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## After years of work, 33rd street has become a reality

Story and photo by Brian McKim

On Monday morning, a group of individuals gathered north of town at the Rural Fire Station to dedicate the opening of 33rd street, which runs from Bill Schock Boulevard to Highway 73. After a brief ceremony inside the Fire Station, the group moved outdoors for a ribbon cutting and a ceremonial first trip down the street by the Volunteer Ambulance Squad and the Rural Fire Department.

Mayor Shawna Bindle opened the dedication by saying it was a beautiful moment for Falls City.

"This project has been a long time coming," said Bindle. Bindle also stated that she looks forward to seeing Falls City's economic vitality prospering for years.

Ryan Larsen, CEO of Community Medical Center, also said a few words.

"I remember 12 years ago, trying to make this happen," said Larsen. "We took a nice trip to Lincoln, had architectural and engineering drawings and at that time, the State Department of Transportation of Roads politely looked at it and said no, it's not going to happen."

Larsen stated that calling 33rd Street a 'connection road' was important to note.

"This wouldn't have happened without the connections that are already in place, that make our community stronger. The hospital, the rural fire department, the city government, with the volunteer ambulance squad, CRA and other landowners. Making connections is about being strong; it's about being able to grow and having the flexibility and vision to have things come together," said Larsen. "I hope this shows we are a connected community and we are going

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## The kids aren't all-right - bullying hits all-time high

By Nikki McKim

On Monday, November 28, eight community members ranging from a state senator to local law enforcement gathered together with one common goal, to better protect our youth.

Sheriff Hardesty, Senator Julie Slama, County Commissioner Rick Karas and HTRS staff members, Superintendent Dr. George Griffith, Principal Lisa Othmer, Assistant Principal Kari Lottman and Guidance Counselor Brittany Rogers, met to look to each other and the community for help.

It's no secret that bullying and cyberbullying have significantly risen in the age of social media and cell phones, but one local school has noticed a rise in the problem and would like to see a change.

Bullying complaints are increasing at Humboldt Table-Rock Steinauer School and even with the most abundant protocols and strategies in place to prevent this type of behavior, it hasn't slowed down.

This year HTRS started a school resource program funded 100 percent by them after several incidents over the last two years resulted in serious felony citations to students that stemmed from phone-related incidents. The deputy is in the school while in session to help alleviate some of the strain on the administrators.

Sheriff Hardesty said HTRS is the only school they are involved in within the county and after writing several felony tickets, it hasn't

stopped the bullying problem.

HTRS certainly isn't the only school with this type of problem, but Hardesty says, "we're the school that wants to put it out front and say, 'hey, we have this problem. Sitting back and doing nothing is not the answer.'"

In 2020 the Cyberbullying Research Center surveyed 1,034 9-12 year olds across the United States and found that 15 percent of them had been cyberbullied while three percent had cyberbullied others. In a 2021 survey of approximately 2,500 middle and high schoolers, 45.5 percent said they had been cyberbullied during their lifetime, while 23.2 have cyberbullied others within the previous 30 days.

"Enough is enough; the school has its policies and they do their part, but we don't have a dog in the fight. We can't legally do anything," said Sheriff Hardesty. "I personally am not looking to charge some kid with all these felonies to where the parents have to pay for the court costs, citation, counseling, probation, whatever. I would like to see some long-term education on bullying as far as being sympathetic and apologetic."

HTRS Superintendent Dr. George Griffith says the definition of bullying needs to be clarified.

"Two kids are going back and forth; that's not bullying; that's con-

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## Commissioners meet for only one hour

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent.

The minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting were approved, as were the Safety committee meeting minutes.

Motion was made to add to the agenda a transfer of funds from Inheritance Tax to the General Fund and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. The motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-21 to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2022 for submission to NE Dept of Transportation for determining incentive payment for 2022. Motion seconded, the motion carried.

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for the Darleen J. and Richard L. Teten Living Trust of 2008 located in S19, T3, R14 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-20. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie and approved to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-22 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$350,000.00 as budgeted.

Motion was made by Caverzagie and approved to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. The Board met again on Tuesday, December 6, 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.

## F.C. Journal Holiday print and delivery schedule

The office of the *Falls City Journal* will be closed on Thursday, December 22, Friday, December 23 and closed early on Monday, December 26 for Christmas. The deadline for the December 28, 2022 paper will be Wednesday, December 21 by noon, firm. No late ads will be accepted.

The following week the office will be closed on Friday, December 30. The deadline for the January 4, 2022 paper will be Thursday, December 29, 2022 by noon, firm. Delivery and print dates the week of Christmas, New Years and week after will not be affected.

Please plan accordingly and have a safe and happy holiday.

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# Editorial

By Nikki McKim

Kanye West. I almost hate to write his name, but something has to be said.

Here we are in our small corner of the world, small-town Nebraska. Our Jewish population is next to none, so the hate Mr. West throws around doesn't personally affect us, or does it?

Let's put the Kim Kardashian of it all to the side and focus on the man alone.

Last week he said he likes Hitler. You know, Adolph Hitler, the man who oversaw the genocide of six million Jewish people, as well as Roma, disabled, Slavic and Black people. Yes, he means that Hitler.

"Every human being has something of value that they brought to the table, especially Hitler," West said. "Also, Hitler was born Christian."

I'll add that he said he "loves Jewish people," but in the same sentence, he continued to say that he "loves Nazis."

I hope we can all agree that this is basic human decency, not politics. We may not have a solid Jewish community here in Richardson County, but we have good values and big hearts. We value our neighbors, rich, poor, black, white, Christian, Jewish, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon or Atheist. We can band together and all have the same goal: to protect one another and value human life-all life.

We've watched an entertainer whom some of our children, mine included, look up to make his rounds and say horrid things about a particular group of people born into a different religion. What did they do wrong?

They were simply born.

We were taught about the Holocaust in school and learned about the torture this group of people endured at the hands of another group of people who hated them simply because they thought they were a threat. They were seen as a separate "race." Anti-Semites believed they were dangerous or a threat because of their "Jewish blood." Those ideas gained wide acceptance; by the end of WWII in 1945, two out of three European Jews had been murdered.

We're watching a sick and fearful man of influence spreading a dangerous message against a particular group of people.

This is a slippery slope we're headed down and we can't sit idly by and be quiet. We're good people and one of the most popular artists of our generation is normalizing hate against the Jewish community.

We can't let this kind of hate become normal.

We can't let our kids think this is okay.

## LUNG CANCER SCREENING SAVES LIVES

By Daniel G Petereit, MD, FABS, FASTRO

This year nearly 250,000 patients will be diagnosed with lung cancer and 130,000 will die from it. In SD, 660 people will be diagnosed and over 400 will die from the disease. Lung cancer accounts for the most cancer deaths in both the US and in SD.

Smoking is the most important risk factor for lung cancer and accounts for 80% of lung cancer deaths. Although smoking rates continue to decline in the US, in SD there are many rural and tribal communities where the smoking rates are still 20-40%. These patients continue to be at risk for developing and dying from lung cancer. The Lakota Sioux have the highest lung cancer death rates in the nation at 95%.

Lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) has been demonstrated to reduce lung cancer death rates by detecting earlier stages of cancer with relatively high cure rates – similar to other screen detectable cancers such as cervical, prostate, breast and colorectal. An LDCT is a five-minute, outpatient CT scan performed without IV contrast and has minimal radiation exposure. The current recommendations are for healthy adults ages 50-80 with a 20 pack year smoking history or who have quit within the last 15 years.

Unfortunately, many SD patients are at risk, and are unaware of the value of an LDCT. In SD, there are at least 30,000 patients who are eligible for this test.

If patients are diagnosed with early stage lung cancer, surgery is the standard treatment with high cure rates. If patients are not surgical candidates, they can be safely treated with 4 to 5 radiation doses, called stereotactic ablative radiotherapy, with essentially no side effects and also very high cure rates. This specialized form of radiation is offered at most cancer centers in SD.

To address the high lung cancer death rates among the Lakota Sioux, we implemented a lung cancer screening navigation program on the west river reservations in an attempt to lower these death rates as part of an ongoing program called Walking Forward that has been in existence since 2002. This is a community-based program based in Rapid City with staff who live and work in their communities of Pine Ridge and Rosebud. The overarching program goal is to lower cancer death rates for Lakota Sioux, through patient navigation, access to cancer screening and early detection and state of the art cancer treatments. To date we have referred over 420 patients for an LDCT with over 335 completed scans.

So, if you are a smoker: 1) try to quit; 2) if you are a candidate for lung cancer screening talk to your primary care provider about an LDCT, and 3) for the younger generation – don't start smoking!

Bottom Line: lung cancer can be successfully treated if caught early – get screened if you are eligible.

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## NEW COACH, NEW GOVERNOR, NEW U.S. SENATOR

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

Unless you've been out of the country or living off the grid in a cave, you probably know by now that the University of Nebraska Lincoln football team has a new head coach, Matt Rhule, who is making more money than is humanly possible to spend.

If you've been paying attention, you've also likely heard that it's going to take several years to rebuild a once mighty culture that saw the Huskers competing for conference and national championships. In recent years, it's been a chore to teach the football team how to tackle and how to participate in rigorous practices.

Let's give credit right now to former interim head coach Mickey Joseph, a Husker quarterback from the Tom Osborne era, who did more to right the ship in the past 11 weeks than a number of his predecessors did in years.

As for the "years to rebuild," let's remember that Bob Devaney came to Lincoln in 1962 from the University of Wyoming and turned the program around in one year. He inherited a 3-6-1 record under former coach Bill – three plays up the middle and punt – Jennings and gave the Husker faithful a 9-2 record. In later years, Devaney became athletic director and passed the baton to Osborne.

While Rhule appears to have the chops to change things, a number of fans were pulling for Joseph who is now on administrative leave.

I like what Lincoln Journal Star sports columnist Amy Just wrote. Joseph "has been the glue that held this rickety ship together."

Meanwhile over at the State Capitol, pig farmer Governor-elect Jim Pillen has been announcing his new "Team Pillen." Yes, he's a former Husker football player and has mostly been keeping loyalists from the Pete Ricketts administration in place. That makes sense for a political novice who has a lot to learn in a short amount of time if he wants to effectively lead the state.

I'm sure he'll prune the ranks and replace in subsequent years if he sees change as necessary. So far: Tony Goins stays on as director of Economic Development where he has been since 2019; John Albin stays on as state Labor Commissioner, a post he's held since 2014; Eric Dunning stays on as head of the state Department of Insurance, a post he's held since 2021; Lee Will remains as state budget director, a post he's held for two years; John Hilgert stays as director of Veterans' Affairs where he has served since 2001 after a stint as a state senator; Jim Macy

will remain as Director of Environment and Energy and Jason Jackson stays on as Director of the Department of Administrative Services.

One exciting new hire has been the appointment of Sandhills rancher Sherry Vinton of Whitman as the Director of Agriculture, the first woman to fill that post. She and her husband run a cow-calf operation and she currently serves as first Vice President of the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

With current Nebraska U.S. Senator Ben Sasse set to step down in January for a private sector job as President of the University of Florida, many expect Pillen to appoint term-limited Nebraska Governor Pete

Ricketts to the post.

He'll be the fifth Nebraska governor to move to the Senate since 1970. Three Democrats -- Jim Exon, Bob Kerrey and Ben Nelson -- and Republican Mike Johanns have all served post gubernatorial. Exon served three terms; Kerrey and Nelson two; Johanns one. All left the Senate when they chose.

It's December, but it looks like this year that awkward time between the last Husker Football game and the first day of the New Legislature will be a bit more exciting.

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

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: Classic Toys

### ACROSS

- 1. \*\* \_\_\_ Wars" toys from Kenner in the '70s
- 5. \*Certain toy G.I.
- 8. Miss America's accessory
- 12. Pot inhale
- 13. Morsel of Little Miss Muffet's meal
- 14. Private
- 15. Larger-than-life
- 16. Children's author \_\_\_ Blyton
- 17. Post-Its
- 18. \*Sticks and spools toy set
- 20. One of the Olsens
- 21. Gibson garnish
- 22. Middle-earth creature
- 23. Bias
- 26. Neat in appearance
- 30. Chasing game
- 31. Chancellor, in Europe
- 34. Not happening
- 35. Anomie, alt. sp.
- 37. Local area network
- 38. Re-attempt
- 39. Wyatt Earp's card game
- 40. Common parakeet, colloquially speaking
- 42. Snakelike fish
- 43. Not yet a wife
- 45. \*Like certain toy Cathy
- 47. Mine deposit
- 48. Water nymph
- 50. Cassette contents
- 52. \*Illuminated picture maker
- 56. Wainscots
- 57. Play parts
- 58. The Fonzy: "Sit \_\_\_!"
- 59. Face-to-face exams
- 60. Not this
- 61. Brainchild
- 62. Homey, alt. sp.
- 63. "Fight for You" singer
- 64. High rocky hills

### DOWN

- 1. Editor's mark
- 2. African antelope
- 3. Related
- 4. Suppose
- 5. Political club, in the olden days
- 6. Celestial hunter
- 7. Whirlpool
- 8. \*Sno-Cone, actually (2 words)
- 9. Opposed to
- 10. "As \_\_\_ on TV"
- 11. Retail posting acronym
- 13. Blood-red
- 14. Beginning of essay
- 19. "Dear Diary" bit
- 22. Hockey legend
- 23. "The Office" people, e.g.
- 24. Veranda on Oahu
- 25. Ancient Greece marketplace
- 26. "The \_\_\_ Show" (1976-1980)
- 27. Sacred song
- 28. White heron
- 29. \*Raggedy Ann or Strawberry Shortcake, tenderly
- 32. \*Professor Plum and Colonel Mustard game
- 33. Little bit
- 36. \*Avenues and rail roads game
- 38. Betty Ford Center, e.g.
- 40. Spelling contest
- 41. Superlative of icy
- 44. Edible herb
- 46. Quick and skillful
- 48. Specialty
- 49. Rose oil
- 50. Tropical edible root
- 51. Dwayne Johnson's 2022 role Black
- 52. Wooden slat
- 53. \_\_\_-China
- 54. Part of a traditional wedding cake
- 55. Greek Hs
- 56. \*Play-\_\_\_

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# The kids aren't all-right local bullying hits all-time high

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flict. But what we have when we get a group of boys together or girls," he trailed off. "Retaliation is the focus." Students tell him that they will let him know when they get tired enough to let him step in, but until then, they don't want the problem addressed due to retaliation fears.

"That's the biggest thing that keeps kids from coming in and saying something because nothing gets done, the kid gets talked to, but then it gets worse, then they don't come back and talk to you," said Dr. Griffith.

"Everyone has a breaking point, you know, at what point, whether it's, they try to hang themselves, they shoot themselves, they take medication, or they come to school and take care of the problem themselves because they don't feel that the school is doing something," said Hardesty.

They say that some students don't see what they do as bullying. Calling fellow students names or commenting on their hygiene in front of a group of students can alter people's perception of that person, then it becomes confrontational. Hardesty says that's when the victim often reacts badly and the police intervene. They acknowledge that kids won't change something they don't feel is wrong. Hardesty said this is where he believes counseling and further bullying education could be beneficial.

Principal Lisa Othmer said HTRS has an attorney come in each year to talk to the students about digital citizenship and bullying and what can happen when you break the law. But, "it doesn't stick." These types of issues have only increased.

Sheriff Hardesty said the biggest problem with bullying is cell phones. It's taking pictures and threatening people through Snapchat, a social media program that features photographs and messages that are only available for a short time before they become inaccessible to the recipients.

But the school can only do so much regarding cell phones. Unless it's a school-sanctioned event, it's up to the parents.

Cyberbullying and traditional bullying can be very different. Cyberbullying can be done anonymously and go viral. Once it goes viral, it can include the eyes of the school, community or world.

HTRS has a cellphone policy that phones should not be used during school. Falls City Public has the same approach. At HTRS, phones are to be turned off once students arrive at school and placed in a Yondr Pouch, the same type of pouch now used at concerts. The students may keep

their pouch with them throughout the day, but the pouch may only be opened with a particular device. If the pouch is scratched or damaged, as if the student has tried to open it themselves, they must purchase another.

But the issue remains. The school lawyer said extra-curricular activities could be taken away because they are a privilege for students, not a right. School Counselor Brittany Rogers said this is when parents get upset.

Principal Othmer said there had been increased awareness about the social emotional needs of kids at the state level.

Right now, HTRS has a social-emotional interventionist. There are three tiers. Tier one would be the guidance counselor and weekly visits with the class to educate them on these issues. A social-emotional screener is used to highlight the kids at a higher risk for bullying behavior or who may be a victim; then, they might be referred for a tier two intervention. That would be a one-on-one or small group setting to talk about ways to cope. Tier three would include disciplinary actions, a higher level of counseling and licensed therapist time (which HTRS has).

"I feel like we're doing all the right things," said Othmer.

Senator Julie Slama said she's seen how "neutered" the laws for juveniles have become. The Sheriff's Department is writing felony citations for revenge porn and felony sexual harassment and "there's no teeth to these laws" because these kids are juveniles.

"It's because of people who, I'm sure at the time meant well, wanted to see laws walked back for juveniles to give them second chances and to give them structure and there's no structure

that's taken the place of the justice system beyond a couple of facilities," said Senator Slama.

Hardesty said usually when there is a crime committed by a juvenile, they call probation. Probation has a scoring system and they have to meet a criteria. If a child isn't on probation, they've been in trouble but taken diversion programs and commit a felony offense, it may not score enough and they're turned back over to their guardian.

Senator Slama said she would see what she could do to help.

"I'm more than ready to go to bat on this. Because this what we're talking about when we're talking about getting young people to stay in the area and having an environment they enjoyed growing up in is a huge part of that," said Slama.

"Our kids are the best of the best," said Rogers. "Everyone in the building has rights, not just the kids who are out of control. Everyone in the building has a right to an education."



50 Years ago, December 7, 1972 to December 13, 1972

Former President Harry S. Truman, fighting congested lungs and a weakened heart, remained on the critical list today, but medical officials said his condition was improved.

Instructional television in the local public school system came closer to reality when the board of education bought three 23-inch commercial television sets.

A dark-suited man slashed Philippines First Lady Imelda Marcos. The 42-year-old was slashed on her arms and hands and lost a lot of blood but was safe and out of danger.

The rise in wholesale prices accelerated sharply in November, dampening the Nixon administration's hopes that inflation had been brought under control.

The Falls City Tiger basketball cheerleaders for the 1972-73 season were Cathy Falter, Lisa Langan, Susi Pfister, Betty Rowan, Carla Stevens and Rosie Jones.

Three Huskers were named to the All-American first team. Johnny Rodgers, Rich Glover and Willie Harper earned recognition.

A Christmas program was presented by Mrs. Jim Rider when the Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church met. In the absence of president Mrs. Carl Romine, Mrs. Ned Ray presided at the business meeting.

The Imperial Service Station advertised a free five-cent candy for each gallon of gas purchased.

The nation's unemployment rate dropped sharply in November, from 5.5 to 5.2 percent.

Humboldt downed Falls City 72-52 in boys' basketball action. Lin Volker scored 22 points to lead the Cardinals and Brad Faller netted 17 to lead the Tigers.

Sacred Heart ran past Lourdes Central, 90-48, at Prichard Auditorium. Joe Fleskoski scored 21 points and Tim Hoy added 16 for the Irish.

Pamida, Inc., the Omaha-based owner and operator of Gibson Discount Centers, reported record net earnings of \$1,482,000 and \$3,613,000 for three and nine months.

The Apollo 17 crew landed on the moon for a three-day stopover. Astronauts Eugene A. Cernan and Harrison H. Schmitt spent 75 hours on the moon, making three excursions in an electric car and collecting about 200 pounds of moon rock.

The Falls City wrestling team captured the Crete Tourney crown. FC came home with six individual champions. Winning were Kenny Moeller, Tom Stalder, Bing Bindrum, Darrell Schulenberg, Dave Cudney and Wayne Schulenberg.

The First National Bank entertained employees and guests at a Falls City Country Club dinner. After the dinner, the group played bunco with Mrs. Edgar Roesch scoring high for the women and Mrs. Robert Joy having the low. William H. Allen was high for the men and Robert Bruhn was low.

New Chamber officers and board members were Mrs. Robert Miller, Nelson Merz, Jim Sheets, Vince Langan, Max Rathman, Kenny McKim and Ken Voegle.

The proposed design of U.S. Highway 73 from Dawson to Falls City was given federal approval. The \$3,600,000 job had been going through red tape since 1970.

Don Lock, street department superintendent, and his men began clearing snow around 9:00 pm, working through the night to remove the nearly six inches that had fallen.

25 Years ago, December 7, 1997 to December 13, 1997

Milam Greenhouse was set to deliver the approximately 13,000 poinsettia plants that the five employees have been babysitting since May. Milam's delivered to shops in Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City and many more towns within 100 miles of Falls City.

The Falls City High School's one-act play troupe qualified for the state competition by winning the B-1 District Contest at Norris High School.

The state certified a considerable increase in aid to District 56 schools. The state announced an addition of \$829,876 to Falls City schools. The total amount of state aid to be received went up to \$2,708,715.25.

A daughter, Madison Paige, was born to Blake and Valerie Buckminster of Falls City.

The Irish boys' basketball team improved 2-0 with wins over Sterling (71-44) and Baileyville, Ks. (83-51).

The Tiger boys fell to Syracuse 54-43 to open the season. David Hillyard scored 14 points to lead Falls City in the loss.

Frank Novak was named the 'Angler of the Year' by the Nemaha Valley Bassmasters. Rick Brantner placed second and Bob Claymiller finished third.

Kory Huppert scored eight points and Anthony Nussbaum and Anders Erickson each added four to lead the FC Middle School team to a 29-26 win over Tarkio.

The lavishly decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kirkendall, Lane Street, was the week's winner in the Chamber of Commerce Pride Committee's Noel Lights contest.

Coach Tom Osborne made a stunning announcement, stating he would resign after the impending Orange Bowl. Frank Solich was pegged to take over the program.

Jean Saal was named the Doe of the Year when the BPO Does met at the Elks Lodge. Twenty-four members were present for the Christmas dinner, each receiving a gift from the hostesses.

Athletes of the Week were Josh Rhodd from Sacred Heart and Brandy Bletscher from Falls City High. Rhodd scored 22 points in two games for the Irish and Bletscher scored 50 in Falls City's two wins.

15 Years ago, December 7, 2007 to December 13, 2007

HTRS defeated Kearney High for the Nebraska Mock Trial championship. Twelve teams competed in the two-day competition at the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse. Team members included Mari Ramsey, Kenny Edwards, Joe Maschman, Michelle Pineda, Nicole Dyas, Tory Linnerson, Jessica Merwin and Taylor Schulze.

After a year-long deployment in Iraq, 160 Nebraska Army National Guard soldiers, members of the 755th Chemical Company, returned home. Among the group was SPC. Crystal Richey; SSG Tom Carpenter; SPC. Jacob Dettmann; SPC. Nathan Farley; SPC. Grant Goings; PV2 Trevor Headley; SPC. Nicholas Markham; SSG. Everett Watkins and Dustin Riblett.

Tiger sophomore Trent Scheitel scored a career-high 16 points as FC defeated Hiawatha 62-42.

Amy Dunn and Kent Stejskal were selected to represent Falls City High School at the annual Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference.

Falls City High School Students of the Month were Amber Lotter, Samantha Lampe, Ethan Fritz and Lane Merz.

A devastating ice storm brought Falls City and much of Richardson County to a standstill. At least three-quarters of an inch of ice had coated the entire area. An estimated 25-40 percent of Falls City homes were without power.

The Lady Irish basketball team trounce rival Daniel Freeman, 63-34, in Adams. Katelyn Wheeler led the Irish with 25 points and four blocks.

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**LIONS CLUB RAFFLE WINNER:** The winner of the Falls City Lions Club Raffle for the 2022 Yamaha Gas Golf Cart is Kim Koelzer, pictured in the golf cart with two of her grandchildren. Also pictured is Cate Larsen, President of the Falls City Lions Club presenting Kim the keys to the cart. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to the Lions Club Scholarship Fund. The cart was purchased through Armbruster Motor Company.

## After years of work, 33rd street has become a reality

(Continued from Page 1)

Lucas Froeschl, EDGE Director, said many groups came together to make this project happen. Froeschl thanked CMC for helping with the cost of the street, the Rural Fire Department and Pack Rat Storage for selling the property, Rulo Transport, and the Johansen Family for giving them the lowest bid and saving taxpayers between \$30,000 and \$40,000. He thanked Dave Metzger and his crew for quality craftsmanship, AHRS for submitting a bid, Olsson and their construction management and NDOT for accepting the high-way intersection permit. He also acknowledged the city council and the city of Falls City.

"EDGE originally purchased this land, we sold the southern half to the Community Redevelopment Authority, and we are partnering with them on this 19-

acre commercial development on the east side of Highway 73," said Froeschl.

Anthony Johansen of Rulo Transport thanked the Rural Fire Department for allowing them to stage and park equipment there during the process. He also acknowledged Advantage Concrete of Hiawatha and Mezger Construction for all the work that they had done.

"Thirty-third street gives us a development, a path to success," said Froeschl. "That's why the street exists."

Kevin Malone encouraged the community to be optimistic about the project and to set people straight who may paint it negatively.

"We can choose to do nothing and get nothing," said Kevin Malone. "Or we can choose to be positive and get something going. We've decided to be positive and invest in our community."

## FCPD post Click-It or Ticket mobilization report

The Falls City Police Department participated in the click it or ticket mobilization from November 23-27, 2022. The mobilization was centered on seat belt/child restraint use and awareness. During this mobilization officers made twenty-eight traffic stops with sixteen citations and twelve warnings being issued.

Beyond the ticket activity includes Falls City Police Officers answering thirty eight calls for service with two traffic accidents reported. Officers additionally made a warrant arrest, investigated eight reports of child abuse/neglect, three reports of 3rd degree assault, one report of sexual abuse, two reports of vandalism, five disturbance reports, one report of domestic violence, along with several investigations for thefts, dangerous dogs and a weapon violation.

The overtime cost associated with this mobilization was funded by a grant provided by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Office. Surveys conducted prior to and after the mobilization showed an insignificant change in the percentage of seatbelt/child restraint use within our City.

The Falls City Police Department thanks the Citizens of Falls City and all our Community Partners for their continued support and encourages all drivers to make it Click-Buckle Up, Every Trip, Every Time.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### Stella Community Church Ladies Circle

By Carolyn Bredemeier

The Stella Community Church Ladies Circle met Tuesday, November 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The meeting was opened with a devotion "A Prayer for Thanksgiving" by Carolyn Bredemeier followed by the singing of Blessed Assurance. Roll call was answered by 9 members. Carolyn read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved. The Treasurers report was given by Donna Monnette.

Old business included the Samaritan Purse Christmas project. A total of 24 boxes were delivered to the Christian Church in Auburn. The check for postage was sent by Donna to the Samaritan Purse organization. It was decided to sponsor one family for the Richardson County outreach program. Food items for Christmas dinner and gifts for a small child will be provided.

Poinsettias will again be available for individuals to purchase in memory of family or friends.

New business included a report on the condition of a refrigerator, additional Christmas gifts, reviewing names of area residents that will receive fruit and cookie plates for Christmas. Cards were signed for individuals in nursing homes. The lesson was presented by Joan Wheeler. Hostesses were Vicki Beilke and Chris Joy. The next meeting will be December 13.

### Reavis--Ashley Chapter D.A.R.

By Ann Smith

Reavis--Ashley Chapter D.A.R. met Friday November 11 at St. Paul's Lutheran church 20th and Towle in Falls City. Some members attended the Veterans Day program at the Falls City High School. After the program members returned to the church for lunch and meeting. Due to illness and weather conditions many

members were unable to attend.

The Vice Regent Glenda Nelson opened the meeting with the Chapter opening, the Pledge of Allegiance and American's Creed were recited by members. The President General's message was read and Treasurer's and Secretary's report were given and approved.

Indian minutes were read in honor of Native American Heritage Month. National Defense report given by Glenda encouraged members to find new ways to reconnect with your past and those who share your values of heritage history. American History essays will be collected from schools and given to the judges.

Next meeting will be Saturday December 10 at 10 am at the Falls City Museum 1400 Chase St., Falls City. Meeting will be at 10 am followed by luncheon at 11 am.

Hostesses are Anne Moser, Ruth Ann Wells, Terry Stradman, Joan Freeborn and Catherine Knapp.

## FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

**Making it Right: The corrected November 23 to 24th is below.**

**Run date, November 23 to November 24, 2022- Calls:** one house watch, one ambulance/EMS, one check welfare, one miscellaneous, one animal complaint, one disturbance, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one theft, one referred to other agency, two 911 calls, two citations for speeding, one citation for shoplifting, one citation for defective lighting, one citation for no seat belt, one warning for speeding and one warning for invalid registration.

**Run date, November 24 to November 25, 2022- Calls:** two miscellaneous, two information only, one accident, two referred to other agency, one ambulance/EMS, six 911 calls, one citation for invalid registration, two warnings for speeding.

**Run date, November 25 to November 26, 2022- Calls:** one domestic disturbance, seven miscellaneous, four ambulance/EMS, one information only, one vandalism, one fire call (Falls City Rural Fire), one HHS intake/referral, nine 911 calls, one citation for speeding.

**Run date, November 26 to November 27, 2022- Calls:** one accident, one vandalism, two information only, three ambulance/EMS, three referred to other agency, one parking complaint, three 911 calls, three warnings for speeding, one citation for fugitive from justice.

**Run date, November 27 to November 28, 2022- Calls:** three ambulance/EMS, one suspicious subject or vehicle, one information only, three 911 hang-up/misdial, one miscellaneous, four 911 calls.

**Run date, November 28 to November 29, 2022- Calls:** two miscellaneous, one information only, one animal complaint, one referred to other agency, two citations for speeding, one citation for no valid registration, one citation for animal at large, one citation for unlicensed animal, one warning for improper/defective lighting.

**Run date, November 29 to November 30, 2022- Calls:** one loitering, two information only, one 911 hang-up/misdial, two domestic disturbance, one miscellaneous, one animal complaint, one referred to other agency, one found or lost property, one EMS/ambulance, eight 911 calls, two warnings for no valid registration, one warning for speeding.

**Run date, November 30 to December 1, 2022- Calls:** one investigation, one ambulance/EMS, five miscellaneous, two animal complaints, one information only, one check welfare and one open door.

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## ESU 4 Future Educators Academy

On November 15, 2022, 60 area high school students attended the ESU 4 Future Educators Academy at the ESU 4 Conference Center in Auburn to learn about multiple occupational opportunities in the field of education. Students from 10 schools participated: Auburn, Falls City Public, Falls City Sacred Heart, HTRS, Johnson County Central, Johnson-Brock, Lewiston, Lourdes Central Catholic, Nebraska City Public, Sterling.

The day began with a welcome from ESU 4 Administrator Gregg Robke and a brief introduction to a variety of professionals serving in schools. Each student selected four sessions during which they learned about specific positions. Several professional from our region provided insight regarding the day-to-day expectations, benefits, challenges, preparation requirements and participant questions:

Preschool Teacher - Clarissa Ross; Elementary Teacher - Dr. Tara Gossman; Secondary Teacher - Jen Madison; Special Education Teacher - Dr. Helane Folske-Starlin; Counselor - Brittany Rogers; Principal - Scott Siegel; Superintendent - Jon Rother; School Psychologist / Behavioral Specialist - Catie Niedermeier, Sydney Loop-er; Occupational Therapist - Kelsey Meyer; Physical Therapist - Julie Saathoff; Speech Language Pathologist - Kendall Hallstrom; Health and Nurse - Felicia Martin

Administrative Assistants - Steph Floyd, Jodie McConnaughey, Kathy Taylor; Paraeducator - Lori Broady; Technology Director - Dusti Buggi; Early Development Network / Educator - Rose Petersen; Instructional Coach, Extra-Curricular Coach - Dani Niss; Bus Driver, Food Service Provider, Custodian, Media Specialist - Jeff Koehler.

The experience culminated with insights from Peru State College education program students Brandel Riekenberg, Alan Simpson, Jaelynn Muhr and Naomi Wilson with closing remarks from NRC-SA Executive Director Jack Moles and ESU 4 Special Education Coordinator and Instructional Coach, Dani Niss.



**Behind boxes.** L-R: Grace Hampl, Millie Stoller, Jenny Edelman, Rayla Walker, Ashley Brady, Anastasia Walker, Sarah Jeschke, Harlee Mitchell, Angella Gall, Allison Jeschke, Madeline Aller, Susie Edelman, Liesl Gigstad, Isabelle Walker, Chloe Jeschke, Lily Jeschke, Simone Coke, Samara Coke. Front of boxes, L-R: Alexis Crawley, Lottie Koerperich, Aleigh Nigus, Evanny Crawley, Jericho Crawley, Elizabeth Edwards, Lilly Danforth, Sarah Brady, Emme Gall, Elizabeth Brady, Gwendolyn Walker. Not pictured: Hannah Kroll, Faith Gentry, Susannah Walker

## American Heritage Girls Troop give back

Submitted by Joan Stoller

American Heritage Girls Troop KS2315 packed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for their Sixth Annual Fall Service project November 17th. The AHG Oath states "I promise to love God, cherish my family, honor my country, and serve my community." So we put the Oath in to action by loving God through serving our global community.

This is the first time the packing party was held at the local collection site, so girls learned more about what happens after the boxes are carefully packed. Our troop of 31 members had 28 girls at-

tend. We had planned on each girl packing two boxes but God grew it to three boxes/girl with exactly 93 boxes packed! The girls prayed for the children who would be receiving the boxes and learning about God's great love for them.

This year, the girls spent extra time creating hand-made items to be included in the boxes including jump ropes, tote bags, puzzles, and tie dye t-shirts.

To learn more about AHG email AHGNEK2315@gmail.com or visit [www.americanheritagegirls.org](http://www.americanheritagegirls.org) and to learn more about Operation Christmas Child visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

### ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

November 9, 2022

Assan Tucker, 29, of Omaha, NE, was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person, possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony, possession of methamphetamine, tampering with physical evidence possession of marijuana one oz or less, possession or use drug paraphernalia X2.

November 14, 2022

Casey M. Eastman, 28, of Table Rock, was arrested for driving under suspension.

November 15, 2022

Randy E. Marquez, 50, of Shubert, was arrested for driving under suspension.

November 16, 2022

Zachary R. White, 21, of Topeka, KS, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, criminal impersonation, unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle.

November 16, 2022

Rickey L. Long, 39, of Humboldt, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for failure to pay fines and costs.

November 17, 2022

Cody A Richard, 43, of Denham Springs, LA, was arrested for driving under suspension.

November 18, 2022

Tiffany L. Roberts, 42, of Falls City, was arrested on a Nemaha County warrant for Failure to Appear.

November 20, 2022

Wyatt J. Anderson, 18, of Humboldt, NE was arrested on a Johnson County warrant for Failure to Appear.

November 22, 2022

Thomas Galvin III, 33 of Kansas City, MO, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Possession of Marijuana less than one oz.

Candance Chandler, 24 of Salem, NE, was arrested on a Brown County, KS extraditable warrant for Failure to Appear.

November 23, 2022

Eddie Davidson, 25 of Brock, NE, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Megan Westling, 26 of Auburn, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

November 25, 2022

Cynthia Nichols, 62 of Sterling, NE, was taken into custody for a Richardson County Court Commitment.

Phillip Doerr, 28, of Salem, NE, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Forgery, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, Criminal Possession of Written Instrument Forgery Device, and a Habitual Criminal Charge.

Joshua Young, 20 of Falls City, NE, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for 2nd Degree Assault.

November 26, 2022

Davion Reed, 25 of Omaha, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear and a new charge of Driving During Revocation second Offense.

Roberto Pineda Jimenez, 44 of Omaha, NE, was arrested for Driving During Revocation second offense.

November 28, 2022

Shayna Jordan, 30 of Falls City, NE, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

November 29, 2022

Robert Moyer, 45 of Falls City, NE, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs and a new charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Kimberly Chandler, 52 of Falls City, NE, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

## ACCIDENTS

On November 26, 2022, according to police/accident reports, John Anno of Rulo, was attempting to pull into a parking space and struck a parked vehicle owned by Nicholas Eickhoff of Falls City. An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Eickhoff vehicle; an estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Anno vehicle.

On November 9, 2022, according to police/accident reports, James Moyer of Falls City was traveling south on Stone Sreet when Elwood Steinke of Falls City backed into the passenger side of Moyer. Moyer's vehicle received minor damage. Steinke's vehicle received no damage.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF VERDON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

December 13th at 7:30 p.m.  
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Election of Officers

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Advent 3, December 11, 9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer-**NO Holy Communion**  
Advent 4, December 18, 9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer- **NO Holy Communion**  
Christmas Eve, December 24, 5:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist- **Holy Communion**  
Christmas Day, December 25, **NO SERVICES**  
Christmas 1, January 1, 9:00 a.m., The Festival of Lesson and Carols-**NO Holy Communion**

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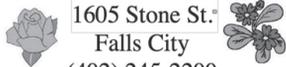
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**(Editor's Note** - dismissal *with prejudice* bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

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**DISTRICT COURT**

Bruce K. Ballard, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, improper/defective lighting, plead not guilty, count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for December 20, 2022.

Rayshawn M. Pullum, count one, commit child abuse intentional/no injury; class 3A felony, amended to commit child abuse negligently/no injury; class one misdemeanor. Plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning November 22, 2022; drug testing fee of \$60.00; probation fee-regular \$300.00.

Eric S. Hestermann, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pre-trial scheduled for December 20, 2022.

Rylee J. Ralston, count one, possess controlled substance; class four felony, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 200 days beginning November 22, 2022. Count two, resist arrest-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 215 days beginning November 22, 2022, credit for 104 days served. Count three amended to dropped/dismissed; count four amended to dropped/dismissed.

Sarah B. Fritts, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty, count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 3, 2023.

James M. Johansen, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty, count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty, count three, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead not guilty, count four, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty, count five, possess marijuana one oz or less-first offense, plead not guilty, count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 3, 2023.

Emmanuel J. Love, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty, count two, amended to dropped/dismissed, count three, possess marijuana over one oz to one pound, plead changed to guilty, found guilty, count four, amended to dropped/dismissed, count five, speeding 21-35 mph, plead

changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for February 7, 2023.

Kenneth L. Hicks, count one, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 90 beginning November 22, 2022, credit for 53 days served, fine of \$500.00. Count two amended to dropped/dismissed, count three amended to dropped/dismissed, count four amended to dropped/dismissed. Jordin E. Bowman, count one, assault by strangulation or suffocation; class 3A felony, amended to attempt of a class 3 or 3A felony, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes custody department of corrections for term of 16 months beginning November 22, 2022, credit for 81 days served, post rel supervision for term of 12 months, post rel sup admin enrollment fee of \$30.00, post rel sup prob fee (monthly) \$300.00, drug testing fee \$60.00. Count two, amended to dropped/dismissed.

**COUNTY COURT**

James A. Noe, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead not guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes City fine of \$75.00.

Billy J. Brown, count one, willful reckless driving-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$500.00, probation for term of six months beginning November 14, 2022, drug testing fee of \$30.00, probation admin fee \$30.00, probation fee-regular \$150.00, restitution of \$550.00. Count two, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Gary L. Frederick, count one, assault-third degree, amended to assault by mutual consent, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$250.00.

Sara B. Whited, count one, expired operator's license, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for December 19, 2022.

Linda S. Schuetz, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for December 21, 2022.

Jacob D. Schuetz, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count three, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for December 21, 2022.

Ted B. Schuler, count one, unlicensed motor vehicle, plead not guilty; count two, unlicensed motor vehicle, plead not guilty; count three, unlicensed motor vehicle, plead not guilty; count four unlicensed motor vehicle, plead not guilty; count five, unlicensed motor vehicle, plead not guilty; count six, unlicensed motor vehicle, plead not guilty; count seven, unlicensed motor vehicle, plead not guilty; count eight, unlicensed motor vehicle, plead not guilty; count nine, sanitation, plead not guilty. Trial scheduled for January 11, 2023.

Jennifer J. Jazbec, count one, weeds and grasses over 12", plead guilty, found guilty; count two, offenses; litter, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, appliances in yard, plead not guilty. Trial scheduled for December 5, 2022.

Jennifer J. Jazbec, count one, dogs and cats, nuisance, second

offense in 12 months, plead not guilty. Trial scheduled for December 5, 2022.

Richard K. Rowland, speeding 6-10 mph, plead not guilty. Pre-trial scheduled for December 19, 2022.

Dustin D. Schulenberg, count one, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00.

Travis E. Light, count one, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$500.00, license revoked for term of 30 days beginning November 21, 2022. Count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Emilio D. Marquez, count one, assault-third degree, amended to disturbing the peace. Disposition scheduled for December 5, 2022.

Hector A. Barbosa-Gomez, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00. Count two, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$75.00.

Judie J. Sayer, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead not guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$50.00.

Keith T. Newton, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for December 19, 2022.

Nicole L. Greene, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-500, plead not guilty; count two, unauth use fin tran device/under \$500, plead not guilty; count three, criminal poss-fin trans device, plead not guilty. Trial scheduled for December 28, 2022.

Sierra M. Perkins, count one, carry concealed weapon-first

offense, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty; count four, possess or used drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty.

Matthew L. Coversup, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for December 21, 2022.

Brenda L. Kenney, count one, drive during revocation/im-pound-first, amended to drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00.

Donica M. Reed, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00, bond forfeiture of \$168.00. Count two, overtaking/passing prohibited, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$75.00.

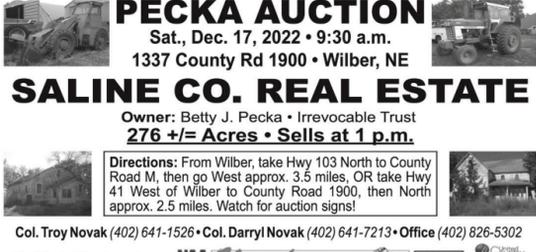
**SMALL CLAIMS COURT**

Judgement was entered in favor of the creditor Robert Witt for a total of \$26,666.63 and against the debtor Timothy W. Curtis. Court costs of \$46.00 were also entered in favor of Witt.

**Stuff the Cruiser with toys for local children**

The Sheriff's Department is holding a "Stuff the Cruiser" toy donation event this weekend, December 10 in Humboldt at Dollar General from 10 am - 2 pm; then again on December 17 in Falls City from 10 am - 2 pm at Dollar General or Farm and City. Donations may also be dropped off at Richardson County Law Enforcement Center until December 19.

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Elyse Poppe fights Kady Sisco for a loose ball during the first quarter of the Tigers one-point win on Friday night.



Kyler Frederick defends the Gabe Dilley of Syracuse, while teammates Josh Brown, Bryson Butrick and Jaxyn Strauss look to help out.

## Lady Tigers open season with a bang

The Falls City Tiger girls' basketball team fought the entire contest on Friday night, holding off Syracuse for a one-point, season-opening win, 29-28. Trailing 24-26 with four and a half minutes remaining in the game, senior Reece McNeely gave Falls City a one-point lead when she drilled a three from the right wing on an assist by Madi Jones. Thirty seconds later, Ashleigh Kirkendall put FC ahead by three with a driving layup, making it 29-26 with four minutes to play. The Rockets got within one with just over two minutes of action left. Falls City's Ava Armbruster had a chance to add to Falls City's lead at the foul stripe with :17 remaining. Armbruster missed the front end of a one-and-one, setting up a frantic ending. Syracuse's Kady Sisco had a good look in the lane, but her shot fell just off the mark at the buzzer as Falls City celebrated its opening-night win.

McNeely opened the scoring on Friday night, nailing a trey from the wing to put FC in front 3-0. FC then went almost seven minutes before scoring again, courtesy of a jumper from McNeely with :35 left. Syracuse held on to a three-point lead, 5-8, at the end of one.

A three-pointer by Kaylee Bures put Syracuse in front 5-11 with six and a half minutes to play, but FC kept clawing. A bucket by Armbruster, followed by driving hoops by Jones and McNeely,

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## Rockets spoil the debut of Coach Miller

The Falls City Tiger boys' basketball team fell to the Syracuse Rockets 33-57 in their season opener on Friday night in Falls City. The Tigers grabbed a 2-0 lead when senior Jaxyn Strauss scored on a spin move in the lane with 7:20 to go in the first; it was the only lead of the game for Falls City. Syracuse scored the final 14 points of the period, taking a 14-2 lead after eight minutes of game action.

With just over six minutes to play in the half, guard Bryson Butrick hit a driving bucket to end a nine-minute scoring drought for FC. Forty-five seconds later, Butrick had his second hoop, cutting the Rocket lead to 6-20. That got the Tiger offense going for a bit. Freshman Tallon Zimmerman came off the bench and sunk a trey from the corner to make it 9-23 with five minutes to play in the half. On the next possession, Jon Craig sank a three from the top of the key to make it 12-23 and thirty seconds later, Zimmerman hit his second trifecta to cut the lead to eight at 15-23. With under three minutes on the clock, Strauss sank one of two free throws to cut the lead to 16-23, the closest the Tigers would get. Syracuse closed the half on a 4-0 run, taking a 16-27 halftime lead.

Syracuse came out of the break

## C1-2 all-district team announced

Several Falls City Tiger football players earned special recognition for their work on the field this fall. The Class C1-2 district teams have been announced, with five Tigers making mentions.

Wyatt Olberding and Stiephan Fields were both named to the first team. Olberding is a 5'11, 170-pound junior h-back and outside linebacker, while Fields is a 6'3, 225 senior left tackle and defensive end. Three Tigers were also named to the honorable mention list. Seniors Jaxyn Strauss, Kellen McAfee and Jon Craig all earned honorable mentions. Strauss was a 6'2, 185-pound receiver/outside linebacker, McAfee was a 5'11, 185-pound center/inside linebacker and Craig was a 6'2, 335-pound guard/nose tackle.

on fire, hitting six threes in the quarter, including a half-court bank shot at the buzzer, sending the Rockets into the final eight minutes with a commanding 23-48 lead. Strauss had four points in the quarter and Kyler Frederick added a three for FC's scoring.

The Rockets picked up where they left off to open the fourth, sinking a three to push their lead to 23-51. Sophomore Kiefer Adams hit a pair of threes in the fourth, scoring all eight of his points in the contest's final 5:45 of the contest, but it was too late, as FC fell by 24, 33-57.

Syracuse outshot FC 48% to 34%. The Tigers were just 12/35 from the floor, while Syracuse made 20/42 attempts, including 12/26 from beyond the arc. The Rockets outrebounded FC 28-17 and held a 17-6 edge in assists.

Strauss led FC with seven points, five rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Adams was the top scorer for Falls City with eight points and Butrick had three assists and four rebounds to go along with his four points. Will Janssen led Syracuse with 22 points, making six three-pointers.

**Scoring for FC:** Butrick 4, Frederick 3, Strauss 7, Zimmerman 6, Adams 8, Craig 5.

**Scoring for Syracuse:** Janssen 22, Brammier 8, Zoller 6, Dilley 5, Parde 12, Voorhees 4.

The Tigers host Johnson-Brock on Friday, December 9, at McIntyre-Henderson Field House. The Eagles opened the year with a 61-28 win over Sidney, Iowa. On Saturday, FC hosts the top-rated team in Class C-2, the Freeman Falcons.



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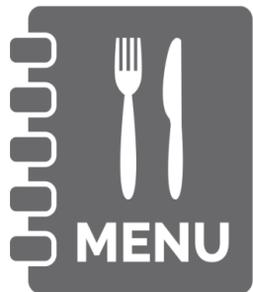
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Wed 7-Taco Bowl, Cornbread, Corn, Pears, Frosted Graham, Milk  
 Thur 8-Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mandarin Oranges, Roll, Milk  
 Fri 9-Hamburger/Bun, Broccoli & Cheese, Mixed Fruit, Cookie, Milk  
 Mon 12-Breaded Chicken, Patty/Bun, Smiles, Strawberries, Brownie, Milk  
 Tue 13-Orange Chicken, Savory Rice, Peas, Pineapple, Muffin, Milk

## FC TIGERS

**Wed, 7**  
 North & South School: Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baby Carrots, Dragon Punch, Pears, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baby Carrots, Pears, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baby Carrots, Pears, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Chicken Quesadillas, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

**Thu, 8**  
 North & South School: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Chocolate Pudding, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Chocolate Pudding, 8ounce Milk. High School: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Vanilla Pudding, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Popcorn Chicken, French Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

**Fri, 9**  
 North & South School: Pig in a Blanket, Sweet Potato Trac, Broccoli, Apple-sauce, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Mr. Kraft Special:, Stromboli, Oven Potatoes, California Vegetables, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Italian Dunkers, Hash Brown Patty, Broccoli, Fruit, Peaches, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Chicken Patty, Seasoned Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

**Mon, 12**  
 North & South School: Biscuits & Gravy, Yogurt, Hash Brown Patty, Wango Mango, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Cheesy Goulash, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple, French Bread, 8ounce Milk. High School: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Pepperoni French Bread, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

**Tues, 13**  
 North & South School: Chicken Flatbread, Lettuce Salad, Celery Sticks, Peaches, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Chicken Flatbread, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Fiestada, Oven Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Burrito, Curly Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

## HTRS TITANS

Wed 7-Salisbury Steak, Baby Bakers, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Milk  
 Thur 8-Cook's Choice, Milk  
 Fri 9-Cheeseburger Casserole, Hot Vegetables, Fruit, Juice/Milk  
 Mon 12-Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk  
 Tue 13-Fiestada, Hot Vegetables, Fruit, Milk

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

**THUR:** Meatloaf, Italian Grilled Cheese.

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

### DINNER SPECIALS

**THUR & FRI:**  
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**TUES:** Pulled Pork Sando

**WED:** Meatloaf with roll, side salad, veg, & Mashed Potatoes

**THUR:** Lasagna

**FRI:** LUNCH-Pollock or Catfish Fillets DINNER-@5pm Catfish Fillets or Prime Rib

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# OBITUARIES

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## Janet (Watkins) Taylor

Janet Ethayle (Watkins) Taylor, 90 of Liberty, MO passed away at NorthCare Hospice House in North Kansas City, Missouri on November 20, 2022. She was born December 22, 1931 in Falls City, Nebraska to the late Ernest and Mable (Goolsby) Watkins.

She was married to Maurice D. Taylor on August 10, 1952 and the couple moved to Kansas City that same year.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, their son Terry Taylor and daughter Jana (Taylor) Barnhart. She is also survived by five grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by her brother James Ernest Watkins.

A visitation (10:00 a.m.) and celebration of life were held at Fairview Christian Church, 1800 NE 65th Street, Gladstone, MO 64118, on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

A portion of her ashes were committed to the earth in the Fairview Cemetery in Kearney, Missouri at noon and a luncheon was hosted at the church immediately thereafter.

A portion of her ashes will also be committed to the earth at the Verdon Cemetery in Verdon, Nebraska at a later time.

## Dale Huettner

Dale Huettner, 86, of Falls City, Nebraska passed away on November 29, 2022 at the Community Medical Center in Falls City. He was born on January 14, 1936, in Rulo, Nebraska to Herman and Virginia (Hartman) Huettner.

Dale is survived by his wife, Judy of Falls City, NE; his sister Betty Baker of Ellensburg, WA; sons: Jeff Huettner and wife Dar of Verdon, NE; Gary Huettner and wife Bren of Dawson, NE; Jim Huettner and wife Mary Jo of Verdon, NE; Dan Convey and wife LaDon of El Paso, TX;

Kurt Convey and wife Carla of St. Louis, MO; daughters: Connie Taft and husband Bob of Falls City, NE; Mindy Convey of Atchison, KS; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Doug Huettner. Dale's body has been cremated. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences can be shared online at [www.hallfuneral.net](http://www.hallfuneral.net)

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## Mendenhall holds last full Humboldt Council meeting before Rathbone takes oath of office

The Humboldt Mayor and City Council met on November 15, 2022 at Humboldt City Hall.

Mayor Bob Mendenhall, Council President Larry Stauffer and Council members, Dustin White, Rhonda Dettmer and Jan Wilhelm were present.

Council member Wilhelm made a motion to accept the November 1, 2022, regular meeting minutes and November 3, 2022, special meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Council member Stauffer made a motion to accept the November 15, 2022 claims, motion carried. Mayor Mendenhall stated that the claims also included the invoice for the repairs at the sewer plant at the cost of \$72,000.

Auditorium president Dennis Crispin provided an update on the Auditorium renovations. He also provided plans for those who wanted to view them.

Council member Wilhelm made a motion to approve the purchase of a heater for the east water well at the cost of \$915.60 from Slama Electric, LLC. The motion was seconded and carried.

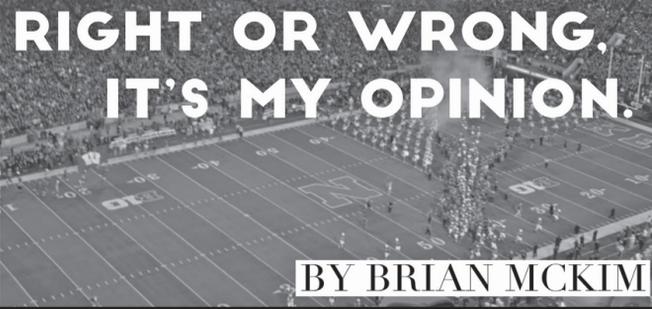
Council member Dettmer moved to adopted Resolution 2022-11.15, signing of the 2022 Year-End Certification of the City Street Superintendent. Council member Wilhelm seconded the foregoing motion. The motion carried. The passage and adoption of the resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Council member Wilhelm advised that Phillips Plumbing informed her that the boring at the cemetery will be started within two to three weeks.

Public comment was made by constituent Herr.

The meeting adjourned and the Council met again on December 6, 2022 for Mayor Elect Ron Rathbone and Council member elect Vicky Lynch to take the oath of office.

The Council then elected a President of the Council. Then the selection of City Council for City Department Heads were selected by Mayor Rathbone followed by the appointments of City Officials and Boards and Commissions.



I want to use a quote from former interim Head Coach Mickey Joseph from his visit to Falls City last summer. "We're gonna wake up on Sunday mornings and they're gonna have something to talk about at church."

Well, it wasn't a Sunday morning, more like Wednesday evening, but he gave us plenty to talk about this past week, just not for the right reasons.

I have been a Mickey Joseph trumpeter for years, going back to his playing days. When it was announced last winter that Joseph was joining the coaching staff at Nebraska, I was thrilled. After interviewing him last summer at Classic Club 8, I was sold even more by his desire and integrity.

Then three games into the season, he was named interim Head Coach after Scott Frost was fired. He said and did all the right things, taking blame even in situations that weren't necessarily his fault. His players seemed to love him. He was a master recruiter.

After the season, athletic director Trev Alberts named Matt Rhule, the next head coach at Nebraska. People I've spoken with since the hiring still seem split on Rhule being in charge in Lincoln. I won't question his desire or integrity; I hope he can win.

Then came last Wednesday; the walls came tumbling down. Early that evening news began circulating on social media of Coach Joseph's arrest.

At first, I questioned, could it be true? He seemed like such a good person. Domestic assault allegations at such a critical time of his career; could it be internet rumors? At this point, it goes to show we don't know these people on a personal level; we know them from what they choose to show us.

According to a police affidavit on Thursday, Joseph was arrested for strangulation and third-degree domestic assault. Reports say Joseph grabbed his wife Priscilla by her throat, pulled her by her hair and punched her. Joseph has denied striking or grabbing his wife's hair.

I don't know the exact circumstances surrounding the ordeal, but they don't matter. Never is it okay to grab, kick, punch, pull, or push a woman. At this point, it doesn't matter if he is found guilty; the stigma will follow him for the rest of his life. His coaching days at Nebraska are over. If there is one, his next job will be at a small school, a Peru St., Highland Community College type as he will look to rebuild his image.

Someday, depending on how it all plays out, he may make his way back to being a Power Five coach; time will tell. Hopefully, Joseph gets the help he needs through counseling and other avenues.

Coach Joseph was awaiting a big payday, maybe not from Nebraska, but somewhere. A lapse in judgment will cost him millions of dollars and his credibility.

If you or anyone you know needs help, the National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE.

In other area sports news, the Nebraska volleyball team is making a trip to Louisville for the Sweet 16. The Big Red got to this point by defeating old Big 8 and Big 12 foe Kansas last week at the Devaney Center in Lincoln. Louisville, the region's top seed, swept Purdue to earn its spot in the next round. The Huskers will play Oregon on Thursday and Louisville will be matched up against Baylor. Louisville, 28-2, is coached by a familiar face, former Husker Dani Busboom Kelly. The Huskers will be making an NCAA record 38th sweet 16 appearance. The Big Red's quest for a championship starts Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and will be televised on ESPNU. The winners of the matches on Thursday will square off at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, with the winners headed to the Final Four in Omaha. The national semifinals at the CHI Health Center will be on December 15 and the National Championship will be played on December 17, 2022.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE

A total of 112 cases will be heard by the Board in December 2022. The following case(s) sentenced in Richardson County will be seen by the Board of Parole.

December 19, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.  
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December 30, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.  
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**Thursday, Dec. 15th**  
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**WHAT IS BITCOIN?**

Paul Demmel studied math & physics at UNL. Later he received a Masters in Computational Finance from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.

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## Balanced attack leads Irish past Sterling

The Sacred Heart Irish boys' basketball team improved to 1-0 with a 31-point win over the Sterling Jets on Friday night, 64-33. The third-ranked team in Class D2 used good defense and a balanced scoring attack to pick up the season-opening win. The Irish led 15-6 after the first quarter break and 28-18 at the half. The third period belonged to Sacred Heart as they outscored the Jets 18-11, pulling away for a 46-22 lead with eight minutes to play. The Irish offense stayed hot, outscoring Sterling 18-11 in the final period to secure the 31-point win.

The Irish had three players hit double figures scoring, with sophomore Joe Simon leading the way with 17 points. Evan Keithley added 14 points and James Froeschl finished 5/7 from the floor for 11 points.

Both teams shot well on Friday night. SH was 28/57 from the floor (49%), while Sterling made 13/27 shot attempts (48%). The only place the Irish struggled was from beyond the arc, where SH made only 3/18 treys (17%).

The Sacred Heart defense caused problems all night long for Sterling, forcing the Jets into 23 turnovers while committing only four. SH had a

19-3 advantage in steals and a 20-8 assists edge.

Keithley and Froeschl each had five rebounds and Simon pulled down four. Senior guard Sam Dunn led the team with six assists and six steals.

Trenton Peery led the Jets with nine points.

"Our defense was our best offense," said Coach Doug Goltz. "We didn't shoot it very well from the perimeter, so that needs some work. It was a good win to start the season."

### Scoring for Sacred Heart

Stice 5, Keithley 14, Nelson 5, Simon 17, Froeschl 11, Sells 4, Dunn 8.

### Scoring for Sterling

Blessing 3, Harms 5, Peery 9, Rathe 2, Wembold 7, Gonzalez 3, McAuliffe 4.

The Irish JV won a two-quarter contest against the Jets, 29-15. Brenden Lemerond scored eight points and Tate Wilcox added six for SH.

SH will look to remain undefeated as they hit the road for a contest at Friend on Friday, December 9. Friend opened the season with an 85-47 win over Lewiston last Thursday night. SH will head to Lewiston on Tuesday, December 13, before returning home to host HTRS at the Roh Activity Center on Friday, December 16.

## Lady Irish falter late against Jets in opener

For the first time since the 2012-13 season, the Sacred Heart Irish girls' basketball lost their season opener. In 2012, SH fell to Sterling 36-40; on Friday night in Sterling, the Lady Irish fell 43-47. In the '12-13 season, Sacred Heart rebounded, finishing 25-5 and placing third at state. On Friday night, SH, the No. 2 ranked team in Class D2, led the Jets 12-8 after the first period, but the Jets rebounded to tie the contest at halftime, 23-23. Sacred Heart outscored Sterling 10-5 in the third period to take a 33-28 lead into the final eight minutes of action. Sterling caught fire in the fourth, outscoring SH 19-10 to pull away late for the four-point win.

Senior Olivia Eickhoff did most of her damage early, scoring six of her ten points in the opening quarter. Fellow senior Jessica Wertenberger did her best in the second half to keep the Irish in the game, scoring 13 of the teams' 20 second-half points. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough. Senior Macy Richardson of Sterling had 13 of her game-high 18 points in the fourth quarter to help the Jets pull off the upset win. Richardson converted 9/11 free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

The game was won at the foul stripe as Sterling converted 15/19 attempts, while SH made 6/11. The Irish outshot the Jets from the floor, 33% to 24%. Sterling scored 24 points from beyond the arc, making 8/32 threes, while the Irish were just 1/12. SH owned the board also, finishing with a 46-28 edge. Turnovers are always costly, especially in a tight contest. The Lady Irish finished with 19 turnovers, while the Jets committed only 11.

Wertenberger led the Irish with a double/double, finishing with 17 points and 11 boards. Eickhoff added ten points and Makinley Scholl added five points, seven rebounds and four assists.

### Scoring for SH

Scholl 5, Eickhoff 10, DeLanie Witt 7, Lechtenberg 2, Wertenberger 17, Keller 2.

### Scoring for Sterling

Richardson 18, Dolbow 10, Lafferty 3, Wusk 6, Boldt 10.

The Lady Irish JV won in two-quarters of action, defeating the Jets 21-8. Daycee Witt scored ten points and Avery Santo added nine for the Irish.

The Lady Irish hosted Lourdes Central on Tuesday, December 6, and will host Sidney, Iowa, on Thursday, December 8, at the RAC. SH will then hit the road for contests at Friend on Friday, December 9, and at Lewiston on Tuesday, December 13.

## Eleven Peru State volleyball players named 2022 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes

On Tuesday, November 29, the NAIA announced the 2022 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes for volleyball. 11 Bobcat volleyball players were named NAIA scholar-athletes.

Aaliyah Navarez (San Jose, Calif.), Alyssa Bock (Plattsmouth), Ella Matthies (Omaha), Elli Williams (Olathe, Kan.), Jaime Copenharve (Omaha), Katie Mendick (Bellevue), Lauren Moubrey (Mission, Tex.), Michelle Beer (Salem), Paige Chanay (Holton, Kan.), Rylee Hellbusch (Plattsmouth) and Sidney Peck (Manitoba, Canada). Peru State volleyball was

7-22 overall this season and 4-15 in Heart of America Athletic Conference play. Improving upon the overall record by two games from the 2021 season and one game in conference under the direction of first year head coach Madison Kindle.

Here is what head coach Madison Kindle had to say about the honorees...

"I couldn't be prouder of our players for their dedication and commitment to their academics, said coach Kindle. "Truly displaying the importance of the student before athlete!"

## HTRS/PC wrestling opens the season with strong showing

HTRS/Pawnee City opened the 2022-23 wrestling season at the Freeman Duals. HTRS/PC fell to Centennial 51-12. Andy Maloley defeated Xavier Ettwein by fall in 1:20. At 285, Ty Faulks pinned Paul Fehlhafer at the 1:02 mark for the second win of the night. At 170, Jesse McLaughlin dropped a 7-0 decision to Cyrus Songster.

HTRS/PC defeated Freeman 18-12 in the following dual. Maloley picked up his second win with a pin over Trevor Parde at 1:48. Faulks won by forfeit and McLaughlin lost to Gabe Goes at 1:11.

Palmyra outscored HTRS/PC 42-18. McLaughlin lost by fall to Draven Priel at 2:59, Maloley made quick work of Izaiah Freeman, winning by pin in :48. Not to be outdone, Faulks pinned Brandon Steinhoff in :42 for the win.

In the fourth dual of the evening, Tri County took down HTRS/PC 60-9. Maloley and Faulks remained undefeated; Maloley won a 6-0 decision over James Kerns and Faulks pinned Toby Ambrose in :54. McLaughlin dropped his match at 170 against Cooper Stokebrand, losing by pin at :47.

In the final dual of the evening, HTRS/PC fell to Wilber-Clatonia 60-15. McLaughlin got his first win of the season with a pin of Lexand Baker

in 3:19. Maloley improved to 5-0 with a pin of Anderson Melendez at 1:57 and Faulks stayed undefeated with a 6-5 decision over Keith Kvasnicka.

On Saturday, HTRS/PC competed in the 2022 Conestoga Cougar Classic, placing 11th with 42 points. Faulks went 3-0 and won the 285-pound title. Faulks opened with a bye, pinned Garrett Gahner of Logan View in 1:11 and then won the title with a pin of Chance Buchanan of Syracuse in 5:02.

At 195, Maloley placed second, finishing 3-1. Maloley received a first-round bye, then won his next two matches by fall. Maloley lost to Trent Moudry of Bishop Newman in the finals by fall at 3:20.

McLaughlin went 1-2 at 170, falling in the opener by fall, then moving on with a bye before falling to Jackson Cooley of Lincoln Christian to end his day.

At 182, Kaden Demers went 1-2, losing his opening match by fall, getting a second-round bye and then losing by pin in his final match to Brennan Demike of Weeping Water in 1:11.

HTRS/PC will be back in action on Saturday, December 10, when they compete in the Sabetha Invitational.

## Lady Tigers open season with a bang

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cut the lead to 11-13. Syracuse scored the final five points of the half and went to intermission with an 11-18 cushion.

Whatever Coach Andy Armbruster said at halftime did the trick. FC scored the first nine points of the half to take the lead, 20-18. Armbruster hit a jumper out of the gate to make it 13-18. Kirkendall then got a steal and a layup, followed by a trey by Armbruster to make it 18-18. An offensive rebound and put back by Kirkendall gave FC the two-point lead, 20-18. The Rockets fought back to take the lead with eight minutes to play, 23-24.

The Tigers outscored Syracuse 6-4 in the fourth to hold on for the win.

FC outshot Syracuse 34% to 31%, making 12/40 shots from the floor. FC shot just 29% from the foul line, making 2/7 attempts, but held a decisive 37-23 rebound edge.

McNeely led Falls City with ten points and eight rebounds. Armbruster added eight points, seven boards and two steals. Sisco led Syracuse with nine points and four boards.

### Scoring for Falls City

Jones 5, Armbruster 8, Kirkendall 6, McNeely 10.

### Scoring for Syracuse

Sisco 9, Seelhoff 3, Brammier 3, Burres 7, Smith 6.

Falls City is back in action on Friday, December 9, when they host Johnson-Brock and Saturday, December 10, at home against Freeman. FC then hosts Southern on Tuesday, December 13.

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## Titans split a pair to open the year

The HTRS Titan boys' basketball team opened the 2022-23 season last week, finishing the week at 1-1. On Friday, December 2, HTRS fell to Diller-Odell 24-40 but bounced back on Saturday afternoon, taking down Weeping Water 69-51.

In the opener on Friday night at Diller-Odell High School, HTRS kept it close early, trailing 4-6 after the first period. The Titans kept it close in the second quarter, heading into intermission trailing 12-17. The third quarter doomed the Titans as they were outscored 12-2 and found themselves behind 14-29 with only eight minutes remaining. The Titan offense came alive in the fourth, scoring ten points, but they couldn't close the gap as the Griffins held on for the 16-point win.

Arthur Penisson led the Titans with a team-high eight points and six rebounds, while Brandt Leech added seven points, five boards and two steals. As a team, HTRS pulled down 21 rebounds, had five assists, one block and ten steals.

### HTRS scoring

Bohling 4, Penisson 8, Dunlap 4, Leech 7, Davis 1.

On Saturday afternoon, the Weeping Water Indians paid a visit to HTRS High School. The Titans were a little slow out of

the gate, scoring eight first-period points. Six of the Titan's eight points came courtesy of the foul line in the opening eight minutes. The Titans exploded for 21 points in the second period, with Brogan Dunlap leading the way scoring eight points in the period. The Titans keep scoring in the second half, scoring 15 in the third and 25 in the fourth to earn the 18-point win, 69-51.

HTRS used a balanced attack with four players reaching double-figure scoring. Senior Ryken Davis led the surge with 15 points, including eight in the fourth period. Leech added eight points, a team-best 14 rebounds and three blocks. Penisson scored ten points and dished out six assists. Jack Hunzeker helped ice the game, sinking a perfect 6/6 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter.

As a team, HTRS finished with 38 rebounds, 20 assists, three blocks and nine steals.

### HTRS scoring

Bohling 4, Hunzeker 11, Penisson 10, Dunlap 14, Koziol 3, Leech 8, McClarnen 2, Davis 15.

The Titans were back in action at Lewiston on Tuesday, December 6, at home versus Lourdes Central on Friday, December 9 and at Falls City Sacred Heart on Friday, December 16, 2022.

## Coping with Omaha's Westroads mall shooting 15 years later

Submitted by Jay Shaw

Frankie Fisher of Lincoln, Nebraska, has never been able to erase from memory the terrorized faces of fellow shoppers at the Westroads Mall in Omaha on Dec. 5, 2007. She vividly remembers other details, too, like how her car's clock read 1:45. Later estimates placed the beginning of the rampage at 1:43.

Fisher has always wondered if the 19-year-old shooter, who killed eight people and wounded others before taking his own life, had walked past her unnoticed that afternoon as she sat in her car.

She and her husband had traveled to Omaha to shop at Von Maur that day. As they reached the doors, wild-eyed customers flew past them in a race to exit the store. One yelled, "There's a shooter! Turn around!" Despite the warning, Fisher froze until her husband grabbed her arm to pull her away.

"When we opened the door to go outside, there were two young girls running in front of us," Fisher recalled. "The look on their faces was complete terror. That terrorized me."

Frankie Fisher has found comfort from the Bible after the Westroads Mall mass shooting in Omaha 15 years ago.

Wounds of the friends and families of shooting victims often remain obvious. But statistics are seldom compiled on the many others whose lives also change after such random acts of violence.

A mass shooting is generally defined as one where at least four people are shot, excluding the shooter.

According to Gun Violence Archive, an organization that collects daily statistics on gun violence in the United States, there were 273 mass shootings in 2014. By 2021, the number had jumped to 690. As of Nov. 28, there have been 617 this year, and the number continues to rise.

A Gallup poll on global emotions found higher levels of stress, sadness, anger and worry in 2021 than at any time in the past 16 years.

Whether victim or observer, an encounter with aggressive or angry behavior can catch anyone off guard. Experts say remaining calm is key to ensuring that a precarious situation doesn't escalate. Anger management expert Ryan Martin's advice in Psychology Today was, "Stay calm, stay safe, and don't make it worse."

Although 15 years have passed, Fisher, now 72, remains affected emotionally. "If I'd have been 15 minutes later or 15 minutes earlier, things would have been a lot different," she said. "The most awful thing about the experience was the people's faces – the complete and absolute terror. To this day I think about it when I go into stores. And now there have been so many shootings at all these other places – it's just something that always stays with you," she said as she began to cry.

Fisher said that her faith in the Bible's promise of a resurrection has helped her. "Like the Bible says, they're just sleeping in death, waiting for God to fix everything and resurrect them," she said. "I think about what the victims have to look forward to."

Her friends in the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lincoln have also been a source of encouragement. Videos and articles from jw.org, the organization's official website, often give reminders of how to avoid violence or cope with its aftermath. One such article, *What is Provoking the Age of Rage?*, provides tips on how to control rage and manage anger.

"I think it's just wise in the days that we're in to be very aware of our surroundings," Fisher said. "Before the shooting I might have been lax. I might not have noticed things that were going on around me. But boy, I do now. I notice everything."

## Lasting Legacy for Extension Educator

By Karly Black, Engagement Zone Coordinator, Nebraska Extension, karly.black@unl.edu

Long gone are the days Extension Educators or Agents sit at their desk and wait for a phone call. Instead, Extension staff are meeting the clients where they are at whether that is in their field or at an event, program, meeting, or conference. For the past 18 years, Gary Leising has been the Crops and Water Extension Educator for Southeast Nebraska producers. During that time, he has driven over a hundred thousand miles and wrote hundreds of newspaper articles around Southeast Nebraska as he has worked to serve tens of thousands of producers, ag educators, crop consultants, commodity groups, and youth. Gary was willing to help tackle producers' questions both simple and complex and could often be found promoting programs which aimed at increasing sustainable agricultural practices.

One of Gary's biggest accomplishments is garnering almost a million dollars over 15 years in grant funds to help support educational programs in sustainable agriculture for Nebraskans. With those funds he was able to support local programs, host large conferences and field days, and partner with local producers to support on-farm research around soil health and cover crops. Gary has also helped support the local 4-H program, mentored college interns, and been an active member in the Southeast Nebraska community.

Gary will be retiring in January 2023. Nebraska Extension will be losing an excellent Educator who truly cared for the people he served. Help congratulate Gary for his years of hard work and dedication to Sustainable Agriculture & Extension by attending his retirement reception on December 20, 2022, from 3 to 6 pm at the 4-H Building on the Nemaha County Fairgrounds (816 "I" St, Auburn, NE 68305) or send him a card to the Nebraska Extension in Nemaha County Office (1824 N St., Suite 102, Auburn, NE 68305).

It should be clear that the trails are reserved for pedestrians, bikes, and other non-motorized vehicles.

6. Trail hours are from dawn to dusk. Consider limiting the hours of use of municipal trails, as safety may be an issue when there isn't enough light.

7. Alcohol is prohibited. Although alcohol is banned in most municipal parks, it may be necessary to remind citizens that alcohol is also prohibited on the trail system.

8. No horses are allowed on the trail. Many small communities have trails that extend out of town, so trail users must be reminded that horses are not permitted.

Trails are some of the most essential amenities in a community, and in order for people to be safe using them, municipalities need to make the trail rules easily accessible.

## Lady Titans open season with a pair of losses

The HTRS Lady Titans opened the year with a pair of losses, first on the road to Diller-Odell and then at home to Weeping Water. On Friday night at Diller-Odell High School, HTRS got behind early and couldn't climb out of the hole. The Griffins held quarter leads of 6-10, 14-21, 19-39 and 32-54.

The Lady Titans struggled from the floor all evening, making only 7/48 shot attempts, including 1/22 from beyond the arc. Jaylie McNealy led the team with ten points and Laramie Glathar added eight. Glathar had a team-high ten rebounds, McNealy had four steals and Ashton Brede-meier had two assists. As a team, HTRS finished with 39 rebounds and nine rebounds but turned the ball over 28 times.

Sophomore Myleigh Weers scored 24 points for the Griffins, sinking 5/16 three-point attempts.

### Scoring for HTRS

Bohling 7, Glathar 8, Brede-meier 3, Bowen 4, McNealy 10.

### Scoring for Diller-Odell

Duis 3, Beekman 4, Hajek 8, Vilda 2, McKinney 2, Heide-mann 9, Weers 24, Hennerberg 2.

On Saturday afternoon, HTRS looked to get on track when they hosted Weeping Water. The Lady Titans got off to a quick start,

leading 11-2 after the opening period and 15-12 at the half. The Weeping Water defense put the clamps on in the third, holding HTRS to only three points while scoring 14 to take the lead 18-26. Weeping Water's offense stayed hot in the final period, outscoring HTRS 18-8 down the stretch to pull away for the 26-44 win.

"We were up 15 to 2 at one point before we got in foul trouble and the wheels fell off," said Coach Schuyler Kuhlmann.

Glathar again had a solid all-around contest with six points, six rebounds, two blocks and one steal. Dierberger scored a team-best nine points while adding four rebounds and one steal.

As a team, HTRS made 1/9 three-point attempts, 5/18 free throws and 9/29 two-point shots.

The Lady Titans had 28 rebounds, three assists, four steals and 21 turnovers. Kalison Miller scored 18 points and Ella Cave added 11 to lead the Indians.

### Scoring for HTRS

Bohling 1, Glathar 6, M. Brede-meier 4, A. Brede-meier 2, Bowen 4, Dierberger 9.

HTRS played at Lewiston on Tuesday night and hosted Lourdes Central Catholic on Friday, December 9.

## Walking/jogging/biking trail safety

A 28-year-old woman was jogging on the famous Katy Trail in Dallas, Texas, when she turned into the path of a bicyclist. She suffered severe head injuries that ultimately claimed her life. With trails becoming more prevalent in many Nebraska communities, citizens must also understand there are rules to be adhered to when using them.

Trails are considered an essential aspect of a community's quality of life. As citizens of all ages look for opportunities to exercise and enjoy the outdoors, they've also asked for increased community trails. Many municipalities regularly include trail construction and maintenance in their budgets.

The Village of Dannebrog has a three-mile trail popular with residents and others visiting the Danish Capital of Nebraska. The City of Hickman maintains four miles of trails throughout its community. The Village of Arlington has invested in trails that encircle Bell Creek Park and its sports complex. Avid walkers, parents with strollers, pet owners walking their dogs, runners, bicyclists, and people on rollerblades love to use the trails in their communities but do these users all follow the rules of the road on the trails?

Here are some rules that municipalities may want to post along various points of the trails they have in their towns.

1. Stay on the trail. This rule is essential when private property

abuts the path, as some users consider all the areas along the trail open for picnics or pets.

2. Keep right. Pass on left. Warn before passing. Most people adhere to the standard rules of the road that they use when driving; however, they need to communicate to other people when they will be passing them. They can't take for granted that the pedestrian knows they are approaching and passing them on their bike.

3. Dogs must be leashed. Many pet owners feel their dog is well-trained and doesn't need a leash. An unleashed dog isn't a problem until another trail user comes along with their dog or someone who isn't a dog lover encounters a loose dog on the trail.

4. Pick up pet waste. All trails should provide bags for picking up pet waste and trash receptacles to place the waste.

5. No motorized vehicles are allowed. Many communities allow motorized vehicles on public streets, so those vehicle drivers may think permission to ride on the roads includes the

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### 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](http://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](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

Mary L. Eickhoff  
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### NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**Estate of Cecelia M. Kunce, Deceased.**  
**Estate No. PR22-50**  
Notice is hereby given that on November 16, 2022, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and a that Michael R. Dunn, whose address is 111 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 30, 2023, or be forever barred.

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### NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY L. FISHER, SR., Deceased.**  
**Estate No. PR22-49**  
Notice is hereby given that on November 16, 2022, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Margaret Fisher, whose address is 202 West Goldsberry, Rulo, Nebraska 68431, has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 23, 2023, or be forever barred.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Humboldt Auditorium Renovation Phase 3

Sealed BIDS will be received at the City Office, on behalf of the City of Humboldt, at 330 East Square, Humboldt Nebraska 68376 on January 11, 2023 until 1:00pm local time, and then such BIDS shall be publicly opened and read aloud at the Humboldt Auditorium. The BIDS are for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials and appurtenances required for the additional restoration/rehabilitation of the Historic Humboldt Auditorium.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and to waive irregularities or informalities to accept the BID it deems most beneficial. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The owner will accept only those sealed bids, either hand delivered or received via U.S. Mail or other commercial carrier. Items transmitted by facsimile or electronically will not be accepted. The contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

Humboldt City Office, 330 East Square, Humboldt Nebraska 68376

TreanorHL, 719 SW Van Buren Street, Suite 200, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3740

Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access by contacting the offices of the Architect at (785) 235-0012, Amelia Hudspeth [ahudspeth@treanorhl.com](mailto:ahudspeth@treanorhl.com) or Todd Renyer [treanorhl.com](mailto:treanorhl.com) to receive the access password to view documents, which will be hosted on the planroom of Drexel Technologies, (913) 371-7128. Physical documents will then be available for purchase from Drexel Technologies. Only complete sets of documents will be issued.

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Attention of BIDDERS is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. BIDDERS are to be registered with SAM.gov. All qualified parties, including minority-owned, women-owned, and low-income-owned entities are encouraged to submit a bid for this project.

The owner is an equal opportunity employer and requires all contractors and consultants to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. The Owner, in accordance with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21 Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability/handicap in consideration for an award.

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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2022, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda, which is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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### NOTICE

### In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska In the Matter of the Estate of Marion E. Wittrock, Deceased. Case No. PR22-53

Notice is hereby given that on December 1, 2022, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Larry Wittrock, whose address is 604 Edward Street, Humboldt, NE 68376, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 1, 2023, or be forever barred.

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### NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska In the Matter of the Estate of CAROLYN L. FOX, Deceased. Case No. PR22-52

Notice is hereby given that on December 1, 2022, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Bobbie C. Newman, Jr. whose address is 705 N. Main Street, Stella, NE 68442 has been appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 7, 2023, or be forever barred.

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### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 22, 2022 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sicklel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. Roll call was answered by Karas, Caverzagie and Sicklel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sicklel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Sicklel 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 November 15, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sicklel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

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

### ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

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

Motion was made by Sicklel to approve an application for a special operating permit to operate oversize or overweight vehicle or load on county roads and bridges from Wardcraft Homes, Inc. for the date of December 12, 2022. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried. Discussion was held on roadside brush and removal pursuant to NE Revised

State Statutes.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past few weeks. A purchase order was approved for ammunition in the amount of \$1,469.40. A discussion was held on the lighting of the communications tower at the Law Enforcement Center and the Sheriff has been in contact with the service company to make repairs. The Sheriff also reported that a deputy struck a deer this morning with a patrol unit and it will be necessary to take the vehicle out of service until repairs can be made.

It was also noted that the Law Enforcement Center is experiencing some odor with sewer gas and the Sheriff and staff have researched all possibilities causing the problem but are unable to determine the cause. They will be contacting St. Joseph Plumbing and Heating to make a service call to assist with resolving the odor.

The Sheriff also updated the Board on the possibility of an employee contract with an advance of a hiring bonus for a Nebraska Certified officer to assist with moving expenses to relocate to Richardson County, Nebraska from Washington State. The Sheriff reported that he had reviewed the matter with the County Attorney's Office and an employee contract could be drafted for review and consideration by the Board.

He also reported that 2 candidates for deputy positions are taking the necessary requirements to meet Nebraska certification and will be considered for full-time positions.

### COUNTY SURVEYOR

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-19 to approve an agreement with the State of Nebraska Dept of Transportation—Land Survey Corner Preservation, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page )

Commissioner Caverzagie excused himself from the meeting at 10:00 a.m

### COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Karly Black, Engagement Zone Coordinator for the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service presented to the Board "Sharing Nebraska Extension's Updated Strategic Direction".

An interlocal agreement for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services and staffing of full-time equivalent position, Extension Assistant at .25 County and .75 University (funding in part from local schools and Humboldt Shares, Inc.) was reviewed. County Attorney, Doug Merz was also in attendance for this discussion. A portion of the proposed interlocal agreement was reviewed with regards to reciprocal indemnification. The question will be presented to the legal staff at the University for further clarification. This agreement will be placed on next week's agenda for further consideration.

### CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Motion was made by Sicklel to accept the Richardson County Central Service Cost Allocation Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification to be submitted to the State of Nebraska for reimbursement purposes. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

Due to the offers that were made for the purchase of the surplus vehicles that were included in the sealed bids received at last week's meeting and the low offers made in those sealed bids, motion was made by Sicklel to reject the bids that were received. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-absent, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sicklel to advertise the surplus vehicles on a Big Iron auction. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-absent, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

### CLAIMS

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

Culligan, serv ..... 124.00  
Dollar General, supp ..... 6.18  
F&M Bank, rent ..... 9.00  
Family Medicine, supp ..... 60.90  
Farm & City Supply, supp ..... 73.96  
Glander, Randy, fee/reimb ..... 40.00  
Good News Assembly of God Church, rent ..... 200.00  
Hunzeker, Greg, serv ..... 600.00  
Johnson County Hospital, serv 380.00  
Koch's Auto Service, serv ..... 481.53  
Lincoln National Life Ins., life

ins ..... 1122.91  
Medica, ins ..... 45628.23  
Midwest Radar & Equipment, supp ..... 480.00  
Morehead, Mandy, reimb ..... 142.50  
NACO, fees ..... 1050.00  
NE Health & Human Services, serv ..... 586.00  
OPPD, serv ..... 70.24  
O'Reilly Automotive, supp ..... 66.48  
Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv ..... 45.00  
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb ..... 543.35  
Richardson, Kristy, reimb ..... 287.50  
Scott, Pamela, reimb ..... 57.54  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, rent ..... 100.00  
Sunset Law Enforcement, supp ..... 1469.40  
Townsend, Joshua, fee/reimb... 207.50  
Unifirst, supp ..... 60.08  
Wolfe's Printing, supp ..... 472.66  
Jury Expense ..... 2072.50  
TOTAL GEN FUND ..... \$56,437.46

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp ..... 400.08  
Capital One Trade Credit, supp 189.00  
Hamm, rock ..... 948.78  
Martin Marietta, rock ..... 12478.71  
Myers Tire Supply, supp ..... 179.10  
NPPD, serv ..... 77.95  
OPPD, serv ..... 34.93  
Operation & Expense Account, reimb ..... 92.92  
Rulo, Village of, serv ..... 25.00  
Sapp Bros., fuel ..... 11669.67  
Unifirst, serv ..... 52.56  
Woods & Aitken, serv ..... 5479.36  
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND ..... \$31,628.06

**HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND**  
BOK Financial Corp., interest... 2367.50  
TOTAL HIGHWAY BOND REPAY FUND ..... \$2,367.50

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Sicklel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-absent, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sicklel, Chairman  
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk  
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### Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, December 12, 2022 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School

The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

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

- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
  - 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report
  - 2.2 Principal Reports:
  - 2.3 Board President's Report:
  - 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
    - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Report
    - 2.4b Building & Grounds Update
    - 2.4c Student Achievement & Continuous School Improvement Goals
    - 2.4d District Resources / Budget
    - 2.4e Policy Governance
    - 2.4f Superintendent Meetings
    - 2.4g Board Member Meetings
    - 2.4h Other
  - 2.5 Board Committee Reports:

- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
  - 3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions
  - 3.2 Master Teacher Contract 2023-2024
  - 3.3 Roofing contract
  - 3.4 Other

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

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

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### SECTION 00 10 00 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the construction of "2022 Electrical Distribution System Improvements for Falls City Utilities," JEO Project No. 191461.00, QuestCDN No. 8332684, will be received by the Sandra Ferris, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355, until 3:00 PM on the 22nd day of December 2022, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: Electrical distribution improvements that include upgrading two feeders consisting of six blocks of residential and 15 blocks of downtown commercial overhead primary with new underground, installation of an Owner furnished prepackaged Power Distribution Center (PDC), and all electrical infrastructure for a complete and operation system. Demolition and removal of existing infrastructure as specified on the plans.

**Opinion of Probable Cost**  
**\$2,149,000.00 - 2,483,000.00**

A non-mandatory (Highly encouraged) pre-bid conference will be held at:

1. Location: 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355
2. Time and Date: November 29, 2022 @ 1:00pm

Proposals will be taken for said construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.

All Proposals for said construction work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of the Falls City Utilities as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.

Copies of the contract documents are on file with Falls City Utilities for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at jeo.com for \$20.00. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please send your check payable to JEO Consulting Group, Inc. at 1615 SW Main Street, Ste. 205, Ankeny, Iowa 50023. If you have any questions, contact us at 515.964.5310. In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids which furnish the materials and construction that will, in their opinion serve the best interests of the Owner, and also reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

FALLS CITY UTILITIES  
Shawna Bindle, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk  
16-23-30-7  
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# HELP WANTED

## JOB OPENING

Nemaha County Hospital as an opening for a: **Registered Respiratory Therapist**, full-time day shift. This position will provide respiratory care utilizing therapeutic modalities in order to achieve the patient's plan of care in collaboration with the health care team. Must have current Nebraska license. Competitive salary with benefit plan. Please apply online <https://nemahacountyhospital.com/careers/>

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### VILLAGE OF SALEM

#### VILLAGE OF SALEM NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The Salem Board met on November 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting, Kean, Wessel, and Catlin answered roll. Vogeles absent.

James Burton, the street contractor was present and reported that the contracted street work would be completed on November 9th.

Water Operator, McHenry reported on the water system and that several water pits would be insulated for the winter.

Kean moved to adopt Resolution 2022-4 authorizing Chairman Strauch to sign the yearend certification of the Village street superintendent for the year 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022.

Motion seconded by Catlin. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, and Catlin voting yes. Vogeles absent.

Clerk reported that she would be meeting with the Village attorney on November 10, concerning the property at 24 North 2nd Street.

Claims were presented for payment. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Catlin and Wessel voting yes. Vogeles absent. Strauch moved to adjourn at 9:00, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, and Catlin voting yes, Vogeles absent.

The next meeting will be on December 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar  
Village Clerk

Claims: OPPD 433.29 66.00 Comb1 40.07 FRHL 33.82 Street 293.40 Rural Water 2082.48 Water Operator 650.00 Water Testing 15.00 Water Fund Schendel Pest Control 77.00 Comb1 34.00 FRHL 43.00 Home Lumber 397.45 Comb.  
Clerk Salary 450.00 Street 150.00 Water 100.00 203.00 General Water Fund Deposit 400.00 FC School 300.00 Falls City Journal 131.79 General Fund Animal Health Center Fee Miller Monroe Chairman bond General Fund James Burton Street contract balance 26300.00 Street fund.

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The Nemaha County Hospital,

Auburn, Nebraska has the following open positions:

~ **REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPIST:** full-time day shift. This position will provide respiratory care utilizing therapeutic modalities in order to achieve the patient's plan of care in collaboration with the health care team. Must have current Nebraska license. Competitive salary with benefit plan.  
~ **LPN, FULL-TIME:** 12-hour hour shifts, 7p – 7a, working every third weekend. Must have a current Nebraska LPN license. Competitive salary with benefit plan.  
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Apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital.applicationpool.com/jobs/>  
Call Codi Sailors 402-274-6121 with any questions.  
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### Director of Nursing

Johnson County Hospital, a critical access hospital in Tecumseh, Nebraska is seeking a Director of Nursing that has a passion for providing high quality care, the ability to lead our nursing department, and develop and implement organizational strategies and policies to improve the delivery of patient care. Applicants shall have a current RN license issued by the State of Nebraska, ACLS certification, previous nursing management experience, emergency and surgical experience. BSN degree is preferred. JCH provides an excellent benefit package. Send resume and application to Johnson County Hospital, 202 High St., Tecumseh, NE 68450. Attn: Susan H., HR Director. 402-335-3361 Email: [shessheimer@jchosp.com](mailto:shessheimer@jchosp.com) Applications may also be obtained on our website at [www.jchosp.com](http://www.jchosp.com). EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled



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### Casino White Cloud is now hiring for the following positions:

- \*Security Supervisor
- \*Security Officer  
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- \*Guest Services  
FT & PT, Days/Nights
- \*Housekeeper  
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### Johnson County Hospital has employment openings in the following positions:

- Radiology Technologist
- Register Nurse – Night shift
- Licensed Practical Nurse – Night shift
- LPN Outpatient Specialty Clinic
- Coder/Biller Hospital

For more information in these positions please see our website: [jchosp.com](http://jchosp.com)

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### DV Advocate - Sac and Fox Nation - Full Time

Preferred qualifications include 2 years of experience in advocacy or case management or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Education in the field of Criminal Justice, Counseling, Social Work or Psychology or related fields a plus. Will consider qualified applicants with work history and experience in case management, with domestic violence and sexual assault survivors or other qualities that fulfill the job description. Required: valid driver's license, and maintain a clean driving record. Starting wage is \$13.50 to \$15 per hr. depending on experience. Benefits package includes full BCBS, Dental, Vision.

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Application form and more complete job description at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 66434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email [julie.simmons@sacandfoxks.com](mailto:julie.simmons@sacandfoxks.com) or [pam.burden@sacandfoxks.com](mailto:pam.burden@sacandfoxks.com) Submit application form, cover letter, and resume at postal address listed above, or fax to (785) 742-3785, or email to [employment@sacandfoxks.com](mailto:employment@sacandfoxks.com) no later than 2 PM Thursday 1-5-2023. Scheduling interviews as soon as practical. 49-50

## CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to our friends and family for the many cards and kind words for our mother Laura Kotlich. Thank you to the staff at Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation for their loving care for mom.

Doug and Diana, David and Deborah, Stan and Jeanne, Nancy and Bruce, Janice and Rick 49P

## MISC.

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### Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership (SNHP) is seeking a part-time Custodian 20 hours/week.

Position is Monday-Friday, flexible schedule, paid time off & 13 paid holidays/year. Location East View & Pioneer Plaza Apartments in Falls City, NE. Responsible for maintaining buildings interiors and surrounding grounds in a clean and neat condition. Provide routine cleaning/housekeeping services of all non-dwelling areas & unoccupied apartments after vacated by tenant. If you do not like to clean, this job is not for you. Reliable transportation between buildings required. Experience preferred but willing to train the right individual if reliable & motivated.

For a full description, visit the "Work With US" tab at [housingnebraska.org](http://housingnebraska.org). Submit a resume to the Executive Director, Valerie Buckminster, East View OFC, 800 East 21st Street, Falls City, NE 68355 or to [vbuckminster@housingnebraska.org](mailto:vbuckminster@housingnebraska.org) or apply online [indeed.com](http://indeed.com) - SNHP is an equal opportunity employer.

The position will remain open until filled.

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Falls City's Mason Collier dominated Brody Brandt for a win Thursday night.

## Tiger wrestlers place fourth at Omaha North

The Syracuse Rockets spoiled the opening night for the Falls City Tiger wrestlers in Falls City on Thursday, December 1, winning the dual 51-29. Thursday was also the 13th annual Wrestling with Hunger night, where the fans were admitted free if they brought food items for the Food Pantry.

The night opened with a 160-pound match between state qualifier Cy Petersen and freshman Blakely Sells. Sells battled, falling by pin to Petersen at the 3:10 mark.

In the second match of the evening, junior Kadyne Strecker fell to Tyler Sears at 2:57.

The Tigers picked up their first win of the year when freshman Mason Collier pinned Brody Brandt at 1:56.

At 195, Hunter Holle pinned Ashton Martin at the 3:03 mark.

Zane Ebel scored the second win of the evening for FC, pinning Treyton Jones in 2:18 and at 285, freshman Chase Simpson lost by fall to Chance Buchanan in 2:43.

At 113 pounds, freshman Cade Caudle gave Bryson Jones all he could handle before falling by pin

at 3:38.

FC scored two more wins for the evening as Kaleb Zulkoski made short work of Sam Walters in :31 and freshman Orion Cattrell beat Peyton DeMello by technical fall, 19-2.

In the night's final match, a pair of state qualifiers went the distance as Barret Brandt outscored Wyatt Olberding 7-4. Olberding defeated Barret in the second round at the NSAA state tourney last winter with a 4-0 decision.

In JV matches, Zavier Ebel pinned Ayden Swift at 4:43, Vaden Leyden pinned Joe Clark at :39 and Caden Collier fell to Ani Hitzemann by fall in 2:39.

On Saturday, the Tigers competed at the 76th annual Vern Ekfelt Invitational at Omaha North High School. The Tigers scored 113 points and finished the meet in fourth place. Elkhorn North won the team championship with 209 points.

Tiger wrestlers won three individual titles on Saturday. Zulkoski went 5-0 at 126 pounds to win the championship. Zulkoski had first and second-round pins before winning a 10-7 decision in the third round. In the fourth



Cade Caudle had early control before falling late to Bryson Jones.

round, Zulkoski won by pin in 1:09 and then defeated LaMoyne Williamson of Omaha North in the finals at the 1:01 mark.

At 145, Olberding went 4-0 to win the bracket. Olberding won his first match by technical fall 15-0. He then pinned his next two opponents before winning the championship by fall, pinning Phoenix Burt of Omaha Burke at 4:29.

The final championship came at 152, with Robert Gilkerson going 5-0 for the title. Gilkerson pinned his first-round foe, won the next match by technical fall, 15-0, then won his next two matches by fall. In the final, Gilkerson defeated Randy Smith of Omaha North by a major decision, 14-4.

At 103, Bailey Thimmes placed third, finishing 2-2. Thimmes lost his first two matches but battled back to win his third round by pin at 1:09 and pinned Conor Richards of Omaha North in :30 for the third-place win.

At 132, Cattrell placed third, finishing 3-2. Cattrell lost his opening match but won his second and third-round matches. In the championship bracket, Cattrell lost a major decision 18-10, but bounced back with a 14-9 decision over Carnell Dangerfield of

Omaha Westview for the third-place win.

Preston Buckminster finished 1-4 and fifth in the 138-pound division. Buckminster lost his first three matches before pinning Kade Kornek of Omaha Westview in 1:28 in round four. Buckminster fell in the fifth round to Jeron Cannon Jr. of Omaha North.

Gavin Bauer went 1-4 at 160, placing sixth. Bauer lost his first three matches by fall before defeating Jackson Jones of Omaha Burke by a 10-8 decision. In the fifth-place match, Bauer lost by fall at 1:50 to Tydell McLaurin of Omaha Benson.

At 195, Martin placed sixth and scored three points. Martin lost by fall in the first round but received a second-round bye. In round three, Martin pinned Kellen Ivey of Westview in 2:26. In the fifth-place match, Jadon Eloe of Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson pinned Martin in 4:10.

Zane Ebel finished 2-2 and placed fifth at 220. Ebel received a first-round bye, then fell in the next two rounds. In the consolation bracket, Ebel pinned Jayden Nelly of Westview at 2:28 to move on to the fifth-place match. Ebel won by fall over Ywa Wah of Benson at 3:16 to place fifth.

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