to distributors, wholesale dealers, and retail customers.
- Enter sales orders, estimates and associated forms related to sales, returns and warranties.
- Participate in various trade shows (Some travel may be required)
- Assist in shipping products via UPS and LTL
- Promote and effectively sell all company products
- Perform other related duties as assigned

Skills required:

Oral Communication Skills, Written Communication Skills, Customer Service, Computer Knowledge, Ability to work independently, Math Aptitude, Organization, Negotiations, Professionalism, Time management

Pay based on experience plus group health plan, vacation and 401K. Work schedule is Monday – Friday 8a.m to 5:00pm with occasional changes to schedule in the busy season. Experience in the Ag industry a plus but not required. Bestway Ag is an Equal Opportunity employer. Send resume to cknudson@bestwayag.com or stop by the office and pick up an application.

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- Human Resources Manager - Bern, KS

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Social Services Admin Assistant/DV Advocate - Sac and Fox Nation
Full Time

Preferred qualifications include 2 years of experience in advocacy or case management or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Education in the field of Criminal Justice, Counseling, Social Work or Psychology or related fields a plus. Will consider qualified applicants with work history and experience in case management, with domestic violence and sexual assault survivors or other qualities that fulfill the job description. Required: valid driver's license, and maintain a clean driving record. Wage is $13 to $14.50 per hr. depending on experience. Benefits package includes full BCBS, Dental, Vision. This position will include working with Native American families and individuals who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, assistance with client resources, referrals, transports to and from appointments and crisis intervention. This person will be responsible for assisting in child welfare cases involving domestic violence, advocating for the families being served and educating the public. We are working four 10 hour days: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. There may be instances where client needs or conference attendance extends your day beyond 5:30 PM. Indian preference does apply. Application form and more complete job description at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 68434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email julie.simmons@sacandfoxks.com or Brianna.howell@sacandfoxks.com Submit application form, cover letter, and resume at postal address listed above, or fax to (785) 742-3785, or email to employment@sacandfoxks.com no later than 2 PM Thursday 12-17-2020. Scheduling interviews as soon as practical. 47-48

Work Wanted

Snow removal. Yard cleanup. Odd jobs. 402-245-1120. 44-51

Wanted

AMERICAN WALNUT. Buying standing walnut timber, 25 or more. Call 816-232-6781 in St. Joseph for details. 47-tf

For Rent

Pack Rat Storage, Units Available.
402-245-7236.
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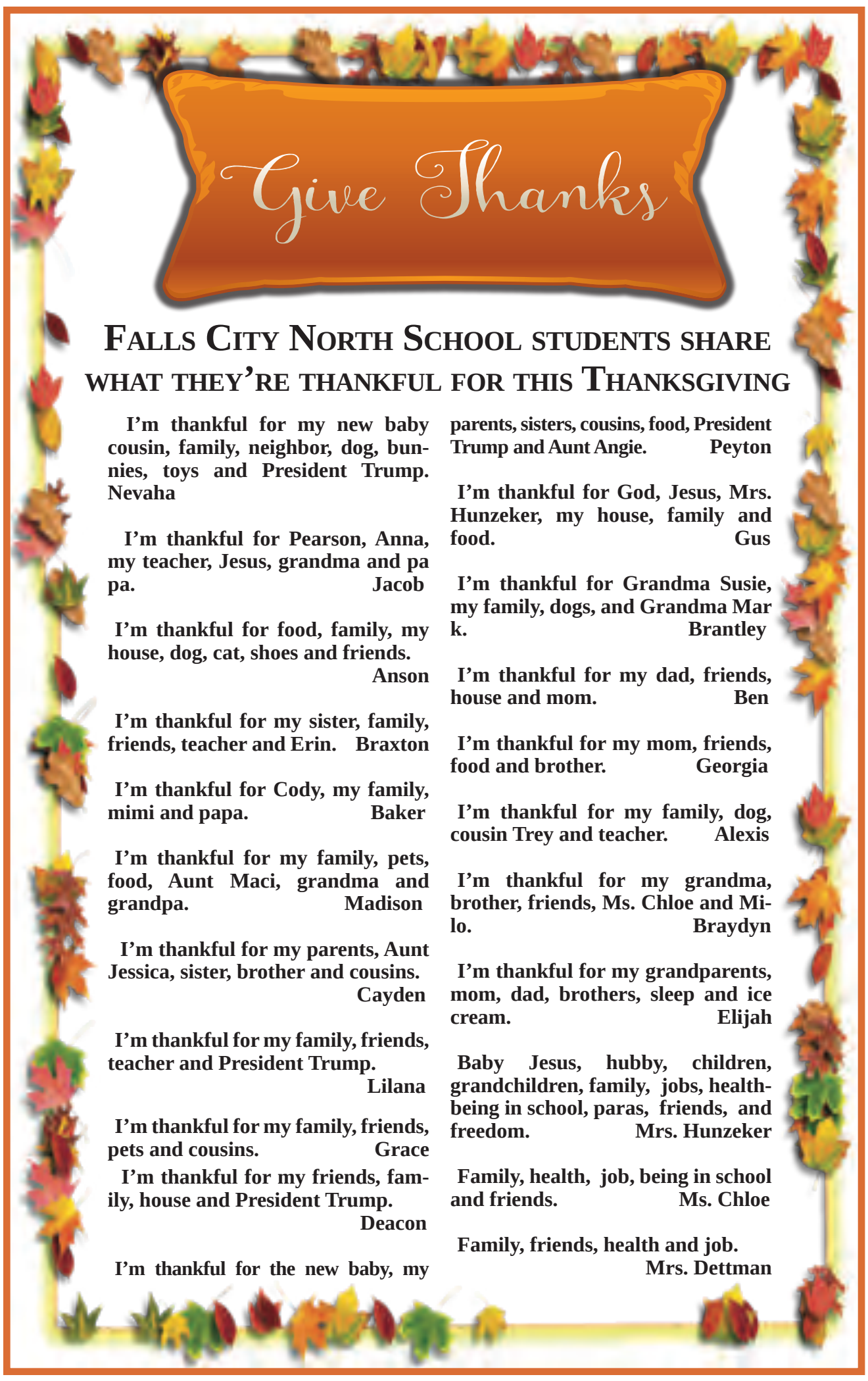
Humane Society

SAVE A PET
Sponsored by the Richardson County Humane Society

Friendly kitten found in the 7th and Harlan area.
To claim or adopt please call us 402-245-2338. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sponsored by the Humane Society, 245-2779



Falls City North School students share what they're thankful for this Thanksgiving

I'm thankful for my new baby cousin, family, neighbor, dog, bunnies, toys and President Trump. Nevaha

I'm thankful for Pearson, Anna, my teacher, Jesus, grandma and pa pa. Jacob

I'm thankful for food, family, my house, dog, cat, shoes and friends. Anson

I'm thankful for my sister, family, friends, teacher and Erin. Braxton

I'm thankful for Cody, my family, mimi and papa. Baker

I'm thankful for my family, pets, food, Aunt Maci, grandma and grandpa. Madison

I'm thankful for my parents, Aunt Jessica, sister, brother and cousins. Cayden

I'm thankful for my family, friends, teacher and President Trump. Lilana

I'm thankful for my family, friends, pets and cousins. Grace

I'm thankful for my friends, family, house and President Trump. Deacon

I'm thankful for the new baby, my parents, sisters, cousins, food, President Trump and Aunt Angie. Peyton

I'm thankful for God, Jesus, Mrs. Hunzeker, my house, family and food. Gus

I'm thankful for Grandma Susie, my family, dogs, and Grandma Mar k. Brantley

I'm thankful for my dad, friends, house and mom. Ben

I'm thankful for my mom, friends, food and brother. Georgia

I'm thankful for my family, dog, cousin Trey and teacher. Alexis

I'm thankful for my grandma, brother, friends, Ms. Chloe and Milo. Braydyn

I'm thankful for my grandparents, mom, dad, brothers, sleep and ice cream. Elijah

Baby Jesus, hubby, children, grandchildren, family, jobs, healthbeing in school, paras, friends, and freedom. Mrs. Hunzeker

Family, health, job, being in school and friends. Ms. Chloe

Family, friends, health and job. Mrs. Dettman

SEASONAL SENSATIONS
by Carole James
Assorted Jams for toast,
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Keller Bakery
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Shop early due to
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Thanksgiving Flute Performance
November 30, 1946

To begin with, the cover is by John Falter, and the setting is Atchison, Kansas. The man slumped in the red chair in the center of the room is John Falter's uncle, whose name also is John Falter. This is the home of a man named Bob Noll, and he is the only man who isn't here. The picture on the wall is from another house, and to leave you even further confused, the happy family gathered for Thanksgiving dinner is not a family. The people gathered here don't even know one another, and many of them never have been in the house where they are gathered. Falter thought these various friends of his looked like a family, and he painted them into a family. The woman clearing the table--in Atchison--is Falter's aunt. She was in New York at the time.

johnphilipfaltermuseum.com

ADOPTED BY CATHY FALTER

It's definitely peaking and very serious; County Health Board meets

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-tined and doing distance learning. It stresses the school staff. They're doing a good job and hanging in there and getting more use to it. Families are a little more aware of what's required. Thanksgiving is obviously going to be tough for a lot of people. What I tell people is to use common sense as much as you can with who you're going to be with and that type of thing."

Dr. Tramp took a moment to acknowledge how thankful he is for the community stepping up, pitching in and looking after each other. He said Emergency Management and Dennis Hullman helped get the drive-thru clinic at his office going by letting them use the old bank drive-thru. "Members doing that kind of thing and what I hear family members and friends are doing for those who are quarantined."

The Board said that the Southeast District Health Department has so many cases that it may take a few days to get to those who had tested positive and encouraged them to try to contact the people they were around 48 hours before symptoms came up so they can keep an eye on themselves and avoid other people.

Thanksgiving concerns were brought up again, with Dr. Tramp recommending as much common sense as possible, "and then some."

Sheriff Hardesty asked the Board if there were a threshold to hit before the schools would go to remote learning since they discussed earlier this year the steps they would take if the risk dial reached the red zone. He said HTRS was doing some sanitation this week and going to early dismissal for a few days to get the "core classes" in before Thanksgiving. The Sheriff said some parents have called his office to voice some concerns about sending their children to school while the risk is high.

Dr. Tramp said that schools each develop their own plans and the schools will communicate their plans. "At this point, the plan, unless the state tells them they absolutely have to shut down, they're going to try to keep kids in classes as long as its safe for them to do so."

Brian Kirkendall said that during that morning's meeting with Grant Brueggemann and the District school Superintendents, the risk dial was discussed and they review the numbers twice a week. "I know most of the risk dials are In the red and they're reevaluating those risk dials to set them up more like the states instead of their own. The risk dials just aren't currently representing the changes like they should. So they are going to reassess those. Just to let everyone know that, that is being looked at every week by the superintendents and health department."

Dr. Tramp said that while there have been cases, the schools are not where the biggest numbers are right now. "As long as that continues to be the case, we can continue to keep these kids in school. It's better for learning and probably for most families." He said that schools are doing a good job and is very comfortable with what the schools are doing.

Kathy Messner gave a hospital update. The hospital currently has two COVID patients. She encouraged everyone to get their flu shots and said someone had tested positive for influenza and COVID. Turn around testing has been 24 to 48 hours, depending on the load. She said some of the rapid tests are not picking up positive results, so if the person is symptomatic, they may do a rapid test that comes back negative and come back to do a PCR (nasal swab) test.

Kari Holdsworth said the hospital still has 2,500 rapid tests. Test Nebraska did an all-time high of 50 tests this week. Between the clinic and drive-thru tests, between 80-100 tests were being averaged a day last week. This week the numbers have dropped a bit.

Messner reported that some staff is out at the hospital from a variety of departments. Some have been exposed through family and ended up testing positive. "It's been kind of challenging," said Messner.

Holdsworth said that they are looking at the Specialty Clinics and talking to providers about dropping down weekly clinics to a few times a month and the bi-weekly clinics dropping to once a month. She said they are discussing decreasing some services for the time being. They will wait until Thanksgiving to see what they decide, but Messner said they would follow DHM's when it comes to elective procedures.

Sheriff Hardesty said that onsite visitation at the Sheriff's office would be suspended. If someone calls to make a report, they will try to email them a report to fill out and send back to limit contact. "That doesn't mean if someone calls and wants us to come out, we're not going to," said Hardesty. "I hope everyone's taking it serious and does their part to keep the spread down as much as possible."

"Still promoting in the community the correct behaviors so that we don't have staff be unavailable so we can take care of our patients," said Holdsworth.

Dr. Tramp said the hospital got some Remdesivir in and the patients they've used it on had good results.

Remdesivir is an intravenous nucleotide prodrug of an adenosine analog. Remdesivir binds to the viral RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, inhibiting viral replication through premature termination of RNA transcription. It has demonstrated in vitro activity against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). Remdesivir is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalized adult and pediatric patients. Remdesivir has been studied in several clinical trials for the treatment of COVID-19.

"My practice has had at least three or four patients and they all seem to benefit. If they would have without it, we don't know, but they turned around and were able to be discharged here rather than sent to the cities," said Dr. Tramp.

He said the hospital is looking into monoclonal antibodies that the Med. Center is trying to get and will be part of a program through the University of Nebraska-Medical Center. Monoclonal Antibody therapy for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adult and pediatric patients. Bamlanivimab is authorized for patients with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing who are at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization. This includes those who are 65 years of age or older or who have certain chronic medical conditions. Dr. Tramp said it's very restricted, but it's "hopefully in process."