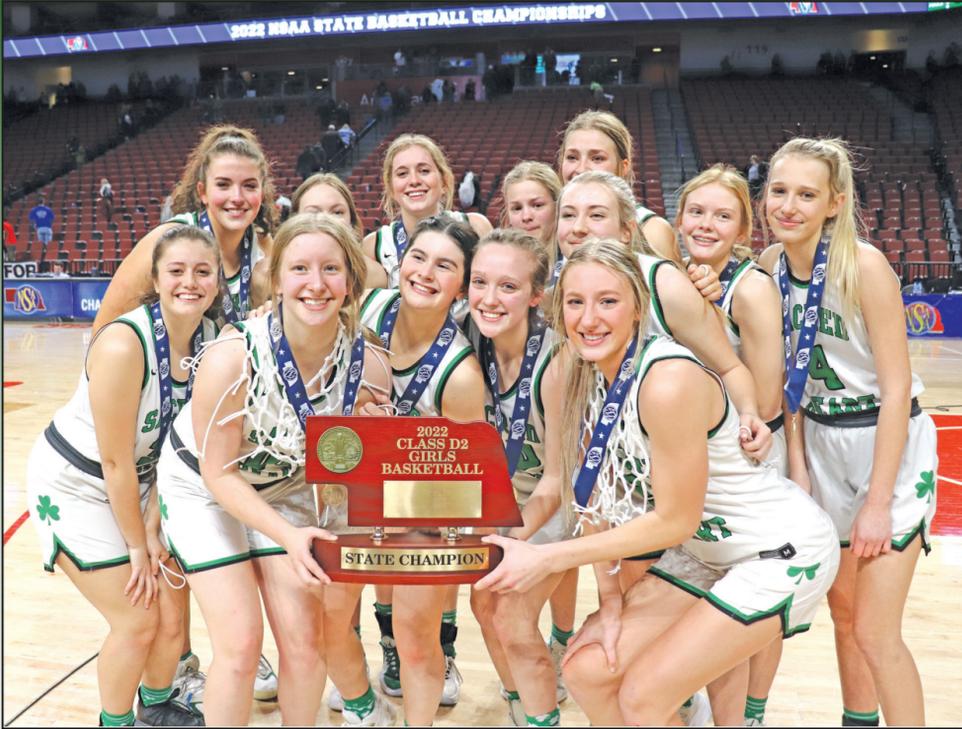


Irish cut down nets at Pinnacle Bank for the third time in six years



Story and photo by Brian McKim

In a battle of Class D2 powerhouses, the top-seeded Sacred Heart Lady Irish exacted revenge on the No. 2 seed Humphrey St. Francis Flyers in the NSAA state championship on Friday night at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The win was the program's seventh title and first since 2018. Last season, playing without Rachel Magdanz, the Irish fell to the Flyers 57-48 in the title game. This year, Magdanz scored a game-high 14 points as Sacred Heart took down the defending champion, 43-33.

"It was really tough last year not being able to play in the championship," said Magdanz. "After that, we were pretty motivated to get back to Pinnacle, that was our ultimate goal, and I think after we lost in the championship last year it

motivated us a lot. Throughout the season, I had a good feeling about where we were going to finish at."

SH held quarter leads of 12-7, 19-14 and 30-25 on their way to the ten-point win. The Irish outscored HSF, 26-14 in the paint and had a 9-0 advantage in scoring on fast break opportunities. For the game, Sacred Heart outshot Humphrey 42% (14/33) to 30% (11/37). Most importantly, the Irish converted 15-23 free throw attempts, including going 7-9 in the fourth quarter to hold off the Flyers. The Irish scored the first point of the game and went on to lead for over 26 minutes of action.

Jessica Wertenberger opened the scoring for the Irish, hitting 1-2 free throws just seventeen seconds into the game. HSF responded with a bucket and

led 2-1 with 6:50 to go. A drive by Magdanz and a pair of free throws by Erison Vonderschmidt put SH in front 5-2. The Flyers scored five straight and retook the lead, 7-5 with three and a half minutes left in the first. The Irish scored the final seven points of the period and led 12-7 after one.

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\$5K Scholarship awarded in memory of John Morehead

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

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

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

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

Deadline to apply is May 1, 2022.

City Administrator Kevin Cluskey resigns effective immediately

By Nikki McKim; file photo by Chelsie Alexander

Kevin Cluskey resigned from his position of City Clerk last Thursday, March 10.

The news was confirmed by Mayor Bindle Thursday afternoon.

This comes after Cluskey accepted the position last August when Gary Jorn vacated the position.

Mayor Bindle released a written statement Friday afternoon stating, "Citizens can be assured that the city will continue to operate seamlessly while the search for an appointment of City Administrator is underway."

During the March 7, 2022, regular meeting of the City Council, it was business as usual.

During the Mayor's report, Mayor Bindle acknowledged the mishap with the scheduling at Prichard Auditorium. There was a double booking error with the Immaculate Conception Church Men's BBQ, and the event has been rescheduled for March 20.



"I want to formally apologize to the Immaculate Conception Church. They were very gracious with the mishap and I appreciate your patience," said Bindle. "I want everybody to know that we are working on that process."

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Commissioners make decision after grievance hearing

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board to review the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center.

An agreement was approved with Johnson County, Nebraska, for the safekeeping of inmates at the Richardson County Jail for \$65.00/day.

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Mayor Bob Mendenhall speaks during the Town Hall on Friday.

Humboldt citizens hear reasons why 1.5% sales tax increase is needed

By Nikki McKim; photos by Chelsie Alexander

Humboldt Mayor Bob Mendenhall and Larry Stauffer and Jan Wilhelm of the Humboldt City Council addressed community members last Friday night during a Town Hall meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed 1.5 percent increase Sales Tax placed on the May 10, 2022, ballot.

Mayor Mendenhall told the community members he wanted to have a conversation with

everyone to get everyone's input and explain how the funds would be used.

According to the last census, Humboldt is classified as a second-class city with 800 people.

Mendenhall said the sales tax is "desperately needed" due to rising expenses and the equipment that needs to be replaced, costs for water and sewer, swimming pools and other items that need to be addressed around the community.

According to the Mayor, the sit-

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REMINDERS - SEE ADS INSIDE!

- The Spring Sports Preview will be in the Journal next week!
- RESCHEDULED! Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Mens Club Pork BBQ at Prichard, this Sunday
- Republican County Convention, this Friday at 7 PM
- Stella Vol. Fire Fish Fry, March 19, 5-8 PM
- Verdon Vol. Fire, Soup Supper, this Sunday, 3-7 PM
- Ag Week, Monday, March 21 - Friday, March 25
- Bloodmobile March 24-25 at Prichard Auditorium

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Less than two months after making an announcement, 'The Goat', Tom Brady announced via Twitter that his retirement from the NFL was short-lived. Brady announced that he would be returning to Tampa Bay to play his 23rd season in the NFL. On his Twitter account, Brady stated that he realized his place is on the field, not in the stands.

The announcement shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that has followed his career. His 22nd season was one of his best, throwing for 5,316 yards, 43 touchdowns and completing 485 passes. In comparison, NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers threw for 4,115 yards, 37 touchdowns and completed 366 pass attempts. The 44-year-old Brady will be entering his third season with Tampa Bay, having won the Super Bowl in 2020 with the Buccaneers and falling to the Rams in a crazy divisional-round game, 30-27. Brady enters next season as the all-time NFL leader in passing yards (84,520) and TDs thrown (624) while being named to the Pro Bowl Team 15 times.

Not everyone may be as thrilled as my son about Brady returning, but the NFL is better with Tom Brady playing. Just as the NBA was better with Michael Jordan returning, it gives fans someone to root for or, more importantly, to root against. Over the past few years, I have come to respect Brady and have found myself even cheering him on. It's also worth noting, on the night before his announcement, the football that Brady threw on his final TD pass was auctioned off for \$518,000. Talk about bad timing. Welcome back, Tom.

In other news, Major League Baseball is back. After almost 100 days off, the players and owners agreed to end the lockout, the first since 1994.

What did the holdout accomplish? The playoffs will expand to 12 teams, with the top two teams getting an opening-round bye. MLB will also implement a draft lottery to keep clubs from tanking at the end of the year. Minimum salaries will also take a hike, going from \$570,500 to \$700,000 per year, plus a \$20,000 raise each year after that. The Luxury tax will also go up and the players will get a full 162-game schedule. There will also be a universal designated hitter. The American League has used the DH since the 1973 season. The debate of the DH has gone on for years, but now the National League will implement its use.

Future changes being discussed are larger bases, limiting defensive shifts and adding a pitch clock to speed up the game. Also agreed upon in the collective bargaining agreement was the use of patches and decals for sponsorship deals. Estimations show teams will bring in an extra \$11 million per year by using jersey patches and helmet decals.

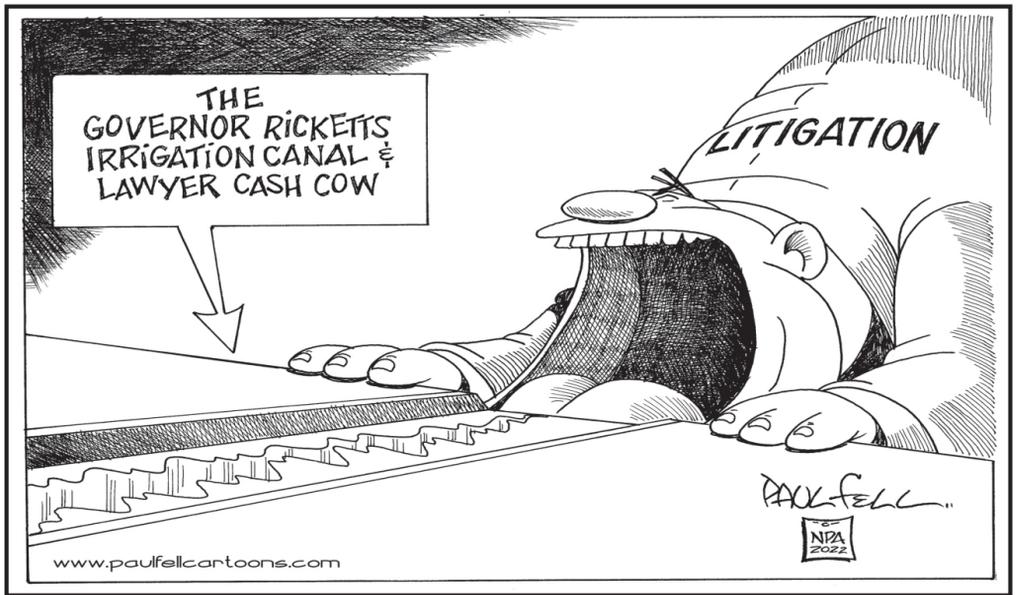
Another NSAA state basketball tournament has come and gone, with 12-teams bringing home gold medals. There was a significant change in the format for those in attendance this year. Due to Lincoln hosting the Big Ten Wrestling Championships, the boy's and girl's tourneys were held during the same week. The tournament began on Monday morning and ran through Saturday night, making it a long week. Coach Luke Santo said in his press conference that he liked the format. It gave the teams more time to get ready for the first-round game between the district final and the state tourney.

"We had nine days to get ready for Wynot, and I felt like we were as prepped as could be for Wynot Monday morning. Then we got to go home and have a day off," said Santo.

The Sacred Heart Irish teams played every day last week, except for Saturday, making for a lot of travel for Irish fans. Congrats to the Irish players and coaches on a fantastic week in Lincoln.

While I'm on the subject of the NSAA tourney, Doug and Diana Kottich also had a busy week in Lincoln. The Kottich's granddaughters, Taylor and Peyton McCabe played in championship games for their respective schools. Taylor, a senior at Fremont and Iowa basketball recruit, won the Class A title game and her sister Peyton, a sophomore, led Omaha Skutt to a runner-up finish. Both girls were named by the *Lincoln Journal Star* to the All-Class Tourney team. Peyton scored 56 points for the week in Class B, while Taylor led Class A with 62.

The Irish had four athletes named to the Class D-2 All-Tourney teams. Jakob Jordan, Erison Vonderschmidt, Rachel Magdanz and Olivia Eickhoff.



WATER, PRISONS AND TAXES ON THE TABLE AS LAWMAKERS FORGE AHEAD IN SECOND HALF

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

A canal, a new prison and tax cuts are taking prominent spots on the agenda for the second half of the Nebraska Legislature's current session.

Governor Pete Ricketts wants \$500 million to upgrade a 100-year-old water pact with Colorado and build a canal to divert water from the South Platte River into Nebraska. He'd like another \$270 million to build a new prison to replace the aging one in Lincoln and he wants to give millions back to Nebraska taxpayers because the state is flush with funds right now.

That's the short version. But a look at the details reveals a more complicated picture. Let's unpack.

Proponents of Rickett's plan think that finally constructing the abandoned Perkins County Canal near Julesburg, Colorado, into Nebraska and developing a reservoir system to store the water would guarantee an additional 500 cubic feet per second along the South Platte River during the winter.

Opponents say the money would be consumed by lawyers and a guaranteed lengthy court battle before an ounce of extra water is ever realized. Colorado's former ag commissioner told Omaha's KETV that he is confused by Nebraska's sudden desire.

Don Ament said farmers in the lower Platte in his state are fighting the same battle with urban growth, but "Denver (upstream) can't take that water away from me as farmer. We're doing a better job getting that water down the river to Nebraska than trying to run it through some canal."

Ament said Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming are also obligated under Federal agreements to provide flows to protect habitat for endangered species near Kearney and Grand Island. "This is going to amount to a lot of money to our lawyers and not improving the management of water," he said.

As for the prison, the existing Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln was built in 1869. Remodeling would cost more than building new. Yet, critics want to explore other avenues of reform before building. I agree.

In an op-ed piece in the Nebraska Examiner online, former state Senator and one-term U.S. Representative Brad Ashford of Omaha weighs in. As former chair of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee, Ashford knows the subject and the pitfalls.

"Constructing a new facility without accompanying programs would be useless. It is folly to think that a new facility meant only to house inmates will solve anything. We need to center our approach on mental health — before, during and after incarceration. Mental health includes behavioral health and substance abuse. Additional programs which require our attention include job reentry, housing and family reunification.

"And let's not allow a new facility to be an add-on. If the new facility is built, the current dilapidated facility must be demolished. The tax burden would increase substantially if both facilities were in use, and we do not want to travel down the road of incarcerating more of our fellow Nebraskans," he wrote.

I agree. To that end, current Judiciary Chair Sen. Steve Lathrop of Omaha has shepherded a bill (LB896) through the first round of debate. It would require the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services to use an independent contractor or academic institution to evaluate programs funded by the department.

Under the bill, nonclinical treatment and structured programs would be evaluated on a regular basis and clinical treatment programs would be evaluated every three years. When applicable, evaluations would include

a cost-benefit analysis, ratings of effectiveness in reducing recidivism and the availability and timeliness of programs.

Lathrop said individuals sent to NDCS are expected to be rehabilitated, and part of that comes from programming, which needs to be evaluated to ensure evidence-based best practices are used and that they are accessible to the inmate population. That's a start.

On the fiscal side, Appropriations Committee Chairman Sen. John Stinner of Gering said even if a new prison is built, it isn't projected to solve the state's overcrowding problem.

"So we're going to spend \$275 million of taxpayer money and at the end of eight years we're going to need another 1,300 beds? That means if I'm going to plan for 20 years ... we probably need \$1 billion. Is that what

we want to do with taxpayer money? Something has to happen here," Stinner said.

He said the state needs to come up with better solutions, because "throwing taxpayer dollars at prison cells isn't an efficient way — or a good way — to use tax dollars."

Former state ombudsman Marshall Lux said the right answer for Nebraska is to do two things: Sentencing reform to reduce the system's population in the future; and prison reform to reduce the number of people being held in maximum-security facilities. Instead, he said the state should add more community-custody beds as an alternative placement for non-violent offenders.

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

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- Like word of mouth
- Those born under Aries
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- Between 90 and 180 degrees
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- Crocus bulbs, e.g.
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- *School with most titles
- Car rack manufacturer
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- Boston hockey player
- Heart pain
- Ken or Barbie, e.g.
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- *First A in NCAA
- Motivate
- Biology class acronym
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50 Years Ago, March 16, 1972 to March 22, 1972

President Nixon headed to Moscow to hold summit talks with Soviet leaders. The White House said all significant issues would be discussed, hoping to improve relations and enhance the prospects for world peace. Dr. James Slominski purchased the lots and was erecting an office building at 19th and Chase St. for a dentist's office. Slominski was currently practicing on the second floor of the Richardson County Bank building.

Roger Kiekhaefer was unanimously elected as president of the Falls City Lions Club. Dr. Don Burling was vice-president, Kenny McKim was second vice-president and Don Campbell was third.

Richard L. Halbert was appointed chairman of the Richardson County observance for Law Day U.S.A. His appointment was announced by Bert L. Overcash, state chairman of law day.

Bob Scribner was chosen to the top unit of the Twin Rivers All-Conference basketball team. The 6-3 senior from Falls City led the Tigers with 302 points and 267 rebounds.

Pam Auxier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Auxier was closing out her senior season as a Midland College Women's basketball team member. Auxier was also a member of the girls' softball team at Midland.

Miss Peggy Harmon of Lincoln spent the weekend in Dawson with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. William Harmon.

Following the opening of bids, the board of education awarded the contract for the new vocational addition at Falls City High School to Bohrer Bros. for \$99,107.

An explosion and fire fed by natural gas caused damages unofficially estimated at a half-million dollars in Syracuse. Four businesses were destroyed and a fifth was seriously damaged.

Seven girls were entered in the Miss Southeast Nebraska pageant held at Prichard Auditorium, the official preliminary to the celebrated Miss America contest. Charlene Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Carpenter, won the event in front of 1,000 people.

John Wooden, UCLA basketball head coach, was awarded the Associated Press coach of the year award. His team was unbeaten and winning by an average of 32 points per game.

The Richardson County board of commissioners agreed to participate in a study by the Nebraska Commission for law enforcement and criminal justice for the purpose of determining the feasibility of a five-county central jail facility. Counties involved were Otoe, Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee.

The legislature shot down a bill that would legalize the hunting of mourning doves in the state of Nebraska.

Al Koso broke 44 of 50 targets to win the first championship trophy given out by the Falls City Gun Club.

There were 40 booths present at the Hobby Show held at Prichard Auditorium. Stalls included wood carvings, antiques, dress designs, macrame, candle making, coin collection, and bottles.

Robin Scholl and JoLana Jones were the top sellers of Girl Scout cookies in the area. Scholl sold 80 boxes for a total of \$100 and Jones sold 83 boxes for \$103.75 worth of cookies.

The County Commissioners authorized the payment of \$6,900 to have a new roof installed on the courthouse.

Jim Morris from Southeast Consolidated and Bill Simon from Sacred Heart were named to the Southeast Border Conference first team for basketball.

25 Years Ago, March 16, 1997 to March 22, 1997

One hundred twenty dancers covered the Auditorium floor from Lincoln, Omaha, St. Joe and all over for the Town and Country Promenaders Square Dance Club festival. John Parrish, president of the club, welcomed the dancers and spectators.

Sheriff Keith Hayes told the County Commissioners that a dramatic rise in DUIs had depleted the Sheriff's Office's Gas Chromatography Fund. The department had already made ten arrests; the total the year prior was 13.

Two area bowlers competed at Nationals in Huntsville, Alabama. Delmer Gruber had a 636 single and 1,758 scratch and Russel Sneath had a 620 single and 1,685 scratch.

The Southeast Consolidated Girls' Powerlifting team won the Class D meet in Waterloo. Natisha Helmick received the outstanding lifter award in the lightweight division.

After being closed for nearly two years, Kirkman's Cove Recreation Area was reopened after being drained for shore restoration work. And the establishment of wetland and sediment-catching areas.

Making the Pioneers Conference girls first-team were Janelle Findlay (SE), Andrea Weaver (SH), Katie Simon (SH) and Denise Witt (SH). Brandon Sells and Monty Witt from Sacred Heart were selections for the boys.

Third graders in Mrs. Glenda Nelson's South School classroom enjoyed a pizza party at the Falls City Pizza Hut for their completion of the "Book-It" program. For five months, the 16 students in classroom 3B read the required books and earned the party, while Chrissy Snyder received an extra award for reading more books than were needed. After eating, the students stopped and played at Grandview Park before returning.

The Dawson-Verdon speech team won the Class D2-1 district title, with eight students qualifying for the state speech meet.

15 Years Ago, March 16, 2007 to March 22, 2007

The Falls City High School cheerleading squad Coached by Carlene and Cara Cudney earned a National Championship in Kansas City. Team members included Katie Harris, Jayna Habben, Sarah Nolte, Aimee Hillyard, Kayla Fritz, Cassie Summers, Katie Thompson, Samantha Lampe, Britney Warren, Jenny Andreesen, Jeff Konvalinka and Chelsea Lewis.

In a statement by Mayor Rod Vandenberg expressing his excitement, Ames True Temper increased its workforce by 12. John Martin, plant manager, said production and supervisory positions would be available.

Katelyn Wheeler (SH), Kali Schnacker (HTRS) and Macie Kuker (SH) earned first-team Pioneer Conference basketball honors. For the boys, Michael Olberding of Sacred Heart was a first-teamer.

The Farmers National Company announced Kevin Gutshall as being recognized in Farmers National Company President's Eagle Club for his outstanding efforts in real estate sales.

Rose Nolte (31 years) and Norma Furnas (36 years) were retiring from the veterinary field. Nolte worked with Dr. Pat. McInteer and Furnas worked with Dr. Tom Burton.

Southeast Consolidate first graders posed in front of a stealth fighter jet during a field trip to Ashland's Strategic Air and Space Museum. The trip was funded by a \$1,000 grant from the Target Corporation.

Bart and Gayle Keller were the proud parents of a girl, Addison Grace, born at Community Medical Center.

City Administrator Kevin Cluskey resigns effective immediately and the Council discusses texting and reporting platform

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It was reported that the City would start working with Emergency Manager Brian Kirkendall regarding the declared disaster for the events of December 15, 2021. All activities that the city crew had done bringing power back and other issues from that wind event will be looked into for reimbursement.

The use of Prichard Auditorium for the Falls City Ambulance Spaghetti Feed in September was approved and the fee waived.

Visibility issues at 15th and Chase Street was brought to the Council for discussion. Councilmember Don Ferguson said he drove through the area over the weekend and said he understood, but it's a lot like many other streets in town. Councilmember Joe Buckminster was concerned about taking parking spots away from the residents of the apartment complexes on that street. The request came from Jeromie Brown, but Mr. Brown was not in attendance.

The action died for lack of motion.

Falls City Police Chief Jamie Baker requested the Council considers hiring a sixth dispatcher.

The Police Department recently lost a dispatcher and they were able to get someone to move into that vacated position. Part-time individuals will not be available anymore because they have made the decision to move on to something different. The part-time employees were relied upon for vacation and time off for the full-time employees. Now Chief Baker would like to eliminate the part-time position and go with a sixth dispatcher. During interviews, a promising individual showed interest.

"I think it would just benefit us, all in the entire county to do," said Chief Baker.

The motion was approved.

The Council approved the closure of 17th Street from Stone Street to alley west of Stone Street for roof repair of F&M Bank with work beginning on March 14.

Two communication platforms were brought to review and discussion for information and emergencies for events regarding the City.

Two proposals were brought up.

TextMyGov is a way to communicate with citizens. Local government agencies can answer questions, send links to websites, provide details on power outages, payments, events, etc. The system works 24/7 and works with any smartphone using a regular messaging app.

CivicPlus is a mobile app where you can upload photos and social share to allow engagement. It would also allow the local government to communicate with citizens regarding power outages, events, etc.

Cluskey explained that TextMyGov is a platform specifically for

texts. It could push out information regarding a natural disaster like tornado warnings similar to what the school districts currently have for school cancellations. So if there is a power outage, the City can push that information out to the community.

"One of the reasons for that is we want to kind of divert calls," said Cluskey.

The more emergent calls can go into dispatch, who often get overwhelmed during a power outage.

The Housing Committee had brought CivicPlus reporting platform. The key idea was to use it as a reporting tool for potential problem properties and other nuisance violations throughout the community. But they found out it has other capabilities and capacities that would also meet the needs of the City as far as being able to receive and direct information coming in and then also push information back out to the public as well.

The purpose of this discussion item was just to make everybody aware of what they were currently looking at as a tool to better communicate with the community.

Councilmember Mitch Merz said a few other cities had something like this Civic plus, which is essentially an app on your phone that any one of the community members can download. They have access to it and can sign up for notifications. So if the power outage happens, the City can let the citizens know that they are aware of the situation; calls into the police department and the city offices are not needed. Then they can let the citizens know the issue has been located and it's being worked on and it will be "this amount of time to fix."

Some council members showed concern with the CivicPlus option saying some people don't have smartphones.

TextMyGov is more of an open platform that may be more widely accepted than having an app. The app could put limitations on the citizens. The key to all of this is how easy it would be on the citizens," said councilmember Buckminster.

Councilmember Ractliffe said she agreed. "It is a lot more accessible with the text option. If we were to do something where if there's like a power outage, for most of my apps on my phone, I turn push notifications off."

She also said texting would be "straightforward" and something everyone would know how to do.

The Council now has a better idea of what is being looked for and what specific questions need to be answered. Councilmember Ferguson said he thought it would be a useful tool and hoped they would keep moving forward with it.

The action will move forward at a later date.

A discussion was held on EMC OnCall Nurse Program to assist with managing workman's comp claims.

With EMC OnCall Nurse (ONC), an injured worker and their supervisor, if available, can speak with a registered nurse who will immediately assess an injury and provide a recommendation on the appropriate level of medical care.

The benefits would include: Access to a registered nurse 24/7. Alleviating the need for supervisors to make medical decisions. Avoid unnecessary doctors visits and more.

There was concern over paperwork being turned in promptly and getting employees to the emergency room as soon as possible.

The Council requested that this be discussed with the city employees and supervisors to get some feedback.

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Eric Kreifles (left) and Billy Kopf (right) and recently completed their linemen certification and apprenticeship. Each of them have been with the city of Falls City for almost eight years. (Photos by Chelsie Alexander)

Learn about multiple sclerosis

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a degenerative disorder that affects the central nervous system. MS is an autoimmune condition in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys the myelin sheaths (protective fatty coverings) that surround nerve fibers and promote the transmission of nerve impulses, according to the Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center.

Symptoms of MS: MS can cause various symptoms. MS has the potential to affect just about anything a person does, as it affects the brain and spinal cord. Interruption of nerve communication signals may result in unpredictable symptoms. The National MS Society says that individuals can experience any of the following: memory problems, numbness, tingling, mood changes, pain, fatigue, vision issues, paralysis, balance issues, bowel and bladder disruptions, decreased attention span, emotional problems, slurred or difficult speech and other neurological effects.

Causes of MS: Experts do not know what causes multiple sclerosis. The Cleveland Clinic says research is ongoing and doctors are trying to identify what triggers the disease. Some theories include: Exposure to viruses and bacteria: Some research points to exposure to infections, such as the Epstein-Barr virus, as a trigger for MS later in life.

Geography: Living in an area with limited sunlight produces a higher risk of developing MS. People who get less sun have lower levels of vitamin D, which is a risk factor for MS. Gene mutations: Family history of MS increases the potential of getting the disease, but it's still a mystery as to which genes play a role in the development of MS.

Immunologic factors: While researchers do not fully understand why immune systems attack the body, in MS, T regulatory cells and B cells become activated, stimulating inflammation and damage.

Smoking plays a role in MS risk, as studies have shown that it is associated with more severe disease and more rapid disease progression.

Treating MS: Doctors will conduct many tests to determine if MS is present. Neurological exams and eye exams as well as lumbar puncture and blood tests can paint the most accurate picture.

There is no cure for MS, but various medications have been approved to alleviate certain symptoms of the disease, including mobility issues, and slow its progression. The medicines can reduce flare-ups and slow damage to the myelin sheaths. Physical rehabilitation and mental health counseling may be employed in conjunction with medicines for well-rounded support.

The Cleveland Clinic says MS will lead to disability and loss of certain physical functions in some instances. However, advancements in treatment help most MS patients to continue to lead full and productive lives. Finding the right care team and support system can help in that regard.

Learn more about MS by visiting www.nationalmssociety.org.

ACCIDENTS

On February 22, 2022 according to police/accident reports, Dylan Albin of Dawson stated Gary Brown of Falls City was driving south and failed to yield colliding with Albin. There was minor damage to both vehicles. Upon the Police Department's arrival both parties decided to handle the incident between themselves and didn't want to file an accident report. The police left the scene after ensuring both parties didn't require medical attention.

On February 22, 2022 according to police/accident reports, Linda Tisdell of Falls City was in the left lane traveling south on the 2100 block of Harlan and was turning east on 21st street when she collided into the driver rear side of Rebecca Newland of Falls City. An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Tisdell vehicle; an estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Newland vehicle.

Nominations now being accepted statewide for 2022 D.J.'s hero awards scholarships

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 D.J.'s Hero Awards Scholarships. High school seniors throughout Nebraska are eligible to be nominated for scholarships.

Select Nebraska high school seniors who have overcome adversity will be chosen to receive the awards—named in honor of the late D.J. Sokol—for commitment to others and to their communities. Honorees will be selected by a panel of metro area civic leaders.

This year, up to fifteen scholarships will be awarded; and, new for 2022, each scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$12,000.

Each Hero Awards honoree will receive a \$12,000 scholarship toward their selected college or university. Honorees will be recognized at the D.J.'s Hero Awards event in Omaha later in the spring.

Among the criteria for selecting honorees are the following: Nebraska residency, high school senior, having overcome challenges/adversity and Commitment to others and to the community.

Awards nominations must be submitted online. Nominators and their nominees can submit online applications at www.djsheroapp.org starting today. Please call 402.898.7669 with any questions about filling out nomination forms.

SOCIETY

Stella Community Church Ladies Circle

The Stella Community Church Ladies Circle met February 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Bredemeier. She presented a devotion with the history of the hymn "Take Time To Be Holy" followed by prayer.

Nine members answered roll call with a Bible verse on "holy" followed by the singing of Take Time To Be Holy. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Mary Glathar. They were approved.

Donna Monnette presented the Treasurers report.

Old business included finalizing plans for the Federated Women's Club luncheon on March 5 and Family Night on Sunday March 13.

New business included the purchase of Easter lilies for the church. Cathy Donahoe will coordinate this project. Discussion was held concerning a Friendship Tea in April or May. A decision will be made at the March meeting. Mary Glathar presented the

possibility of purchasing a wall hanging for the fellowship hall that could be used for spring and summer. After discussion a motion was made to purchase two wall hangings.

Cards were signed and sent to area residents.

The lesson "The Holiness Benediction" was presented by Cathy Donahoe. Hostesses for the meeting were Joan Wheeler and Elizabeth Ketner.

Our next meeting will be March 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

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SENCA Head Start Recruitment

Will your child be ready for Kindergarten? Why not give your child a Head Start in the right direction!

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (SENCA) Head Start is now taking applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Head Start is a high quality child and family development program for preschool children ages 3-5. Program services include education, nutrition, health and disability, and family support.

Please join us on March 24th from 6pm to 8pm at the Head Start center for Recruitment Night! Come tour the center, meet the teacher, and start an application! Our preschool is FREE to qualifying applicants. We are located at 320 W 14th Street in Falls City.

For more information or to start an application today, contact Tanner Lipold, Family Service Advocate, at the SENCA Head Start center in Falls City at 402-245-4983 or Katelin Gildersleeve, SENCA Family & Community Partnership Coordinator, toll free 1-888-313-5608 ext. #104.

Space is limited, so don't delay...give your child a Head Start today!!

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Sen. Slama gives update on LB 977 bill that would invest \$15 million into Falls City

In her most recent column Sen. Julie Slama discussed her priority bill, LB 977. This bill would be a historic infrastructure investment for Slama's District. The bill would invest \$15 million in Falls City for an upgrade to our electrical grid.

Slama states that "Falls City has missed out on many economic opportunities because of its electrical grid, and many residents have had frequent power outages. During the pandemic, when everyone was at home, this issue only worsened. By investing in this upgrade, we will add redundancy and reliability for Falls City's electrical system and provide the infrastructure necessary to draw new businesses to Richardson County."

Slama says this would create countless job opportunities for District 1 residents, and strengthen our local economy.

Last week, the bill was advanced unanimously out of the Appropriations Committee and placed on the floor for General File.

"I am eager to keep working on this bill until it gets across the finish line. Our district deserves the same access to reliable, growth-oriented infrastructure as our large cities," said Sen. Slama.



Jackson Hartman, Scot and Amanda Hartman, Becky Simmonds, Hailey Fee, Abby Fee, Tony Fee and Brittney Popejoy

Experience "Pure Bliss" in Falls City

Photo and article by Amber Holle

On Saturday, February 19, friends, family and community members gathered to celebrate the newest young entrepreneur in our community, Hailey Fee! Hailey hosted an open house for her new business, Pure Bliss, a beauty retreat offering eyelash extensions, pedicures, waxing, spray tans and more! Pure Bliss is located in the freshly renovated building at the corner of 19th and Chase Street. The beautiful space features a lobby, treat-

ment rooms, a selection of women's clothing and accessories and the set up for hair services and pedicures. Hailey is a licensed cosmetologist and permanent makeup technician, in addition to being certified in eyelash extensions. Hailey is already expanding her business to offer salon services and pedicures later this month.

"I am excited to be able to provide the community and surrounding communities with a salon and spa all in one," boasts Hailey.

Nebraska Public Media to broadcast Gubernatorial Debate

Nebraska Public Media will host an hour-long debate with four of the Republican candidates who are running for the 2022 Nebraska governor's race.

The debate will air at 7 p.m. CT, Thursday, March 24 on Nebraska Public Media.

Candidates include Falls City agri-businessman Charles Herbster; state senator Brett Lindstrom; Omaha information technology manager Breland Ridenour and former state senator Theresa Thibodeau.

Two other Republican candidates running for governor – Michael Connelly and Jim Pillen – declined to participate in the debate.

News Director Dennis Kellogg will moderate the debate. The candidates will be questioned by a panel of Nebraska professional journalists.

The debate will be in the Ron Hull Studio at Nebraska Public Media. No audience will be present in the studio.

It will also be broadcast on radio and live-streamed on NebraskaPublicMedia.org and on the Nebraska Public Media app.

F&M Bank Scholarship applications available

Submitted by F&M Bank staff

Applications are now available for the F&M Bank Scholarship.

F&M Bank is awarding three scholarships this year. One \$1,000.00 scholarship to any graduating seniors of the Falls City Community who will be attending a college or trade school in the field of Finance/Banking and two \$500 scholarships for any graduating Senior of the Falls City Community that will be attending a college or trade school.

We offer these scholarships as we value the importance of secondary education and look forward to helping community students as they take the next step in their educational journey.

Application forms are available through both school's websites or at the guidance counselor's office at both Falls City and Sacred Heart High Schools.

April 15th is the deadline for the applications to be returned to the counselor's office.

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DISTRICT COURT

Ernest M. Guest, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count three, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty; count four, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count six, drive on shoulder of highway, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for April 19, 2022.

Melissa K. Richey, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, unauth. use fin tran device/ \$1,500-\$5,000, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$750, jail for a term of one day starting on March 8, 2022, credit for one day served, probation for a term of 18 months starting on March 8, 2022; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Jaden S. Dawson, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing is scheduled for March 29, 2022.

Anthony L. Sanders, count one, refuse to submit to test-fourth offense, amended to refuse to submit to test w/one prior conv, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty; count two amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, drive during revocation/impound-first, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing is scheduled.

Heather D. Easter, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, false reporting-misdemeanor; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Pretrial is scheduled for April 5, 2022.

Stephen D. Roberts, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$450; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count seven, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count eight, possess marijuana

na over one ounce to a pound, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$450; count nine, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count ten, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count eleven, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

COUNTY COURT

Chessanie M. Blakley, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 21, 2022.

Trevor S. Sailors, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty; count two, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead not guilty; count three, fail to use turn signal, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for March 21, 2022.

Robert E. Popejoy, count one, dom asslt-intl cause body injry/int ptrn, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for March 14, 2022.

Tinashe T. Mapedze, count one, no proof of insurance, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead guilty, found guilty. Hearing is scheduled.

Robert L. Wolf, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, criminal trespass-second degree, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes costs-only judgement.

Travis W. Thomas, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, violate driver's license regulations, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$50.

Kala F. Brown, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled.

Richard W. Swenson, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$500, probation for a term of nine months starting on March 2, 2022, drug testing fee of \$30, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$225; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Shawn E. Boryca, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$50.

Wesley R. Johnson, count one, drive during revocation/impound-fourth/subs, plead not guilty; count two, no brake lights/turn signals, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 28, 2022.

Kayla J. Johnson, count one, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Gary R. Hogan, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 28, 2022.

Chad A. Alioth, count one, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$250, court ordered probation for a term of

12 months starting on March 7, 2022; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100, court ordered probation for a term of 12 months starting on March 7, 2022; count three, following too close, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$20, court ordered probation for a term of 12 months starting on March 7, 2022; count four, speeding 6-10, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$25, court ordered probation for a term of 12 months starting on March 7, 2022.

Leanna L. Holbert, count one, drive during revocation/impound second/third, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, speeding 21-35, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 23, 2022.

Nathan G. Spears, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$400, probation for a term of nine months starting March 7, 2022, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$225,

jail for a term of 21 days starting on September 7, 2022.

Payshince R. Dawkins, count one, DUI-alcohol-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500, probation for a term of eight months starting on March 7, 2022, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$200, revoked license for a term of three months starting on March 7, 2022, interlock device; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Lindsie N. Jones, count one, reckless driving-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500, probation for a term of six months starting on March 7, 2022, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$150; count two, refuse to submit to pretest, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100, probation for a term of six months starting on March 7, 2022; count three, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$25 and probation for a term of six month starting on March 7, 2022.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

ALL SUSPECT'S ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

A Richardson County Sheriff's Office investigation, that began over a year ago, has resulted in the federal indictment of two Falls City residents.

In February 2022, Daniel S. Lock and Taylor A. Zimmerling were indicted, in US District Court, on charges of Conspiracy to Distribute 500 grams or more of Methamphetamine and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.

Deputies arrested Lock (2/26/22) and Zimmerling (3/1/22) on federal arrest warrants.

The indictment is related to a Sheriff's Office investigation of methamphetamine distribution occurring at an apartment complex in Falls City, NE. The apartment complex is located less than 500 feet from an elementary school. Over 50 grams of methamphetamine was seized during this investigation along with numerous pieces of drug paraphernalia, cash, and police radio scanners.

On March 2, 2022, Richardson County Deputies arrested two individuals. Justin Horne of Humboldt, Driving Suspended. Trevor Hurley of Wymore, NE on a Richardson County Warrant, Flight to Avoid Arrest, Driving Suspended, Willful Reckless Driving; Richardson County Warrant, Driving Suspended. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

On March 4, 2022, Richardson County Deputies arrested three individuals. Danelle Westling, of Auburn on a Richardson County Warrant, Reckless Driving, Driving Suspended; Richardson County Warrant, Resisting Arrest. Jaiden Waggoner of Falls City on a Court Commitment. Ernest Guest Jr. of Falls City, Driving Suspended. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

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Wed 16- Taco Bowl, Cornbread, Corn, Pears, Frosted Graham, Milk
Thur 17- Hotdog or Childog, Baked Beans, Strawberries, Cookie, Milk
Fri 18- PB&J Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Mon 21- Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peaches, Roll, Milk
Tue 22- Philly Sandwich, Peas, Applesauce, Peach Crisp, Milk

FC TIGERS
Wed, 16
North/South: Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Orange Smiles, Cinnamon Roll, Milk. **Middle:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Vanilla Pudding, Milk. **High: Hot Lunch:** Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Apple or Orange, Cinnamon Roll, Milk. **Combo Line:** Smoked Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk.

Thu, 17
North/South: Chicken Flatbread, Au Gratin Potatoes, Lettuce Salad, Pineapple, Milk. **Middle:** Mrs. Brown Special: Cheeseburger, Sweet Potato Trax, Green Beans, Pears, Milk. **High: Hot Lunch:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk. **Combo Line:** Chicken Taquitos, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk.

Fri, 18
North/South: Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Green Beans, Wango Mango, Pears, Milk. **Middle:** Mr. Kraft Special: Stromboli, Hash Brown Patty, Broccoli, Pineapple, Milk. **High: Hot Lunch:** Lasagna Roll Up, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, French Bread, Milk. **Combo Line:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk.

Mon, 21
NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

Tues, 22
NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

HTRS TITANS
Wed 16- Cheeseburger, Tri Tators, Fruit, Salad, Milk
Thur 17- Biscuits & Gravy, Tri Tators, Fruit Bar
Fri 18- Pullock, Bread & Butter, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Fruit
Mon 21- Hot Dog/Chili Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk
Tue 22- Sloppy Nachos, Fruit, Salad Bar/Veggie, Milk



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Dinner: Catfish, Carp & Chicken Buffet w/Salad Bar & Corned Beef & Cabbage added to buffet

FRIDAY 18

B-fast: French Toast & Sausage w/Coffee or Tea
Lunch: Shrimp Basket w/Side Winders, w/Dessert & Tea

Dinner: Smoked Babyback Ribs, Catfish Fillet Dinner, Jumbo Shrimp Dinner, w/Salad Bar & Choice of Potato

SATURDAY 19

Breakfast: Sausage, Eggs & Toast w/Coffee or Tea
Lunch: Indian Tacos, w/Dessert & Tea

Dinner: Prime Rib, Whole Catfish, Frog Legs, Smoked Pork Chop w/Choice of Potato & Salad Bar

SUNDAY 20

Breakfast: French Toast & Sausage w/Coffee or Tea
Lunch: Lunch Buffet

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LUNCH SPECIALS

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THUR: Lasagna
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WED: Chicken Noodle Soup over Mashed Potatoes, Chicken Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders and French Fries.

THUR: Meatloaf, Italian Grilled Cheese.

FRI: Cheeseburger with Fresh Fried Chips or Fries, Tenderloin with Fresh Fried Chips or Fries, Open-Faced Roast Beef, Broccoli Cheddar Cheese Soup in Bread Bowl.

DINNER SPECIALS

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WED: Margarita's
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SUN: Chefs Choice

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March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Protecting one's health is important. March brings awareness of the need for people to access life-saving resources that prevent, detect, and treat colorectal cancer (CRC). Early-age onset CRC diagnoses are rising by two percent annually, and by 2030 it is predicted that CRC will be the leading cause of death in people under age 50. CRC is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in the U.S. and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women combined.

This year the American Cancer Society estimates 106,180 new cases of colon cancer and 44,850 cases of rectal cancer will be identified. One in 23 men and one in 25 women will be diagnosed with CRC in their lifetime. African Americans are at a 20% higher risk for CRC, and are 40% more likely to die from it than other groups; the risks are similar for both men and women. CRC is also one of the top three cancers affecting Asian American men and women; Indigenous communities also have higher rates of CRC.

Anyone can develop CRC, but risk factors include smoking, diets high in red and processed meats, obesity, excessive alcohol consumption, and a family history of CRC. Between 25%-30% of CRC patients have a family history of the disease. More than 20 million Americans who are eligible for CRC screening have not been screened, which translates to one in three adults (45 to 75 years old). This cancer is more deadly for adults because 20 - 25% of patients have some metastatic disease at the time of diagnosis where cancer has already spread to other parts of the body. The primary treatment option is surgery to remove the cancer. Other treatments include chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

Staying active, eating more veg-

etables, and getting regular colon screenings will help to avoid this cancer. The earlier cancer is found, the better chance to beat it. Colorectal cancer is treatable and not a death sentence. It is easy to detect with regular screenings, as a polyp can take one to 15 years to develop into cancer and can be removed before that occurs. Polyps and CRC do not always cause symptoms, but a change in bowel habits and/or blood in the stool, diarrhea, constipation, abdominal pain or loss of weight may be noticed. The most common symptom is no symptom at all.

With screening, CRC deaths can be prevented 68% of the time. All adults 45 and older should be screened. A colonoscopy is considered the gold standard for colon screening, as polyps can be identified and removed during the same procedure. If a take-home screening test comes back positive, it is extremely important to get a follow-up colonoscopy to identify and examine any abnormalities or suspicious areas. Consult a doctor about which screening method is best. By knowing the risk factors and signs and symptoms, it is possible to catch CRC at its earliest stage. There are more than 1.5 million CRC survivors in the United States.

Colorectal cancer is the only one of the top five cancer killers that doesn't have its own research program and dedicated funding stream in the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program, so it must compete for limited funding with a dozen other cancers. Patients with CRC younger than 50 have higher five-year survival rates than their older counterparts at every stage of diagnosis. However, survival among patients younger than age 50 is similar to that in ages 50 to 64 (69%) because of late-stage diagnosis.

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Harlan Boatman

Harlan Wesley Boatman, 87 years of age, of Falls City passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Community Medical Center in Falls City. He was born on June 8, 1934 at home in Nemaha County to Marion and Freida (Wolfe) Boatman. Harlan graduated from Falls City High School in 1952. He



worked for his father after high school until serving his country in the United States Air Force from October 7, 1954 to August 6, 1958. Harlan married Sandra Jean Hook in Falls City on September 15, 1957 and they were blessed with two children, Kelli and Julie. They lived in Biloxi, Mississippi until returning to Falls City in 1958 so he could work for his father. Harlan owned and operated Boatman Saw and Mower from the early 70's until his passing. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Falls City and an avid NASCAR fan and hobby enthusiast.

Harlan is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughters, Kelli Woods and husband Tony of Smithville, Missouri, Julie Boatman of Falls City; grandchildren, Grant Woods and wife Jalee of Wentzville, Missouri, Skylar Woods of Kansas City, Missouri; sisters, Marjorie Noa, Laritta West, both of Falls City; and many loved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside Inurnment with military rites was at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Steele Cemetery in Falls City with Tim Campbell officiating. There was no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family's choice in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left online at www.hallfuneral.net. Hall Funeral Home in Falls City in charge of arrangements.

Charol Lynn (Heim) Pleiss

Charol Lynn (Heim) Pleiss, 79, of Omaha, Nebraska, was born on May 12, 1942, in Seward, Nebraska, to Harold Lloyd and Charlotte (Moorman) Heim. She grew up in Dawson, Nebraska, and was the oldest of four children. Charol attended school in Dawson through her high school graduation. She went to Wesleyan University for a short time before marrying Wayne Knudsen. They had three children, Kris, Linda, and Kent. In 1982, she married Dan Pleiss and became step-mom to Deb and Phil. Nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren soon followed.



Charol's life began with a story. When she was born, her parents decided it would be fun to combine their names to create her name. So, Charlotte and Harold became Charol. And for the next 79 years she told this story to those who asked why her name was spelled C-H-A-R-O-L.

Her hobbies included sewing, knitting, and puzzles of all kinds. Charol was also an avid reader. While she was especially interested in Nebraska authors and stories, she read a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction, and enjoyed her time in book clubs over the years. Always reading; always learning.

One of Charol special interests was genealogy, and in particular the history of the Heims and other families who settled in Dawson, Nebraska in the nineteenth century. Always active in the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society, she worked for many years as the secretary of that organization, and was instrumental in establishing the Penn Colony Museum. She spent time working with her Aunt Shirley, Keith Heim, and others to produce the newsletter. Her work also included fundraising, acquiring historical items and documents for the museum, and arranging the annual watermelon feed and picnic. She always enjoyed visiting with family and catching up with old friends and neighbors at these events, which were the culmination of a long year of hard work. Charol felt a strong connection to the past, and her commitment to the Penn Colony was a celebration of that connection and a way to share that connection with others.

Working together side-by-side, Dan and Charol started their own CPA firm and ran it very successfully when they decided to merge with another firm in the mid-1980s. After a few more years with that firm and then starting their own CPA business again, they retired in March of 2021, making many lifelong friends along the way.

On February 22, 2022, with her family by her side, Charol passed away at her home in Omaha, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by her parents; niece Stacie Olson.

Charol is survived by her husband, Daniel; children: Kristin (Bruce) Eckhardt of Lincoln, NE, Linda (Robert Cavigli) Knudsen of Anthem, AZ; Kent (Ann) Knudsen of Omaha, NE; Debra (Richard) Clopton of Auburn, NE; Philip (Marian) Pleiss of Omaha, NE; grandchildren: Matt (Jessica) Eckhardt of Lincoln, NE; Jennifer (Ryan) Adams of Phoenix, AZ; Chelsea (Jesse Sanchez) Eckhardt of Vicenza, Italy; Jim Kinghorn of Omaha, NE; Audrey Knudsen of Omaha, NE; Jane Knudsen of Omaha, NE; Ellis Clopton of Lincoln, NE; Danielle (Robbie) Gilbert of Omaha, NE; Jenni (Calloway Tims) Pleiss of Omaha, NE; great-grandchildren: Eleanor Eckhardt, Jackson Adams; brothers: Doug (Judy) Heim of Omaha, NE; Don Heim of Atkins, AR; and sister: Barbara (Gary) Schacht of Petaluma, CA; aunt: Shirley (Neal) Pierce of Salem, OR; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 27, in Omaha, NE, at Heafey Hoffman Funeral Home. Pastor Glenn Schacht officiated. Interment was on Monday, February 28, in Dawson, NE, at Heim Cemetery. Officiants were Glenn Schacht and Charol's dear friend, Pastor Mary Ellen Gaither-Marburger of Humboldt, NE. Charol's son-in-law, Rich Clopton, recited the poem Last Fragment by Raymond Carver. A luncheon followed at the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska Museum in Dawson, NE. Memorial contributions may be given to the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society.

Make 2022 a tobacco free you

It is the time of year when New Year's resolutions are made, and for those resolving to quit tobacco, the Nebraska Tobacco Quitline has free resources and support available by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visiting QuitNow.ne.gov. The quitline can help people stay motivated on their quit journey, whether that's with one-on-one counseling with a quit coach, identifying a quit plan, or using quit smoking medication.

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Research shows that quitline counseling increases the chances of quitting smoking, especially when used in combination with FDA-approved quit smoking medication (patch, lozenge, or gum). Get the tools and a plan that can help you prepare for a successful quit. Talk with a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other healthcare professional.

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As the New Year begins, the Nebraska Tobacco Quitline has resources to support you, your friends, or family members who are ready to quit tobacco. For help quitting, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669), or for Spanish services at 1-855-DÉJELO-YA (1-855-335-3569). Translation services are also available in more than 170 languages. The quitline services are free, regardless of insurance coverage, and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For additional resources visit QuitNow.ne.gov.

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The Irish boy's basketball team poses with their third-place trophy. Kneeling, L-R John Crouse, Carson Sells, Riley Nelson, Jakob Jordan, Sam Dunn, Jakob Kearney, Jake Froeschl. Standing, Coach Doug Goltz, Jack Stice, James Froeschl, Evan Keithley, Joe Simon, Derek Schawang, Brogan Nachtigal, Zachary Keithley and Coach Brian Lemerond.



Jakob Jordan sails past Parkview Christian's Jaquez Curry for a bucket on Thursday night

Irish boys hold head high to finish third at NSAA State Tourney



Evan Keithley let a trey fly from the wing as Patriot Coach Nathan Godwin pleads for help from his defenders.

Story and photos by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish boys' basketball team wasn't playing on the court they had hoped to in the final game of their season. Sacred Heart rebounded from a loss in the semifinals to Parkview Christian to down the fifth-seeded Osceola Bulldogs, 63-40, at Lincoln East High School for third place on Friday afternoon.

It was a back and forth first quarter with Sacred Hearts' Jakob Jordan scoring first, putting SH ahead 2-0 only ten seconds into the game. Thirty seconds later, Brogan Nachtigal drained a three and the Irish enjoyed a 5-2 lead. Those were the final points for the Irish until the last thirty-five seconds of the quarter. Nachtigal scored after an offensive board and Jordan hit a layup with two ticks on the clock to put SH in front 9-7 after one.

The Irish opened the second period on an 8-0 run to extend their lead to ten at 17-7. Nachtigal scored eight straight for the Irish in less than two minutes to make it 21-8 with 2:50 to play in the half. Osceola kept clawing back, but a deep fadeaway trey at the buzzer by Jordan sent the Irish into the half with a 12-point lead, 26-14.

The Bulldogs scored the first six points of the third, cutting the lead to six with less than a minute gone. Sacred Heart's Joe Simon responded with a

pair of buckets to put the Irish in front by nine with four and a half to play. Senior Jake Froeschl then began to take the game over, scoring on a pair of drives as the Irish built the lead to 14 at the end of the third.

Froeschl scored the first four of the fourth period for the Irish and then threes by Evan Keithley and Jordan increased the lead to 19 with 5:35 to go. With two minutes to play, Jordan picked the pocket of a Bulldog player and hit a layup to seal the win for the Irish. A late bucket by Zachary Keithley made the final 63-40 in favor of the Irish.

"It was great to bounce back; ending on a high note is always great," said Nachtigal.

Fellow senior Jakob Jordan reiterated Nachtigal's comments, "It worked out, all four years, we have everything to be proud of. Sophomore and junior years, we won state and got third this year. I don't think we have anything to look down upon."

Jake Froeschl, who scored ten of his 13 points in the second half, said, "We got lucky enough to win state two years in a row; most teams don't even get to go to state. So, the opportunity to get to go to state is pretty awesome."

Four players hit double figures for the Irish, with Nachtigal leading the way with 19. Jordan added 16, Froeschl had 13 and Simon finished with ten. Kale

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Left, Irish defenders Rachel Magdanz, Erison Vonderschmidt, Olivia Eickhoff and Jessica Wertenberger converge on the Flyers shooter. Right: Emma Littrel fights for position on a rebound with St. Francis forward Kylee Wessel.



Left, Erison Vonderschmidt skies for a bucket over St. Francis's center Isabel Preister on Friday night. Right, Rachel Magdanz is all smiles as she cuts down the net at Pinnacle Bank Arena after the Irish's championship on Friday.

IRISH CUT DOWN NETS AT PINNACLE BANK FOR THE THIRD TIME IN SIX YEARS

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Lauren Malone and Wertenberger hit jumpers in the second to expand the Irish lead to seven at 16-9. HSF cut the lead to three with :17 to go but a hoop by Vonderschmidt at the buzzer sent the Irish into the locker room with a 19-14 lead.

"The whole first half I thought our defense was really good," said Coach Luke Santo. "We were getting a lot of stops; I was just kind of frustrated that down on the offensive end we weren't scoring like we needed to. We got a lot of looks around the rim and the shots just weren't falling. I felt like we were letting them hang around."

The third began with another bucket by Malone to increase the Irish lead to seven. HSF proceeded to turn up the heat defensively and their full-court press gave the Irish trouble. The Flyers scored eight consecutive points and took a 22-21 lead with just over four and a half minutes to play. The turning point seemed to come with 1:50 to go in the third. Vonderschmidt secured an offensive rebound and follow up to put SH in front 26-25. After a Flyer turnover, Olivia Eickhoff increased the Irish lead to three and a drive by Magdanz with four ticks on the clock put the Irish back up by five, 30-25 with eight minutes remaining.

Humphrey continued to battle, hitting a three to open the fourth to make it 30-28 with 5:45 to go. Eickhoff pushed the Irish lead back to four after an offensive board and hoop with four and a half to go. After a pair of Flyer free throws, the Irish scored six straight to make it 38-30 with less than three minutes remaining.

The Irish sealed the win at the charity stripe hitting 5/6 in the final 1:05 of action to secure the Irish's title.

Trailing 24-23 with four minutes to play in the third, the Irish outscored the Flyers 20-9 in the final 1 1/2 quarters to get the win.

Coach Santo said the offense wasn't that good in the third quarter, so the Irish tried to spread the Flyer defense out more and tried to get more space for Magdanz and Eickhoff to get to the bucket. Eickhoff scored five of her 11 points in the final period and Magdanz added eight in the frame as the two combined to score all 13 points for the Irish down the stretch.

With Magdanz and Eickhoff leading the offense, Vonderschmidt pulled down a game-high ten rebounds while adding three steals.

After the game, when I asked Coach Santo about the expectations of this group of seniors, he stated, "I'm so happy for them, even back in grade school, when these guys were coming up, you could see it was going to be a talented, talented group. In junior high they were winning pretty much everything, and then boom, your freshmen and your kind of saddled with those expectations and it tough. Their freshman year, we got here, they lost in a close one. Sophomore year they lost in the semis to Wynot and last year we lose Rachel in the semis and come up just short to St. Francis. As a coach, you were disappointed, and you hope to just get here and win one for these girls; just really, really happy for them. They deserve it, they really deserve it."

Scoring

Sacred Heart Magdanz 14, Vonderschmidt 6, Eickhoff 11, Malone 4, Wertenberger 6, Witt 2, HSF Wessel 6, Stricklin 10,

E. Baumgart 4, H. Baumgart 2, Hastreiter 2, Preister 9. The Irish finish the season 27-3, having won the final 19 games of the season. HSF fell

to 25-4, losing for the first time since a 45-39 setback to Norfolk Catholic on January 4.

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Irish boys hold head high to finish third at NSAA State Tourney

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"I told our guys, even though we're not playing on the day we wanted to, it's the last game for the 2021 team and game 30. We wanted to end on a high note, so our effort was great," said Coach Doug Goltz. "We played well and it's fun to be part of that. It's no fun losing that last game; I was really happy with how we played."

Scoring
Sacred Heart: Jordan 16, Froeschl 13, Keithley 3, Simon 10, Z. Keithley 2, Nachtigal 19. The win capped off a 24-6 campaign for the Irish while Osceola fell to 22-7.

On Thursday night at the Devaney Center, the Irish were looking to bounce Parkview Christian from the state tournament for the third consecutive season. Instead, the Patriots eliminated the two-time defending champions from title contention with a 46-31 win over the Irish. It was the first loss for Sacred Heart to a Class D1 or D2 team.

The Irish offense struggled to get into a groove in the final three periods, getting outscored 40-19 after the first quarter.

The No. 2 seeded Irish opened the game with buckets from Jordan and Simon to go in front 4-0. Things were looking good for the Irish as they had three offensive rebounds in the first possession. With the game tied at four, Simon hit a triple from the top of the key to make it 7-4 and seconds later, Froeschl went coast to coast to make it 9-4. The quarter ended with a three from Sam Dunn to make it 12-6 after one.

Froeschl scored in the lane to open the second and push the Irish advantage to eight. The Patriots then came storming

back, scoring ten of the next 11 points to take the lead, 16-15 with three minutes to play. An offensive board and a put back by Nachtigal put SH back in front, but a hoop by Parkview with :16 to go had the Patriots fans on their feet as the teams headed to the locker rooms with Parkview in front 18-17.

In the third, Parkview continued to give the Irish offense troubles, but SH continued to battle. Simon hit buckets at the rim three times in the quarter to keep the Irish within a point. The Patriots scored the final four points of the third and SH found themselves in unfamiliar territory, trailing by five heading into the fourth.

Jordan began the fourth with a pair of free throws and Keithley hit a jumper from the foul line to again make it a one-point game, 28-27. Parkview then went on a devastating 10-0 run to go in front 37-27 with under four minutes to play. The Irish would get no closer as the Patriots hit free throws down the stretch to pull off the 15-point win, 46-31.

Simon was one of the few bright spots for the Irish, finishing with a team-best 12 points. The Irish hit 3/6 from the foul line while the Patriots made good on 14/16 attempts. Viktor Kachalouski led Parkview with 17, going 11/12 from the charity stripe.

Scoring
Sacred Heart: Jordan 8, Dunn 3, Froeschl 4, Keithley 2, Simon 12, Nachtigal 2.

Parkview: Kachalouski 17, Reide 4, Ault 9, Urlish 6, Curry 10.

In talking about the loss on Thursday night, Goltz said, "It was hard to watch because I thought our guys were trying so hard. It was almost like the harder they tried, the tighter



Wanda Parrish



Kimberly Hoagland



Chase Ramer

Sheriff's Department make meth arrest after investigation

Richardson County Deputies conducted a methamphetamine distribution investigation overnight from March 10 to 11.

The investigation was related to methamphetamine distribution at 1520 McLean Street in Falls City. As part of the investigation, Deputies executed a search warrant at 1520 McLean, at about 2:00 a.m.

As a result of the investigation, deputies recovered methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and a firearm. The following people were arrested.

Chase Ramer of Falls City, Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine, Delivery of Methamphetamine within 1,000ft of a School (two counts) and Possession of Methamphetamine

(two counts).

Wanda Parrish of Falls City, Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine, Delivery of Methamphetamine within 1,000ft of a School, Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute within 1,000ft of a School, Possession of Money while During a Drug Crime, Maintaining a Drug House and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Kimberly Hoagland of Humboldt, Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Possession of a Firearm During a Felony, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

DHHS issues benefits to families that did not receive summer P-EBT benefits

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will disburse Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) funds to

they got. We've been a good shooting team all year, this team has made more threes than any team I've coached and for whatever reason, last night, we couldn't get shots to fall." "We're kind of spoiled, obviously," said Goltz. "Everyone kind of expects this. It's a good thing when our boys expect it, knowing that it just means the responsibility of that is all the work you have to put into it."

eligible families that missed Summer 2021 P-EBT benefits on March 11, 2022. School-age children were eligible for Summer P-EBT benefits if they were approved for free or reduced-price meals for the last month of school in 2021, or if they applied for free or reduced-price meals by August 13, 2021, and were approved by their school.

P-EBT is a USDA program designed to provide cash benefits on an EBT card to purchase food. The purpose of this program is to provide benefits to children who lost access to food due to COVID-19 related school closures or adjusted hours or attendance.

Summer P-EBT benefit amounts are \$375 per eligible child and this is a one-time payment for the Summer period of May 13, 2021, through August 13, 2021. School districts reported eligible schoolchildren to the Department of Education (NDE), NDE then provided the data to DHHS. DHHS will issue Summer P-EBT benefits to 17,343 eligible children for a total of \$6,503,625 in benefits. DHHS will be announcing a fourth round of P-EBT benefits in the near future.

Families that received Summer P-EBT benefits during September 2021 or October 2021, will not receive additional Summer P-EBT benefits.

For the second-consecutive season, Irish send Broncos home early

By Brian McKim

In a repeat of last year's opening round of the NSAA Class D2 state basketball tournament, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish squared off against the seventh-seeded Mullen Broncos at Lincoln Southwest High School on Tuesday night, March 8. Last year, the roles were reversed as Sacred Heart was the seven seed and upset the No. 2 seeded Broncos. On Tuesday night, the Irish weren't about to fall prey to the underdogs.

Mullen got on the board first as Clayton Moore hit a bucket at the 6:30 mark to make it 2-0. Joe Simon tied it one minute later, but a free throw by Mullen gave them the lead back at 3-2. Jakob Jordan swished a pair of treys in the final minute and a half to put SH in front 10-7.

Jordan came out firing in the second, draining his second triple of the game to make it 13-7 with 6:45 to play in the half. With 1:20 to go, sophomore Jack Stice put SH up by five, 18-13 with a three, the Irish's fourth of the half. With six seconds to play, Sam Dunn forced a turnover on a five-second call and the Irish had the ball back with just enough time to attempt one last shot. Jordan took the pass and fired a trey from the left wing over two defenders and boom; the Irish went up by eight at the buzzer, 21-13.

Mullen played the final three quarters without their top-playmaker, Clayton Moore. Moore went down early with an

apparent ankle injury and was forced to watch the remainder of the contest from the bench. Moore averaged 19.6 points and 9.3 rebounds per game.

The Irish also played the majority of the second period without Brogan Nachtigal and Simon, whose minutes were limited due to foul trouble.

Mullen was down, but they weren't out. A three with 5:30 to play in the third closed the gap to five at 23-18. The Irish offense then began to click; back-to-back treys by Nachtigal and Jordan helped the Irish pull away as SH outscored the Broncos 14-4 the rest of the way to take a 37-22 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

Evan Keithley sank a triple to open the fourth and SH took an 18-point advantage just fifteen seconds into the fourth. With just under four minutes to play, Jordan pulled up in transition and sank his sixth trey of the night. The Irish closed the game on a 12-0 run to finish with the 26-point win, 56-30.

Jordan led the charge for SH with a game-high twenty points, while Nachtigal added ten. Luke Durfee led the Broncos with 14 points, hitting three treys.

Scoring
SH: Jordan 20, Stice 3, Jake Froeschl 6, Keithley 7, Simon 5, James Froeschl 3, Zach Keithley 2, Nachtigal 10.

Mullen: Groseth 3, Kuncl 6, Clayton Moore 2, Durfee 14, Finney 2, DeNaeyer 3.

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Saturday, April 2 nd	Nemaha	Auburn	7:30 am – 9:30 am	Rodeo Area parking lot by Rotary Lake
Saturday, April 2 nd	Johnson	Tecumseh	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	County Shop – 813 N. 1st Street

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Humboldt citizens hear reasons why 1.5% sales tax increase is needed

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uation now is better than it had previously been. "I'm proud of that. The Council has really done a very good job. We watched or semi-fixed expenses as much as we possibly could. But our fixed expenses are still there. We still have a \$1.1 million bill for water, and we have a million-dollar street bond payment," said Mendenhall. "We renegotiated these this last year and dropped our percentages down, which is saving the city a considerable amount of money. But still, we owe that money."

It costs the city \$2,000 a month for streetlights, which some residents may not realize. Over \$40,000 was budgeted for the Library, which Mendenhall said he believed was necessary for the community. The biggest expense this year, according to the Mayor, is water. In 2022, Humboldt has spent over \$270,000 on water, and that total is about \$20,000 more than was spent in 2020.

The sewer plant is in poor condition, and the city is doing all it can to keep it going.

"So there's a lot of things that this money can be utilized for, to make our community stronger, and more importantly better," said Mendenhall.

The city would like to offer services such as snow removal, fire, rescue squad, Library and the swimming pool to their residents. The Fire Department is currently using coats that are nearly a

decade old. They are holding their own with costs and doing their best with what they have to equip 20 firefighters. For a new pumper, they're looking at three-quarters to a million and a half dollars for a truck. The department is fundraising to help with building maintenance.

This sales tax would help with expenses for these types of services.

The current swimming pool costs the city "probably approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000." That total is after passes are sold for the year. "Keeping it going is a major undertaking," said Mendenhall.

The pool was first opened in 1951. The City Council recently closed the baby pool, but the Mayor emphasized that they don't want to start sacrificing services.

"Even though we've negotiated these bonds, we're still looking at over \$100,000 a year for each one of us. Insurance runs approximately \$42,000 a year. The bill can't be paid quarterly; it must be paid in a lump sum in December, no exceptions. Other bills are also due in December; then, the Street Bond is due in January.

"So the funding, we these things are extremely difficult," said Mendenhall.

Council President Larry Stauffer said some taxable sales come from the Internet. Sales made

by retailers via the Internet are taxed in the same manner as sales made by other retailers.

Exception - Sales of household goods and personal effects made on an online auction site by an individual are not taxable if: The sale is made only once per calendar year for three days or less, and The type of property placed on the online auction site does not include anything similar to that sold by the individual (or any member of the individual's household) in a trade or business.

"We're not taxing you on your home. This is basically this is fair to everyone. Everyone gets charged the same. It's not whether you've got more property, whether you own more cars; this is fair to everybody," said Mendenhall.

The money would not be earmarked for any particular project; it would go into a general fund and be used at the discretion of the Council.

The tax rate will remain in effect for a ten-year period if passed.

A citizen asked if there was a plan for the future of the swimming pool and said he would like to see any money go towards things for the kids like the swimming pool, south baseball field, things for the city to maintain and grow.

The Mayor said some of the money can be earmarked for the pool but can't be guaranteed because it will be up to the Council to decide. He mentioned that the pool was built on a water table but can't be moved because of the pool house. The ball fields should be able to get help for repairs and grants are always being looked into.

Stauffer said he's been in contact with an outfit in Kansas about swimming pools and he's excited about looking more into it. But he's not sure it's affordable. He said he thinks fixing the current pool would be like putting a match to a \$100 bill. "We're spending good money after bad and we're just band-aiding it to the maximum."

Another issue with the pool is finding help. Last year finding help was a significant issue. This year the Council has passed many motions to help with certification aide to encourage more kids to lifeguard and come back the following year.

The city sewer plant is in "horrible" condition and the sewer lines have recently been found to be in horrible shape. That's going to be another significant issue for the city. They are falling in and leaking.

"We really don't want our town to die, and it's going to help out so much in the long run," said Councilmember Jan Wilhelm.

The last time the sales tax was placed on the ballot two years ago during COVID, it lost by one vote. The Mayor spoke with someone from



Larry Stauffer

Commissioners make decision after grievance hearing

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The Sheriff also reported that he had briefly mentioned the Humboldt Law Enforcement contract with two of the Humboldt City Council members the week prior regarding the renewal of the contract to begin September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2025, in which the County is requesting a five percent increase from the current Contract. Those Council members expressed interest in a five percent increase, not a yearly five percent increase. The Council will have a discussion and the matter is expected to be placed on the Humboldt City Council agenda.

The increase discussed at the County Board Meeting would be an increase over a three-year period would be approximately \$10,900.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. met with the Board to discuss resolutions and contracts.

Resolution 2021-2022-31 was adopted to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with NE Dept of Transportation for County Bridge Match Project #STWD-CBMP(6) for C007402110-2.5W 1.7S STE (640-716/717) at Whiskey Run and C007425105-2.7N 3.5E FC (655-709/710) at Stream. (Resolution Book 26, Page 61)

The Chairman was authorized to sign the Temporary Easement contracts with landowners for project C007423425 located on 704 Road west of 647 Avenue between S24 and S25, T1, R15 (Martin/Roberts).

Commissioner Sickel informed Darveau he had received a call about the road straight south of Barada saying that it needed to be graded and it was getting worse. Darveau said he drove that road daily, and he was hoping for moisture this week, but now they were calling for the snowstorm that would eventually hit on Thursday, so Darveau hated to mess with the road before that snowstorm hit.

"I get it and I'm trying to get it done," said Darveau. Other routes were being worked on in the area and Darveau assured the Commissioners that the road would be addressed.

At 9:45 a.m., a grievance hearing was held for Gerald Kuker, who had filed a grievance with the Highway Superintendent which was denied and has requested the hearing with the County Board. Justin Hubly, Executive Director of the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, was present to represent Mr. Kuker. The grievance occurred on February 2, 2022, and claims

contract articles 1.6, 11.8 and 11.9 were violated regarding paid time off.

Hubly, a representative of Kuker, stated that it was understood that Kuker, as a full-time employee, would accrue paid time off benefits at the rate of 12 working days per year. The employees on the roads crew who have been working on this Contract say they've earned their leave on January 1 of each year in one lump sum of 12 days. Kuker asked to use some leave-in February but was going to retire at the end of February. He believed that he was owed on retirement in this particular case and should have been able to use his PTO because it was earned on January 1, 2022. Darveau understood that the PTO is earned equally on each pay period throughout the year. Through research, Hubly stated that the crew said they have all frequently been able to request leave at any point in the year and use that. For example, an employee gets 12 sick days on January one. If they or a family member becomes ill in March, they have taken five, six or seven days off in a row.

"Which leads me to believe that the past practices that they have been earning their leave on January 1, not per pay period as they go on. So that's really our position," said Hubly.

Darveau explained that the previous Highway Superintendent held a safety meeting and explained that employees would earn one day a month. When he [Darveau] took over, he had discussed it and the days would be earned, one day a month as long as they worked that month. So the agreement was known beforehand.

The Commissioners went into an executive session at 9:57 a.m. to protect the public interest and review the grievance with the County's legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley of Woods & Aitken, P.C., Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff.

The executive session closed at 10:10 a.m. The grievance was denied.

A written decision of the denial will be prepared and submitted by the Board of Commissioners during the next County Board meeting to the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61.

The Board met again on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

Six weeks until Spring Community Clean-up

Spring Community Clean Up is in six weeks. Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23.

The Earth Day Event, will be held on Sunday, April 24 at Stanton Lake.

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LOCATION:
129 County Road 1200 | Dorchester, NE 68343

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Pawnee City, and they didn't think the sales tax they've had the past four years had affected them negatively.

Mayor Mendenhall said he would like to visit with city members about the sales tax rather than write an article for the paper or place information on Facebook to communicate better. Still, the point is, "I don't want to lose services. We've got to have the equipment to remove snow whether we like it or not. We've got to have the particular equipment. As you know, it's outdated, it's old and it costs more now to try to fix it than to do something else," said Mendenhall.

The Mayor encouraged anyone to come to another Townhall meeting held sometime in April with questions or comments.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

District #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the January 10, 2022 School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022 in the Superintendent's office at the Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE – School Board members present were: June Bowers, Richard Malcolm, Dan Jones, John Martin, Scott Hollens and Kevin Scheitel. Absent: None. President John Martin presided at the meeting. President Martin announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES - None

1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by June Bowers and seconded that it is hereby determined that this public meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and are hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Jones, yes; Martin, yes; Bowers, yes; Malcolm, yes; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said meeting in open session.

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Richard Malcolm and seconded to approve the agenda. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Malcolm, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

- 1.0 Business Items:
- 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Approval of Absences
- 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda
- 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
- 1.6 Audiences
- 1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 1.8 Approval of Claims
- 1.9 Reorganization of the Board

2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: Tyler Cox, Nebraska Central Equipment, Inc.

- 2.2 Principal's Reports:
- 2.3 Board President's Report:
- 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
- 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
- 2.4b Building and Grounds Update
- 2.4c Continuous School Improvement & Strategic Plan Report:
- 2.4d Policy Governance
- 2.4e Student & Staff Health Update
- 2.4f Superintendent Meetings
- 2.4g Board Member Meetings
- 2.4h Other
- 2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports:

- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
- 3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions
- 3.2 Resignations
- 3.3 Teacher Employment Contract
- 3.4 Bus Purchase
- 3.5 Superintendent Contract
- 3.6 Other

4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022 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. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - It was moved by June Bowers and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular Board meeting; the voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Malcolm, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion carried.

1.6 AUDIENCES: None
1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded to approve the December 31, 2021 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$1,288,411.06 in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund of \$37,750.90; in the Student Fee Fund of \$8,885.00; in the ICI Fund of \$147,455.89; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$1,582,898.23; in the Special Building Fund of \$125,000.00; and in the Bond Fund of \$86,241.61. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Malcolm, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion carried.

The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, an Elementary Activity

Account Report and a School Lunch Account Report.

1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – It was moved by Richard Malcolm and seconded to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Malcolm, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion carried.

1.9 REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

a. Election of President – June Bowers was nominated as President of the Board. A motion was made by Richard Malcolm and seconded to close nominations. The voting was as follows: Bowers, abstained; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Scott Hollens and seconded to elect June Bowers as President for 2022. The voting was as follows: Bowers, abstained; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried. June Bowers is the 2022 Board of Education President.

June Bowers, as President of the Board, conducted the remainder of this meeting.

b. Election of Vice-President- Richard Malcolm was nominated as Vice-President of the Board. A motion was made by Kevin Scheitel and seconded to close nominations. The voting was as follows: Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes; Martin, yes; Jones, yes; Bowers, yes; Malcolm, abstained. Motion carried. A motion was made by Kevin Scheitel and seconded to elect Richard Malcolm as Vice President for 2022. The voting was as follows: Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes; Bowers, yes; Martin, yes; Jones, yes; Malcolm, Abstained. Motion carried. Richard Malcolm is the 2022 Board of Education Vice President.

c. Committee appointments: maximum of three unless Committee of Whole, SIP is liaison (current appointments listed, appointments by new President)

Policy: Dan Jones, Scott Hollens, Richard Malcolm

Project: Dan Jones, Scott Hollens, Kevin Scheitel

Negotiations: John Martin, Richard Malcolm, June Bowers

FCPS Education Foundation: Dan Jones, John Martin, June Bowers

Committee on American Civics: John Martin, June Bowers, Kevin Scheitel

d. Designations: (current designations are listed)

Newspaper of Record: Falls City Journal

Recording Secretary: Anne Crofford

District Treasurer: Anne Crofford

Federal Authorized Representative: Superintendent

Legal Firm: PGH&G Attorneys at Law, and/or KSB School Law

Designated Banks: American National, F & M Bank, and Frontier Bank

A motion was made by John Martin and seconded to approve the 2022 Board of Education Committee Appointments and Designations. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Scheitel, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Tyler Cox, representing Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc. explained options for improving the efficiency of the school district's bus fleet. The purchase of a 2019 Model Blue Bird Vision 77 passenger bus is immediately available for delivery to help ease the district's shortage of available buses, primarily due to the delayed delivery of a new bus ordered in the spring of 2021 and a maintenance issue with a route bus. Additionally, Tyler Cox presented information from Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc. offering a 5-year leasing program for schools to take advantage of as an option to obtain any number of new school buses for an annual lease fee, with any repair costs fully covered by Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc. The purchase versus lease program will be further considered by District 56 at the January 24 annual planning workshop.

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a GALE DUNKHAS: Submitted a written report.

2.2b JACK BANGERT: Submitted a written report.

2.2c ROB ALDERSON: Submitted a written report

2.2d SHELLY LEYDEN: Submitted a written report.

2.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

2.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: 2022 Session Convenes - The Second Session of the 107th Legislature convened the morning of January 5 at 10 a.m. The Legislature

began bill introduction, which will continue through January 20th. Public hearings will begin on January 18th. The 2022 session is the second session of the 107th Legislature, and will only be 60 legislative days, ending on April 20th. Due to the passing of the American Rescue Plan and a very successful year for Nebraska's economy, there is a record amount of funds available for tax relief and other projects. A variety of proposals for school funding reform will also be on this year's agenda, aimed not only at accomplishing additional property tax relief but also at achieving more equity in supplying state assistance and providing adequate state funding support.

The 2022 NASB Legislative Issues Conference is currently scheduled for January 30-31 in Lincoln, and the NRCSA Legislative Forum will be held February 22.

In the fall of 2021 the annual Nebraska Teacher Vacancy Survey was made available to all 244 Nebraska public school districts, 17 Nebraska Educational Service Units (ESU), and 177 nonpublic school systems to gather data relating to teacher supply.

The survey of all 438 Nebraska districts/ESU/systems requested the following information:

- the endorsement areas of the positions that were not filled with fully qualified teachers;
- the reasons why the applicant pool was not sufficient;
- what the district/system did to address the unfilled positions.

A summary report of shortage areas for Nebraska is included in the appendix.

2.4b Building and Grounds Update: The facilities project list draft for the summer of 2022 has been prepared with estimates for the majority of planned projects. The next step prior to school board adoption will be the prioritization and budgeting of facility improvements. A meeting of the project committee is to be planned in the coming month. A pair of major HVAC projects at Falls City High are nearing completion with the cooling tower and kitchen heat pump. The scheduled boiler replacement is planned for the summer of 2022.

The severe wind storm on December 14th caused extensive damage to Area 4 of the high school roof. An insurance claim has been filed with the district's insurance carrier and Chris Wall of Garland is consulting the district for soliciting a lump sum firm bid to provide supervision, labor, materials, and equipment for installation of the roof on Area 4 at Falls City High School.

The RDG Planning & Design site walk-through and kick-off meeting for the stadium turf is Friday, January 14th at 11:00. This is the initial step in the planning for replacement of the turf at the football stadium.

2.4c Continuous School Improvement & Strategic Plan Report: The FCPS School Improvement steering committee last met on November 15 to review and summarize the feedback collected from the subcommittee. The primary recommendations focus on the English/Language Arts core academic area and social/emotional support systems. The data-driven recommendations for the FCPS SIP plan are as follows:

- 1. All students will improve in reading
- 2. All students have access to consistent social, emotional and behavioral support.
- 3. A 11 students will have an opportunity to participate in a mental health or social emotional program that will enhance positive relationships.

FCPS has been approved for the Nebraska Child Care Stabilization Program for a total amount of \$36,000. This is a Federal grant administered by DHHS, and will provide additional funding support for the district's Early Childhood program (PCC). The Annual leadership team planning meeting is set for Monday, January 24 at 5PM at FCMS. The strategic plan including district goals will be reviewed and updated.

2.4d Policy Planning: Board Policies up for review and final reading include: Board Policies up for review, revision and final reading include: 1) 4223 Employment Related Sexual Harassment; Review only;

- 2) 6110 Certified Staff Employment / Terms / Contract; Minor edits to the Remuneration section reflecting current practice;
- 3) 6111 Certified Staff Duties / Teachers; Review only;
- 4) 6113 Certified Staff Professional Growth / Teachers; Review only;
- 5) 6114 Professional Leave (Form); Review only.

2.4e Student and Staff Health Update: The CDC recommendations for COVID-19 isolation and quarantine have recently changed. Students and staff should stay home when they have signs of illness and refer to their healthcare provider for care. If students

or staff come to school displaying or reporting symptoms such as fever of 100F or above, new cough, new onset of shortness of breath, or new loss of taste or smell; they will be sent home. Other symptoms may be considered if they have multiple other complaints. Falls City Public School continues to recommend families follow their Doctor's advice for close contacts and quarantining.

2.4f Superintendent Meetings: NASB Legislative Issues Conference, January 30-31, Lincoln; NRCSA Scholarship & Recognition Committee, February 9-10, Kearney; AASA Conference, February 17-18, Nashville; NRCSA Legislative Forum, February 22, Lincoln; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 17-18, Kearney; Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, March 19, Lincoln.

2.4g Board Member Meetings: NASB Legislative Issues Conference, January 30-31, Lincoln; NRCSA Legislative Forum, February 22, Lincoln; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 17-18, Kearney; NSBA National Conference, San Diego, April 2-4.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 4223 Employment Related Sexual Harassment; 2) 6110 Certified Staff Employment / Terms / Contract; 3) 6111 Certified Staff Duties / Teachers; 4) 6113 Certified Staff Professional Growth / Teachers; 5) 6114 Professional Leave (Form). It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded to approve the final reading on policy reviews and adoptions. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Malcolm, yes; Scheitel, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Teacher Resignation: Roger Lampe, 6th grade teacher, 35+ years. It was moved by John Martin and seconded to approve the resignation Roger Lampe. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Malcolm, yes; Scheitel, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Teacher Employment Contract 2022-2023: It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded to approve the Teacher Employment Contract for Joan Albury, High School Mathematics Teacher and Softball Coach. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Malcolm, yes; Scheitel, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

3.4 Bus Purchase: It was moved by Richard Malcolm and seconded to approve the purchase of a 2019 77 passenger school bus. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Malcolm, yes; Scheitel, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the protection of public interest, at 7:16 P.M. Kevin Scheitel made a motion and was seconded to go into executive session at 7:16 P.M. to discuss the superintendent contract and potential litigation on a separate issue. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Jones, yes; Malcolm, yes; Scheitel, yes; Martin, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

It was declared to leave closed session by President Bowers at 7:44 P.M.

It was moved by John Martin and seconded to re-enter open session at 7:44 P.M. The board reports discussing superintendents' employment contract and potential litigation. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Jones, yes; Malcolm, yes; Scheitel, yes; Martin, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

3.5 Superintendent Contract: It was moved by John Martin and seconded to amend the superintendent contract for a term of 2 years, and increase the superintendent's annual salary by 3%. The first year of the contract will commence on July 1, 2022 and end on June 30, 2023. The second year of the contract will commence on July 1, 2023 and end on June 30, 2024. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Malcolm, yes; Scheitel, yes; Jones, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by John Martin and seconded to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. with no further business. The voting was as follows: Jones, yes; Bowers, yes; Malcolm, yes; Martin, yes; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022 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. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS JANUARY 2022 CLAIMS

ABK Fire & Safety, Maint. ...\$422.50
AG Partners, Bus Fuel\$7,725.00
Armbruster Motor, Lease\$300.00
Bartek Chiropractic, Physical ...\$85.00
Central Office, Expenses....\$1,167.94
Central Office, Bus Permit-Mileage

Supplies-Cell Phones\$104.00
Central Office, Misc\$744.00
Central Office, Payables.....\$1,208.27
Cintas, Mop & Rag Services.....\$642.70
Colorado/West Equip, Parts\$214.52
Cornhusker International, Parts...\$16.74
ESU #4 Co-op, Registration\$30.00
ESU #4 Contracted, SPED.....\$2,139.75
ESU #6, Tech. Services\$61.00
Falls City Auto, Bus Parts.....\$493.37
FC North School, Supplies\$709.77
FC Sanitation, Waste Remov.....\$770.00
FC Truck & Trailer, Parts\$39.50
FC Utilities, Utilities\$23,824.13
FC Supply, Supplies.....\$185.53
Fiber Platform LLC, Internet\$277.17
Grainger, Maintenance\$674.97
Harmon's OK Tire, Tires\$1,378.00
Haug Communications, Parts.....\$325.00
Herrick Bruxellas Properties,
Building Rental & Utilities.....\$460.00
Home Depot, Maintenance.....\$945.64
Howard, Jessica, Tuition.....\$347.13
Hullman's Ford, Bus Parts.....\$100.76
Hydronic Energy, Maintenance ..\$359.87
Hy-Vee, Bus Barn Supplies\$83.14
Jones Air Conditioning, Maint ..\$364.00
JW Pepper, Supplies\$529.87
KSB School Law, Legal Serv.....\$250.00
Malcolm, Mary, SPED Serv ...\$3,582.85
Mr. Automotive, Bus Parts\$1,199.18
Nebraska Air Filter, Maint.....\$489.93
NASB, BOE Supplies.....\$71.00
Nebraska Central Equip, Parts ...\$867.48
NCSA, Registration\$10.00
Nodaway Valley Bank, Lease \$3,985.00
O'Reilly, Bus Parts.....\$247.93
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Parent Child Center, Meals.....\$184.69
Pest Control Serv, Pest Control ..\$125.00
Pitney Bowes, Postage Machine
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Precision Diesel, Repair\$1,277.23
ProServ, Copier Machine.....\$1,457.76
RehabVisions, SPED\$3,467.30
Schmitt Music MS Instrumental
Repair\$125.00
Security Serv, Alarm Inspect ...\$988.41
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SNC, Telephone Service\$1,921.28
SparqData, Software Renew ...\$970.00
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Maintenance & Tech Supplies\$1,598.81
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Rental.....\$525.00
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UCI Testing, Annual Renewal...\$200.00
Ultra-Chem, Maintenance\$161.88
US Bank, Travel.....\$140.91
US Bank, Supplies\$2,049.66
US Bank, Sixpence\$977.40
Verizon, HS Striv\$40.01
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Wolfes Printing, Supplies\$392.36
Total\$81,065.65
Payroll - January 2022\$917,435.16
GRAND TOTAL\$998,500.81

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GRAND TOTAL,\$2,250.00

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Water Heater.....\$2,500.00
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Trane, MS HVAC\$1,105.00
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Board of Equalization

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MARCH 1, 2022 CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Karas, Caverzagie and Sickel; County Assessor, Kim Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff.

Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Motion was made by Sickel to approve 3 tax list corrections as presented by Assessor Riggs. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet weekly for a regular meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., Room 202 in the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

The Board of Equalization of the County of Richardson, Nebraska meet when times may necessitate for the purpose of conducting any and all business that requires the action of the County Board of Equalization. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal business hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION STELLA'S ONE STOP SHOP - WOODEN SPOON CATERING LLC.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. 1. The name of the company is Stella's One Stop Shop-Wooden Spoon Catering LLC. 2. The designated office of the company is 202 Main St., Stella, NE. 68442. 3. The company shall engage in and have the power to do any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. 4. The company commenced existence as of the filing of its Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State on February 14th, 2022. 5. The affairs of the company will be managed by its member(s) pursuant to its operating agreement. Member and Registered Agent: Jana Anderson, 202 Main St., P.O. Box 134, Stella, NE. 68442.

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Auburn, Nebraska 68305
Telephone: (402) 274-5484

9-16-23
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NOTICE

A total of 115 cases will be heard by the Board in March 2022. The following case(s) sentenced in Richardson County will be seen by the Board of Parole.

March 25, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.

Community Correctional Center - Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska Gutzmer, Paige 392485 Pos Cntrl Sub Except Marijuana

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NEBRASKA BOARD OF PAROLE

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION BRIAR ROSE FARMS, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Briar Rose Farms, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on March 7, 2022 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

1. The name of the company is Briar Rose Farms, LLC.

2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.

3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is:

63034 716 Rd., Humboldt, NE, 68376, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Brenda J. Dutcher, 63034 716 Rd., Humboldt, NE, 68376.

4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Halbert & Dunn, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF RED LANDS, LLC

Notice is hereby given that RED LANDS, LLC has been organized pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Nebraska. The name of the limited liability company is Red Lands, LLC. The Registered Agent is Julie D. Bauman. The address of its registered office is 2020 Harlan Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The address of the Designated Office is 64995 706 Trail, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The general nature of the business to be transacted is any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. The company commenced its business on March 1st, 2022 and it has perpetual existence. The affairs of Red Lands, LLC and its management shall be conducted by its members, who on its date of organization were Brian J. Witt and Tara J. Witt, and such persons who subsequently become members of such company.

Red Lands, LLC
64995 706 Trail
Falls City, Nebraska 68355

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 1, 2022 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Roll call was answered by Karas, Caverzagie and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported that 2 persons have been hired to fill vacancies in the department, with one vacancy still remaining to be filled.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Chief Deputy Sheriff, Roland Merwin met with the Board to review the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. A report was received from the sale of the surplus cell phones that were offered for sale on local social media sites which stated an amount collected totaling \$2,114.00.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a purchase order submitted by the Sheriff for 2 patrol cars to be purchased from Anderson Ford for a total of \$74,753.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye.

After further review and determining that there is not yet an approved contract with the State Purchasing Division for the model years of the patrol units included within the purchase order, motion was made by Karas to rescind the motion to purchase 2 patrol units from Anderson Ford until the purchasing contract from the NE State Material Division is approved and released. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

A proposed draft budget was prepared for the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Humboldt to be presented to the Humboldt City Council for review and consideration before a new contract is developed for the next contract period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. The proposed draft from Richardson County is to increase the current contract amount by 5%.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Review of Projected Salary Increases FY22-23 Budget

The Board briefly discussed salary increases to be included within the FY2022-2023 budget (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023).

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for February, 2022.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND
Badge & Wallet, supp 174.00
BRH, supp 89.68
Buethe, Cassie, reimb 309.00
Clerk of District Court, fees.... 436.00
Community Medical Center, serv 1830.00
Consolidated Mgmt. Co., serv 151.05
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv 236.72
Election Systems & Software, supp 2012.79
Falls City Auto Supply, supp 63.12
Falls City Journal, adv 1749.01
Farm & City Supply, supp 97.71
Feniex, supp 4332.50
Galls, supp 93.87
Home Lumber, supp 404.85
HyVee, supp 83.59
Kollasch Law Office, serv 2299.00
CR21-119 Z. Bokelman, CR21-281 M. Monroe
Lynn Peavey, supp 162.00
Morrill Collision, serv 197.37
NACO, fees 280.00
NE Public Health Environmental, serv 315.00
NE State Fire Marshal, serv 120.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv 320.00
Postmaster, supp 179.00
Professional Forms & Supplies, supp 186.85
Quill, supp 84.87
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb 220.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb 405.16
SNC, serv 1081.08
Stateline Propane, serv 168.33
Stripes & Signs, supp 689.00
Wolfe's, supp 145.99
TOTAL GEN FUND \$18,917.54

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
A1 Iron Corp, supp 704.93
Falls City Journal, adv 23.56
Koch's Auto Service, supp... 12020.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc., serv 2425.00
Midwest Service & Sales, supp 5155.00
OPPD, serv 86.23
O'Reilly Automotive, supp 288.48
Unifirst, supp 45.49
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$20,748.69

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Prochaska & Assoc., serv 12291.02
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND \$12,291.02
SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND SNC, serv 141.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND \$141.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sickel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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VILLAGE OF VERDON

VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MARCH 2, 2022 - 7:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:08 p.m.

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

Chairperson Koso suggested Terry Cummins to fill the Trustee vacancy. A motion was made by Denise Koso and seconded by Vicky Cochran to have Terry Cummins fill the vacancy of Brenda Streit whose term ends December 7, 2022. All Trustees present voted YEA.

Terry Cummins took the oath of office and was sworn in as Trustee of the Village of Verdon by Clerk, Dawn Bennett.

ROLL CALL: Present: Vicky Cochran, Terry Cummins, Denise Koso, and Lois Miller. Absent: Gary Cochran. Clerk, Dawn Bennett was also present.

GUESTS: None.

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by V. Cochran to approve, all the Trustees present voting YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Koso, second by V. Cochran to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by V. Cochran, second by Miller to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

MARCH 2022 CLAIMS: Motion by V. Cochran, second by Cummins to approve paying the claims with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

The claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Denise Koso.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. March 2022 Shut off notices reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairperson Koso appointed Cummins to the Street Committee.

2. WATER TOWER STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS FOR NEBRASKA REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK (NRIN): The NRIN will proceed with the project by conducting the structural analysis of the water tower.

3. STREET REPAIRS - DISCUSSION: Discussion was held on street repairs for the fiscal year and it was reported that there could possibly be Community Block Grants available.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MOWING FOR 2022: A motion was made by Koso and second by Miller to have Tom Borrego do the Village mowing again for 2022. All Trustees present voting YEA.

2. UNSAFE STRUCTURES: Discussion was held on several unsafe structures and how the property owners need to be notified about them.

Motion by Miller and second by Cummins to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and all the Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on April 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Village Of Verdon February 2022 Claims

To Whom:	Amount
EFTPS, IRS W.H. For January 2022.....	\$
People Service.....	1,490.00
Verdon Library	25.00
R.C.R.W.D. #2	1,388.68
Seneca Sanitation Service	1,223.50
S.N.C.....	91.31
Davis Phe. LLC.....	168.29
Falls City Journal	
Nebraska Public Health.....	174.00
Braydon Frederick	
(Straw Bales).....	150.00
Bennett Htg & Clg	
(Insulation).....	200.00
Dawn Bennett (Notary Reimb.)	
.....	106.18
N.P.P.D.	
O.P.P.D.	
Frontier Bank (Drill Safety	
Deposit Box)	35.00
USPS - 3 Rolls @ \$40.00.....	120.00
Chuck Bennett (Dec. & Jan)	140.00
Julie Vollmer (Street Superintendent Fee)	550.00
Dawn Bennett, Wages 2-1-2-15-2022	
Dawn Bennett (Insurance Reimb.).....	300.00
Dawn Bennett, Wages 2-16-2-28-2022	
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VILLAGE OF VERDON

VILLAGE OF VERDON MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2022 7:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Present were: Gary Cochran, Vicky Cochran, Denise Koso, and Lois Miller. Absent: Brenda Streit. Clerk, Dawn Bennett also present.

GUESTS: None.

AGENDA: Motion was made by Koso and second by G. Cochran to approve the Agenda. All Trustees present voting YEA.

BUSINESS ON HAND:

1. LETTER OF RESIGNATION - TRUSTEE, BRENDA STREIT: A letter of resignation was submitted by Trustee, Brenda Streit. A motion was made by Koso and second by Miller to accept the resignation of Brenda Streit as Trustee. All Trustees present voting YEA.

A posting will be made in three public places announcing the vacancy of a Trustee for the Village of Verdon. On March 2, 2022 at the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, nominations and the appointment of a Trustee to fill the vacancy of Brenda Streit's term, which ends December 7, 2022, will be held.

2. JAMES BURTON - STREET REPAIRS PROPOSALS - DISCUSSION: V. Cochran reported that she had checked on James Burton's references and they all checked out. Street repair proposals will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Miller and second by V. Cochran to adjourn the Special Meeting with all of the Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Dawn Bennett
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David D. Sickel, Chairman
Richardson County Board of Commissioners 10-11

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Olivia Eickhoff breaks away for a late bucket to put SH ahead 38-30 with 2:50 remaining. Eickhoff scored eight of her 11 points in the second half.

Irish cut down nets at Pinnacle Bank for the third time in six years

*(Continued from Page 11)
How they got there*

For the third time this season, the Sacred Heart Irish squared off against the Sterling Jets, and for the third time, the Jets went home saddled with a loss. With the game tied at two, Rachel Magdanz hit her second bucket of the game with 6:30 to play in the first to put SH in front 4-2. Sterling scored three straight to take a one-point lead, 5-4, its last of the contest. Sacred Heart, the top-seed, secured their spot in the finals by sinking 10/12 free throws in the final two and a half minutes to move on with a 48-38 win.

Trailing 5-4, Sacred Heart's Olivia Eickhoff completed a three-point play to give the Irish a 7-5 lead with four minutes to go. Erison Vonderschmidt then went off for six points in the final 2:40 to put SH in front 15-7 after one.

Vonderschmidt hit a quick hoop to open the second and increased the advantage to ten. Sterling chipped away, cutting the lead to six, but Eickhoff completed another three-point play to keep the Jets at bay. A drive by Magdanz with only three ticks remaining on the clock sent the Irish into the locker room with a 14-point lead, 28-14.

Sterling came out aggressively in the third, beginning the period on a 6-0 run to cut the

lead to eight. Finally, with just over five minutes left in the quarter, Vonderschmidt put SH on the board, pushing the Irish lead back to ten. Sterling's Macy Richardson scored five points in the final 1:45 and the Jets managed to cut Sacred Heart's lead in half, 34-27, by the end of the period.

Sterling's Lauren Harms opened the fourth with an offensive rebound and follow up to make it a five-point game. Still hanging on to the lead, 34-29, SH got a layup on an inbounds play by Vonderschmidt to push the advantage back to seven with 5:40 to go. With 2:37 left on the clock, Richardson canned a pair of free throws to cut the Irish lead to three, 38-35. SH then calmly converted 10/12 opportunities from the charity stripe to hold on for the 48-38 win. Vonderschmidt and Magdanz combined to go 8/8 in the final two and a half minutes as the Irish weathered the storm and moved on to the championship for the second-consecutive year.

The difference in the game came from the foul line. The Lady Irish converted 12/15 attempts in the contest, while the Jets made good on only 10/21.

Vonderschmidt led the Irish as she has done much of the year, scoring 22 points. Magdanz added 12 and Eickhoff hit for 11 to lead the Irish offense. Richardson scored 22 points to lead the Jets.

The Irish improved to 26-3, while the loss sent the fifth-seeded Jets to 20-7. The win sets up a rematch of last year's title game with the Humphrey St. Francis Flyers on Friday night at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Scoring

SH Magdanz 12, Eickhoff 11, Witt 2, Wertzenberger 1, Vonderschmidt 22.

Sterling Richardson 22, Wingert 2, Lundemann 5, Harms 6, Boldt 3



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