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Schools out forever

By Brian McKim; photo by Chelsie Alexander

No more driving a bus through snowstorms, icy roads or blistering rains. For Kenny Blaylock, school isn't just out for summer this year; for him, it's out forever.

The bus driver dropped off his last load of students on May 19, 2022, ending a long, enjoyable career working for school district #56 in Falls City.

Blaylock and his wife Fay Ann moved to the Falls City area in January 2010 on a cold and snowy day. "It's the most snow I've seen here since we moved here," said Blaylock. The Blaylocks packed up their belongings and left Hayes Center, Ne. after an eight-year stay. Before taking over his bus route duties in Falls City, Kenny drove in Hayes Center for much of his time.

Blaylock was born and raised in Ashby, Ne, northwest of Hyannis, right in the middle of the sandhills. Kenny's father ran a grocery store there and he went

into business with him, eventually buying his dad's share out.

Being involved with the school system was always part of Blaylock's life. "I taught school for three years right after I graduated from college," said Blaylock. "Then dad's health was getting bad, so I started helping him with the store and ended up staying. So, I was in the store for about 21 years. Then Fay Ann went into the ministry and that's what moved us to Hayes Center."

Fay Ann had taught school all the years that Kenny was in the grocery business and when she got a call about being a minister in Hayes Center, they figured it was as good as time as ever to sell the store and move on.

"By that time, Walmart and the big stores were putting the little guys like me out of business," said Blaylock.

Fay Ann served two churches while in Hayes Center and (Please turn to Page 4)



With the Richardson County jail overcrowded, the need for space is dire

By Nikki McKim

Following an informative public discussion this past February, the Richardson County Jail Citizens' Committee members decided to put the discussion of a 40-bed addition to the Richardson County Jail on hold for two years.

Now five months later, the Richardson County Sheriff's Department is scrambling to find a solution to the increasing jail crowding with no end in sight.

To date, nearly 400 people have been booked in the Richardson County Jail in 2022.

According to Historical Corrections Statistics in the United States, 1850-1984 and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2008, The national jail population grew between 1980 and 2008 from 161,000 to 785,500. In rural areas of the country, the jail population is continuing to boom leading to overcrowding. This stems from policy changes, such as greater reliance on money bail as pretrial populations have surged.

In Richardson County, "business" hasn't slowed down in the three years that Sheriff Hardesty has taken office.

"The people we arrested in 2019, 2020, and 2021, we're still arresting in 2022," he said. "Now there are new ones and all of the sudden, it's not, 'hey, you're going to get probation.' They keep getting arrested and sent to county jail for a year, which ties up beds."

Hardesty said they've discussed doing away with work release. Inmates are working to be able to have a job when they get out of jail, but Hardesty says those would be the individuals that would be transported someplace else.

"We don't have to go back and pick them up and bring them back to court. Can you imagine taking somebody to Lexington that has court in two weeks? You'll spend the whole day driving there and back. A lot of times, we can do it by WebEx,

but there's a lot of times that we can't if their attorney requests for them to be there."

Lexington looks to be one of two places that Richardson County will have to transport if or when overcrowding continues. At 268 miles, it would take over four hours to drive one way to transport inmates.

Right now, Richardson County is competing for space in Washington County with Johnson, Pawnee, Otoe, and Nemaha Counties, who are also full. The Washington County facility in Blair, NE, at 126 miles, takes well over 2.5 hours to go one way for transport.

"Everyone in the area is looking to house inmates at Lexington and Blair, Nebraska. Everyone around here is taking their inmates to Blair, and not sure how long that will be an option," said Hardesty.

Jail Administrator Kristen Morehead does a lot of "wheeling and dealing" each day to try to free up space so time on the road is limited and money is saved.

"Right now, we're housing for three different counties, Pawnee, Johnson and Gage," she said. In a strategy of "swapping the inmates," Richardson County takes some female inmates in exchange for male inmates.

"We took a female for their [another county] and gave them five males," said Hardesty.

Many places don't have female staff, which gives Richardson County an advantage, which is why our jail often houses for other counties. We can take on female inmates when other counties can't and free up bed space.

When Blair's full, they'll have to move to Lexington. When Lexington's full, Hardesty said, "We keep going west."

Going to Kansas isn't an option anymore because they're overpopulated and the question of Missouri and Iowa, well, the inmates have to give

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General Election filing deadline for Village Boards and ESU #4

Monday, August 1, 2022 is the deadline for candidates to file who want their names included on the General Election Ballot for the following offices: Village Boards within the County and Educational Service Unit #4 Board.

A total listing of filings (*denotes incumbent—deadline July 15 for incumbents) to date for Village Boards, Education Service Unit #4 is as follows:

- Barada—Carolyn Meckstroth* (elect two).
 - Dawson—Larry A Koch*, Tom R. Burns* (elect three).
 - Rulo—Mandy Morehead, Kraig Coonce*, Christine Nycum, (Kelley) (elect three).
 - Salem—Casey Strauch* (elect two).
 - Shubert—Linda Patchen*, Hailey Buchner (elect two).
 - Stella—Rick Ramer* (elect two).
 - Verdon—Denise Koso* (elect two).
- Educational Service Unit #4 Candidate filings for ESU #4 must be filed at the Office of the Secretary of State.
- District 1—Terry L. Clark (elect one) represents Falls City Wards I, II, III, IV.
- For more information and details regarding the filing deadline or about the upcoming General Election please call the Richardson County Clerk's Office at 245-2911.

Commissioners approve purchase of radio equipment for patrol units

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. gave updates on bridge and road maintenance. Sheriff Hardesty presented a report on the Law Enforcement Center.

A fee report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during June 2022, totaling \$7,832.97.

A motion was made to approve (Please turn to Page 5)

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Big Tech is Steamrolling America's Newspapers

By Brett Wesner, Chair, National Newspaper Association; president, Wesner Publications, Cordell, Oklahoma

Google and Facebook have enormous economic and political power in society – especially over the news industry. Many ask if they have played a role in the misinformation that erodes our free press and plagues our democracy.

Google and Facebook have a duopoly of the distribution of digital news content, which drives people to their platforms where they make money. The platforms hoard critical data and use clever tactics, like reframing stories in rich previews, to keep users on their sites – siphoning off the advertising revenue that small and local publishers need and weakening their ability to be rewarded for their own content.

Google and Facebook generated \$4 million in U.S. advertising revenue every 15 minutes during the first quarter of 2022. That amount could fund hundreds of local journalists in every state in the country.

It's no wonder that, despite record news consumption, local newspapers across the country have seen diminished revenues – leading many to lay off journalists or go out of business. Local newspapers simply can't compete with these national platforms, Google and Facebook. The imbalance of power between these platforms and local newspapers – let alone any single local paper – is so vast that newspapers cannot negotiate the exploitation of news. But antitrust laws shield Google and Facebook from the possibility of news publishers working together to demand better terms.

No company should have this much control over the news. Congress must take action to curb undue influence of Big Tech on the news media industry – and the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) aims to do just that.

The JCPA is specifically designed to address Google's and Facebook's anticompetitive practices. The proposed legislation would provide a temporary, limited antitrust safe harbor for small and local news publishers to collectively negotiate with Facebook and Google for fair compensation for the use of their content. The policy also incentivizes and rewards publishers who invest in their journalists and newsroom personnel, awarding outlets with demonstrated investments in their staff a larger portion of the funds that result from the negotiations.

By addressing Google's and Facebook's monopoly power and ensuring more subscription and advertising dollars flow back to publishers, the JCPA not only protects and promotes quality news, but also encourages competition.

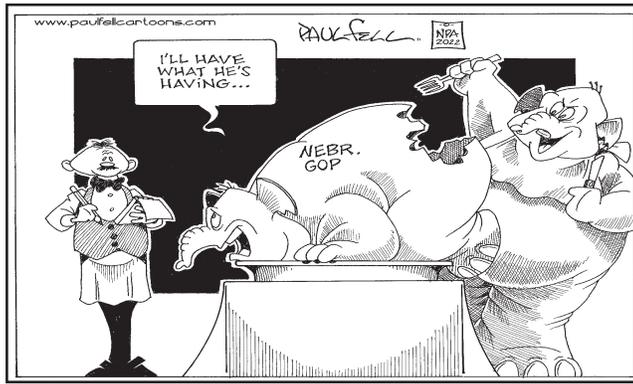
In today's partisan political climate, it is rare for Democrats and Republicans to agree on anything – but the JCPA is one important exception. Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle agree: we need to pass the JCPA to ensure that publishers – especially small and local publishers – are treated fairly and can serve their communities.

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STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY DELEGATES CHANGE

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

Today's letter is R. R. as in Republican, Red State and Ricketts. R. R. as in ruh roh and rebellion.

It appears the Nebraska Republican party was feeling a bit rambunctious when a larger than usual group of delegates to the state convention in Kearney wrestled control from the Ricketts stranglehold and moved things a little to the right.

Revolutionary? No, just a sign that even Republicans can become nostalgic for the old days.

The warning shot was fired days before the event when the Nebraska Republican Party told six GOP activists they were not welcome to attend. They were told they would not be credited because they either had switched political parties, started new parties, or supported candidates outside of the party.

It has been a lengthy struggle between populists and Governor Pete Ricketts whose eight-year reign ends in January. One of the six, failed Secretary of State candidate Robert Borer said he was rejected because he threatened to create a new party. He is now running a write-in campaign for Governor. He has also refused to endorse University of Nebraska Regent Jim Pillen as the GOP nominee for governor and told the Nebraska Examiner the whole thing boils down to "We the People" against the self-appointed ruling elite."

The six delegates were ultimately seated after the tide turned inside the convention hall. One of the six, Matt Innis, was arrested and jailed for allegedly trespassing and assaulting a plain-clothes private security guard. Innis, a vocal critic of Ricketts, was released from jail and entered the convention floor to applause.

When the dust settled, State Party Chairman Dan Welch was voted out of office. One of the six dissidents had recorded a phone conversation with Welch a year ago in which he admitted a mistake in targeting then-GOP legislative candidate Janet Palmtag in a GOP-on-GOP legislative race. Welch pointed out that Ricketts had made the decision to register Palmtag, who has since re-registered as a Democrat.

In addition to Welch being ousted, at least 10 top party leaders, including Executive Director Taylor Gage resigned. Gage is the grandson of former Republican Governor Kay Orr who remains a popular figure in the party. Also resigned are two of three district chairs, national committeewoman, three assistant state party chairs, secretary, treasurer and lawyer.

As the result of a contentious primary election for the Republican nomination for Governor, some have complained again that the governor and state GOP had taken sides in open races with Republicans running against Republicans. Several also cited the legislative race between State Sen. Julie Slama and Palmtag.

Ricketts has been known to give thousands of dollars to candidates he favors. He has also been involved in negative attack ads against opponents of those he supports. His father and mother have also been substantial donors to campaigns, most recently the petition drive to place a voter ID measure on the November ballot, which was mostly funded by Mrs. Ricketts.

Nebraska's Democratic Party Chair Jane Kleeb said people are fed up with Ricketts and his money.

In a released statement she said "Republicans are sick and tired of Ricketts using his father's money to buy elections. The culture of corruption runs deep in the Nebraska Republican estab-

lishment.

"The majority of Nebraskans want our government to work for the people," Kleeb said.

Given that Ricketts and Welch were the biggest funders and fund-raisers for the party, it will be interesting to see if a "new" Republican party without a lot of money will be on a more level playing field with the Democrats.

I'm also interested to see if the ranks of Nebraska's independents grow. Life is pretty hard here in the neutral zone.

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

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50 Years Ago, July 20, 1972 to July 26, 1972

The Senate rejected President Nixon's proposal to raise the minimum wage from \$1.60 to \$2.00 instead of the \$2.20 Democrats supported. Republicans argued that the \$2.20 jump would be inflationary and destroy job opportunities for some.

School officials expected a mill levy of approximately the same or perhaps slightly less for the new school year in District 56. The current mill levy was \$35.64 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

Armbruster Motors won the Small Girls league season championship with a 13-11 win over Jim Hills. Hope Huber and Michelle Ludwig led Armbruster's with three singles apiece.

In Cookie league action, Coast to Coast defeated Penney's 2-0. Steve Hoy had a double and two singles to lead Coast to Coast. Mark Bauman had two base hits and drove in the winning runs, while Fred Simpson had a single for Penney's.

Jerry Lewis sued American Broadcasting Co. for \$42,544.51, claiming he was underpaid for his TV show in 1962.

Steve Bennett was crowned champion of the no-hands pie eating contest held during the first, Fun-O-Rama days in Falls City. In the Mayor's Trophy Tricycle race, the team of Don Tracy, Bill Jahn, Bill Palmer, Ross Smith, Clem Hoffman, Jim Sheets, Bob Appleoff, Art Tauchen, John Nissen and Ken McKim took home bragging rights.

A newly painted, two-bedroom house in Shubert was for sale. The house had wall-to-wall carpet, a forced air gas furnace and a double car garage for \$6,500.

Falls City's FFA team of Jim Kirkendall, Paul Ernst, Roy Rieger and Tom Kopf placed third out of 35 teams in competition at Crete. Kirkendall placed first in the livestock judging contest and was third in the overall competition.

Dale L. Shaffer, retired Air Force Colonel, was elected commander of the local American Legion post, succeeding Blaine Sailors. Don Peck was named first vice-commander and Dale Matthes was second vice-commander.

Pat Nixon, Bob Hope and many other celebrities raised more than \$2 million in pledges for the Red Cross for flood relief operations. The 6 1/2 hour telethon raised money to help the areas affected by Tropical Storm Agnes in June.

Charles Herbst, Southeast area vice-president of the Nebraska FFA Association, left for Washington D.C. to participate in the fifth annual State FFA Presidents' conference.

The government's top drug abuse officials told President Nixon that the number of narcotic arrests had doubled in the past four years. A chart showed that there were 16,144 arrests for drug violations in 1972 compared to only 8,465 four years prior.

According to the University of Nebraska's "Business in Nebraska" publication, Falls City led the state in the increase of net taxable retail sales from 1968-1971. FC's taxable sales increased 41% during that period.

A late surge by Fred Ivey boosted his batting average to .405, edging out Herb Pokomy (.402) for the Falls City Legion baseball team. Bill Simon was the top hurler, finishing 8-6 with a 2.45 ERA.

Three new members joined the Falls City National Guard unit. Tommy Adams, John Caverzagie and Sgt. Eugene Engel of Friend transferred to the unit from Friend. Adams and Caverzagie had been discharged from the Army as Sergeants and advanced to Staff Sergeants.

Kathy and Patty Fisher, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fisher of Rulo, won the International Champions Matched Pair championship at the International Championship Pinto show in Detroit, Michigan.

25 Years Ago, July 20, 1997 to July 26, 1997
Four locomotives and five grain cars derailed when two Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight trains collided beneath the Nebraska 4 viaduct east of Table Rock.

Thirty-four members and two guests were at the Nifty Sixties meeting at the Falls City Senior Citizen Center. Bill Mullins, the president, conducted the meeting and secretary Lillian Jones read the minutes.

The team of Steve, Mike and Bill Simon won the Championship Flight of the NEK Two-Day, Three-man Scramble after a two-hole playoff. In the A Flight, Dick Gist, Denny Heinzelman and Scott Schock won first place.

Thirty-two kids participated in the 24th annual Pee Wee Golf Classic at the Falls City Country Club.

Falls City youth Josh Fischer was injured when a semi east of Falls City struck his tractor on Highway 159. The semi-driver reported he saw the tractor as he topped a hill and realized it was turning north across the highway. Unable to stop, the semi struck the giant hay bale on the tractor, sending Fischer flying off the tractor.

For the sixth time, Burdeen Prater won the traveling trophy that signifies the low qualifying day scored in the Senior Division of the NWAGA State Match Play Golf Tournament. Mrs. Prater shot a 94 at the Beatrice Country Club to win the trophy.

Crete ended the Falls City Legion junior baseball season. Falls City finished the season 6-18. FC committed nine errors in the 14-6 loss, five in the second inning.

The Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Week went to Leonard and Twila Hansen of 2503 Chase Street.

15 Years Ago, July 20, 2007 to July 26, 2007
One-year-old Joe Simon was pictured on the *Journal's* front page, gripping and ripping in the long-drive contest at the Pee Wee Golf Classic at the FC Country Club.

The Bethel United Methodist Women met at the home of Mrs. Lynn Keyes. Marjean Werner gave a lesson from the book, "Yes Lord, I have sinned, but I Have Several Excellent Excuses." President Mrs. Elmer Linderman conducted the meeting.

Falls City native Nate Froesch provided the weekend highlight at the NEK golf event hosted by the Falls City Country Club. After nailing an eagle-two on the par-four 15, Froesch hit a perfect three-iron for a hole-in-one on No. 16, pulling off the nearly impossible feat.

Kade Bredemeier, son of Jason and Mandy Bredemeier, won first place in the Mutton Bustin' competition at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo just outside Dallas, TX.

Matt Goff's Eagle Scout project was to replace the pathways at the Itha Krumme Memorial Arboretum with concrete sidewalks. All said and done, Goff prepared and poured (by wheelbarrow) more than 1,500 feet of new concrete trails.

Falls City musicians competed in the 26th annual Nebraska Summer Music Olympics held at the University of Nebraska-Omaha Performing Arts Center. Falls City students David and Tim von Behren, Casey Meshach and Kari Kreifels, performed for the judges and all received "Superior" ratings.

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permission to cross state lines. "Nobody wants to go. Because this is their home, they've been here a while," said Hardesty.

Each day the staff at the Sheriff's Department meet to go through everybody who's booked in to figure out when their court dates are so they can send the people with the furthest court dates away.

Facilities need to be called daily and the number of facilities called everyday changes. Morehead said she might call up to eight different places a day, Nemaha County, Nebraska; Otoe County; Washington County, Nebraska; Johnson County; Doniphan County, Kansas; Cass County, Washington County, Kansas and Brown County, Kansas. Each facility may only be able to take one inmate, so it could be an all-day process of finding a place for inmates and transporting them. And these places may not take certain inmates based on their charges.

Richardson County doesn't employ someone full-time to transport inmates. Someone needs to be called in off the road, or it needs to be worked around someone's court schedule.

"We don't have the capability to transport like that all the time," said Morehead.

A couple of issues now arise—overcrowding and upsetting Jail Standards and the Fire Marshal and having no place to take those arrested.

Jail Standards and the Fire Marshal can shut the jail down.

According to Jail Standards, 18 is full for the Richardson County Jail.

"We've been over 18 since May. In the last three weeks, we've been floating around that 23, 24, 25 number, you know, and then we did the search warrant, the other night took four that put us at 28. Now we're at a point where we have to do something because we can't house 29," said Hardesty. "And the State Fire Marshal, they aren't going to play games."

This is the first year Hardesty said he's budgeted for out of County holds. Morehead said they've never had to do that. They don't know if what they budgeted for will be enough.

In February, Richardson County had spent \$13,534.63 from July 2021 to that point on safekeeping and inmate medical costs by housing inmates outside the County. If you had factored in gas (at that time \$3.19) and wages (before the pay increase given to employees a couple of weeks ago), that total jumped to \$17,586.83. Based on those totals, the average yearly cost to house and transport inmates was approximately \$42,208.39.

The average daily cost is still \$55 but could go up because of inflation and gas prices.

Hardesty said that if we start spending \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year to house inmates somewhere else, it's not counting fuel and wages/overtime wages and wear and tear on vehicles for transport.

"The issue becomes, we don't have any places to take them. We're going to start looking at the cost. So instead of being arrested for felony drug possession, we'll end up having to issue citations to them," said Hardesty. "That'll be anything, burglaries, thefts. The problem we're going to run into is domestics; we have to arrest somebody. At some point, it's just too much. Not that we want to issue citations because if people need to go to jail, they need to go to jail. But you have no place to take them. What do you do?"

Morehead and Hardesty acknowledge that they would be in the same situation had the jail addition gotten approved in February as it would have taken time to build, "but at least we would have known that we're going in that direction," said Morehead.

"We would have locked in a price," said Hardesty.

"I don't think it's fair to the people of Richardson County to bring somebody in on a drug charge and let them out on a PR bond, you know?" said Hardesty. "I don't know what the answer is. We're not going to stop arresting people until we absolutely have to. The problem is once we're at 28, we're done until we have to get them out."

County Commissioner Rick Karas said he knew this was coming.

"It was pretty obvious because those guys [the Sheriff's Department] are proactive. And we've never had a Sheriff's Department that was as proactive as them. So it doesn't surprise me this was coming. It's going to cost the county way, way, way more money than it would have if we would have gone through with it (building an addition). This isn't something that's going to go away. So I guess we'll take that next step after every place is filled up about what we're going to do."

"Right now, we'd be in the same situation whether the job got approved or not," said Hardesty. "But if it were approved, at least there would be light at the end of the tunnel. Right now, it's just a long dark tunnel. I think that the important part for the citizens to understand is that there may come a time that we go to their house because somebody broke in and we catch them and we may have to write them a ticket and release them."

The problem is we can only do our job with the tools we're given. So if we don't have the tools to do it, then we're in trouble.

And that's where it becomes an issue. We're not going to be allowed to have the tools that we need to do our job efficiently and continue what we're doing now. So I don't know what the answer is at that point. Honestly, I have no idea."

Hardesty said the Department would keep going, but there's going to become a point where they're not going to be able to continue to do what they're doing.

In February, the biggest issue raised by the public who attended the meeting was the potential for a tax increase.

Andy Fornay with public finance company D.A. Davidson said the estimated property taxes on a \$100,000 property would increase \$32 annually on a 15-year bond or a little over \$25 annually on a 20-year bond.

In 2019 Richardson County Jail made a total of \$39,050.00 in safekeeping income by housing inmates for Pawnee, Otoe, Gage and Nemaha Counties. In 2020 the County made \$52,195.00 by housing inmates for Pawnee, Otoe, Gage, Nemaha and Johnson Counties. In 2021 the total went down due to having more of our inmates. Richardson County made \$37,070.00 from Pawnee, Otoe, Gage, Nemaha and Johnson Counties.

The committee members announced at the conclusion of the meeting in February that they needed a little bit more time to investigate this a little bit further as well as get some more statistics from the jail to support being able to whether it's needed or not. "That was that's what everybody within the committee came up with. Looking at the general consensus was two years to study on this before we come back," said Ray Joy of the committee.

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Richardson County

The office will be closed July 21 – August 1 for the 2022 4-H/FFA Fair in Humboldt.

Richardson County Fair Queen voting has started

Voting for Richardson County Fair Queen has started. The group will be cut down to ten on Monday, August 8th. The final count on Saturday, September 10th.

Any girl that is at least 16 years old on or before July 31, 2022 and resides in the trade territory of Humboldt is eligible.

Any young woman who would not like to run or is not 16 years old on or before July 31, 2022 please contact Chere Rist at the State Bank of Table Rock Humboldt Branch.

Votes are given on transaction that are at least 25 cents. Each cent equals one vote. Candidates may not receive votes where she is employed or where her parents, sister or brother are employed or if she is the daughter or sister of the business owner.

The following are the businesses that can receive votes: 3rd Street Studios, Ag Partners, Cooperative, Inc., AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc., American National Bank, Anderson One, Stop Shop, Armbruster Motor Co., Berwick Co-

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Schools out forever

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when they felt like they had done all they could, they moved to Falls City.

When asked why they chose Falls City, the answer was quite simple; it was available. Fay Ann was the pastor at the First Christian Church and Zion United Church of Christ for over ten years before retiring last year.

"At that time, there weren't that many churches that were open and this one was available and it felt right. We planted ourselves here and decided to stick around," said Fay Ann.

Once Fay Ann went into the ministry, Kenny just filled in with odd jobs here and there.

It didn't take long for Kenny to find his new role upon moving to Falls City. By March of 2010, Kenny began driving the school bus, subbing and doing activities for the first few months.

"For several years, that's what I did, I was a substitute and I did a lot of activities. Football games, basketball games, cross country. I was easy to convince," said Blaylock. "I was on the road about every day."

Kenny then began driving the bus full time, which was actually less than what he had been doing. Once he took over a full-time route, Kenny cut back on the activity driving.

"The last few years, I just haven't really, I told Rob and I told Tyler that I'd just soon not do the activities," said Blaylock.

Kenny had considered turning in his keys a year prior but ultimately decided to stay on one

more year.

"I was thinking about last year being my last year, but then I decided, okay, one more year. It's hard to get bus drivers and I told Tyler I would do it one more year," said Kenny.

He's not interested in being a substitute or driving activities any longer. He told Tyler (Bek) that he was hanging up his keys and not coming back.

"I know how that subbing goes," laughed Blaylock. "If you start doing that, I might as well have just stayed on full-time."

Even though he's looking forward to retirement, there are some things that Kenny will miss.

"I always said I liked driving the morning route more than the afternoon route. The kids are more subdued, just something about being out there as the sun comes up, just getting you out and going. I'll miss the kids and the camaraderie with Tyler and the rest of the drivers. You'll hear people say that the bus drivers aren't appreciated, but I never got that here in Falls City. The school really worked to try to include you in decisions that are made and make you feel wanted."

There were plenty of other up-sides to being a driver as well. "The organization, P.I.E., on special appreciation days, several times a year, they would unload a bunch of snacks, M&M's, popcorn, that we would enjoy before our routes," said Kenny.

Now that bus driving is behind him, Kenny will get back to woodworking, get out and travel a little more and seeing family at the drop of a hat.

Now that both of the Blaylocks have retired, the question arose about what kept them in Falls City.

"The main reason is we have friends here, good friends," they both reiterated. Both of their daughters are married to military guys, so moving closer to them was out of the question. "They get moved around a lot; as soon as you would move to get closer to them, they're going to get moved by the military somewhere else," said Kenny.

"Good friends," said Fay Ann. "And there really isn't anything back home; I could not live there anymore."

"I'm just gonna do whatever I please," said Blaylock. An older man back in Theford once gave him some advice saying a guy has to have a reason to get up in the morning.

"I thought about that and he was right; a person needs a reason to get up in the morning."

SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order Of The Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star members have been busy for the last few months. On June 25, they helped Bellevue, Brownville and Beatrice Chapters host the Nebraska

Grand Officers in this district for their Annual Visitation. The event took place at the Humboldt United Methodist Church basement. Registration began at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at noon

was catered by Moonlight Country Cafe of Auburn. Seventeen Grand Officers were present, including the Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Sieg of Lincoln and Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Andreassen of Norfolk. Three other past grands and a total of 27 members of the host chapters enjoyed the day. The Brownville Chapter was responsible for registrations and the gift presentation to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

The Beatrice Chapter and programs sent invitations were provided by the Bellevue Chapter. The Humboldt Chapter had decorated tables with rainbow colors since this year's Grand Session theme is Rainbows of Kindness. The special project

of Service Dogs was carried out with puppy dogs and dog bone cookie sacks on the tables. Humboldt Worthy Matron Trudy Fankhauser welcomed the group before introductions of all were made. Skits were given by Grand Star Points, telling of their projects and items on the sale table. Members with membership over 50 years, 60 years and 70 years were recognized. The afternoon closed with all joining in repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

On July 7, 2022, the Humboldt Chapter #234 met for their stated meeting at the Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. Eight members enjoyed hearing Sally Joyner of HTRS tell of her experiences at the All-Masonic Band Clinic held in Kearney in connection with the Shrine Football game in June. She plays the alto saxophone in the HTRS band. She was accompanied by her mother, Sharon and Music Instructor Michael Coffey. She stated that she enjoyed the field marching and meeting many new friends. The local OES Chapter provided the scholarship. Donna Monnette served refreshments.

Worthy Matron Trudy Fankhauser then called the business meeting to order as

she presided in the East. The Opening Ode, "We Gather Together," was sung and all gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The regular order of business followed with the reading of the previous meeting's minutes which were approved. The treasurer reported on the balance in the general fund. WM Fankhauser reported 55 were served at the June 25, 2022, Grand Officers Visitation. She thanked the members who helped set up the table decorations the day before. All but one of the 18 Grand Officers were present, two Past Grands and a District Grand Supervisor. Four OES members from Brownville. Twelve from Bellevue and 11 from Humboldt. A motion was made to give the Humboldt United Methodist Church \$75 for using their basement for the event, seconded and carried. Another motion was made to reimburse Mrs. Fankhauser for her expenses to the Moonlight Country Cafe, which was seconded and carried.

A memorial service was conducted to remember Past Worthy Grand Patron Belovt Young, who served the Nebraska Grand Chapter from 2014-2015. He passed away on June 2, 2022

and was a member of Signet Ch. #55 of North Platte. NE. Marshal Nancy Nemecek draped the charter in his memory. Correspondence included the NE OES News and a thank you from Reginald Kuhn. President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation for sponsoring a scholarship to their All-Star Marching Camp. Another letter from Sally Joyner thanking the chapter for the scholarship. She played the alto saxophone while attending the camp. Another activity mentioned is the 4-H Achievement Day on July 30 at the Masonic Easter Star Home for Children in Fremont. After the Farm tours, a BBO lunch and ice cream treats will be served.

A Kansas-Nebraska Exchange will be held in Kearney at the Hampton Inn on July 15-17. Nebraska Grand Officers will perform the Initiatory work on Friday and the Kansas Grand Officers will do the same on Saturday.

An invitation to a Rainbow of Kindness Area Visitation at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth on July 10, 2022, was received. Thank you from the Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Sieg and Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Andreassen for the Visitation decorations, meals and gifts given to their Service Doe.

Projects on June 25. Explanation of their Passport Program was explained. Because of Covid in 2021, this project will continue this year. Shad Gager has become a member of the Humboldt Chapter through affiliation. George Ketter was reported on the sickness list.

There being no further business Chapter closed with prayer and all singing the Closing Ode.

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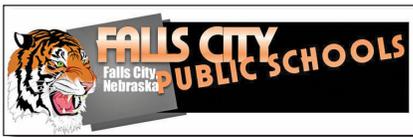
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Superintendent's District Update

By Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, July 12, 2022. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

School Safety Addressed by FCPD - The Board of Education heard a presentation on school safety information by Chief Jamie Baker and Officer DiGiacomo. The presentation, which focused on school perimeter security, interior security, accessibility, and situational awareness, will be taken under review by the district's safety committee as the district studies and considers what additional safety measures could be feasibly implemented in the district's overall safety plan.

Furthermore, Sen. Lynne Walz, Chair of the Unicameral's Education Committee, called together a group of education groups to discuss a response to the recent shootings. She has asked Education Commissioner Matt Blomstedt to convene a task force that would be tasked with studying safety conditions in Nebraska's schools (public, private, and higher education) and making recommendations for improvement.

Building and Grounds Improvements Underway - Sprinturf is completing the new synthetic turf at the football stadium, with the demo and base work completed in late June by Nemaha construction. The field is expected to be completed prior to the end of July. ARR/Boone Brothers Roofing is completing the roof replacement section at North School, and Schwickert's Tecta America Roofing has nearly completed the high school roof replacement project and the additional section of work required above the main gym.

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

1. Approved the Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 6310 Chronic Infectious Disease / Employees; 2) 6313 Drug-Free Workplace; 3) 6314 Sales Representatives; 4) 6315 Personnel Files; 5) 8510 Concussion Awareness
2. Set Budget and Property Tax Hearings for September 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
3. Approved substitute teacher rate at \$140 per day
4. Approved the UNL Extension Assistant Funding Commitment of 11.9 percent at \$8,240
5. Approved bus/van per student use rates (non-activity)

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Tim Heckenlively.

Commissioners approve purchase of radio equipment for patrol units

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a purchase order for Motorola mobile radio equipment to be installed in patrol units from First Wireless, totaling \$39,250.34.

The regular meeting went into recess and went into an executive session at 10:18 a.m. to discuss possible litigation via teleconference with special legal counsel Jerry Pigsley. The executive session closed at 10:28 a.m. and returned to the regular meeting agenda.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey and County Assessor Kim Riggs requested to meet with the Board to discuss salary increases for staff. The discussion will continue during the budget hearings to be scheduled with department officials.

The Board met again on Tuesday, July 19, 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.

Before the regular meeting of the Commissioners, the Richardson County Board of Equalization met. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Karas, Caverzagie and Sichel; County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey and Clerk Eickhoff.

A motion was made to approve a motor vehicle tax exemption application on a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 4WD for the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.

The Board reviewed one property valuation protest filed 2022-079.

2022 Richardson County 4-H/FFA Junior Fair

Local 4-H members, 4-H families, the Richardson County 4-H Council, and 4-H and Extension Staff would like the public to join them in Humboldt for the 2022 Richardson County 4-H and FFA Junior Fair.

The fair begins on Sunday, July 24 and continues through Saturday, July 30. During the week, local 4-H youth and FFA members exhibit projects which portray the many hours of hard work and dedication the youth have spent working on or with their projects.

Along with the livestock shows and static exhibition, new evening entertainment events have been added to the schedule this year. Everyone is welcome to gather on the fairgrounds for a

fair kick off BBQ with backyard games, a pedal tractor pull, and bohemian tractor pull; an Ag Olympics sporting event; a goat milking demonstration followed by the Round Robin Showmanship competition; and a 4-H fish fry and chicken strip dinner to culminate the fair and support auction.

Check out the Nebraska Extension - Richardson County Facebook page for more information on events!

Please see the calendar of the events below for a full listing of all shows, contests, and events occurring during the week.

Contact the Extension Office at 402-245-4324 for more information.

BUILDING PERMITS

Tom and Stacie Lewis, 1616 Valley Ave., swimming pool; \$0.00.

Adam Eickhoff, 1210 E. 14th Street, exterior renovation and two garage doors; \$20,222.00.

Falls City Public High School, 1400 Fulton Street, concrete section of parking lot; \$45,000.00.

Sacred Heart School, 1820 Fulton Street, Remodel bathrooms and locker rooms; \$40,000.00.

Brandon Coupe, 507 W 15th Street, Demo house; \$0.00.

William Hayes, 2619 Chase Street, replace eight windows; \$7,725.00.

Greg Vice, 1715 Fair Ave., replace driveway; \$5,000.00.

Cheryl Ebel, 1804 Schoenheit St., new driveway and concrete pad; \$5,000.00.

Brett Keller, 2212 Abbott Street, Roof; \$15,386.20.

Zachary and Kaylie Racliffe, 2003 Harlan Street, fence - approved by Board of Adjustment; \$5,500.00.

Deborah Lawrence, 924 East 11th Street, fence; \$1,500.00.

Sacred Heart School, 1820 Fulton Street, new storage building; \$7,000.00.

Michael Eicher, 1624 Lane St., new garage; \$13,000.00.

Don Hogue, 1806 Huber Rd., concrete slab; \$900.00.

Lauretta Schacht, 820 E 12th St., roof; \$7,876.42.

Mark Lowe, 904 St. Mary's, roof; \$13,456.72.

Monica Lechtenberg, 523 E. 23rd St., Roof; \$13,847.51.

Lewis Zentner, 2720 Schoenheit St., Roof; \$13,155.96.

Campbell Fitness, 1609 Stone St., roof; \$45,466.52.

Dan Hill, 1619 Chase Street, roof; \$39,783.38.

Newton Simpson, 807 Wilson St., roof; \$15,639.69.

Cindy Sailors, 2007 Crook St., roof; \$13,193.13.

Luke Kessler, 901 Chase Street, roof; \$7,000.00.

HK Holdings, 1822 Crook St., roof; \$17,000.00.

Kim Riggs, 320 W. 24th St., replace AC and furnace; \$9,000.00.

Robert Denton, 2013 Towle Street, replace AC; \$3,500.00.

Mark O'Grady, 701 E 21st St., Install lawn sprinkler; \$5,000.00.

Lowell Eickhoff, 1915 Nemaha Ave., roof; \$24,032.80.

Myron Whitten, 1803 Towle Street, roof; \$14,814.85.

Randal Miller, 1611 Fulton Street, roof; \$7,000.00.

Randal Miller, 1919 Crook Street, roof; \$11,000.00.

Carol Hamilton, 2009 Stone Street, roof; \$10,767.77.

Carol Hamilton, 2010 Stone Street, roof; \$10,000.00.

Frances Frenzel, 908 Stone Street, roof; \$8,242.01.

First Christian Church, 1322 Stone Street, roof; \$14,437.00.

Kevin and Gina Scheitel, 2524 Hiland Ave., roof; \$15,768.00.

William Reed and Linda Santo, 2524 Lane St., roof; \$26,714.63.

Lisa Walker, 2209 Chase Street, Water heater; \$900.

Ethan Sullivan, 703 West 20th Street, wood Fence; \$2,000.00.

Kurt Leininger / Brian Poppe, 1517 Chase Street, demo of residence; \$0.

Matilda's Rentals - Joan Stice, 2104 Crook Street, Sidewalk; \$5,000.00.

Dennis and Cheryl Hullman, 1319 Harlan Street, replace concrete parking lot; \$2,800.00.

Dennis and Cheryl Hullman, 1224 Stone Street, widen driveway; \$3,800.00.

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DISTRICT COURT

Kristy M. Keller, count one, Del/D/D/M/P contr subs near school-first, plead not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count four, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count five, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for August 2, 2022.

Renee M. Bostic, count one, Del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing is scheduled for September 27, 2022.

Jennifer R. Cates, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-\$4,999, amended to theft-unlawful taking \$501-\$1,499, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$500, jail for a term of seven days starting on July 12, 2022, credit for seven days served; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Felita Bravebull-Bredeson, count one, violate sex off. Reg. act-felony 3A, amended to attempt of a class 3 or 3A felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of 115 days starting on July 12, 2022, credit for 20 days served.

Rebecca S. Bookout, count one, assault-second degree, amended to assault-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$300, jail for a term of 10 days starting on July 15, 2022, credit for two days served; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Charles R. Olson III, count one, violate sex off. reg. act-felony 3A, plead guilty, found guilty and sentenced to jail-maximum sentence of six months, starting July 12, 2022, jail maximum sentence of two years starting on July 12, 2022.

Rickey L. Long, count one, fail to pay sales tax, plead not guilty; count two, fail to deliver title on sale/disposal, plead not guilty; count three, fail to title vehicle within 30 days, plead not guilty; count four, no title/deface title/sell without title, plead not guilty; count five, sales tax violation, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for August 9, 2022.

Randy A. Glander, count one, Del/D/D/M/P contr subs near school-first, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial was scheduled.

Julian M. Cooper, count one,

amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, assault-third degree, amended to assault by mutual consent, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$725 and court costs.

COUNTY COURT

Sarah O Barrs-Daggett, count one, no operators license/waivable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Jennie R. Worthey, count one, contribute to delinquency of child, plead not guilty; count two, contribute to delinquency of child, plead not guilty; count three, contribute to delinquency of child, plead not guilty; count four, contribute to delinquency of child, plead not guilty; count five, contribute to delinquency of child, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for August 10, 2022.

Sara A. Marano, count one, criminal trespass-second degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for August 3, 2022.

Jordin E. Bowman, count one, dom asslt-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for August 3, 2022.

Donald L. Kafer, count one, dom asslt-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for August 3, 2022.

Benjamin P. Reed, count one, non resident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100, bond forfeiture of \$158.50 and court costs; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Benjamin P. Reed, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100, bond forfeiture of \$158.00 and court costs; no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Benjamin P. Reed, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty and sentenced to state fine of \$100, bond forfeiture of \$76.50 and court costs; count two no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Benjamin P. Reed, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$100, bond forfeiture of \$77.50 and court costs.

Jacob A. Babb, count one, assault-third degree, amended to attempt of a class one misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of 60 days starting on July 13, 2022, credit for two days served.

Jason K. Tilton, count one, accessory to class four felony (1 a/b/c), amended to false reporting-misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty. Case continued.

Emilio D. Marquez, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for August 4, 2022.

Marissa B. White, count one, criminal mischief \$1,500-\$4,999, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for August 4, 2022.

Kala F. Brown, count one, dogs and cats, unlicensed, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count two, dogs and cats, unlicensed, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count three, dogs and cats, unlicensed, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count four, animal running at large plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count five, animal running at large, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count six, dogs and cats, nuisance second off in 12 months, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25 and court costs.

Christopher W. Ivey, count one, disorderly conduct, plead no con-

test, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$100; count two, open container(s) alcohol, plead no contest, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$50 and court costs.

Brandon D. Brown, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead no contest, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25 and court costs.

Sonja M. Thoman, count one, unlawful discharge of a firearm, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for August 8, 2022.

Darlene F. Funk, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty. Case continued.

Gregory D. Folsom, count one, weeds and grasses over 12", plead no contest, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count two, appliances in yard, plead no contest, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count three, unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicles, plead no contest, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count four, offenses, litter, plead no contest, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25 and court costs.

Alyssa D. McLemore, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$300 and court costs.

Kala F. Reed, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty,

found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Drew M. Foster, count one, assault-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, assault-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for August 25, 2022.

Paige N. Frederick, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for August 15, 2022.

Rachel E. Schawang, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50, restitution of \$21.98; count five, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count six, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

Danielle N. Nichols, 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 \$100 and court costs.

Travis E. Barnett, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for August 4, 2022.

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Bredemeier wrapping up season for Sabetha Bravos

Story and photo by Brian McKim (Kade Bredemeier pictured above)

Kade Bredemeier, son of Mandy and Jason Bredemeier, is playing in the Mid-Plains Collegiate Wooden Bat League for the Sabetha Bravos. Kade, a right-handed outfielder, will be entering his third season playing for Hastings College this upcoming school year.

On Tuesday night, July 12, the 5-11, 180-pounder was on the mound against the Junction City Brigade. With the season winding down, the Brigade leads the Mid-Plains League with a 23-5 record, while Sabetha currently sits in seventh at 7-21.

Bredemeier, not usually a pitcher, lasted three innings on the hill, allowing four runs and seven hits. At the plate, Kade went 1-3 with a single in the Bravos' 11-2 loss.

The Mid-Plains League is a collegiate summer baseball league made up of athletes from all across the globe. Team schedules consist of 36 contests spread over 44 days from June to mid-July. The seven-team association was formed in 2014. League members include the Junction City Brigade, the Baldwin City Blues, the Midwest A's, the KC Monarchs, the Topeka Farmers, the Lawrence Travelers and the Sabetha Bravos.

The Bravos team, primarily made up of Latino ballplayers, also consists of American athletes and has even had players from Japan on the Roster.

"I learned a lot about different cultures this summer," said Bredemeier. "I had teammates from Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Japan. Even though there was a language barrier, we all enjoyed playing baseball together as teammates."

Bredemeier will look to use what he learned this summer when he returns to the field in Hastings.

"I improved as a baseball player this summer. Every player in the Mid-Plains League plays college baseball, from Division I to JUCO; I even had players on my Bravos team that have played in the minor leagues. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I had a lot of fun this summer."

GOLF LEAGUE

Men's Golf League

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League results for Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Team 1 (1.00) Hays, Gary 43-39; Rowell, Gene 64-41. Team 4 (7.00) Ebel, Ron 44-39; Kurpogweit, Lee 49-40.

Team 2 (7.50) Simon, Dan 41-37; Hillyard, Mark 44-34. Team 3 (0.50) Froeschl, Marty 42-37; Severin, Steve 58-41.

Team 5 (5.50) Heinzelman, Denny 47-40; Mullins, Jim 46-34. Team 7 (2.50) Hankins, Dan 52-42; Bennett, Chuck 49-36.

Team 6 (2.50) Liberty, Brandon 39-35; Borg, Dave 47-40. Team 8 (5.50) Kopf, Tom 48-37; Simon, Mike 54-38.

Late League results for Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Team 1 (0.00) Simon, Steve 37-37; McNeely, John 51-42;

Jordening, Ron 55-42. Team 4 (10.00) Bachman, Eli 34-31; Ferguson, Don 49-41; Dunn, Mike 55-35.

Team 2 (2.00) Hankins, Dan 49-39; Heckenlively, Tim 49-39; Keller, Bart 59-39. Team 3 (8.00) Gist, Dick 43-39; Liberty, Brandon 42-38; Fiegenger, Jarod 54-36.

Team 5 (6.00) Montgomery, Carter 41-38; Harmon, Galen 49-41; Craig, Jake 48-35. Team 17 (4.00) Froeschl, Marty 46-41; Froeschl, Lucas 47-39; Dunkhas, Gale 48-35.

Team 6 (0.00) Dunn, Chaz 43-43; Malcolm, Terry 56-43; Gooch, Blake 69-52. Team 16 (10.00) Daake, Brian 43-36; Mullins, Jim 52-40; Froeschl, Joe 48-34.

Team 7 (7.50) Simon, Dan 43-39; Schawang, Cade 46-33; Bennett, Chuck 48-35. Team 15 (2.50) Siel, Jake 50-42; Hill-

yard, Mark 46-36; Rowland, Rod 51-35.

Team 8 (8.00) Scheitel, Trent 41-36; McNeely, Erik 49-41; Godemann, Ted 47-36. Team 14 (2.00) Malone, Kevin 44-38; Kurpogweit, Lee 47-38; Leyden, Derrick 59-42.

Team 9 (9.00) Gerweck, Rob 46-40; Froeschl, Adam 48-39; Schawang, Cody 50-37. Team 13 (1.00) Hullman, Ben 48-42; Buckminster, Joe 52-42; Craig, Robbie 56-38.

Team 10 (6.50) Witt, Tom 41-36; Witt, Wade 50-40; Romine, Alan 55-43. Team 12 (3.50) James, Charles 51-43; Witt, Weston 49-40; Druba, Roger 47-36.

Team 11 (7.00) Davis, Darin 40-35; Froeschl, Nate 41-33; Ebel, Bryce 47-34. Team 18 (3.00) Ebel, Ron 38-33; Borg, David 46-39; Courtney, Justin (F).



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As MLB baseball gets near the Mid-Summer Classic, all eyes are on the last-place Kansas City Royals. Not so much because the Royals are 13 games behind front-runner Minnesota in the AL Central. No, KC is making noise as being outed as having the league's worst COVID vaccination rate.

With the Royals crossing the border to take on the Toronto Blue Jays, ten players were left behind because they chose not to be vaccinated. While getting jabbed is a choice, these ten athletes have put themselves ahead of the team and its fans by choosing not to be inoculated. Because of this, Kansas City traveled to Toronto short-handed. Canada mandates that individuals must receive the COVID-19 vaccine before being allowed into the country. Gone from the weekend trip were Brad Keller, Whit Merrifield, Andrew Benintendi, Cam Gallagher, Dylan Coleman, Hunter Dozier, Kyle Isbel, M.J. Melendez, Brady Singer and Michael A. Taylor. Is it fair for the rest of the ball club to play against the Blue Jays so shorthanded? According to an ESPN story, the most players a team had left behind to play in Toronto before Kansas City was four. Before Kansas City, only 25 players total had not been allowed to play in Toronto due to vaccine requirements.

Keep in mind that the ten players who made this decision are placed on the restricted list and forfeit service time and salary for the games they will miss.

What does all this mean as the Royals look to unload some of these players before the trade deadline on August 2? Teams like the Yankees, to who Benintendi has been linked, will probably drop out of the discussions. Why trade for someone who can't cross the border to play against an in-division team? What if Toronto were to make the playoffs? The players would have to be left off the roster for the series; that doesn't sound like good trade potential to me.

The same goes for Merrifield and Taylor. Merrifield has been mentioned in trade rumors for the past few seasons. Suddenly, the number of teams with potential interest just shrunk. Is that fair to the organization? What also alluded that if he were traded to a playoff team, he would consider getting the vaccination. If that were true, it would tell me he isn't worried about side effects. His remarks make it sound like a regular season game isn't an important enough reason to get jabbed, only a postseason game. I would think if it were important enough for an individual not to get, then you still wouldn't get it, even if it meant playing in the postseason.

Getting the vaccination is absolutely a personal decision. Still, when you're getting paid seven million dollars a season (Merrifield) or eight and a half million (Benintendi), maybe you should be all in. Eliminating a team like the Yankees from trade consideration dramatically decreases the chances of a positive return on the product. So, the Royals are paying athletes obscene amounts of money to play a game and now, as they look to trade said athletes, the pool has just shrunk.

Maybe one solution is to let the ten players ride the pine for the next couple of weeks, allowing the athletes that have to be called up to get some significant MLB exposure. While the Royals organization has worked to get the vaccination rates up on the team, these ten players have stuck to their guns and have decided not to get the shot. Now, it is the club's turn to choose to let these ten big leaguers sit and watch for a while, maybe the rest of the season. KC isn't going to make a playoff run anyways, so let's see what the youngsters can do.

Brad Keller, a pitcher for the Royals, was quoted in a story by Anne Rodgers on MLB.com as saying, "I wish the circumstances were different. Just tough because last year we were allowed up there and this year we're not. I'd love to be up there, and I love competing. I wish we were able to do that."

Well, Brad, your wish came true. You can compete in Canada; however, first, you have to get a shot. It's a choice made by Keller and the other nine players; now, they have to suffer the consequences of their choices.

One of the players called up is Nick Pratto, the Royals' first-round pick in 2017. Pratto, a 23-year-old, has 17 home runs in AAA Omaha this season. Pratto, primarily a first baseman, has also been working on playing outfield for Omaha recently. He could be an excellent candidate to unseat Hunter Dozier, who is batting .265 with nine HRs this year.

Sporting a mostly AAA and AA roster, Kansas City went 1-3 against the Blue Jays over the weekend. KC won the opener on Thursday before dropping the series' final three games. On Saturday, KC lost in extra innings 6-5; on Sunday, the Royals gave up the lead late, falling 4-2. Both games could have and probably would have gone the Royals' way with proper major league-ready players on the field. Safe to say, the ten players who chose not to play in Toronto cost the franchise a pair of wins over the weekend. Don't get me wrong, the youngsters held their own across the border, but it's safe to say the group lacked leadership.

In other KC news, the Royals traded away the 35th selection in the upcoming draft to Atlanta for the Brave's No. 1 prospect, Drew Waters. Kansas City also got pitcher Andrew Hoffman and infielder CJ Alexander in the deal.

Speaking of the draft, KC used its first two picks on Sunday to pluck a couple of hard-hitting college athletes. With their two picks on day one of the draft, Kansas City selected Gavin Cross at No. 9 from Virginia Tech and Cayden Wallace at No. 49 from the University of Arkansas. It's the first time since 2013 that the Royals selected a college position player in the opening round. Last season, Cross batted .328 with 17 home runs and 50 RBI. Meanwhile, at Arkansas, Wallace batted .298 with 16 home runs and 60 RBI.

OBITUARIES

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Thomas Harling

Thomas Lee Harling departed this life on Monday, July 11, 2022, at the Heritage Care Center in Fairbury, NE. Graveside services were held Saturday, July 16 at 11:00 am at the Nelson City Cemetery, Nelson, NE. Williams Funeral Home of Superior, NE is in charge of the arrangements.

Clarence "Scotty" Scott

Clarence "Scotty" Scott, 87, of Falls City, NE, passed away July 15, 2022 at Falls City. He was born June 4, 1935 at Rulo, NE to Ralph and Azalia "Pete" (Liberty) Scott.

He married Patricia Painter on October 7, 1955 at Falls City.

Scotty served in the Nebraska National Guards in Company B at Falls City from 1953 until 1965.

Scotty attended country school and was raised at Rulo and Preston and attended Falls City High School. He moved to Falls City in 1951 and worked for Richardson County, Sidles Mr. Automotive, Harmon's O. K. Tire and then purchased the milk route and operated Falls City Milk Products. He delivered milk for 14 years before retiring in 1984 due to his health. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, served on the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department from 1967-1987 and was secretary for eleven years. He was also a Boy Scout Leader and former member of the Elks Lodge.

Scotty is survived by his wife, Pat of Falls City, children, Randy and his wife Pam of Falls City, Ann Crosby and her husband Pat of Kansas City, MO, Mike and his wife Cindy of Falls City, grandchildren, Ben, Jason, Joe, Dillon and Avery Scott, great-granddaughters, Parker and Hazel. He was preceded in death by parents and a brother, Lee.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM at Bethel United Methodist Church with Pastor Mike Hader officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

The family received friends on Monday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Dennis Mellage

Dennis Mellage, 77, of Falls City, NE, passed away July 12, 2022 in Sabetha, KS. He was born July 5, 1945 in Falls City to Wilbur and Maxine (Chesnut) Mellage.

He married Judy West on November 17, 1962 at Reserve, KS. She passed away November 24, 2018.

Dennis attended Reserve High School and following his schooling he worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad until 1976 when he then started farming the family farm. He farmed until 1982 when he began working for Falls City Fertilizer, then drove for Crouse Trucking. His final place of employment was working for Bear Scholl, retiring in 2018. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle St.) Dennis survived by his chil-

dren, Brenda Fisher and her husband Wendell of Kansas City, MO, Chris and his wife Barb of Falls City, Cherie Derr and her husband Curtis of Lincolnton, NC, brother, Marvin and his wife Linda of Broken Arrow, OK, sisters, Jane Thomas and Judy Crouse and her significant other, Clyde Schroeder both of Nebraska City, NE, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, four brothers-in-law, sister-in-law and two nephews.

His memorial service was held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Roger Lampe officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family received friends on Sunday from 2-4:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

June Scheitel

June A. Scheitel, 92, of Falls City, NE, passed away July 12, 2022 at Falls City. She was born June 10, 1930 at Falls City to William and Emma (Spainhower) Allen.

She married Donald Scheitel on September 18, 1949 at Zion Union Church of Christ. He passed away April 12, 2009.

June graduated from Falls City High School in 1948. She worked as a checker and bookkeeper at Mix Master Grocery from 1942 until 1948. After graduation she moved to Omaha to work for the Union Pacific Railroad until the birth of Kent in 1952. She then worked for Sun Newspaper in Omaha as a bookkeeper and proof reader from 1953 until 1956 when Debra was born. The couple moved to Portland in 1960 when her husband transferred with the Union Pacific Railroad, they moved back to Omaha in 1970 and back to Oregon in 1975. She

retired in 1984. The couple wintered in Arizona from 1986 until 1999 and moved to Falls City in 2000. She was a member of Zion United Church of Christ.

June is survived by her children, Kent Scheitel of Portland, OR, Debra Whitman and her husband Rob of Omaha, grandchildren, Douglas and William Whitman and Ashley Scheitel, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Wayne and W. H. "Bill" Allen and a sister, R. Maxine Lewis.

Her funeral was held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Reverend Fay Ann Blaylock officiating. Interment was in Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery.

Open visitation and viewing was Saturday afternoon until 5:00 PM and Sunday from noon until 5:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

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SMALL GIRLS TOURNEY CHAMPS, EDWARD JONES: Front row (left to right) Millie Georges, Kenzie Kelz, Cali Taft, Quinne Knight, Olivia Neville, Nevaha Schawang. Middle row Bryn Taft, Janie Howard, Ashlyn Ahern, Lilyth Eichtenach, Autumn Baumgartner, Evelyn Bangert, Lillian Riley and Olivia Butrick. Back row Emma Frederick, Mackensie Nelson, Angie Taft, Taylor Frederick and Troy Taft.



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Irish Booster Club Golf tournament

By Barb Kelly

The Irish Booster Club Golf tournament was held on Saturday, July 9 at Classic Club 8 golf course. There were 30 teams that participated in the two-person scramble format.

Winners in the Third flight were Sally and Kendrick Ford, first; Nick Keithley and Matt Neddenniep; and Drew Huppert and Clayton Vonderschmidt, third. Winners in the Second flight included Lucas Froeschl and Tony Santo, first; Kevin and Janet Malone, second; TJ Wilson and Noel Boye, third.

Winners in the First flight included Dan Hanks and Ron Ebel, first; Mark and Angie Hillyard, second; and William Reed and Linda Santo, third. Winners in the championship flight included Dorothy Towle and Michael Hillyard, first; Joe and Chaz Dunn, second; and Eli Liberty and Greg Liberty, third.

Flag prize winners were Joe Froeschl, Dina Sells, Lucas Froeschl, Sawyer Kean, and Dorothy Towle. The raffle winner of the Kansas City Chiefs golf bag donated by Dollar Fresh was won by Dina Sells.

The money raised from this tournament will upgrade custodial equipment and teacher wish list items. Tournament organizers Barb Kelly and Dina Sells are so appreciative of the support given by local businesses and individuals who become hole sponsors and/or donate for tournament prizes.

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 July 5, 1952

POST

The family has reunited to celebrate their independence, and Mr. Smilerow is going to squeeze them all into one photograph or another in the attempt. After everybody has looked unnaturally pleasant for a while, the camera professor, emerging from his shroud, will tell them to look pleasant, and their tired-out faces will collapse into shocking sun squints just as the camera snicks. Grand-grandma is the smart one; in her mellow old wisdom she's thinking, "I'll just save my gumption till he's ready, and then turn on a smile that'll make me the belle of the tintage. Let's ignore Uncle Gourmand on the stoop, and those exasperating boys, either one of whom may grow up to be President; and merely ask artist Falter: "Why isn't it raining?"

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Wednesday Choir, 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Mike Hader
402-245-4584

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Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45 a.m.;
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.
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Sunday: Sunday School, 9:00-10:00 a.m.;
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402-245-3755

First Presbyterian Church
(20th and Harlan)
Sunday: Worship, 11:00 a.m.,
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Fr. Kenneth F. Hoelsing, Pastor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2022

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 6th day of July 2022, at 6:15 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Rhodd. Absent: Leyden, Racliffe, Wisdom. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Bindle publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the June 20, 2022, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for July 6, 2022, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Claims for June 2022 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for July 6, 2022, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Rhodd, "NAY" None, "ABSENT" Leyden, Racliffe, Wisdom. Motion carried.

SET LEVY FOR AIRPORT AUTHORITY AT 029482 AS REQUESTED - 2022-2023
A motion was made by Council person Rhodd and seconded by Council person Holle to approve the Airport Authority request for a tax levy of 029482 for the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Rhodd, "NAY" None, "ABSENT" Leyden, Racliffe, Wisdom. Motion carried.

EDGE 2ND QUARTER REPORT FOR 2022 EXECUTIVE EDGE DIRECTOR LUCAS FROESCHL
Executive Director, Lucas Froeschl presented the 2022 EDGE 2nd Quarter Report to the Mayor and City Council. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhodd to approve the 2022 EDGE 2nd Quarter Report. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Holle, Merz, Rhodd, "NAY" None, "ABSENT" Leyden, Racliffe, Wisdom. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:21pm
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on July 6, 2022; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said

meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.
Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
Shawna Bindle, Mayor
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July 7, 2022

2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 7th day of July, 2022, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. Absent: Campbell. Anthony Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Froeschl to approve the minutes for the June 16, 2022 and June 20, 2022. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None, "ABSENT" Campbell. Motion carried.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the July 7, 2022 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None, "ABSENT" Campbell. Motion carried.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Koopman to approve the Utility Superintendent's report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None, "ABSENT" Campbell. Motion carried.

RURAL ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM - GRANT

A discussion was held. No action was taken.
MEGASITE MEETING UPDATE - LUCAS FROESCHL
A discussion was held. No action was taken.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Joy to approve the claims for June, 2022 as follows: Electric Department - \$27,526.49; Water Department - \$70,193.06; Mechanic Shop - \$10,723.02; Gas Department - \$95,434.71; Sewer - \$42,781.18. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None, "ABSENT" Campbell. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on July 7, 2022 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.
Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
Ray Joy, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman
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Minds polluted? New film making rounds in Nebraska is filled with falsehoods, education experts say

By Carson Vaughan, *Flawwater Free Press*

On a Saturday this March, Stephanie Nantkes walked into the Civic Center in downtown Seward and found a few dozen people gathered in the meeting room downstairs, heads bowed in prayer. She found Kirk Penner, running for re-election to the Nebraska State Board of Education. She found Jessie Bremer and Jacob Bierbaum, local school board candidates. She found a table of fellow teachers. Some retired, like her. Some still at it: grading essays, revising lesson plans and organizing field trips.

Together, they waited for a new film called "The Mind Polluters" to begin - a film that would eventually be publicly screened by Nebraska for Founders' Values and the Protect Nebraska Children Coalition roughly two dozen times across the state, from Omaha to Gordon.

The lights were dimmed. The projector turned on.

"Let me ask you a question..." Mark Archer, the film's director and narrator, begins. "What if I told you that your child was being not only sexually harassed, but shown pornography in an effort to groom them for sexual activity? What if they were being groomed for homosexual activity? What if they were being groomed for sex with pedophiles..."

He speaks slowly, softly. Concerned.

"Now here's the big question: What if I told you all these things were happening to your child in their school classroom?"

Nantkes watched as speakers rifled accusations at "government schooling systems" - at teachers like herself, she felt.

Months later, Nantkes, mother of former ACLU of Nebraska director Danielle Conrad, struggled to articulate the depths of her bewilderment.

"A horror film," she called it. "How insane is this?" she asked. "There isn't one fact behind what they were saying."

She hadn't spent 40 years teaching in Nebraska's public schools and served two terms on the Seward school board only to have her life's pursuit portrayed as the work of the Antichrist.

"And that's the proper definition..." insists author Alex Newman near the film's end. "So parents, you have an obligation as a Christian to remove those children from that school."

When the film ended and Penner rose to speak, Nantkes snapped. "Boo!" she yelled. "Boo! Boo!"

She kept at it until the hosts tried - and failed - to usher her from the building. She dared them to call the police. They backed down.

"They were telling people lies about what I've loved my entire life," she says. "And I will go down fighting for it."

Leaders of the Nebraskans for Founders' Values and the Protect Nebraska Children Coalition rejected interview requests for this story, as did Nebraska Board of Education member Penner and state board candidates Elizabeth Stegmeier, Marni Hodgen and Sherry Jones, who have been endorsed by the PNCC. The film participated in a showing of the film.

"Any statements attributed to the PNCC or myself will be disavowed," wrote Sue Greenwald, retired pediatrician and Protect Nebraska Children Coalition member. "If you would like to talk about the film, I would suggest you talk to the producers."

Mark and Amber Archer, the Indiana-based husband-wife filmmaking duo who produced the film, also declined to comment.

Doug Brady, candidate for the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties' Coordinating Council, hosted an April viewing of "The Mind Polluters" in Bellevue.

"A real eye opener," he said. A movie that "tells a lot about what's actually going on in our school districts around here."

"The Mind Polluters" is the second feature-length film produced

by the Archers. The movie alleges that "government schools" are "grooming" children through programs like comprehensive sex-ed and social-emotional learning, in addition to what speakers call pornographic children's books.

"Overcoming the natural inhibitions that children have is the goal of both the sexual predator and the sexual educator," Amber Archer says. "Breaking down the God-given barriers that children have towards sexual content and behavior is the key: the key to manipulation and ultimately enslavement..."

The film doesn't interview any active public school teachers, administrators, academics or experts in public health or child psychological development.

The Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska State Education Association - the teachers' union - don't always see eye to eye.

Both agree that "The Mind Polluters" has no basis in reality. "This movie is pure propaganda," wrote NSEA President Jenni Benson in an email.

"I think it's detrimental to the schools," said David Jespersen, the Nebraska Department of Education's public information officer. "I think it's detrimental to the teachers. And I think it's actually detrimental to society to be making these broad, baseless claims."

Unlike the couple's first film - about disgraced Indiana doctor and abortion provider George Klopfer - "The Mind Polluters" was prohibited from release on Amazon. (Amazon could not be reached for comment). It costs \$24.99 to rent on Vimeo.

The Nebraskans for Founders' Values (whose director, Mark Bonkiewicz, also stars in the film) and the Protect Nebraska Children Coalition began jointly screening "The Mind Polluters" in churches, libraries and community centers this spring, shortly after the Nebraska Board of Education voted to indefinitely postpone the state's first-ever health education standards.

State and local school board candidates endorsed by the groups appeared as guest speakers at these events.

Word of the "Mind Polluters" quickly spread on social media and bled into local school board meetings.

Amanda Ripley, a Lincoln nurse and mother of two, streamed the movie online. She then publicly addressed the Lincoln Board of Education, certain the state's proposed health standards would soon inch their way back into consideration.

"It would almost be negligent for anyone to vote yes or no on the proposed health standards without seeing this very comprehensive and well-sourced documentary," she told the school board in February.

In a follow-up interview, Ripley said she hasn't personally seen any of the grooming activities alleged in "Mind Polluters." She called the teachers at her kids' public school "lovely people" and said she hasn't hosted a screening of the film "because this does seem super extreme for Lincoln, Nebraska."

"It does seem...to paint teachers in a bad light," she said. "So if I were a teacher, would I be happy with that? No. But then prove yourself. Prove that you're better and can be trusted with our kids..."

Jespersen, at the Nebraska Department of Education, said there's no evidence to support the film's accusations. He said Nebraska recently made headlines when similar "baseless claims" were aired in the Legislature.

Repeating a rumor that spread from the PNCC Facebook page, Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard claimed public schools were providing litter boxes to "furies," or children identifying as cats. Multiple school districts discredited the rumor. Bostelman apologized.

"If parents truly believe something's going on, it should be investigated... And if you think the administration is pushing it, then the Department of Education

should get involved," Jespersen said. "But we don't have those claims."

Teachers are the single biggest reporters of child abuse each year in Nebraska, he said.

If parents are morally opposed to part of the curriculum, they can typically opt their child out, he said. If they believe material is inappropriate, they can file notice with the school board and district for review.

"But we're just not aware of any of these things happening," he said.

Even as it misleads, the film may have power because, in many ways, the United States has transformed. According to a recent Gallup poll, 7.1% of American adults who now identify as LGBT, nearly twice as many as a decade ago.

The number of LGBT teenagers is rising sharply. The country's multiracial population is growing at an unprecedented rate. The percentage of white Americans is shrinking and so, too, is the percentage of self-identifying Christians.

"The world is becoming a frightening place to many because it is changing," said Rita Bennett, former Lincoln Education Association president, who opposes the documentary.

Brady, candidate for the Learning Community's Coordinating Council, agrees that things are changing. He said schools are pushing that change.

He said lessons about gender and sexuality taught in schools are often inappropriate. Any knowledge about sex should be taught by parents, he said.

Citing "The Mind Polluters" as evidence, he said schools are teaching children that it's acceptable to have sex with adults.

"The big thing they always say is 'No means no and yes means yes.'" Brady said. "They're telling a young child that it is O.K. for them to give permission to have sex, even to older people."

Jill Brown, Creighton University professor who teaches "The Psychology of Gender," testified before the Legislature's Education Committee supporting the proposed health standards in February.

She said "Mind Polluters" does a disservice to "the real work" of preventing sexual abuse, which many studies have shown can be significantly reduced when comprehensive sexual education is taught in schools.

Many claims made in the film are disproven by current research. The film says "every cell in your body testifies to the fact that you're either male or female." According to a United Nations report, up to 1.7 percent of the world's population is born with intersex traits.

The film says transgenderism is the result of trauma, confusion or whimsy. But numerous studies have shown otherwise.

The film says children's "natural aversion" to sex will prevent abuse. But the U.S. government reports nearly one in four girls and one in 13 boys experience sexual abuse every year.

After the "Mind Polluters" program in Seward was finished, Nantkes and other teachers from her table reconvened outside the Civic Center. They were shocked. Angry. One of them later compared it to stepping off a roller coaster. "Your back is up against the wall, and they have you get out, and you're just wobbling around like, 'What just happened here?'"

But they were also filled with conviction. All of them. Nantkes said, are "hellbent" on damping the flow of disinformation.

It's a frustration shared by the Nebraska Department of Education. "People see films like this and they wonder why teachers are having a hard time right now. This definitely contributes," Jespersen said. "With everything that we're asking of teachers, we should be celebrating them, not using baseless claims to bring them down."

FFP reporter Natalia Alandari contributed to this story. The Flawwater Free Press is Nebraska's first independent, nonprofit newsroom focused on investigations and feature stories that matter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-104.14, Karin L. Walton, Attorney at Law, 1023 Lincoln Mall, Suite 202, Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 476-3322, does hereby provide the following notice of possible adoption of a minor child.

J. Doe, you have been identified as the possible biological father of a female child who was born on June 6, 2013 in Falls City, Nebraska. The child was conceived on or about August 2012, in Falls City, Nebraska. The biological mother relinquished her parental rights and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services intends to place the child for adoption on or about August, 2022. If you are the biological father, you may (i) deny paternity; (ii) waive any parental rights you may have; (iii) relinquish and consent to the adoption; or (iv) file a Notice of Objection to Adoption and Intent to Obtain Custody, pursuant to section 43-104.02, or object to the adoption in a proceeding before any Nebraska court which has adjudicated you to be the biological father of the child prior to your receipt of notice. If you wish to deny paternity, waive your parental rights, relinquish and consent, or receive additional information to determine whether you may be the father of the child in question, you must contact Karin Walton at the above address. If you wish to object to the adoption and seek custody of the child, you must seek legal counsel from your own attorney immediately.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Wild Grace Boutique LLC
64526 709 Trail
Salem, NE 68433

Notice is hereby given that Brooke M. Lotter has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

- The name of this limited liability company is Wild Grace Boutique LLC.
- The Initial Designated Office Address is 64526 709 Trail, Salem, NE 68433, and its Registered Agent is Brooke M. Lotter, 64526 709 Trail, Salem, NE 68433.
- The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on July 8, 2022. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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Dylan L. Handley (24152)
217 E. 18th Street
Falls City, Nebraska 68355
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Email: dylanhandley@hotmail.com

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NOTICE OF SALE

On July 29, 2022 at 11:00 A.M., I, Thomas J. Gist, as Personal Representative of the Estate of William A. McGinnis, will sell at 570 South Commercial Street in Rulo, Nebraska these items:

- 2008 Pontiac G6 Car, Mileage is 143,852. Car will start with a new battery but the radiator currently leaks and will need to be replaced.
- Ariens Riding Lawn Mower, 42" cut, orange in color
- Poulan PRO Riding Lawn Mower, 42" cut, yellow in color
- Small Red 2-wheel trailer with box attached measuring 30" wide, 42" Long, and 12" Deep

Real Estate: To be sold in 3 Tracts

- Western Tract currently used as Pasture. Bounded on the South by Dupuis Street, on the West by Main Street, on the East by the center of the alley running south to north. This tract extends from south to north thru the entirety of Block 62, across the closed Broadway Street being 100 feet and then on North approximately 200 feet thru Lot 6, 7, and 8 of Block 34, all being in the Rouleau and Bedard's Addition to the Village of Rulo, Nebraska.
- Southeastern Tract currently contains a dwelling house in poor condition with mold, etc. Bounded on the West by an alley in Block 62, and the South half of the closed Broadway Street being 50 Feet. This tract is bounded on the East by Commercial Street, on the South by Lot 7 of Block 62 and on the North by the North half of the closed Broadway Street being 50 feet, all being in the Rouleau and Bedard Addition to the Village of Rulo, Nebraska.
- Northeastern Tract currently contains only bare ground with grass, weeds and trees. Bounded on the West by the South half of the closed Broadway Street being 50 feet and an alley in Block 34. This tract is bounded on the East by Commercial Street, on the South by the North one half of Broadway Street and on the North by Lot 12 in Block 34, all being in the Rouleau and Bedard's Addition to the Village of Rulo, Nebraska.

All items are being sold As Is, No Warranties, Buyer Beware.

A Personal Representative's Deed to be provided to Purchaser of all real estate. Purchaser will be responsible for 2022 and subsequent years real estate taxes. Purchaser will pay all recording fees and transfer taxes.

Thomas J. Gist, Personal Representative of the William A. McGinnis Estate.

All sales are subject to the approval of the Personal Representative.

For more information call 402-245-5600.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

UpCycled Jewelry 27 LLC
71898 648 Ave
P.O. Box 72
Shubert, NE 68437

Notice is hereby given that Shannon Alexander has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

- The name of this limited liability company is UpCycled Jewelry 27 LLC.
- The Initial Designated Office Address is 71898 648 Ave, P.O. Box 72, Shubert, NE 68437, and its Registered Agent is Shannon Alexander, 71898 648 Ave, P.O. Box 72, Shubert, NE 68437.
- The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on June 9, 2022. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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217 E. 18th Street
Falls City, Nebraska 68355
Telephone: (402) 245-3088
Fax: (402) 245-2664

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NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE

Notice is hereby given through publication, after unsuccessful notice by certified mail, that CHARLES E. BAUMAN, owner of real property at 1702 Schoenherr Street, legal description Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 53, Hutchings & Maust addition to the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, has five (5) days from the date of publication to abate the weeds, grasses and worthless vegetation greater than twelve (12) inches in height on the property or request a hearing at the Office of the City Clerk. If the Owner fails to abate the nuisance or request a hearing within the five (5) days, the City of Falls City may have the work done at the cost and expense of the Owner in accordance with City Code §6-321(5).

Tracy A. Burns
Deputy City Attorney
Halbert & Dunn, LLC
111 E. 17th Street
Falls City, NE 68355

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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Andrew Scott Vaughan, Deceased
Estate Number: PR22-21

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Distribution of Wrongful Death Proceeds has been filed and is set for Hearing in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, located at 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, on September 7, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

Lori Vaughan, Petitioner
733 Edward Street
Humboldt, NE 68376

Dylan L. Handley (24152)
Handley Law Office
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ESTHER DIERFELDT, Deceased.

Estate No. PR22-25
NOTICE OF FORMAL PROBATE AND FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Codicils of said deceased, Determination of Heirs, and Confirmation of Informal Appointment of Dale E. Duerfeldt and Stacey A. Bailey as Co-Personal Representatives has been filed and is set for hearing in the Richardson County Court on August 17, 2022, at 9:45 a.m.

Cassandra R. Bueche
Clerk of the County Court

Michael R. Dunn, #1625
Tracy A. Burns, #2539
Halbert & Dunn, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 44 7
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402)245-4486

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

OTS REALTY LLC

Notice is hereby given that TS Realty LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 2410 Chase Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any act concerning any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on June 23, 2022 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Trenton L. Scheitel.

Trenton L. Scheitel, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz, #12807
Samantha K. Scheitel, #26389
1719 Stone Street
P.O. Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
(402) 245-3015

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Beatrice Nutrition LLC
2303 Crook Street
Falls City, NE 68355

Notice is hereby given that Devin Moore has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

- The name of this limited liability company is Beatrice Nutrition LLC.
- The Initial Designated Office Address is 2303 Crook Street, Falls City, NE 68355, and its Registered Agent is Devin Moore, 2303 Crook Street, Falls City, NE 68355.
- The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on July 1, 2022. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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Nebraska Certificate of Organization of Midwest Clinical Informatics LLC

Article I
The name of the Limited Liability Company is Midwest Clinical Informatics LLC

Article II
Designated office of the entity is:

305 E. 3rd Street
Verdon, NE 68457

Mailing address is:
305 E. 3rd Street
Verdon, NE 68457

Article III
The name and office address of the Registered Agent for service of process is
Registered Agents Inc
200 S. 21st St.
STE 400A
Lincoln, NE 68510

Article IV
The LLC shall be Member-Managed if the limited liability company is vested in one or more Members whose names and addresses are as follows:

Sarah Beaman
Member
305 E. 3rd Street
Verdon, NE 68457

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned has executed the Certificate of Organization.

Tuesday, June 21, 2022
/s/ Sarah Beaman

Sarah Beaman, Organizer
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Trust of Jean I. Nutzman. Case Nebraska No. PR22-30

Take notice that a Petition has been filed for the registration of a Trust created by Jean I. Nutzman, and for the appointment of Ricky Nutzman as Trustee, and said matter is set for hearing in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska located in Falls City, Nebraska on the 25th, day of August, 2022 at 9 o'clock A.M.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2022.

Cassandra R. Bueche
Clerk of the County Court

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VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 5, 2022
Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on July 5, 2022 in the Shubert Library.

Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Will Surman, Tom Borrego, Kim Dunn and Linda Patchen. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman Lockard announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. Two visitors, B. Wortmann and T. Shiley were present to observe. B. Wortmann thanked W. Surman for tending to the brush pile. Discussions included; notification of village events, timing of minutes in the paper, art ordinances. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Surman/Dunn) to approve the June 6, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

There was a motion and second (Dunn/Lockard) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims (with the addition of two claims). Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. General: Discussion of an ordinance letter. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report.

Wood & Brush pile: will be burned, weather pending. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Motion and Second (Patchen/Lockard) to pay labor fees for contractor at the community building, if claim comes before next meeting. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Discussed possible solutions to the basement vents condensation. Park: New equipment could be placed in the fall. Library: Summer reading program was very successful. Streets: Work should begin in September. Fire: Surman reviewed current fire department business. Fireman will be flushing hydrants. Board will post notices at every house to notify everyone about a date is selected.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Surman/Dunn) to adjourn meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk

Name Memo Amount

Dearborne National, Firemans Insurance	37.84
NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn	31.58
Jennifer Buchner, Payroll	676.01
Nationwide, Surety Bond	204.00
Falls City Journal, Minutes	29.70
United States Treasury, Tax Deposit	238.22
Village of Shubert - Community Building, 150 Gal water	51.00
Davis PHE, CB Air Conditioner	288.92
Borrego, Tom, Mowing	350.00
Aue & Company, Monthly Fee	175.00
NPPD - Community Building, Community Building	45.61
NPPD - Library, Library	31.58
Miller-Monroe Company Inc., Work Comp	815.00
Miller-Monroe Company Inc., Fire Equipment	1,315.00
Miller-Monroe Company Inc., Town properties	4,365.00
NPPD - Streets, Streetlights	304.54
Aaron Davis, Payroll	253.96
Tracy Milke, Payroll	507.92
Tracy Milke, Expenses June 2022	60.00
Aaron Davis, Mileage June	55.00
Village of Stella, Sampler&Sludge	225.00
State of Nebraska PHEL, Water Testing	262.00
Falls City Sanitation Service, 84 Pickups	874.00
Southeast Telephone Company, Well Phone	47.12
Village of Shubert - USDA Account, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account	906.00
Village of Shubert - Water Tower, Transfer to Water Tower acct	1,000.00
NPPD - Sewer, Sewer	281.47
NPPD - Wells, Wells	162.55
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Stella

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Rick Ramer, John States. Paulina Gosman arrived late. Absent: None. Guests: Dennis Bahr. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Stanley. Roll call was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Donahoe.

Chairman Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act in the meeting hall. Motion by Ramer and second by Donahoe to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. All voted yea. Motion by Ramer and second by States to approve the treasurers report as presented. All voted yea. Motion by States and second by Donahoe to approve the claims and payroll as presented. All voted yea.

Communications: Notice from insurance company concerning claim. Communication concerning the communication system at the Brick Well house concerning HOA and the telephone company.

Committees: Streets – Ok. Lights – ok. Park – Ok. W&S- Written report by Milke. Library – Written report by Sue. Stanley presented a suggestion for a new door in the library using the Masonbrink funds. Maintenance Man – Air conditioning needs to be checked. Planning – None. Tree – None Health – None. Community Building – None. Main Street Improvement – None. Street flags – Will be taken down this week. Many need replaced. Handicap Access at Community Building – Ramer has visited with R Fisher, who will get us a bid; M Debuhr, who is not interested and Metzger, who will bid. Shed, work is – Work has begun. Donahoe presented a plan for the electrical and lighting for the building. He will be getting a couple of bids for this work. He had a bid for the spray foam insulation, but will put this off until the shed and electrical work are done.

Well Project – Rieschick Drilling is working on this with some extra work required.

Street Work – Unable to get a response on timing. Board discussed what our next step should be.

Ordinance #2022-08 – An Ordinance to Vacate West Street between 2nd and 3rd Street was read in by Chairman Stanley. This was the first reading of Ordinance #2022-08.

A complaint – Stanley had received a complaint concerning engine braking. The board discussed the process that would need to be taken if they were to pursue this. No action was taken. Street Signs – The clerk will order 8 brackets and 14 tops on a motion by Donahoe and a second by States. All voted yea.

Questions from the audience – None. Water Shut-offs – None. Miscellaneous – None.

Adjournment - Motion by Ramer and a second by States to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. All voted yea.

Vicki Owings, Clerk

July Claims and Payroll
OPPD – Wells electricity 370.65; NPPD – Electricity 1045.45; American Recycling & Sanitation – Trash Removal 1185.75; SE NE Communications – Telephones 221.84; Vicki Owings – Stamps & copy paper 32.27; NE Public Health Environmental Labs – Water tests 15.00; Roger Sullwood – Park mowing 350.00; Midwest Labs Inc – Sewer Analysis 269.02; One Call Concepts – 5 locates 5.14; Vicki Owings – Clerk wage 550.00; Tracy Milke – Water/Sewer Operator Wage 350.00; Aaron Davis – Water/Sewer Assistant Wage 300.00; Tracy Milke – Mileage & supplies 203.99; Sue James – Librarian Wage 136.00; Internal Revenue Service – 941 Tax 216.81; Falls City Journal – minutes & claims 62.91; Farm and City Supply – Fire hydrant paint 108.34; Hydro Optimization & Automation Solutions – Water system repairs 751.50; Dennis Bahr – Maintenance man wage 390.00; Bervick Coop Oil Co – Diesel fuel 80.04.

Paid in late June
Noha Vice – Village Shed work advance 30,000.00; Stella Alumni Assoc – Return donated funds 925.23. ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 5, 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, July 5, 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 June 28, 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 minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting held on June 28, 2022. Motion seconded by Sichel. 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.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveut, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on County Roads and Bridges this past week.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardisty presented to the Board a report.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-01 to approve an increase in the salary of the chief deputy Sheriff to \$30.25/hour effective July 5, 2022. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 76)

Motion was made by Karas to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer School District #70 for the employment of a School Resource Officer for a period to begin August 11, 2022 through May 19, 2023 at a price of \$5,127.00 per month to be paid to Richardson County by School District #70. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 77).

FALLS CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lucas Frieschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development Growth Enterprise Foundation presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

Javier Fernandez, President and the Chief Executive Officer of Omaha Public Power District introduced himself to the County Board and updated them on the projects that OPD is currently doing to maintain and improve the services to the district to provide quality service to the District.

COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Sichel to authorize the establishment of a Fund 2320 titled "OPIOD Settlement Fund" for the purposes of the receipt of funds to be received from the court settlement from the pharmaceutical companies in the OPIOD. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve a pledge security receipt #171028355 with Frontier Bank. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to release a pledge security from Frontier Bank, receipt #171028355. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a pledge security receipt #42106498 with Frontier Bank. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

The Semi-Annual Report of the County Treasurer, June 30, 2022, was also presented to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports for the following officials for fees they collected during the month of June, 2022: Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court, \$981.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$313.50; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$15,230.25.

Monthly Operating Statement

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

Other

Motion was made by Sichel to authorize the Chairman to sign an engagement letter with the Nebraska State Auditor to perform the fiscal year end audit June 30, 2022. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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 Caverzagie. 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

CharmTex, supp.....972.30
City of Humboldt, serv.....3000.00
CMC, serv.....1830.00
Consolidated Management Co., supp.....8782.90
Creative Product Sourcing, supp.....272.30
Culligan, serv.....138.37
F&M Bank, pmt.....46625.30
Falls City Journal, adv.....30.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....108.40
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv.....29355.50
C19-28 R. Bivans, CR22-42 J. Lawless
Farm & City Supply, supp.....233.26
Kawres, supp.....107.50
Kochs Auto, supp.....2994.61
Meyer Laboratory, supp.....683.90
MIPS, serv.....3142.82
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv.....45.00
Postmaster, supp.....290.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv 98.64
Richardson County Court, fees 531.00
Riverstone Bank, pmt.....16622.28
SummerOne, serv.....38.00
Unifirst, serv.....53.00
Verizon, serv.....396.96
Wolfe Printing, supp.....123.17
TOTAL GEN FUND.....\$90,055.21

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv.....43.75
Hammi, rock.....6152.29
Martin Marietta Materials, rock.....3818.77
NPPD, serv.....31.58
OPPD, serv.....43.19
Sapp Bros, fuel.....678.60
Unifirst, serv.....45.49
Verdon, Village of serv.....26.46
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$10,840.13

REG OF DEEDS FUND

MIPS, serv.....308.82
REG OF DEEDS FUND.....\$308.82

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, July 12, 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
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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Board of Equalization

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

JULY 5, 2022 CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2022. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Karas, Caverzagie and Sichel; County Assessor, Kim Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff.

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

PROPERTY VALUATION PROTEST

The Board reviewed the property valuation protests that have been filed 2022-042 through 2022-078.

Chairman Sichel declared the Board of Equalization recessed at 12:03 p.m. The Board reconvened at 12:55 p.m. and Chairman Sichel called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Karas to approve 150 notices of 2022 valuation change from the Board of Equalization. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

David D. Sichel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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Community Medical Center and Family Medicine Clinic are proud to announce Dr. Hannah Siel as their newest medical staff member

Hannah E. Siel, MD; Dr. Siel was born and raised in Falls City. From a young age, she felt herself drawn to help others - friends, family, and members of her community. This passion followed her throughout her formative years and schooling at Falls City Sacred Heart, where she was active and dedicated to her education and extracurricular activities.



Academically, she found herself drawn to the sciences. After exploring several career options, she became particularly interested in medicine, a profession that would allow her to blend her love of science with the unique opportunity to create long-term relationships with patients, something she had grown to admire about physicians.

She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Nutrition Science before moving to Omaha to attend medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). She felt strongly compelled to pursue family medicine and began her residency one year early through the Advanced Family Medicine Residency Program at UNMC, where she graduated in June 2022. Dr. Siel was drawn to Family Medicine because it allows her to enjoy all areas of medicine as well as form lifelong relationships with her patients. She has a particular passion for geriatrics and women's health.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Siel enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking and baking, traveling, and spending time outdoors. She is looking forward to being an integral part of the Falls City community, where she and her husband, Jake, reside.

There will be a community open house at CMC for Dr. Siel in the near future. Watch for the date and time.



Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation holds 10th Annual Memorial Cruise

By Chelsie Alexander and Nikki McKim; photos by Chelsie Alexander

The Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation held its 10th annual Memorial Cruise on July 9, 2022. Marc and Sally Merz wanted to do something special, something that hadn't been done, so they didn't charge riders to participate.

They encouraged participants to buy merch to help get the name of the foundation out and they wanted everyone to just have a good time, much like the first year the event was held.

Marc Merz said the event drew in over 140 registered riders. Between bikes, jeeps and cars, three

buses, there were probably 160 participants. The first stop was in Auburn at Rebucks Bar and Grill.

"They had previously closed, but made a special exception to open just for us," said Merz.

The Foundation had over 30 prizes to give away. None being solicited, just donated out of free-will. A 70 inch TV, Traeger grill, A coffee system, (press, grinder, brewer and coffee), one family even gave \$1000.00 cash.

"No money was spent from foundation money, every bit was donated, so not really any sponsors, said Merz. "I would like to note that the Seid Event Center were fabulous hosts."

The Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation is a non-profit organization working toward safety in athletics for youth today and in years to come by bring awareness to TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury).

Tanner, was a 2010 graduate of FCHS and the son of Marc and Sally (Jones) Merz, was killed in a car accident March 30, 2013. The 21-year-old, who excelled at football, wrestling and track at FCHS, was attending Midland Lutheran College at Fremont, studying teaching and coaching. He was also coaching wrestling at North Bend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will meet for annual meeting at 1:00 p.m. on July 25, 2022 in person and via virtual ZOOM meeting per Executive Order 20-03 which issues a limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Board of Equalization held at 9:05 a.m. each week. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd or log onto the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging website www.braaa.org. ZOOM meeting instructions will be provided upon request. The agenda may be modified to include items of an emergency nature only.

Tracie Fossler
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