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## Nussbaum named new City Administrator and larger signs requested at ambulance building so public stops parking in lot

The City Council met on March 21, 2022, to discuss regular business after the recent resignation of City Administrator Kevin Cluskey.

Mayor Bindle opened the meeting by congratulating the Sacred Heart Irish basketball teams on their trip to state. Bindle also mentioned that SENCA was discussing the possibility of a community garden. If people are interested in helping, whether monetarily or with time and knowledge, they can contact Bindle by emailing her at City Hall or by contacting Sherry Huddleston at the SENCA office.

The Treasurer's Report was incomplete for this meeting, and it should be completed and up to date for the next meeting.

Anthony Nussbaum was approved as the new City Administrator, Clerk, Treasurer. Nussbaum is from Falls City and a graduate of Falls City High School. He went to Milford at SCC for civil engineering and surveying. Nussbaum worked in Lincoln and Omaha for Olson Associates as a Technical Manager team manager for the special inspections and serving side of the program. In 2014, his family moved back to Falls City so his children could attend school here. Shortly after moving back, he became a member of the City Council until he took a job with the Housing Authority, leading to his resignation from the Council position.

Phyllis Kruezer of Falls City addressed the Council asking why Nussbaum would receive a \$10,000 pay raise as new city administrator, asking, "Is that necessary?"

Mayor Bindle said she believed it was "based on experience."

Councilmember Mitch Merz said Nussbaum had done administrator roles for the Housing Authority for the past six to seven years;

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## Nebraska State Patrol completes three-day search operation near Table Rock

Last Thursday, The Nebraska State Patrol along with several other agencies launched a three day search operation as part of the ongoing investigation into the disappearance of Linda Dillard.

Dillard's daughter, Winter Schaber thanked everyone who showed up to help search.

"We definitely miss her. We hope to find her or any evidence leading towards her," said Schaber. "I just want everybody to know how thankful that me and my family are that Nebraska State Patrol has put together such a huge search to help us find her and get some resolution today or hopefully this weekend."

She said she was hopeful for a resolution during a "not ideal" situation.

Although the search effort did not locate Dillard's remains,

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## ELECTION 2022 A closer look at the six Falls City School Board #56 Candidates

This year there has been increased interest in the race for Falls City School Board and what they plan to bring to the table if elected.

The Falls City Journal has asked the six District #56 candidates questions regarding the election. All responses are unedited and appear as received by the Journal.

The Falls City Journal will feature two candidates per week for the next three weeks as long as all candidates choose to participate.

All candidates were asked to participate and given the same questions. If any candidate chooses not to participate, they will not appear in this series.



Cassandra A. Goff

Why are you running for the Board of Education?

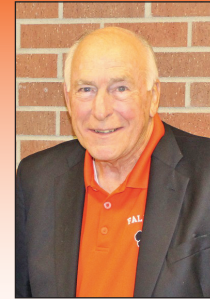
I am running for the Falls City Board of Education because the education of my children and children of our community is very important to me. Education is the foundation and key building block to each individual student's life and is vital to the success of our community.

It is important that students and teachers alike have proper support from not only our administration but also from the Board of Education. The Falls City school system has much to offer our children but like everything, there is room for improvement. As a mother of three, an active businesswoman and volunteer in the Falls City community I plan to bring my own education, knowledge, hard work and dedication to retain and embellish the already quality school system.

If elected, what will be your priorities?

My priority is the students. In order to put students first it is very important to bridge the gap between the administration, school board, teachers and students. If we don't have teachers who are excited to come to work and feel supported by their administration and school board, we do not have anything. In talking to many teachers, I have felt that disconnect and the concern they are not being heard by

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John E. Martin

Why are you running for the Board of Education?

I am running for reelection to assist the school district in continuing its improvement and its development in preparing for new challenges. All decisions of the school board should be made with "What is best for the kids?" in mind.

If elected, what will be your priorities?

My priorities will continue to be pushing all to obtain the best school district possible. To consider all points of view before voting on an issue but with the desire for excellence in all things so the outcome is the best possible for the students of the district.

Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board of education?

I do not believe there should be an "issue" that motivates someone to be a school board member. Issues come and go and decisions are of the Board, not a single member. Good boards find ways to get to a good issue resolution after hearing from patrons, administration and honest and open discussion among the board members.

What attributes and behaviors are essential for school board members?

Honesty, openness, willing to hear all points of view, a driver

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DSA Winners: Elle Falk, Emily Vitosh, Marilyn Capps, Angie Embretson, Shelly Leyden, Lexi and Becky Brewer and Jessica Fischer. (Photo by Brian McKim)

## Locals honored during Jaycees DSA Banquet

### REMINDERS - SEE ADS INSIDE!

- Good News Fish Fry, April 23 - 6th & Reavis
- Nemaha Rescue Squad Fish Fry, April 1 - 501 1st St.
- Richardson Co. Museum opening April 1.
- Krumme Memorial Arboretum Bake Sale, April 9 at SunMart.

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By Nikki McKim

During their annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet, the Falls City Area Jaycees once again celebrated outstanding community members on Saturday night at Falls City Lanes. During the Banquet, it was called "a meaningful tradition to honor Falls City, community leaders."

Cassandra Goff welcomed everyone and Dr. Alyssa Finck presented the HOBY Awards.

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program has a mission to inspire and develop a community of youth to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. It was founded in 1958 by actor Hugh O'Brian after a trip to Africa, where he

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### What About Medical Cannabis?

By Andrew Ellsworth, M.D.

Since ancient times, marijuana has been used for medicinal and recreational purposes in many cultures. In the United States, it became illegal during prohibition, like alcohol. Later, under the Controlled Substances Act in the 1970's, the federal government classified marijuana a Schedule 1 drug. This classification includes heroin, LSD, and ecstasy, all deemed to have no safe, effective medical use and a high potential for abuse.

This Schedule 1 status imposes bureaucratic and legal barriers, making it difficult to conduct scientific research on the medical benefits from marijuana. Studies that have been conducted are small and limited. Thus, physicians are less confident recommending marijuana for patients. Not to mention, use or possession remains illegal federally and in many states.

The word cannabis refers to all products derived from the plant cannabis sativa. There are hundreds of compounds in this plant, called cannabinoids. Cannabidiol (CBD) is one of them, and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is another. The word marijuana often refers to products from the plant that contain large amounts of THC, which is psychoactive and can alter someone's mental state.

Cannabinoids can trigger receptors in the brain to release neurotransmitters to affect mood, sleep, pain, and memory. Drugs with cannabinoids may be helpful in treating nausea and vomiting from cancer treatments, loss of appetite and weight loss from AIDS, chronic pain syndrome, multiple sclerosis symptoms, glaucoma and children suffering from seizures. There may be other medical benefits we are not yet aware of. We need more research to determine safe treatments and establish confidence.

Marijuana use can cause harm. It can do more than dull the brain and give someone the munchies. It can increase the risk of motor vehicle crashes. In some individuals it can increase the risk of developing schizophrenia or other mental illnesses. Frequent use by adults and use in adolescence can decrease attention and memory, or cause cannabis use disorder, which has symptoms of craving, withdrawal, lack of control, and negative effects on personal and professional responsibilities. Sometimes people develop recurrent severe vomiting. Vaping products with THC have resulted in severe lung injury.

Marijuana has been used as a medicine for a very long time in various cultures. Yes, it can be addictive, and it can cause problems. Although, when you consider the harms from alcohol, tobacco, narcotic pain killers, and other medications, perhaps cannabis deserves a chance to be further studied and used when medically appropriate.

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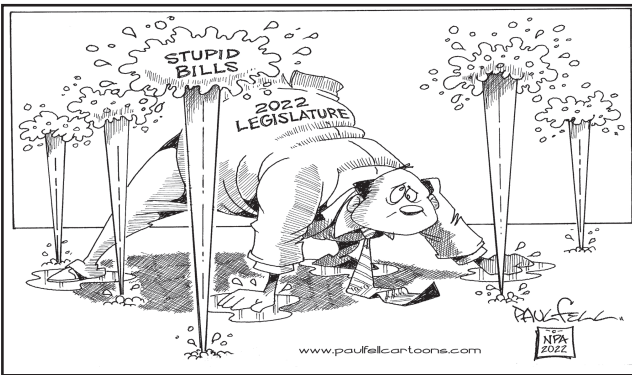
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## LAWMAKERS HAVE PASSED SOME LEGISLATIVE MEASURES SO FAR

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

It's almost over but the shouting. What, exactly, has the 2022 Nebraska Legislature accomplished so far?

While debate over equitable distribution of pandemic relief funds, tax cuts for the rich and prison reform have grabbed the headlines; lawmakers have also passed some noteworthy legislation that will impact Nebraskans for years to come.

**Politics and shots.** Passed, signed into law and already on the books is a measure (LB906e), which allows Nebraskans to claim medical or religious exemption from coronavirus vaccination requirements in most workplaces. Anti-mandate Governor Pete Ricketts said sweeping Covid vaccine mandates fail to account for individuals' medical conditions and religious convictions. He lauded Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair and his colleagues for taking action to give Nebraskans an avenue to claim this exemption despite the federal attitude about mandates.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has created a vaccine exemption form good only for Covid-19 related cases. The form can also be used for medical exemption, provided a healthcare practitioner has signed a statement that coronavirus vaccination is inadvisable or ought to be delayed given the individual's medical condition.

The vaccine exemption applies to employers of one or more persons, including State agencies and political subdivisions. It does not apply to the federal government, tribal governments, or workers covered by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) vaccine mandate.

**Death and taxes.** Nebraska's Inheritance Tax rates are reduced, and exemptions increased under (LB310) sponsored by Sen. Rob Clements of Elmwood in search of continued improvement of the state tax structure. Clements said allowing people to keep more of their inheritance will increase capital formation and encourage economic growth. Reducing rates and increasing exemptions create a fairer and more reasonable tax, which in turn decreases the incentive for some Nebraska residents to move to another state.

Currently, Nebraska is one of only six states that still levy inheritance taxes. Over the last 27 years, Nebraska has averaged around five percent annual compound growth in total inheritance tax revenue. The new law resets the revenue to the amount it would have been with two and a half percent inflation. The rates would be reduced in each of the three inheritance tax categories by half while exemption would be increased. These changes would take place over a phase-in period of three years and cost county governments as estimated \$70 million a year in lost revenue.

**Home grown.** Nebraska's highly successful Farm-to-School Program, enacted last year, will now include early childhood education programs under (LB758) the measure passed and signed into law this session. The program allows Nebraska-grown food products to be used for school meals and snacks, including use of appropriate preservation methods by school nutrition staff for use later in the school year. The laudable goal of the program provides for the purchase of locally and regionally produced or processed food to improve child nutrition and strengthen local and regional farm economies. Hats off to Sen. Tom Brandt of Plymouth for seeing this one through.

**Increasing demand?** It would be easier for funeral directors, embalmers and apprentice embalmers to obtain a license under a measure (LB704) offered by Sen. Matt Williams of Gothenburg. The funeral director and embalmer would be required to have earned 40 hours of college credit, as

opposed to the current 60 hours.

The bill would also change the hours required from six accounting hours to twelve business hours; and from eight hours of chemistry to four hours of chemistry. Apprentice license requirements would require the applicant to have completed 20 of the 40 required hours, as opposed to the current 39 of 60 hours.

**Mr. Clean.** A working group creating a proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy to select Nebraska as one of four regional clean hydrogen hubs is in place under a bill (LB1099) sponsored by Sen. Bruce Bostelmann of Brainard. The state Department of Economic Development will oversee the group appointed by the governor from representatives of manufacturing or industry, agriculture, transportation, and energy. It also may include a representative of a clean hydrogen manufacturer.

**Prescription Management.** Also passed (LB767) introduced by Sen. Mark Kolterman of Seward to establish licensure and regulation standards for pharmacy benefit managers — companies that manage prescription drug benefits on behalf of health insurers — by the state Department of Insurance.

**Move the stakes.** (LB791) from Kearney Sen. John Lowe would increase the population threshold for requiring appointment of a county surveyor from 60,000 to 100,000. The qualifications and role of the county surveyor are set in part based on the population of the county they serve. The county surveyor serves in multiple roles in most Nebraska counties, including that of surveyor, county engineer, and county highway superintendent.

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

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  7. Tray bit
  8. a.k.a. Bruce Banner
  9. One who plies one's trade
  10. "Days to \_\_\_\_" on a seed packet
  11. Make a blunder
  12. Apartments, e.g.
  13. Plumarias are often used in this Hawaiian greeting
  14. Scrooge's visitors
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  18. Month before Nisan
  19. Dress with a flare
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  24. Mother lode stuff
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  30. \*Like an aggressive weed
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  32. \*Holds a plant stem to a support
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  35. Urban legends, e.g.
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  38. "The \_\_\_\_ Who Loved Me"
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  5. \*Seed plant's harvest
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  9. Famous canal
  10. Hold as a conviction
  11. Make a blunder
  12. Church service unit
  13. Salesman's speech, e.g.
  14. Loosen laces
  15. Tennis do-over
  16. \*Splice, to a gardener
  17. Nimble on toes
  18. In the cooler (2 words)
  19. Former Saint Brees
  20. \*Pulling my leg," e.g.
  21. Mother-of-pearl
  22. \*Kind of thumb
  23. Pizzeria output, pl.
  24. "\_\_\_\_ you kidding?"
  25. \*N in N-P-K
  26. Sneaked glances
  27. Slammer
  28. \*The Shawshank Redemption" theme
  29. Served raw
  30. Isaac of science fiction
  31. This Dogg can rap
  32. What Elton John tickles, sing.
  33. Street in Anytown, USA
  34. Guessimate phrase (two words)
  35. Bodily disorders
  36. Lope de \_\_\_\_ , Spanish playwright
  37. Building extensions
  38. Nurses' org.
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**50 Years Ago, March 30, 1972 to April 5, 1972**

The Falls City High School band was sponsoring a 1.5-mile walk to raise money for their trip to Virginia Beach for the national band festival. The journey for the entire band was projected to cost \$15,000.

Rick Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gardner of Nemaha, was selected as the Boys State representative from Southeast Consolidated School. Lavonne Steinhauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steinhauer from Falls City, was chosen as the girls' delegate.

Researchers at a California laboratory told people they could relax; research showed that you couldn't catch cancer from a cat.

In Bridgewater, Massachusetts, a fireworks explosion reportedly killed six people and injured 11 more. A chain reaction of explosions, followed by an intense fire, ripped through the buildings of the firework manufacturer.

Bill Simon of Sacred Heart and Jim Morris of Southeast Consolidated were named to the first team of the Galaxy Conference for the basketball season.

The Dairy Dip was advertising 25-cent tacos on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with no limit.

Kansas City's Municipal Stadium was ready to open for the 50th and final time. The Royals planned to open the new Royals Stadium on July 18. Head groundskeeper George Toma said that his crew was about two weeks ahead to get the playing surface ready one last time due to the weather.

A B52 carrying seven crew members crashed into a residential area in Orlando, Florida, damaging at least eight homes. The plane slammed into the ground in a near-vertical dive.

United Mine Workers president W.A. Boyle was convicted in U.S. District Court of 13 counts stemming from campaign contributions paid through the union between 1966 and 1969.

State Engineer Thomas Doyle announced a 12-cent hourly raise for all state roads department employees.

The new assistant head football coach at Nebraska, Tom Osborne was announced as the featured speaker at the Falls City Tiger Booster clubs dinner.

"Pocket Money," featuring Paul Newman and Lee Marvin, was playing at the Rivoli Theater. Adults could get in for a dollar while kids' cost of admission was 50-cents.

Breezy Hill Drive-Inn was reopening with "Two-Headed Transplant" and "Destroy All Monsters" showing. The price of a ticket was \$1.25 for adults and children 12 and under got in for free.

Friends and neighbors of Claude Erisman Jr. of Humboldt gathered at his farm and plowed 225 acres of cropland. Mr. Erisman had recently undergone surgery and men from the Humboldt-Stella-Alburt area chipped in to help out.

Harvey, the Easter Bunny, was the talk of the neighborhood at 10th and Stone St. after a Good Friday snow left plenty of material for Lynn Fryer and Ernie Gaele.

Kathy A. Dorste of Rulo suffered a mild concussion when her automobile collided head-on with a truck driven by Don Bents at the crest of a hill two miles northwest of Rulo.

Permits were issued by the mayor and city council to begin developing two nursing homes in Falls City.

Len Dawson, QB of the Kansas City Chiefs, inked a new two-year contract to keep the 15-year vet with the Chiefs. Dawson's new contract would have him making about \$100,000 per season.

Charlie Smith was elected president of Post I of the Travelers Protective Association.

Glenda Eames was the district champ in the spelling bee at the Seward Civic Center. Eames, a sixth-grader, missed only four words on the way to her title.

Millers Ideal Market at 311 West 21st advertised homemade sausage at 69-cents per pound and a four-roll of Softin toilet tissue for 38-cents.

**25 Years Ago, March 30, 1997 to April 5, 1997**

Approximately 120 people braved the chilly weather to attend the Easter Sunrise Service at Indian Cave State Park that began just after 6 a.m.

Ken Coonce and Larry Whalen welcomed over 100 people who gathered at a fund-raiser at Country Catering for the POW/MIA Memorial Park to be located in the 700 block of Harlan St.

County Commissioner Gayle Swisgood and Emergency Director Jim Gerwick saved the county \$3,000 by replacing the elevator motor in the courthouse. Estimates were at \$4,000 to fix the problem, but the two men did the job for less than one thousand dollars.

Bradley Olberding, building construction and Nathan Scholtz, diesel farm, were named to the Dean's List at Southeast Community College at Milford.

The Sacred Heart Irish track teams were comprised of 20 girls and 18 boys. The Irish returned nine state track meet qualifiers from the season before.

Humboldt's Rich Bacon was presented the Jim Lewis Award at the Nebraska Softball Association's spring meeting and awards banquet in Grand Island.

Dawson-Verdon released the third quarter honor roll that included seventh-grader Heath Christiansen.

Despite suffering a cut that required 28 stitches, Falls City native Ira Humm improved to 7-0 by defeating James Brackney of Springfield, Missouri.

**15 Years Ago, March 30, 2007 to April 5, 2007**

Richardson County Commissioners Jim Seifried, Bill Ely and Rex Jones reluctantly accepted the resignation of Richardson County Attorney Jeff Goltz.

A person or persons throwing rocks at a Burlington Northern-SF train passing through Rulo caused an estimated \$245,000 in damage. The engineer was also injured after being struck in the face with glass from a broken-out window.

Emily Pierson, a Falls City junior and Michael Olberding, a senior at Sacred Heart, were the Journal's athletes of the week.

Molly Chapple from Falls City Sacred Heart was named to the Green third quarter honor roll at Sacred Heart.

An accountant at Prosser & Campbell PC, Gary Jorn was appointed City Clerk/Treasurer and Carol Bentley was appointed Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer. The salary for Jorn was set at \$50,000 and Bentley was set to make \$42,000 per year.

Southeast Consolidated School presented their spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz," for two nights. The Southeast Music Parents offered a lasagna dinner before Friday night's performance.

Refreshments were served by Kenna Nixon and Nancy McKim at the Falls City Does Drove #56 meeting. Fifteen members were present at the meeting at the Falls City Elks Lodge.

The Southeast Consolidated Powerlifting teams placed second in the boys and girls divisions.

Eight Red Hatters met for lunch at A&G Restaurant. It was mentioned that their red hats and purple accessories were met with approval from the other diners.

## Locals honored during Jaycees DSA Banquet

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She is so kind and so deserving of an award like this."

The Boss of the year award was presented to Shelley Leyden by Lucas Froeschl on behalf of Jina Santo.

They said Leyden, the principal at North Elementary School, is one of the best they have seen in their 35+ years of teaching and exemplifies "Boss of the Year!"

"The definition of principal is a person who has controlling authority or is in a leading position. The definition of a Boss is a person who manages others and makes decisions. Both describe Mrs. Leyden. Here's why. As principal, Shelley has quickly worked to create a successful learning environment for both students and staff. Mrs. Leyden leads firmly, yet shows the compassion and caring that all staff and students deserve. She does the research and makes informed decisions. Thus, boss/principal. Mrs. Leyden leads by example. She never asks anything of her teachers and staff that she, herself, would not do."

The nominator said Leyden's workday is not the usual 7:30 to 4:00 but 24/7.

"Whether it's a high five, hug or huge smile, each student is greeted by name before beginning their day. Next, for our busy Boss, is daily announcements and celebrations. Then her work begins. You might see her leading a ROARS jam, playing the part of Dudley, snapping pictures of celebrations, having lunch with students, celebrating students' behaviors by decorating cookies, building marshmallow snowmen or mixing slime! Mrs. Leyden can be found meeting with parents, filling in for teachers, support staff or paras, answering questions about curriculum, getting band-aids or ice packs, discussing questions about curriculum, getting band-aids or ice packs, discussing student's behavior choices, answering the phone, emptying trash, researching best practices, evaluating teachers, well I could go on and on, but I think you get the picture. After school, she leads meetings, talks with teachers, researches curriculum, completes paperwork and whatever else has not been finished during the day. It's not time for her to relax yet. Mrs. Leyden attends monthly PIE meetings, programs, carnivals, school sporting events and promotions. She volunteers to do whatever is needed to improve the school or raise money. She has been known to make an appearance as the Grinch, pop popcorn, serve a hot dog or be the announcer at an event! Mrs. Leyden respects that her teachers and staff have families and all that comes with that. She knows her stuff and shows interest in their families and lives."

Sara Ruiz presented the Outstanding Community Leader Award to Marilyn Capps.

Ruiz said, "Most of you have seen her marching in the Veterans Day parade cobblestone parade and Richardson County fair with the VFW auxiliary color guard for many years. She is very active in the Veterans Day dinner, selling the poppies, the Memorial Day programs, and participating in Wreaths across America. As a board member, she's a strong, vital force at the Saint Paul's Lutheran Church and on the Falls City housing board. She holds a chair on the sewing group of the church women making quilts for the missions. You can see her working at the canteen at the red cross blood drives and distributing Christmas gifts for veterans in nursing homes. Somehow she still finds time to help people with their taxes. Marilyn Capps, you are one of a kind and our community is lucky to have you."

Jessica Fischer was presented with the Distinguished Service Award. The nomination letter said Fischer is the product of parents that have strived for community excellence through hard work, honorable values and extraordinarily likable personalities. She teaches pre-school at Falls City North School and is involved in the Special Education Program, Positive Behavioral Interactions Support and Family Engagement Teams. She's been active in the Falls City Jaycees before she was even a member, and she would help at Jaycees events with her parents while still in school. Once back in Falls

City full-time, she became a member and will soon be the next Jaycees president. She's vice-president for the Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors and can be seen at many community events, including the Hot Air Balloon Festival, Lemonade Days, Cobblestone, the Chamber Golf Tournament, Mouse Races and the Lighted Christmas Parade—all events that rely heavily on volunteers. Jes graciously offers her time to all of them.

She is a member of the Falls City Elks Club and has served on the House committee. She is on the Rulo Boat Club Committee and often helps organize fundraisers and events. It's evident she cares about Falls City and doing her part to make it a better place for the next generation.

Arguably the most notable and moving award of the night was the Robert J. Chab Community Service award.

Jessica Fischer read the nomination letter. This year's nominee is a person who has shown excellence in the area of community service. Specifically related to emergency responders. The recipient of this year's award has been a long time coming. This individual was not only a first responder but involved in a whole lot more than that. This person was a member of the Falls City Elk's Lodge for 25 years and, most recently, a member of the newly founded Gun Club.

This person was a rural Fire Fighter for 19 years and personally rescued me from a field fire. He even responded to many fires while he was sick and taking treatments. Even if he was on a night out when the pager went off, I can see that "do we really need to go" look that he and my dad gave each other and they usually cut their night short.

This person was a Jaycee for 31 years—you may wonder how that is possible, but when you get a good one, we keep them forever. He was a vital part of creating, designing and maintaining our field. He was one opinion we actually asked for and one of the first to show up when we needed something, whether it be manpower, borrowed equipment or money. He scheduled vacations around the demolition derby and tractor pull so he could be there to help get ready.

I truly believe the organization he was most proud to be a part of was NK Pullers. If you close your eyes, I bet most of you can see that huge smile on his face as he flies down the track hoping to make a full pull just one more time.

Becky, Justin and Lexi accepted the award on behalf of Mark Brewer. Brewer lost his two-and-a-half-year battle with pancreatic cancer on November 19, 2021.

Fischer said, "I adequately express gratitude and appreciation for all that Mark did for the Jaycees and the community, the Jaycees shared plans to honor him with a redesign to the Jaycees Field entry to enhance the landscaping and appearance that will include a memorial plaque.

"We didn't feel like this did Mark justice because, as everyone knew, Mark definitely worked hard, but he always loved to have a good time. So we would like to dedicate a special place to do just that at our [Jaycees] field. At the NP Pullers Banquets, their social hour is called 'Brewer Hour' because it's a party."

"With the help of our handymen on the board, we will be building a bar out of a grain bin and dedicating it 'Brewer Hour,' near one of our beer gardens."

"The crowd raised a toast to Brewer, 'Wheels up, Mark, until we meet again!' said Fischer.

The 2022 officers were sworn in, President Jessica Fischer; Secretary Alyssa Finck and DeAnna Goff; Treasurer Cassonda Goff; Management and Development VP, Chris Fischer; Community Development VP, Matt Buckminster; Membership and Growth VP, David Goff.

General membership meetings are most often held on the second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Jaycees Field. 18-41 year old's are welcome to join.

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## Falls City Middle School releases third quarter honor roll

Quarter 3 Honors: Falls City Middle School is proud to announce their third quarter Honors Students. Regular Honor Roll consists of students who had a 3.5 to a 3.75 GPA and no D's or F's. High Honor Roll Students had a 3.75 to a 4.0 GPA and no D's or F's. The highest honor a Falls City Middle School student can receive is Titanium Tiger status. To be a Titanium Tiger the student must have a 3.5 or higher GPA, no D's or F's, no discipline incidents, score at grade level on their STAR Math and Reading Test, miss two or less days of school (the nurse excuses any COVID or doctor approved medical absences) and they must be involved in an extra-curricular activity. Titanium Tigers have shown excellence in all areas of the Middle School experience. Congratulations to all of students who achieved first quarter honors!

**Titanium Tigers:** Gavin Bauer, Breean Eickhoff, Clara Feighner, Ella Glathar, Malori Kuker, Vaden Leyden, Brock Niedfeldt, Evie Rue, Jacoby Bangert, Miyuna Kong, Christian Saul, Dayton Sneathen, Harley Sutton, Jennifer Sweeney, Madalynn Hawley, Camden Jean, Taykia Hayes, Madyson Eberle, Isabella Johansen

**High Honor Roll:** Gavin Bauer, Peyton Brown, Orion Cattrell, Brock Caudle, Cade Caudle, Beata Clark, Emmett Daake, Carlea Dunkhas, Molly Ebel, Zavier Ebel, Breean Eickhoff, Clara Feighner, Kyleigh Furnas, Ella Glathar, Malori Kuker, Vaden Leyden, Ashton Martin, Ethan Morris, Brock Niedfeldt, Evie Rue, Mykayla Ruiz, Addyson Sayer, Blakely Sells, Elizabeth Vice, Jacoby Bangert, Wyatt Coonce, Tucker Coupe, Emersyn Courtney, Jalin DePrey, Kyila Hollister, Bowdy Jones, Grant Kobza, Miyuna Kong, Taiyiah Moore, Lathan Richey, Christian Saul, Dayton Sneathen, Jazlyn Strecker, Harley Sutton, Jennifer Sweeney, Gabi Young, Kenley Alexander, Madalynn Hawley, Camden Jean, Elijah Leyden

**Regular Quarter 3 Honor Roll:** Mason Collier, Taylor Delome, Braxton Harmon, Taykia Hayes, Jonathan Young, Paxton Armbruster, Madyson Eberle, Alyksander Finner, Kiersten Harmon, Hana Irizarry, Brylee Liberty, Kenzie Mason, Kaytlin Nelson, Bradyn Schulenberg, Jessica Sells, Skytan Stroebel, Brandon Feighner, Callen Furnas, Deacon Jacobs, Isabella Johansen, Kaleb Kaiser, Taytum Maddox, Carter Rumbaugh, Burke Wissman

## HTRS has named their third quarter honor roll

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer has named their Third Quarter Honor Roll for the 2021-2022 school year.

### Middle School High Honor Roll

**Eighth grade:** Lillian Bowen, Madison Bredemeier, Elizabeth Bstandig, Shayer Cumro, Emmett Glathar, Caleb Holley and Kenadi McClarnen.

**Seventh grade:** Drayven Lamb.

**Sixth grade:** Ty Dunekacke, Bradyn Bowen, Jack Hilgenfeld, Patricia Howe, Cole Hunzeker, Joshua Manning and Eden Stewart.

### Honor Roll

**Eighth grade:** Tobby Thiemann.

**Seventh grade:** Chayse Fischer, Harlee Hardesty, Miranda Rist and Axton Wamsley.

**Sixth grade:** Gauge Schuetz.

### High School High Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Isaac Bittner, Bailey Elrod, Mikkayla Flynn, Ty Force, Hunter Frey, Saydee Hardesty, Brittany Holley, Alyssa Howe, Nicolas Knudson, Jacey Leeche, Corey Oliver, Lennox Sadlo, Ellie Schaarlt, Gracie Shafer, Daniel Snodgrass, Andrew Stalder, Allison Vaughan and Aiden Worthey.

**Juniors:** Ryken Davis and Sally Joynes.

**Sophomores:** Maelynn Bittner, Clayton Howe, Ricki Long, Jaylie McNealy and Lauren Schaardt.

**Freshman:** Laramie Glathar, Jakob Manning, Carson Refsdal and Lily Wamsley.

### Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Larissa Goings.

**Juniors:** Ashton Bredemeier, Jack Hunzeker and Hunter Hutton.

**Sophomores:** Avery Dierberger and Lauren Ogle.

## Three Gubernatorial candidates attend Richardson County Republican convention

The Richardson County Republican Convention was held on March 18, 2022. There were 16 visitors and six delegates and attendance. Chairman Vincent Metzner opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the 2020 convention and treasure report were reviewed and accepted.

Representatives of the following state campaigns were present and gave a report and answered questions: Brett Lindstrom, Jim Pilen and Charles Herbster for Governor; Bob Borer for Secretary of State. Local candidates introduce themselves, Mary Eickhoff County Clerk, Amanda Bartek Ramsey County Treasurer, Kim Riggs Assessor and Pam Scott Clerk of District Court. David Sickle, Second District Commissioner was introduced.

A report on the 2020 Republican convention was given by Vincent Metzner. Ron Gudenkauf and Vincent Metzner were elected as delegates to attend the Republican state convention to be held in Kearney on July 8 and 9, 2022. Lanny Deckinger and Gayle Swisgood were elected as alternates.

Elections were held with the following results: Vincent Metzner-chairperson, Gayle Swisgood-vice chairperson and Pam Scott secretary-treasurer.

Reports were given on the following: Five County BBQ will be held at Johnson in September of 2022 and a Candidate Forum will be held at the Sterling Community Center on March 27, 2022.

The following resolutions were adopted: #1-To support hand counting of ballots. #2-To support voter photo identification. #3-To end mail in ballots except for military personnel when asked by a voter. Please consider registering as a delegate in 2024.

## Creighton and Nebraska Baseball on Nebraska Public Media

Baseball fans can catch all the action when Nebraska Public Media Sports produces live television coverage of upcoming Creighton and Nebraska baseball games.

The Citadel at Creighton - 2 p.m. CT, Saturday, April 2 on Nebraska Public Media

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Creighton home games are played at Charles Schwab Field in Omaha. Nebraska home games are played at Hawks Field at Haymarket Park in Lincoln.

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## SOCIETY

### Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

Submitted by Judy Schlosser, Secretary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met on March 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Shubert Legion Building. President Dona Hall called the business meeting to order. Chaplain Sharon Howard gave the opening prayer. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the American Legion Auxiliary Preamble. Tana Brown read a portion of the article "Think Eternity. Live Backwards" by Jean Vackiner, the Department Music Chair, from the March edition of The Star. The meeting was declared convened.

Roll call was answered by 10 Senior members.

Secretary Judy Schlosser read the minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Judy Schlosser gave the Treasurer's report. There were no bills submitted. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Tana Brown and a second by Linda Patchen. A paid membership is currently at 93.

Four members attended the District #13 convention held in Sterling on February 19. Unit 222 received awards for the following: History Book - 1st place, Publicity Book - 1st place, Poppy Centerpiece - 2nd place, Prayer Book - 2nd place, Community Service Report - 2nd place and Americanism Report - 1st place. The District #13 newsletter was read and upcoming events were announced. Department Convention is June 24-26 in Columbus.

The Legion's birthday will be celebrated on March 15 at 6 pm at the community building with supper and a speaker. Legion and Auxiliary members and their families are invited. Invitations have been sent and we

hope to have several District officers attend.

Unit 222 is sponsoring three junior girls to attend Girls State. A check for \$1200.00 was sent to Department and all three were accepted. June Bowers and Marilyn Capps were the Girls State Committee. We were able to send three attendees due to the generous donations from the community. Auxiliary scholarships have been received and are being reviewed by Tana Brown and June Bowers. They will then be sent to Department in Lincoln for selection. Americanism essays have been judged and the local winners have been sent to the Department Education Chairman. Tana Brown made a motion to increase prizes for the Americanism essay winners to \$10 - 1st place, \$5 - 2nd place and \$2 - 3rd place. With a second from Vicki Beilke, the motion carried.

The Unit will have a lunch stand at the Lundy auction on March 12 at the Ag Bldg in Humboldt. The menu has been set, including a work schedule and pie donations by members. The annual Easter Egg hunt will be at the Shubert Park at 1:30 Friday, April 15.

Community Potluck noon meals will resume on April 5. They will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Legion bldg. Elizabeth Ketner will be hostess for the April luncheon. All community members are invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship.

The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 pm, April 12, 2022, at the Legion Building in Shubert.

Sharon Howard gave the closing prayer.

President Dona Hall declared the meeting adjourned.

## ACCIDENTS

According to police/accident reports, on March 15, 2022, David A. Shaw Sr. of Falls City stated he pulled into the wrong driveway and ran into the back of a vehicle owned by Tiffin Bauman, of Falls City. No damage was done to the Shaw vehicle. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Bauman vehicle.

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Friday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jefferson	Fairbury	7:30 am - 9:30 am	County Shop - 1415 A St (along HWY 136)
Friday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pawnee	Pawnee City	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	County Shop-342 5th St
Friday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Richardson	Falls City	2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Falls City Fire Department (Old National Guard) - 1820 Towle St (1 block North of Prichard Auditorium)
Saturday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nemaha	Auburn	7:30 am - 9:30 am	Rodeo Area parking lot by Rotary Lake
Saturday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Johnson	Tecumseh	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	County Shop - 813 N. 1st Street

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**HHW program personnel reserve the right to reject any materials.**


**\$5.00 donation per household requested. Help keep these events going!**

Other communities served include Syracuse, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Eagle, Weeping Water, & Crete. Watch for flyers with more information for these communities!

**\*\*Thank you for your participation in this year's waste collections across the counties and for your donations to continue these events in the future.\*\***

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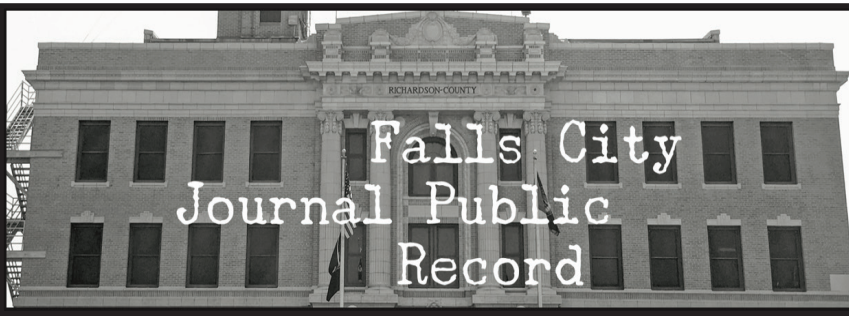
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**(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice** bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

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

**DISTRICT COURT**

Cynthia S. Nichols, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for April 19, 2022.

Casey J. Patterson, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing is scheduled for April 12, 2022.

Brian K. Mackey, count one, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count five, possess controlled substance, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count six, possess controlled substance, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count seven, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count eight, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count nine, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count ten, criminal mischief-\$501-\$1,499, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count eleven, willful reckless driving-first offense, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count twelve, drive under susp/before reinstated state, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count thirteen, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count fourteen, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing is scheduled for April 19, 2022.

Julian M. Cooper, count one, assault by strangulation or suffocation, plead not guilty; count two, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, plead not guilty; count three, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for April 12, 2022.

Justin B. Adams, count one, terroristic threats, plead not guilty;

count two, dom asslt-intl cause body injury/intl ptnr, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for April 12, 2022.

Keith A. Ferris, count one, Del/D/D/M/P contr subs near school-first, amended to Del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plea is guilty, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of two years starting on March 15, 2022, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, drug testing fee of \$120, regular probation fee of \$600; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, possess controlled substance, plead guilty, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 15, 2023, jail for a term of 30 days starting on September 15, 2024, jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 15, 2026; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count five, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count six, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count seven, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count eight, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count nine, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Keith A. Ferris, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, plead guilty, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of two years, starting on March 15, 2022, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$600, drug testing fee of \$120, jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 15, 2023, jail for a term of 30 days starting on September 15, 2024, jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 15, 2026, restitution of \$1,080; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Keith A. Ferris, count one, burglary, plead guilty, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of two years, starting on March 15, 2022, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$600, drug testing fee of \$120, jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 15, 2023, jail for a term of 30 days starting on September 15, 2024, jail for a term of 30 days starting on March 15, 2026, restitution of \$900; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Brian K. Mackey, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to possess controlled substance plead not guilty;

count three, possess controlled substance, amended to possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count four, theft-rcv stolen prop \$0-\$500, plead not guilty; count five, possess or obtain legend drugs, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for April 19, 2022.

**COUNTY COURT**

Cody S. Malik, count one, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count two, speeding 11-15, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Courtney J. Adamson, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty. Case continued.

Sir. Justin M. Andersen, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, drive during revocation/im-pound first, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, possess marijuana one ounce or less-third offense, plead guilty, found guilty; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count five, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing is scheduled for April 27, 2022.

Anthony S. Campbell, count

one, DUI-.15+, plead not guilty, found guilty and fined \$500, jail for a term of two days starting on March 16, 2022, credit for one day served, probation for a term of 12 months starting on March 16, 2022, attend AA meetings, evaluation/treatment, drug testing fee of \$25, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$300, revoked license for a term of one year starting on March 16, 2022, interlock device.

Braydon S. Frederick, count one, over 20 mph but not over 35, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs.

Esperanza Schondelmeyer, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, speeding 21-35, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200.

Max O. Nevels, count one, possess or obtain legend drugs, plead not guilty; count two, unlawful acts relating to drugs, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for April 4, 2022.

Trenton L. Crisler-Smith, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

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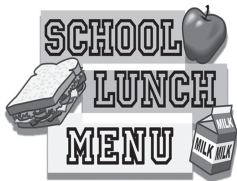
Phillip A. Doerr, arrest date March 13, 2022; Tylor Fritts, arrest date March 22, 2022; Louis G. Fulton, arrest date March 8, 2022; Samantha R. Hockman, arrest date March 2, 2022; Chance P. Huppert, arrest date March 21, 2022; Christopher W. Ivey, arrest date March 16, 2022; Christopher S. Jestrab, arrest date March 17, 2022; Debra M. Jorn, arrest date October 26, 2021; Jamie J. Kraus, arrest date March 17, 2022; Jeffrey Litel, arrest date March 15, 2022; Cody J. Naber, arrest date February 25, 2022; Brady R. Osthoff, arrest date January 26, 2022; Michael E. Tinsley, arrest date November 23, 2022; Eric L. Ramos, arrest date January 13, 2022; Jaiden L. Waggoner, arrest date March 23, 2021.

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**Mon 4-** Quesadilla Pizza, Green Beans, Peas, Cookie, Milk  
**Tue 5-** Orange Chicken, Savory Rice, Peas, Pineapple, Muffin, Milk

**FC TIGERS**  
**Wed, 30**  
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**High:** Hot Lunch: Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Burrito, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

**Thu, 31**  
**North & South:** Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans, Corn, Pineapple, Brownie, Milk  
**Middle:** Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans, Lettuce Salad, Mixed Fruit, Milk  
**High:** Hot Lunch: Cheesy Goulash, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, French Bread, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Spicy Chicken Patty, Tater Tots, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

**Fri, 1**  
**North & South:** Pancakes/Yogurt, Sausage Patty, Hash Brown Patty, Wango Mango, Peaches, Milk  
**Middle:** Pig in a Blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Pineapple, Milk  
**High:** Hot Lunch: Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, Corn, Fruit, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

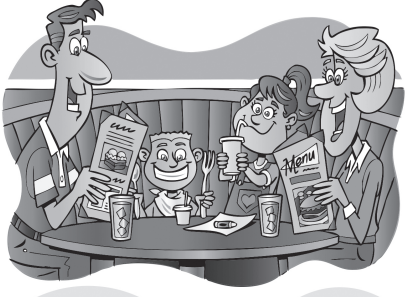
**Mon, 4**  
**North & South:** Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Pears, Hot Roll, Milk  
**Middle:** Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peas, Hot Roll, Milk  
**High:** Hot Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit Cup, Hot Roll, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Corn Dog, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

**Tues, 5**  
**North & South:** Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk  
**Middle:** Mrs. Haines Special: Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk  
**High:** Hot Lunch: Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk  
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**Dinner:** Smoked Babyback Ribs, Catfish Fillet Dinner, Jumbo Shrimp Dinner, Choice of Potato & Salad Bar  
**SATURDAY\*2**  
 Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito w/Coffee or Tea  
**Lunch:** Chicken Strip Basket, w/Dessert & Tea  
**Dinner:** Prime Rib, Whole Catfish, Frog Legs, Smoked Pork Chop w/Choice of Potato & Salad Bar  
**SUNDAY\*3**  
 Breakfast: Sausage, Bacon, Ham, Biscuits & Gravy, Potatoes, Eggs, French Toast w/Coffee or Tea  
**Lunch:** Chicken, Catfish, Roast Beef, Taters & Gravy, Carrots, Green Beans Salad Bar & Dessert  
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**WED:** Chicken Noodle Soup over Mashed Potatoes, Chicken Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders and French Fries.  
**THUR:** Meatloaf, Italian Grilled Cheese.  
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**THUR:** Lasagna  
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# Highway crews hauling rock to place on roads when weather permits

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on March 22, 2022.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. reported that crews are hauling rock to stockpiles to place on county roads in need when weather permits. Darveau told the Board a new employee began working yesterday and now all the vacant positions have been filled.

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board to review business within the Law Enforcement Center. Hardesty reported that St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating did a complete inspection at the Law Enforcement Center and repaired some items. He also noted that he and the Law Enforcement Center staff would be taking care of some other routine maintenance items that need to be corrected, such as issues with showers, painting, etc.

Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Public Schools has informed the Sheriff that they are going to move forward to put in place a School Resource Officer. He will be attending a meeting with school district representatives to develop contract items.

The County, purchase order policy was briefly discussed and the Sheriff has requested that the amount be increased to alleviate the need to complete these orders for routine purchases. The Board will consider this request.

A letter was received from Justin Hubly, Executive Director with the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, informing Richardson County that satisfactory settlement of the grievance filed on February 8, 2022, on behalf of Gerald Kuker was not reached at Step 2 of the grievance process outlined in Article 3 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and is submitting this grievance to the county grievance board.

Motion was made by Sickel in accordance with the Agreement between NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 and the County of Richardson, Nebraska July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023, Article 3, 3.3, c Step 3 that the Richardson County Board of Commissioners appoint Rick Karas and John Caverzagie to the Grievance Board. Motion seconded by Caverzagie, motion carried.

The Board will also be holding a teleconference call at next week's meeting with Mr. Hubly and the two persons selected from the Union to serve on the grievance board to select a fifth person to serve on the grievance board.

Approval was made to continue services with Scholl Lawn & Landscape, LLC for Courthouse mowing at \$100.00/mowing and to approve the additional mowing services to be done at the Law Enforcement Center at \$150.00/mowing.

The proposal from Prochaska & Associates regarding the Courthouse roof requesting authorization to obtain the services of Elevate Roofing of Denison, Iowa, to perform a complete roof inspection to include within the bid specifications for the Courthouse roof replacement was approved.

The motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Schawang Masonry, LLC, for the restoration of the limestone retaining wall around the Courthouse square, the motion carried.

The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 29, 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.

# HTRS basketball wraps up season

By Brian McKim

The HTRS Titan boys' basketball season was full of ups and downs in the 2021-22 campaign. The Titans opened the year at 3-0, defeating Diller-Odell, Weeping Water and Lewiston before dropping the next five contests. The start to the season was the longest winning streak of the year for the Titans, while the five-game losing streak was the longest. The season ended on a high note for the Titans in subdistrict play at Johnson-Brock High School. In the first-round game, HTRS defeated McCool Junction, 52-37 to move on to the next game. On the following day, HTRS upset the home team Eagles, 55-48 to move on to the subdistrict final. The Titans came up short in the finals, falling to Lourdes Central 52-31, ending the year 12-15.

The Titans accomplished a lot in the 2021-22 campaign, finishing third in the "B" Division of MUDECAS, finishing a runner-up in the Weeping Water Holiday Tourney and the runner-up finish at subdistricts.

Nic Knudson led Coach Mike Schardt's squad with 466 points, 17.2 points per game. Knudson added 129 rebounds, 62 steals, 53 steals, 24 blocks and made a team-best 60 free throws.

Gage Schardt was next for the Titan's offense, averaging 11.5 points per game for a total of 311 points. Schardt hit a team-high 33% of his three points attempts (50/152) and made 70% of his shots from the foul line (51/73). Schardt added 39 steals, 51 assists, 25 blocks and 183 rebounds.

Andy Stalder added 144 points (5.3 per game), 151 rebounds, 21 steals, 50 assists and seven blocks.

Jack Hunzeker, a 6'3 junior scored 153 points (5.6 per game), hitting 41/150 three-point attempts. Hunzeker added 41 boards, 21 steals, and 36 assists.

Hunter Frey averaged just over two points per contest this past season (61 points), while pulling down 91 rebounds, adding eight steals and dishing out 13 assists.

The Titans will have big shoes to fill next season as Knudson, Schardt, Stalder and Hunter Frey will all graduate in May.

HTRS will bring back some depth with letter winners Hunter Bohling, Jack Hunzeker and Ryken Davis returning to the court next season.

# OBITUARIES

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## Donald Laney

Donald Leroy Laney, 92, of Sabetha, Kansas, formerly of Falls City, Nebraska, passed away on Friday, March 18, 2022 at his home. Donald was born in Carthage, Missouri on January 31, 1930, to Charles Jackson Laney and Lottie Jane (Fry) Laney. Donald married Jeraldine D. Boyd on June 4, 1950 and they were married for 71 years.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings, James Laney, Elwood Laney, Nancy Reason, Delores Whitehead, and Gene Laney.

Donald is survived by his wife, Jeraldine Laney of the home in Sabetha; and his five children, Deborah (Patrick) O'Neil, James (Angel) Cole, Douglas (Shirley) Laney, Donald Jeffrey (Connie) Laney, and Sandy (Sean) Schuetz; his brother, David Laney; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; his nieces and nephews; and extended family and friends.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the NorthRidge Church in Sabetha.

A visitation was held on Friday, March 25, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the NorthRidge Church in Sabetha. Memorial contributions may be made to The Gideons International sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, Kansas 66534.

A complete obituary may be viewed on the Popkess Mortuary website and online condolences may be left for the family at [www.popkessmortuaries.com](http://www.popkessmortuaries.com)

## Judith "Judi" Carter

Judith "Judi" Carter, 68, of Falls City, NE, passed away March 20, 2022 in Lincoln, NE. She was born June 24, 1953 in Albert Lea, MN to Allen and Iris (Rath) Schmahl.

Judi and her family moved to Grand Island, Nebraska in 1965 where she graduated from Grand Island Senior High School in 1971 and Hastings College in 1975 with a degree in English Journalism.



She married Bill Carter on May 25, 1975 in Grand Island where the couple made their home. She taught at Walnut Junior High School for several years before moving to Falls City when she was hired by the Falls City Public Schools. Judi was a respected and beloved teacher of English and Journalism during which time she received the Jaycee Educator of the Year award and the Golden Apple Award for Teacher of the Year. Following her tenure as teacher, she became the Technology and Curriculum Coordinator for the district. During that time and because of her deep interest in the education of children, she became an accomplished grant writer responsible for the award of over \$2,000,000.00 for the Falls City Schools. One of her first awarded grants was written for a classroom of Apple 575 computers making it the first computer lab in the district. Technology was her passion, not only for

the teachers and students of the district, but for herself...if there was a new technology gadget-She had it!

After her cancer diagnosis in 2011, her only wish was to meet all of her grandchildren which she succeeded in doing. She has enjoyed and loved every moment with them.... they were the center of her life.

She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th & Towle St.) and P.E.O.

Judi is survived by her husband, Bill of Falls City, children, Megan Nelson and her husband Josh of Lincoln, NE, Peter and his wife Amber of Coming, NY, sister, Jill Adler and her husband Steve of Oklahoma City, OK, sister-in-law, Maria Schmahl of Delray Beach, FL and four grandchildren, Jethro, Alice, Vivienne, and Zoe'. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jeff Schmahl.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Her memorial service was held on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 2:00 PM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th & Towle). Inurnment was in Steele Cemetery.

Family suggest memorials to the Falls City Education Foundation to be used for a scholarship for a student who wants to attend community college.

Jim Grotrian recently announced his candidacy for the OPPD Board of Directors Subdivision 4, representing southern Sarpy, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, and Richardson counties.

## Grotrian announces Candidacy for Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) Board of Directors, Subdivision 4

'I am a proud fourth generation southeast Nebraskan dedicated to serving our community,' said Grotrian. 'I can continue this work on the OPPD Board of Directors by providing affordable energy and transparent leadership in this changing energy environment.'

A graduate of Kearney State College and the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Grotrian has more than 30 years' experience in higher education, public and media relations, strategic partnerships, public policy, governance, community development and agriculture.

'I think Jim will be a great addition to the OPPD Board,' said John Winkler, Papio Missouri River Natural Resources District. 'He has the experience to hit the ground running and represent the entire fourth district.'

David Black, Mayor of the City of Papillion also endorses Grotrian. 'I have enjoyed working with Jim over the

years and know he will do a good job on the Board.'

In addition to a successful career, Grotrian is dedicated to serving his community. He has served on the Children's Hospital and Medical Center Foundation Board, several community organization advisory committees and was elected to the Sanitary and Improvement District #5 in Cass County, serving more than 1,600 residents.

Grotrian is involved with his families' farming operation, enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his wife and family.

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Tate Wilcox (triple jump) and Daniel Hollens (100m dash) compete at the Ashland-Greenwood Invite on Friday.



Ashleigh Kirkendall clears the hurdlers to win gold on Friday in Waverly.

## Tigers thrive at Waverly High School

Story and photos by Brian McKim

Friday, the Falls City Tiger track teams navigated the not-so-perfect elements while competing in the 2022 Ashland Rotary Club Invite at Waverly High School. Facing cool temps and a stiff wind, the Lady Tigers preserved to score 85 points and finish third. The Tiger boys scored 20 points for the day, finishing in ninth place. Syracuse won the girls' team title with 133 points, while Wahoo won the boy's division with 93.50.

The Tigers girls excelled in the sprints, with the one-two punch of RaeAnn Thompson and Taylor Kreifels scoring well. Thompson won the 100m dash (12.67) and the 200m (27.37), while Kreifels was fourth in both events, running a 13.36 in the 100 and 29.20 in the finals of the 200. Lillian Thomas fought the wind in the 400m, running a 1:11.60 to finish fifth and score two points. Ashleigh Kirkendall also had strong performances, winning the 100m hurdles in 17.06 and placing second in the high jump at 4-10. Kirkendall also joined Kreifels, Thomas and Thompson to place second in the 4x100 (54.43). Kreifels joined Kirkendall in the high jump, clearing the bar at 4-08 to place third. Madi Jones didn't let the weather bother her, leaping 34-5.50 in the triple jump for first place and placing sixth in the long jump at 14.04.25. Jayme Ewers picked up a medal, placing fifth in the discus (86-11) and Chase Nolte (32-04) was third in the shot and Havyn Ruiz was fourth at 32-02.50. The 4x100 weight person relay team of Nolte, Ruiz, Jordan Wilcox and Ewers was second in 1:06.46.

The points didn't accumulate as fast for the Tiger boys' team. FC placed fourth, fifth and sixth in the triple jump, with Tate Wilcox leaping 35-7.50 for fourth. Bailey Thimmes was fifth at 34-07 and Wyatt Kreifels placed sixth with a leap of 33-1.50. Jaden Nolte picked up a pair of medals, placing second in the shot put at 45-9.00 and fourth in the discus with a toss of 113-00. The 4x800m relay team of Joe Vrtiska, Blake Rolfe, Quenton Adams, and Alex McKim scored the day's final point, running a 10:21.35. In an unscored event, the 4x100 weight person relay of Stephen Fields, Thomas Fields, Nolte and Zane Ebel placed third, covering the lap in 53.25.

Falls City competed at home on Tuesday at Jug Brown Stadium and will be at Nebraska City on Thursday, April 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m.



Jon Craig applies the tag to the Omaha South baserunner Saturday afternoon.

## Tiger baseball picks up win over the weekend

By Brian McKim

On Saturday afternoon, the Falls City baseball team broke into the win column when they split a double-header with the visitors, Omaha South. Falls City struggled in the opener, falling to the Packers 11-1 in five innings. The Tigers showed resiliency, bouncing back to steal game two, 3-1.

In the first game of the twin tilt, Omaha South jumped all over Tiger pitcher Jaxyn Strauss early on, taking an 8-0 lead after two innings. South added three more runs in the top of the fourth to push the advantage to 11-0.

Cam Schramm opened the frame with a double to center field in the bottom half of the fourth. After a Tiger strikeout, Alijah Hernandez was hit by a pitch to put runners at first and second with one out. Center fielder Bryson Butrick then came through with a single. An error by the shortstop allowed Schramm to come in to score

and make it 11-1. That's as close as Falls City would get, falling to the visitors 11-1.

The Tigers were out hit 8-6 and committed four errors, leading to four unearned runs. Strauss opened the game on the hill for Falls City, pitching three innings, allowing five hits and eight runs, four earned. Hernandez came on in relief, tossing the final two innings, allowing three runs and three hits.

Carson Bredemeier led the offense, going 3-3 at the plate. Strauss and Butrick singled and Schramm added a double. The Tiger batters drew one walk and struck out six times.

In the second game, Falls City looked like they would strike first. Kadyr Strecker laced a double to left field to lead off the first inning, and Strauss then walked to put two runners on with no outs. Then the wheels came off for FC as Strecker gunned down trying to steal third and Bredemeier grounded

into a double play to end the threat.

The Tigers again loaded the bases in the second, this time with one out. Schramm was hit by a pitch. Jon Craig singled and Hernandez walked to fill the bases. Butrick and Tyler Frederick both went down swinging, stranding the runners.

South got on the board in the third. An error, a base hit and a steal of home put the Packers in front 1-0.

FC finally broke through in the bottom of the fifth. Strauss got the offense going with a one-out double to left field. A balk by the pitcher moved the runner up 90 feet and Strauss came in to score on a sac fly by Bredemeier to tie the game at one. Falls City added two more in the sixth to take the 3-1 lead. Craig hit a one-out single to kick start the inning. Hernandez and Caden Dunkhas walked and a base hit by Strecker scored two to make it 3-1.

Falls City closed out the game by turning a 6-4-3 double play to pick up their first win of the season.

Pitcher Charlie McNeely tossed seven innings of one-run ball, allowing eight hits and only walking one. Strauss, Strecker and Craig each collected two hits, with Strauss and Strecker adding doubles. Bredemeier knocked in one run and Strecker collected two RBI.

Falls City is slated to host Holton on Thursday at 4:30 and Plattsmouth on Friday, April 1 at 4:30. The Tigers will hit the road next Tuesday, April 5, making the trip up Highway 75 to take on Auburn at 4:30.

## Titan track squads compete at Doane

By Brian McKim

The HTRS track teams opened the 2022 season with the 2022 Pioneer Conference Indoor Track Meet hosted at Doane University. The Lady Titans placed seventh with 31 points and the boys scored 20 points to land in eighth.

Last Wednesday, the Lady Titans picked up a pair of gold medals, with Aly Howe clearing 7-06 for first in the pole vault and Jacye Leech uncorked a throw of 32-02.50 to win the shot put. Also scoring for HTRS was Ellie Schaaardt in the 400m dash, running a 1:09.72 for four points and a fourth-place finish. The 4x200 relay team ran a 2:09.40 for fifth and the 4x400 relay team scored one point, finishing in 5:08.84 for sixth place.

The Titan boys' team didn't quite have the success that the Lady Titans had. Brandt Leech had the best finish of the day for HTRS, clearing 9-06 in the pole vault to bring home a third-place medal. Sophomore JJ McQueen ran a 7.55 in the 60m dash to secure a fourth-place finish. Nic Knudson was fourth in the high jump, clearing 5-08 and freshman Brogan Dunlap was fifth in the vault at 9-00. The final medal of the day went to the 4x200m relay team. The team ran a 1:44.32 to finish fourth in the event.

The Titans competed at the Falls City Triangular on Tuesday, March 29 and will be at the Johnson County Central Invite on Monday, April 4, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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London Nachtigal leaps to a second-place finish in the long jump at Doane. Brogan Nachtigal uncorks a gold-medal winning toss in the shot put last week at Doane University.



Brogan Nachtigal uncorks a gold-medal winning toss in the shot put last week at Doane University.

## Lady Irish cap off magical season with programs' 7th title

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Lady Irish avenged a loss to Humphrey St. Francis in last year's state championship by defeating the Flyers 43-33 at Pinnacle Bank Arena to close out the 2021-22 season. Sacred Heart finished the year on top of Class D2 with a 27-3 record, having won 19 consecutive contests to close out the year. The Irish dropped the year's second game to Lourdes Central 41-36 in overtime; fell to Bishop LeBlond 62-60 in mid-December and to Elmwood-Murdock 34-24 on January 4.

After the loss to Elmwood-Murdock, SH beat Class D2 state qualifier Diller-Odell twice, Class D2 qualifier Sterling twice (including the state semifinals), not to mention wins over Wynot in the state opener and the championship win over 25-4 Humphrey St. Francis in the finals.

The Irish outscored opponents 54-31 (1624-938) throughout the season and outshot foes 44% to 29%. The Lady Irish also converted 304 of 489 (62%) of their free-throw attempts.

Sacred Heart outrebounded teams 938 to 633 and forced 504 turnovers while committing 352.

Individually for SH, Erison Vonderschmidt led the team with 358 points (12.8 ppg) while pulling down 190 rebounds, blocking 34 shots and getting 49 steals.

Rachel Magdanz was right behind, scoring 321 points (11.1 ppg), securing 104 rebounds, getting 29 steals and leading the team with 88 assists. Magdanz led the team with 31 treys, and she made 64/84 free throw attempts (76%).

Jessica Werthenberger scored 266 points (8.9 ppg) while grabbing 139 rebounds, 66 steals and dishing out 66 assists.

Olivia Eickhoff scored 265 points (8.8 ppg) added 125 rebounds, 46 steals and 59 assists.

Lauren Malone added 74 boards and 55 assists, DeLanie Witt had 27 threes, 37 steals and 67 assists and Emma Littlel added 96 boards, eight blocks and 24 steals.

Coach Luke Santo will have his work cut out for him as he loses a big senior class. Gone will be Magdanz, Malone, Littlel and Vonderschmidt, but the cupboard is far from bare. Santo will rely on Eickhoff and Werthenberger to pick up most of the slack. Santo will also have Witt and Jentry Lechtenberger, who played valuable minutes this winter, at his disposal. Santo wraps up his 15th season as Head Coach of the Lady Irish with a 365-52 record, taking the Lady Irish to the State Tourney for 11 consecutive seasons.

## Sacred Heart boys claim Pioneer Indoor title

Story by Brian McKim; photos by Randy Gottula

Less than two weeks removed from the NSAA State Basketball Tournament, the Irish boys' track team brought home a first-place finish at the 2022 Pioneer Indoor Track Meet at Doane University. Sacred Heart scored 115 points, easily outdistancing second-place Tri County, who finished with 84. The Lady Irish scored 45 points to place fifth; Tri County scored 90 points to win the title.

The Irish boys celebrated three gold medals for the day as Joe Simon won the 60m hurdles (9.71), Tyler Catlin won the pole vault (11-00) and Brogan Nachtigal won the shot put (50-03.25).

Other athletes scoring points for the Irish were Sam Dunn and Evan Keithley in the 200m dash. Dunn ran a 25.76 for fifth and Keithley was at 25.91 for sixth place. In the 400m dash, Jakob Jordan was third in 56.96 and Nachtigal was fifth at 58.13. Jake and James Froeschl performed well in the 800m. Jake was third in 2:16 and James was right behind in fourth in 2:19. James also took fifth in the 1600m at 5:26.60 and was fourth in the pole vault at 9-06. Riley Nelson scored a point in the 60m hurdles, running a 10.57 for sixth. In the high jump, Jake Froeschl cleared 6-00 for second and Simon was sixth at 5-04. SH picked up 14 points in the long jump, with Dunn placing second (18-11.25) and Jake Froeschl

jumping 18-10.75 for third. Simon went 36-08.75 for fourth in the triple jump and Derek Schawang was third in the shot at 43-01.50. Sacred Heart's 4x200 relay (1:41.88), 4x400 relay (3:52.05) and 4x800 relay (9:26.92) all won the silver. The 4x200 relay team consisted of Jordan, Keithley, Jack Stice and Dunn. The 4x800 included Jordan, James Froeschl, Keithley and Jake Froeschl, while the 4x400 team included Jordan, Nachtigal, Keithley and Stice.

Points were a little harder to come by for the Irish girls' team. Senior Ella Simon did her part, winning the 3200m run in 14:03.49 and placing second in the 1600m run in 6:41.36. London Nachtigal placed second in the long jump, leaping 15-04.25. Jentry Lechtenberger was second in the triple jump at 30-10. Saylor Hutfles placed third in the pole vault, clearing 6-06 for six points and a third-place medal. The 4x800 relay team placed fourth (12:16.87) and the 4x200 relay team ran a 2:12.09 for sixth-place. The 4x800 team included Lechtenberger, Nachtigal, Jessica Werthenberger and Simon. The 4x200 team consisted of Sadie Tisdell, Lechtenberger, Werthenberger and Hutfles.

The Irish hit the track again on Tuesday, March 29, for the Auburn Quad. Sacred Heart will then compete on Monday, April 4, at the Tecumseh JCC Thunderbird Invite, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## Irish boys' season ends in disappointment

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart boys basketball team finished the 2021-22 season one game short of where they had hoped to be. Instead of taking the floor at Pinnacle Bank Arena on Saturday night, the Irish were on the hardwood at Lincoln East High School on Friday afternoon against Osceola. SH fell in the semifinals to eventual champion Parkview Christian at the Devaney Center, 46-31. The loss was the first and only of the season to a Class D school. The Irish defeated Osceola in the consolation game and finished

the season with a No. 3 ranking by the *Lincoln Journal Star* and the *Omaha World-Herald*.

Sacred Heart enjoyed a season-best 13-game winning streak, lasting from January 21 to the second-round loss at the NSAA State Tourney. Much like the season before, the Irish hit a rough patch in mid-January, dropping three in a row and four out of five contests.

The Irish fell in a pair of contests at MUDECAS by a total of seven points, losing to Palmyra 48-44 and Tri County 31-28. SH then fell to Class C-1

Auburn, 55-49, before winning the next 13 games.

SH finished the year with a 24-6 final record, outscoring opponents 57-33 along the way. The Irish sank what Coach Doug Goltz believed to be a school-record 198 of 591 three-point attempts while making 47% (672/1442) of their total field goals attempts. Sacred Heart made good on 62% (174/280) of their free throws, outrebounded opponents 815-647, won the turnover battle 277-482 and finished with 444 assists.

Individually for the Irish, the three senior starters led the balanced attack. Jakob Jordan finished as the top scorer with 11.9 (356 total) per game. Brogan Nachtigal was right behind at 11.4 (342) and Jake Froeschl added 6.9 (208) per contest. Junior Evan Keithley scored 294 points (9.8 ppg) and sophomore Joe Simon averaged just over eight points per game (246).

Keithley drilled a team-best and possibly a school-record 66 treys. Jordan was close behind with 55 and big man Brogan Nachtigal sank 41 trifectas throughout the season.

Simon led the team with 181 rebounds, 60 on the offensive end. Nachtigal was next with

168 boards, while Keithley added 102. Simon also had a team-high 28 blocked shots.

Jordan led the team with 62 steals and 121 assists. Froeschl was right behind in both categories with 56 steals and 115 assists.

While the year may not have ended in the fashion that Irish fans were hoping for, SH will look to be back in the hunt next spring when the State Tourney rolls around. The Irish will return experience with Keithley, Simon and Sam Dunn while hoping for a few younger players to step up. Jack Stice and James Froeschl could fill that roll, as could Riley Nelson.

After becoming the all-time leader in NSAA boys' basketball wins, passing Doug Mendlik with win No. 695, Coach Doug Goltz continued to add to his already gaudy win/loss numbers, bringing his totals to 718 wins against 189 losses.

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*(GOFF -Continued from Page 1)* their administration or the school board. During my campaign I will be reaching out to students, teachers, administrators, community members and taxpayers to continue to learn more about the changes they would like to see in their school system. It is important that school board members are present and have a hands-on approach in being involved in the everyday processes of our school system to know where the improvements need to be made.

I will continue to advocate for parents in the district. Ensuring we keep CRT and cancel culture out of our school and curriculum. Falls City is a rural school with rural values, and I will stand strong for those values. I will continue to learn more about the curriculum requirements not only to keep CRT out of our school system but to keep parents involved and educated on what our students are learning.

### Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board of education?

My motivation running for the board of education is the importance of a quality education where every voice is heard. One example of this is when my daughter was a first grader she was struggling with reading. My husband I were not notified of her struggles until a month after they were discovered. She was placed in a title reading program without our knowledge or consent.

As involved parents, we worked with our daughter at home and we quickly began mapping her progress, learning the curriculum and processes of the title program. It was alarming that not only the lack of progress but near refusal and complete lack of transparency of providing us with the progress she was or was not making. Thankfully, we caught the problem early and when we felt failed by the school system, we hired a tutor to provide the extra attention she needed to get back on track.

I am happy our story ended in the best possible outcome, and I often think about what would happen if we were not there to advocate for our child where would she be today? While I hope that our story was an isolated case, it was a real wakeup call for me as a parent to keep a close eye on what is happening in the everyday education of my children and not to just "trust the process".

We have since started every year with positive and open lines of communications with our teachers. This has made a huge difference and had we known it at the start of her first-grade year I believe it would have made all the difference in the world. I believe the classroom and title

teachers were able to learn from this process as well. Open communication with parents should be a standard for all students to be successful.

Coincidentally, not long later the sex education standards were introduced (thankfully, like many boards of education), Falls City signed a resolution not allowing those standards to be introduced into our school if they were passed down the line. I believe as a public school it is not their job to teach sex standards to our students. We as parents should be more involved in the learning of our children and more aware of what is being taught in our schools. As a member of the board of education I will work hard to promote transparency in the curriculum and to create avenues for parents to have more open interactions and informed on what our children are being taught.

### What attributes and behaviors are essential for school board members?

It is important for a school board member to be involved in the Falls City School System. They need to have their feet on the ground to be able to see from the bottom up how the school is operating. A school board member must have an open mind and be willing to listen to all aspects of each decision brought to the board. A quality board member sees all aspects of all situations, not just a single side.

### What do you see as the primary work of the board of education?

The primary job as a board of education member is to ensure a safe learning environment for all students, a productive teaching environment for teachers and administration. While maintaining a balanced budget for the district while monitoring the responsible spending of the taxpayer's dollars in the district. Having no conflict or interest or family relation to any faculty members or administration in the school, I will be able to make unbiased decisions with our children and teacher's best interest in mind. With my financial education and professional experience, I have the knowledge it takes to responsibly distribute the taxpayer funds logically and effectively in the school district.

### What is the best way to address differences of opinion on the board or between the board and the administration?

Each difference should be addressed in an open respectful manner, reviewing all information and discussing each possible outcome. It is important as a school board member to stand for the values in which I was voted into the position, listen to

the students, teachers, administrators, community members and taxpayers to assess all positive and negative outcomes of each decision.

### Could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not?

I am unable to answer this question without the actual situation it applies to. However, as a board member I will stand up firm behind my decisions and will vote for what I believe is best for the teachers, students and taxpayers of the district.

### In what school district or community activities/organizations have you been involved?

I am a very active member of the Falls City Community. I am currently the Treasurer for the Falls City Area Jaycees, President of the Stalder Foundation, Brownie Girl Scout Troop Leader, volunteer for the Whitetails Unlimited Chapter, Falls City Rec, FFA Alumni and many other local events when an extra hand is needed. In the district I have read in classrooms, volunteered for field day, class trips, P.I.E. events and as a mentor for Inventure Day and financial education activities in the middle and high school. I take pride in being an active community member, it is important as a board member to be on the ground level of the community and district to understand the true needs of our students.

Our environment is ever changing and a lack of involvement in the school system and community only creates a disconnect between the school board member and the school system. Involvement within the school system and community promotes a true connection and understanding between a school board member and the students, teachers, administration, community members and taxpayers.

### What differentiates you from the other candidates and/or board members?

First and foremost, I am a parent of students in the Falls City Public School District. Therefore, my primary concern is the education of the students in the district. I am an involved community member and businesswoman in the community, making me easily accessible to hear concerns and understand what is going on in the district.

I do not have a conflict of interest; my family members are not employed by this district, and I will vote for what is best for the students and the teachers who are teaching them.

I have 15+ years of financial experience working in the agriculture financial sector, not only as a business professional but also as a producer and a landowner. I will stand with the core values I am elected with and keep the learning environment at Falls City Public Schools safe for all students. I will continue to fight to keep CRT and cancel culture out of our schools and promote the teaching of core subjects to promote the most success of our student's post-graduation.

### What issues do you believe your district needs to address in its academic program and offerings?

What changes would you recommend?

What can be done to improve student achievement and ensure everyone who graduates is college-ready?

I don't believe every student should be pushed to be college ready upon graduation. Students have many different options post-graduation and they should be prepared for the option that best suits them. Whether that is work after high school, military, trade school or college.

I would like to see more programs brought to the school that promote trade schools and careers in plumbing, electrical, HVAC, welding etc. Having an SCC satellite campus in our community is a great resource which should be utilized to its highest ability.

However, as someone who has a bachelor's and master's degree, it is important to me that if a four year school is the right path for the student there should be opportunities to take the college prep and dual credit courses (credit for high school and college) best preparing them for their future.

I would like to see every senior student have a financial preparedness class educating them on consumer loans, student loans, credit cards and personal budgets. It has been my experience as a local lender that there is a lack of education on personal finances from the students graduating high school.

### What is the role of schools in teaching children about topics such as: sex education, cyber-safety, wellness, bullying?

Sex education should be the responsibility of parents to teach their children. Parents have the responsibility to teach their child how they see fit, based on their religious or cultural beliefs. This is not the school's position to be educating students on this matter.

Cyber safety, wellness and bullying all should be taught and expectations set on how to respectfully treat other students and themselves.

### How do we ensure all students have a safe learning environment, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation?

It is important that each student has a safe learning environment regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation and I will add religious beliefs. No student should feel uncomfortable or unable to express their beliefs in a safe and respectful matter. This includes Christian students with Christian beliefs who do not believe in the cancel culture or the woke environment. Ensuring students are learning in a safe environment means not forcing unwanted beliefs on ANY student and letting parents decide what kind of education they will provide for their children in regard to gender and sexual orientation. This is not a place for our teachers or a school to be providing this education to our students.

### Given all the issues that arise how can the board stay focused on student achievement?

As an elected board member, I will stay focused on the needs of our district and student achievement by keeping CRT and can-

cel culture out of our schools. Mitigating the unneeded distractions these theories often bring into the classroom, will allow a more focused learning environment for the students on their core subjects. As a board member I will vote according to the values I am elected on. Focus on a safe productive learning environment for our students and teachers while being a conservative manager of the taxpayer dollars.

### How does a school board balance the need to provide a quality education with the need to respond to the local taxpayer burden?

It is important to provide our teachers with the resources they need to teach our students. Sometimes this means spending money to get these resources. While there are many "wants" by every teacher and administrator, like any business it is important decipher between the wants and needs in order to have a balanced and conservative budget. Ensuring the financial wellbeing and prosperous growth of our Falls City Public School system.

### As a board member, where would you look to make budget cuts?

I am a conservative businesswoman with 15+ years of professional financial experience. It is important to me that tax dollars are spent in a respectable and conservative matter. However, without a detailed analysis of the current school budget and it's specific financial needs, I cannot comment at this time on where it would be appropriate to make budget cuts.

### Why should you be elected to the Board of Education?

As a financial professional, an agriculture producer, a landowner and a mother of students in the Falls City Public Schools, the only conflict of interest I have in the district is my three children being taught in this school district. I have no family employed, no hidden agenda swaying my votes. I want my children and every child in this community to have the best education by the best teachers. I have shown through my education, professional success and hard work that I am not afraid to be involved, put my boots on the ground and work to make the change.

When elected, I will work hard to ensure the responsible spending of our district's tax dollars. I will work to provide teachers with the resources they need to best teach our students. I will vote to keep CRT and cancel culture out of our schools and provide the transparency needed for all parents to know what is being taught in our schools. I will stand strong to represent the people and values of the voters with open lines communication to all students, teachers, administrators, community members and taxpayers. (402-821-7144, cagoff8@gmail.com)

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to determine the facts and a ranking for all the people involved.

### What do you see as the primary work of the board of education?

The Board of Education should hire the best superintendent possible, approve the appropriate policies and procedures and have the district's financial and operational audits completed with them receiving a good opinion from the auditors. It is very important for the board to hear from patrons as to their concerns, opinions and issues of support.

### What is the best way to address differences of opinion on the board or between the board and the administration?

I have never been a part of nor seen a situation where there is a difference between the full board and the superintendent. If a board member has an issue, it is up to the board to discuss the issue and how to resolve it together with the superintendent. With a good board/superintendent relationship, anyone can raise an issue for full discussion. This approach can often avoid a situation from becoming a serious problem.

### Could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not?

Yes, I will support all decisions of the Board, even those I did not vote for. It is important for a board to fully and vigorously debate sensitive issues, including obtaining outside opinions or data. After all that is done and a vote is made, all members of the board should honor and support the Board's decision. On a couple of occasions in the past, I was a minority on several issues but supported the board's decision.

### In what school district or community activities/organizations have you been involved?

During the past 12 years, I have had the honor to be a member of the Falls City School Board serving as President three times and as a member of the Project Committee, Policy Committee, Negotiations Committee and American Civics Committee. During much of this time, I also served as a member of the Falls City Educational Foundation Board and for several years serve as President of the Board. I have been active in the Nebraska Association of School Board and last October I received the NASB Award of Achievement—Level 9, one of the highest levels of recognition. Kathy and I are also members of the Tiger Booster Club.

In the Community, I serve as a member of the Falls City Area Planning Commission and now serve as Chairman of the Commission. I am a member of the Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street and also served on committees involved with the downtown redevelopment. I also served on the SECC advisory board. I have also served as a board member of the Community Medical Center where I served several years as a member of the finance committee and Treasurer of CMC. I am an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church serving as secretary, treasurer and board member.

### What differentiates you from the other candidates and/or board members?

Healthy school boards have members with diverse backgrounds and interests. In this way, each board member brings different knowledge, relationships and perspectives to the board and the issues that the board must address. My past financial experience, agricultural education, organizational and work history, and experience with both educational and business entities around the country and internationally give me a perspective and work ethic that I can contribute to our school board work. Other members bring their histories and all contribute to formulating a "best" outcome.

### What issues do you believe your district needs to address in its academic program and offerings? What changes would you recommend?

The district has plans for expansion of the career/ag area of the high school. We are waiting for some funding clarity as the State grapples with the funding plan for schools. I would like to see this issue come back to the board but I am not sure the Legislature will change our state funding formula at this time. I am also a firm believer in preschool programs and that they are good for children and in the long-term lower costs to the community.

### What can be done to improve student achievement and ensure everyone who graduates is college-ready?

The focus is not on all students being college-ready but on all students being ready for the next step in their lives whether that is college, a two-year program, military, the work force, etc. Career planning at an earlier age is one step. More efforts in the High Ability Learners (HAL) program and support for our counselors are others. The district is making a very large investment in new Reading and

Mathematics curriculums. We have made recently investments in data software to better analyze where students need extra help and to have that help ready to support them. Also, investments have been made in programs to better monitor and support our teachers so they can be the best they can be.

### What is the role of schools in teaching children about topics such as: sex education, cyber-safety, wellness, bullying?

These and other topics are difficult in today's society. Some are more clearly dealt with; bullying is not to be tolerated and we have policies and procedures to help our staff protect students when this occurs but we also have efforts so bullying does not occur. Wellness is part of health education and cyber-safety comes with our providing computers to students. Of course, any school education is only a supplement to what should occur at home. Sex education is much more sensitive as can be seen with the results of the Nebraska Board of Education releasing draft standards. As President of the Falls City Board of Education, I wrote the NDE to object to the draft standards. Input from parents and others is critical to having appropriate age-related

programs for our students.

### How do we ensure all students have a safe learning environment, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation?

From the board's perspective, good policies and procedures and a clear understanding through training how the staff handles these issues and situations is critical. However, the bedrock of the approach so we have a safe learning environment are educational programs so students understand these issues together with fairness, clear expectations and the "Golden Rule".

### Given all the issues that arise how can the board stay focused on student achievement?

The Board must have clear goals and monitor how the district is doing at its meetings and with discussions with the superintendent. Student achievement is foremost in importance.

### How does a school board balance the need to provide a quality education with the need to respond to the local taxpayer burden?

The school board should help provide the resources for the staff to continually improve the quality of education within the

district. Also, it sets the district's goals and monitors the efforts of the whole district in progressing and attaining those goals.

Working with organizations in Nebraska to change our state tax structure so the heavy burden on our taxpayers is lowered must be a goal of the board. Those efforts should be included in the district goals but kept separate from the educational efforts.

### As a board member, where would you look to make budget cuts?

Each year the full board and the administration has meetings plus a special planning session regarding budget setting including areas of possible budget reductions. My suggestion is that the focus should be on not the budget but the local dollars needed to fund the portion of the budget not paid for through other means. Grants, Federal funding and savings fund much of the district's expenditures. We have worked hard to get this funding so the students receive the benefits but local taxes are not used. The district has paid off its debt so those payments of principal and interest are not part of the budget. In addition to these areas, how we finance our buses and types of buses used are being reviewed to see if savings can occur.

## On-Farm research opportunities exist for Southeast Nebraska Farmers

By Gary Lesoing

I had the opportunity to participate in the On-farm Research Reporting sessions last month in Auburn. There were a number of projects reported on at the meeting through the Nebraska Extension On-Farm Research Program. We had a few conducted here in southeast Nebraska. Daryl Obermeyer, Nebraska Soybean Board member from Nemaha County has a cover crop/soil health research project being conducted on his farm east of Auburn in Nemaha County. This study was initiated in 2016. He is planting winter-hardy vs. winter-terminated cover crops and determining their impact on the subsequent corn and soybean yields in his corn-soybean-wheat crop rotation. In 2021 both corn and soybeans planted following the winter-hardy cover crop and winter-terminated cover crops had similar yields and were not significantly affected by the different cover crop treatments. Corn yields were (218 bu/ac vs 221 bu/ac) and soybean yields (66 bu/ac vs 67 bu/ac) following the winter-hardy vs the winter-terminated cover crops, respectively. In 2020 both corn and soybeans planted following the winter hardy cover crop and winter-terminated cover crops had similar yields and were not significantly affected by the different cover crop treatments. Corn yields were (208 bu/ac vs 213 bu/ac) and soybean yields were (73 bu/ac vs 76 bu/ac) following the winter-hardy vs the winter-terminated cover crops, respectively. This is different than in 2017 when corn following the winter-hardy cover crop yielded significantly less than the winter-terminated cover crop (168 bu/ac vs 183 bu/ac) and in 2018 when soybeans following the winter-hardy cover crops yielded significantly less than the winter-terminated cover crop (59 bu/ac vs 65 bu/ac). In 2017 soybean yields were similar following winter-hardy and winter terminated cover crops

(61 bu/ac vs 62 bu/ac) respectively. In 2018 corn yields were similar (240 bu/ac vs 243 bu/ac) for the winter-hardy vs the winter-terminated cover crops, respectively. This site was an NRCS Demonstration Farm that concluded the research in 2021. Crop yields were measured each year of the study. Stephen Kennedy, Resource Conservationist, USDA NRCS and Aaron Hird, Nebraska Soil Health Specialist NRCS collected soil samples for base-line soil data and at the end of the five-year period. A summary of the 5-years of this study are reported in the 2021 On-Farm Research Results found at <https://on-farm-research.unl.edu/pdfs/research/results-publications/2021research-results.pdf>. There are potentially opportunities to do similar studies on your farm.

This is just a sample of the many on-farm research projects we have in Nebraska each year. The on-farm research program has been conducted across Nebraska with Nebraska Extension for several years. This program is expanding and getting stronger with support from the Nebraska Corn Board and Nebraska Soybean Board. These research projects cover products, practices, and new technologies that impact farm productivity and profitability. There are some projects that will pay farmers to participate and provide products for farmers to evaluate. In 2019 a soybean study was initiated to compare baseline soybean management practices compared to improved soybean management practices. Four studies conducted on-farm in Nebraska in 2019

showed the improved treatment resulted in an average 8 bu/ac yield increase and \$46/ac profit increase compared to the baseline treatment. In 2020 six studies were conducted in Nebraska with the improved treatment resulting in an average of 5.4 bu/ac yield increase and \$27.92/ac profit increase compared to the baseline treatment. This is part of a larger seven state project in the Midwest.

There are opportunities to participate in precision (N) studies nitrogen, N inhibitor studies and any (N) nitrogen management project you may be interested in. Several farmers investigated the use of a product Pivot Bio PROVEN® for N management in 2021. If you want to evaluate soybean populations, soybean seed treatments, i.e. Salto vs ILevo, for their effectiveness in controlling SDS (Sudden Death Syndrome), that could be a research trial as well.


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

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

If interested in conducting on-farm research, feel free to contact me as well, Gary Lesoing, Extension Educator in southeast Nebraska who is a member of the On-Farm Research Network. You can reach me at (402) 274-4755, (402) 274-9639 (cell) or [glesoing2@unl.edu](mailto:glesoing2@unl.edu).

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 15, 2022 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Roll call was answered by Karas, Caverzagie and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Sichel 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 March 8, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization meeting minutes of March 8, 2022. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://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. It was reported that 2 newly hired employees started yesterday.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff, Roland Merwin met with the Board to review the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. It was reported to the Board that the purchase of equipment through the Nebraska Contract #8S703 04 to upgrade finger print procedures with Idemia Livescan from Morphousa, Inc., Idemia Identity & Security USA, LLC for the total cost of \$20,653.00 which was approved by the County Board on September 21, 2021 would not be acquired. It was determined that the costs associated with the maintenance of this equipment would be prohibitive.

The Board also requested that the Law Enforcement Center contact St. Joseph Plumbing and Heating to do a maintenance check on the Jail facilities plumbing to review any items that need to be corrected.

Sheriff Hardesty also provided a brief update on the progress of the communications tower and radio installation. Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director was also in attendance to review this matter.

### PUBLIC HEARING ARPA FUNDS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Sichel declared that a public hearing be opened to receive comments from the public in support or opposition to the granting of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the County of Richardson County, Nebraska. Persons speaking at the public hearing in support of the following projects were: Lucas Froeschl for Falls City EDGE - Falls City Housing Improvement for \$400,000; City of Humboldt Councilman, Larry Stauffer and Humboldt Mayor, Robert Mendenhall for the Humboldt Volunteer Rescue/City of Humboldt - purchase of ambulance \$260,000; Pastor Jerry Yount and Pastor Tim Boatright for Richardson County House of Hope Transitional Housing for \$350,000; Gayle A. Swisegood, Dale Yoessel, Andy Meinzer, Dean Stevens, Neal Frost, Larry Fisher, and Rodney Joy for the East Richardson County Rural Water District #2 - Improvement Project for \$499,613; Shannon Hoymeyer for the Village of Rulo - Rulo Public Library for \$51,860; Steve Johansen for the Richardson County Drainage District #7 - Levee stabilization and Improvements for \$194,315.

Chairman Sichel declared the public hearing closed at 11:30 a.m.

The Board will be reviewing all the

information received within the ARPA grant applications received and tentatively plan to make a formal decision on the awarding of funds at the March 29, 2022 meeting.

### CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

#### Conservation Easement Application

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Richardson County Planning Commissioner, Ben Steffen, with the recommendation that the tract of land as described within the Conservation Easement Application and labeled as Richardson County Parcel #740170979 and #740170980 by landowners, Mark S and Elizabeth M Andrew and holder of the Conservation Easement, United States of America, USDA NRCS, would not conflict with land-use planning as set forth within the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the Conservation Easement Application for Mark S and Elizabeth M Andrew, landowners and the United States of America USDA NRCS the easement holder for a tract of land located in Fractional Sections 5 and 8, Township 1N, Range 18E, 56.7A. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. Quad County Golf Assoc., Inc.

### Liquor License

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a new corporate manager application for the Quad County Golf Assoc., Inc. which names Michael R. Sandfort as the manager. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

### CLAIMS

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

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NACO, reg	35.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	372.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv	283.00
Postmaster, supp	290.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	58.85
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	59.67
Sapp Bros., fuel	11593.98
SummerOne, serv	8.31
Targets Online, supp	160.00
Unifirst, serv	50.00
TOTAL GEN FUND	\$16,796.22

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	232.67
Capital One Trade Credit, supp	199.00
Gomer's, supp	394.16
Midwest Engineering, serv	4116.00
NPPD, serv	91.56
Quill, supp	109.21
Richardson County Register of Deeds, fee	44.00
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	17056.59
Unifirst, serv	45.49
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$22,313.68

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 22, 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. Sichel, Chairman  
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## Nebraska State Patrol completes three-day search operation near Table Rock

(Continued from Page 1) significant ground was covered that will assist in the investigation.

The search was completed on Saturday.

“What our investigators learned this week directs the case into the next phase,” said Lt. Eric Jones, of NSP Investigative Services. “We are now confident that Linda is not in this large area. Our investigators continue to believe Linda may have been the victim of a crime. We urge anyone with information or anyone who was involved in her disappearance to come forward.”

In court filings, State Patrol Investigator Amanda DeFreece

said Dillard had left her home near Fairbury in June of 2021 to visit friends in the Falls City area. Dillard was seen in a bar in Salem on June 12, 2021 before joining a group in Table Rock the next day.

Investigators believe James Money, who lives in a home near Table Rock, was among the last people to have seen Dillard, according to the affidavit.

Numerous tips have been received through Nebraska Crime Stoppers and other avenues in recent days. Nebraska Crime Stoppers continues to offer a reward for information in this investigation. Tips can be made anonymously through Nebraska Crime Stoppers via the Nebraska Crime Stoppers website, the “P3 Tips” mobile app, or by calling 1-800-422-1494.

Throughout the three-day operation, teams searched more than 1,100 acres of land in and around the Table Rock State Wildlife Management Area, 24 miles of roadside ditches, 1.5 miles of river, two local farms, and a local lake area. The search team consisted of 44 law enforcement officers, 65 volunteers and support personnel, 15 mounted patrol teams, and 8 dog teams trained for human remains detection.

“We’d like to thank our partners in this week’s operation,” said Lt. Jones. “This large effort would not have been possible without their assistance.”

Dillard was last seen wearing a black t-shirt, black DKNY boxer brief shorts, and brown Birkenstock-type sandals. Dillard is described as a white female, 5’0”, 130 lbs., with blue eyes and brown hair.

Locals in Table Rock provided food, showers and beds for those involved in the search efforts.

The search operation included partners from multiple states, including the Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Emergency Management Agen-

cy, NecroSearch International, Brown County (KS) Mounted Search and Rescue, Saline County (KS) Mounted Patrol and Rescue, Sedgewick County (KS) Emergency Management, HRD Canine Search and Rescue Teams, University of Nebraska Department of Forensic Anthropology, Kawasaki of Lincoln, and the Tiger Pride Community Group of Table Rock.



Linda Dillard

## Nussbaum named new City Administrator and new signs requested at ambulance building so public stops parking in lot

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he has civil engineering degrees and backgrounds, nine years experience as a technical manager for inspections of roads, bridges, dams and 20 years of past experiences.

Nussbaum will be working part-time learning the ropes until he starts full-time in May.

Sandra Ferris was named interim City Administrator/City Clerk/Treasurer. The city currently doesn’t have a City Administrator and Ferris would fill the role until Nussbaum starts full-time.

Approval was given to Allison Joy of Falls City to rent Prichard Auditorium and have The Den serve alcohol in September.

The Council agreed that the city would pay for the Community Clean-Up held at the end of April as they do each year.

Sandra Ferris requested to advertise to hire for a janitor position. The employee who was formerly in that position was promoted to the new Code Enforcement position. The motion was approved.

Approval was given to have two family pool passes available for check out at the Falls City Library. Last year the passes were purchased by Mayor Bindle and her family, and the pass-



Anthony Nussbaum (Photo by Brian McKim)

es were in use almost every day last season. If anyone wants to volunteer to buy the pool passes this year, they can call the City office.

Ferris made the yearly request for summer help to hire two employees for the Gas Department, two employees to help at the Cemetery and two additional employees. Last year there was difficulty getting applicants, and Ferris said there have only been three applications this year and the help advertisement has been out for two weeks. She reached out to surrounding businesses and found out starting wages are between \$12-\$13 per hour for part-time help. In surrounding towns, it’s \$10-\$10.75, but those employees only mow. Another place that does a lot of mowing and help starts at \$13 to \$18 an hour. Flyers have been placed at the schools, but there looks to be an issue filling positions.

There was discussion that wages may be a factor and would be an incentive for people with the rising costs of gas and overall cost of living, especially if other employers pay better.

“I think that’s something to look at is whether we can increase those wages, simply because value our summer help. We value that; I wouldn’t want to

do that job,” said Councilmember Kaylie Ractliffe. “I think it’s something that we need to look at not only to fill positions but also to get good applicants for those positions and compensate them fairly.”

This year the city has two returning employees. Summer help works 40 hours per week for approximately 12-15 weeks, May through August. They’re currently paid \$10.30 per hour.

The Council approved going to \$12.00 per hour with .50¢ per hour for returning help.

Councilmember Ractliffe requested the placement of parking restriction signs in the ambulance building parking lot at the old City Hall. There are currently, “no parking signs,” but they are small and faded.

When people park in front of the building, the ambulance can’t get out. Ractliffe said it’s usually not a problem, but when an event is being held at the Auditorium and members of the Ambulance Squad are parked in the parking lot on a call, others think it’s “open parking.”

It’s not.

Ractliffe requested more prominent and noticeable signs to ensure the public won’t park there.

The Council will meet again on April 4, 2022.



This cover landed John Falter in his second childhood. A man can’t paint kites unless he flies a few, can he? Falter bought some Navy target-gunners jobs—double-string rudder-control affairs like the red and blue ones in the picture—and Mrs. Falter became a kite widow. Then Falter and friend Arthur Naul built an eight-foot box contraption. The leviathan flew too until eventually it crashed, and now it will never fly again. As time went on, people got to inquiring whether those old guys always out there playing with the kites were balmy or what.

Finally, when the Post phoned Falter and asked him where under the sun his kite painting was, he sadly wrenched himself back into this vale of labor, and started painting, fast.

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