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THREE MILLION IN UTILITY BONDING APPROVED AND RELOCATION OF 911 DISPATCH DISCUSSED

By: *Charlie Radatz*

During its Mon. Jan. 8 meeting the Falls City city council voted 8-0 to approve waiver of the three reading requirement and voted by the same margin for the approval of an ordinance providing for the issuance of a combined utility revenue bond in the form of a promissory note to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy in the aggregate amount of \$3,000,000 to pay for the new Water Utility Clarifier, the building to house that equipment, and wastewater lift station improvements. The bond will be retired from combined net revenues of the city water, sewer, electric, and natural gas utilities. Included as part of the state's agreement is the forgiveness of 15 percent of the loan, a total of \$450,000.

Other indebtedness paid from the utilities' net revenues include payments on \$5,885,000 in bonds issued Jul. 28, 2016, payments remaining on \$3,710,000 in bonds issued in 2017, and payments remain-

ing on \$375,000 in Series 2020 bonds. The utility met a state requirement that net utility revenues in the previous fiscal year were equal to 1.25 times the maximum debt service requirements of any outstanding and proposed additional bonds.

Retired Falls City Police Chief, now Richardson County Commissioner, John Caverzagie and County Sheriff Hardesty had a frank discussion with Mayor Shawna Bindle, City Administrator Gary Jorn, Police Chief Duane Armbruster, and members of the City Council about whether the City or County should provide 911 dispatch in the future. Since the 911 system was established, the Police Department and Police dispatchers installed the equipment necessary to handle the calls and relayed them to the County's various emergency services. Special 911 revenues flowed to the City from the state and surcharges collected on landlines.

Commissioner Caverzagie began the discussion by explain-

ing the County faces the need to purchase new radio equipment and a quote received that would enable it to take over 911 dispatch is for \$1,250,000. "Before we spend that kind of money," said Caverzagie, "we would like to know how the City feels about possible 911 dispatch by the Sheriff's Department." Councilman Mitch Merz responded, "It's not who handles the calls that matters so much as the quality of the service when it's needed." Merz also noted that about two years ago, the County had sent a letter to the City indicating it wished to terminate an interlocal agreement that required the County to share the cost of 911 service. Caverzagie responded, "I wasn't a Commissioner when that started," which drew a chuckle from all in attendance, and he continued, "What happened in the past is water under the bridge. If the County is to take over 911 service, it would be best to start at the beginning of the fiscal year Jul. 1."

Police Chief Duane Armbruster responded, "It's something worth looking at, worth talking about, and if in the long run, it would save money, maybe we should." And he added, "Nebraska City and Otoe County have such an arrangement and it might be good to talk to them on how it is working out."

Mayor Shawna Bindle wrapped up the conversation by suggesting that a committee of city and county officials meet to discuss details and come up with a concrete proposal to be considered by both the City Council and County Board of Commissioners.

The Council voted 8-0 to approve by resolution a five year Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Plan prepared by JEO Consulting Group for the Nemaha Natural Resources District. City Administrator Jorn said approval of the plan was necessary to be in place if in the future the City wanted to seek

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CELEBRATING KINDNESS: FALLS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS STUDENTS FOR EMPATHY

By *Tyler Dahlgren; Nebraska Council of School Administrators*

After 16 years spent working in Omaha Public Schools, Jack Bangert came home to Falls City with a clear idea of the culture he planned to foster at his new school.

That's not unique for principals entering a new district. Bangert's model, however, is quite unique. In all the right ways.

"Any principal, when they take a job, they want to create a culture," Bangert, now in his second year at Falls City Middle School, said. "I knew exactly the kind of culture I wanted to create."

Throughout his time in OPS, Bangert coached football and worked Dave Rimington's Line-man Camp, where Midland University head coach Jeff Jamrog said something that continues to have an influence on Bangert's philosophy to this day.

"He said to the kids 'I want to see what kind of character you have,'" remembers Bangert. "That had an effect on me. It

made me think about how I could apply that way of thought in my own profession."

Grades are important and academic achievements deserve to be celebrated, but the education of a child goes much further than report cards and GPAs. At FCMS, they take a more holistic approach to preparing students for life after middle school.

"I wanted to create this all-encompassing culture that really celebrates all the parts of education that are important," Bangert, a graduate of Falls City Sacred Heart, said.

Kindness, and treating people the right way, he continued, is at the top of the list.

"Kindness is connected to empathy," Bangert said. "I really don't care if my kids have great manners. That just makes their parents feel good about themselves. I'm more interested in whether or not they're empathetic. Those are the skills that are really lacking in our society."

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COVID-19 VACCINE ONLINE REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) has launched an online system for individuals 65 years of age and over and those with preexisting medical conditions who would like notification on when and where COVID-19 vaccination will be available.

Individuals within these categories can register through the online system by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3oUuRON>. Those that have already registered via phone call to SEDHD do not need to reregister.

"The online system is intended to inform those who have registered when the vaccine becomes available and does not confirm an appointment or reserve a dose for the individual," said SEDHD Health Director Grant Brueggemann.

Brueggemann explained that the current allocations of vaccine are not sufficient enough to address the need. "Current supply is not meeting demand,"

said Brueggemann. "We ask for the public's patience. SEDHD and our healthcare partners are working tirelessly to offer the vaccine to as many people as supply allows. We are hopeful that future allocations will allow us to expand our vaccination efforts."

SEDHD will accommodate those with limited computer or internet access. SEDHD encourages the public and community organizations to assist those without computer access in registering through the online system.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit www.sedhd.org or call SEDHD at (402) 274-3993.

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER EXPECTS TO SEE INCREASE IN COVID VACCINE DOSES IN COMING WEEKS

By *Nikki McKim*

Ryan Larsen of Community Medical Center reported to the Journal that CMC has given 472 doses of vaccine in Richardson County through January 22, including 342 initial doses and 130 follow-up doses.

Larsen said the week of January 18, 2021 was slower as the hospital only received 20 initial doses, though they gave 40 follow up doses. CMC was expecting the week to be slow as reported the week prior, they knew they would only be receiving a smaller amount of the vaccines due to higher demand in metro areas.

"We've been told to expect

increased quantities of vaccine in coming weeks, likely around 100 doses per week," said Larsen, and the hospital expects to have the vaccine shipped to them directly.

Nebraska rolled out a new vaccine sign-up plan. Those wanting to be vaccinated must register online or call 402-274-3993. Online registration can be accessed at the health department website, sedhd.org, then looking for "Click here to register for COVID-19 vaccine."

Larsen stated that the process is quick and easy, and family members or friends can help.

It's important to note that

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DUBOIS MARINE SAVES WOMAN IN OKINAWA

Shared by the Pawnee Republican

After an elderly woman was bitten by a venomous snake in Japan, a U.S. Marine armed with medical training and a belt intervened and saved her life, according to a Marine Corps news release.

While cooking out with friends on Nov. 6 in Kin, a town in the Okinawa Prefecture of Japan, Marine Sgt. John James heard a commotion. (Sgt. James of Dubois has family in the area).

"We were grilling burgers and hot dogs at the saloon bar, and suddenly we heard an elderly woman screaming in a language we didn't understand," James, a motor vehicle operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, said in the release. "We didn't know what was wrong until she started screaming out 'habu, habu.'"

Habu is a species of viper found in Okinawa and a danger to humans if bitten. While the saloon owners called emergency services, James sprung into action. Using a friend's belt, he found the bite marks and fastened a tourniquet two inches about the wound, thanks to the training he received while on Marine Security Guard duty at U.S. embassies.

"We did medical training once every week for three years for embassy attack training, and a lot of the training goes into how to apply a tourniquet or do CPR,"

he said. Once the authorities arrived, they quickly found the snake, and after identifying it, were able to get their hands on the correct anti-venom to treat the bite. James' quick action is credited with saving the woman's life.

"I didn't know if I was ever going to hear from her, but I just talked to her this past weekend, and she's doing really well,"

James said. "I think she went back to work about two to three days after the incident."

According to an informational pamphlet from the Okinawa Prefectural Government, the

Habu viper is generally dormant during the day, sleeping underground in holes, though it emerges as the sun sets. If bitten, it's recommended that you confirm that it was actually a Habu, and if so, immediately call for aid and head to the hospital. If medical care is a ways off, the pamphlet suggests wrapping the wound with a piece of cloth and tying a knot in an area closer to the head than the bite. The knot should be just tight enough to slow the flow of blood and should be loosened once every 15 minutes.

Okinawa is home to 24 snakes, eight of which are venomous. Four of those are Habu, and each one poses a serious threat to people. And, for a fun fact, it turns out that the Habu viper is also used as a key ingredient in a snake saké called Habushu.



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Don't look now, but baseball season is just around the corner. Players will begin to trickle into their respective camps in the middle of February. The Kansas City Royals will kick off the 2021 campaign on Thursday, April 1, against the Texas Rangers. While that may seem like that date is far off in the distance, trust me, it will be upon us before we know it.

Here are some expectations for the Royals this season. Don't be too upset if the Royals hang around the .500 mark this season. They may surprise us with some wins, but 2022 will be a breakout season for Kansas City. The minor league system is setting up for another postseason run, similar to the set up that brought us playoff berths in 2014 and 2015. If all the pieces plug in the way we hope, all the Royals will need is the right free agent here or there and KC will be contending for an ALCS run.

Kansas City has brought back some familiar faces this year. Recently Wade Davis was signed to a minor league contract and Greg Holland was also resigned. Now, I don't expect either of them to replicate what they did in Kansas City a few seasons ago, but they should supply depth out of the bullpen at a reduced salary.

The Royals also inked first baseman Carlos Santana in the offseason. Santana, who spent most of his career with the Cleveland Indians, will add power and run production to the Royal's offense. In 2019, Santana hit 34 home runs and drove in 93 runs while batting .281. We can use his bat in the middle of the lineup. Santana represented Cleveland at the 2019 All-Star game and won the American League Silver Slugger. The Royals signed Santana to a two-year deal worth 17.5 million.

Kansas City has also been linked to free-agent Yasiel Puig. Puig has an upside; in 2019, he batted .267 with 24 home runs while playing with Cleveland and Cincinnati. Puig also has a downside. He has a history of wearing his emotions on his sleeve, which often leads to poor decisions on the field. He has also been accused of showing a lack of hustle at times. Not sure if he would be the right choice for KC, but if he could keep his nose clean, his bat would be a welcome addition at probably a discounted price.

It was also announced this week that fan-favorite coach Rusty Kuntz will be back for Kansas City. Kuntz was the Royal's first base coach from 2012-17 but missed the 2020 season due to COVID.

While on the topic of baseball, baseball lost one of its all-time greats this week with the passing of Hall of Famer Hank Aaron. Aaron, 86, spent 23 years with the Braves/Brewers organizations. Aaron hit 755 career home runs, second only to Barry Bonds, who hit 762. Aaron did his without any help of illegal substances; not sure Bonds can say same the same. Hammering Hank hit .305 for his career, drove in an MLB record 2,297 runs and had 3,771 hits. After retiring from the league in 1976, Aaron was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1982 with 97.8% of the vote. I really would like to know who didn't vote for him. Aaron then went on to work in the Braves front office, becoming one of the first people of color to work in a professional baseball team's front office. The baseball world truly lost one of the great one's last week.



SOUNDS GOOD, BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR IT?

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

A proposed Constitutional Amendment to require the State of Nebraska to pay all classroom expenses related to the operation of public elementary and secondary schools is just a different approach to the same old problem – school finance and the complicated funding formula and the battle between big and small.

I don't know if the sponsor, Sen. Tom Briese of Albion, ever knew the late Sen. Dan Lynch of Omaha. But I was quickly reminded of a Lynch attempt a couple decades ago to make Nebraska one school district with the state literally running public education and picking up the tab.

Great idea ... but where are you going to get the money to pay for it? Aye, there's the rub. It's always something.

Lynch's bill was debated by the full Legislature during one of those late- night sessions when lawmakers were rushing toward the session end and fighting to stay awake after having been fed a carbohydrate-laden dinner by the lobbyists in the senator's lounge. The no-nonsense Lynch, who made his living as a plumber, plunged into the matter intent on resolving the complaints about inequitable distribution of funds among different size school districts. That's still a common gripe.

Given the lateness of the hour and the weight of other pressing matters, the measure failed to advance and hasn't really been given serious consideration since. To his credit, Briese's LR-21CA is pretty straightforward. Language in the one-pager as introduced says: "A constitutional amendment to require the State of Nebraska to pay all classroom expenses, as defined by the Legislature, related to the operation of public elementary and secondary schools in this state beginning July 1, 2024."

Obviously, Briese will have to attach some dollar estimate to give the thing traction. He has indicated the state might have to look at new or higher taxes to pick up classroom expenses. But, he said, the state already provides about \$1 billion in state aid to education each year, and devotes about \$400 million to credits to reduce property taxes. So, possibly, it wouldn't require that much heavy lifting.

But there will be plenty of heavy lifting elsewhere this session as lawmakers craft and approve a \$9.3 billion two-year budget. The governor wants to: increase the property tax credit fund; provide nearly \$7 million in new college scholarships; increase funding to schools by more than \$100 million; and spend nearly \$50 million to hold more prisoners at the Lincoln Correctional Center.

Providing full state funding of classroom education would be a fundamental change that would result in substantial property tax reduction. School districts in Nebraska levy property taxes at the local level to supplement state aid distributed through a complicated formula. Briese said the

stark reality is that the failure of the state to properly fund K-12 education has created the property tax crisis.

If the measure makes it through the Legislature, appears on the ballot and wins voter approval, it would be up to lawmakers to decide how to pay for teacher salaries, books and other costs. Expenses for buildings and administrators would likely remain a local responsibility. So, even if it passes public muster, the debate about inequities could rage on.

The rural senator, who has offered several proposals to reduce property taxes and was a key player in a tax proposal hammered out in the waning days of last year's pandemic-delayed session, said Nebraska's lack of

support for local schools ranks it near the bottom nationally. Because rural schools get far less state aid than the large districts, the impact would be biggest in farming and ranching areas.

The chair of the Legislature's Revenue Committee and a key proponent of property tax change, Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn, said it's not fair that a small number of large school districts get the bulk of state aid and more than 200 small, rural schools get very little. She said Briese's proposal deserves discussion.

I agree.
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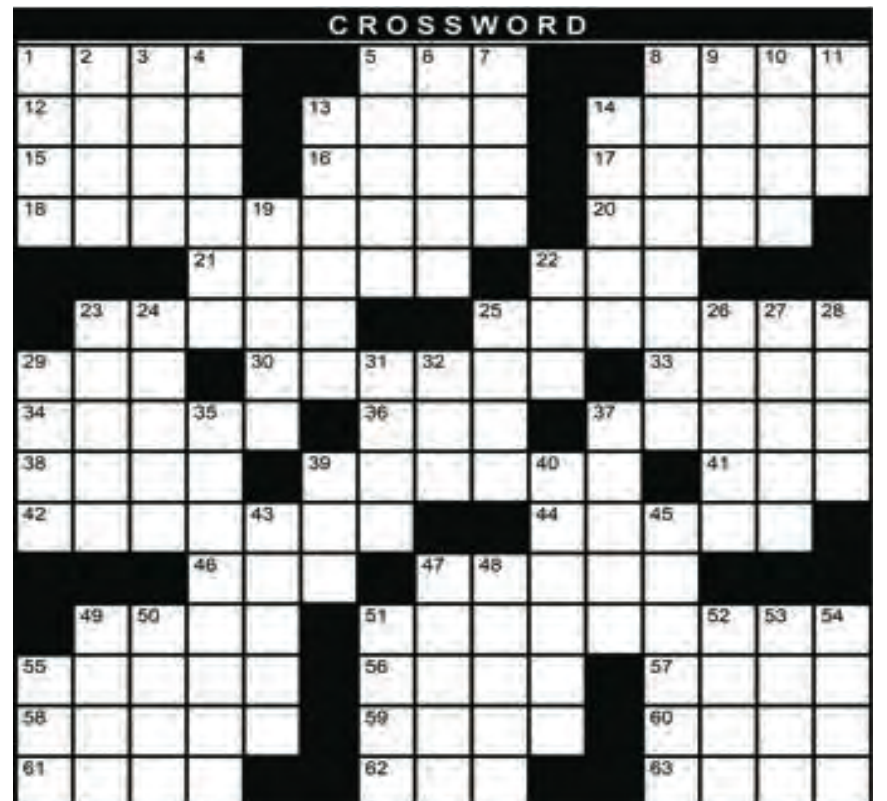
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50 Years Ago - Jan. 27, 1971, to Feb. 2, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. John Knobbe and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bredemeier were recognized for their soil and water conservation practices.

J.S. McIntyre, Falls City, retired from his job as a Conductor for Missouri Pacific Railroad after 50 years of service.

M.O. Armbruster was elected President of the Falls City Country Club.

Fraud charges were filed against three individuals who were alleged to have swindled Lawrence Parchen out of \$6,600.

Sheriff L.D. Camblin returned articles stolen from the District 28 school-house after they were found in brush alongside a county road.

Harold Hager of rural Dawson filed a lawsuit against a neighboring farmer and an aerial sprayer alleging damages for the loss of crops.

Peggy Van Winkle, Dawson, was named a "Homemaker of Tomorrow" for the Dawson-Verdon schools.

Mrs. Don Ray Monnette, Stella, received a plaque of appreciation during a 4-H Leaders conference in Lincoln.

Mrs. Clarence Yoessel and Walter Kottich, Jr. were elected to the board of directors of the Richardson County Extension Association.

The county population, according to the 1970 census, declined from 13,903 to 12,277.

Terry Rue, Falls City, suffered a technical knockout in his semifinal bout of the Lincoln Golden Gloves Tournament.

Sixty potential water users were signed up for what, if approved, would become Richardson County Water District #3.

A car reported stolen at 4:59 a.m. Jan. 29 was recovered by Policeman John Hall one minute later.

Larry Merz was one of five receiving mid-year degrees at UNL to graduate with "High Distinction."

Sacred Heart was knocked out of the Class D district tournament by Odell 66-35.

Chuck Whitney was the leading scorer for Falls City with 13 points in a 38-32 loss at Auburn.

Southeast Consolidated won the Richardson County basketball tournament with a 71-56 victory over Sacred Heart.

Bob Scribner was the leading scorer for the Tigers with 21 points in a 76-74 overtime loss at Tecumseh.

A Winnebago-Bean watershed improvement project received local approval and was submitted for federal funding.

An ordinance to create an industrial development board received first-round approval from the city council.

Martha Jean (Marty) Wilson was the winner in the Nebraska Elks East District Leadership Contest.

Teachers in Richardson County's Class 1 schools were receiving salaries averaging \$6,773 per year.

The Southeast Mustangs were upset by Weeping Water, 70-59, in the opening game of the Galaxy Conference Basketball Tournament.

Dawson-Verdon won the championship of the Syracuse Volleyball Tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lewis operated Lewis Lanes, a four-lane bowling alley in the former locker plant building at Shubert.

Larry Merz, Falls City, accepted a position with the engineering department of the U.S. Forest Service.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 27, 1996, to Feb. 2, 1996

The sentencing of John Lotter on three counts of first-degree murder was set for Feb. 21.

During its Annual Awards Banquet, Mike Stoller received the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. Judi Carter was the Outstanding Educator, Sheriff Keith Hayes recipient of the Robert J. Chab Human Service Award, Rita Johansen Boss of the Year, Marshall Maddox the Outstanding Community Leader and Shirley Schuetz recipient of the Good Neighbor Award.

Jim Gerweck was honored for 20 years of service to the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad annual dinner. Also honored for their years of service were Marjean Werner, Ruth Meugniot, John Koso, Jill Meyer, and Julie Koso.

Mike Marteny had the highest team score and Mara Fritz the second-highest score for the Dawson-Verdon team at an Academic Decathlon at Johnson.

After trailing by nine at the end of the 3rd quarter, the Sacred Heart boys' stepped it up in the final quarter defeating Pawnee City 55-53.

The Irish boys lost 48-41 to D2 6th ranked Table Rock.

The Tiger girls basketball team snapped a nine-game losing streak, finishing 7th at the Hiawatha Invitational with a 47-29 win over Troy.

Dee Oehm was the leading scorer with 19 points in a Humboldt girls victory over Nemaha Valley 49-37.

The Lady Jets lost their opening game 50-31 to Sterling in the Homesteader Basketball Tournament.

Two Dawson-Verdon FCCLA SEARCH Teams won Top Gold honors at the district competition in Weeping Water and were headed to state.

Dennis Ryan, serving a life term for 2nd Degree Murder in the death of James Thimm, was granted a new trial.

Richardson County Sheriff Keith Hayes announced his department had qualified for a \$108,506 COPS grant that would allow the addition of two deputies.

Lady Irish basketball victories over Humboldt 78-33 and Pawnee City 54-41 set the stage for a match-up between Sacred Heart (15-3) and Southeast (12-2) for the Championship of the Pioneer Conference.

The Lady Tigers lost to visiting Auburn 45-33 after starters Molly Matthes, Alysia O'Banion, and Kiley Schawang all fouled out in the final quarter.

Falls City wrestlers Tom Wissman and Chad Scholl each picked up pins in Falls City's 63-12 loss to Class B 5th ranked Auburn 63-12.

The undefeated Filley boys' basketball team handed the DV Jets their 12th straight loss, 87-41, to advance to the 2nd round of the Homesteader Conference Tournament.

Four were inducted into the Sacred Heart High School Honor Society, seniors Brett Burenheide and Stacie Morehead, junior Lindsay Bletscher, and sophomore Corrine Sevcik.

Ruth Snoke, Humboldt, was presented the 1995 Bellringer pin at the annual meeting of the Southeast Quad County Pork Producers.

15 Years Ago - Jan. 27, 2006, to Feb. 2, 2006

Twenty-year coaching veteran Doug Goltz recorded his 400th career victory as a coach when his Irish basketball team defeated Southeast Consolidated 86-29.

During the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, recognized as the Outstanding Front Line Employee was Donna Lotter and Volunteer of the Year Award winners were Beckie Cromer and Ben Hullman. The group's retiring leader was Kristy Gerweck.

Jon Harper of the Southeast Academic Decathlon team earned first place honors in varsity Math at a district competition.

The Tiger boys' basketball team was 11-5 after a 57-56 win at Auburn. Lee Hullman finished with a game-high 31 points.

The late Alvin E. Strasil, Sr. won over 100 trophies in local, national, and world tournaments and was inducted into the Nebraska Horseshoe Hall of Fame.

At the Hiawatha Girls' Basketball Invitational, the Lady Tigers defeated Jackson Heights 49-28. Hayley Milam had 24 points.

The Sacred Heart Lady Irish shot 56% from the floor and defeated Savannah, Mo 55-45.

Sacred Heart School was celebrating 115 years of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week.

Dina Sells was honored by the Falls City Area Jaycees as their DSA winner. Others honored were David Aitken, John Svoboda, Mary Campbell, Rod Vandenberg, and Ken Kuncie.

The Class D2 No. 2 Lady Irish were 16-1 after an 89-16 victory over Southeast at Stella.

Celebrating Kindness: Falls City Middle School awards students for empathy

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And those are the skills that FCMS celebrates. Sure, there is still an honor roll and a priority placed on high GPAs and test scores.

"But we're a middle school, and a middle school, even more than a high school is about developing those social skills," said Bangert. "We've really changed the way we reward kids in our building based on that philosophy."

Bangert and his staff created a program that rewards a combination of grades, attendance and behavior called "Titanium Tigers". Every student in the school is part of a database that keeps track of disciplinary referrals, test scores and good deeds.

"That's what we really celebrate," Bangert said.

For years and years, Falls City Middle School honored a "Student of the Month", selected by teachers. There was even a running joke around town that a name change to the "Teachers' Kids Award" was in order.

Bangert immediately aimed to revolutionize the award into something new and fresh. He harkened back to kindness and its prominent spot in the culture his staff and students were busy implementing.

Before long, the "Act of Kindness Award" program was born, honoring one student from sixth, seventh and eighth-grade each month for embodying the spirit of their school's new dedication. Instead of teachers selecting the award-winners, nominations are slipped inside envelopes by students throughout the month and then added to a Google Form.

"The kids then vote in their homerooms anonymously on the act of kindness that they believe went above and beyond," Bangert explained. "After the winners are announced, I buy them lunch and we make a big

deal out of it on social media and in the paper."

Kindness, they're finding out firsthand at FCMS, has a way of spreading fast. The school created a "Hope Squad" to care for students who might dealing with mental health issues.

"Our kids are just doing a really good job of looking out for each other," Bangert said.

The staff was even approached by members of the school's National Junior Honors Society who had grown concerned about an increase in hurtful language being used by students in the school. Their presentation was powerful, and ended with a question for Bangert.

"They came to me and said 'What can you do as a principal? Can you punish our way out of this?'" Bangert said. "I answered, 'Well, we can't really punish this completely away, but our culture, and by you coming here today, can make it unacceptable.' That's all a direct connection to this act of kindness."

Bangert's even been approached by students taking a stand against the bullying of their classmates. It's reaffirming to see the school embrace kindness, and it's served as a morale boost throughout a challenging school year. Just this month, he witnessed the boys basketball team picking up trash in the gymnasium after a game without being asked to do so.

"I mean, they're middle school students, that's not what they do," he said. "We have a ways to go and we still have some challenges, but empathy, in my opinion, is just as importance as learning math, social studies and science."

He's right. At Falls City Middle School, kindness is more than a goal.

Kindness is a belief. It's a culture. And it's taking hold.

Three million in utility bonding approved and relocation of 911 dispatch discussed

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federal financial assistance with mitigation of hazardous materials.

No bids were received to the City's advertising for sale or property at 221 West 14th Street, where a dilapidated structure was removed. The Council accepted a bid from Jerold J. Jones of \$1,035 for a property located at 1615 Abbott Street that the City had acquired under similar circumstances.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Bindle reported that the Fire Department ladder truck recently purchased had been delivered and existing lettering on that truck and the one it is replacing was being removed and reported the older truck was to be offered for sale.

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- 3: Send in the form below along with a photo of the baby (**A DIGITAL (COMPUTER) FILE IS PREFERRED**) to The Babies of 2020 C/O Nikki McKim, 1709 Stone St., Falls City, NE, 68355 or **email them to nikkifcj@sentco.net**.
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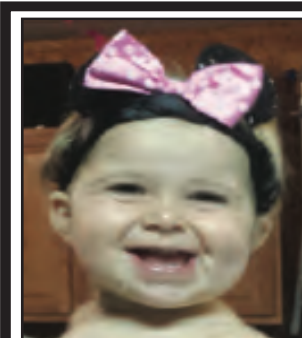
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HTRS releases 2020-2021 first quarter and first semester honor roll

Middle School Second Quarter High Honor roll
Sixth Grade: Harlee Hardesty, Drayven Lamb and Axton Wamsley.
Seventh Grade: Lily Harrah, Caleb Holley and Kaysen Schlund.
Eighth Grade: Macy Vrtiska and Lily Wamsley.

Honor Roll
Seventh Grade: Lillian Bowen.
Eighth Grade: Laramie Glathar and Jakob Manning.

High School High Honor Roll Quarter 2
Ninth Grade: Maelynn Bittner, Clayton Howe, Hannah Koziol and Lauren Schardt.
Tenth Grade: Ashton Brede-meier, Ryken Davis, Sally Joyner and Gabrielle Siegel.
Eleventh Grade: Isaac Bittner, Brittany Holley, Corey Oliver, Ellie Schardt, Daniel Snodgrass, Andrew Stalder and Allison Vaughan.
Twelfth Grade: Katilyn Glathar, Austin Herr, Emily Hutton, Shannon Jones, Joseph Lamb, Sara Mayo, Kenna McClarnen, Natalie Novak, Peyton Schardt, Abby Stalder, Joseph Stalder and William Stalder.

Honor Roll
Ninth Grade: KayLee Jeralds and Lauren Ogle.
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Twelfth Grade: Josh Bachman.

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Twelfth Grade: Katilyn Glathar, Austin Herr, Emily Hutton, Shannon Jones, Joseph Lamb, Sara Mayo, Kenna McClarnen, Brody Mendenhall, Natalie Novak, Peyton Schardt, Abby Stalder, Joseph Stalder and William Stalder.

Honor Roll
Ninth Grade: Lauren Ogle.
Tenth Grade: Hunter Hutton,

Benjamin Shubert and Gabrielle Siegel.
Eleventh Grade: Aiden Worthey.
Twelfth Grade: Josh Bachman and Robert Mather.

Peru State MBB signs Easton Hall

Peru State men's basketball coach Bob Ludwig recently announced the signing of Easton Hall from Schuyler.

A 6-foot-7 forward, Hall is averaging 13.3 points, nine rebounds and 5.1 blocks through 12 games this season. He averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots per game as a junior.

A two-time Central Conference and Class B All-State honorable mention selection, he also played for Nebraska Bison and Nebraska Warriors summer AAU teams.

Hall owns Schuyler's single-game record for blocked shots in a game with 12 and career record for blocked shots, currently 190 and counting. He is also on pace this season to break the record for blocks in a season.

He is a three-sport athlete at Schuyler, where he also plays baseball and golf. He has a 4.0 GPA and is ranked first in his class.

Easton is the son of Andrew and Shanda Hall. A Falls City native, Andy played for the Bobcats from 1985-89. Easton's uncle, Todd Gottula, an Auburn graduate, also played at Peru State from 1990-94. In addition, grandfather Randy Gottula served as the "Voice of the Bobcats" for many years and recently was inducted into the College's Hall of Fame.

Ludwig noted, "We are really excited about adding Easton to the Bobcat family. He has deep family connections at Peru State, but beyond that, his length, IQ, and skill set will allow him to develop into the type of forward that can help us continue to be competitive in the Heart of America Conference. He is a high character young man who will put in the work. His best basketball is still ahead of him. We are thrilled to have him aboard!"



Community gathers to celebrate Bernice Kopetzky's 90th Birthday

Bernice (Marfice) Kopetzky celebrated her 90th birthday on January 21 and the community celebrated her special day with a birthday drive-by celebration on Sunday, January 24.

Bernice is a very well known figure in this area, having served many years as a special education and gifted student teacher in the Falls City public schools. She is also well known by the congregation at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic church, where she has for many years served as choir director and organist.

Bernice began her teaching career at a rural school in Pawnee County at the age of 17 in 1948. It was there that she first encountered young students with mental and physical challenges to learning.

After a few years of teaching, Bernice met and married her husband of 59 years, Bill Kopetzky, a Navy veteran and technical operator at BNSF railroad. They married in 1951. Bill

and Bernice raised their 5 sons, Dan, Greg, Steve, Jon and Dave in Falls City.

In addition to her responsibilities as a mother raising five boys and activities at church, Bernice continued persistently working her way towards a BS degree in education. Seventeen years after beginning teaching, she was awarded her bachelor's degree, and returned to full time teaching in special education. One of her greatest accomplishments was developing the curriculum and complete program for gifted classes for elementary students, grades 3-6, in the Falls City school system.

She coordinated special education and gifted classes so that the same classroom and teacher would be used for both groups of children, a very innovative approach that helped remove the stigma of special education.

Even after earning her undergraduate degree, Bernice continued her studies in the graduate programs the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Nebraska-Omaha. Bernice was well recognized by her peers for her outstanding ability in the classroom and was a finalist in the Nebraska Teacher of the Year Program in 1982.

In addition to her school and church work, Bernice served as a Board member of the Falls City Concert Association, was Chairman of the Richardson County Heart Association and was a re-

spected member of the Catholic Daughters of America, the PTA, and the Altar Society. She was also the recipient of the Bishop Casey medal for special service to the Catholic church.

Local students named to Southeast Community College Dean's List

Southeast Community College in Nebraska has released its Dean's List for the semester recently completed on the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford campuses.

Several local students were named to the SCC Dean's List including: Lillian E Adams, Verdon, Practical Nursing; Cameron Tyler Barker, Milford, Electrical Technology; Shane Ellis Campbell, Falls City, Energy Generation Operations; Emmalee Michelle Gerdes, Falls City, Practical Nursing; Cynthia M. Guy, Fairbury, Practical Nursing; Allyson Mae Huettner, Falls City, Practical Nursing; Hailey J. Lardizabal, Lincoln, Human Services; Azlynia Dawn Lenard, Dawson; Bernadette Guarin Mitchell, Practical Nursing; Andrew David Neddenriep, Falls City, Diesel Technology-Truck; Summer Marie Slifer, Falls City, Practical Nursing.

To be recognized on SCC's Dean's List, a student must complete at least six semester credit hours of the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Classes with a grade of "P" (Pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum.

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Send your nominations to: Falls City Jaycees, PO Box 202, Falls City, NE 68355 or email fallscityareajaycees@gmail.com

I would like to nominate (print full name): _____

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- Outstanding Community Leader (person of any age who is a strong and vital force in volunteering their time and works to improve their family, church, community, or state)
- Boss of the Year (employer who has given admirable service to his or her workplace, community, or nation)
- Robert J. Chab Community Service (person who has shown excellent community service as a frontline employee such as ambulance squad members, firemen, law enforcement officers and nurses)
- Good Neighbor (person who consistently puts other person's well-being, interests, and needs above their own without being asked or expecting rewards of any kind for their efforts)

Nominator's Name: _____ Nominator's Phone _____

Award winners will be honored with a plaque during the Jaycee's Annual DSA Banquet to be held on February 26th at the Falls City Elks Lodge.

Cut & Return



Erison Vonderschmidt scores two against Auburn on Tuesday night in the Irish win.

LADY IRISH STOCK STILL RISING

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish basketball team stayed perfect this past week, winning both contests and improving to 17-0. The week saw the Irish pick up a big win over Auburn on Tuesday, and then on Friday, junior Erison Vonderschmidt eclipsed the 1000 career point mark at Pawnee City.

First, on Tuesday, the Irish hosted the Auburn Bulldogs. The Bulldogs entered the contest unbeaten at 13-0 and ranked #6 in Class C1 by the Omaha World-Herald. The Irish, unfazed by C-1 school, ran away with the contest, winning 62-27. The Bulldogs hung tight early, trailing by only four, 16-12 after the first period. Auburn went 4/7 from behind the three-point in the quarter; they only made 1/18 the rest of the way as the Irish defense stifled the Bulldogs. For the game, SH outshot Auburn 51% (23/45) to 24% (10/42). The Irish also converted 12-17 free throw attempts. The Irish outrebounded Auburn 30-26 and forced 15 turnovers while committing just eight. After the first period, the Irish outscored Auburn 46-15, including a 13-2 second-quarter advantage.

Three Irish ballplayers reached double digits on Tuesday night. Erison Vonderschmidt scored a game-high 19 points to go along with five rebounds. Rachel Magdanz added 15 points and seven

assists and Olivia Eickhoff added ten points. Melody Billings had 13 points to lead Auburn.

Scoring vs. Auburn, Magdanz 15, Eickhoff 10, Witt 9, Malone 1, Wertemberger 8, Vonderschmidt 19.

The Irish JV lost to the Bulldogs in three periods, 38-34. Leading the Irish were DeLanie Witt and Macy Keller with ten points apiece.

On Friday evening, the Irish traveled to Pawnee City to take on the 4-10 Indians. This game was never in doubt for the Irish. SH stormed out to a 20-0 lead after the first eight minutes and led 38-2 at the half. The second half saw SH outscore the Indians 21-8 to get the 59-10 win. Again the Irish defense proved to be too much for their opponent. SH held Pawnee City to just 5/29 shooting, while SH made 20/42 attempts. The Lady Irish forced 29 turnovers, finishing with 24 steals and a 13-3 assist advantage.

Nine different Irish players put points on the board, with Vonderschmidt leading the way with 17 points and Wertemberger adding ten. Witt had a team-high six steals and Magdanz added five assists. Austin Branch led Pawnee City with six points.

Erison Vonderschmidt scored her 1,001 point in the third quarter on Friday night. For the season, Vonderschmidt is averaging

18.1 points per game for 307 points through 17 games. Erison also leads the team with 7.1 rebounds per contest, 22 blocked shots and 44 steals.

Scoring vs. Pawnee City, Magdanz 9, Eickhoff 3, Simon 6, Nachtigal 3, Witt 5, Wertemberger 10, Vonderschmidt 17, Bippes 1, Keller 5.

In two-quarters of action, the JV team defeated Pawnee City 25-9. Nachtigal and Keller each had eight points to lead the Irish.

On Saturday, the Irish hosted a JV tournament. In the first game, SH downed Diller-Odell 33-16. SH outshot the Griffins 11/47 to 5/32. DeLanie Witt had 13 points and Nachtigal and Simon each had six for the Irish. L Swanson had eight points for Diller-Odell.

In the championship game, the Irish fought back in the fourth quarter to beat the Falls City Tigers, 30-28. The Irish led 6-4 after one period, but FC took an 11-9 lead at the half. The Tigers expanded their lead to 24-16 after three periods, but SH outscored FC 14-4 in the fourth to get the two-point win.

SH scoring, Simon 3, Witt 11, Malone 3, Keller 13.

FC scoring, Collier 4, Poppe 8, Scholl 4, Kirkendall 2, Vitosh 3, Thompson 7.

The Irish will play at Johnson-Brock on Thursday, January 28.



Jakob Jordan hits a hoop early against the Bulldogs Tuesday night.

IRISH END FOUR-GAME SLIDE

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish boy's basketball team finished the week 1-1. On Tuesday, the Irish hosted the top-ranked team in Class C-1, the Auburn Bulldogs. Auburn proved why they are the best team in Class C-1 and winners of almost 50 games in a row. On Friday, the Irish got back into the win column, defeating the Pawnee City Indians 68-18. The Irish had last won when they hosted Diller-Odell back on January 8.

In Thursday's game, the Bulldogs wasted little time in showing their dominance over the Irish. Auburn held a first-quarter lead of 24-10 and then shut the Irish down in the second quarter, taking a decisive 35-12 halftime lead. The Bulldogs didn't let up as the game went on, defeating the Irish 59-37.

While the Irish struggled to

make shots (14/40), the Bulldogs were on fire most of the game, making 24/41 attempts. The game, cleanly played, finished with each team turning the ball over ten times and only 19 total fouls. Auburn finished the game making 17/23 two-point attempts and outrebounded the Irish 23-12.

Guard Jakob Jordan led SH with 14 points. No other Irish ballplayer reached double figures. Evan Keithley led the Irish with three steals, and Jordan added four assists. Jordan, Jack Fiegenger and Brogan Nachtigal all had two rebounds. Cam Binder had 17 points and Dan Frary added 14 to lead the Bulldogs.

Scoring vs. Auburn, Jordan 14, Dunn 2, Froeschl 3, Keithley 3, Casteel 4, Fiegenger 5, Nachtigal 3, James Froeschl 3.

The Irish looked to stop the bleeding against the 0-14 Indians from Pawnee City Friday evening. Much like the girl's game, this one was never in doubt. The Irish set the tone early, taking a 26-3 lead after the first quarter. By the half, the lead had reached 26 points at 36-10. The Irish continued to outscore the Indians in the final two quarters, earning the 50-point win, 68-18.

SH shot 41% from the floor, making 28/68 shots. The Irish fired up 34 shots from beyond the arc, making ten of them. Pawnee City finished the game making 8/32 shot attempts. The Irish outrebounded the Indians 42-20 and forced 24 turnovers to just eight of their own.

Ten different Irish ballplayers scored on Friday night, with three of them reaching double digits. Jack Fiegenger led SH with 18 points, seven rebounds and five steals. Sam Dunn went 5/9 from beyond the arc for 17 points and Brogan Nachtigal added ten points and five boards. Jakob Jordan dished out nine assists for the Irish. K. Lang and B. Gyhra led Pawnee City with four points apiece.

Scoring vs. Pawnee City, Jordan 8, Dunn 17, Stice 2, Froeschl 4, Evan Keithley 3, Casteel 2, Simon 2, Zachary Keithley 2, Fiegenger 18, Nachtigal 10.

The win on Friday improved Sacred Heart to 9-5 for the season. The Irish hosted Southern on Tuesday, January 26 and travel to Johnson-Brock on Thursday. Next week the Pioneer Conference Tournament begins with sites in Pawnee City and Sterling.



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Tigers fall to T-Birds

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger boys hosted the Johnson County Central Thunderbirds at the McIntyre Henderson Field House on Friday, January 22. The Tigers hadn't hit the court since winning the Fairfax basketball tournament last Saturday.

Falls City, playing without Carson Simon, led the T-Birds 14-11 after the first period. Johnson County drew a little closer by halftime, trailing FC 25-23. The game remained tight throughout as Falls City continued to lead after three periods, 42-39, with only eight minutes remaining in regulation. After trailing 45-39, Johnson County battled back to tie the game at 47 and sent the game to overtime. FC took a 54-53 lead in the extra period with just seconds remaining on a Will Vitosh layup. However, the Thunderbirds moved the ball down the court quickly and a three-point attempt from the corner at the buzzer by Logan Barras-Carnagey over the outstretched hand of Brock Hogue found the net and gave JCC the two-point win.

The Tigers shot well from the floor, making 22/44 shot attempts (50%) while holding Johnson County Central to 39% shooting (23/58). FC was on fire from beyond the three-point line, making 8/17 treys. Carson Bredemeier led the attack from three-point land, making 5/8 attempts. FC struggled at the foul line, making only 2/8 attempts from the charity stripe. Falls City did hold a 28-18 rebounding edge and finished with a 13-9 assist advantage. JCC forced the Tigers into 12 turnovers while the Thunderbirds committed just four of their own.

Three Tigers hit double digits in the scoring column for Coach Hogue. Bredemeier led the way with 15 points, all from behind the arc. Jaxyn Strauss, getting the start for injured Carson Simon, added 13 points and Will Vitosh had 12. Vitosh, Uhri and Stephen Acton each had seven rebounds and Brock Hogue had a team-high six assists.

The win was Johnson County Centrals third in a row and improved the T-Birds to 8-6. The heartbreaking loss dropped the Tigers to 6-9 for the season.

Scoring vs. JCC, Bredemeier 15, Strauss 13, Vitosh 12, Uhri 6, Hogue 6, Acton 2.

Through 15 games, the Tigers have been led by Will Vitosh, who is averaging 12.4 points per game. Carson Bredemeier is averaging 11.1 points per game, Tyler Uhri leads the team with 77 rebounds and Brock Hogue has dished out 81 assists.

Falls City hosted the Class C1, top-ranked Auburn Bulldogs on Tuesday night. On Thursday, the Tigers will travel to Peru to take on Weeping Water. The following week, FC will take part in the ECNC Conference Tournament for the first time. The Tigers have one home game remaining on the schedule, a matchup against Diller-Odell on Tuesday, February 9.



Jaxyn Strauss hits an early bucket vs JCC Friday night.



Eryn Snethen scores two of her game-high 22 vs. JCC

Lady Tigers split a pair of contests

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Falls City Tigers girl's basketball team hosted a pair of games this past week at the McIntyre Henderson Field House. In the opener on Tuesday night, Falls City dropped a close contest, 41-39, to St. Joseph Bishop LeBlond. On Friday, the Tigers played host to the Johnson County Central Thunderbirds. FC evened their record for the season at 8-8 with a 37-25 win.

FC led LeBlond early, 11-7, after the first period in the opener for the week. The Lady Eagles came back in the second quarter, outscoring FC 14-6, to take a 21-17 halftime lead. Falls City cut the Eagles lead in half in the third period, heading into the fourth quarter trailing 31-29. The Eagles did just enough in the final eight minutes to stave off the Tigers and head back to St. Joseph with the two-point win, 41-39.

FC shot well from the field, making 15/41 shots (37%) while holding the Eagles to 30%

shooting (17/57). The game was closely contested throughout, and the stats followed suit. Bishop LeBlond had a slight rebounding edge, 35-32, a 13-12 assist advantage, an 8-6 steal advantage, and forced FC into 13 turnovers while committing 11 of their own. Falls City did hold a 22-16 edge in points in the paint and FC converted 7/13 free throw attempts.

Madi Jones led Falls City with 13 points and seven rebounds. Ava Armbruster added four assists and Eryn Snethen had four steals. Kyla Conard, Shae Lewis and Sloan Lewis all had eight points for the Eagles.

Scoring vs. LeBlond, Jones 13, Armbruster 4, Snethen 7, Kirkendall 7, McNeely 2, Nolte 2, Thompson 4.

In the finale of the week, FC hosted JCC on Friday evening. The game was tight after the first quarter, 5-5. Then FC exploded in the second period for 16 points, taking a 21-8 halftime lead. JCC tried to claw back into the game, trailing 27-18 heading into the final eight minutes of action. FC outscored JCC 10-7 down the stretch to hang on for the 12-point win, 37-25.

The Tiger defense held the T-Birds to 24% shooting while FC connected on 33% of their shot opportunities. FC also made good on 5/12 shots from behind the arc while JCC was only 2/12. FC was outrebounded 35-23 but forced 26 Thunderbird turnovers while com-



Ray Feek looks for the advantage vs. the Conestoga wrestler

Tigers hit home mat for final time this season

Story and photo by Brian McKim

On Thursday, January 21, the Falls City Tiger wrestling team competed in front of their home fans for the final time this season. Falls City hosted the Conestoga Cougars, falling in the dual, 51-30.

Senior Calvin Crouse, competing in his final home match, got his first win of the season, pinning Jabari Parsons in 1:47 in the 160 pounds division. The night began with Kadyne Strecker dropping a match to Scott Dufault at 152 by fall in 1:30. At 170, Cameron Schramm got a forfeit win and at 182, Kemper Foster also got the forfeit win. At 195, Thomas Fields pinned Malakai Jones in 1:39. Kaleb Zulkoski made quick work of Asher Koehnen, pinning the Cougar in :29. At 113, Ray Feek fell to Ethan Gloe by an 8-2 decision. The night's biggest match had Wyatt Olberding facing the seventh-ranked

Keathon Chini, 26-4, at 126 pounds. Olberding eventually fell to Chini by pin at 4:24.

On Saturday, the Tigers took part in the Fairbury triple duals. FC dropped all three duals, falling to Auburn 48-24, to Fairbury 60-24 and Seward 42-18.

Against the Bulldogs, Olberding rebounded from Thursday's loss with a pin of Triston Perry in 3:42. Strecker fell to Kyler Thomas at 145 by fall in 1:44. Isiah Katzenstein pinned Crouse in :47 and at 182, Foster fell to Cassius Cotton by fall in :27. Fields picked up the win over Wyatt Rowell in 1:14 and Zulkoski and Feek each won by forfeit.

In the second dual of the day, FC faced the Fairbury Jeffs. Feek fell to Aiden Haidul to open the dual. Olberding pinned Joryean Sturm in 1:35 and Strecker got a win by fall, pinning Landon Trimm in 1:05. Crouse fell to Riley Arner in :23 and Foster was pinned by Ashton McCown in :38. At 195, Fields got the win, pinning Domenic Hyson in 1:21. Zulkoski got the forfeit win at 106.

In the last dual of the day, FC faced Seward. Again, Zulkoski won by forfeit, Feek fell to third-ranked Cash Duncan in :20 and Olberding got the pin over Xander Foulk in :54. Strecker fell to Cameron Schrad in 4:29 and Crouse was pinned by Thunder Hayek in 1:26. Kemper Foster fell to Hunter Novacek in :52 and Fields got another win, pinning Dustin Hurley in 1:34.

Next Friday, the Tigers will wrestle in the ECNC Tournament in Malcolm and on Saturday, the Tigers will compete at Raymond Central.

mitting just 13. FC also got out and ran, owning an 11-2 edge in transition points for the game.

Senior Eryn Snethen had a monster game, scoring a game-high 22 points on 8/14 shooting. Jones added five rebounds, Kirkendall had four steals and Reece McNeely had five assists. Ava Berkebile and Saylor Rother each scored seven points for the T-Birds.

Scoring vs. JCC, Jones 5, Armbruster 4, Snethen 22, Kirkendall 6.

FC hosted the Auburn Bulldogs on Tuesday night and will take on Weeping Water on Thursday night in Peru. The Tigers will compete in the ECNC tourney next week and return home on February 9 to host Diller-Odell.



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Leland Elroy Frank, 99, was born to Ernest and Mildred (Mosher) Frank on November 7, 1921 at Table Rock, Nebraska. He attended first and second grade at Table Rock, moved to Pawnee City and attended Sheridan until 1930, moved five and a half miles north of Table Rock and attended Bunker Hill where he graduated from the eighth grade. Leland graduated from Table Rock High School in 1941.

He served his country in the United States Navy from June 20, 1942 until his honorable discharge on December 5, 1945 during WWII. He took his basic training in the Great Lakes. Leland



was involved with invasions in Licota, Sicily, Naples, Italy, Solerno and Bari, Italy, Leyte Gulf, Manila, Philippines, Luzon Island, Okinawa Island and Corregidor Island. After returning from the war, Leland returned to farming and agriculture. He sold Case Machinery from 1950-1952. Leland farmed south of Pawnee City from 1953 till his retirement in 1986.

Leland was united in marriage to Delores Burow on December 5, 1949 in Wahoo, Nebraska. To this union two sons were born, Gary and Terry. Delores passed away December 2, 1971. Leland married Imogene (Williamson) Gridley on February 3, 1973 at Faith Lutheran Church in Humboldt, Nebraska. He was baptized and became a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Humboldt, in 1973. Leland's greatest love was farming and spending time with his family. After retirement, Leland and Imogene traveled in their 5th wheel camper for about 15 years to many locations in the southwest states. He enjoyed wood working and was very handy in mak-

ing things like blue bird houses, bird feeders and other projects in his shop

When his health declined, Leland became a resident of Colonial Acres in Humboldt, Nebraska. He passed away there on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at the age of 99 years.

Leland is survived by his wife, Imogene of Humboldt, sons, Gary Frank and wife Cheryl of Waverly and Terry Frank and wife Brenda of Humboldt,

step-sons, Dennis Gridley and wife Gail of Elizabeth, CO, Scott Gridley and wife Theresa of Elizabeth, CO and Gary Gridley and wife Sandi of Lincoln, nine grandchildren, 18 great-

grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Delores, brothers, Charles Frank and wife Verlea, Lorraine "Johnny" Frank and wife LeAnna, sisters, Marguritte "Butch" Mertes and husband Leonard and Orlene Thiemann and husband Everette, great-grandson Kasey Colvin, nieces, Audrey Thiemann and Bette Fisher, nephews, Kenneth Frank, Alton Gottula and Mike Thiemann and great-nephew Jacob Stoddard.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020 at the Table Rock Cemetery, Table Rock, Nebraska with Rev. Tim Llewellyn officiating. Interment was in the Table Rock Cemetery, Table Rock, Nebraska with full military rites provided by the Harvey Mann American Legion Post # 269 of Humboldt, Table Rock Brown-Hays American Legion Post #289, Pawnee City VFW Post #5289, and the United States Navy Honor Guard. Memorials may go to the family's choice. Online condolences may be left @ www.wherrymortuary.com.

Bob Bartlett

Bob D. Bartlett, 64, of Falls City, NE, passed away January 21, 2021 at Falls City. He was born December 2, 1956 at Beatrice, NE to Wilbur and Ardene (Hubka) Bartlett.

Bob moved to Falls City when he was one and graduated Falls City High School in 1975. He then attended Southeast Community College at Milford, graduating in 1977 with a degree in Electronic Technology. He worked at Chaney Music right after college until opening Bartlett Electronics. In 2001 he went to work at Casino White Cloud where he continued to work.

In 1989 he married Janelle Cromer and together they raised two children, Jenny and Matt. During their marriage they were also parents to many foster kids.

Bob was a member of the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad, the Plymouth Owners Club and with his dad and brother, they chartered the Prairie Region Division of the Plymouth Club. He was an avid hunter and a great gardener.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Jenny Bauman and her husband Mark of Falls City, son, Matt Cromer and his wife Danelle of Falls City, sister-in-law, Lynn Bartlett of Crete, aunt, Maryann DiVona of Falls City, nieces, Crystal Dewey and her husband Shawn, Rebecca and her friend Andrew, nephew, Bill Bartlett, Jr. and his wife Melissa, grandchildren, Ryan Bauman, Libby (Chase) Thompson, Ben Bauman and fiancé Taylor, Harper and Grace Cromer, many cousins, friends and great nieces and a great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bill.

Mr. Bartlett has been cremated and private family services will be held at a later date.

USDA offers additional assistance for certain producers through COVID Food Assistance Program

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide additional assistance through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), expanding eligibility for some agricultural producers and commodities as well as updating payments to accurately compensate some producers who already applied for the program. Producers who are now eligible and those who need to modify existing applications due to these updates can contact USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) between Jan. 19 and Feb. 26.

Newly eligible producers who need to submit a CFAP 2 application or producers who need to modify an existing one can do so between Jan. 19 and Feb. 26, 2021, by contacting their local USDA Service Center. New applicants can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364.

In addition to the changes being made to CFAP, per language in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, FSA will extend 2020 Marketing Assistance Loans to provide additional flexibilities for farmers. FSA is also preparing to move forward on implementation of the remaining provisions of the recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

To learn more about this additional assistance, visit farmers.gov/cfap.

Alan Burr

Alan E. Burr, 73 of Humboldt, Nebraska passed away January 13, 2021 from complications of COVID. Alan was born on October 12, 1947 in Tecumseh, NE to Orville and Margaret (Juilfs) Burr.



He grew up in Talmage, NE where he graduated from High School. He attended Peru State College and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Art from Pittsburg State University. Alan taught school for several years in Schaller, Iowa where many of his students said he was the best teacher ever. He then moved to Alda, NE where he purchased an old bank that he fixed up to live in and use as his Art Studio.

Alan worked in several manufacturing plants in the Grand Island area. He had a farm near Humboldt where he deer hunted for 20 years and rented out the pasture in the spring and summer. He told everyone that his one or two deer a year were worth a lot of money. Alan retired to be near his farm four years ago where he enjoyed fishing, working on his art projects, and checking off his

bucket list with family. He loved all levels of crossword puzzles and never had to use an eraser or the internet to get answers. Alan was always the life of the party and his witty humor never failed.

Alan is survived by his sister Beverlee (Kevin) Keller of Lincoln and sister-in-law Sandy Burr of Olathe, KS, nieces and nephews: Kyle Keller, Rachelle (John Clark) Keller, Kinsey (Andy) Bauer, Mike Schwieger and Kelly Schwieger, many cousins, special friends and numerous students who became lifelong friends.

Alan is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Neil Burr.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date due to COVID.

Memorials are suggested to Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden in Humboldt, NE or the "Hearts United For Animals" dog rescue in Auburn, NE.

To leave an on-line condolence, go to www.bmlfh.com

Mary "Jodi" Fritz

Mary "Jodi" Fritz, 74, of Falls City, NE, passed away January 19, 2021 at Falls City. She was born August 31, 1946 at Oak Grove, LA to Governor and Vergie (Cundiff) Tackett.

Jodi was raised at Oak Grove and graduated Oak Grove High School in 1964. Following high school she started a family and was a stay at home mother. She moved to the Falls City area in 1978 and has lived in and around Falls City since. She worked at Ketter Manor, Woodings Verona, and was an in home health aide for several years, retiring in 2006. She was baptized in the Pentecostal Church.

Jodi is survived by her children, Teresa Fritz and her husband Jeff of Falls City, Cathy

Wiles of Lincoln, NE, Jo Ann Williams of Winter Haven, FL, Vicki Cochran and her husband Gary of Verdon, NE, Roy Clark, Jr. of Marysville, MO, sister, Lessie Beckner and her husband Danny, sixteen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren and one on the way, special friends Linda and Deb.

She was preceded in death by her parents, nine brothers, four sisters, grandchildren, Bryan Wiles and Ariel Willey.

In lieu of flowers memorials requested to Family Choice.

Jodi's body has been cremated and a celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 4:00 PM at The American Legion Club.



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Progress is made to rebuild in flood impacted areas of Nemaha County

As 2020 came to a close, the Northeast Nemaha County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) received positive updates on several infrastructure projects that are key to recovery for the region.

"I am pleased to report a contract was signed between the City of Peru and the Auburn Board of Public Works solidifying the plan to join the City to BPW's water supply," said David Pease, Mayor of Peru. "This allows the engineering design and planning for construction to move forward."

The City of Peru has also accepted an offer from FEMA to fund 75% of construction costs (no more than \$5.2 million) related to building the water connection to Auburn. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will provide 12.5% match and the City of Peru will provide the remaining 12.5%.

"With the funding from FEMA, the City is well situated to address the costs associated with the water treatment project," said Pease. "The City has already been awarded grant funding to cover part of our match and we have an opportunity to apply for additional funding through the state. Our goal is to cover the City's portion of the project through grants."

Additional good news was shared by LTRG members Brett Adams and Sen. Julie Slama, who reported the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020 passed both the House and the Senate and was signed into law by President Trump in late December.

"We appreciate Brett Adams, Sen. Slama and Congressman Smith for their efforts to add language to WRDA, which will

make the Peru levee eligible for Federal Funding and allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to repair the breached levee that has protected Peru since its construction in 1952," said Dan Hanson, Chair of the LTRG. "With the passage of this act, we hope to see movement and communication from the U.S. ACE regarding the Peru levee this year."

The City of Peru also received notification they had been approved to receive funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). These funds will be used to purchase properties in the 100-year flood plain and turn the area into green space.

"We want to celebrate the movement on these flood-related projects," said Deborah Solie, Disaster Recovery Coordinator. "But, also remember the Peru community and surrounding areas suffered an estimated \$7.91 million in economic loss, including \$4.2 million in agricultural revenue losses due to levee damage. The LTRG's goal is to emerge from recovery as a community stronger than before the floods."

The LTRG, City of Peru and leaders throughout the community continue to work together as recovery continues for the region.

The Northeast Nemaha County Long-term Recovery Group brings constituents together to build relationships, coordinate efforts, communicate needs, and pursue funding to rebuild and strengthen the City of Peru and the surrounding region and support individuals following the 2019 floods and other potential disasters.

SOCIETY

Falls City DOES

Members of the Falls City Benevolent Patriotic of the Does met Monday evening at 6PM at the Elks Lodge. Mary Wiltse called the meeting to order. Phyllis Kreutzer led the Lord's Prayer. The Flag Salute was given. The minutes of the Nov. 9th meeting were read and approved. Nancy McKim gave the treasurers report. Thank you notes were read from the Ministerial Assoc., the family of Dorothy Karst, and SENCA.

The Charter was draped in memory of member, Dorothy Karst. Marlene McKim installed the officers for 2021 they are, President, Mary Wiltse, St. Counselor, Dianne Davis, Jr. Counselor, Becky Gilkerson, Treasurer, Nancy McKim, Secretary Marlene McKim, Chaplain, Phyllis Kreutzer; Inner Guard, Connie Fiddler; Color #1, Molly Kirkendall, Attendant #1, Joyce Buck.

Other officers will be installed at the February 8th meeting. Hostesses, Dianne Davis, Carolyn Hogue and Phyllis Kreutzer served refreshments and gave each member a gift.

Nemaha NRD Management making changes

When Bob Hilske announced back in June that he would be retiring after 18 years with the Nemaha Natural Resources District, the board of directors got busy looking for a replacement. Their goal was to put someone in the General Manager's chair while Hilske was still finishing up his tenure so Hilske would have an opportunity to share information and experience with the new manager. Hilske had indicated a desire to be out the door sometime early in 2021.

In November the board of directors hired Kyle Hauschild to succeed Hilske as the new General Manager.

Hauschild's first day at the Nemaha NRD was January 11; Hilske's last day in the Nemaha NRD office will be January 29. So for three weeks, the District is benefitting from the best of both worlds: Hilske's experience combined with Hauschild's enthusiasm for his new job.

Interestingly enough both Hilske and Hauschild spent time working for the Little Blue NRD out of Davenport. Hilske was a groundwater assistant in 1982; Hauschild was their general manager in 2019-20. Hilske then moved on to become the general manager at the Middle Niobrara NRD in Valentine for 16 years before making the move to the Nemaha in 2002.

During his time at the Nemaha NRD, Hilske was instrumental in seeing the Duck Creek Recreation Area completed and opened in 2018. He was also met with the task of a new office building project in his first few months on the job. Across the three NRDs Hilske has played a role in groundwater programs, recreation, information and education, and flood control. After 39 years, Hilske admits he's not sure how he will spend his retirement though traveling and helping his brother at his winery near Ashland are on his list.

Kyle Hauschild also has a history with a couple of NRDs. In addition to his work at the Little Blue, he served as a Stormwater/Floodplain Specialist at the Lower Platte South NRD in Lincoln. Prior to that he worked for Lincoln Public Schools and the Nebraska Department of Roads. Hauschild has a BS in Environmental Studies from UNL and is married with two children.

An open house honoring Hilske for his time at the Nemaha NRD is planned for later in February and will be advertised on the District's website and Facebook page.

Glewen retires from Nebraska Extension

Longtime educator in Saunders County has had an accomplished, award winning career. University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty member and Extension Educator Keith Glewen is retiring after 40 years with Nebraska Extension.

Working for Saunders County Extension out of the Eastern Nebraska Research Center (ENREC), Keith had a long and decorated career helping Nebraska's growers, specifically with innovative cropping and water systems. Keith rose to have regional and statewide responsibilities for agronomic issues related to natural resources and the environment. His emphases were in agricultural profitability, on-farm research and soil and water management stewardship. He also spent considerable time developing programs for industry consultants who support farmers across the Midwest.

"We want to thank Keith Glewen for many years of service to Nebraska farmers," said Eugene Goering, chairman of the Nebraska Soybean Board. "We want to especially thank him for his excellent work on the Soybean Management Field Days program. We wish Keith the best in his future plans."

With faculty and stakeholders, Keith successfully developed the Crop Management and Diagnostic Clinic at ENREC. Field-based training sessions offered during the growing season help crop consultants and industry agronomists with diagnostic training to improve the use of row crop production best practices. In 2019, 240 participants representing 36 Nebraska counties and six states estimated the value of this training to be \$28.7 million dollars.

Keith has worked with commodity boards to further research and Extension efforts through programs such as Soybean Management Field Days, Irrigation and Energy Management Field Day, Nebraska Soybean Day and Machinery Expo, Nebraska Cover Crop - Soil Health Conference, and the Nebraska On-Farm Research Network. He has spent his career establishing trusted relationships with commodity boards, industry representatives, organizations, and growers and has helped numerous growers and producers improve and enhance their operations.

He was a member of several national, regional and local professional organizations, including the American Society of Agronomy, Nebraska Soybean Association, Soil Science Society of America and USDA Saunders County Food and Agriculture Council. Keith was also often recognized for his excellence as an educator and leader, winning several awards—in 2018, the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District named him its Water Cooperator of the Year.

The Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB) wants to thank Keith for his tireless work in supporting Nebraska's farmers and for being an excellent and distinguished partner for the NSB.

The nine-member Nebraska Soybean Board collects and disburses the Nebraska share of funds generated by the one-half of one percent times the net sales price per bushel of soybeans sold. Nebraska soybean checkoff funds are invested in research, education, domestic and foreign markets, including new uses for soybeans and soybean products.


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For many smartphone users, their smartphones are never too far out of reach. It is a reflection of the role these devices now play in everyday life as well as the amount of sensitive information contained within them.

The treasure trove of personal information, including banking info, personal emails and private photos, that smartphones contain makes them tempting targets for skilled cyber criminals. Though phones come with built-in security features, savvy smartphone users recognize the importance of going beyond such features to protect their devices from hackers.

Update your operating system. It can be a nuisance to update a phone's operating system. In fact, many a smartphone user has be-moaned an OS update, feeling the updates changed the look and performance of apps they had grown accustomed to. However, updated operating systems are offered for various reasons, one of which is to guard against glitches or bugs in old operating systems that might have made phones more vulnerable to hackers. When prompted to update a smartphone's operating system, do so right away.

Avoid public WiFi. Hackers target victims in many ways, including through public WiFi hotspots. Smartphone users who don't have unlimited data plans may be tempted to use public WiFi when out and about. But doing so makes users vulnerable to skilled hackers who are just waiting to access unknowing users' personal information, including their financial data. When leaving the house, turn off the WiFi on your phone, only turning it back on when you need it and only if you can access a secure network.

Accept two-factor authentication. Two-factor authentication was designed so internet users would have another layer of protection against hackers. When attempting to sign into an account, whether it's email, social media, banking, or another login that requires a username and password, you may be asked if you want to enroll in two-factor authentication. This refers to the system in which users receive a temporary code via the messaging apps on their phones that only the users have access to. Some might say two-factor authentication is a nuisance, but receiving and typing in the short code will only take an extra few seconds and it's a great extra measure of protection against hackers.

Only buy apps from your phone's official app store. When purchasing and downloading apps, only use official app stores such as the Apple Store or Google Play. Some hackers access phones via apps they offer through websites that, on the surface, seem legitimate. However, such apps contain viruses and malware that make it easy for hackers to access phones once they've been installed.

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Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday choir, 7:30 p.m.
Mike Hader, pastor
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Fr. Kenneth F. Hoelsing pastor

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(213 Lake Shore Drive)
Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.
Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Children's, Youth and Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.
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Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor

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Wednesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
Victor Haworth, pastor
245-5287
Don Shafer, moderator
245-5209

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County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 12, 2021 CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Roll call was answered by Karas, Caverzagie and Sichel. The Invocation was given, the Pledge of Allegiance was led and the announcement that the open meeting laws are posted at the entrance to the meeting room by Chairman Sichel.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from January 5, 2021 as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint David Sichel as the Chairman of the Board for 2021. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to reappoint John Caverzagie as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2021. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel that the listed duties be designated to the following commissioners:

Commissioner Karas: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) and 5 Rivers Economic Development District and the Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D) Commissioner Caverzagie: Courthouse Building and Grounds and Law Enforcement Center, Region V Systems & Services, member of the Product Development & Public Policy Committee of the Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) and alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Commissioner Sichel: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council (SENCAC), alternate to the Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D), The Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Falls City Airport Road Committee and the Southeast Nebraska Health Board. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Karas: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) and 5 Rivers Economic Development District and the Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D) Commissioner Caverzagie: Courthouse Building and Grounds and Law Enforcement Center, Region V Systems & Services, member of the Product Development & Public Policy Committee of the Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) and alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Commissioner Sichel: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council (SENCAC), alternate to the Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D), The Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Falls City Airport Road Committee and the Southeast Nebraska Health Board. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to reaffirm the appointment of Steve Darveau, Jr. as the Richardson County Highway Superintendent with an annual salary for 2021 approved at \$53,550.00 (\$54,621.00 (\$1,071.00--2% increase). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Mona Godemann as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer for 2021 with a salary of \$18.95/hour \$19.90/hour (.95 cents/hour--5% increase to reflect position title and job duties). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to reappoint Brian Kirkendall as the Richardson County Emergency Manager and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent with an annual salary for 2021 approved at \$49,018.50 \$50,000.00 (\$980.37--2% increase) for the Emergency Manager and an additional salary of \$3,500.00 annually for the duties of the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to reaffirm the appointment of Dr. Allan W. Trapp to the County Health Board for the year 2021 pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 71-501. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to reappoint Dick James, Ben Steffen and Jerry Duerfeldt to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of 3 years which expires December 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. School bus and mail routes are being given attention for rock placement.

The Board authorized the Highway Superintendent to advertise for the One & Six Year Road Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The Board also authorized the Highway Superintendent to advertise for sealed bids for an excavator to be received by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened at the meeting.

A quote was received from Davis Plumbing Heating & Electrical of Stella for the installation of propane heaters in the maintainer shops for \$2,200/shop.

AMANDA BARTEK-YOUNG, COUNTY TREASURER

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board the Semi-Annual Treasurer's Report for the period ending, December 31, 2021. Motion was made by Sichel to accept the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual report of December 31, 2021, as submitted by the County Treasurer Office. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Andrew Forney with D. A. Davidson presented to the Board information and documents regarding the refinancing of the Highway Allocation Bond.

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-21 to authorize the early redemption of Richardson County's General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund refunding bonds, Series 2016, in such amounts and in such maturities, as shall be determined by authorized officials of the County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 93) Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-22 to authorize the issuance of Series 2021 Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Refunding Bonds for interest cost savings. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 25, Page 94)

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, WEED CONTROL SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Control Superintendent presented to the Board the Annual Report of the Noxious Weed Control program in Richardson County which will be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Motion was made by Sichel to approve the report as presented by Mr. Kirkendall. Motion seconded

by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff, Roland Merwin updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the extension period for using annual vacation leave of 6 months ending on June 30, 2021, for those Law Enforcement Center employees who have been unable to take accumulated vacation leave due to staff shortages with the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the December, 2019 operating statement.

County Employee Health Insurance A discussion was held to consider requests received from different insurance agencies to submit quotes for County employee health insurance coverage. Motion was made by Sichel to advertise notice that the County Board will receive quotes for the health insurance coverage of county employees to be received by 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at which time the Board will review the quotes and request the County Health Insurance committee to review. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan

A letter was received from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. regarding the approval that the State of Nebraska and FEMA has given for the Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Richardson County is eligible for participation in the Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan and to receive project grant funding after a resolution to adopt the plan locally is approved and submitted. The Board will consider this resolution at next week's meeting.

Annual Salary Increases Motion was made by Sichel to approve an annual salary increase of 2% for clerical and support staff for the offices of the County Treasurer, Assessor, Courthouse Maintenance, Emergency Management and Extension Office and a 5% increase for the Assistant Veterans Service Officer in the Veterans Service Office to reflect the position title and job duties. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Other

The Board authorized Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance Technician to purchase a blade for the county's ATV for snow removal from the Courthouse grounds and the Law Enforcement Center.

CLAIMS

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

CMC, serv329.70 Consolidated Management, supp10016.58 Culligan, serv52.63 Falls City Auto Supply, supp19.00 Falls City Mercantile, supp76.80 Falls City Sanitation, serv40.00 Franzan, Linda, prior serv23.08 Harring, Barbara, prior serv37.50 Humboldt Standard, adv65.25 James, Charles, serv460.00 KexRx, supp761.69 Lock, Karl, prior serv23.08 Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv110.00 Mr. Automotive, supp32.12 Nemaha County, reimb417.96 Norris, Frank, prior serv156.00 ProServ, serv240.04 Quill, supp642.22 Richardson Co Clerk Petty Cash, reimb27.00 Richardson County Court, fees873.79 Richardson Co Vendor, FICA/retire/etc59054.20 Schatz, Maxine, reimb225.44 SNC, serv1671.28 Stevicks, Billy, prior serv208.80 SumnerOne, serv254.58 Thomas, Frank, prior serv195.00 True Value, supp26.99 Verizon, serv340.21 Weaver & Merz, reimb934.17 Wolfe's Printing, supp49.60 Payroll Expense92476.87 TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$169,841.58

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JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND

Schatz, Maxine, serv113.00 TOTAL JUVENILE DIVERSION FUND.....\$113.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Priority Printing, supp35.00 TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND.....\$35.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv125.00 TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.....\$125.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, January 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sichel, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk ZNEZ

District #70

Board Organization Meeting Monday, January 11, 2021 7:00 PM Music Room, Humboldt

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM. Crystal Dunekacke: Present, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Scott Ogle: Present, Tim Schardt: Present.

1. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS 1.1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE 1.2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER 1.3. ROLL CALL 1.4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 2. CORRESPONDENCE 3. ACTION TO ORGANIZE BOARD OF EDUCATION

3.1. Elect Board President Motion to elect Neal Kanel as Board President passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Tim Schardt.

Neal Kanel: Nay, Crystal Dunekacke: Yea, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Yea, Mike Kanel: Yea, Scott Ogle: Yea, Tim Schardt: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 1

3.2. Elect Board Vice President Motion to elect Tim Schardt as Board Vice President passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld.

Tim Schardt: Nay, Crystal Dunekacke: Yea, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Yea, Mike Kanel: Yea, Neal Kanel: Yea, Scott Ogle: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 1

3.3. Appoint Board Secretary Motion to appoint the Superintendent as Board Secretary passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Crystal Dunekacke.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0 3.4. Appoint Board Treasurer Motion to appoint Crystal Dunekacke as Board Treasurer passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.5. Appoint Board Recorder Motion to appoint Kellie Workman as Board Recorder passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Crystal Dunekacke. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.6. Appoint Official Bank Depositories Motion to appoint 2 banks as Official Bank Depositories passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.7. Appoint Official Newspapers Motion to appoint 3 papers as Official Newspapers passed with a motion by Tim Schardt and a second by Crystal Dunekacke. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.8. Approve Participation in Federal Programs: Title I, Special Education and Hot Lunch Motion to approve participation in Federal Programs: Title I, Special Education and Hot Lunch passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.9. Appoint Coordinator for the above Federal Programs Motion to appoint the Superintendent as Coordinator for the above Federal Programs passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.10. Appoint Title IX Roles and Responsibilities Approve as presented passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Crystal Dunekacke. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 [February regular meeting: amendment to the assignment of roles and responsibilities.]

3.11. Appoint Board Member to Community Foundation Appoint Scott Ogle passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Crystal Dunekacke. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

PATRON COMMENT

Jill Schardt spoke about issues with COVID protocols and staff texts/emails to students.

Rock Herr expressed his appreciation of those he worked with while serving on the Board of Education and thanked the school for the Board retirement plaque.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve passed with a motion by Crystal Dunekacke and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.1. Meeting Minutes 5.2. Approve bills for payment 5.3. Review Treasurer's report 6. REPORTS

6.1. Principal Othmer Mrs. Othmer reported on staff development and school improvement.

6.2. Assistant Principal Lottman Mrs. Lottman reported on assessments and the NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan.

6.3. NASB Report 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS 7.1. 2019-2020 Annual Report Superintendent Edmundson reviewed the information included in the annual report.

8. ACTION ITEMS 8.1. Approve Board Member Absence 8.2. Motion to approve hire of Dr. George Griffith as Superintendent for 2021-2023 at \$132,000 for year one

Approve passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.3. Motion to renew principal contracts Approve a one-year contract for Mrs. Othmer and Mrs. Lottman passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Crystal Dunekacke. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.4. Approve NRD Hazard Mitigation Resolution Approve passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Tim Schardt. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.5. Approve resignation of Bethany Platt as cheerleading sponsor Passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Crystal Dunekacke. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.6. Accept resignation of Martyna Holthaus as a paraprofessional Passed with a motion by Crystal Dunekacke and a second by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.7. Accept resignation of Rhiannon Kohler as a paraprofessional Passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.8. Approve hiring Breehana Conn as a paraprofessional Passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

SUPERINTENDENT EDMUNDSON REPORT

Mrs. Edmundson assigned each new board member to a mentor board member and mentioned that she plans to hire an additional paraprofessional. Neal Kanel appointed board members to their desired committees.

ADJOURN

Neal Kanel declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kellie Workman ZNEZ

Village of Shubert

Regular Monthly Meeting January 4, 2021 Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on January 4, 2021 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Linda Patchen opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Tom Borrego, Kim Dunn, Donna Lockard and Will Surman. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No visitors. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Lockard, Patchen) to approve the December 7, 2020 meeting minutes, with the correction of the term Chairman Pro-Tempore to replace the term Co-Chairman. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Surman) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. General: FEMA/Nemaha NRD/JEO Hazard Mitigation Plan- Motion and Second (Surman/Dunn) to pass Resolution 2021-01 to be included in the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. Audit Waiver: Motion and Second (Surman/Lockard) to approve Audit waiver. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. FEMA/NEMA: Sewer grinder repairs or replacement project. Wood & Brush pile: Discussed tree and dirt work. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Lockard and Surman will draw up bathroom plan. Park: None. Library: None. Streets: Three areas need rock. Surman will call to have some delivered. Fire: None. The next public board meeting will be February 1, 2021 at the Shubert Library at 7:00 p.m. With no further business: Motion and Second (Surman/Lockard) to adjourn meeting at 8:11 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

Name..... Amount NPPD - Fire Barn -54.01 Jennifer Buchner -600.27 Ace Farm & City Supply -16.99 United States Treasury -202.74 Village of Shubert - Community Building-51.00 Aue & Company -175.00 NPPD - Library -34.21 NPPD - Community Building..... -41.82 HTRS School -10.00 Nebraska Department of Revenue & Finance 0.00 NPPD - Weather Siren -34.21 Falls City Journal.....0.00 NPPD -Streets -405.31 NPPD -34.21 Noha Vice..... -337.50 Midwest Labs0.00 Aaron Davis -207.79 Tracy Milke -415.57 Village of Shubert - USDA Account -906.00 Village of Stella..... -225.00

State of Nebraska PHEL -489.00 Southeast Telephone Company -52.75 Falls City Sanitation Service..... -907.00 Tracy Milke -78.93

Aaron Davis -50.00 NPPD - Wells -187.65 NPPD - Sewer..... -275.20 ZNEZ

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COVID-19 FORCES BOBCAT BASKETBALL CHANGES

After getting through most of the late fall/early winter part of their schedules, the Peru State basketball teams are now having to reschedule several contests due to the coronavirus.

The decision was made after contact tracing and cautionary quarantine procedures have been enacted at the College. This has impacted all four of the basketball teams.

The games postponed include the following: Junior varsity women - Contests against Southeast Community College on February 10 and 14 have been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Varsity men's basketball - January 30 at home against Missouri Valley.

Junior varsity men - It is anticipated that the first team to return to action will be the junior varsity men when they travel to North Central Missouri in Trenton on Friday, January 29.

Both junior varsity teams should be able to host Highland Community College on Sunday, January

31 with the women playing at 2 p.m. and the men to follow.

At this point, the women's varsity team has tentatively rescheduled the Central Methodist and Missouri Valley contests for February 8 and 10 respectively at 5:30 p.m. The other teams are in process of arranging new dates.

Please follow the College's athletic website at www.pscbocbats.com, the College's Facebook at www.facebook.com/PeruStateCollege, and/or the College's Twitter at https://twitter.com/psc-bocbats.

Please note that tickets already purchased for the home games will carry forward to the new dates. At this time, all home contests are available for ticket procurement.

Peru State has been following the best health and safety practices and guidance to protect students, faculty, and staff. Efforts to slow the virus have included regular testing of students on campus, requiring face coverings, and mandating social distancing.

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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
In the County Court of
Richardson County, Nebraska.
In the Matter of the Estate of
Marjorie Mackey, Deceased.
Case No. PR 20-69**

Notice is hereby given that on December 30, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, William Labarge, 55729 Hood Drive, Apt. 1, Fort Riley, Kansas 66442, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the above-entitled intestate Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 15, 2021, or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Buethe
Clerk of the County Court
1700 Stone St., Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Weaver & Merz
Douglas E. Merz, No. 12807
Samantha K. Scheitel, No. 26389
1719 Stone Street, P.O. Box 569
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on May 2, 2011, in Book 244, Page 147, in the Office of the Richardson County Register of Deeds will be selling the following-described property at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 5th day of February, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The property is legally described as follows:

Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block 32, Original Town, Rulo, Nebraska.

DATED: December 29, 2020

Samantha K. Scheitel, #26389
Weaver & Merz Law Office
Attorney for Frontier Bank

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Horsepower Genie LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The initial designated office of the company is 1801 Chase Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, and the initial agent for service of process at the same address is Thad W. Harms. The general nature of its business is to engage in all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. The limited liability company was formed on December 17, 2020, and shall continue perpetually.

MEMBER:
Thad W. Harms

Neal E. Parsons, #13228
Attorney at Law
217 East 18th Street
Falls City, Nebraska 68355

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**NOTICE
In the County Court of
Richardson County, Nebraska.
In the Matter of the Estate of Merle Stalder,
a/k/a Ralph Merle Stalder, Deceased.
Case No. PR 20-70**

Notice is hereby give that on January 6, 2021, 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 Bart Stalder Adams, whose address is P.O. Box 1448, Dunn, North Carolina 28335, 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 March 15, 2021, or be forever barred.

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MOWING BID NOTICE

PRAIRIE UNION CEMETERY association is taking mowing bids now for the 2021 mowing season. Work to be done includes mowing and weed eat of all cemetery grounds, removal of stray debris and litter on grounds so it is not mowed over, and fall clean-up of peonies and large overgrown plants. Send detailed bid, references and liability insurance by February 1, 2021 to:

**Max Shafer - Prairie Union Cemetery Association,
71792 650 Ave., Shubert, NE 68437**

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**NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Emmett Tangeman, Deceased.
Case No. PR 21-1**

Notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2021, 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 Daniel Tangeman, whose address is 920 192nd Rd., Seneca, Kansas 66538, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 22, 2021, or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Buethe
Clerk of the County Court
1700 Stone St., Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Its Attorney:
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Phone: (402) 245-4486

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**RICHARDSON COUNTY
NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR
ROAD PROGRAM PLAN HEARING**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Nebraska § 39-1503, a public hearing will be held in the office of the Richardson County Commissioners, Room 202, Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska on the 9th day of February 2021, at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting to the public, the One and Six Year Highway Improvement Program for Richardson County, Nebraska.

Steven J. Darveau, Jr.
Richardson County Highway Superintendent
20-27-3
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**CONDITIONAL ORDER OF REVIVOR
AND NOTICE OF HEARING
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
FIA CARD SERVICES
N.A., V. ZETH T T VAUGHN
CASE ID: 09 192**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the motion of the Plaintiff for a Conditional Order of Revivor.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUSTED AND DECREED that said Judgment against debtor (s) : Zeth T Vaughn

Should be revived unless debtor (s) show cause in the hearing set for:
RICHARDSON COUNTY COURT
1700 Stone, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

In courtroom 01
On 3/03/2021
At 02:30 PM

BY THIS COURT Hon. Curtis L. Maschman

Katie D Figgins
3033 Campus Drive, Ste. 250
Plymouth, MN 55441
(763) 548-7900

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**LOCAL WORKING GROUP
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be hosting two Local Working Group Meetings, February 10, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and February 24, from 9 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. to discuss USDA program priorities and natural resource concerns. These meetings will be completed virtual via Zoom. Please contact your local NRCS Field Office to request a Zoom Link to one of the scheduled virtual meetings. This meeting is open to the public.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-100
IN PAMPHLET FORM**

Public Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, held at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021, there was passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2021-100 entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-100
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A COMBINED UTILITIES REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2021, OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) IN THE FORM OF A PROMISSORY NOTE ISSUED TO EVIDENCE INDEBTEDNESS TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY; APPROVING THE FORM OF SAID BOND (ISSUED AS A SINGLE PROMISSORY NOTE) AND RELATED LOAN AGREEMENT; DIRECTING THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND CERTAIN TERMS AND DETAILS OF SAID BOND AND AUTHORIZING THE OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO SET CERTAIN TERMS AND DETAILS OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUE AND EARNINGS OF THE SEWER, WATER, GAS AND ELECTRIC SYSTEMS OWNED BY THE CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS UPON WHICH ADDITIONAL BONDS OF EQUAL LIEN UPON REVENUES MAY BE ISSUED; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SAID BOND; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF SAID BOND TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY; DETERMINING THAT INTEREST ON SAID BOND SHALL NOT BE EXCLUDABLE FROM GROSS INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.**

Said Ordinance was published in pamphlet form on January 27, 2021. Copies of said Ordinance as published in pamphlet form are available for inspection and distribution at the Office of the City Clerk, in the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

Gary Jorn
City Clerk
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**NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF
RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant
To section 53-135.01 Liquor License
may be automatically renewed for one
year from May 1, 2021, for the following
Retail Liquor License:**

Linda Patchen,
Kym Haynes,
Kristina Haynes,
Madnes LLC
DBA: Still Centerfield
102 Main Street

Shubert, Richardson County, Nebraska
For the renewal of Retail Class ID Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits on and off sale License. Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Shubert, Nebraska on or before March 1, 2021 at the Village Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Shubert Library.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Richardson County Board of Commissioners will receive quotes for the health insurance coverage for county employees. Quotes must be sealed and received at the Office of the County Clerk, Room 203, Courthouse, 1700 Stone, Falls City, NE 68355, by Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at which time they will be publicly opened and considered.

The information on the current coverage and specifications are available at the County Clerk's Office.

Richardson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all quotes.
David D. Sichel, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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**NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF GARY H. FOSTER,
DECEASED
PR21-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of January, 2021, 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 Duane L. Armbruster, whose address is 65610 704 Trl, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, 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 March 29, 2021 or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Buethe
Clerk-Magistrate
1700 Stone Street, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Neal E. Parsons, #13228
Attorney at Law
217 East 18th Street
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**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF KATHRYN A. MUMM,
DECEASED
PR21-2**

Notice is hereby given that on January 20th, 2021, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Jennifer M. Mumm, whose address is 914 East 12th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 29, 2021, or be forever barred.

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**Public Meeting Notice
Board of Education District #70**

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 8, 2021 in the Music Room. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Neal Kanel
Board President
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**Falls City
Council Agenda
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, NE 68355
Phone (402) 245-2707
February 1, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes Approval for January 18, 2021.
 - 2. Agenda Approval.
 - 3. Claims Approval.
 - 4. Consent Resolution.
- Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Council Member, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda Section of the Agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS
REGULAR BUSINESS**

- 1. Discussion and Action – Appointment of Tim Campbell to Board of Public Works as recommended by Mayor Bindle.
- 2. Discussion and Action – Road design for Champion's Crossing – Shamrock Circle cul-de-sac and Abbott Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Executive Session – Real Estate Purchase.
- REGULAR BUSINESS**
- 2. Discussion and Action – Purchase of Real Estate.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
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District #70

**Special Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:00 PM
Technology Room #112**

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM. Mike Bredemeier: Present, Rock Herr via Zoom due to COVID: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Scott Ogle: Present, Tim Schaardt: Present, Sandy Stalder: Present.

- 1. Call meeting to order - Roll call

Request for proposal

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA) will receive bids on the following insurance coverages: Worker's Compensations, General Liability, Automobile, Property, Product Liability, Director's and Officer's Liability, and Employee Bond. Proposals will be received at the SENCA Central Office, located at 802 Fourth Street, Humboldt, NE until 4:00 p.m., February 26, 2021, and will be publicly opened at that time. Proposals received after the closing time will not be considered, and will be returned to the sender unopened. The policies now in force may be examined at the SENCA Central Office at the above address.

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This position requires a high school diploma or GED certificate. The appointed Gaming Commissioner must be able to qualify for a Category 1 gaming license. Preferred qualifications include 3 years previous Indian gaming experience. Application form and more complete job descriptions can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email julie.simmons@sacandfoxks.com. Submit the application form, cover letter, and resume, outlining your skills, background, and interest in the position to employment@sacandfoxks.com or submit a paper copy of the application form, cover letter, and resume, to Julie Simmons 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 68434 or fax to (785) 742-3785 no later than 2 PM Thursday 02/18/2021.

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Radiology Manager

wanted for Johnson County Hospital. The Radiology Manager is responsible for directing and coordinating the radiology department and staff in alignment with patient care services. This position is 40 hours per week with on-call required. JCHRT Radiology Registry and current Nebraska Medical Radiographer's License required. IT experience and supervisory experience preferred. JCH offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits and continuing education in a positive, progressive environment. Please send resume and application or apply in person at Johnson County Hospital, 202 High St. Tecumseh, NE 68450. Attn: Susan M. Human Resources or email resume and application to sheeshwimer@jchcoop.com. 402-335-3361. Applications may also be obtained on our website at www.jchcoop.com EEO Employer/Not/Disabled



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Fulltime Registered Nurse

wanted at Johnson County Hospital for rotating shifts and every third weekend. Applicant must have a current RN license in the State of Nebraska. We are currently offering a \$3000.00 less-on bonus for a fulltime registered nurse. Full pay for team. We also offer competitive wages, an excellent benefit package and shift differential. Please send resume and application or apply in person at Johnson County Hospital, 202 High St. Tecumseh, NE 68450. Attn: Susan M. in Human Resources or email resume to sheeshwimer@jchcoop.com. 402-335-3361. Applications may also be obtained on our website at www.jchcoop.com EEO Employer/Not/Disabled



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Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise, Inc. (EDGE) is seeking an Executive Director to coordinate and direct economic development efforts in Falls City/Richardson County.

The successful candidate will report to an eighteen-member Board of Directors and have the ability to work with public and private sector representatives to develop and implement business retention/recruitment and revitalization strategies as well as workforce development and housing efforts in a rural setting.

The Executive Director will be responsible for the following:

- Serve as the Greater Falls City business location product "sales manager" working with new businesses, retention/expansion and entrepreneurial clients to provide client-driven site location services including responding effectively to business development leads and specific requests for location information, developing location/expansion proposals, hosting prospect "fact finding" site visits and facilitating the "sale."
- Prepare prospect proposals identifying and packaging local and state business growth tax, business assistance, and financial incentives programs.
- Understand regulatory, regional and national business and community issues affecting the region's competitiveness, communicate about those issues, and contribute to creative solutions.
- Write and administer grants.
- Engage federal and state legislators, state agencies and local officials to maintain funding levels for economic development in Falls City/Richardson County.
- Work closely with federal agencies such as USDA, Rural Development, the Economic Development Agency, SBA, FEMA, and others.
- Manage projects, which are sometimes intense and time sensitive.
- Coordinate events such as workshops, annual meetings, strategic planning, ground breakings/ribbon cuttings and other committee meetings.

Prefer candidates with a degree in Business, Community Development, Public Administration or a related field, and/or have an adequate number of years of relevant experience. Compensation is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please submit a resume, cover letter and professional references via email to EDGE President, Rod Rowland at edge@fmbankfc.com. Application materials need to be submitted by 5:00 PM February 12, 2021.

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Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Housing Authority Position Available Maintenance Personnel

Full-time hourly position working Monday through Thursday 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. This position will provide general maintenance and repair of facilities, equipment and real property owned by the Sac and Fox Housing Authority. Typical work may include general home repair, clean up, painting, and upkeep, as well as grounds keeping and landscaping. Paid personal time, paid holidays, and insurance benefits. **Qualifications:** Must be 18 years of age or older and submit to drug testing. General home maintenance or repair experience required. Must be able to operate power tools and lawn mowers. Must be able to lift 80 pounds, work in weather extremes, and must possess a valid Driver's License. Tribal preference applies when applicable.

Submit applications to Sac and Fox Housing Authority; 205 N Market Street, Reserve, KS 66434 or tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com. Position is open immediately.

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JOB OPENING

The Nemaha County Hospital has the following open positions:

Registered Nurse - Full-time, Part-time, and PRN positions available. 12-hour hour shifts, 7pm - 7am. Applicants must have a current Nebraska RN license. Competitive wage with shift and weekend differentials; full benefit plan available for qualified applicants.

Certified Surgical Technologist - Graduation from a Surgical Technology program is required. Certification required within two years of hire. The Surgical Technologist functions as a member of the multidisciplinary team providing a safe environment for all surgical patients; assists the operating room circulating nurse with patient care; prepares and maintains supplies in the operating room. This position is 40 hours per week and eligible for our comprehensive benefits package.

Apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital.applicantpool.com/jobs/>

Call Susie Shupp 402-274-6121 with any questions. EOE Employer/Disabled.



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LOOKING FOR IMMEDIATE HELP TO WORK AS A MEAT PROCESSING ASSISTANT.

This includes slaughter floor help, cutting, grinding, & preparing meat to customer's specifications, following food safety guidelines & other duties as assigned. This requires you to be on your feet & lift at least 50 pounds. Hours are 7:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. We offer competitive wages. On-the-job training will be provided.

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- Sanitation and QA Techs



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FULL TIME POSITION OPEN

Region V Services in Auburn, Ne has full time 64 opening for residential CSP. Duties include and are not limited to meal prep, hygiene care, shopping, med administration and community outings. Full benefits, group life insurance, vacation, sick and personal leave. Apply online at regionvservices.com or call 402-274-4996 to inquire.

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Law Enforcement Criminal Analyst / Administrative Assistant

The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full time or part time opening for the Law Enforcement Criminal Analyst / Administrative Assistant position in Reserve, KS. The primary function is to manage the collection of crime statistics and reporting of those statistics to the FBI as well as telephone communications systems and general administrative support, clerical work which shall include: receive and acknowledge calls by telephone. Screen incoming calls to identify urgency and determine the appropriate action. Also filing and maintaining office records or any other duties as assigned by a supervisor. Training will be provided for Criminal Statistic Data entry and submission. Must have good telephone etiquette, entry level office practices and procedures. Must have basic computer knowledge and the ability to type accurately at a reasonable rate of speed. Must pass a criminal background check / adjudication and have no criminal records. Must have high school diploma or G.E.D. Must possess a valid driver's license. Pay range is \$13 to \$16.50 per hour depending on qualifications. If selected, applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment and random drug screens as per the Police Departments Policies. This position has the option of being staffed either full time or part time: for example working four 10 hour days: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday; or working three eight hour days. Full time hours (minimum of 32 hours per week) required to qualify for full BCBS, dental, vision, and short-term disability insurance. Indian preference does apply. Application form and more complete job description is available at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 66434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email julie.simmons@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 2-11-2021.

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COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER EXPECTS TO SEE INCREASE IN COVID VACCINE DOSES IN COMING WEEKS

(Continued from Page 1) with this change, CMC will stop taking requests through its covid email and telephone line, though any that have signed up previously through this are still listed and will be contacted when they are eligible.

At this time, CMC has about 700 requests for vaccination and has been working with local medical offices to make sure those most in need are prioritized.

“We’re hopeful we’re moving in the right direction. Right now out of nine patients in the hospital, none of them are here for COVID which is a great development,” said Larsen, during the Monday, January 18, 2021 Weekly Joint Communication.

“Please be patient with us, we’re getting the vaccine out as soon as we receive it,” said Linda Santo. “We’re very proud of our community, staying safe.”

“Those who have received the vaccine are doing very well,” said Larsen. “We haven’t had any severe allergic reactions.”

The Southeast District Health Department reported 644 confirmed cases as of January 23, 2021, with 16 confirmed deaths in Richardson County that number is up from 627 reported the prior Friday.

The Southeast District Health Department posted some tips online for filling out the new form + COVID-19 Vaccine Facts. <https://bit.ly/3oUuRON>

1. The vaccine availability is very low. The number of individuals now eligible to receive vaccine in the Southeast District 65+ = over 7,000 (does not include at-risk medical conditions 18 and up). The number

of individuals from our district able to receive their first dose last week was around 170.

2. If you have called into your local hospital recently, or are signed up through our Johnson County Clinic hosted by SEDHD, you do not need to fill out this form. All of those who have registered previously are included with this new registration.

3. Do not use a 1 in front of your phone number. Please include your full ten digit phone number (you can use dashes to separate the numbers or no dashes). Do not use spaces.

4. The email field is not a required field. If you don’t have an email address, please leave it blank.

5. When we receive confirmation on the number of doses that are available, Southeast District Health Department will work with local healthcare partners to work down the lists of eligible recipients to provide opportunities to those that have registered through the system. All individuals that are on waiting lists with the local distribution sites already will be integrated into the waiting list, in order. They will receive a call once a dose is available to them, with the date/time/location and other logistics.

6. Please call the Southeast District Health Department office if you don’t have internet access or need assistance to complete the form. 402-274-3993, select extension 105, 109 or 110.

7. You will receive a message on your computer screen once you’ve completed the registration form. You won’t receive an email confirmation.

Local COVID-19 testing is now available on Monday, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Community Medical Center in Falls City. Pre-Register at Test-Nebraska.com. Testing is free through Test Nebraska.

DHHS announced that Phase 1B priority groups will expand to match federal recommendations to include those 65 and older and those at high-risk for severe COVID-19, as well as workers in critical industries who are unable to work remotely. The high-risk medical conditions include those identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as increasing the risk for severe COVID-19.

Family members and caregivers are encouraged to assist others with vaccine sign-up if needed. Any information entered is strictly confidential and will be used solely to determine phase eligibility in administering the vaccine.

The Pfizer vaccine was 95 percent effective and the Moderna vaccine 94 percent effective in phase three clinical trials. Comparatively, the flu vaccine is generally 40 to 60 percent effective. Neither vaccine contains a live virus and cannot give individuals COVID-19. Two vaccine doses are needed to reach full effectiveness against COVID-19, and the same brand of vaccine must be administered for both doses.

The state is taking under consideration the recommendations of the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Priority groups and timing projections remain tentative and will be ad-

justed as federal recommendations are issued and as vaccine shipments are scheduled.

Nebraska is currently allocated about 23,000 first doses a week and 11,000 second doses. The COVID-19 vaccine is not yet available to the public and it’s expected to be late spring before sufficient supplies are available to begin mass vaccination.

Thus far, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for those aged 16 and older, and the Moderna vaccine approved for those aged 18 and older.

A five-phase series of Directed Health Measures (DHMs) remain in effect for the entire state. DHM restrictions are aimed at preserving hospital capacity for urgent medical care as COVID-19 hospitalizations remain elevated.

Less than 15 percent of hospital beds are needed for COVID-19 patients, and the state is in the blue threshold, which is the fourth of the five series of directives. Through Jan. 31, indoor gatherings are restricted to 75 percent of capacity.

Biden sworn in as 46th President, Harris sworn in as first woman and person of color Vice President

Joseph Biden Jr. was sworn in on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 as the 46th president of the United States. During his inaugural address he praised Americans for rising to the challenge and reclaiming democracy, mentioned the attempt to undo it at that exact location two weeks ago, and renewed his campaign goals of overcoming the pandemic, bringing racial justice and fighting climate change.

He also called for unity while admitting that the goal might seem elusive right now, and criticized those who have stoked anger and division, and asked those who opposed him to “hear me out.”

“My fellow Americans, we have to be different than this. We have to be better than this.”

“I will be president for all Americans. I will fight as hard for those who did not support

me as those who did.” He called out those who lie for political power and profit.

“There is truth, and there are lies.”

On foreign policy, Biden said he would rebuild the alliances frayed over the past four years.


“We can make America once again the leading force of good in the world.”

“America has been tested, and has come out stronger for it.”

He led a moment of silence for the 400,000 Americans who have died of COVID-19, and promised not to lie to Americans.


I give you my word: I will always level with you.”

Kamala Harris was also sworn in as Vice President of the United States making her the first woman Vice President, the first Black Vice President and the first South Asian Vice President.



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