



Just before 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, a fire broke out at 1223 Lane Street home owned by Josh Darden in Falls City. The Falls City Volunteer Fire Department and Falls City Rural Fire Department were on the scene as the second story of the home was engulfed in flames. The cause of the fire is unknown, but is being investigated. (Photo by Brian McKim)

## COMMITTEE FORMED TO DEVELOP 911 AND EMERGENCY DISPATCHING PLAN

By Nikki McKim

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The Board approved the minutes and the agenda of the April 6, 2021 meeting.

Gary Jorn, Administrator of the City of Falls City, presented a letter to the Board regarding the latest counteroffers the County had submitted to the City regarding 911 dispatching.

The letter addressed to the Commissioners stated that the City had reviewed the two counteroffers regarding 911 Dispatching and they respectfully declined both. The City decided to retain 911 Dispatching for Richardson County and respectfully requested that Richardson County honor the original Interlocal Agreement that outlines the costs for this service to share equally between the City and the County.

Jorn asked that a committee of City and County officials be tasked with coming up with a resolution for dispatching in Richardson County.

Sheriff Hardesty and Police Chief Armbruster were also present to offer input.

“Our main concern is that we provide the best service to all citizens of Richardson County, as of right now there is a lag in the 911 calls to the Sheriff’s Office that lag is caused by the 911 call going to the Police Department,” stated Sheriff Hardesty in a comment to the *Journal*. “They get the information and then transfer it to the Sheriff’s Office where we have to get the same information and then dispatch our Deputies. I believe both departments’ dispatchers can do the job, and for me, combining the two will only help provide faster response times to the citizens outside of Falls City.”

A committee will be formed with representatives from the City and the County to develop a plan to provide the best services possible to all residents for answering 911 calls and dispatching emergency services for the essential benefit to the preservation and maintenance within the County of the public safety, the public welfare, and the public health of all citizens residing within Richardson County.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau presented a letter to the Board requesting the permanent closing and removal of a bridge structure located approximately 2,631 feet west of the intersection of 706 Road and 648 Avenue or about 2,631 feet west of the SE corner of S12, T1, R15 and the NE corner of S13, T1, R15, said the bridge over the old channel of the Big Nemaha River. The Board will consider a resolution at the next meeting to

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Little Free Pantry in 2018 (Left) Little Free Pantry 2021 (Right)

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY COMING BACK BRIGHTER AND HAPPIER THAN EVER

By Nikki McKim; photos by Chelsie Alexander

The Little Free Pantry in Falls City, dedicated to helping those in need, now needs some help of its own.

The Pantry, built by Josh Rhodd, was installed in 2018 by Jessica Santo and the Role Model Team consisting of senior girls.

When Santo read about the Little Free Pantry movement on social media, she knew immediately that she wanted to bring it to Falls City. Along with her RoleModels, Santo raised funds for the lumber and glass, painted the cupboard a warm smoky-blue color, and placed it in the mini-park at 15th and Stone Streets. The cupboard’s purpose is to be placed in public places such as parks and stocked with non-perishable items such as diapers, canned food and vegetables for needy families to access easily.

This winter, the LFP was vandalized.

Santo received a call late one night that the Pantry was on the ground. When she arrived, it was clear that someone had pushed it until it had snapped off its base. The Pantry was screwed securely into the base, so the weather wasn’t a factor. The contents were scattered everywhere.

“We picked up the food and brought the pantry home with me to repair,” said Santo. “It’s frustrating, to say the least. When we installed the LFP, it was my hope that it would bring awareness to food insecurity, boost those who need it and also allow our community to come together and help each other. We’ve faced hurdles, but we won’t stop.”

The 2022 Role Model Team is giving the Pantry a make-over thanks to the Falls City Jaycees and other individuals in the community.

“It’s our goal to bring the pantry back brighter and happier than ever,” said Santo.

Santo said that it’s been recommended that she install a security camera at the Little Free Pantry, and she’s thought about it many times.

“It comes down to this, food in-

security is a major problem in our country and community. I genuinely believe that installing a camera goes against the heart of what the LFP stands for,” said Santo. “It’s a place where individuals can go when they need a meal without the worry of judgment and hoops to jump through. It’s neighbors helping neighbors and I want anyone who visits the LFP to feel happy to do so. I don’t want them feeling that they are being monitored and judged. BUT our community can help! We can keep an eye on it. If you drive by and see food on the ground or the door open, stop and help.”

Santo said the Pantry would be empty from time to time. There is no schedule to stock the Pantry or pressure to keep it stocked full.

“If your heart feels up to it, snag a couple extra can goods

and place them in the LFP on your way home,” said Santo.

Another way to help out is to keep an eye on the Pantry’s Facebook Page for updates. If you would like to help, you can make a monetary donation that can be deposited in the Little Free Pantry account and F&M Bank. Donating to the Little Free Pantry is also easy. Once installed, you can leave your donation there. Anyone can take a donation as well; Santo asks that you also remember others in need and not deplete the Pantry.

“Live up to the motto, Take what you need. Leave what you can,” said Santo. “We are neighbors helping neighbors. #fallscityproud”

For more information on the Little Free Pantry at 15th and Stone Street, visit <https://www.facebook.com/littlefreepantryfc> or visit <http://www.jessicasanto.com/2022-rolemodels>.

## NEBRASKA HAS PAUSED JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 VACCINE

The Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) has paused administration of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommendations.

On Tuesday, April 13, 2021 CDC and FDA released a joint statement recommending a pause on Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccinations nationwide after receiving reports of a rare but severe type of blood clot in individuals who have received the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine.

Vaccine safety is closely monitored by health care providers and local, state, and federal partners. Only six instances of this severe clotting event have been identified among approximately 6.8 million who have received the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine across the United States. The pause is a transparent and deliberate decision to allow time for a thorough review and investigation.

SEDHD is communicating the pause to healthcare providers and pharmacies across the district. Individuals who have received the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine and develop a severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider. Any potential adverse reactions to vaccines should be reported into the CDC’s Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System at <https://vaers.hhs.gov>.

There are currently no recommendations to pause the use of the other two vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna. These two vaccines should be provided in place of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine until further notice.

For more information, see the official FDA-CDC release:

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/joint-cdc-and-fda-statement-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine>

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# Strive to Prevent Falls

By Kelly Evans-Hullinger, M.D.

My grandmother was a lively, caring, wonderful woman, who remained very active late in her life. One spring day, after an unusual April blizzard, she stepped out of her apartment on her way to her weekly bridge game. She fell on the ice, in an event that led to an open ankle fracture and changed the course of the remainder of her life.

We all know that a fall, especially in an elderly or frail person, can result in disaster. Major fall-related injuries such as hip fractures can sometimes precede abrupt decline in function and death in the worst cases. While many falls don't result in any injury at all, when I discuss falls with my patients, I consider those events near misses and potentially catastrophic for any elderly or frail person.

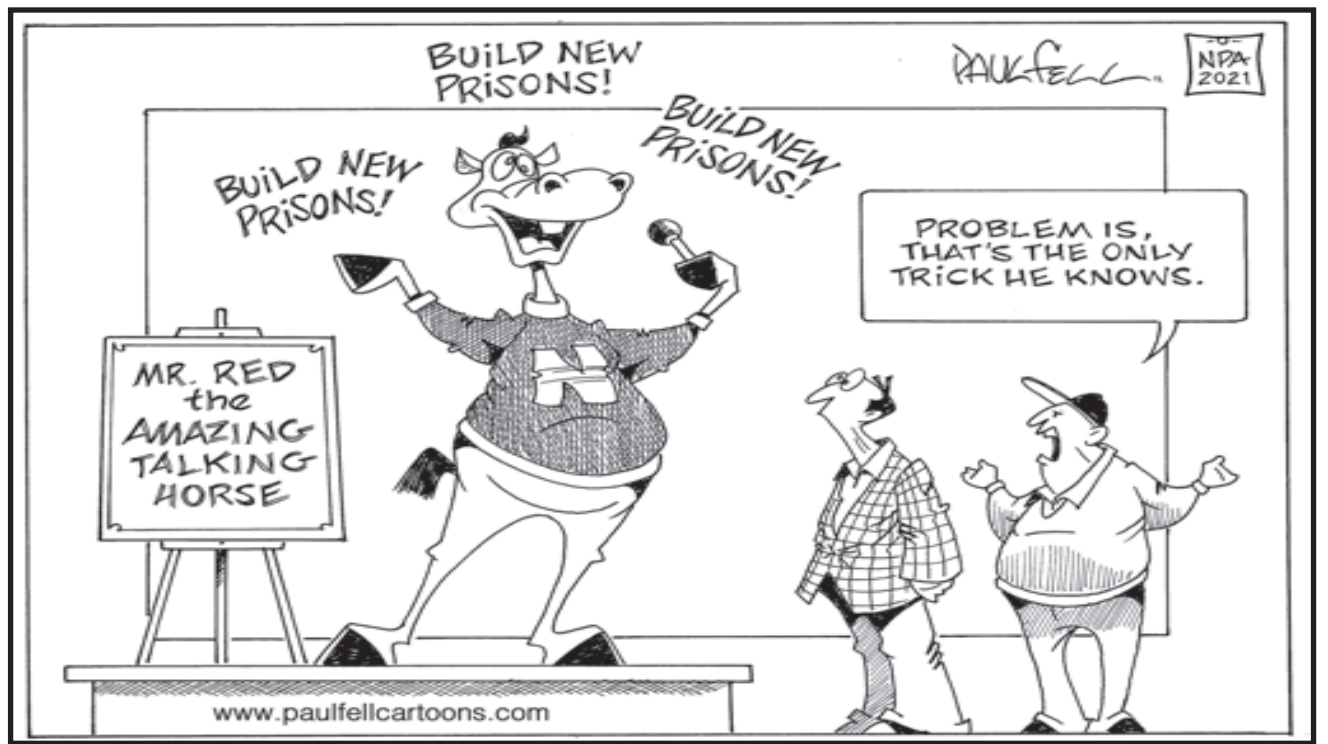
Falls can have many causes, and often numerous factors contribute. Some factors can be modified by at-risk people, and some cannot. Discussing the mechanism and contributors to falls with one's health care provider (or even better, a physical or occupational therapist) can help identify those factors. If a person can reduce their risk of fall and injury, by all means we want to help!

Modifiable risk factors might include weakness in large muscle groups, need for and proper use of an assistive device such as a walker or cane, and potential hazards in one's home such as rugs or bathtubs. Of course, in some patients there may be fall risk factors which cannot be easily modified, which might result in the decision for extra help or a change in living arrangement.

After my grandmother's ankle fracture, she had a rocky course. She endured surgeries, bone infection, hospitalizations, and other medical complications. She never regained the ability to walk independently again and spent much of the last couple years of her life in a nursing home where she could receive the care she required.

Last summer, my grandmother contracted COVID-19 at her nursing facility and sadly died a few weeks later. A woman who led a truly remarkable life lost her fierce independence after an accidental fall. I'm sure if she could have gone back in time, she would have just stayed home that icy April day. If you or a loved one is worried about falling, I hope you will talk to your primary care provider about it.

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## HEAVILY MODIFIED CORRECTIONS SPENDING BILL ADVANCES AS PART OF STATE BUDGET

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

There are quite a few corrections-centered bills on the Nebraska Legislature's table this year. While there are some solid ideas dealing with transparency and costs of incarceration, it appears those bills will linger in committee while senators focus on a big-ticket item in the state budget.

Included in the Appropriations Committee's budget proposal is LB383 introduced by Speaker of the Legislature Mike Hilgers of Lincoln at the request of the Governor. That bill would fund a new multi-custody level correctional facility with capacity to house 1,512 inmates. The \$230 million project would be financed mostly by transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund over the next five years.

But the Appropriations Committee disagreed with the Governor's recommendation and amended it to instead transfer \$115 million from the General Fund to the Capital Construction Fund. Committee Chairman Sen. John Stinner of Gering offered a successful amendment to take a broader approach by transferring \$350,000 in FY2021-22 from the construction fund to the state Department of Correctional Services to update their master plan and examine demand for behavioral and mental health and substance abuse services at current correctional facilities, taking into consideration the physical condition of the facilities.

The amendment also would appropriate \$500,000 in FY2021-22 to the department to prepare a program statement and site selection for a new halfway-back community corrections center in Omaha.

An additional \$18 million would fund the design, planning and construction of three specialty units — to be used for additional mental health and geriatric patients or other individuals with special needs — which would add at least an additional 96-bed capacity at the state's reception and treatment center.

Finally, the amendment would appropriate \$14.9 million to fund the preparation of designs for a possible new facility, including site selection and an option to purchase, as well as completion of an independent engineering study regarding the useful life of the current Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln, the department's oldest facility which opened its doors in 1869. "Voting for LB383 doesn't mean you're voting for a prison," Stinner told his colleagues. "It means that you're voting for information."

Committee vice chair Sen. Anna Wishart of Lincoln said the amended bill would allow the state to work with experts from the Criminal Justice Institute — and in collaboration with Nebraska stakeholders — to address broader issues of criminal justice reform. She said CJI are federal experts who "coach" states on how better to manage their criminal justice systems.

Nebraska currently has the second highest overcrowded prison system (behind Alabama) in the United States. Wishart said the amended bill would give the state the opportunity to address the "historic wrong" of mass incarceration that is "steeped in systemic racism."

"Our country imprisons more people than any other country in the world, and a disproportionate number of those prisoners are Black," Wishart said. "We cannot build our way to criminal justice reform — not possible — nor should we have the goal of doing that."

Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha, one of two Blacks in the Legislature, opposed the amendment, saying it doesn't address the core reasons that individuals end up in the state's correction-

al system. He said he has witnessed firsthand the state's lack of investment in low-income communities and communities of color such as his North Omaha district.

"Public safety is taking care of people," he said. "We don't invest in the communities that these people come from. Why do we refuse to address the root issues?"

The Appropriations Committee deserves credit for taking a reasoned approach to the issue. Let's hope that they and their colleagues can withstand pressure from the Governor who isn't getting his way and hear it for helping the little guy!

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

### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: FICTIONAL MONSTERS

**ACROSS**

- 1. "Turkey" dance
- 5. X minus III
- 8. Accounting acronym
- 11. Angel's glow
- 12. Like list of chores
- 13. Inside info
- 15. "National Velvet" author Bagnold
- 16. Heavy Metal band Quiet \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. \*Worm by monster hunters and dragon-slayers
- 18. \*Sea monster with atomic breath
- 20. Brooms and cauldrons to a witch, e.g.
- 21. Subject of biographies, pl.
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ of Aquarius
- 23. Saudi's southern neighbor
- 26. Ceremonial flight
- 30. "I" problem
- 31. Sweet-talk
- 34. Marine eagle
- 35. The Revenge of the \_\_\_\_\_, 1984
- 37. \_\_\_\_\_ you sure?
- 38. Desires
- 39. Russia's Romanov, e.g.
- 40. Comfy pants
- 42. Preceding month
- 43. Google Maps predecessor, pl.
- 45. Blackbird-like birds
- 47. Crow sound
- 48. Group of professionals
- 50. Like a bow string
- 52. \*Witch of Russian fairytales
- 55. \_\_\_\_\_ con carne
- 56. G in 1000 g., e.g.
- 57. Loose hood
- 59. Was rebroadcasted
- 60. Prospector's mother?
- 61. Bassoon cousin
- 62. Nod up and down
- 63. \*He played Dracula and Count Dooku
- 64. \*Like Sendak's Things

**DOWN**

- 1. England's favorite drink, in French
- 2. \*Addams Family's Lurch: "You \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 3. A dish of stewed meat
- 4. Waddle
- 5. Bridal veil fabric
- 6. Objects of worship
- 7. Just a little
- 8. Michael Douglas' 1978 mystery thriller
- 9. Like the Weasleys of "Harry Potter"
- 10. Second qtr. calendar month
- 12. Alex Trebek's forte
- 13. Drooping
- 14. \*Jeepers \_\_\_\_\_, sing.
- 19. Coats with Zn
- 22. Tap order
- 23. Yiddish busybody
- 24. Opposite of digest
- 25. Like high ground
- 26. Pestilence pest
- 27. Lock horns
- 28. Darlene or Jacob of Ozark
- 29. MCAT and LSAT
- 32. \*Amity Island fish
- 33. Bonanza find
- 36. \*Transylvanian bloodsucker
- 38. Shylock's practice
- 40. Use a Singer
- 41. Up until now, 2 words
- 44. Like luxurious sheets
- 46. Another name for manatee, 2 words
- 48. Not kayak
- 49. Follow rules
- 50. Shakespearean "you"
- 51. What snob puts on
- 52. \*Minotaur is half man, half \_\_\_\_\_
- 53. Mongolian desert
- 54. Deserter's acronym
- 55. \_\_\_\_\_, The Beloved Country
- 58. Zeppelin predecessor



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# Brownville Concert Series is Back for its 30th season

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Elvis Rock N Remember Tribute Show, In Joseph Hall's Elvis Rock N Remember show, he achieves a powerful flashback experience to the moment when fans fell in love with the talented, handsome, carefree, energetic, high-spirited young man that is Elvis Presley. Outdoor event. June 11-13

Lonnie Mcfadden: Singer, Tap Dancer, Trumpeter. There is nothing he can't do! His infectious personality is only matched by his obvious passion for his jazz music. Lonnie, the self-proclaimed Mr. Bojangles goes into each performance with the intent of creating a personal connection and a good dose of fun. August 13-15.

William Ferguson: Tenor, American tenor William Ferguson is a versatile artist whose repertoire ranges from early baroque to contemporary music and musical theatre. The program will span several languages and genres—from baroque masters, German lieder, French melodies, English classical song, as well as selections from the American Songbook (in honor and memory of Jim Keene). French, German, and English will be the languages represented—maybe even some Italian too. August 20.

KT Sullivan and Mark Nadler – Thanks for the Memory! There are some performers who, though possessing completely different styles and personalities, blend in a wholly enjoyable way. The duo of KT Sullivan and Mark Nadler is a prime example of this phenomenon, most recently in their show "Thanks for the Memory, 25 Years of Duets" at The Green Room 42. September 17-19.

Chris Jones and The Night Drivers, This band has had 11 number one songs on the Bluegrass Charts and won nine IBMA awards including song of the year and songwriter of the year. They have shared the stage with Alison Krauss, Tom T.

Hall, The Chieftains, and more. October 15-17.

Beethoven and Beyond - Great music for cello and piano, Cellist Jennifer Kloetzel has concertized throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. A founding member of the Cypress String Quartet, Ms. Kloetzel has toured the world. Pianist Robert Koenig has established a reputation as a much sought-after collaborative pianist and chamber musician. November 14, 2021

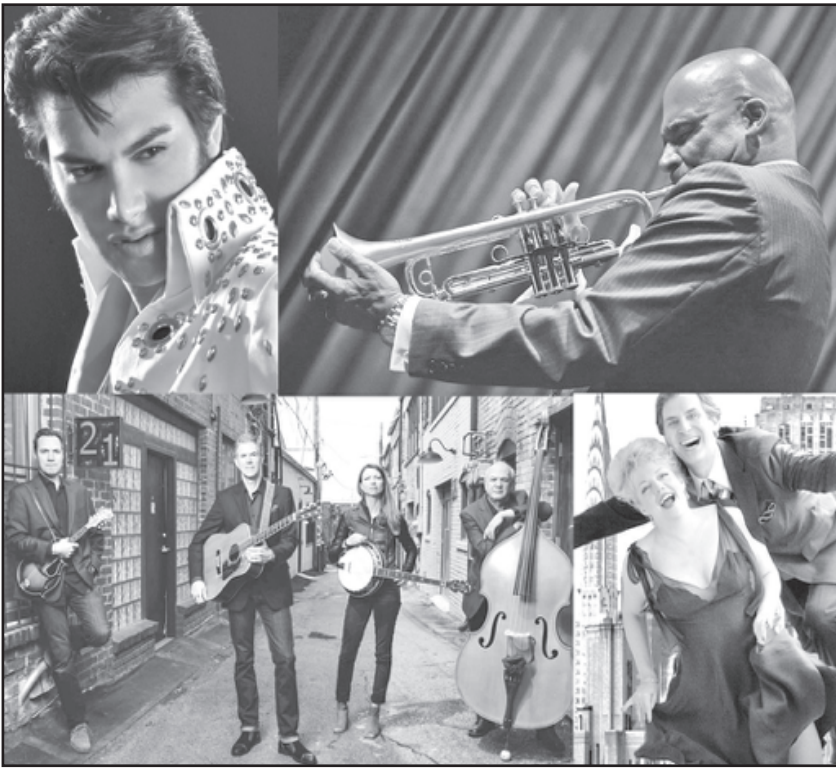
Christmas Gala - A Swinging Brownville Christmas, In the tradition of beloved seasonal specials, Klea Blackhurst, Jim Caruso and Billy Stritch will perform swinging arrangements of "Christmas Waltz," Kay Thompson's "Holiday Season," "Sleigh Ride," and "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm," "Snow," and "It Happened In Sun Valley" among other favorites. The singers will be joined by Steve Doyle on bass and Daniel Glass on drums. December 10-12, 2021

Todd Murray and Stacy Sullivan – Lady and the Tramp, The Musical Romance of Frank Sinatra and Peggy Lee: from the time they first shared the stage in 1941 at the Paramount Theater in Times Square until Frank's passing in 1998, Peggy Lee and Frank Sinatra remained the closest of friends and musical peers, April 15-17.

Jeff Harnar – Because of You: Fifties Gold, Award-winning New York nightclub and concert artist Jeff Harnar returns to the Brownville Concert Series for the 9th time with his critically acclaimed show Because Of You: Fifties Gold. The show taps into his parents' record collection, highlighting songs from the Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Nat "King" Cole, Doris Day, and Johnnie Ray songbooks, May 13-15, 2022.

Season Passes are available to all nine shows for only \$180. Tickets are \$25 for Adults and \$16 for Students. Purchase season passes online at [www.brownvilleconcertseries.com](http://www.brownvilleconcertseries.com), on Facebook or call 402-825-3331. In show Biz, (and pandemics), dates are subject to change so please double check the website.

The Nebraska Arts Council ([www.nebraskartsCouncil.org](http://www.nebraskartsCouncil.org)), a state agency, supports this program through a matching grant funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.



# University of Nebraska Lincoln offers scholarships to local seniors

University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers 6,100-plus scholarships to Nebraska seniors

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has set a record in offering more than 6,100 university-wide scholarships to the 2021 graduating class from Nebraska high schools. About four out of five admitted resident students have been offered an academic scholarship. The university is also on pace to receive a record number of first-year applications.

"We believe in the power of every student, which is why we see these awards as an investment in their future and in the communities, they will serve after graduating," said Patrick Winter, associate vice chancellor for academic services and enrollment management. "We're proud of everything our incoming students have achieved this year amid a global pandemic. We're committed to supporting these students as they plan for their future."

Following is a list of local scholarship earners:

Falls City Public School: Stephen Acton, Husker Power; Lukas Aldana, Nebraska Emerging Leader; Thayer Armbruster, Husker Study and Stay; Dalton Fouraker, Husker Study and Stay; Brenna Leyden, Husker Study and Stay; Courtney Rumbaugh, Husker Study and Stay, all of Falls City.

Falls City Public: Riley Kobza, Regents, of Rulo.

Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer, Katilyn Glathar, Husker Traditions; Jayden McNealy, Husker Power; Abby Stalder, Regents; Joseph Stalder, Regents; William Stalder, Regents, all of Humboldt.

Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer: Kenna McClarnen, Regents, of Dawson.

Falls City Sacred Heart: Delbert Casteel, Husker Power, of Falls City.

Johnson-Brock School: Kyria Spruth-Janssen, Husker Traditions, of Humboldt.

Auburn High School: Cameron Binder, Husker Power, of Table

Rock.

Descriptions of the scholarships are below:

The Husker Study and Stay Scholarship is a one-year, \$1,200 tuition award plus a four-year, \$500 housing credit for students who have demonstrated academic promise.

The Husker Traditions Scholarship is a \$2,000 renewable scholarship awarded to Nebraska residents who have demonstrated high academic potential.

The Husker Power Scholarship is a one-year, \$1,500 scholarship awarded to Nebraska residents who have demonstrated high academic promise.

Nebraska Emerging Leaders Tuition Scholarships are awarded to students identified as emerging leaders through academic profile; attendance at one of the university's diversity programs; and demonstrated interest, knowledge and experience with leadership and diversity. These scholars receive \$2,000, with potential for renewal, and participate in a leadership curriculum.

Beyond these scholarships, the university has extended its priority deadline to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by one month, to May 1. The extension gives students additional time to complete the FAFSA and qualify for need-based aid, including the Nebraska Promise -the university's financial aid program that guarantees tuition will be covered for qualifying Nebraska students with family incomes of \$60,000 or less.

"We expect to make additional aid offers throughout April," said Justin Chase Brown, director of scholarships and financial aid and interim director of Husker Hub. "While Nebraska is open to visitors for limited-capacity visits, we're also connecting with students online through Husker Hub virtual visits - no appointment necessary. We want to develop meaningful one-to-one relationships with students and families as they plan their path to Nebraska, no matter how we connect."

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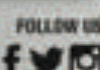


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## April 12, 2021 Superintendent Update

By Superintendent Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on April 12, 2021. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

The Falls City Public Schools Board opened the meeting with a COVID-19 update from school nurse, Jenny Helmick, who expressed appreciation for allowing school staff the two vaccination work days. Nurse Jenny Helmick reported approximately 85 percent of the staff have or will be vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine. School staff will be considered fully vaccinated on the 23rd of April, after a two-week inoculation period to build antibodies therefore. FCPS currently has two students in quarantine and none in isolation as of April 12, 2021. The current DHM runs through April 30 with restrictions in place for quarantining and isolating individuals. This typically gets updated monthly with the occasional mid-month update based on COVID-19 positivity. The DHM is written by Dr. Gary Anthonie, M.D. and can be enforced by law. FCPS has had 352 individuals quarantined and 92 isolated since nurse Helmick began tracking cases in school last fall. The number of quarantined individuals would be much higher without mask usage. Having a mask mandate allows students to come to school when they would otherwise have to quarantine. Being in school learning promotes a healthier learning environment and decreases the instances of neglect and abuse. We often look at areas of the day that are not affected by contact tracing and loosen restrictions based on that information. That is why we have loosened restrictions in PE and recess. Falls City has not had to go to a restricted schedule or temporarily close due to an increase of COVID-19 transfer in schools this school year, like most schools that surround us. It is our goal to finish in person as well.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA - ESSERII) was signed into law on December 27, 2020. ESSER II funds allocated to School District 56 are based on the proportion of Title I, Part A funds each the school district receives during the current year. The allocation for District 56 is \$621,626. ESSER II funds are available for obligation through September 30, 2023 and may be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020. The school district is encouraged to expend ESSER funds to ensure safe conditions for in-person learning, to restore and maintain high-quality learning environments, and to take comprehensive action to address unfinished teaching and learning.

The Jug Brown Stadium scoreboard fundraiser currently sits at \$38,867. The approval process with Daktronics and Roderick Signs is nearing completion at a total project cost of \$41,038, which includes the football/track scoreboard, framing, signage letters, a sign panel, and scoreboard installation. The project is slated for completion in July 2021.

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

1. Approved the Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 4240 Textbook Loan Program; 2) 6318 Employee Conduct and Appearance; 3) 7110 Admission; 4) 7112 Work Permits.
2. Approved the 2021 Student Handbooks
3. Approved the ESU4 Core Services Resolution
4. Accepted the resignation of Michelle Furrow, four-years with FCPS.
5. Approved Teacher Employment Contracts 1) Lauren Huber, Second Grade Teacher; 2) Tayten O'Brien, Middle School Science Teacher.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Tim Heckenlively.

## SOCIETY

### Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES

Submitted by Marlene McKim

Members met April 12th at 7PM at the Falls City Elks Lodge. President, Mary Wiltse called the meeting to order. Phyllis Kreutzer led the opening prayer. All members repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Marlene McKim called roll with three officers absent. The minutes were read and approved as written. Nancy McKim gave the treasurer's report. No bills were presented.

Linda Frost and Nancy McKim

were appointed co-chairmen of the District meeting to be held October 22nd and 23rd. The officers will perform The Does Memorial service at the May 10 meeting, and should wear their white formals.

Hostess for the evening were Connie Fiddler, Karen Ramsey and Kenna Nixon. Door prizes were won by Linda Frost, Marlene and Nancy McKim. Hostess for the May 10th meeting are Chairperson Gina Scheitel, Mary Wiltse and Susan Witt.



**DAR Essay Contest Honorees, L-R:** Karen Boatright, Jayme Ewers, Ethan Boatright, Dayton Snethen, Aryauna Clements, Bowdy Jones, Ella Glathar, Emersyn Courtney, Peyton Brown, Kaydence Rego and Jack Munford.

## Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest

Every year the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

### Runza® FC raises money for Backpack program

On Tuesday, April 13, Runza® Restaurants conducted the 4th annual Runza® Feeds the Need fundraiser. The \$40,139.09 raised from all locations will benefit hunger and food insecurity related efforts in each Runza® community. This year Runza, Falls City raised money for Falls City Richardson Foundation Backpack Program.

In Runza® territory, one in six children may not know when or where their next meal will come from. "Kids struggling to get enough to eat are more likely to have problems in school and other social situations and are at higher risk for health conditions like anemia and asthma," stated Becky Perrett, Director of Marketing for Runza® National. "As a company in the food industry, we are very aware of the importance of food and basic nutrition in everyone's lives."

presents an essay-writing contest based on historical events. Falls City Middle School social studies teachers Karen Boatright and Jack Munford encourage their students to participate in this writing competition. This year marked the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre, where students "witnessed and described the Boston Massacre and their family's discussion of the events and the role this played in the American Revolution." First place local winners were sent to the state level and if they won there, their essays competed at the division level. Those that won divisions were entered in the national essay contest.

This year the sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade essays won first, second, and third place at the local level and the first place winners advanced to the

state competition. The eighth grade first place winner was Jayme Ewers, the second place winner was Ethan Boatright, and the third place winner was Aryauna Clements. The seventh grade first place winner was Ella Glathar, the second place winner was Peyton Brown, and the third place winner was Kadence Rego. The sixth grade first place winner was Dayton Snethen, second place winner was Bowdy Jones, and the third place winner was Emersyn Courtney.

First-place winners at the state level from Falls City were sixth grade, Dayton Snethen, and eighth grade, Jayme Ewers. Placing second at the state level was Ella Glathar, seventh grade.

Due to the COVID-19 social restrictions, students could not be recognized at the DAR reception but were honored for their accomplishments.



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

**(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**

Twila R. Taiclet, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; count three, possess money while violate 28-416(1), plead not guilty; count four, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), plead not guilty. Case continued to May 25, 2021 for pretrial-further hearing.

Michael E. Tinsley, count one, possess (meth)amphetamine 28-139 gram, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs w/o tax paid, plead not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued to May 21, 2021 for pretrial-further hearing.

Sean J. Meyer, count one, commit child abuse intentional/no inj, amended to commit

child abuse negligently/no inj., plead no contest, found guilty-full presentence investigation ordered. Case continued to May 25, 2021 for sentencing.

Daniel L. Clary, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued to June 8, 2021 for hearing-status hearing.

Roger C. Duckett, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, drive during revocation/im-pound-first; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count four, fail to use turn signal, plead not guilty. Case continued to May 4, 2021 for pretrial-further hearing.

Natalie C. Auxier, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty-full presentence investigation ordered. Case continued to June 8, 2021 for sentencing.

Jared M. Dishong, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; count two, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), plead not guilty. Case continued to June 8, 2021 for pretrial-further hearing.

Deidra R. Kirkendall, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead guilty, found guilty-full presentence investigation ordered; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, charge dismissed

on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count three, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count four, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count five, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count six, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count seven, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count eight, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice. Case continued to May 21, 2021 for sentencing.

Deidra R. Kirkendall, count one, possess controlled substance, plead guilty, found guilty-full presentence investigation ordered. Case continued to May 21, 2021 for sentencing.

Dawn L. Hasley, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos-cntr subs Sch 1, plead not guilty; count two, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), plead not guilty. Case continued to May 25, 2021 for pretrial-further hearing.

Joshua D. Arington, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead no contest, found guilty-full presentence investigation ordered. Case continued to June 8, 2021 for sentencing.

**COUNTY COURT**

Jennifer N. Lehl, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-st, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty. Case continued to May 3, 2021 for sentencing.

**CITATIONS**

Tomee Ogden, of Rulo, count one, muffler violation, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Bobby Simmonds, of Falls City, count one, excess windshield and/or window tinting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Alexandria Cain, of Lawrence, KS, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of

\$49. Dustin Sheil, of Olathe, KS count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Dillion Lotter, of Auburn, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Tyran Antonio, of Sioux City, IA, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Deon Lyle, of San Antonio, TX, count one, speeding 16-20, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs of \$49.

Tomee Ogden of Rulo, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs of \$49.

Kelly Simpson, of Falls City, count one, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Tomee Ogden, of Rulo, count one, no operator's license on person, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Frederick Crittenden, of Omaha, count one, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Maria Perez Perez, of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15, plea guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75, and court costs of \$49.

Nelly Hernandez Trevino, of Carrollton, TX, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Michael Henderson, of Auburn, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs of \$49.

Saadq Muse, of Omaha, count one, speeding 21-35, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs of \$49.

Jimmie Kegler, of Omaha, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, unlawful/fict. display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs of \$49.

Harpaul Bajwa, of Lincoln, count one, speeding 16-20,

plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs of \$49.

James Blum, of Spirit Lake, IA, count one, violate no passing zone, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Walter Cole, of Salem, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Miguel Castro Lopez, of Fort Worth, TX, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs of \$49.

Elias Salinas, of Olivia, MN, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Jorge Aragon, of Omaha, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs of \$49.

Alexandra Mayer, of Austin, TX, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

David Kiepe, of Omaha, NE, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Kenneth Clinton, of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Deven Nycum, of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Trey Carter, of Falls City, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75, and court costs of \$49.

Michael Kinney, of Le Mars, IA, count one, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Jacob Eickhoff, of Falls City, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25, and court costs of \$49.

Philip Hitchcock, of Verdon, count one, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.



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The past and present of Peru State cheer coaches, L-R: former coach Brooke Earnest and new coaches Cara Cepuran and Carlene Cudney.

## Falls City pair to coach Peru State Competitive Cheer

It has been a goal for many years for a very successful mother-daughter team to eventually coach at the collegiate level in the competitive sport of cheer.

That dream has come true for Carlene Cudney and her daughter Cara Cepuran as they were recently announced as the new coaches for the Peru State competitive cheer team by Bobcat athletic director Wayne Albury.

Albury said, "Two years ago the College made the decision to move our cheer program to the competitive level in the NAIA. Coach Brooke Earnest did an excellent job of moving the program forward and getting things started at the competitive level."

Continuing Albury stated, "Recently Coach Earnest resigned her position to devote her time to her nursing career. Fortunately, we were able to secure the talents of Cara (Cepuran) and Carlene (Cudney) to take over the program. With their previous success as competitive cheer coaches, we are confident they will take the program to the next level."

The mother-daughter pair have been coaching cheer competitively since July of 1999. They be-

gan coaching the Falls City High School team and their teams and individuals have received many accolades. This includes, but not limited to, five consecutive championships in the Husker Nation Cheer competition, three years of winning the Nebraska State High School Game Day Class completion, and a National Cheer Association First Place in the International Competition - Small Co-Ed Division. In addition, their teams and/or individuals have chances to cheer at the NFL Pro Bowl.

In January 2010, Cepuran opened Champions Central Athletic in Falls City with her mother assisting her as a coach. During that time they have had several national championships including just recently as three of their teams - Level 1 Juniors, Level 1 Minis, and Level 1 Novice - all were named winners in the Redline National Championships.

They both have earned two Excellence In Coaching awards and Carlene was a COA Coach of the Year Nominee in 2016.

Most recently, Cepuran opened a satellite of Champions Central Athletic in Auburn.

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Second baseman Elijah Hernandez secures the catch on an infield pop out.

## Tiger baseball split a pair of contests last week

Story and photo by Brian McKim

For the second time in less than two weeks, the Falls City Tiger baseball team defeated Auburn, this time on the Bulldogs home turf. Falls City picked up the 9-2 win in Auburn on Thursday night.

Earlier in the week, the Tigers traveled West to Fairbury, falling to the Jeffs 8-4. A double-header slated for Friday evening against Hiawatha had to be postponed due to rainy weather. A makeup date of May 4 was set for the two teams to square off.

In Tuesday night's game against Fairbury, the Jeffs opened up a 3-0 lead in the first two innings of action.

FC got on the board in the top of the third. Kyler Frederick led off the inning, getting plunked by an errant pitch but was later picked off at second base. Singles by Jaxyn Strauss and Carson Bredemeier led to Falls City's first run. After stealing third base, Strauss scored on a throwing error to make it 3-1.

Falls City got another run in the top of the fifth. Calvin Crouse opened the inning with a hard base hit to left field. A walk

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## Irish team compete at Pawnee City

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart track teams took part in the Lewiston High School Invitational on Tuesday,

April 13, held at Pawnee City High School. Ten teams took part in the meet, with the Irish boys taking third with 70.5 points and the SH girls finishing fifth with 51.75 points. Tri County won the boy's side with 123.5, Freeman was second with 118, followed by the Irish boys. Sterling finished on top of the girl's standings with 93 points. Tri County (77) was second and Freeman (60) rounded out the top three.

Del Casteel came in third in the 100m dash for the Irish boys, sprinting down the track in 12.09. Jakob Jordan (54.36)

and Brogan Nachtigal (55.16) finished two and fourth in the 400m dash. Jake Froeschl covered the two laps in the 800m

run in 2:13.71 for fourth place. James Froeschl ran the mile in 5:15.77 to bring home fifth place. Casteel picked up his second medal of the day in the 110m high hurdles, finishing fifth in 17.76.

Casteel also finished sixth in the 300m hurdles, running a 46.43. The 4x400 relay team of Jordan, Jake Froeschl, Evan Keithley and Nachtigal ran a 3:51.44 for third place. The two-mile relay team ran a 9:26.87 for fourth place. Team members included Jordan, Sam Dunn, Keithley and James

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Ella Simon

## MAY 2021

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup> - CINCO DE MAYO!!**  
 Everyone actively playing at 12pm will get \$20 in free play, plus get \$20 in free play for June!  
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm  
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every 1/2 hour 6pm-12am.

**SUNDAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup> - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**  
 Happy Mother's Day!! 10% off Lunch or Dinner Special for the day for MOMS ONLY!!  
 Hot Seat Drawings for MOMS only to win a gift or free play every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm and 6pm-12am.

**PROGRESSIVE SATURDAY GIVEAWAYS ON MAY 1, 8, 15 & 22**  
 Hot Seat Progressive Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm.  
 Hot Seat Progressive Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in free play every 1/2 hour 6pm-12am.  
 (Excludes the 9pm, 11pm & 1am drawing)  
 Registration Progressive CASH Drawings to win \$1,000 at 9pm, \$1,250 at 11pm & \$1,500 at 1am.  
 (Registration will begin at 7pm. You can only win one of the big cash drawings)

**FRIDAY-MONDAY, MAY 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> - MEMORIAL WEEKEND CELEBRATION!!**  
 Fri., May 28 & Sat., May 29 - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play or cash every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in free play or cash every 1/2 hour 6pm-12am.  
 Registration Progressive CASH Drawings to win \$1,500 at 9pm, \$2,500 at 11pm & \$5,000 at 1am.  
 We will draw 10 people for each drawing at 9pm, 11pm & 1am. We will put those winners in a barrel and draw one person from that to win the cash prize. The remaining 9 winners will get a consolation prize and their name will be put back into the big barrel for the chance to win the next cash drawing.  
 (Registration will begin at 7pm. See Player's Club for details. You can only win one of the big cash drawings.)  
 Sun., May 30 - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play or cash every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm.  
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play or cash every 1/2 hour 6pm-12am.  
 Mon., May 31 - Everyone actively playing at noon will get \$20 in free play at 12pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play or cash every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play or cash every 1/2 hour 6pm-12am.

**SUNDAYS** - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm.  
**LADIES NIGHT** - ALL Ladies who come in between 6pm-8pm will get \$20 in free play. Free play will be put on in a timely manner. LADIES ONLY Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play and a gift every 1/2 hour 9pm-12am. (Excludes May 9 & 30)

**MONDAYS** - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm.  
**GUY'S NIGHT** - ALL Guys who come in between 6pm-8pm will get \$20 in free play. Free play will be put on in a timely manner. GUY'S ONLY Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play and a gift every 1/2 hour 9pm-12am. (Excludes May 11)

**TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS** - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every 1/2 hour 6pm-12am, plus each winner will get \$50 in free play for the month of May! (Excludes Wednesdays, May 1)

**FRIDAYS**  
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm!! Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every 1/2 hour 6pm-12am, plus get an extra entry into the CASH drawings on Saturdays, May 8, 15 & 22!! (Excludes May 23)

## MORE MAY EVENTS

**DAILY SPECIAL EVENTS**

**TEXT NOW ALERT** - If you get a text now alert on one of these days (Mon., Tues, 1st) you get \$20 in free play, stop by the Player's Club desk, and show them your phone text and you will get \$20 in free play! Must have a valid ID. Rules and regulations apply!

**MONDAY - GIFT SHOP PROMOTION DAY!**  
 If you purchase any item(s) from the gift shop valued at \$10 or more, you will get \$20 in free play! (Does not include promotions will be from 12pm-4pm. Purchase must be 120 or more from the gift shop on Monday only. This promotion is only valid due to the purchase, and you must have a receipt to get the \$20 in free play. One receipt per day per person.)

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

**WEDNESDAYS - CASINO WHITE CLOUD APPAREL DAY** - Anyone who comes on both Casino White Cloud apparel will get \$20 in free play. Stop by the Player's Club Desk to see how you can purchase casino apparel from our gift shop! No home-made apparel will be accepted, must have casino logo imprint. (Excludes May 3)

**THURSDAY, MAY 13<sup>th</sup> - ARMED FORCES DAY!** All Military personnel will get \$20 in free play with a valid ID! Must have a valid Military ID (Active duty, reserve, disabled, or veteran with proof of service) to receive \$20 in free play!

**NEW MEMBERS - GET \$50 IN FREE PLAY FOR SIGNING UP IN MAY!! (\$25 IN MAY AND \$25 IN JUNE)!** If you sign up as a new member on the excluded days, you will get the full \$50 in free play on JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are a current member of the Player's Club and you bring a new member in, you will get \$20 in free play. (Excludes dates are May 1, 5, 8, 9, 15, 22 & 28-31)

**BIRTHDAY MONTH** - If you are a current member of the Player's Club, and it is your birthday month, stop by the Player's Club desk, and you will get \$20 in free play for your birthday and if you come in on your birthday you get an extra \$10 in free play!

**BINGO PROMOTIONS**

**Senior Sunday** - All Seniors (75 and over) get \$10 off their bingo bet!! (Must have a valid ID)

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## Tiger golfers complete busy week

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger golf team kept busy last week. The varsity had two meets on the calendar, first at Kirkman's Lakeview Golf Course in Humboldt and the second at Wildwood Golf Course in Nebraska City.

On Tuesday, HTRS hosted the seven-team tournament. Southern/Diller-Odell won the team race with 387 strokes. Auburn and Falls City were close behind with 390 strokes. HTRS was fourth with a 417, Johnson County Central was fifth with a 483, Nebraska City shot a 497 for sixth and Centennial was seventh.

Falls City finished with two medalists for the day. Lukas Aldana placed second, shooting an 82 and Lindsey McNeely was seventh with a 96. Cam Binder took top overall honors firing a 75. Jacob Joy of HTRS was third with a 92.

As a team, Falls City scored a 390. Aldana shot a 40 on the front nine and a 42 on the back for his 82. McNeely shot a 46/50 for her score of 96. Wade Wason had a 56/49 for a 105. Justin Brewer came in with a 55 on the front and a 52 on the back to finish at 107 and Rayce Farmer had a 57/51 for a score of 108.

For HTRS/PC, Joy was the top golfer with a 44/48. Nic Knudson (58/50) and Andy Stalder (52/56) both shot 108's. Hunter Frey fired a 50/59 for a 109 and Keegan Vetrovsky shot a 78/85 for a score of 163.

On Thursday, April 15, the Tiger golfers competed at the Par 72 Wildwood Golf Course in Nebraska City. Aldana was the only FC golfer to finish in the top ten. Aldana shot a 17-over 89 to finish in ninth place. Harrison Weddell of Elkhorn North had the best score of the day, winning the event with an 81. As a team, Falls City finished with 421 to finish eighth out of 12 teams. Lincoln Lutheran won the team event with a 366. Elkhorn North was second at 373 and Waverly was third at 383.

For the day, Aldana went out

with a 45 and came back into the clubhouse with a 44 for his score of 89. McNeely was 29th with her score of 51/52 for a 103. Carson Simon shot a 58/52 for a 110, Wason had a 61/58 for a 119 and Farmer shot a 63/61 for a 124.

On Friday, April 9, the Tiger JV team played in Sabetha. Wamego won the team race with a 232. Falls City finished the day with a 279 to finish fifth out of eight teams. Simon had the best score of the day for Falls City with a 62. Gilkerson was next with a 67, Scholl fired a 70, Killingsworth had an 80 and Frederick shot an 85 for the Tigers.

Falls City hosted a JV invite on Monday. The varsity team will compete on Tuesday, April 20, at Woodland Hills Golf Course for the East Central Nebraska Conference tournament. FC will turn right around and play at Wymore Southern on Wednesday, April 21.

## FC pair to coach PSC Competitive Cheer

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"Words cannot describe how exciting and fulfilling it is to be a coach for Peru State College. I look forward to being on the sidelines and on the competition floor with these incredible athletes. Go Cats!" said Cudney.

"I am very excited to start the journey at Peru State College! As a coach, I look forward to what the future holds for Bobcat cheer and excited to building upon this great program. It's been wonderful to have such welcoming staff while we transition into this position!" said Cepuran. "I feel blessed to have this opportunity and be a part of Peru State College! Let's Go Bobcats!"

The duo have already hit the recruiting trail after taking part in the first tryout which was held recently. They will be hosting another tryout on May 1 with more details coming out about this opportunity soon.

## Irish team compete at Pawnee

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Froeschl. Tyler Catlin took the silver medal in the pole vault at 11-00 and Dunn tied for fifth at 8-00. Jake Froeschl went 18-02.25 for fifth place in the long jump. Nachtigal took the gold in the shot put (44-02.25) and Derek Schawang was fourth at 40-00.25. Nachtigal also the silver in the discus, tossing 138-09 for second.

For the Lady Irish, Ella Simon had a banner day. Simon set the school record in the 3200m run, completing the race in 12:56.74. Simon eclipsed the old record of 12:57.2 set by Elizabeth Bieker in 2006. Adding to her gold medal finish in the two-mile, Simon also finished third in the mile in 6:08.61. Lainey Ebel ran the 400m dash in 67.01 for fourth place. Eri Vonderschmidt ran a 19.27 for third place in the 100 hurdles and a 54.08 in the 300m hurdles, also for third place. The 4x400m relay team of Ebel, DeLanie Witt, Simon and Vonderschmidt finished sixth in 4:51.34. The two-mile relay team of Ebel, Witt, Jessica Wertenberger and Simon ran an 11:42.59 for third place. London Nachtigal cleared 4-04 in the high jump to tie for fifth place and she went 13-07 in the long jump for third. Witt went 5-06 to pick up two points for fifth place in the pole vault. Finally, Macy Keller threw the discus 91-06 for fourth place.

Sacred Heart hosted the Robert A. Roh Irish Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday, April 20, at Syracuse High School. The Irish will also participate in the MUDECAS Track Meet on Saturday, April 24, at Pawnee City.

## Tiger athletes improving at every track meet

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger boy's and girl's track team ran at the 2021 Scott Nisely Invite at Syracuse High School on Thursday, April 15. The Falls City athletes continue to show improvement from one week to the next. On Thursday, the Tigers set 26 personal records at the meet. The Tigers boys had 18 PR's while the Lady Tigers set 8 PR's.

For the day, the Tiger girls finished with 20 points and in ninth place. Beatrice won the meet with 107 points, Norris was second with 88.33, Syracuse was third with 80, Fairbury was fourth with 61.16 and Superior was fifth with 46.

On the boy's side, Falls City scored 31 points and also finished in ninth place. Norris won the meet with 140.33 points. Lincoln Christian was second with 66, Crete was third with 49, Beatrice was fourth with 47 and Superior was fifth with 43.

RaeAnn Thompson continued to tear up the track, placing second in the 100m dash (12.82), just .02 seconds away from first. Lillian Thomas scored six points for the Tigers, placing third in the 400m dash in 1:04.25. In the two-mile, Brenna Leyden ran a 13:27.58 for a sixth-place finish. Falls City's 4x800m relay team of Ava

Armbruster, Emmy Feek, Leyden and Nia Crawford ran an 11:21.03 to place sixth. Madi Jones scored points for FC in the triple jump, leaping 32-05.00 for fourth place.

Jayden Kreifels placed fifth in the 100m dash for the boys, breaking the tape in 11.66. Jared Hawley continued to run tough in the 800m, covering the two laps in 2:09.38 for fourth place. In the 110 high hurdles, Will Vitosh ran a 17.10 to score one point for a sixth-place finish. The 4x100m relay team of Jayden Kreifels, Vitosh, Jace Heckenlively and Leighton Vice ran a 45.86 for third place. The boy's 4x800m relay team also scored points, finishing fifth in 9:11.96. Team members included Brock Hogue, Alex McKim, Jared Hawley and Eli Bottom. Jace Heckenlively went 20-01.00 for a fourth-place finish in the long jump. Brock Hogue also took home fourth place, leaping 38-07 in the triple jump. Closing out the scoring for the Tiger boys, Jaden Nolte heaved the shot put 45-11 for a silver medal.

Falls City will hit the track again on Thursday, April 22, in Louisville. FC will then host the Falls City Invitational on Tuesday, April 27, at Jug Brown Stadium, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

## Tiger baseball split a pair of contests last week

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by Caden Dunkhas and a hit-by-pitch loaded the bases with no outs. A sac fly by Strauss scored Crouse and got FC within one run at 3-2. Back-to-back flyouts ended any chance of a big offensive inning for the Tigers.

Fairbury padded their lead in the bottom half of the fifth, scoring three runs to push their lead to 6-2.

In the sixth, a one-out walk by Dalton Helmick started a rally. Cameron Schramm reached on an error and Crouse singled to right field to score Helmick and make it 6-3. Schramm then scored on a steal of home to cut the lead to 6-4. That, is as close as Falls City would get.

Fairbury added two insurance runs in the sixth to make the final 8-4. Fairbury outhit FC, 7-5 in the seven-inning affair.

Crouse led FC at the plate, going 2-3 with an RBI. Bredemeier was 2-4 and Strauss was 1-4 with an RBI. McNeely threw four innings, allowing seven hits and six runs (four earned) in the loss.

In Thursday's win over Auburn, Falls City jumped all over Bulldog starter Tye Ommert. FC forced Ommert out of the game after just 2 1/3 innings, scoring five runs on three hits and six walks. Bredemeier threw a complete-game gem, tossing seven innings, allowing six hits, two runs and just one walk.

Bredemeier led off the contest with a walk. Strauss doubled to left field and a walk by Stephen Acton loaded the bases. A walk by Helmick led to Falls City's first run. The second bases-loaded walk of the inning, this time by Dunkhas, made it 2-0.

Auburn got one run back in the bottom of the first, but FC stormed right back for two more runs to take a 4-1 lead. With two outs, Strauss drew a walk, followed by a single to right field by McNeely. A double to left field by Acton scored both runners to give FC the 4-1 advantage.

In the third, a walk by Dunkhas, followed by a hit by pitch and a Hernandez walk loaded the base paths. Bredemeier drove in a run with a fielder's choice to make it 5-1. Another hit by pitch loaded the bases and McNeely brought in two runs with a single to the right fielder. Strauss then scored on an error to make it 8-1.

FC scored their final run of the game in the fifth. Walks by Strauss and McNeely led to Strauss scoring on a wild pitch to give the Tigers a 9-1 advantage. Auburn scored a late run in the seventh to make the final 9-2.

Auburn outhit Falls City 6-5, but the Tiger batters used 12 walks and two hit by pitches to get the win.

Acton went 1-4 at the plate with a double and two RBI. Strauss by 1-2 with a double and four runs scored and McNeely was 2-4 with two runs batted in.

FC improved to 2-8 for the season with the win. FC played at East Atchison on Monday and will host West Nodaway on Thursday, April 22 and Bishop LeBlond on Monday, April 26.



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## On-farm research opportunities exist for Southeast Nebraska farmers

By Gary Lesoing

I had the opportunity to participate in the On-farm Research Reporting sessions last month in Auburn and Nebraska City and which was also available virtually for participants. There were a number of projects reported on at the meeting; in 2020 there were over 100 on-farm research projects conducted through the Nebraska Extension On-Farm Research Program. We had a few conducted here in southeast Nebraska. Daryl Obermeyer, Nebraska Soybean Board member from Nemaha County has a cover crop/soil health research project being conducted on his farm east of Auburn in Nemaha County. This study was initiated in 2016. He is planting winter-hardy vs. winter-terminated cover crops and determining their impact on the subsequent corn and soybean yields in his corn-soybean-wheat crop rotation. In 2020 both corn and soybeans planted following the winter hardy cover crop and winter-terminated cover crops had similar yields and were not significantly affected by the different cover crop treatments. Corn yields were (208 bu/ac vs 213 bu/ac) and soybean yields were (73 bu/ac vs 76 bu/ac) following the winter-hardy vs the winter-terminated cover crops, respectively. This is different than in 2017 when corn following the winter-hardy cover crop yielded significantly less than the winter-terminated cover crop (168 bu/ac vs 183 bu/ac) and in 2018 when soybeans following the winter-hardy cover crops yielded significantly less than the winter-terminated cover crop (59 bu/ac vs 65 bu/ac). In 2017 soybean yields were similar following winter-hardy and winter terminated cover crops (61 bu/ac vs 62 bu/ac) respectively. In 2018 corn yields were similar (240 bu/ac vs 243 bu/ac) for the winter-hardy vs the winter-terminated cover crops, respectively. This site is also an NRCS Demonstration Farm that will go for 5 years. Crop yields will be measured each year of the study. Stephen Kennedy, Resource Conservationist, USDA NRCS and Aaron Hird, Nebraska Soil Health Specialist NRCS collected soil samples for base-line soil data and at the end of the five-year period will collect samples to determine if this cropping system impacted soil health as well.

This is just a sample of the many on-farm research projects we have in Nebraska each year. The on-farm research program has been conducted across Ne-

braska with Nebraska Extension for several years.

This program is expanding and getting stronger with support from the Nebraska Corn Board and Nebraska Soybean Board. These research projects cover products, practices, and new technologies that impact farm productivity and profitability. There are some projects that will pay farmers to participate and provide products for farmers to evaluate. In 2019 a soybean study was initiated to compare baseline soybean management practices compared to improved soybean management practices. Four studies conducted on-farm in Nebraska in 2019 showed the improved treatment resulted in an average 8 bu/ac yield increase and \$46/ac profit increase compared to the baseline treatment. In 2020 six studies were conducted in Nebraska with the improved treatment resulting in an average of 5.4 bu/ac yield increase and \$27.92/ac profit increase compared to the baseline treatment. This is part of a larger seven state project in the Midwest.

In 2021 they are looking for more farmers to participate in this study. To find out more about this project go to; <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/2020/farm-research-study-investigate-practices-increase-soybean-yield>. If you want to see the 2020 On-Farm Research publication go to: <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/farmresearch/farm-research-result-publications>. If you want a hard copy, contact your local Extension Educator and they can get you a copy.

To find out more about the on-farm research program go to: <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/on-farm-research>.

If interested in participating in these studies, Please contact Laura Thompson – 402-245-2224 [laura.thompson@unl.edu](mailto:laura.thompson@unl.edu) or for specifics on the above.

If interested in conducting on-farm research, feel free to contact me as well, Gary Lesoing, Extension Educator in southeast Nebraska who is a member of the On-Farm Research Network.

You can reach me at (402) 274-4755, (402) 274-9639 (cell) or [glesoing2@unl.edu](mailto:glesoing2@unl.edu)

### MAKING IT RIGHT

In the April 14, 2021 *Falls City Journal*, Carson Bredemeier was omitted from being mentioned in the National Honor Society article. He was ill the night of the ceremony, but he was to be inducted with the Class of 2020.

# OBITUARIES

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## Ruth Vollmer Schwasinger

Ruth Ellen Vollmer Schwasinger, 86, passed away in Pittsboro, North Carolina, on Friday, December 11, 2020. Ruth was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on July 16, 1934, the daughter of the late Irvin and Wilhelmina (Hellmann) Vollmer of Verdon, Nebraska.

As a Registered Dietician, she held various positions in the dietetic and nutrition field, including establishing a dietetic consulting business. Ruth found pleasure and joy in her faith and her church. For the past twenty-one years, she lived with her sister, Kathryn, and shared a love of church, travel, cooking and attending concerts, plays and lectures.

Ruth is survived by her children, Natalie (Ben) Bakke and Brett (Renae) Schwasinger, her grandchildren, Benjamin (Julie) Bakke, Brittany Schwasinger, Bridger (Breann) Schwasinger and Kaylee Schwasinger; her sister, Kathryn Vollmer; and nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 1:30 P.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 6 miles north. Inurnment will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund, Concordia Seminary of St. Louis and Lutheran Indian Ministries.

## Patrick Bembrick

Patrick Stephen Bembrick of Hiawatha died unexpectedly Wednesday morning, April 9, 2021, shortly after arrival at Hiawatha Community Hospital. He was 52.

He later worked in Hiawatha, first at Flair Fold (Abitibi) wood shutter manufacturing plant for nine years prior to working at Wilde Tool Co. for 26 years, of which he was currently working as a metal forger.

Patrick married Rebecca Arnold, August 31, 1991, at Troy. To this union, Dean and Vanessa were immediately welcomed to the family. Pat and Rebecca first lived at Horton a short time before making Hiawatha their home in 1992. Becky survives at home.

Also surviving are son Dean (Michelle) of Santa Maria, CA, daughter Vanessa Tangen of Hiawatha, his mother Jackie Hodge of Troy, brother Mike Bembrick (Lisa) also of Troy; eight grand-

children: Jacob and Garret Holm, Trinidee Gifford, Arabella Holm, Destinee O'Dell, Daniel Tangen, Zach (Cassie) and Alyssa Tangen; five great-grandchildren, with numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are planned for Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 11 a.m., at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha.

The family will receive friends starting at 9:30 Saturday morning until services.

Masks optional, observe social distancing.

Memorials to North Brown County Ministerial Alliance to be used for children in crisis or for drug/alcohol abuse programs, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., 66434.

Please remember the family during this time with a card or note of remembrance to [www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com). Service live-streamed thru website.

## Take in America Day to be held May 1 at Verdon Lake

Take Pride in America Day is a day for people to get outside and contribute their time and energy to making a difference in our state parks and wildlife

areas. It is a national partnership established by U.S. Department of the Interior to encourage and empower volunteers to improve our parks, lakes, wildlife areas and cultural and historic sites.

Anyone can volunteer and pitch in on Take Pride in America Day. Volunteers under the age of 19 must have parental permission, and the range of volunteer projects will be limited.

Take Pride Day is designed for individuals who wish to make a one-time contribution to our parks system and for groups such as service clubs and youth organizations to play a valuable proprietorship role in parks in their areas.

Verdon Lake State Recreation Area located near the town of Verdon will be the focus of such an event this year. Start time is 9am and will finish at the noon. Activities include cutting trees, wood chipping, cleaning and painting restrooms, picking up trash, cleaning grills, and painting and repairing picnic tables.

Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required by April 29 to ensure a correct count. For more information and to pre-register you may do so by calling the Indian Cave State Park office at 402-883-2575.

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# Stay safe when working in the yard this spring and summer

A day spent working in the yard is an ideal way to pass the time on spring and summer afternoons. A pristine landscape can add value to a property and instill pride in homeowners who put a lot of thought and effort into their lawns and gardens.

A sun-soaked day can make it easy to overlook potential threats when working in a lawn or garden. But safety precautions are of the utmost necessity when working in the yard, where the risk for serious injury is considerable. For example, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons reports that, in 2016, more than 90,000 patients, including nearly 5,000 children, were treated in hospital emergency rooms for lawn mower-related injuries.

Lawn- and garden-related injuries can be prevented without going to great lengths.

Know your terrain before mowing. Knowing the terrain in your own yard can reduce the risk for accident or injury. This can be especially important when mowing the lawn with a riding mower. Adhere to manufacturers' recommendations regarding inclines to reduce tip-over accidents that can pin riders beneath the mower. Study hilly areas of the yard prior to mowing so you know which areas are safe to mow with a riding mower and which areas are best mowed with a walk-behind mower. For greater control when using a walk-behind mower on an incline, mow parallel to the slope.

Apply and reapply sunscreen. Sunburns may not require trips to the emergency room, but they can still be serious. In fact, the Skin Cancer Foundation notes that sunburn is a leading cause in the majority of cases of basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma, which is the deadliest form of skin cancer. The SCF recommends applying sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside to allow the sunscreen to bond to your skin. Re-apply sunscreen at least every two hours, and more often if you're sweating excessively. The SCF recommends broad spectrum sunscreens, which protect the skin from both UVA and UVB rays. Though a product with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 is acceptable when walking the dog or driving to work, the SCF advises using a product with an SPF of 30 or higher when engaging in extended outdoor activities like gardening or mowing.

Employ the buddy system. Use the buddy system when pruning tall trees or performing any tasks that require a ladder. The Orthopedic Institute of Pennsylvania reports that more than 164,000 people are injured each year falling off a ladder. Ask a significant other or neighbor to hold the ladder in place while you climb up to reduce your risk of falling. If cutting large branches, cut them piecemeal to reduce the risk of being injured by heavy falling branches.

Inspect the property for insect hives. The OIP notes that the most common insect stings in spring come from bees, wasps and hornets. Homeowners who are not careful can inadvertently come across hives when doing spring cleanup, making them vulnerable to bites and stings. That can be very dangerous for anyone, and especially so for people with a history of allergic reactions to insect bites or stings. Inspect areas where you'll be working to make sure insects haven't put down roots in your property. If you discover any hives and are hesitant to remove them on your own, contact a local landscaping firm.

Lawn and garden accidents and injuries can be serious. Thankfully, accidents and injuries are easily prevented when homeowners take a few simple safety precautions while tending to their lawns and gardens.

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## Day of the Child El Día de los Niños

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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with fun community activities:

1. Draw and color pictures or \_\_\_\_\_ and hang them around your community.
2. Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a \_\_\_\_\_ on the street.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
4. Listen to and \_\_\_\_\_ to the music of a mariachi band.
5. Try \_\_\_\_\_ cutting, origami, cookie dough art or arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
6. Enjoy snacks: apples, cookies, \_\_\_\_\_, ice cream.
7. Go to a children's \_\_\_\_\_ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
8. Visit your \_\_\_\_\_ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages - English and Spanish).
9. Work with your family to be in a menudo \_\_\_\_\_ contest or other event (hint: think food).
10. Hang banners, write \_\_\_\_\_, put on plays that show what's great about being a kid.
11. Watch a \_\_\_\_\_ show such as "La Cucaracha" (The Cockroach).
12. Have a blast with family and friends making a \_\_\_\_\_ and then breaking it.
13. Hear Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ read their books aloud.
14. Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their \_\_\_\_\_ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
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# SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

All suspect's are innocent until proven guilty.



On April 4, 2021, Richardson County Deputies Arrested 32-year-old Gary Robertson of Falls City, NE, for Driving Under Suspension. Robertson was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On April 16, 2021, Richardson County Sheriff Deputies Arrested 37-year-old Chance Simon of Falls City, NE, on a Richardson County Warrant for Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) within 1000 ft of a playground, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), and Possession of Money while violating a Drug Statute. Simon was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On April 8, 2021, Richardson County Deputies Arrested 40-year-old Tara Tackett of Falls City, NE, for Driving Under Suspension. Tackett was booked into the Richardson County Jail



On April 8, 2021, at about 10:30am, Richardson County Deputies arrested 22 year-old Dylan G. Noble of Rulo, Nebraska for a Richardson County Arrest Warrant for Theft by Shoplifting. Mr. Noble was also arrested for Attempted Burglary and Criminal Mischief after an attempted burglary of Wild Bill's Bar & Grill in Rulo.



On April 6, 2021, Richardson County Deputies Arrested 41-year-old Jason Brownell of Falls City, NE, for Driving Under Suspension and on a Richardson County Warrant. Brownell was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On April 4, 2021, Richardson County Sheriff's Office Received into Custody 37-year-old Travis Gilbert of Fairview, KS, on a Richardson County Warrant for Theft By Unlawful Taking \$1500-\$4999. Gilbert was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



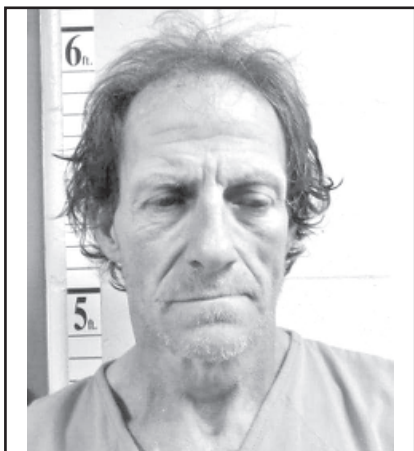
On April 9, 2021, Richardson County Deputies Arrested 21-year-old Broderick Smith of Falls City, NE, on a Richardson County Warrant for Operating a Motor Vehicle to Avoid Arrest, Willful Reckless Driving, and other Traffic Violations. Smith was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On April 12, 2021, Richardson County Deputies Arrested 71-year-old William McGinnis of Rulo, NE, for Driving Under Suspension. Mr. McGinnis was also cited for Open Container. McGinnis was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On April 13, 2021, Richardson County Deputies Arrested 35-year-old Michael Sanders of Council Bluffs, IA, for Driving Under Suspension and on a Hall County Warrant. Sanders was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On April 2, 2021, Richardson County Deputies Arrested 52-year-old Mickey Gilliland of Table Rock, NE, for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Habitual Offender. Gilliland was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On 04/13/2021, Richardson County Deputies Arrested 42-year-old Nicole Harkendorff of Lincoln, NE, on a Richardson County Warrant. Harkendorff was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

## E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of April:  
General Fund -- \$276,116.56  
Payroll -- \$439,254.35  
NCECBVI -- \$22,600.13  
Federal Programs -- \$8,955.07  
The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI), 824 10th Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will hold their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. Registration is recommended for attendance at this meeting. Please contact Ellen Stokebrand to register. Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

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## B.O.P.W.

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS April 1, 2021 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 1st day of April, 2021, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. Absent: Bartek. Ray Lühring recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the minutes for the March 18, 2021 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "ABSENT" Bartek.

#### AGENDA

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Campbell to approve the April 1, 2021 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "ABSENT" Bartek.

**UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**  
A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Campbell to approve the Utility Superintendent Report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Bartek. Motion carried.

**10 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**  
No action was taken.

**AGE - UTILITIES IN OWN NAME**  
A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to change the age to have utilities in someone's own name from 19 years old to 18 years old providing they are not a ward of the State. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Bartek. Motion carried.

**PROPOSAL FOR FLOW METER INSTALLATION AT WWTP**

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Campbell to recommend to the City Council to accept the bid from Midlands in the amount of \$26,070.00 plus an additional \$2,000.00 for bypass pumping for a total of \$28,070.00. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Bartek. Motion carried.

**CUSTOMER #346 SEWER ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Campbell to credit the sewer portion of the bill including tax by the amount of \$156.97. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Bartek. Motion carried.

**CUSTOMER #3079 SEWER ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to credit the sewer portion of the bill including tax by the amount of \$171.59. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Bartek. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Joy to approve the claims for March, 2021 as follows: Electric Department - \$1,697,627.95, Water Department \$309,147.87; Mechanic Shop - \$9,026.74; Gas Department - \$111,645.82- Sewer - \$42,083.03. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Campbell, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Bartek. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40PM.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on April 1, 2021 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jom, City Clerk  
Tom Bartek, Secretary  
Merle Veigel, Chairman  
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# Nebraska has paused Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

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Communication Meeting, Gary Jom reported that the city is waiting to see what the next month will bring to see when they can open the Aquatic Center. He said they were hoping for a Memorial Day weekend opening. They will be filling the pool in the next two to three weeks and getting everything ready.

Jom also reported that Prichard Auditorium and the Candlelight Cabin are open and available for rental.

On Friday, April 16, The Southeast District Health Department reported 778 confirmed cases in Richardson County, with 23 confirmed deaths, up from 773 cases and 23 deaths the week prior.

The District as a whole reported 3,871 confirmed cases and 61 deaths, up from 3,830 and 61 deaths the week prior. There were 237 cases, four deaths in Pawnee County, 770 confirmed cases, 13 deaths in Nemaha County; 652 confirmed cases, 10 deaths in Johnson County; and 1,434 confirmed cases and 11 deaths in Otoe County.

As of April 16, 2021, The District as a whole reported 23,511 total vaccination administered resulting in 32.12 percent of the population being fully vaccinated; 44.01 partially vaccinated and 23.87 percent unvaccinated.

Richardson County reported 4,638 total vaccination administered with 30.24 percent of the population fully vaccinated; 42.32 percent of the population partially vaccinated and 27.44 percent unvaccinated.

Test Nebraska, a partnership between the State of Nebraska and

Nomi Health, reached a significant milestone last week: completing 750,210 COVID tests in both urban and rural communities throughout the state over the past year.

"The State of Nebraska, in partnership with Nomi Health, CHI St. Elizabeth, and others, acted decisively at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in establishing Test Nebraska," said Governor Pete Ricketts. "Test Nebraska was - and remains - one of the only programs in the country offering burden-free testing. This model ensures that Nebraskans are not required to show a doctor's note or proof of insurance to access a COVID-19 test."

Added Incident Commander Angie Ling: "Over 75 percent of Test Nebraska site locations are outside of major urban areas and we remain committed to continue testing throughout the state. While vaccinations continue, it is important to continue to remain vigilant and utilize Test Nebraska when necessary by visiting test-nebraska.com."

"Nomi Health is proud to assist the State of Nebraska in supporting Test Nebraska and providing 750,000 COVID-19 tests throughout the last year," said June Steely, MD, medical director for Nomi Health. "From Scottsbluff to Omaha, the Nomi team has worked diligently to deliver burden-free testing to any Nebraskan. Nomi remains committed to providing testing through its partnership with Gov. Ricketts and the State of Nebraska."

## Remember farm and highway safety

By Gary Lesoing, Extension Educator Nebraska Extension

With warm weather scheduled to arrive soon and fields drying out, farmers will be getting full swing into spring field work; especially fertilizer and pesticide application and planting corn and soybeans. It is important for safety to be an important focus for farmers and others in our rural communities during this busy time of the year. With farmers working to complete field operations so crops can be planted in a timely manner, risk of farm accidents can increase. When people get in a hurry, they tend to forget to check everything and are not as careful. Agriculture is the second most dangerous industry in the United States. Approximately 100 children and youth die in farm work accidents annually in the United States.

In the spring of 2010 there were five farm fatalities in Nebraska in a matter of a few weeks. There have been a number of ATV injuries and fatalities to youth on farms in Nebraska and other states in recent years as well. It is extremely important to be aware of farm hazards to prevent potential farm accidents and even fatalities on the farm. It is important for farmers and travelers alike to be aware of the dangers of equipment being transported on the highways and country roads. We will need to be careful and drive defensively at all times. Be careful when moving equipment on the highway! There have been a number of accidents on highways in recent years.

Sometimes it is very difficult to see, especially around dusk or dawn when the sun sometimes blinds you as you drive toward it. Country roads can be dusty, making driving particularly hazardous when equipment is moving from field to field. While these conditions call for cautious driving for the traveler, farmers need to have the proper SMV (Slow Moving Vehicle) signs on their equipment. It is

also important that farm tractors and sprayers have functioning hazard-warning lights. Operating headlights and hazard-warning lights provide advance warning for other drivers on highways and country roads. When traveling at night, make sure all the hazard lights and headlights are working properly and be extremely careful watching out for traffic on the highway and county roads.

Safety at the farmstead and in the field must not be overlooked either. Always be aware of any power lines that equipment could come in contact with. Equipment, tractor, and truck operators must always be aware of other people in the area, particularly young children and elderly people. When entering the farmyard, especially at night, be alert to pedestrians. If you are starting up and will be moving equipment, check to make sure everything is clear and there isn't anyone playing or looking around the equipment. Many times young children may be playing in and around equipment and are difficult to see. Sometimes people may be looking at equipment and they do not hear it being started up and may end up in the way and at risk of getting injured. Always protect yourself, use caution, and practice safety first! Also do not forget safety around in and around grain handling facilities, especially grain bins and grain handling equipment. There have been way to many tragic accidents in the area and in Nebraska the past couple of years involving grain handling!

Safety in the field must not be overlooked either. While you may be very careful when you're on the road or at the farmstead when other people are involved, don't forget safety in the field. We must not ignore safety when we're in the field. Always be sure to follow all safety guidelines listed in the manufacturer's operator manual and always have shields in place, and support equipment properly when working under it. The bottom line is "Just be careful!"

Finally we must not forget the continued threat of COVID 19. While many people have been vaccinated and hopefully most people that want the vaccination will get it, there is still the potential of infection from the virus or variant strains of COVID 19. Many people have suffered and lost family members and friends this past year due to the virus.

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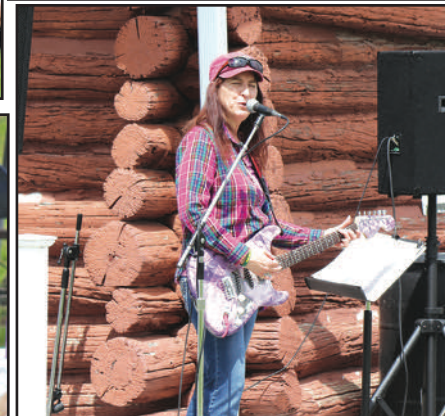
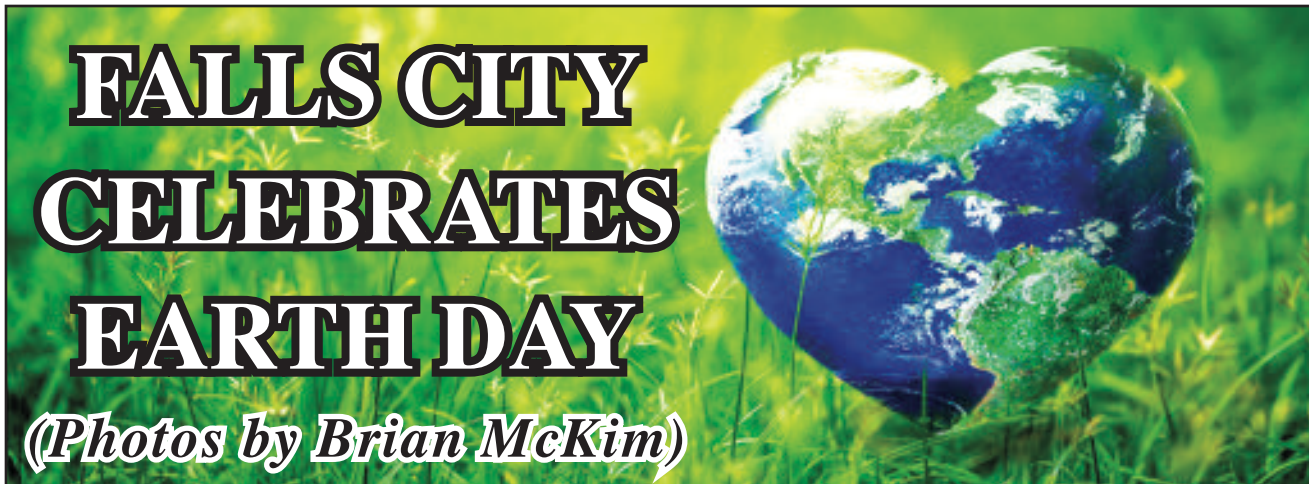
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**THE ANNUAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY** was held Friday, April 16 at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. High school juniors from the three county schools — Falls City High, FC Sacred Heart and Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer received a day-long introduction to local government operations, government officials, a summary of the County offices, games and a jail tour.



SH Students, L-R: Kyla Bletscher, Marion Bristol, Bryn Taft, Hadlee Georges, Ashlyn Ahern, Macy Taft, Mia Lemerond, Peyton Georges, and Olivia Santo.


### SH Students make bracelets to raise money for the homeless

Throughout the past month, these second and fourth grade students at Sacred Heart have taken the idea of having a giving heart to heart by making customized bracelets for people for a small donation. Together they raised \$119.92 and collectively they decided to donate the money to Catholic Social Services to be used to help the homeless. "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine."


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