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FALLS CITY'S ITHA KRUMME ARBORETUM RECOGNIZED

Photo submitted

The Itha Krumme Arboretum received the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's Blazing Star Award Dec. 16. The award "Recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution toward advancing the horticultural use of native plants or the restoration of native plant communities in Nebraska."

The Itha Krumme Memorial Arboretum showcases plants native to Nebraska and adjoining states. More than 50 species of woody plants grow on this well-managed two-acre site with an emphasis on the hardwood forest species native to Richardson County including pawpaw, ironwood, bitternut hickory, shagbark hickory and all seven Nebraska-native oak species. In addition to the woody plants, the site also includes more than twenty species of native grasses and wildflowers planted as part of prairie displays.

The Arboretum is very accessible with a concrete pathway winding its way through the site. Several well-placed benches can be found along this path giving visitors a chance for shady respite while contemplating how this part of Nebraska looks in its native garb. In addition to the impressive trees and other native plantings, the site also features an early frontier jail, a shelter and a fantastic arbor.

Krumme Arboretum has been a grass-roots community endeavor since it started being developed in the early 1990s. The site is owned by the Richardson Foundation and is totally maintained and supported by volunteer donations and labor. Development of the arboretum was

led for many years through the tireless work of Gerald Hopp, Don Baldwin and several others. The site is now managed by the "Design Group" which includes Mary Martineau, Keith Hayes, Lonnie Goff, Liz Huettner and Melissa Dunbar and it continues to convey the spirit of Nebraska.

More information about landscape efforts and statewide gardens can be found at <https://plantnebraska.org/>

RICHARDSON Co. SHERIFF'S DEPT. SEEKING DONATIONS FOR K9 PROGRAM

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office is starting a new K9 Program.

Deputy Zach Ractliffe will be going to Ohio for K9 Handler training. Officer Ractliffe will be back with a fully certified drug dog in early April.

The agency budgeted for and was approved to purchase a fully trained K9. The total cost to the County for a certified K9, handler training, and some of

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COUNTY ZONING TO BE CONSIDERED

By: Charlie Radatz

During the Tue., February 2 meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners, Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges and complimented the Road Department staff on their excellent and successful job with the snow removal from county roads after the recent winter storm. Mr. Darveau asked whether legal fees for the County's defense of a case before the Commission on Industrial Relations brought by Local 61, the Union representing Road Department employees, would be paid out of his Department's budget. The Board responded that it considered such costs should properly come out of the Road Department Fund.

Mr. Darveau also requested that the Board consider extending the COVID Cares Act provision that ended on December 31, 2020, allowing ten days of paid leave for those who test positive and/or must be required to quarantine. The Board responded that they had placed this item on the agenda for consideration during their next meeting.

The Nebraska Association of Public Employees/AFSCME Local 61 represents over 8,000 government workers throughout the State of Nebraska. The Union is made up of eight bargaining units under its main contract agreement with the State of Nebraska, as well as units representing workers at the Nebraska Department of Education, State College System, and Richardson County Road District. Fourteen Richardson County employees

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AERIAL LADDER TRUCK TO GET NEW TIRES AND VOLUNTEERS TRAINING IN ITS OPERATION

By: Charlie Radatz

The Falls City Volunteer Fire Department's recently acquired aerial ladder truck is going to get new tires and the volunteers will receive training on how to operate it as a result of actions taken by the Falls City City Council during its Monday, Feb. 1st meeting. The Council voted 6-0 (with Council members Don Ferguson and Jim Wisdom absent) to approve an expenditure of up to \$6,000 for the tires based on a bid received from Harmon's OK Tire for Michelin tires on the front wheels and a less well-known brand on the other eight.

Also approved 6-0 was a contract with E-One, a company specializing in emergency vehicles, for the volunteers' training in the operation of the aerial ladder truck at the cost of \$4,007.40. Jon McQueen of the Volunteers explained that the truck has a 300-page manual and the professional training in its operation, especially the truck's pump and hydraulics, is essential to protect the city's investment in the vehicle. City mechanic Bob Lock, McQueen said, will be provided information on essential systems requiring regular maintenance. McQueen said local businesses have donated time and materials to provide lettering on the aerial truck and to move the radio equipment from the old aerial truck to the newer one. He said he would be obtaining information on the possible replacement of halogen and incandescent lighting equipment on the truck with newer LED lighting.

After considerable discussion, the Council voted 6-0 to expend an additional \$60,000, a total of \$170,000 for paving of the extension of Abbott Street into the new Champions Crossing Subdivision and of the Shamrock Circle cul-de-sac. Beckie Cromer of EDGE said the additional expense was necessary due to poor compaction of soil

in the street that Mezger Construction will remedy by adding geo-tech materials and using additional rebar in concrete when it is poured. A new home is already in the process of being built on one of the lots.

The Council voted to approve Tim Campbell's appointment to the vacancy on the Board of Public Works created when Brad Albu retired from his service on that Board.

As the final item on its agenda, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the "Purchase of Real Estate." Action was taken following discussion in Executive Session and City Administrator Gary Jorn said he was not at liberty to disclose details at this time.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Shawna Bindle encouraged members of the community to nominate persons for consideration by the Falls City Jaycees to receive recognition for their annual Distinguished Service Award, Community Service Award, Good Neighbor Award, Boss of the Year, Outstanding Educator Award, Good Neighbor Award, Robert J. Chab Public Service Award, and Outstanding Young Farmer Award.

Administrator Jorn said snow removal during our most recent snowstorm went well and said they received only one parking complaint and had received a compliment on the job done from the schools. Jorn said regular meets of boards and committees halted for Covid concerns were being resumed.

The City Administrator reported that Dillon Sample has taken up as an Eagle Scout project construction and erection of a sign identifying Grandview Park and the date when the Park was developed.

Jorn also said those visiting city hall might see familiar faces in different places; changes made he said to permit cross-training of individuals, so they are capable of doing each other's jobs when necessary.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM AND UPDATED LOCAL NUMBERS

The Southeast District Health Department reported 656 confirmed cases as of February 5, 2021, with 18 confirmed deaths in Richardson County.

The District as a whole reported 3,424 confirmed cases and 50 deaths with 198 cases, four deaths in Pawnee County; 707 confirmed cases, 11 deaths in Nemaha County; 623 confirmed cases, nine deaths in Johnson County; and 1,240 confirmed cases and eight deaths in Otoe County.

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.

If you need assistance signing up for the vaccine you can call the DHHS Vaccine Hotline number 531-249-1873 and/or 833-998-2275, or call the SEDHD for assistance 402-274-3993, and select extension 105, 109 or 110. Again as a reminder, local libraries (in communities such as Auburn, Falls City, Nebraska City, Syracuse, Tecumseh and Pawnee City) are offering assistance to those who don't have a computer or internet access as well. It's recommend that you have a friend or family member fill out the form, or assist you. Please wear a mask, use hand

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ANNA DEBOLT PETER RANJEL JESSICA HAYES

RICHARDSON Co. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARREST THREE IN FALLS CITY ON SEARCH WARRANT

On February 2, 2021, the Richardson County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 1624 Abbott Street in Falls City, Nebraska. Richardson County Deputies arrested three individuals.

Peter Ranjel was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver within 1000 ft of a Playground. Possession of Marijuana less than one oz. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Habitual Criminal. The Habitual Criminal Enhancement carries a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison. Jessica Hayes was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver within 1000 ft of a Playground. Possession of Marijuana less than one oz. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Habitual Criminal. The Habitual Criminal Enhancement carries a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison. Anna Debolt was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance X3, Possession of Marijuana less than one oz, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia X2

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Sorry Chiefs fans, but Tom Brady showed why he is the G.O.A.T. and while Patrick Mahomes is good, he's no Tom Brady.

Brady, playing in his unprecedented tenth Super Bowl became the first QB in NFL history to complete 80% of his passes and throw for three touchdowns in one half of football. Not too bad for a QB playing in his 20th season and first year for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Brady left New England after last season and chose the 7-9 Buccaneers as his destination. In one season he turned Tampa Bay around to a 12-5 record and won Super Bowl 55.

Kansas City fans have nothing to hang their heads about. Mahomes is one of the best young players in the NFL, but let me remind you, he's no Tom Brady. Not to mention the Tampa Bay defense was everywhere on Sunday night. Former Husker Lavonte David drew the task of covering Chiefs All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce and he seemed up to the challenge. For years, David has led the Tampa Bay defense, but with the Buccaneers wallowing in the bottom of the NFC, he never got the respect he deserved. After this game all that will change for David. He may not have shut Kelce down, who can? But he did hold him in check for most of the game.

On to big moments of the game that didn't go the Chiefs way. In the first quarter, Mahomes found Tyreek Hill at the goal line but the ball went off Hill's mask and fell incomplete and KC settled for a FG. On the ensuing drive, Brady found Rob Gronkowski for an eight-yard TD to give Tampa Bay the 7-3 lead.

On the next drive, Tampa Bay got all the way down to KC's one-yard line, but the Chiefs defense held on fourth and short and KC took over. Kansas City was driving down the field and on third and long, Mahomes found Kelce who dropped the ball. Mahomes is used to the KC receivers making him look good, but the plays weren't happening on Sunday. After a bad punt Brady threw an interception, but a penalty negated the turnover. On the next play, Brady found Gronk for his second TD of the night and Tampa led 14-3.

With 1:01 remaining in the half, KC booted a 34-yard FG to make it 14-6. Brady then drove Tampa 71 yards in five plays, and with the help of another pass interference call, scored a TD with :06 left in the half to take a 21-6 lead. Kansas City had eight first-half penalties and Mahomes completed only 9/19 passes for 67 yards.

After another Chiefs FG in the third quarter, Brady again led Tampa Bay on a six play 74-yard TD drive to put the Buccaneers up 28-9.

Kansas City don't hang your heads, Mahomes will lead you back to another title game. He is a special breed that doesn't come along very often. The key will be if the Chiefs continue to surround him with the right players. His receiving corps ranks towards the top of the league. The running game is better than average and until Sunday his line protected him. Tampa Bay put pressure on Mahomes from the start, sending him running for his life over and over. Mahomes makes many plays happen, often times on plays that make coaches cringe. The only problem was on Sunday night his last second passes didn't find his receivers. For the first time in his career, the back-yard football style that he's known for didn't work. Mahomes won't quit playing his style of football and why should he? KC will be on top of the AFC for years to come thanks to number 15.

Tom Brady just won his seventh Super Bowl in ten trips. I'm not a Brady fan, but I have to respect what he's done on the football field. As good as Mahomes is, he will never equal those numbers. The Chiefs made it to back to back Super Bowls, that in itself is a massive accomplishment. This was the first game since joining the NFL that Mahomes lost a game by double digits. That's amazing.

Give the Buccaneers defense credit, they shut the Chiefs down, other than some late game yards after the game had been decided. Former Huskers Lavonte David and Ndamukong Suh had their hands in a few plays for the Tampa Bay defense. David finished with six tackles and two passes defended. Suh has two tackles, including 1.5 sacks.

Congrats to the Bucs and their second title and good luck next season Kansas City.



PROPERTY TAX SOLUTION? PUT A LID ON IT? NOT SO FAST!

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

Two words guaranteed to start a discussion anywhere in Nebraska: property tax. Two words guaranteed to escalate that into an argument: local control.

A proposed constitutional amendment, promoted by the governor in his State of the State address and recently presented to a legislative committee, seems simple enough. It says the total amount of property tax revenue raised by a political subdivision in any fiscal year shall not be more than three percent greater than the amount raised in the prior fiscal year. Except for amounts approved by voters, amounts needed to pay bonded indebtedness, and amounts raised on real growth value.

That's a lid. Lids have been touted for years, been debated and defeated. Those implemented were often pried loose. The track record is sketchy. One of the reasons, according to the Open Sky Policy Institute and other think tanks, lids pose harmful threats to local government and the principle of local control.

Property taxes are the chief revenue source for funding Nebraska's public school system. In the school funding formula, a district's resources are determined by its property valuations. When property valuations go up, a school is determined under the formula to have increased resources, which decreases the amount of state aid they will receive. The proposed lid before lawmakers would create a distortion in that mechanism, and would likely have the effect of limiting spending growth for many school districts well below 3%, according to an analysis by Open Sky.

Analysts looked at the Millard Public School District's average spending growth of 2.1 percent over the past decade. From Fiscal Year 2017 to Fiscal Year 2018, the district had a 12% increase in property tax revenue and an 11.2% decrease in state revenue, for a total revenue decrease of 1.5%. With the proposed lid in place, Millard's property tax revenue increase would have been held to 3%, but the district's increase in valuation still would have triggered an 11.2% decrease in state aid, resulting in a 5% decrease in total revenue.

The cumulative effect on Millard and other schools similarly situated would force local districts to ask for a vote of the people to override the lid. That would be time consuming and expensive. If not approved, cuts in programs and services would be the only alternative.

Other political subdivisions could also be impacted, depending on their revenue streams. Community colleges rely on property taxes, state aid and tuition. If property taxes are capped and state aid is flat, tuition would have to increase. Some cities might be able to make up for the loss of property tax revenues by increasing local option sales taxes, occupation taxes or fines and fees. But such tax measures are regressive and shift the tax load increasingly onto low- and middle-income Nebraskans.

The proposed lid could hinder locally elected officials from making needed policy choices in response to natural disasters like floods or tornadoes. The cap also could prevent smaller local entities from being able to purchase needed construction equipment or make investments their constituents find necessary.

Lynn Rex, executive director of the League of Nebraska Municipalities, said putting the measure in the state constitution through a

ballot measure would make it difficult to tweak if changes are needed later. Rex, who represents Nebraska city governments, said it could also raise borrowing costs for local governments, which might ultimately cost taxpayers more.

Property taxes in Nebraska have increased by nearly 52% over the last decade, outpacing the state income growth of 48% and 18% inflation, according to the state Department of Revenue. The issue has repeatedly surfaced in the Legislature, with many farmers and homeowners lobbying lawmakers, although opponents argue that the higher rates are driven by inadequate state funding.

The governor cautions that if the Legislature fails to enact spending constraints, the people of Nebraska will take matters into their own hands and strip local governments of their property tax authority. It

happened in the 1960s, when the voters stripped the state of its authority to levy a property tax. Property taxes are now imposed only by local government, while the state relies primarily on income and sales taxes.

Property taxes are just one piece of a much larger puzzle. Failing to consider the big picture when trying to address Nebraska's long-running overreliance on property taxes is likely to create more problems than it solves. Nebraska's tax code has hundreds of exemptions, but lawmakers have struggled to get rid of any in favor of a simpler tax system.

Go ahead Legislature. Tackle the whole puzzle and stop putting band-aids on an open wound.

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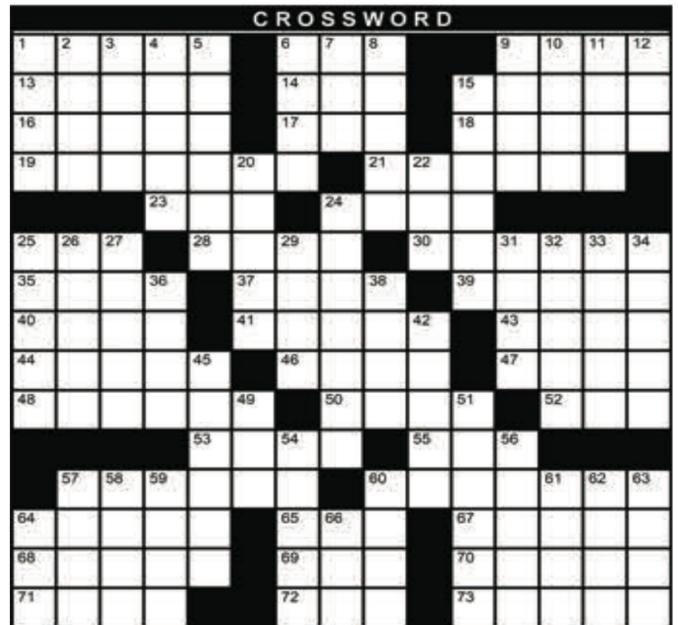
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- Civil War's Johnny
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From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz

50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - Feb. 10, 1971, to Feb. 16, 1971

Former Falls Cityan, Mrs. Helen Jeminiz, the former Helen Pool, worked at a VA hospital in Sylmar, CA but was not injured when an earthquake caused two of the hospital's buildings to collapse.

A new pumper truck was purchased for the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department for \$22,000.

Pat Hoy of Sacred Heart was named to the Galaxy Conference All-Tournament Basketball Team.

Ron Hill was the leading scorer with 23 points in a Sacred Heart Irish 65-60 victory at Elmwood.

John Simon and Bob McKelvey from Falls City and Dan Cotton of Humboldt were among 35 football players to earn letters at Peru State College.

Humboldt hospital administrator John Fisher told Rotarians of his flight to America after having taken part in an aborted revolution against Russian domination of his Hungarian homeland.

Dan Kopetsky, Falls City, was the winner of the American Legion district oratorical contest.

Falls City wrestlers in the Class B District at Seward were Bing Bindrum, Rex Stice, Wayne Schulenberg, Dennis Liberty, John Bindrum, Larry Hull, and Tom Wenz.

Will Groothuis, chairman of the Falls City Lions Club Leader Dog procurement program, received a German Shepherd donation from Mr. & Mrs. Mike Strecker.

Over 50 homes were already connected to Shubert's sanitary sewer system when completed.

Chuck Whitney scored 20 points for the Tigers in a 74-62 loss at Nebraska City.

Members of Peru State's indoor track unit included Gayle Swisegood, Falls City, Bob McKelvey, Falls City, and Jay Hagerman, Humboldt.

After a 4-4 tie vote by the City Council, Mayor M.O. Armbruster cast the deciding vote to approve the purchase of a new diesel generator for the Electrical Utility.

Those attending the Chamber of Commerce membership dinner were reminded to wear red to honor the speaker, Bob Devaney.

Falls City adopted an ordinance licensing mobile home parks and requiring registration of tenants.

A Falls City industrial development board was created to recruit new industry and promote the expansion of existing industry.

Falls City area dairyman Milton A. Bletscher was elected president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Auburn.

25 Years Ago - Feb. 10, 1996, to Feb. 16, 1996

The District 56 School Board voted to join Richardson County in pursuing its share of "in lieu of tax payments" paid by the Falls City Housing Authority to the City of Falls City.

Vernon Buckminster, rural Falls City, was hired as a full-time deputy in the Sheriff's Department.

Nina Sefried was honored as a 50-year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Falls City Tiger heavyweight wrestler Tom Wissman was 25-2 and headed to state following the B-1 District at Nebraska City.

Southeast's Wes Haveman broke a school scoring record with 39 points in a 74-62 victory over Filley.

The Mustangs improved to 16-2 with a 61-43 victory over Nemaha Valley.

The Falls City Tigers gained a 39-35 lead after three quarters but ultimately lost to Plattsmouth 57-50.

The Tigers suffered a real thumping at Omaha Flanagan, losing 104-64.

Movies at River Twin Cinema were "Grumpier Old Men" and "Happy Gilmore."

The Lady Irish won their 8th game in a row, beating Omaha BT 66-26.

The Sacred Heart boys evened their record at 10-10, winning 68-53 at OBT and 66-58 at home in overtime versus Palmyra.

The Humboldt girls outscored Dawson-Verdon 15-2 in the final quarter to claim a 47-38 victory.

The DV girls improved to 7-10, defeating Table Rock 55-44, but their season came to an end when they lost 45-40 to NC Lourdes Central in their subdistrict.

The Lady Mustangs were 15-3 entering districts after a 54-48 victory at Odell and a 59-36 home victory over Filley.

Humboldt's Lady Cardinals defeated Nemaha Valley 51-46 in their subdistrict opener but then lost 53-21 to Southeast.

Josh Garris scored 17 points for Humboldt in a 60-31 loss to Rock Port.

After the Lady Mustangs scoring leader, Janelle Findlay, was sidelined by a sprained ankle, her fellow team members pulled together to defeat Pawnee City 52-40 in the sub-district final.

The Falls City Lady Tigers advanced to the subdistrict final by winning a defensive battle with Conestoga 28-24 but then were eliminated 28-14 by the Auburn Lady Bulldogs.

Julie Witt, Reserve, KS, appeared in County Court on 18 bad check charges involving checks totaling \$85,000 written on the Custodial Account of Falls City Sale Barn.

John Stalder, Humboldt, filed for the First District State Senate seat.

Lela and Marc Buckminster rolled a 1,753 and won \$300, 4th place prize money, at the Nebraska State Bowling Championships.

Chosen Valentines Royalty at Falls City Care Center were Queen Harriet Thomas and King Elmer Shafer.

15 Years Ago - Feb. 10, 2006, to Feb. 16, 2006

Merchants and concerned citizens participated in a public forum on the economic impact of a Wal-Mart Super Center in Hiawatha and how to maintain a healthy retail trade sector.

Representatives of NEK-SEN Energy sought Richardson County Board support for construction of an ethanol plant two miles west of Falls City. Key issues to be resolved were the availability of natural gas and the construction of a half mile paved road to the site.

Community Medical Center's Board Chairman Connie Brandt praised her fellow board members, new CEO Ryan Larsen, physicians, nurses, and staff "for working to overcome a controversy that opened wounds in the community."

Bruce Walker volunteered to deliver Valentine's gifts and "sing, dance, or pretty much whatever you ask" for a \$5 gift to the Congenital Heart Defect fund.

The Class C1 No. 10 FCHS boys' basketball team had a seven-game win streak snapped with a 59-50 loss to St. Joe LeBlond.

A big third-quarter performance from senior guard Jordan Faller produced a 56-40 victory over Nebraska City. Faller and Lee Hullman were the scoring leaders, each with 13 points.

Amanda Kelsay, Falls City, got to meet Nebraska Heisman Trophy winners Johnny Rodgers and Eric Crouch at a Spina Bifida Association fundraiser in Omaha.

The Chorus Parents' organization sought School Board support for a \$20,000 upgrade of Falls City High School Auditorium sound and lighting systems.

Merle Veigel, Treasurer of the Falls City Educational Foundation, reported that \$50,000 in donations were received in 2005.

Morgan Hillyard scored a career-high 29 points in a 58-29 victory over Omaha B-T. Entering subdistrict play, the Lady Irish had already clinched a #2 seed at the state tournament.

Lee Hullman moved into second-place on the Falls City High all-time scoring chart with 963 career points following a 66-46 home win over HTRS.

The Class D2 4th ranked FCHS boys' basketball team, for the first time ever, lost a basketball game to Omaha B-T and after the Raiders 46-42 upset victory, the student body rushed onto the floor and formed a human tunnel to the victor's locker room.

County zoning to be considered

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are members of Local 61.

A motion was made by Commission Chairman David Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:27 a.m. to discuss litigation with Attorney Jerry Pigsley, legal counsel representing the County in Case #1510 before the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations by the Nebraska Association of Public Employees, Local 61 (Road Dept. employees). The motion was seconded by Karas and approved 3-0.

A motion was made by Sickel to close the executive session at 10:47 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Karas and was approved on a 3-0 vote.

A petition was filed with the County Clerk to vacate or abandon a county road was received from 10 or more electors residing within 10 miles of a county road located between Sections 32-2-15 and 5-1-15, also known as 708 Road between 643 and 644 Avenue. The County Clerk determined that a sufficient number of signatures were valid (14 in all) for the County Board to consider the petition. Sickel made a motion to adopt

Resolution 2020-2021-28 to instruct the Highway Superintendent to conduct a study on the use of a county road located between Sections 32-2-15 and 5-1-15, also known as 708 Road between 643 and 644 Avenue, with a report to be submitted to the County Board no later than March 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by Karas and approved by unanimous vote.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin updated the Board on the routine business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail.

A discussion was held with the Board and a purchase order was presented to obtain a drug dog for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has already received \$1,600 in donations to assist with this effort. Additional donations will be welcomed, and interested persons willing to assist with the cost should contact the Sheriff's office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to purchase a fully trained single purpose K9 and to approve handler training for 120 hours package from K9 Working Dogs International, LLC from Sullivan, OH, for the package price of \$14,853.45. Karas seconded the motion and when roll was called, all three Commissioners voted aye.

The Board also discussed with Sheriff Hardesty the possibility of relocating the 911 Public Service Answering Point from the City of Falls City Police Department to the Law Enforcement Center and to provide the

service of Falls City Police dispatch. A written proposal will be finalized and forwarded to the City of Falls City Council for consideration.

The Board approved the following reports for fees collected during the month of January 2021: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$6,739.75; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$181.00; and Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court, \$1,032.00.

The Board reviewed the January 2021 monthly operating statement.

The Board reviewed the possibility of pursuing the adoption of zoning regulations. Jerry McKim had inquired a week earlier if the County had zoning regulations that would regulate how close to a residence a feedlot could be located. More discussion will follow.

A motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2020-2021-27, setting the mileage reimbursement rate for Richardson County officials and employees. Due to lower energy costs, the mileage allowance was able to be lowered from 57.5 cents per mile to 56 cents. The new amount was approved 3-0.

A motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims submitted. Motion was seconded by Karas and was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Karas and gained unanimous approval. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

Richardson Co. Sheriff's Dept. seeking donation for K9 Program

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the necessary equipment is just over \$14,853. That initial price will get the program started; however, many other expenses go along with supporting a K9 program.

Bruna Implement, American National Bank, State Bank of Table Rock, Phillips Plumbing & Hardware, Community Insurance Group, and Alpha (formerly known as CJ Foods) have all donated to the K9 program to help support its future.

Any person, business, or organization that wishes to help support the Richardson County K9 program is asked to make any checks payable to Richardson County Treasurer.

Checks can be dropped off or mailed to the: Richardson County Law Enforcement Center, 65086 706 Trail, Falls City, NE 68355.

Any donations to the K9 program will be used exclusively for the K9 program.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Department appreciates the support of our citizens and will continue doing the absolute best we can for you.

If you have any questions or wish to support the K9 program in another way, please contact; Deputy Zach Ractliffe at z.ractliffe@richardsoncountyne.us or Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr. at r.hardesty@richardsoncountyne.us.

A Card Shower is being held to celebrate Laura Kottich's birthday on February 13

Send cards to: 304 Redwing Dr. Hiawatha, KS 66434

\$5,000 scholarship awarded in memory of John Morehead

The family of the late John H. Morehead, Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. President for nearly 40 years, in 2016 established a \$5,000 scholarship in his name.

The award goes to any currently enrolled college student who previously graduated from any of the three Richardson County High Schools (Falls City High, FC Sacred Heart and Humboldt-TR-S). Current high school students are not eligible, however applications are available at the respective guidance counselors' offices or may be obtained by

emailing Kristine Hansen Cain at khansencaim@mac.com.

Deadline to apply is May 1, 2021.

The award may be applied to any four-year college or university in the country.

Mr. Morehead passed away on April 12, 2015 at the age of 87. He first became associated with RCB&T in Falls City in 1958 and within just four years he was elected President of the bank. Up until his retirement in 2011, he served in various other capacities, including CEO and Chairman of the Board.

BABIES OF 2020

ATTENTION PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLAS OF BABIES BORN IN 2020.

Whether you live near or far, *The Falls City Journal* would like to show off your pride and joy in a special section in the February 24 edition of the *Journal*. The rules are simple:

- 1: The baby must have been born in 2020.
- 2: The baby doesn't have to be a resident or have to have been born in Falls City.
- 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 nikkifcjs@sentco.net.
- 4: The deadline is Wednesday, February 17, 2021. WE may not be able to include any sent after this date.
- 5: If the provided information does not fit the required space, (example: twins, extra grandparents, etc.) an additional charge will be required.
- 6: ALL ADS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE THE RUN DATE.

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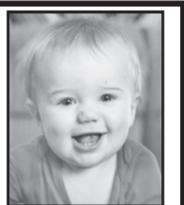
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Prof. & Mrs. Bertram Potts
Great-Grandparents: Rick & Ilsa Blaine

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RC Arts and Humanities Council membership drive

The Richardson County Arts & Humanities Council is proceeding with its annual membership drive. The Council would like the citizens of Richardson County and the surrounding area to know that “we are still here”, although the worldwide coronavirus pandemic forced an abrupt halt to the scheduled art exhibitions and programs scheduled in the Stalder Gallery in 2020.

The coronavirus pandemic has dramatically impacted the cultural arts scene, and the Stalder Gallery, located in the Falls City Library & Arts Center, was no exception. Venues had to close and some art expositions and programs were canceled or have been put on hold until the pandemic is under control and will allow for rescheduling.

The last event held in the Stalder Gallery was the annual Student Art Contest and Exhibition in February 2020. The Richardson County Arts & Humanities Council is planning to take up where they left off. Plans are being made to hold the K-12 Student Art Contest and Exhibition in March. All schools in Richardson County have been contacted about the student art contest. If the gallery is not yet available because of restrictions and limited space due to Covid-19, other options will be pursued. The Council would like to give the students something to look forward to through this art contest and exhibition that has been ongoing and available to them for 70 years. Formerly, the art contest was sponsored by the General Federated Women’s Club. The last several years, the Arts & Humanities has organized the contest and, as of last year, it is now sponsored solely by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities. Covid-19 safe-

ty recommended guidelines will be followed throughout the student art exhibition.

The RCA&H Council is hopeful that more exhibitions, speakers and programs can be rescheduled later in the year in the Stalder Gallery and these will be announced in the media. To date, the Sheldon Statewide Exhibition, Compact Rhythms, is the only exhibition that has been rescheduled for April 28 through May 24.

The Richardson County Arts & Humanities is beginning its 16th year as an organization whose mission is to promote, cultivate and sustain the arts and humanities for the citizens of Richardson County by providing art exhibitions and other cultural arts programs and events. Financial support from individuals, businesses, and organizations help us accomplish that mission, stated Liz Huettner, Membership Chair. Memberships are as follows: student membership, \$5; single, \$15; family, \$25; and business/organization, \$50.00.

For those who would like to be patrons of the Council, donations range from the Nicholas level at \$1-\$49, all the way up to Michelangelo at \$3000+.

“Every penny goes to support the arts in Falls City,” Huettner said, “and all donations are tax-deductible.”

To make a donation, or to join the arts council, send a check specifying your intentions to: the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council, P.O. Box 37, Falls City, NE 68355.

Membership brochures are also available at the library or the Chamber Office.

The Council is hopeful the Stalder Gallery will soon be the venue where their mission will, once again, be attained.

NDOL to issue 1099-G Tax forms following fraud checks

The Nebraska Department of Labor is performing additional fraud checks to prevent Unemployment Insurance tax statements from being sent to identity theft victims.

The IRS has granted the Department’s request to delay issuing 1099-G forms for up to 30 days while these checks are performed. As a result, some claimants will receive their 1099-G forms in February. The IRS will not begin processing individual tax returns until February 12.

“Unemployment fraud has been prevalent nationwide during the pandemic,” said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin. “This includes fraudsters claiming benefits using stolen identities. The Department is exhausting every possible avenue to reduce the impact of fraud on innocent Nebraskan’s whose identity was stolen.”

Any individual who receives a 1099-G from NDOL, but did not file an unemployment claim, should report suspected fraud by emailing NDOL.1099fraud@nebraska.gov and filing a police report.

NDOL has hired additional staff for fraud prevention and detection, including income and identity verification. A new federal requirement for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is to verify self-employment and identity of claimants. Even if a claim was previously approved, each claimant will be asked to provide additional information.

Resources for reporting identity theft and fraud:

Internal Revenue Service: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft>
Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.identitytheft.gov/Information>

US Department of Justice: <https://www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud/ncdf-disaster-complaint-form>

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Sherri Strecker



Carla Rhodd

F&M Bank announces promotions

F&M Bank President Rod Rowland is pleased to announce several promotions within the Bank. Pat Weaver has been promoted to Vice President, Head of Loan Operations and Compliance Officer. She joined the bank in December 1979 as a Teller/Bookkeeping position and then worked the new accounts/customer service desk transitioning to Loan Secretary in 1993. In November 2004, Pat was promoted to Consumer/Real Estate Loan Officer and in 2008 was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Loan Administration Manager. Pat will continue to lead the Loan Operations Department along with Loan Compliance responsibilities and various other duties.

Sherri Strecker has been promoted to the position of Assistant Vice President and Head of Operations. She joined the Bank part-time in April 1990 and then went full-time in October of 1996 as a Teller/Bookkeeping position. Sherri was promoted to Operations Officer in January 2005 and then again to Assistant Vice President, Ca-

shier in January 2018. Sherri will continue to lead the Operations Department along with many other duties.

Carla Rhodd has been promoted to Assistant Vice President and Cashier. She joined F&M Bank in October 2014 as a Customer Service Representative, Marketing Coordinator working mainly with new accounts. In January 2018, she was promoted to Assistant Cashier. Carla’s responsibilities will now include Cashier duties along with leading operational projects.

Alex Keithley has been promoted to Assistant Vice President and Loan Officer. He joined the Bank in March 2018 as a Junior Loan Officer learning consumer, business and lending. Alex will continue to be involved in all bank lending and services.

Mr. Rowland stated, “Pat, Sherri, Carla and Alex are excellent bank employees and assets to our organization. Their promotions are well deserved and I’m proud to have them as a part of our F&M Bank team.”

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The Offices of the Richardson County Courthouse Will Be Closed Monday, Feb. 15 In Observance Of Presidents' Day

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Nebraska Archaeological Society offers scholarship

The Nebraska Archaeological Society is offering a scholarship to college students who are majoring in archaeology; the Dana Deger Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors Dana Deger who was active in the Archaeological Field. The applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average out of 4.0, have completed 12 credit hours in archaeology classes, be an undergraduate or graduate student, have graduated from a Nebraska High school, Nebraska GED or be enrolled in a post-secondary school in Nebraska. The appli-

cation is available Online, as well as additional information at <http://sites.google.com/site/webnas/> The applications are due by July 15, 2021. The Nebraska Archaeological Society is a non-profit organization and has no paid officers or employees. It endeavors to develop a better understanding among students and collectors of archaeological material, professionals, as well as museums and institutions of learning. Please encourage any archaeological student you know to apply.

Pastor Dunleavy earns Bachelor degree

Corner Stone Baptist Church pastor Michael Dunleavy has received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from The Bible Doctrine Institute, located in Jacksonville, Florida.

The institute provides an online degree program and is a three year course of study. With the training in biblical doctrine, such courses as Church History, Cults, Manuscript Evidence and local church ministry were also taken. Emphasis placed on discernment of proper application of scripture through correct divisions 2 Tim. 2:15. Also the Inspiration and Preservation of the very words of God. 2 Tim. 3:16; Ps. 12:6-7

Pastor Dunleavy has served as pastor of the church for nine years, and been active in local church work for over thirty years. Prior to moving to Falls City he served as interim pastor and taught adult Sunday school for many years at Touchet, Washington.

USDA temporarily suspends debt collections, foreclosures and other activities on farm loans for several thousand distressed borrowers

Due to the national public health emergency caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the temporary suspension of past-due debt collections and foreclosures for distressed borrowers under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). USDA will temporarily suspend non-judicial foreclosures, debt offsets or wage garnishments, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. USDA will work with the U.S. Attorney's Office to stop judicial foreclosures and evictions on accounts that were previously referred to the Department of Justice.

Additionally, USDA has extended deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers. In addition, for the Guaranteed Loan program, flexibilities have been made available to lenders to assist in servicing their customers.

This announcement by USDA expands previous actions undertaken by the Department to lessen financial hardship. According to USDA data, more than 12,000 borrowers—approximately 10 percent of all borrowers—are eligible for the relief announced today. Overall, FSA lends to more than 129,000 farmers, ranchers and producers.

"USDA and the Biden Administration are committed to bringing relief and support to farmers, ranchers and producers of all backgrounds and financial status, including by ensuring producers have access to temporary debt relief," said Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. "Not only is USDA suspending the pipeline of adverse actions that can lead to foreclosure and debt collection, we are also working with the Departments of Justice and Treasury to suspend any actions already referred to the applicable Agency. Additionally, we are evaluating ways to improve and address farm relat-

ed debt with the intent to keep farmers on their farms earning living expenses, providing for emergency needs, and maintaining cash flow."

The temporary suspension is in place until further notice and is expected to continue while the national COVID-19 disaster declaration is in place.

USDA's Farm Service Agency provides several different loans for producers, which fall under two main categories:

Guaranteed loans are made and serviced by commercial lenders, such as banks, the Farm Credit System, credit unions and other non-traditional lenders. FSA guarantees the lender's loan against loss, up to 95 percent.

Direct loans are made and serviced by FSA using funds from the federal government. The most common loan types are Farm Ownership, Farm Operating and Farm Storage Facility Loans, with Microloans for each:

Farm Ownership: Helps producers purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, construct a new or improve an existing farm or ranch building, pay closing costs and pay for soil and water conservation and protection.

Farm Operating: Helps producers purchase livestock and equipment and pay for minor real estate repairs and annual operating expenses.

Farm Storage Facility Loans are made directly to producers for the construction of cold or dry storage and includes handling equipment and mobile storage such as refrigerated trucks.

Microloans: Direct Farm Ownership, Operating Loans and Farm Storage Facility Loans have a shortened application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non-traditional and niche-type operations.

FSA encourages producers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and temporary changes to farm loan deadlines and the loan servicing options available. For Service Center contact information, visit farmers.gov/coronavirus. For servicing information, access farmers.gov.

Local students named to Nebraska Wesleyan University Academic Honors List

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

Local students named to the list are: Alexander Fairchild-Flynn, of Dawson. Morgan Bletscher and Rudy Vrtiska, both of Falls City.

A student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.75 (on a 4.00 scale) for 12 or more hours of coursework to qualify for the list.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT RETRIEVED FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.



On January 30, 2021, Richardson County Deputies arrested 49-year-old Alex Lewis of Rice, TX, for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Approximately 15 grams of Suspected Methamphetamine was seized. Lewis was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 31, 2021, Richardson County Deputies arrested 32-year-old Brandon Rose of Falls City, NE, on a Richardson County Warrant for 3rd Degree Assault and Criminal Trespassing. Rose was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 29, 2021, Richardson County Jail received into custody 39-year-old Jefferson Pfohl of Falls City, NE, for a Court Commitment. Pfohl was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 31, 2021, Richardson County Deputies arrested 27-year-old Kevin Warfield of Sioux City, IA, for Driving Under Suspension. Warfield was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On February 2, 2021 at approximately 08:30 hours, Richardson County Deputies arrested 39-year-old Christopher Clow of Falls City, NE, on a Richardson County Warrant for third Degree Assault and Terroristic Threats. Clow was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 29, 2021, Richardson County Deputies arrested 43-year-old Andrew Loftus of Falls City, NE, on a Richardson County Warrant for Failure to Register. Loftus was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 30, 2021, Richardson County Deputies arrested 41-year-old Erica Royer of Omaha, NE, for Driving Under Suspension and Possession of Marijuana Less than one ounce Royer was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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The Richardson Foundation, Inc. is taking applications for the Dale E. Heineman and Eileen Heineman Scholarship. Any student who has graduated from a Richardson County, Nebraska High School and who will be enrolled in a college or university program in medicine or other health care related field in the Fall of 2021 may apply. This includes those in a graduate school program.

Applications may be obtained online at:
<http://www.fctigers.org/vnews/display.v/ART/50bce5c490f4f>
or from any Richardson County High School Guidance Counselor.

Complete applications and supporting documents must be received by March 19, 2021. They may be turned in to any Richardson County High School Guidance Counselor, or mailed to Heineman Scholarship, c/o The Richardson Foundation, P.O. Box 161, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355 or emailed to: kotts@sentco.net. Two awards for \$2,000.00 will be given in 2021 and will be sent directly to the College or University Financial Aid Office for the Fall 2021 term.



(Editor's Note - dismissal *without prejudice* means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).

(Editor's Note - dismissal *with prejudice* bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

Legend drug means drugs that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that are required by federal or state law to be dispensed to the public only on prescription of a licensed physician or other licensed provider.

DISTRICT COURT

Ty A. Goodell, count one, motor vehicle homicide-reckless willful, plead not guilty; count two, reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty; count three, drive CMV without obtaining CDL, plead not guilty; count four, CMV-driver age 391.11(b)(1), plead not guilty; count five, CMV-HOS log none, plead not guilty; count six, CMV-HOS 14-hour interstate, plead not guilty; count seven, no brakes, plead not guilty; count eight, CMV-Tire other 393.75, plead not guilty; count nine, CMV-Tire other 393.75, plead not guilty. Case continued to March 9, 2021 for pretrial.

Robert S. Sanders, count one, attempt of a class four felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty-full presentence investigation ordered; count two, count dropped/dismissed. Case continued to March 2, 2021 for sen-

tencing.

Joshua M. Darden, count one, possess controlled substance, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, probation for a term of 18 months starting January 19, 2021, drug testing fee of \$90, regular probation fee of \$450; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty.

Joshua M. Darden, count one, assault-second degree amended to assault-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30 and probation for a term of 18 months starting on January 19, 2021.

Paige N. Frederick, count one, possess (meth) amphetamine 10-27 grams, amended to del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of four years starting on January 19, 2021, jail for 45 days starting on January 25, 2021, drug testing fee of \$240, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$1,200, jail for a term of 15 days starting January 20, 2022; jail for a term of 15 days starting January 20, 2024; credit for six days served; count two, possess money while violate 28-416(1), amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not

guilty; count three, possess controlled substance, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count four, possess controlled substance, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2021.

Amanda M. Teixeira, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued to March 2, 2021.

Daniel L. Clary, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Case continued to April 22, 2021 for trial.

Jordan A. Lunsford, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued to March 2, 2021 for pretrial.

Jamie S. Vaughan, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for February 16, 2021 for motion to suppress.

Jordan A. Lunsford, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice; count three, del/dsp/dst/man/pos cntrl subsch 1, plead not guilty; count four, possess or receive stolen firearm, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice; count five, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count six, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count seven, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), plead not guilty; count eight, possess controlled subs w/o tax paid, plead not guilty; count nine, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count ten, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued to March 2, 2021 for pretrial.

Michael J. Potter, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest, plead not guilty; count two, commit child abuse negligently/

no injury, plead not guilty; count three, drive during revocation/impound-2nd/3, plead not guilty; count four, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count five, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty; count six, fail to correct brake equipment, plead not guilty; count seven, no valid registration-car pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count eight, DUI-alcohol-first offense, plead not guilty; count nine, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead not guilty; count ten, speeding 16-20, plead not guilty; count eleven, drive on shoulder of highway, plead not guilty; count twelve, fail to use turn signal, plead not guilty; count thirteen, following too close, plead not guilty. Case continued to March 2, 2021 for pretrial.

Mary V. Clancy, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued.

Joshua E. Murphy, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-\$4,999, plead not guilty. Case continued to February 16, 2021 for sentencing.

Jessica J. Perris, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, theft-rcv stolen prop \$0-\$500, plead not guilty; count four, possess or obtain legend drugs, plead not guilty. Case continued to March 2, 2021 for hearing.

Joshua E. Murphy, count one, assault-first degree, plead not guilty. Case continued to February 16, 2021 for pretrial.

Eric C. Abney, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count three, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty; count four, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued to February 23, 2021.

COUNTY COURT

Jamie S. Vaughan, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated st, plead not guilty. Case continued to March 15, 2021 for entry of plea.

Antonio T. Jordan, speeding 6-10, plead not guilty. Case con-

tinued to March 17, 2021 for trial.

Frank W. Worthey, count one, violate protection order, plead not guilty, case continued to February 24, 2021 for entry of plea.

Dirk E. Dobrovolny, count one, disturbing the peace, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, disturbing the peace, found guilty and fined \$50, court costs of \$50, witness fees of \$49.57 and Sheriff's fees of \$217.52.

Steven W. Eis, count one, criminal trespass-first degree, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100, court costs of \$50 and Sheriff's fees of \$29.48.

Jeremy J. Butrick, count one, resist arrest-first offense, plead not guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count three, criminal trespass-first offense, plead not guilty. Case continued to March 1, 2021 for hearing.

Joshua B. O'Grady, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Case continued to February 22, 2021 for hearing.

Austin M. Davidson-Gill, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-st., plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, unlawful/fict. Display of plate/renew, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$50; count three, speeding 6-10, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$50.

Desiree N. De Anda, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300 and court costs of \$49.

Taylor L. McLaughlin, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated st., plead guilty, found guilty; count two, violate stop or yield sign, plead guilty, found guilty, ordered to pay court costs. Case continued to March 1, 2021 for sentencing.

Kaden L. Cooper, count one, violate open burning ban, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs of \$50.

Casey R. Berger, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated state, plead guilty found guilty and fined \$125, probation for 12 months, court costs of \$50 and Sheriff's fees of \$101.76; count two, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count three, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice.



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Tiger boys lose a pair of close contests at conference tourney

By Brian McKim

The FC Tiger boys basketball team was on the cusp of winning both of their contests last week at their first East Central Nebraska Conference tournament. On Tuesday night, the Tigers traveled to Mead to take on the Raiders. FC led late in the contest, but the Raiders came out on top, 50-38. The loss sent FC into the consolation bracket on Friday night to take on the Malcolm Clippers at Malcolm High School. Again, Falls City was close, eventually falling to the Clippers 48-42.

In the opener on Tuesday night, Falls City clung to a two-point lead with just over four minutes to play. A missed lay-up by the Tigers turned into a three-point bucket on the other end by Mead to give the Raiders a one-point advantage. FC turned the ball over the next possession, and the Raiders got a lay-up on the other end to push their lead to three. The Raiders outscored Falls City 19-4 in the final eight minutes of action to pick up the 12-point, 50-38 win in the first round of the ECNC tournament.

Falls City led by one after the first period, 14-13 and pushed the lead to 26-23 at halftime. The two teams played the third period evenly at 8-8. Suddenly, in the fourth quarter, the Raiders' offense came to life, outscoring FC by 15 points to advance to the next round of the tourney.

Mead outshot Falls City 52% (20-38) to 45% (14-31). FC was 8-20 from beyond the arc. The Tigers outrebounded the Raiders 20-13 but committed 16 turnovers to only four by Mead.

Senior Will Vitosh had a big game on Tuesday, scoring 20 points while pulling down four boards. Carson Bredemeier finished

with nine points, all from behind the arc, Tyler Uhri had six rebounds and Brock Hogue had three assists. Hunter Pickworth had 14 points and Bayley LaCroiz added 12 for Mead.

Scoring vs. Mead, Vitosh 20, Bredemeier 9, Hogue 5, Acton 2, Strauss 2.

Falls City fell into the consolation bracket after the loss on Tuesday. The Tigers traveled to Malcolm to take on the Clippers Friday night. Falls City led after one period of play, 11-9, but the Clippers came back to take a 19-17 lead into the locker room at halftime. Malcolm outscored FC 10-7 in the third and 19-18 in the fourth to earn the six-point win, 48-42.

Malcolm outshot FC 44% to 40% from the floor, but the foul line is where the game was decided. FC finished 5-10 while the Clippers were 13-21. Malcolm also held a rebound advantage 25-17. The Tigers finished with a 9-4 assist advantage and the defense forced 15 turnovers while the offense committed just seven.

Vitosh was again the top scorer for Falls City with 13 points and four rebounds. Bredemeier added 11 and Strauss had nine. Hogue finished with six assists and Uhri had a team-high five rebounds.

Scoring vs. Malcolm, Vitosh 13, Bredemeier 11, Strauss 9, Hogue 4, Acton 3, Uhri 2.

The losses drop FC to 7-11 for the season. FC hosted Diller-Odell on Tuesday, February 9 and will be at HTRS on Thursday night.

The Tigers will host Conestoga on Saturday, making up a postponed contest on December 19. FC will close out the regular season at Fairbury on Friday, February 19.

Lady Tigers have a tough go in first conference tourney

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger basketball team competed in the East Central Nebraska Conference Tourney last week for the first time. The Lady Tigers were rudely met by the Weeping Water Indians, who sent FC home with a 31-point loss, 68-37 in the tourney opener. Weeping Water narrowly escaped the Tigers last week in Peru, 46-45, but left little doubt this go around.

The Indians raced to a healthy 24-7 first-quarter lead and a 41-18 halftime advantage. Weeping Water increased their lead in the third period, outscoring FC 15-9 to take a 56-27 lead into the final eight minutes of play.

Weeping Water outshot Falls City, 45% to 35% for the game. The Indians finished 8/22 from beyond the arc and were 12/19 from the foul line. FC was 2/5 from three-point territory and 5/7 from the foul line. Weeping Water won the turnover battle, forcing 23 while committing 13. The Indians turned Falls City's 23 turnovers into 28 points at the other end. Weeping Water also had more rebounds than FC, 21-26. Weeping Water finished the contest with 19 points in transition while the Lady Tigers had only two.

Madi Jones led the Tigers with 12 points on 4/10 shooting and added five rebounds and three steals. Ava Armbruster added four rebounds and Makinley Scholl had six points and four boards. Grace Cave exploded against FC, scoring 39 points on 14/27 shooting. Cave hit 5/11 shots from downtown and added seven rebounds and five steals.

Scoring vs. Weeping Water, Poppe 2, Jones 12, Scholl 6, Snethen 4, Kirkendall 5, McNeely 2, Nolte 6.

With the loss, Falls City faced the Freeman Falcons in the consolation bracket. In a tight contest throughout, FC trailed 8-7 after one quarter but went ahead by two, 16-14 heading into the half. The Lady Tigers pushed their lead to 24-18 with only eight minutes to play, but the Falcons stormed back, outscoring FC 16-8 in the fourth quarter to pull off the come from behind win, 34-32.

No Tiger reached double-digit scoring as Jones led the way with eight points and Chase Nolte added 7. K. Bures led the way for Freeman with 11 points.

Scoring vs. Weeping Water, Jones 8, Armbruster 3, Snethen 5, Kirkendall 6, McNeely 3, Nolte 7.

The loss dropped Falls City to 8-12 for the season while the Falcons improved to 8-10. The Tigers hosted 11-6 Diller-Odell on Tuesday night and will play at 10-10 HTRS on Thursday night.

On Saturday, the Lady Tigers will host the Conestoga Cougars at 2:00 p.m., a game being made up from December.

Irish fall to Tri-County in Pioneer Conference title game

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish boy's basketball team took on the Tri County Trojans in the conference basketball championship game held Saturday night at Johnson-Brock High School. The Irish offense failed to get on track all night, trailing 7-6 after one quarter and 15-10 at the half. The Irish managed just a free throw in the third quarter as the deficit grew to ten at 21-11. Tri County (16-4) then outscored the Irish 17-15 in the final eight minutes, earning the Pioneer Conference title.

The Irish had a dismal showing shooting the ball, making 10/43 attempts (23%), while Tri County was a little better at 14/40 (36%). The Irish were outrebounded 30-26 and had 14 turnovers to the Trojans 12. No Irish ballplayers reached double figures as Jake Froeschl led the scoring with eight points. Jack Fiegenger had eight rebounds, five steals and six assists but scored just five points on 2/16 shooting. Carter Siems led Tri County with 15 points, making 2/3 from behind the arc.

Scoring vs. Tri County, Jordan 4, Froeschl 8, Keithley 3, Bauman 2, Fiegenger 5, Naachtigal 4.

To get to the finals on Saturday versus Tri County, the Irish had to first get by Friend on Tuesday and then Southern on Thursday. On Tuesday, in the first round of the Pioneer Conference Tourney, the Irish took down Friend 58-36. The first half was tight, with SH holding a 13-6 first-quarter lead and a 21-17 halftime advantage. The Irish outscored the Bulldogs 37-19 in the final two quarters to pick up the 22-point win.

SH outshot Friend 52% (25/48) to 45% (14/31). The Irish won the battle at the boards with a 27-15 advantage and held a 19-10 lead in assists. The Irish made only 7/16 attempts from the charity stripe.

Brogan Naachtigal gave the Irish a shot in the arm with a 20-point outburst, making 8/10 shots from the field and pulling down six rebounds. Jack Fiegenger added 15 points, four rebounds, two steals and three assists.

Scoring vs. Friend, Jordan 7, Froeschl 4, Casteel 2, Bauman 6, Simon 4, Fiegenger 15, Naachtigal 20.

In the semi-finals, the Irish defense shut down Southern in the second half. The Raiders led 19-17 at intermission, but SH put the clamps down and allowed Southern to make just one field goal in the second half. The Irish outscored the Raiders 26-7 to earn the 17-point win, 43-26 and advance to the conference title game against Tri County. Southern took only 12 shots in the final two periods, making a three in the fourth and four free

throws to round out the second-half scoring. Meanwhile, the Irish went 11-18 from the floor and were 2-2 from the foul line in the final two periods.

SH outshot Southern 46% (18/39) to 36% (9/25). The Irish had a slim 19-17 rebounding edge and forced the Raiders into 17 turnovers while committing only nine of their own. Fiegenger led SH with 14 points, five rebounds and three assists. Jakob Jordan added 12 points and five assists. P. Baehr led Southern with nine points.

Scoring vs. Southern, Jordan 12, Froeschl 6, Bauman 4, Fiegenger 14, Naachtigal 7.

The loss on Saturday night dropped the Irish to 12-7 for the season. Sacred Heart hosted East-Atchison on Tuesday night and will play at Sidney, Iowa, on Friday night.

Peru State Athletic Event Updates

The Peru State athletic department and its programs, like many others across the country, have had to deal with COVID-19 throughout the year. Most recently, the Bobcat basketball, bowling, and cheer teams have all had to postpone and/or reschedule different events.

The following is a current listing of all updated events for those respective teams, along with the dance team.

Men's Varsity Basketball: Thursday, Feb. 11 – Away against Baker 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 – Away at Park 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 – Away against Mount Mercy 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 – Home against Missouri Valley 3 p.m.

Women's Varsity Basketball: Saturday, Feb. 13 – Away at Park 12 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 – Home against Mount Mercy 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 – Away against Culver-Stockton 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 – Home against Culver-Stockton 5:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Women's Basketball: Thursday, Feb. 11 – Home against Union 6:30 p.m.

Competitive Cheer: Feb. 12 – Away at Hastings. Sunday, Feb. 14 – Home (virtual) against Mount Mercy – 7 p.m.

Tickets for all events can be secured through the College's online ticketing program at <https://pscbobcats.com/sports/2020/8/14/tickets-tailgate.aspx>

Everyone should continue to follow the athletic website at www.pscbobcats.com, the College's Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PeruStateCollege>, and the athletic twitter at @pscbobcats.com for future updates and/or changes.

Softball and golf teams will open up later in February and March.

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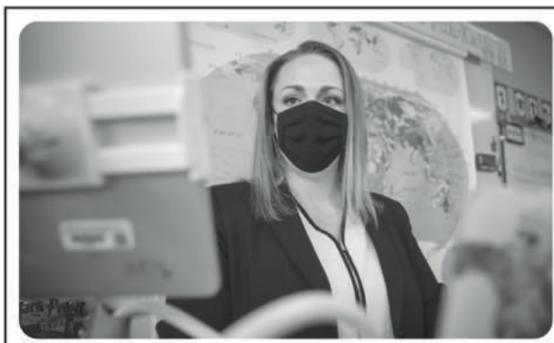
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska Request for Quotation Buffalo Corral/Gates/Panel/Fence Project

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska Reserve, KS, requests quotes to construct a Buffalo Corral/Gates/Panel/Fence Project. This project will be located at our buffalo farm in SE Richardson County, Nebraska. The contractor will provide all needed materials, manpower and equipment to install / accomplish the construction of this Buffalo Corral/Gates/Panel/Fence Project, to include: #1) Remove and replace the existing swing tub. #2) Installation of 60 feet of new 7 bar continuous fence from the end of the existing working chute, and any needed sorting gate(s) off the end of the working chute. #3) Installation of load out & sorting gates to potentially include cutting out a segment of the existing continuous fence. #4) Install 140 feet of new 7 bar continuous fence: (replacing existing 5 strand barb wire that straddles the existing cattle waterer. #5) 100' feet of 7 bar portable panels. #6) Electric Fence - 2 sets of solar electric fence, 1,000' each, adding 2 strands of electric fence to existing 4 strand barb wire fence and to existing 5 strand barb wire fence.

A bid packet is available at the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Admin Office, 305 North Main, Reserve, KS 66434. Or can be requested by calling (785) 742-7471 Ext2501 or by emailing kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska will ensure that respondents to this request will not be discriminated against based on sex, race, color, creed or national origin in consideration of an award, while Native American Preference does apply.

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, waive technicalities, and make award(s) as deemed to be in the best interest of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska. The Tribal Council reserves the right to negotiate the size of the fence project and contract terms with any Proposer. Sealed quotes shall be addressed to "2021 Buffalo Project" and received by Executive Director, Admin Office, 305 North Main, Reserve, KS 66434, no later than 2 PM, Thursday March 4, 2021.

The selected contractor will be required to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity laws and regulations. All questions and inquiries will be addressed to: Kevin Burnison, Executive Director Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, 305 North Main Reserve, KS 66434 Email: kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com Phone: (785) 742-7471 ext. 2501 FAX: (785) 742-3785

Alternate contact: Branson Dougherty, Tribal Council Member Phone: (785) 742-0053 Ext 4005. Email: branson.dougherty@sacandfoxks.com 3-10 ZNEZ

Village of Barada Notice of One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan Hearing

Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska, that the Village Board will meet at 2:30 p.m. on the 24th day of February 2021 at 65087 706 Trl, Falls City NE for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2021.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent 3-10-17 ZNEZ

Village of Preston Notice of One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan Hearing

Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska, that the Village Board will meet at 2:45 p.m. on the 24th day of February 2021 at 65087 706 Trl, Falls City NE for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2021.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent 3-10-17 ZNEZ

The DVLG Consortium will meet at ESU 4 and ESU 6 via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 1:30 PM. The agenda is available for public inspection at the office of the administrator at ESU 4 in Auburn, Nebraska.

10 ZNEZ

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, starting at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office - 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450. 10 ZNEZ

NOTICE TO BIDDERS HAY & FARM LEASE

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 4:00 P.M. on February 26, 2021, for the following described below:

Cash lease for the purpose of farming a tract of ground, approximately nine (9) acres, located at West 14th Street, Falls City, Nebraska. This will be a one (1) year term cash lease with an additional two (2) year option for renewal. Leases will be dated from March 1, 2021.

The City of Falls City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid it feels most advantageous to the City of Falls City. A copy of the current specifications of the lease agreement are on file at the office of the City Clerk.

Gary Jom, City Clerk 10 ZNEZ

WANTED BIDS FOR CUSTOM MOW, RAKE, BALING OF HAY

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska is requesting quotes for custom mow, rake, baling (large round, wrapped) for cash payment: 4 Tracts in Brown County, KS = Tract 1) of approximately 18 acres of hay adjacent to Padonia; Tract 2) approximately 45 acres in 3 parcels in Section 2 at 340th & Night Hawk Road; Tract 3) adjacent to the casino/along US 75 in Brown County; Tract 4) adjacent to Red Earth Housing (south side of State Line road) in Brown County. And 2 Tracts in Richardson County, NE. Tract 5) approx. 26 acres adjacent to Noharts Creek near our buffalo farm on 340th Street (state line) and 659th Avenue (Richardson County, Nebraska); Tract 6) adjacent to Preston, NE. Last year these 6 tracts resulted in 288 total bales via a single cutting. For more information contact julie.simmons@sacandfoxks.com or phone 785-742-7471 Ext 2500. Submit written quote via email julie.simmons@sacandfoxks.com or mail to Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 N. Main Street, Reserve, KS 66434 no later than 2 PM Thursday, March 11, 2021. Native American preference applies. 3-10 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF BOB D. BARTLETT, Deceased. Estate No. PR21-4

Notice is hereby given that on January 28, 2021, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Crystal Dewey, whose address is P. O. Box 65, Swanton, Nebraska 68445, has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before April 12, 2021, or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Buehler Clerk of the County Court Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Richard L. Halbert, #11659 Halbert & Dunn, L.L.C. 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486 10-17-24 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Estate of ALAN E. BURR, Deceased. PR21-6

Notice is hereby given that on February 3, 2021, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of the Decedent and that Kinsey Bauer, whose address is Attn: Brittney M. Holley, Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P., 1900 U.S. Bank Building, 233 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-2095, was appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of this estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before April 12, 2021, or be forever barred. Cassandra R. Buehler Clerk of the County Court 1700 Stone Street #301 Falls City, NE 68355

Brittney M. Holley - #26610 Counsel for Personal Representative CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT JOHNSON & OLDFATHER, L.L.P. 1900 U.S. Bank Building 233 South 13th Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-2095 Telephone: (402) 474-6900 10-17-24 ZNEZ

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

To: All Participating Members: Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting Of the participating member of Rural Water District No. 2, Richardson County, Nebraska, will be held at 8:00 o'clock P.M. on February 11, 2021, via ZOOM. At said meeting there will be the annual reports of the officers and an election of two (2) board members for the term of three (3) years. A copy of the agenda for said meeting is on file with Secretary, Joseph Fischer, 65644 709 Rd., Falls City, Nebraska. Dated this 2-3-21. Rural Water District No 2, Richardson County, Nebraska.

By Joseph Fischer, Secretary Neal E. Parsons Attorney at Law 10 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) proposes to reissue with change the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Village of Stella Wastewater Treatment Facility, PO Box 105, Stella, NE (NPDES# NE0045314; SIC 4952). The publicly owned treatment works receives and treats domestic wastewater which discharges from an extended aeration activated sludge type mechanical treatment system through Outfall 001 to Muddy Creek, Segment NE2-10800 in the Nemaha River Basin. The permit would be issued for a period of up to five years and would restrict pollutant discharges to comply with the requirements of Department regulations. The draft permit, fact sheet, and other public information are available for review at NDEE's Lincoln Office (address below) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays, excluding holidays. To request copies of the draft permit and other information, call 402 471 3557. Individuals requiring special accommodations or alternate formats of materials should notify the Department by calling 402-471-2186. TDD users should call 800-833-7352 and ask the relay operator to call the Department at 402-471-2186. Written comments, objections, and/or hearing requests concerning permit issuance may be submitted to Kim Bubb, NPDES and State Permits Section, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, PO Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922, before the comment period ending date of March 12, 2021. A determination to hold a hearing will be based upon factual environmental or regulatory consideration. 10 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 RICHARDSON COUNTY, NE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 -8 P.M.

To All Participating Member: Notice is hereby given that the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Rural Water District No. 2, Richardson County, Nebraska Will be held following the Annual meeting of the District. The following business will come before the Board: -Call the meeting to order. -Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting. -Election of officers. -Election of Voting Delegate. Rural Water District No. 2 Richardson County, Nebraska By Joseph Fischer, Secretary 10 ZNEZ

CONDITIONAL ORDER OF REVIVOR AND NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA FIA CARD SERVICES N.A., V. ZETH 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 3-10-17 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE RICHARDSON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

The following is a list of all lands and lots in Richardson County, Nebraska on which taxes are due and unpaid for the tax year 2019 and prior years. This list is published in accordance with State Statute #77-1804. Therefore, notice is given that all delinquent taxes on these following lands and lots will be offered for public sale on Monday, March 1st, 2021 at the Richardson County Treasurer's Office from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and will continue from day to day until all taxes have been offered for sale according to State Statute #77-1806. The following amounts listed for each property represent the delinquent tax, but does not include interest and advertising. We now offer online tax services by going to www.nto.us and clicking on Richardson County. You can look up taxes by owner name, parcel number, or legal. Once you select a parcel you will have access to the payment and tax history, and can also pay the tax online in most cases.

Real Property

Table with columns: County Name, nty Num, DISTRICT, Item #, PARCEL, MULTITEAF, LEGAL, TOTALDUE. Lists property details for Richardson County, Nebraska, including parcel numbers, legal descriptions, and total due amounts.

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Hey Doc, Who's on first?

By Jill Kruse, D.O.

Many people are familiar with the classic Abbott and Costello comedy skit "Who's on First?" For those who are not familiar, the routine is a hilarious interaction between the two comedians as they discuss players on a baseball team while using confusing references such as "who's on first" and "what's on second." The audience can see that Abbott believes he is clearly communicating the player names to Costello, but it digresses into a laughable experience of misunderstanding and frustration for both parties. The men become increasingly angry as the conversation goes on and each feel that the other is not listening.

This situation may be funny in the world of entertainment, but it can be disastrous when it happens between doctor and patient. At times, conversation in the exam room can inadvertently go down a similar path of confusion. I recall one such experience when I was showing an x-ray to a patient. I pointed out, "Here is the fracture." The patient looked at me, gave a sigh of relief and said, "Thank goodness doc, I was afraid you were going to tell me that it was broken." At that moment I realized my choice of words had not provided the clarity I intended. Thankfully, this patient spoke out which alerted me to the misunderstanding allowing me to rectify it immediately.

Those of us in the medical field must be always mindful to ensure that we explain things in clear, everyday language. I apologize for our failures, which do happen. I also ask for your help. Doctors are human and we may incorrectly assume that our patients understand what we are saying, especially if our patients do not tell us otherwise.

Healthcare is a partnership which requires communication from both patient and doctor. It is important to recognize that not all cultures and generations feel empowered to question a doctor. Other patients hesitate to ask what they feel might be perceived as a "silly" question. In addition, patients have varying levels of education and experience when it comes to participating in medical conversations. Sometimes it helps the patient to have a family member or friend in the room to help the patient feel at ease and convey information.

Doctors strive to be sensitive to these situations, to welcome and encourage questions, then listen closely when the patient speaks. No doctor I know will intentionally or maliciously confuse a patient. We welcome your participation so both patient and doctor can best understand what care is needed. Let's work together and keep the conversation going to make sure we both know "who's on first" and "what's on second" when it comes to your health."

Jill Kruse, D.O. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit www.prairiedoc.org and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

Falls City Library and Arts Center to maintain current schedule and restrictions

A discussion was recently held and the Library Board decided to maintain the current schedule and restrictions as laid out last month. The operating hours of 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Tuesdays and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

will remain in place. There are no restrictions to materials. The restrooms remain closed. There are six, socially distanced public access computers available for use, the computer lab will remain closed. The WiFi is accessible Monday – Saturday 8 A.M. – 9 P.M.,

The Library Board also recommends WiFi access 24/7 for public access to online resources.

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Rebecca Grimm

Rebecca Grimm, 95, of Falls City, NE, passed away February 3, 2021, at Lincoln, NE. She was born December 14, 1925, at Barns, KS, to George and Emma (Henning) Reboul.

She married Ivan Grimm on November 2, 1947, at Seneca, KS. He passed away on October 3, 2003.

Rebecca was raised at Seneca and graduated from Seneca High School in 1944. She was employed as a telephone operator in Seneca and after moving to Falls City, she worked at Midland Villa Nursing Home and for Dr. Glenn. She then took employment with Falls City Meat Company and in 2003 moved to Maryville, MO and back to Falls City in 2018. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Eastern Star.

Rebecca is survived by a daughter, Debbie Walker of Falls City, sons Donald and his wife Becky of Clarksville, TN, Stephen of Falls City, three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Donald Reboul and a sister, Mary Matthews.

Mrs. Grimm has been cremated and a graveside service will be held at Steele Cemetery on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 1:30 P.M. with Reverend Young Je Kim officiating.

The service will be live-streamed on Dorr and Clark Funeral Home's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/dorrandclarkfuneralhome>

Jenny Shafer

Jenny Shafer, 58, was born on November 20, 1962, to Deward (Buck) Massey and Doris Massey in San Diego, CA. Jenny was the middle of three children, Kevin, Jenny, and Carla. Doris raised her children in Bemidji, MN, where Jenny grew up.

Jenny married Gordon Kosmicki on June 19, 1981. Jenny and Gordon raised their three children, Jeff, Ben and Breanna, in Grand Island, NE, until they divorced in 1998. Jenny attended and graduated school and became an LPN. She worked mostly in nursing homes during her career and enjoyed that job very much. Jenny moved to Palmer, NE, in 1998, living with her friend Linda Sorensen.

Jenny met Max Shafer in April of 1999 and married Max on September 4, 1999. They made their home in the rural Shubert, area raising Jenny's daughter Breanna and Max's two children, Max and Treia.

Jenny enjoyed hobbies such as beading, quilting, needlework, cooking, and canning and drying fruits and vegetables. Jenny was involved in processing chicken and deer meat for her family. Jenny enjoyed helping taking care of the many animals they had. Jenny enjoyed her many grandchildren, seeing them when she could. Jenny was a very positive person and if she could, she worked very hard doing what needed done, including being the computer guru of the family. She loved to use computers and always had her iPad in hand, continually learning things from the internet. Jenny and Max loved to camp, mostly

staying at Indian Cave State Park completing their camp host duties. In the year 2000, Jenny became ill and had to quit her job. As the years passed by, many illnesses came to Jenny and most never left. She took it in stride and fought the good fight. She loved the Lord and worshipped him daily; God was a big part of her life. We knew Jenny's life would be cut short because of her health. She became ill and passed away on January 31, 2021, at Immanuel hospital in Omaha, NE; she was 58 years old. She was and always will be the love of Max's life.

Jenny is survived by her husband, Max, mother Doris Massey Rudd of Waite Park, MN, father-in-law, Max Shafer of Shubert, NE, brother, Kevin Massey and wife Dida of Boston, MA, sister, Carla and Scott Morgenstern of Nemaha NE, children, Jeff and his wife Tyeisha and their son Silas of Omaha, NE, Ben and friend Kim of Hastings NE and Ben's daughter Kyla of Lincoln, NE, Breanna of Lincoln, NE, sister-in-law, Penny Shafer of Shubert, NE, seven grandchildren, Jake Gard, Max Shafer Gard V, Jonah Shafer Gard, Addy Gard, Kyla Bertram, Gabriel Rhoades and Harper Hicks.

A graveside service was held at the Prairie Union Cemetery near Shubert, NE, on Friday, February 5, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.

Even though there is much sadness for Jenny's family and friends, it is also a celebration of Jenny's life because she is now in Heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ.

TSCI staff member injured in assault

An inmate assaulted a staff member at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI) on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 resulting in a serious* injury.

The assault happened after the staff member stopped the inmate upon leaving the dining hall, and directed him to dispose of food contained inside a pocket. The inmate refused and punched the staff member repeatedly in the face. The attack continued, despite directives from another staff member to stop. Additional facility personnel arrived on the scene and assisted in restraining the inmate. The staff person received treatment at a local hospital for injuries to his face and head.

Results of the investigation will be provided to the county attorney for determination of criminal prosecution. The NDCS disciplinary process will be utilized with sanctions, such as loss of good time, applied according to the rules and regulations.

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How to be more efficient with your time

A time crunch is no stranger to many adults. Busy professionals balancing work and their personal lives often wish there was more time in the day. Though it might be impossible to create more minutes in the day, adults can take steps to be more efficient with their time. The more efficient people can be with their time, the more that time should begin to feel like their own.

- **Audit yourself.** It's hard to be more efficient with your time if you're not certain about where you're being inefficient. Audit how you're spending time each day, jotting down everything you do during the day and how much time you spend on each individual task. Audits can be made easier by utilizing time tracking apps on a smartphone, some of which are free. The app need not provide a bunch of bells and whistles (such apps are generally designed to help businesses track employees' production). A simple app that lets you track each activity and the time it takes to perform it is all you need to conduct a successful audit.

- **Categorize tasks.** Tasks can be categorized so those that are absolutely necessary are never given a lower priority than non-essential tasks. In addition, tasks can be categorized according to how much time each one figures to take. Once tasks have been categorized, choose distraction-free times of day to perform high-priority, time-consuming tasks. The ability to focus on such tasks free from distraction should cut down on the time it takes to complete them, potentially freeing up more time in your day.

- **Don't hesitate to delegate.** When categorizing tasks, create a category for tasks that can be delegated. Parents may want to delegate meal prep to children who are old enough to hold their own in the kitchen, while adult partners can divide up household chores so no one person is doing the bulk of the work around the house.

- **Turn devices off.** Devices are distracting, and various surveys and studies have proven that. Research from RescueTime, an iOS- and Android-supported app created to monitor phone use, found that people spend an average of three hours and 15 minutes per day on their phones. Adults who are pressed for time may benefit by turning their devices off during the work day and/or when trying to tackle tasks at home. In fact, turning a smartphone or other device off when you don't need it to perform a given task may be the simplest and most effective way to make more efficient use of your time.

Finding a 25th hour in the day may not be possible, but people can try various strategies to make more efficient use of the 24 hours they do have each day.

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- During the American Revolution, as a child in South Carolina, this president was taken prisoner by the British. He was wounded by a sabre (sword) cut from a British officer when he refused to clean the officer's boots.
- This president's wife, Dolley, saved a portrait of George Washington before the British attacked the city of Washington and burned the White House.
- While this man was president, the government made Washington D.C. its new home. He and his wife were the first to live in the White House.
- As a young soldier in battle, our nation's first president escaped uninjured even though his uniform had bullet holes in it and two horses were shot out from under him.
- This president loved the outdoors. He even lived as a cowboy for a while. The much-loved toy, the teddy bear, is named after him.
- This lawyer was known as "Honest Abe." When he was president, he declared that the slaves were to be freed.
- This 5-star Army general was first president to travel in a nuclear-powered submarine.
- This president drafted the Declaration of Independence. He felt strongly about each person's rights and freedoms.
- This president never married. He invited his niece to the White House to be his hostess.
- This Governor of Texas became president eight years after his father left the presidency. He owns a ranch where there are cows, dogs and cats.

Can you fill in the blanks to spell the names of these 4 U.S. presidents?

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- __ onald J. __ rump
- __ arack __ bama
- __ eorge W. __ ush

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Do You Ever Think about Running for President?

Presidents Day is a good time to think about the leaders of our country. Do you ever wonder about the jobs they did before they held the office of the presidency of the United States?

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Does this sound like any of the people you know? Do you think that they could become President of the United States if they wanted to seek this important office? Or...maybe it is your dream?

I like reading about the kinds of things the presidents did when they were kids.

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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. Bueche
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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Its Attorney:

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Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM JANUARY 2021

The Salem Village Board met January 5, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting, Kean, Wessel and Catlin answered roll. Also present were Heather Lendermon and Warren Voge.

Lendermon came to the meeting to discuss two false fire alarms that had occurred in the past two months. It also been reported that the false alarms had been reported to the Richardson County Sheriff's Department.

The Board will look into posting a sign concerning the penalties for false alarms.

The Village Board has one vacant position. The position was discussed at the December 2020 meeting. The position was posted and eligible residents were asked to contact a Village Board member or the Village Clerk, and the position would be filled at the January 2021 meeting.

Kean moved that Warren Voge be appointed to the Salem Village Board, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, all voting yes. Voge signed the oath of office.

Water operator Robert McHenry reported on the operation of the water system. He reported on a possible water leak. Davis plumbing had dug in the area, and no leak was found.

New signature cards for the two Village accounts at the F&M Bank were signed. Chairman Strauch, Lindie Catlin, Mary Jane Wessel and Clerk Glathar are on the signature card. Two signatures are required on all checks.

Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Catlin. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Catlin moved to adjourn at 8:43, seconded by Voge. Motion carried. The next meeting will be February 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

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Headed to Districts, L-R: Thomas Fields, Cameron Schramm, Wyatt Olberding, Kadyn Strecker and Ray Feek.

Five Tigers wrestlers qualify for Districts

By Brian McKim

The Falls City wrestling team is sending five of its members to districts next Saturday. The wrestlers will compete in the B-2 district at Blair High School against Auburn, Blair, Minden, Omaha Concordia, Omaha Gross, Platteview, Ralston, Seward, Wayne, West Point-Beemer and York. Advancing to next week for FC were Thomas Fields, Cameron Schramm, Wyatt Olberding, Kadyn Strecker and Ray Feek.

On Saturday in York for the Class B Sub-district 2B, the Tigers were up against Blair, Omaha Gross, Seward, York and Wayne. At 106, Kaleb Zulkoski went 0-2, first losing by pin to Nobsisch of Gross in :09 and then getting pinned by Holoch of York in 2:07 in the consolation round.

At 120, Feek lost by fall to Floerchinger of Gross in :26 and then fell to Scott of Blair by pin in :13.

In the 126-pound division, Olberding won by fall over Munsel of Wayne in 1:11. In the finals, 29-3, Thomas Ivey of York took down Olberding by major decision, 12-4.

Kadyn Strecker won his first

match at 152 by fall in 5:30. In the finals, Strecker fell by Schöpf of Seward by fall in :26.

Calvin Crouse went 0-2 for the day, getting pinned by Zara of Wayne in :39 and then dropping a 9-6 decision to Brennan of Gross.

Schramm fell to Rice of Gross in a 10-5 decision, then fought back to pin Liston of Wayne in 4:45 before falling to Larsen of Blair in the third-place match by a 6-0 decision.

At 182, Kemper Foster went 0-2, falling to Korth of Wayne by fall in :19 and then to Gilbert of Gross by fall in 1:29.

Fields pinned Hurley of Seward in 4:50, then fell to Cotton of York by fall in :59. Fields then won by major decision, 13-4, over Spann of Wayne and pinned Garcia of Gross in 2:04 to capture third-place.

On Thursday, the Tigers traveled to Platteview for a double dual vs. Platteview and Auburn. Against Platteview, FC lost 54-30. Zulkoski won by fall over Woodward in 1:34. Feek fell to Moore by fall in :33. Olberding pinned Rock in 1:31 and Strecker won by fall over Roesler in 1:05. Steinhoff pinned Crouse in 1:17, Schramm won by for-

feit, Foster fell to Horst by fall in :23 and Fields won by forfeit.

The dual against Auburn was a little closer, but ultimately FC fell 42-27. Zulkoski and Feek each picked up forfeit wins. Olberding decided Perry 4-0, Strecker fell to Thomas by fall in 3:41 and Crouse fell to Katzenstein by fall in 1:18. Schramm won by forfeit; Foster lost to Cotton in 1:33 by pin and Fields pinned Rowell in 1:26 for the win.

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If more COVID-19 vaccines are authorized or approved by FDA, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will quickly hold public meetings to review all available data about each vaccine and make recommendations for their use in the United States.

All ACIP-recommended vaccines will be included in the U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines. (Source: CDC.gov)

Lady Irish come up just short of conference title

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish girls basketball team came up two points short of winning the Pioneer Conference Tournament at Johnson-Brock High School on Saturday night. Taking on Lourdes Central, the Irish got behind early and never fully recovered, losing their first contest of the season, 31-29.

Sacred Heart dug a hole early, falling behind Lourdes 16-7 in the first period. The Knights hit four three-pointers in the opening eight minutes, making 5/11 shots overall in the quarter. Meanwhile, the Irish were cold, shooting just 3/10 from the floor as they fell behind by nine points. The Irish defense we're used to seeing from Coach Luke Santo's squad came alive the final three periods, allowing just 15 points total in the last three-quarters of action. Lourdes Central led 21-16 at the half and 27-25 after three periods. Each team scored only four points in the final eight minutes.

With the Irish trailing by two, Olivia Eickhoff hit a bucket to tie the contest at 29, with 1:50 remaining in the game. Lourdes Central milked the clock and with 3.5 ticks remaining, Meyer of Nebraska City got fouled, earning a trip to the foul line. Meyer sealed the win for Lourdes, making both shots from the charity stripe and sending SH home with their first loss of the season.

Neither team shot well for the game, but Lourdes Central held a 30% (11/37) edge over the Irish, who shot 24% (10/41). Lourdes also won the rebound battle, 29-24, but the Irish defense forced five more turnovers (16) than the offense committed (11).

Erison Vonderschmidt shot just 3/15 from the floor but finished as the game's only double-figure scorer with 11 points. Vonderschmidt also had a team-high eight rebounds and three assists. Rachel Magdanz added nine points, six boards and three steals. G. McGowen had nine points to lead Lourdes Central.

Scoring vs. Lourdes Magdanz 9, Eickhoff 4, Wertemberger 5, Vonderschmidt 11.

In the tourney's opener on Tuesday, the Irish had no trouble getting past the Pawnee City Indians. The Irish led 24-4 at the first quarter break and 45-9 at the half. The Irish reserves saw a lot of action in the second half as SH went on to win 58-19.

The Irish outshot the Indians, 43%-21%, outrebounded them 27-24 and forced 25 turnovers to just two of their own. Three Irish ballplayers hit double figures, with DeLanie Witt leading the way with 14. Magdanz added 12 points and four assists and Wertemberger had 11 points and four rebounds. L. Tegmeier led Pawnee City with four points.

Scoring vs. Pawnee City, Magdanz 12, Eickhoff 4, Simon 3, Nachtigal 1, Witt 14, Wertemberger 11, Vonderschmidt 8, Bippes 2, Keller 3.

In semi-final action on Thursday night, the Irish faced off against

the Southern Raiders. The Irish took down the 15-3 Raiders 47-33 to move on to the championship game on Saturday. SH had quarter leads of 9-4, 21-12 and 38-22. The Irish hit on 44% of their shot attempts (17/39), while Southern was held to 38% (12/32). The Irish did convert 12/16 attempts from the foul line. Southern outrebounded the Irish 23-17, but again the Irish defense did its job, forcing 21 turnovers while the offense committed 11.

Vonderschmidt had the hot hand for SH, scoring 16 points on 8/12 shooting. Magdanz added nine points, five steals and six assists. C. Cooper had 14 points and K. Klover added 12 for the Raiders. Scoring vs. Southern, Magdanz 9, Eickhoff 4, Wit 1, Malone 2, Wertemberger 7, Littrel 2, Vonderschmidt 16, Bippes 6.

The loss in Saturday's championship game was the first for SH this season. The Irish currently sit at 20-1 while the Class C2 Lourdes Central Knights improve to 16-4. SH hosted East-Atchison on Tuesday night and will finish out the regular season on the road at 17-5 Weeping Water on Thursday, February 11.

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