



Nebraska A.D. Trev Alberts, Blake Vitale, Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts and Herbie Husker.

Blake Vitale honored with Scheels Hero Award

In the early morning of November 23, 2012, a fire broke out in the kitchen of the Vitale family home near Salem. As the structure was quickly engulfed and the ceiling started to fall, then 10-year-old Blake Vitale rushed to save his three siblings who were asleep upstairs. Despite the two-story home being completely destroyed, Blake's heroics helped prevent any loss of life. His father, Thomas, said at the time that he was proud of his son's actions but not surprised.

At around 3 a.m. on the Friday after Thanksgiving, the family awoke to a fire in the kitchen. Blake was sleeping in an upstairs bedroom with his stepbrothers, Kolten (10) and Aiden (8), Davis and Michael Collier (10). Blake got his brothers up, downstairs and outside as the home fell around them.

"I had to make him [Kolten] stand up and I pulled him down the stairs. He kept wanting to sit down and sleep, so I had to push him outside. I could see, but I couldn't breathe very well," Blake said at the time.

In all seven children and two adults, the entire family escaped unharmed. The home and the family's belongings were a complete loss.

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Administrator Anthony Nussbaum swears in new Falls City mayor Mark Harkendorff

Mayor and newly elected city council members sworn in

The Falls City Council met on Monday, December 5, for its regularly scheduled meeting. The roll was taken with Leyden, Merz, Ferguson, Holle, Buckminster, Rhodd and Wisdom in attendance; councilperson Ractliffe was absent.

In her final Mayor's report, Mayor Shawna Bindle thanked Gary Jorn for helping her as Mayor and for supporting the city, even when he wasn't an employee. Bindle also thanked Sandra Ferris, Ray Luhring and Chief Baker for being there for her and the rest of the employees during some difficult times. Bindle thanked Anthony Nussbaum for seamlessly stepping into the role of City Administra-

tor. "I want to thank the city employees, they are such a dedicated group of skilled individuals," said Bindle. "I would put the talent of our city employees up against any other city with great confidence."

Bindle finished by saying, "I look forward to continuing to be a champion for the city of Falls City."

At this time, Falls City's newly elected Mayor, Mark Harkendorff and council members Don Ferguson, Joe Buckminster, Shawn Fouraker and Derrick Leyden were sworn into office by City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum. Ferguson will represent Ward 1, Buck-

minster will represent Ward 2, (Continued on Page 3)

Council member Mitch Merz offers statement as he exits seat

City Council Exit Statement Mitch Merz - Falls City Ward #3 Falls City - December 5, 2022

I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve the Great City of Falls City! I have enjoyed getting to know the ins and outs of the City. Getting to know more citizens. I have become educated on why things are done the way they are.

That is why I am writing this. I want everyone to know these things before they complain. Before they tell the next council how they should be doing things. Put down your sword. Look for peace rather than war.

The duty of a council member is to represent the majority of the community. Not take their personal agenda. I represented the citizens. I tried to vote how the citizens would vote, sometimes against my personal opinion, sometimes it was against a person who was very upset at me personally, sometimes against some of my closest friends' opinions. I did not make everyone happy.

There were several people who did not get the answer they wanted from me. But it was the answer they needed to hear because it was the truth. Adult conversations had to be had. But in the end, I can say that I always represented the majority.

City Council members spend way more time outside of the meetings than the time they spend at the meetings. They spend 45 minutes on phone calls about the burn ban and explaining to citizens how they will dispose of their toilet paper and diapers. Or how the power outage from a wind-

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Local catalytic converter theft on the rise

Over the past several months, Falls City, along with surrounding communities, have seen a rise in catalytic converter thefts. The Police Department is asking that, anyone, who sees anything suspicious or, has information about these thefts, or other criminal activity, to contact your local law enforcement agency.

Catalytic converters contain precious metals including rhodium, platinum and palladium, and can be sawed off of vehicles by thieves. Police have encouraged vehicle owners to mark their catalytic converters with a UV pen in an attempt to track down if stolen and park in well-lit areas.

Omaha implemented a "catalytic converter ordinance" earlier this year to help crack down on the issue. It is now required in Omaha to have a regulated metals property permit, or to have proof that the catalytic converter is yours. To get the permit you must pay an annual \$10 fee and be at least 18 years old. You will not be able to get a permit if you have been convicted of a theft-related offense in the last five years and will lose the permit if you get convicted of one after obtaining it.

The Falls City Police Department is grateful for our citizens, their awareness and cooperation is an invaluable resource they do not take lightly.

REMINDERS

- Holiday Open House at F&M Bank, Dec. 21st
- FREE Public Talk with Paul Demmel, WHAT IS BITCOIN?, Dec. 15
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Prairie Union Baptist - 6:30 PM
- Shubert Christian Church Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - 8 PM
- Tour of Churches on December 17, 10 AM - 3 PM.
- It's not too late to give the gift of a Falls City Journal Subscription this holiday season. It's the gift that gives all year long.

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, 2023 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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“Be a hero; learn CPR”

By Kelly Evans-Hullinger, M.D.

We are familiar with the scene on television and movies: a person clutches their chest and drops to the ground, unconscious. Another character starts chest compressions and help is summoned. Although cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, is often not accurately portrayed in such productions, it serves as a good reminder to all that CPR can save a life.

Cardiac arrest is a general term to describe any situation in which the heart stops pumping blood to other organs in the body, most urgently the brain. Cardiac arrest can have many causes, including a massive heart attack or a deadly heart arrhythmia. Regardless of the cause, the most pressing need of any person after cardiac arrest is, in short, restoring the circulation of oxygen to the brain and other critical organs.

The American Heart Association estimates that over 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside a hospital in the US each year. These events might happen at home or in a public location. If that person is lucky enough to have a bystander educated in CPR present at the time of the cardiac arrest, their odds of surviving that event are hugely improved.

The most basic and important component of CPR is effective chest compressions. CPR can also include defibrillation, or shocking an electrically malfunctioning heart to restore a normal rhythm. Many public places now keep an automated external defibrillator, or AED, on hand. A CPR class will teach participants to perform effective CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

What can you do? If you have never done so, or if it has been a few years (as all things, the science of CPR has changed and improved), I would encourage you to find a CPR class in your community. If you own or manage a business, consider getting an AED and keep it in a visible location. I hope you will never have to use these skills, but you could be the reason a family member or complete stranger survives an otherwise-fatal event.

Cardiac arrest is a common cause of death, but bystander CPR can be life-saving. If you are able, consider learning this heroic skill. For information on where to find a CPR class, check at redcross.org or with your local hospital.

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MOST WOMEN EVER SET TO SERVE IN NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

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

There will be 18 women sworn in as state senators in January, the most ever in the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. Half declare as Republicans and half as Democrats in the officially nonpartisan body.

We've come a long way from back in 1946 when Nell Krause of Albion was sworn in to fill a vacancy and served seven days during a special session. Then, in 1954, 27-year-old Kathleen Foote of Axtell was elected to a four-year term. The numbers were sporadic after that and didn't really start to gel until eight years ago when a double-digit group served.

It looks like the “Good Old Boys” club is dead. There's a refreshing optimism that the same old issues will be seen in a new light. I, for one, am excited. With a few exceptions, Nebraska women lawmakers tend to be less partisan and more inclined to compromise. Let's hope I'm right.

“There weren't any men who could leave their businesses, so people in the county asked me to run,” Foote reportedly said in a 1970 interview. “And I did.”

Men in the Unicameral tend to be retired, business owners, attorneys or farmers.

Former Sen. Fern Hubbard Orme of Lincoln said in 1956, “women have a keen interest in community welfare and much first-hand experience in dealing with community problems. It is the woman who does know...budgeting and spending and knows the importance of proper conservative legislation.” The Lincoln homemaker was first elected to the Legislature in 1958 and served 14 years representing the southeast district in Lincoln, losing in 1972 to former Sen. Shirley Marsh.

Marsh, a pro-choice Republican, was sworn in as the only female state senator in 1973, serving with legislative heavyweights Jerome Warner, Richard Marvel, Ernie Chambers, Eugene Mahoney, John DeCamp and Terry Carpenter. Marsh served District 29 in south Lincoln from 1973 to 1989.

Omaha's first female state senator, Florence Reynolds was a teacher and elementary school principal for 45 years. She served from 1967-71 and said she strongly believed in giving to her community.

“After your country and its communities have given you the opportunity to develop your talents, there comes a time when you must return what you can,” she said. “... I should give every moment of time I can for the benefit of others.”

Lincoln's JoAnn Maxey is remembered as always asking what she could do to make a better life for all Nebraskans, especially young people. Maxey, the first female African American to serve as a state senator (1977-1979) was appointed by then Gov. James Exon after Sen. Harold Simpson resigned.

Current Senator Julie Slama of Dunbar was appointed to the Legislature at age 22 in 2018 as the youngest woman to serve. She was elected to the seat two years later. In 1972, at age 22, Steve Fowler of Lincoln claimed the youngest elected senator title. He served for 11 years.

In 1980, 23-year-old Karen Kilgarin of Omaha was elected as the youngest woman to serve as a Nebraska State Senator. She represented south Omaha's District 7 in the Legislature and served until 1984 when she went into broadcast news.

Women in 2023 will hold more than a third of Nebraska's 49 seats for the first time — at 37% — with nine Republicans and nine Democrats serv-

ing in the officially nonpartisan body. Republicans added three women: Christy Armendariz of Omaha; Jana Hughes of Seward and Teresa Ibach of Sumner. Democrats added two: Jane Raybould and Danielle Conrad, both of Lincoln. Raybould is a former Lincoln City Council member and Conrad a former state senator.

Raybould, who will replace term-limited State Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, told the Nebraska Examiner she spent years trying to help more Democratic women run for office, because they're under-represented. She said she is proud to be among them.

“It's incredibly exciting to be serving with all these strong, amazing, smart, savvy women,” Raybould said. “It's a little bit different perspective that we bring.”

Nebraska's 2023 legislative makeup certainly will be different from Conrad's first go-round. She served from 2007 to 2015, and then was

term-limited out of office.

“As you see more and more women candidates from across the state and across the political spectrum step forward to make a positive difference, you are seeing positive results,” she told the Examiner.

The 18 Nebraska women are part of a national trend that claims a record 32% of state lawmakers in 2023 as women, according to the Center for American Women and Politics. States will have at least 2,376 female lawmakers in 2023, including both women elected in 2022 and holdovers. That is an increase in the number of women writing state laws from the record set in 2022 of 2,307 women.

After years of observing the Nebraska Legislature, I welcome the change and think we should celebrate it.

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

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THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

ACROSS

- Result of too much pressure
- Stir-fry pan
- Steps to the river, in India
- Hindu sage
- Christmas' org.
- *Christmas cookies emanation
- The Brady Bunch, e.g.
- Mourner's wish
- Mature, as in fruit
- *Santa's entryway
- *Holiday plum treat
- Foot the bill
- Hot alcoholic beverage
- Not transgender
- *Frosty's corn cob
- Attract
- Bad luck prediction
- Indian cuisine staple
- The whole amount
- “Keep this information” button
- *Coveted letter on a dreidel
- Dry as dust
- Opposite of digest
- Inconclusive
- Dirty air
- Diplomat
- Tallest volcano in Europe
- Like a fox
- Lion output
- Beholder's organ
- *Breaking holiday news
- *Not coal on Christmas
- Courtroom excuse
- Golf coach at a country club
- Very, in music
- Make a logical connection (2 words)
- Promissory letters
- Pine or long
- Chows down
- Hundredweight, acr.
- Ooze out

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- Nile denizen, for short
- *Like Duke brothers in “Trading Places”
- *New Year's Eve option: ____ Spumante
- Title-holder
- Take for ransom
- On one's guard
- ____-Wan of “Star Wars”
- K, in Greek
- *Rose Bowl field, e.g.
- Kachina doll maker
- Answer from the flock
- Drink for John Glenn
- Fervent
- Giving the once-over
- *“Mele Kalikimaka” strings
- More sordid
- Trig function
- Insect in adult stage
- *Number of candles in Kwanzaa's kinara
- Sacrifice for gain
- Eighty-six
- List components
- *Holiday song offering
- Lament for the dead
- Scotland's famous loch
- Eagle's aerie
- Lid or lip embellishment
- Go to bed (2 words)
- *Yule tradition
- Pirate's “Yes!”
- Savory jelly dish
- English county
- London art museum
- Hipbones
- *It's sometimes ignored in face of holiday treats
- Wading bird
- Displeasure display
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- Backgammon predecessor
- Prong of a fork
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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago, December 14, 1972, to December 20, 1972

Kenneth Wittwer, southwest of Salem, was re-elected as chairman of the Richardson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The Pentagon acknowledged that enrollment in reserve officer training corps programs in U.S. colleges was the lowest in 25 years.

Governor J.J. Exon appealed to Nebraskans to turn their furnaces down at least three degrees in an effort to conserve fuel.

A Falls City school bus broke down in sub-zero weather about ten miles north of town with around 50 students on board. The youths were taken into homes, warmed up, and then hauled to town in substitute vehicles.

Twenty members of Sorosis met Wednesday for a luncheon in the Gold Room at Hotel Stephenson. Mrs. Archibald Weaver and Mrs. William Buthman were hostesses.

The Pleasantview Suzies project club's annual Christmas dinner met at Mrs. Ron Dodds's home. Mrs. Richard Kelly and Mrs. Gene Killingsworth were co-hostesses of the event.

American oil billionaire J. Paul Getty celebrated his 80th birthday by vowing to live to be 100 years old. Getty died four years later, in June of 1976.

Cold shooting by the Tiger freshman basketball team doomed them in a 50-54 loss to Hiawatha. Gary Kratz scored 21 and Bill Jahn added 11 for F.C.

Gary D. Bachman of Rulo was promoted to specialist, 4th Class, while on active duty at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Bachman had completed a wheel vehicle mechanic school and a track vehicle mechanic school.

A department store in St. Paul, Minnesota, fired a pair of Santas for telling youngsters that Santa Claus doesn't give toy guns for Christmas. "If we eliminate the desire for guns, there really wouldn't be as much violence," said fired Santa Bill Devine.

The Irish basketball team defeated Dawson-Verdon 69-57 in Dawson. Herb Pokorny poured in 26 points for S.H. and Tom Schuetz netted 30 for the Jets.

Some lowland areas in the Rulo area were flooded as the Missouri River went 3.5 feet above the flood stage. Observers said there was a solid ice jam from Rulo to St. Joseph.

Arthur Hoff of Nashua, N.H., didn't bother to file a state business tax return when his wife made just one dollar selling pots and pans. The state found out and fined Hoff \$80. Mrs. Hoff sold \$132 worth of utensils, but her expenses were \$131.

A 15-year-old girl was arrested in Omaha for threatening to shoot two police officers with a bow and arrow if her friend wasn't let go.

A splashdown in the Pacific Ocean ended a historic trip to the moon for the Apollo 17 Astronauts. Apollo 17 was the final flight of the \$25 billion program created to boost American prestige and carried out as a scientific exploration for all men.

The Falls City High School Christmas concert went on with the show's director, Mrs. Bob Appleoff. Mrs. Appleoff suffered a broken leg earlier in the day when she slipped on the ice at the high school and could not attend. Bob Appleoff was pictured pointing a microphone toward the stage to record the concert for his wife.

25 Years Ago, December 14, 1997, to December 20, 1997

The Nemaha Natural Resources District directors took their first step towards collecting fees at N.R.D.-operated recreational areas. In a 10-4 vote, the board opted to establish user fees for specific N.R.D. properties for maintenance, development and improvement. Brad Albu, a Falls City resident, joined the N.R.D. board as director of subdistrict 10, joining Ted Godemann to co-represent the subdistrict.

In 1996, the Richardson County Sheriff's office made 13 D.W.I. arrests; with two weeks left in 1997, the Sheriff's office had arrested 37 individuals for D.W.I.

Nathan Parsons was awarded a George and Mary Haskell scholarship for \$500 for the 1997-98 academic year by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Falls City High School Athletic Director, Head Football and Girls' basketball coach Darwin Palmer was named to the staff for the 1998 Shrine Bowl football game. Palmer started his coaching career in Barneston before moving to Dawson-Verdon and Falls City.

Dale Zimmerman accepted a \$200 check from First National Bank president Rod Vandenberg for bowling a 285 during a Sunday mixed league.

The Lady Irish defeated Midway-Denton 83-21. Julie Froeschl and Andreea Weaver each scored 19 points to pace S.H. The Irish boys won their contest 70-50, with Brandon Sells (15) and Brian Lemerond (14) leading the way.

The District 56 School Board was honored at the Nebraska School Board Association conference with a plaque for Outstanding School Board. Board members Kathy Bartek, Ralph Huettner, Roy Rieschick, David Sichel and Ed Harris were Pictured.

Southeast Consolidated School Students of the Month were Christina Georges, Joel Hall, Catrina Rowell and Keith Knight.

The fifth-grade class at Sacred Heart School was urged to put their D.A.R.E. lessons to good use by making wise decisions in life. The event marked the conclusion of the 17-week program directed by Falls City Police Sergeant Sean Nolte.

Athletes of the week were Janelle Findlay and Brent Shubert, both from Southeast. Findlay had averaged 27 points, 11 rebounds, nine steals and seven assists through four games. Shubert, a freshman, scored 19 points and pulled down 19 rebounds against Pawnee City.

15 Years Ago, December 14, 2007, to December 20, 2007

With the help from L.E.S., Beatrice and Crete workers, Falls City crews worked around the clock to restore power to all city residents after an ice storm knocked out power to up to 40% of the city's residential customers.

Journal Athletes of the Week were Katelyn Wheeler, Rachel Bieker, Mitch Liberty and Caleb Pokorny.

Plans for the new Community Medical Center facility were unveiled during a well-attended reception and program held in the present hospital's dining room.

Community support and enthusiasm were credited with the Nebraska Humanities Council's selection of Falls City for the presentation of the 2008 Chautauqua to be held from June 25-29.

Deb Harris led devotions when 21 members of the United Methodist Parish Circle met at the home of Jan Deckinger. The group voted to donate a total of \$850 to nine area churches and community programs in need of funds.

Phil and Carol Kean of Dawson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a barbecue at the Ag Building in Humboldt.

The Tiger boys' basketball team moved to 4-0 with a 51-34 win over Nebraska City. Jared Elliott led F.C. with 14 points.

The Tiger middle school eighth-grade basketball team beat Auburn 46-16, with Wade Witt scoring 19 points to lead F.C. The seventh graders also won, 27-11; Adam Hagedorn scored eight and Levi Campbell added six.



Derrick Leyden, Shawn Fouraker and Don Ferguson take the oath of office.

Mayor and newly elected city council members sworn in

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and Fouraker will take over for Mitch Merz in Ward 3 and Leyden Ward 4.

The Council elected Leyden as President of the Council and Buckminster as Acting President of the Council.

The Council also acted on recommendations from Mayor Harkendorff to appoint Nussbaum as City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer, Jameson Baker as Chief of Police and Blake Buckminster as Building Inspector. The Council appointed Michael Dunn as City Attorney and Tracy Burns as Deputy City Attorney.

The Council voted 7-0 in favor of the appointment of the Mayor, Council President and City Administrator to the Economic Development Growth Enterprise, Inc. Board of Directors.

Matt Beer was appointed Fire Chief, Jon McQueen as First Assistant Fire Chief and Devin Moore as Second Assistant Fire Chief, as recommended by the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department.

The Council voted to reschedule regular council meetings that conflicted with the 2023 calendar year city holidays. The New Year's Day meeting will occur on January 3, 2023; the Martin Luther King Day meeting will take place on January 17, 2023; the Presidents Day meeting will be on February 21; the Juneteenth meeting will be on June 21, 2023; the Independence Day meeting will be on July 5, 2023, and the Labor Day meeting will take place on September 6, 2023.

The Council voted 7-0 to approve a request by the Falls City Jaycees to serve alcohol at a wrestling event to be held at Prichard Auditorium on February 23, 2023.

The next item on the agenda was a request by Chris Godemann to park a trailer on the front sidewalk area of the Auditorium and to serve alcohol at the Hunting/Outdoor Speaking event on February 16, 2023. The Council voted 7-0 in favor of allowing the request.

Item 12 on the agenda was the

discussion and action for the dissolution of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Falls City, Florence, WI and Shickley, Ne, known as the American Public Energy Agency. The APEA was formed in 1995 and completed nine successful prepay transactions totaling over \$1.8 billion. Falls City became a member of APEA in 2009 at the cost of three hundred thousand dollars.

According to the letter submitted to the Council from APEA Board Chair Robert Friberg, APEA has earned a stellar reputation within the natural gas prepay arena in the United States, with all members having been the benefactors of their rightful share of equity distributions from APEA of over \$4 million since 2007. According to the letter, in 2018, APEA was working on a significant transaction worth \$1 billion. However, due to problems from COVID, the current geopolitical environment, the volatility in the financial and commodity markets, the uncertainty in the economy and the inability to successfully close a new prepay transaction, the Board of Directors of APEA does not see any sustainable viability for continuing operations. According to former City Administrator Gary Jorn, "We looked at it as an investment venture for the City because, as you see in the letter, these prepaids generate a lot of money back to the entity that sets them up."

The investment paid off for the City of Falls City.

"We received about \$1.1 million in distributions after the \$300,000, so it was a good move to move forward with this organization," said Jorn.

The Council voted 7-0 in favor of dissolving the agreement.

The Council voted in favor of a request to store 12 boxes of APEA permanent records at city storage.

The Council also heard the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-112, requiring the registration of vacant properties.

The final item on the agenda was the discussion and action of the annual fee resolution for the calendar year 2023. The Council voted 7-0 in favor of the resolution.

At 6:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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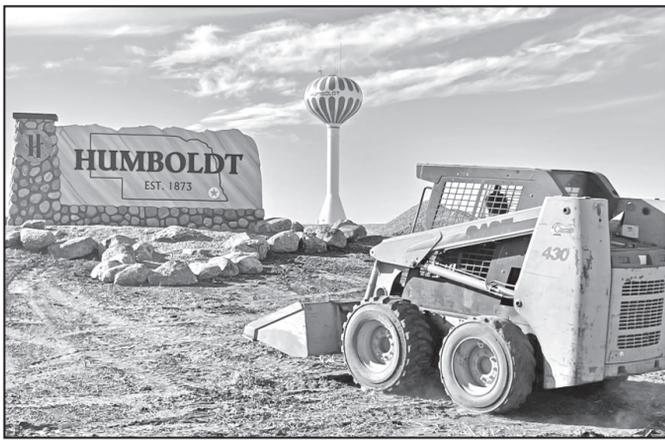
Paul Demmel studied math & physics at UNL. Later he received a Masters in Computational Finance from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.

Hunzeker is new coordinator at SCC's Falls City Learning Center

Lisa Hunzeker is the new coordinator for Southeast Community College's Learning Center at Falls City. She earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota. Prior to working as the Learning Center at Falls City coordinator, she was a coordinator for SCC's Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership/DC Advantage program. SENCAP allows students in 47 school districts in SCC's 15-county service area to earn college credits at their high



schools. "One of my first goals is to make connections with individuals, businesses, organizations, and schools to establish networks of communication and partnerships throughout the Learning Center at Falls City area," Hunzeker said. A native of Algona, Iowa, Hunzeker now lives on a farm near DuBois. She and her husband Marc have four children: Sydney, Carly, Eliza, and Luke. The Learning Center is located at 3200 Bill Schock Blvd. in Falls City.



A new welcome to Humboldt

John Wilhelm put the finishing touches on the new Humboldt sign. He placed the boulders and pea gravel around the sign after hauling the gravel back from Arkansas. Dave Metzger loaned his truck to the project. Two loads of boulders were hand picked and delivered from Grimm's Garden in Hiawatha and six solar lights were reset. Joe Slama allowed the town to place the sign on his property. Volunteers put several hours into this economical improvement project. Without all the large donations the sign wouldn't have been possible.

Holiday Hours
we will be closed.....

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022 • Christmas Eve
Monday, Dec. 26, 2022 • Merry Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022 • New Years Eve
Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 • Happy New Years

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Council member Mitch Merz offers statement as he exits seat

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storm caused them inconvenience...like we had the ability to control the weather. And Yes, I can promise that we have had several squirrels cause power outages, it is not an excuse it is a real problem that needs addressed.

The complaints about raising their utility rates come from the exact same crowd who complain we have an outdated electrical system that is subject to those squirrels. Fix it but don't raise my rates!? They are not educated on the situation, nor do they care to learn, they just want it done their way.

Rarely do these comments come at meetings, because nobody ever has the extra 20 minutes to actually attend a meeting. Instead, they want to tell you their complaint while you are trying to have dinner with your wife at a local restaurant or while you are trying to watch your child play t-ball.

We are fortunate in Falls City to have a great group currently on council and some great new members coming on board.

I have heard the comment about federal elections about choosing the lesser of two evils. But after serving six plus years I understand why we don't have qualified candidates willing to run. Why would someone want to listen to someone complain about how stupid we are, how silly we are and how we don't understand? Why would someone want to do this? Why is because they love the community, they love helping their neighbors. So please understand that next time you see your council person. Thank You goes a long way. If you do have a concern, ask them when they have a moment to talk about it. Then have an adult conversation, put down your sword, don't start blaming and calling names. Voice your concern but be prepared to listen for an answer that might be the opposite of what you feel, think or want; but it is the truth. Because you are 1 citizen in a town of 4,000+ citizens; that council person has 4,000+ other opinions too.

We need to go back to basics of what your mother taught you or should have taught you. Be courteous, treat others with respect. As said above prepare for peace rather than war. Try to listen and understand the other side. Support one another. This is not Falls City vs others, this is Not Public vs Sacred Heart, this is not new age vs this is the way we have always done it, this is not Republicans vs Democrats. Let's just be Falls City. Let's be the United States of America and work together for a better tomorrow; TOGETHER.

We can achieve more together than separately. We can help each other rather than tear each other down.

We can stop commenting on social media or offering our opinion before we understand the why. Read the article before we post it because we like the headline, go have an adult face to face conversation with someone before calling them out on Facebook. Your device you are typing on allows you to make phone calls too! Then we can comment on social media as an educated person who has heard the opinions of both for and against. We can find common ground. Put down the weapons and make them into tools to build and create.

Falls City is in good hands with the great group we have leading us to a bright future! Support them! Tell them Thank You! Give them a High Five and tell them they rock! Do your part to build up each other. Support the other side!

Together + We + Us + United - Mitch Merz - City Council Member representing Falls City Ward #3 from 2016 - 2022

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

Run date, December 1, 2022 to December 2, 2022- Calls: one open door, two 911 hang up/misdial's, three ambulance/EMS, two records check, one parking complaint, one fire call (Falls City Rural Fire), three miscellaneous, one check welfare, five 911 calls, two citations for no valid registration, one citation for speeding, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for stop sign violation, one warning for stop sign violation, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for no valid registration.

Run date, December 2, 2022 to December 3, 2022- Calls: three 911 hang up/misdials, three miscellaneous, two animal complaints, one check welfare, one nuisance, one parking complaint, two referred to other agency, one motorist assist, one found or lost property, one fire call (Rulo Fire), two ambulance/EMS, seven 911 calls, three citations for speeding, two citations for animal at large, one citation

for invalid registration, one warning for speeding, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for improper use of electronic device.

Run date, December 3, 2022 to December 4, 2022- Calls: one miscellaneous, one gun permit, two 911 hang-up/misdials, two ambulance/AMS, three 911 calls, two warnings for speeding, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for fail to yield right of way.

Run date, December 4, 2022 to December 5, 2022- Calls: one suspicious subject or vehicle, one phone scam, two miscellaneous, one parking complaint, one 911 call and one warning for invalid registration.

Run date, December 5, 2022 to December 6, 2022- Calls: one referred to other agency, one nuisance, three ambulance/EMS, four 911 hang-up/misdial, one animal complaint, one information only, one fire call, one theft, two accident, six 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective lighting, one citation for leaving accident-fail to furnish infor-first.

Run date, December 6, 2022 to December 7, 2022- Calls: three referred to other agency, two ambulance/EMS, one parking complaint, one information only, two miscellaneous, one domestic disturbance, ten 911 calls.

Run date, December 7, 2022 to December 8, 2022- Calls: four ambulance/EMS, one motorist assist, one information only, one assault, two referred to other agency, five 911 calls, one warning for speeding.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

December 1, 2022

Nathan K. Casteel, 21, of Falls City, NE was received into custody on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

April D. Gunter, 30, of Omaha, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for failure to appear.

Darryl L. Chestnut, 57, of Plattsmouth, NE was arrested for possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony x2, possession of a controlled substance x2, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of marijuana one ounce or less, possess or use drug paraphernalia, improper/defective vehicle lighting.

December 2, 2022

Keith A Ferris, 38, of Lincoln, NE was received into custody a Richardson County Probation Sanction.

Buddy Jo E. Graves, 40, of Salem, NE was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony x5, possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person x5, possession of a controlled substance, possess or use drug paraphernalia, unlawful acts relating to drugs.

Jessette L. Gifford, 38, of Salem, NE was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

December 3, 2022

Timothy J. Wells Jr., 21, of Granite Falls, MN was arrested for driving under suspension.

Shalynn B. Balderas, 26, of Fremont, NE, was arrested for no operators license and a Dodge County Ne warrant for failure to appear.

December 4, 2022

Ciera Jernigan, 22, of Jonesboro, IN was arrested on a Extraditable warrant from Kansas for Failure to Appear.

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Merry Christmas

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von Behren students perform

Students from the music studio of Glenda von Behren were recently featured in recitals at Christ Lutheran Church.

Piano performers were Lynley Ankrom, Liv Buckminster, Deacon Courtney, Brock Caudle, Cade Caudle, Renee Drummond, Lily Harrah, Alaina Jackson, Hattie Johansen, Miyuna Kong, Isaac Larsen, Liliana Lowe, Lorelei Lowe, Reagan McNeely, Corban Miller, Elise Miller, Kylie Ramsey, Jake Robidoux, Kase Schawang, Alivia Seeba, Gavin Schubert, Harley Sutton, Liam Sutton, and Mary Taylor.

Vocal performers were Alaina Jackson, Miyuna Kong, Liliana Lowe, Lorelei Lowe, and Harley Sutton.



Rhonda Dettmer, Darla Hulsebus, Mayor Ron Rathbone and Jan Wilhelm

Blake Vitale honored with Scheels Hero Award

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Blake was honored with multiple recognitions for his efforts, including the Cornhusker Chapter of the American Red Cross' Good Samaritan Award and the Nebraska Funeral Director's Hero Award. Wednesday marked the 10th anniversary of Blake's selfless acts.

Vitale was honored on November 25, 2022, during the Nebraska Cornhuskers-Iowa Hawkeyes game at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City.

This year marked the second year for Scheels to title sponsor the traditional "Heroes Game," which recognizes and celebrates local heroes who inspire others and positively impact the community.

"It was evident through the multiple entries received that Blake stood out as a local hero in Nebraska. Blake was able to save his family from a devastating fire ten years ago," said Nathan Johnson, Communications and Sponsorship Manager for Scheels. "There are many heroes around us and Scheels is proud to honor Blake at this year's Scheels Heroes Game."

The halftime recognition involved state representatives and the mascots of both schools and videoboard recognition for the 2022 Scheels Heroes.

We're going to do a great job of making this a better town.

Rathbone sworn in as Humboldt Mayor

During the December 6, 2022, Humboldt city council meeting, Ron Rathbone was sworn in as the new Mayor of Humboldt.

Prior to the swearing-in, it was business as usual. Mayor Mendenhall held the room, reading the sheriff's report and discussing business at the dump. The claims and regular meeting minutes from the November 15, 2022, meeting were both approved. A request for approval of a special designation liquor license for Rusty's Place/Glenn Mathis at the Richardson County Ag Building for an Adult Prom Fundraiser to be held in February was approved.

During updates, Councilperson Larry Stauffer informed the council that the extra 1.5 percent sales tax has started showing up on Amazon charges. He said it wasn't there in October and it takes a couple of months to get collected and the city should see it by the first of the year.

During the Mayor's report, outgoing Mayor Mendenhall thanked the staff and council, saying that on his first day, there was no money for payroll and they were overdrawn at the bank.

He said he was most disappointed in not accomplishing the goal of cleaning up the homes and properties around town.

"That has disappointed me tremendously. I did not realize it was such a cumbersome thing to do. You know, if you have a good property owner, it's fairly easy, but when you have an owner who is not cooperative, it's not easy. The steps you have to go through to make it are unbelievable. The city before has tried to prosecute a couple of people. So the bottom line comes down to I was determined that, that was not going to happen. We're going to do it by the book to ensure we have everything 100 percent, but I did not realize that it was this cumbersome to do this type of thing," said Mendenhall.

"There's only one failure I look back on and it's that one. I did not accomplish that goal and that was one I was really disappointed I didn't accomplish."

He thanked the community for the support given to him and the council. He said they've all gone through tough times together with the recalls and other things that made life difficult.

"But I don't and won't regret it, given I did the best I could. I'm sure I didn't do as good as a lot of people wanted," said Mendenhall. "I thank my staff, especially this recent staff has been excellent. Thank you very much to you all."

The meeting adjourned to reconvene.

New Mayor Ron Rathbone and new Council member Vicky Lynch were sworn into office.

Rathbone congratulated Lynch and reopened the meeting to take roll. He asked for a closed session to discuss personnel issues before reconvening to the regular meeting.

Rathbone said he feels citizens should see the council meetings, whether it's on Facebook live or however they [the council] decide to do it. He said he'd like to make it more official for everyone in the community. He also made the decision to move public comments to the top of the agenda during meetings.

Vicky Lynch was elected president of the council.

The new Mayor also said that he had asked two council members to take on roles with different departments.

"I just believe that sometimes two minds are better than one," said Rathbone.

Heading the Economic Department will be Jan Wilhelm with Vicky Lynch as a secondary member; Parks/Pool: Vicky Lynch as head of the Department and Rhonda Dettmer as a secondary member; Streets: Rhonda Dettmer as head of the department and Larry Stauffer as a secondary member; and Water and Sewer: Larry Stauffer will act as the head of the department with Jan Wilhelm as a secondary member.

Appointments were made to boards and commissioners.

Darla Hulsebus will remain City Clerk; Cindy Eden was named the new City Treasurer; Doug Merz will take the role of the new City Attorney and Samantha Scheitel will retain her role as the Deputy City Attorney. The City of Humboldt did have a firm from Wahoo on retainer, but Merz will have no retainer fee and will charge \$125 an hour instead of the \$195 the prior firm charged them. The Health/Physician official will be Sara Allen; City Engineer and Street Superintendent will be Evan Wickersham; Chet McGrury will be the Building Inspector and the Zoning Ad-

ministrator; Dave Boughton will remain the Maintenance Superintendent, The Richardson County Sheriff's Department will remain in the Code Enforcement position, the Nuisance Hearing Officer will be Vicky Lynch and Floodplain Administrator will be Darla Hulsebus.

Rex Kappel was appointed to the Nursing Home Board for the term of one year and Jeff Fink was appointed to the Library Board for the term of four years.

The council approved qualifying financial institutions for the deposit of funds for the city and authorized bank signatures for city bank accounts at American National Bank and State Bank of Table Rock for the new Mayor, Treasurer and Council President.

Before closing the meeting, the new Mayor addressed the council and the crowd.

He thanked outgoing Mayor Bob Mendenhall and Councilmember Dustin White for their service to the town. He said it takes a lot of time, a lot of effort and it was appreciated and when he ran for this job, he had a few things he thought he'd really like to "press along as Mayor." He'd like to continue the progress to clean up the town and get rid of some of what needs to be gotten rid of.

"I bring people to this town with my job and they like Humboldt. Of course they see the trashed houses. They see what we see sometimes, but hey, we tell them that this is something that we're working on and it's a process. The council's been working hard on that, we're going to continue to keep working hard on that," said Rathbone. "Another thing I think is number one on my end is we have to really improve the communication between our City Council or elected officials and our community. Not that it's been bad; please don't take that the wrong way. I think sometimes there were misunderstandings between the council and misunderstandings amongst the community and we have to try to keep things on par with each other so that we all understand each other and where we're at on issues. The council's never going to do everything that you folks out there want us to do-we can't. There's rules and regulations and laws. But we need to try and we will try if I'm the Mayor to do the best that we can and I know that each one of these people feel the same way. I visited with all of them before I took office. They love Humboldt. We're going to do a great job of making this a better town."

The next Humboldt City Council meeting will be held on January 10, 2023.

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 Anno vehicle.

On November 9, 2022, according to police/accident reports, James Moyer of Falls City was traveling south on Stone Street 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.

On November 24, 2022, according to police/accident reports, Jeremy Romine of Sabetha, KS backed into the wood fence located at the south edge of Casey's General Store parking lot in Falls City. The vehicle was not at the scene for a damage estimate. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the fence at Casey's General Store.

Sheriff's Department reports mobilization numbers

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office participated in the Click It or Ticket Mobilization from November 23rd - 27th, 2022.

During the time sheriff's deputies conducted 166 traffic stops and issued 42 citations. The de-

partment also answered 36 calls for service, responded to three motor vehicle accidents.

Deputies made eight arrests during the period. Of the eight arrests, three were felony drug arrests and one driving under the influence.

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

COUNTY COURT

Kupo Mleya, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00. Count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$25.00. Count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$25.00. Count four, amended to dropped/dismissed. Count five, no motorcycle operator's license, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$75.00.

Rose M. Foster, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00, license revoked for term of one year beginning on November 30, 2022.

Diana K. Devorss, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for January 4, 2023.

Chase L. Ramer, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00.

Curtis C. Tackett, count one, drive during revocation/im-pound-first, plead not guilty; count two, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty. Entry of plea January 11, 2023.

Leondra L. Peak, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00.

Forrest R. Gaston II, count one, carry concealed weapon-first, plead not guilty. Sentence includes reimburse County of \$17.00.

Rachel E. Schawang, count one, contribute to delinquency of child, amended to attempt of a class one misdemeanor, plea change to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$250.00. Count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Beverly J. Shubert, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for December 28, 2022.

Quinae M. Jones, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, excess windshield and/or window tinting, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 9, 2023.

Khandi M. Storey, count one, possess controlled substance. Sentence includes bond forfeiture of \$401.00. Count

two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Jose J. Salazar, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for December 21, 2022.

Amber D. Booth, count one, violate stop or yield sign, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$100.00. Count two, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$25.00. Count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$75.00.

Nolan R. Meuret, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for February 1, 2023.

Rachel D. Shafer, count one, fail to title vehicle within 30 days, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 4, 2023.

Casey M. Eastman, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, improper/defective lighting, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 18, 2023.

Jeremiah E. Hugg, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order-MSD 2, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$150.00.

Matthew R. Howell, count one, drive without ignition interlock, plead not guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty; count three, speeding 16-20, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for December 19, 2022.

Khandi M. Storey, count one, violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 4, 2023.

Gabriela Sandoval, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty. Show cause hearing December 19, 2022.

Gabriela Sandoval, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty. Show cause hearing December 19, 2022.

Emilio D. Marquez, count one, assault-third degree, amended to disturbing the peace, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$200.00.

Emilio D. Marquez, count one, DUI-.08-first, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of nine months beginning December 5, 2022, drug testing fee of \$45.00, probation enrollment fee \$30.00, probation fee-regular \$225.00.

Sommer D. Bullard, count one, assault-third degree, amended to attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 25, 2023.

Tiannie D. Alexander, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of six days, beginning December 5, 2022, credit for six days served. Count

two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Michael L. Goynes, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 11, 2023.

Jennifer J. Jazbec, count one, weeds and grasses over 12", plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes city fine of \$25.00. Count two, litter, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes city fine of \$25.00. Count three, appliances in yard, plead not guilty, found not guilty.

Jennifer J. Jazbec, count one, dogs and cats, nuisance-second off in 12 mts, plead not guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes city fine of \$25.00

DISTRICT COURT

Dylan L. Palmer, count one, conspiracy to commit a class 1 felony, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for February 7, 2023.

Valdemar J. Lopez, count one, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 360 days beginning on December 6, 2022, credit for 188 days served. Count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Donald E. Murphy Jr., count one, fail to report every three months, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for December 20, 2022.

Joshua M. Bachman, count one, possess firearm by prohibited person-first, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 17, 2023.

Joshua M. Bachman, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-felony, plead not guilty; count two, obstruct peace officer, plead not guilty; count three, criminal mischief-\$501-1,499, plead not guilty; count four, willful reckless driving-first, plead not guilty; count five, operate ATV on controlled-access highway-first, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 17, 2023.

Joshua L. Carpenter, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, plead not guilty; count two, possess money while violate 28-416(1), plead not guilty; count three, possess

controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 10, 2023.

Dawn L. Halsey, count one, assault by confined person-no weapon, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 3, 2023.

Noel Johnson, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; possess firearm by prohibited person-first, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 31, 2023.

Nathan K. Casteel, count one, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, plead not guilty; count two, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 10, 2023.

Mariann Flores, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 10, 2023.

Alexander L. Reed, count one, operated vehicle/avoid arrest-felony, amended to operate vehicle/avoid arrest-misd, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 180 days beginning December 6, 2022, credit for six days served, license revoked for one year beginning December 6, 2022. Count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Rachel A. Carter, count one, conspiracy to commit a class 2A felony, amended to possess marijuana over one oz to one pound, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500.00.

Sarah E. Gerber, count one, del/dsp/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty; count two, possess money while violate 28-416(1), plead not guilty; count three, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for December 20, 2022.

Rasmiana J. Kair, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, possess marijuana one oz or less-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fines of \$300.00. Count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fines of \$100.00.

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DeLanie Witt puts pressure on Ella Welsh of Lourdes Central at the RAC on Tuesday night.

Lady Irish rattle off three wins

The Sacred Heart Lady Irish got back on track Tuesday evening when they hosted the Lourdes Central Catholic Knights at the Roh Activity Center. The 0-2 Knights led for the entire first half before the Irish fought back to earn their first win of the season, 45-37.

Nebraska City built its biggest lead right out of the gate, taking a 1-7 lead with 5:13 to play in the first. Jessica Wertenberger kickstarted the Irish offense, going coast to coast for a score to make it 3-7. With 2:30 to play, DeLanie Witt sunk a trey from the top of the key to make it 7-10. Lourdes scored late in the quarter and held a 7-12 advantage at the end of the first.

Nebraska City scored the first four points of the second to take a 7-16 lead. SH outscored Lourdes 10-2 the rest of the half to get within one at the half, 17-18. Wertenberger scored six of Sacred Heart's ten points in the quarter.

Back-to-back buckets by Wertenberger and Olivia Eickhoff to open the second half put SH in front 21-18 with just under seven minutes to go. Lourdes wouldn't go away quietly, scoring five quick points to retake the lead, 21-23. Threes by Witt and Wertenberger helped the Irish keep pace, as the teams went into the final eight minutes tied at 30.

Trailing by one with just over four minutes to play, Witt drove the length of the court, hit the hoop and drew the foul. After making the free throw, SH went in front 34-32. The Irish scored 13 of the final 18 points to pull

away for the eight-point win, 45-37.

Wertenberger led the Irish with 16 points, nine rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots. Eickhoff added 12 points and eleven boards and Witt went 2/3 from beyond the arc for ten points.

Scoring for SH

Eickhoff 12, DeLanie Witt 10, Lechtenberg 2, Wertenberger 16, Keller 5.

Scoring for Lourdes

Gygi 2, Rodriguez 2, Welsh 11, Box 7, Meyer 4, Fulton 3, Madison 8.

The Irish JV fell to Lourdes in two quarters, 13-25. Jocelyn Olberding had five points and Daycee Witt added four.

On Thursday night, the Irish hosted Sidney, Iowa. The Cowboys kept the game close early, trailing SH 11-5 after one and 23-18 at the half. A 20-6 third period blew the game wide-open as SH went on for the 15-point win, 51-36. The Lady Irish shot 39% from the floor, making 21/54 shot attempts, while the Cowboys made 14/45 for 31%. SH converted only 7/16 free throw opportunities but forced 19 turnovers while committing only seven.

Wertenberger led SH again with a game-high 19 points, 13 rebounds and four steals. Avery Dowling had 12 to pace the Cowboys.

Scoring for SH

Santo 2, Eickhoff 9, DeLanie Witt 7, Daycee Witt 2, Lechtenberg 4, Wertenberger 19, Keller 5.

Scoring for Sidney

Hutt 4, Dowling 12, Graham

4, Hayes 7, Osborn 5, Payne 4. Sidney beat the Irish JV in two periods, 24-25. Avery Santo had 12 points and Daycee Witt added eight.

On Friday night, the Irish traveled to Friend to take on the 0-2 Bulldogs. SH dominated this one from the get-go, leading 19-4 after the first eight minutes and 29-7 at intermission. The Irish improved to 3-1 with a 65-25 win.

Sophomore Lechtenberg was hot on Friday, going 3-3 for eight points in the first quarter and finishing with 21 points on 9/12 shooting. The Irish shot 48% (27/56) from the floor while holding Friend to only 9/36 shooting. The Irish defense forced 25 turnovers while committing only nine of their own.

Wertenberger led the Irish on the court, finishing with 15 points, seven rebounds and four steals.

Scoring for SH

Eickhoff 11, Olberding 2, DeLanie Witt 4, Daycee Witt 2, Lechtenberg 21, Wertenberger 15, Schmidt 2, Keller 8.

Scoring for Friend

Lawver 7, Schluter 8, Bartley 2, Brahmstedt 2, Ricenbaw 4, Archer 2.

On Saturday, the Irish won the HTRS JV tournament. The Irish defeated HTRS 35-14 in the opener and Johnson-Brock in the final, 25-20. Daycee Witt had 15 points and Chaelee Schmidt added eight against the Titans. Witt and Avery Santo each scored nine in the win against the Eagles.

SH played at Lewiston on Tuesday and will be back home on Friday against HTRS and Saturday against Bishop LeBlond. On Tuesday, December 20, the Irish will host Tri County.



Jessica Wertenberger hits for two of her game-high 16 points in the first half against Nebraska City.

Irish win hard-fought road battle

On Friday night, the Sacred Heart Irish boys' basketball team traveled to take on the 2-0 Friend Bulldogs. The Bulldogs opened the season with wins over Lewiston (85-47) and Sterling (77-26). The Irish, 1-0, entering the game, were hoping to stay undefeated against a solid Bulldog team.

The teams felt the other out early, with the Irish maintaining an 11-7 lead after the first. Behind a big second quarter from Sam Dunn, the Irish pulled away for an 11-point halftime lead, 27-16. Dunn was perfect from behind the arc in the period, going 3-3 and scoring ten points. The teams played evenly during the final two quarters of action as the Irish secured the ten-point win, 56-46. The Irish iced the win at the charity stripe, converting 9/12 opportunities in the final eight minutes.

Neither team lit it up from the floor; the Irish were 41%, while the Bulldogs hit 40%. Both teams played well; the Irish finished with only eight turnovers, while Friend ended the contest with 12. Sacred Heart made 10/15 free throw attempts, while the Bulldogs were 10/21.

Three players hit double figures for SH, with Dunn leading the way with 17. Junior Joe Simon finished with a double/double, scoring ten points and hauling in 11 rebounds. Fellow junior Jack Stice also hit double digits with 13 points while adding four rebounds.

Scoring for SH

Stice 13, Keithley 9, Nelson 4, Simon 10, Froeschl 3, Dunn 17.

Scoring for Friend

Vossler, Schulter 7, Paulsen 10, Conley 5, Vespignani 11, Eberspacher 6, Svehla 5.

The Irish traveled to Lewiston on Tuesday night to take on the 1-2 Tigers. Sacred Heart will host 2-2 HTRS on Friday night and 1-0 Bishop LeBlond on Saturday afternoon. On Tuesday, December 20, Tri County will come to town to take on the Irish at the RAC.

Falls City JV hits the mats in Syracuse

FC will compete at the Platteview Invite on Friday, December 16 and the Auburn Invite on December 17. The Lady Tiger wrestlers will be in action on Saturday, December 17, for the Platteview Invite.

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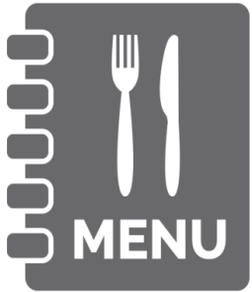
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Wed 14-Chili, Corn, Peaches, Bread, Cinnamon Roll, Milk
 Thur 15-Sausage Patty, Egg Patty, Tri-Tater, Applesauce, Mini French Toast, Milk
 Fri 16-Pulled Pork Sandwich, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie, Milk
 Mon 19-Mini Corndogs, Garlic Noodles, Carrots, Peaches, No Bake Cookie, Milk
 Tue 20-Crispito, Green Beans, Pineapple, Bread, Milk

FC TIGERS

Wed, 14
 North & South School: Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Orange Smiles, Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Mrs. Hogue Special: Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Apple or Orange, Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Apple or Orange Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Smoked Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

Thu, 15
 North & South School: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Pears, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Mrs. Brown Special: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Corn, Pears, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Chicken Flatbread, Sweet Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Fruit, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

Fri, 16
 North & South School: Italian Dunkers, Broccoli, Sliced Carrots, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Pig in a Blanket, Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Cheesy Goulash, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, French Bread, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

Mon, 19
 North & South School: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Pineapple, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pineapple, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Crisпитos Chips, vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

Tues, 20
 North & South School: Chicken Strips, Potato Smiles, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Chicken Monte Carlo Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Corn, Fruit, Choc. Crinkle Cookie, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Corn Dog, French Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

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Wed 14-Holiday Meal, Milk
 Thur 15-Mac-n-Cheese, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Hot Vegetables, Fruit, Milk
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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.

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Shirley Burchett

Shirley Burchett, 87 of Plymouth, MN passed away in October, 2022.

Shirley was born at home in Falls City, NE in 1934 and graduated Falls City High School class of 1953. She married Billie Burchett from Salem, NE in 1954 and they moved to TX while Billie was stationed there. Upon his Army discharge, they moved back to NE briefly before relocating to MN in 1958 where Billie accepted a job offer. Minnesota continued to be home for the next 64 years, until her passing, with 61 of those years in the same house.

As a career, Shirley worked primarily as a bookkeeper and billing specialist. Her leisure time was spent camping, fishing, being outside, playing bingo and connecting with neighbors and friends. Shirley adored her family and participated in many school activities for her children and travelled

to events across the country for her grandchildren. She spent so much time in CA when one of her granddaughters was born that the state sent her a voter registration card.

Shirley is survived by son Michael (Carla) Burchett; daughter Linda (Rob) Pollock; four grandchildren plus two spouses and four great grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews from the Phillips and Mullins families, all originally from Falls City.

She was preceded in death by her husband Billie, family members, in-laws and many friends - with several being life-long friends from her days of living in Falls City.

Shirley donated her body to the Anatomy Department of Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and requested no service. Instead, please honor her life in a way that is meaningful to you.



Editorial

By Nikki McKim

The Kids are Not All-right, EVERYWHERE.

I hate to say it, but the bullying isn't just at Humboldt Table-Rock Steinauer. It's everywhere. It was at Dawson-Verdon when I was in school 20 years ago (though nearly not as bad because we didn't have social media yet) and it's in your child's school now. Nobody can sit back and look at HTRS and say, "Wow, they have a big problem." We all have a problem; everywhere this paper is delivered has a problem. HTRS were the ones who were willing to open up about it and say, 'hey, let's get it out there and try to get help with this. Let's get the parents and public involved and see if we can help. If one kid gets help, just one kid-we've done something good.'

What ran in the *Falls City Journal* last week wasn't a letter and it wasn't clickbait; it was the story of open dialogue between adults hoping to do better by the children in our community. I am surprised and disheartened by the backlash this story has created.

The goal was to always to get people involved and create a dialogue about the issues facing our kids with social media and bullying in our schools. It was never to turn on HTRS and single them out as a problem school with problem children. That is absolutely not the case. But in the age of "quick news," misleading headlines, one-paragraph stories and social media gossip, you get only a fraction of the story. You must read the story in the *Journal* to get the entire story. Nobody was quoted as saying the problem was only at HTRS. You may have heard that HTRS is *THE* problem, which is incredibly unfair to the school, the children and the Humboldt community.

The story was planned and written to open dialogue in all schools with all children, teachers, administration and parents. It was done to see laws and policies change and it was done to have us all look in our own backyards. Change starts with us.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over from December 16th, 2022 - January 1st, 2023.

During the time, sheriff's deputies will be working extra hours of overtime focusing on impaired drivers.

The grant is funded through the Nebraska Department of Highway Safety. The Richardson County Sheriff's Office would like to remind drivers to buckle up and drive safe.

Sheriff's Office considering purchase of drug dog

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to attend the meeting but the Board held a discussion on approving the advancement of a hiring bonus in which the County Attorney's Office is preparing a contract to enter into with the employee(s) and for the Board to review this matter further at the next meeting. The Sheriff's Department is also considering the purchase of a drug dog and this also will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on County Roads and Bridges. Darveau reported that an application for an overweight/oversize vehicle permit had been submitted to the County with fees paid and have now been notified that the project has been cancelled. The Board approved the refund of the \$100.00 permit fee.

Darveau also presented to the Board the notice to bidders for the construction of a concrete box culvert to replace a bridge located three miles east and three miles north of Falls City on 655 Avenue approximately 1800 feet south of 710 Road. The bid opening will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the purchase order presented to the Board for a docking station for the satellite phone for the Cooper Nuclear Station for \$1,575.00, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-23 to adopt the Richardson County Local Operations Plan (LEOP) in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency within Richardson County, the motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 106)

A brief review was held regarding the floodplain area with the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the Village of Dawson.

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

Reports were approved for fees collected during the month of December, 2022 for the following officials: Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$11,974.50; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$222.00; Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court, \$1,180.00; Sheriff Hardesty, \$4,126.33.

A motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted. The motion carried.

The Board met again on Tuesday, December 13, 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.

Nemaha NRD Board of Directors meet

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors met on Thursday, December 8th, 2022.

The quote for Subsurface, Inc. to slip line five watershed structures for \$246,125 was accepted. 4 structures were selected and budgeted (\$270,000) for repair. Using the slip line method reduced cost per site allowing for an additional structure to be repaired and below budget.

Low bids for cutting trees on 11 watershed dams were accepted. Goracke Contracting won bids on 10 of the sites for a total of \$8,795. Borrenpohl Excavating won the bid on 1 site for a total of \$995.00. The budgeted amount for this work was \$20,000.

The proposed changes to the Soil and Water Conservation Program were approved.

Discussion on Steamboat Trace Trail closure during deer hunting season.

Orval Gigstad and Duane Sugden will be the voting delegate and alternate, respectfully, for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Legislative Conference January 24-25, 2023 in Lincoln, NE.

The District's Long Range Plan was approved with minor changes. Management goals and the evaluation process were discussed.

FCPD reminding drivers that drunk driving is deadly and illegal

During the 2022 holiday season, the Falls City Police Department wants to remind everyone that drunk driving is deadly, illegal behavior and it puts the driver, his or her passengers and other road users at terrible risk. If you feel impaired by any substance, do not get behind the wheel of any vehicle.

The FCPD encourages everyone to always make a place, designate a driver or other ride before heading out to parties or other festivities so they may avoid driving drunk at all costs. Remember it is never okay to drink and drive. Even one drink may be one too many. Drinking and driving is a choice, one should never make.

The Falls City Police Department wants everyone to enjoy this Holiday season. Friends don't let friends drive drunk.



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Grant is a Family Practice Physician Assistant with over 25 years of family practice experience. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska and received a Masters of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. Grant also has a Masters of Divinity from the Andersonville Theological Seminary in Camilla, GA and a PH. D in Clinical Pastoral Counseling from Colorado Theological Seminary in Wheat Ridge, CO.

Grant and his wife Chelsey and their two daughters, Joah and Lily and son Roy are looking forward to returning to the community. For the past year and half, they have been living in Hebron, NE where Grant has been working for Thayer County Health Services.

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FC JV hits the mats in Syracuse

(Continued from Page 7)

On Friday, December 9, the Tiger junior varsity wrestling team competed at Syracuse High School. Falls City had an outstanding day, bringing home six gold medals.

At 106, Bailey Thimmes placed first with falls over Hunter Janky of Gretna in round one at :16 and round two at :35.

At 113, Cade Caudle placed third. In round one, Caudle pinned Hummel of Gretna at 1:50; Caudle lost by fall to Dodd of Gretna in round two (3:20) and fell to Brummer of Gretna by major decision (14-0) in round three.

In the 132-pound division, Caden Collier placed fourth. Collier fell to Bruggeman of Nebraska City in round one by fall (1:59), to Baxter of Gretna in the second round by fall (:21) before bouncing back with a pin of Kavanaugh of Louisville at 1:58. In the fifth round, Ostrander of Mount Michael pinned Collier at :54 to end his day.

At 132 B, Orion Cattrell placed second, finishing 3-1. Cattrell won by tech fall over Vallente of Mount Michael (16-1) but then fell to Larchick of Gretna by decision, 8-7. In the next round, Cattrell won by major decision, 9-1, over Highberger of Plattsmouth and then pinned Mathis of Mount Michael (1:02) in the final round.

At 152 C, Tegan Alexander went 1-1. In round one, Alexander fell by fall to McLain (1:26) and then rebounded with a pin of Swift from Syracuse (:38).

Ryker Jones went 0-3 at 160, falling to Zimmerman of Mount Michael by fall (1:10), Heiman of Gretna by fall (:56) and Mirelez of FC in 1:17.

Also at 160, Jayden Mirelez placed first, finishing 3-0. Mirelez won a 7-4 decision over Heiman (Gretna) at 1:49, Zimmerman (Mount Michael) and pinned Jones (FC) at 1:17.

At 160 B, Blakely Sells went 2-0, pinning Williams (Gretna) at :18 and defeating Bauer (FC) by major decision, 8-0.

Gavin Bauer finished second at 160 B, pinning Williams (Gretna) in 1:03 before falling to Sells by MD, 8-0.

In 160 C, Vaden Leyden fell to Herfel (Beatrice) by a decision, 3-1 and Ruffcorn (Gretna) by a 5-3 decision.

Kadyn Strecker went 2-0 to win the 170-pound title. Strecker pinned Rapoza (Mount Michael) in 18 seconds and pinned Sjulín (Nebraska City) at 1:10.

Falls City's Wyatt Wason went 0-2 with a pair of losses to Barron (Syracuse) by pin, the first at 1:16 and the second at 1:41.

Chase Simpson went 3-0 at 195-220 to win the title, pinning Bassinger (Nebraska City) at 3:25, Minshall (Plattsmouth) at 3:42 and Martin (FC) at 1:59.

Ashton Martin, at 195-220, pinned Minshall (Plattsmouth) in :48, then fell to Bassinger at 1:20 and Simpson at 1:59.

At 285, Caleb Zimmerman won gold, pinning York (Nebraska City) at :27, Jacobsen (Gretna) at :59 and Farrell (Mount Michael) at 2:28.



Brogan Dunlap beats the Nebraska City defender down the court for a layup.

Titans defeat Lewiston to open the week

The Titan boys' basketball team improved to 2-1 on Tuesday night with a seven-point win on the road against Lewiston, 52-45.

HTRS opened the game leading 9-4, but Lewiston outscored the Titans 7-0 in the final three minutes to take the first-quarter lead, 9-11. A big second period by the Titans put them in front 29-24 heading into intermission. The second half was evenly matched, with the Titans holding a slim 23-21 advantage over the final two periods, as they held on for the seven-point win and improved to 2-1 for the year.

Brogan Dunlap had a big night for Coach Mike Schaardt, scoring a team-high 18 points and pulling down seven rebounds. Senior Brandt Leech also had a solid effort in the win, scoring 14 points, snaring nine rebounds and getting three steals. HTRS finished with 39 rebounds, three assists, nine steals and only nine turnovers.

Scoring for HTRS

Bohling 4, Hunzeker 2, Penison 5, Dunlap 18, Koziol 8, Leech 14, Davis 1.

On Friday night, HTRS spotted Lourdes Central a 10-0 lead to begin the game and struggled to dig out of the hole all night. Lourdes nailed a pair of treys in the first minute to take a 6-0 lead with 7:11 left in the first.

Dunlap got HTRS on the board with 3:05 to play, scoring on a drive to make it 2-10. Hunter Bohling sank a pair of free throws to make it 4-10 and Jack Hunzeker went 3-3 from the charity stripe to make it 7-10. Nebraska City scored the quarter's final six points to push their lead to 7-16 after one.

The Titans continued to chip away to open the second, scoring five straight to make it 12-16. Free throws in the second kept HTRS in the contest, as eight of their 14 points came courtesy of the foul line. Dunlap went 4/6 from the line while adding a pair of layups to pace the Titans in the second. Lourdes took the wind out of the gym, sinking a long three at the buzzer to send the Titans to the locker room with a 21-32 halftime deficit.

The third opened with a pair of free throws from Ryken Davis to make it a nine-point game; Lourdes then scored 11 straight. Nebraska City caught fire from long range in the period, sinking four long balls to push their lead to 26-49 heading into the fourth.

The Titans outscored the Knights 16-5 in the fourth, but the hole was too deep to dig out of as HTRS fell to 2-2 with the 42-54 loss.

Dunlap led HTRS with ten points and five steals. Leech added seven points and ten rebounds. Bohling also hit double figures in rebounds with ten.

Scoring for HTRS

Hunzeker 5, Penison 2, Dunlap 10, Leech 7, Davis 3, Bohling 5, Koziol 5, Glathar 3, Vaughan 2.

The Titans will look to get back on track when they head to Sacred Heart on Friday night to take on the 2-0 Irish. On Saturday, HTRS hosts the 0-3 Southern Raiders; on Tuesday, December 20, the Titans host the 4-0 Fairbury Jeffs.



Laramie Glathar fights for a loose ball against Lourdes on Friday night.

Lady Titans searching for first win

The HTRS Lady Titans fell for the third consecutive contest on Tuesday night when they hosted the Lewiston Tigers. A tough Tiger defense held the Titans to single digits in scoring all four quarters. Lewiston had period leads of 14-8, 32-13, 39-22 and the final 64-31.

Turnovers again loomed large for the Lady Titans as the Tigers forced HTRS into 24 but committed only 11 of their own.

HTRS made 10/42 shots from the floor (24%), while the Tigers were 23/64 (36%), including 9/30 from beyond the arc. HTRS finished the contest with 29 rebounds, seven assists and seven steals.

Individually for HTRS, Jaylie McNealy was the top scorer with nine points on 3/9 shooting. Jaylyn Bohling made 1/2 shots from the floor for five points. Laramie Glathar had another solid all-around contest. Glathar scored only four points but had a team-high 12 rebounds, three assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Katelyn Sanders led Lewiston with 32 points, going 4/11 from downtown and scored her 1,000th career point. Meagan Sanders added 17 points, ten rebounds and six assists.

HTRS scoring

Bohling 5, Glathar 4, M. Bredemeier 3, McClarnen 1, A. Bredemeier 3, Bowen 4, Dierberger 2, McNealy 9.

Scoring for Lewiston

K. Sanders 32, Weyers 13, M. Sanders 17, Janssen 2. On Friday night, the Lourdes Central Catholic Knights came to town looking to get on track after a loss to Sacred Heart on Tuesday.

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It seems as of late; there has been plenty of controversial items in the sports world. We all know what has happened recently in the Husker football world; now, let's dive into the freeing of Brittney Griner from a Russian prison. Griner had been imprisoned for ten months after being convicted of drug smuggling charges. For months there has been public outcry, especially from the sports world, for the Biden Administration to work out a prisoner swap with Russia. Griner was sentenced to nine years in prison after allegedly being caught with hashish oil in her luggage by a customs official in Moscow.

Let me begin by saying the amount of narcotics that Griner had in her luggage was minuscule; however, it was illegal, especially when entering a hostile environment such as Russia. Whether Griner ever admits it, she knew she was in the wrong, not nine years in a Russian prison wrong, but still wrong nonetheless.

I'm all for a prisoner swap; let's get as many Americans home as possible. My problem with the situation is the "trade" wasn't fair. Because of arrogance or just flat-out stupidity, Griner forced the U.S. government's hand to release known arms dealer Viktor Bout. That would be the equivalent of trading Michael Jordan for a water boy. The world is a much less safe place because one person thought she was more important than the rest of the world and chose not to follow the rules of another country.

In the United States, athletes are often treated differently, usually given the benefit of the doubt. Not so much when you are in a foreign country that just invaded another country.

Viktor Bout is a convicted Russian arms dealer named the "Merchant of Death." In November 2011, Bout was convicted of conspiracy to kill U.S. citizens, delivery of anti-aircraft missiles and helping terrorist organizations. Bout was sentenced to 25 years of incarceration for his crimes. Eleven years into his sentence, the 55-year-old was set free due to the lack of common sense by one individual.

Griner's sentence was much too harsh. Maybe three months in jail and a hefty fine; the Russian government had other plans. They knew from day one what they had in Griner. It was their ticket to get Bout back and they weren't going to settle for anything less. The Russians are wise; they saw the outcry by athletes and fans calling for the release of Griner. The court system sentenced her to the harshest punishment possible to justify the release of the "Merchant of Death."

Hopefully, upon release, Griner will be eternally grateful for everyone that worked towards her freedom, from friends, family and peers down to government officials. Hopefully, Bout is never involved in arms deals again.

I'm happy to have an American freed and returning home; I hope it was worth the cost.

Elsewhere in athletics, the Husker volleyball team fell to the Oregon Ducks in five sets, missing the Elite 8 after ten consecutive years in the regional finals. John Cook's team finished the season 26-6, having lost three of the season's final five games.

Nebraska had plenty of chances to advance, especially in the fourth set. The Big Red had multiple opportunities to win, but the Ducks had an answer every time, winning the fourth set 32-30 before securing the fifth and deciding set, 15-11. Oregon got out quickly in the fifth, leading 13-4 at one point. Nebraska scored six straight at one point before eventually running out of steam.

Oregon went on to play the No. 3 seed Louisville in the Elite 8, falling to the Cardinals in five sets. Louisville Coach Dani Busboom Kelly has the Cardinals in the Final Four for the second consecutive season. Busboom Kelly returns to Omaha for the Final Four, the same setting her 2006 Nebraska volleyball defeated Stanford for the National Championship.

On Saturday night in Omaha, the undefeated WBO welterweight champion, Terrence "Bud" Crawford, put his title on the line against David Avanesyan from Russia.

Crawford headed into the fight at 38-0, with 29 KOs; he left with his tenth straight knockout, maintaining his title as the best fighter, pound for pound in the ring.

A left hook-right hook combination sent Avanesyan to the mat for the count in the sixth round. Now, with this tune-up behind him, Crawford may be able to finally set up a fight against Errol Spence Jr, a matchup for the undisputed welterweight crown. Spence, 32 years old, is 28-0 with 22 KOs; Crawford, 35, is now 39-0 with 30 KOs.

Crawford first won the welterweight title in June 2018 with a ninth-round TKO of Jeff Horn. The win at CHI Health Center in Omaha on Saturday night was Crawford's sixth defense of his championship.



ALL DISTRICT FOOTBALL, L-R: Stiephan Fields and Wyatt Olberding were selected to the all district football team. Jaxyn Strauss, Kellen McAfee and Jon Craig were selected to honorable mention.

Dairy Margin Coverage enrollment deadline extended to Jan. 31, 2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline for producers to enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage (SDMC) for program year 2023 to Jan. 31, 2023.

DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

"We recognize this is a busy time of year with many competing priorities, so we've extended the DMC enrollment deadline to ensure every producer who wants coverage for 2023 has the opportunity to enroll in the program," said Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Early projections indicate DMC payments are likely to trigger for the first eight months in 2023. We all know that markets fluctuate, sometimes at a moment's notice and sometimes with no warning at all, so now's the time to ensure your operation is covered. Please don't let this second chance slide."

Nearly 18,000 operations that enrolled in DMC for 2022 have received margin payments for August and September for a total of \$76.3 million. At \$0.15 per hundredweight for \$9.50 coverage, risk coverage through DMC is a relatively inexpensive investment. DMC offers different levels of coverage, even an option that is free to producers, aside from a \$100 administrative fee. Limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged, and military veteran farmers and ranchers are exempt from paying the administrative fee, if requested. To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

Last year, USDA introduced Supplemental DMC, which provided \$42.8 million in payments to better help small- and mid-sized dairy operations that had increased production over the years but were not

Lady Titans searching for first win

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Lourdes scored the first bucket of the game and never looked back, leading 8-15 after the first quarter and 11-27 at the half.

Jaylie McNealy did her best to keep the Lady Titans in the contest. Trailing 2-7 with 3:25 to play in the first, McNealy nailed a three from the right wing to make it 5-7. With 2:30 to go, McNealy hit a trifecta from the opposite wing to tie the game at eight. Lourdes closed out the period on a 7-0 run to make it 8-15 after the first.

Lourdes continued their run into the second quarter, scoring the quarter's first eight points to take an 8-23 lead. Laramie Glathar accounted for all the points for HTRS

in the quarter, converting 3/6 free throw attempts.

Lourdes pulled away in the third period, outscoring HTRS 6-22. McNealy hit her third three of the night with 4:15 to play in the third to cut the lead to 17-34; Lourdes scored the following 15 points to make it 17-49 after three.

Nebraska City scored the first five points of the period to push the lead to 17-54, but HTRS scored the final eight points of the game, with McNealy hitting three more treys in the final 3:30, but Lourdes held on for the 24-point win, 31-55.

Scoring for HTRS

McNealy 20, Bohling 3, Glathar 6, McClarnen 2.

able to enroll the additional production. Supplemental DMC is also available for 2023. The enrollment period for 2023 Supplemental DMC is also extended to Jan. 31, 2023.

Supplemental DMC coverage is applicable to calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Eligible dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of established production history may enroll supplemental pounds.

For producers who enrolled in Supplemental DMC in 2022, the supplemental cover-

age will automatically be added to the 2023 DMC contract that previously established a supplemental production history.

Producers who did not enroll in Supplemental DMC in 2022 can do so now. Producers should complete their Supplemental DMC enrollment before enrolling in 2023 DMC. To enroll, producers will need to provide their 2019 actual milk marketings, which FSA uses to determine established production history.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE OF 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.

Cassandra R. Buethe, Registrar
Clerk of the County Court
1700 Stone Street
Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Tracy A. Burns, #25398
Halbert & Dunn, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486

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NOTICE OF 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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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.

1. Exterior work includes installation of a below grade waterproofing /drainage system at the East, West, and South sides of the building, replacement of areaways, new MEP/ Fire & Life Safety penetrations associated with interior upgrades and Non-historic window replacements at the North elevation.
2. Interior Lower Level, Level 1 and Balcony work includes: new fire sprinkler system, electrical, lighting, HVAC, refinishing surfaces, acoustical treatments, window treatments, 3-stop elevator, restrooms and Meeting Room.

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 or Todd Renyer 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.

Each BIDDER will be required to submit with his proposal, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable, without condition, to the City of Humboldt in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal.

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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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.

Cassandra R. Buethe
Clerk of the County Court
1700 Stone Street, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Weaver & Merz
Douglas E. Merz, No. 12807
Samantha K. Scheitel, No. 26389
1719 Stone Street, P.O. Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-3015

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Notice to Bidders

Project Name: Falls City Northeast

Project Number: C-74(2022-9)

Project Location: The Project Site is located approximately 3 miles east and 3 miles north of Falls City. On 655 Ave., approximately 1,800 feet south of 710 Road, in Richardson County, Nebraska. Project Description & Scope: Removal and replacement of a 57-ft. steel thru-truss bridge with a triple 14'x14'x56' concrete box culvert. Work includes site preparation, drop pipe installation, erosion control, and other incidental work. Selected bidder shall furnish necessary equipment, transportation, labor, materials, and incidentals required to complete the work as per the Contract Documents.

Sealed Bids Received By: Mailed or delivered to the Richardson County Clerk and will be publicly opened and read during the scheduled County Board meeting. Sealed envelopes shall be plainly marked as follows:

TO: Richardson County Clerk
1700 Stone Street, Room 203
Falls City, NE 68355
RE: Falls City Northeast, C-74(2022-9)

Bid Deadline: January 10th, 2023, 10:00 a.m. local time

Questions: Josh Keithley - Midwest Engineering, Inc.
jkeithley@midweste.com or (402) 786-2203

Contract Documents: Bid Documents and Specifications are on file and open to public inspection at the following locations:

- Midwest Engineering, Inc., 5320 N 148th St., Lincoln, NE 68527
 - Richardson County Clerk's Office
- Bid Documents and Specifications may also be obtained at the following locations:
- QuestCDN Project No. 8351728 (cost of \$20.00)
 - <https://midweste.com> > Lettings > QuestCDN (cost of \$20.00)
 - Midwest Engineering, Inc. Office (cost of \$60.00)

Proposals must be submitted on the forms furnished with the Bid Documents.

Each bidder will be required to submit bid security in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable, without condition, to the Treasurer of Richardson County, Nebraska, in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the accompanied bid proposal.

The bidder shall include with its bid proposal an estimated start date and completion date for all work on the project. The Contractor will be allowed seventy-five (75) calendar days for project completion. The desired completion date of the project is October 1, 2023.

Richardson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Obsidian, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, filed a Statement of Dissolution with the Nebraska Secretary of State and will be dissolved for all purposes except the winding up of its affairs on December 31, 2022. Anyone having claims related to the LLC shall promptly file the same setting forth the nature of the claim and amount and shall mail the same to:

Michael R. Dunn
Halbert & Dunn, L.L.C.
111 E. 17th Street
Falls City, NE 68355

All claims against the LLC shall be barred unless an action to collect the same is brought within 5 years of the third publication of this notice.

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Osprey, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, filed a Statement of Dissolution with the Nebraska Secretary of State and has been dissolved for all purposes except the winding up of its affairs. Anyone having claims related to the LLC shall promptly file the same setting forth the nature of the claim and amount and shall mail the same to:

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION ORDINANCE NO. 2022-112 IN PAMPHLET FORM

Public Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, held at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022, there was passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2022-112 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-112

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, RELATING TO BUILDING REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT PROPERTIES; PROVIDE REGISTRATION FEES; PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO REGISTER VACANT PROPERTIES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Said Ordinance was published in pamphlet form on December 6, 2022. Copies of said Ordinance as published in pamphlet form are available for inspection and distribution at the Office of the City Clerk, in the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

Anthony Nussbaum
City Clerk
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Clearly labeled bids will be received by the City of Falls City, Nebraska at the office of City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355 until 11:00 am, Wednesday, December 28, 2022 and thereafter for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary on the:

2022 Storm Sewer Repair 16th & Crook Street

Plans and specifications may be obtained in the City of Falls City Office at the above address or downloaded from the <http://www.fallscitynebraska.org/news>.

Questions concerning this bid process may be directed in writing to Anthony Nussbaum, City Administrator at email: a.nussbaum@fallscityne.org

The Mayor and City Council, 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 City of Falls City, and also reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

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~ **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.

~ **RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST:** crossed trained in CT, evening and night shift hours, rotating on call duties. Must have ARRT, NE license and BLS certification. Competitive salary with benefit plan.

~ **REGISTERED NURSE:** full-time, part-time and prn. 12 hours shifts; working every 3rd weekend. The hospital combines the art of nursing with the science of nursing. Our state-of-the-art information system features electronic bedside charting and recommended bar-coding of medications and medication verification. Our medication delivery system provides many safeguards that ensure patient safety. The latest in technology gives the nurse more opportunity to practice at the bedside. A lower patient-to-nurse ratio provides you the time to give each patient the care they need and deserve. Competitive salary with benefit plan.

Apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital applicantpool.com/jobs/>
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We wish to thank everyone for their cards, calls and acts of kindness at the passing of Frank.
Also thanks to Falls City Care Center for their care. Thank you, Dorr & Clark Funeral Home and the Women of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for their luncheon after the service.
Family of Frank Gill
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PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 29, 2022
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sichel was absent. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Caverzagie. Vice-Chairman Caverzagie 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 22, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes from the Safety Committee meeting of November 22, 2022. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to add to the agenda a transfer of funds from Inheritance Tax to the General Fund and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-absent. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD 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 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 by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 104)

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Sub-division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for the DarleenJ and Richard L Teten Living Trust of 2008 located in S19, T3, R14 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-20. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 103)

Transfer

Motion was made by Caverzagie 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 seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 26, Page 105)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-absent. Motion carried. (The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

CMC, serv.....	1830.00
Culligan, serv.....	38.50
DAS State Accounting, serv ...	163.18
F&M Bank, supp.....	40.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....	75.96
Farm & City Supply, supp.....	44.97
Humboldt Standard, adv.....	237.60
James, Charles, serv.....	269.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv ..	640.06
Pitney Bowes, supp.....	3028.50
Radiology Associates, serv.....	42.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....	18.80
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc.....	20173.51
SummerOne, serv.....	38.00
Townsend, Joshua, reimb.....	247.50
Verizon, serv.....	345.97
Payroll Expense.....	105253.13
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....	\$132,486.68

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Falls City, serv.....	1225.00
Culligan, serv.....	38.00
Lawson Products, supp.....	24.69
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock.....	2208.37
OPPD, serv.....	44.87
Unifirst, supp.....	24.58
Payroll Expense.....	32854.43
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$36,419.94

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer.....350000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND.....\$350,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet 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.

David D. Sichel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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ASSISTED LIVING COOK

Jonesbrook Estates, LLC Assisted Living is now taking applications for a part time cook. Candidates should be knowledgeable in food preparation, following a recipe and general food safety, but will train the right person. Part time hours could work well alongside another full or part time job.

All offers of employment with Jonesbrook Estates are contingent upon a satisfactory background check as well as drug screening. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a desire to work with the elderly and provide exceptional customer care. Please apply in person to pick up an application at Jonesbrook Estates Assisted Living 1010 East 21st Street Falls City, NE 68355. Or inquire through email: jonesbrook@sentco.net.

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Part Time Library Assistant:
10-12 hours per week
Applications must be received
by 5:30PM, December 15, 2022



Description of Work:

Under supervision of the Librarian, this position performs work in providing services to the public, assisting the Librarians and cleaning the Library.

Must have a current Nebraska driver's license. Must be 16 years of age. Daytime, evening and some Saturday hours. Starting Hourly wage: \$10.73. Applications and questions @ Falls City Library & Arts Center

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OPEN POSITIONS

Region V Services Auburn is hiring for Direct Support Professionals. Each Region V Services employee performs responsible, professional work in providing training and support for individuals with disabilities in their homes and/or various community locations. This support and training will enhance the individual's competencies and help him/her achieve individual goals and relationships within the community. These positions are based on a 40-48 hour work schedule. Opportunities for evenings, weekends, and overtime available. We have full time and part time positions available, full time positions are eligible for full employee benefits including health, dental, vision, paid leave, retirement benefits, and tuition reimbursement.

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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 or 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 no later than 2 PM Thursday 1-5-2023. Scheduling interviews as soon as practical.

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The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full time opening for the Tribal Maintenance Technician position.

The purpose of this non-supervisory position is to provide general maintenance and repair of facilities and equipment owned by Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska in Reserve, KS to include but not limited to the following: Responsible for assisting in a variety of tasks: snow removal, grounds maintenance, carpentry, painting, plumbing, often independently. Share the responsibility for the caring and feeding of a small herd of buffalo. Basic knowledge of general safety rules for use of tools of the trade. Ability to perform light maintenance/repairs on equipment. Ability to operate tractors and power mowers. Ability to lift 80 pounds or more. Ability to acquire training in crafts and trades if needed/requested. Performs other duties as assigned. Must possess a valid driver's license, have a mechanical aptitude, and be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

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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. 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 or apply online indeed.com - SNHP is an equal opportunity employer. The position will remain open until filled.

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Full Time Positions Open!!

Falls City Family Practice, P.C. is seeking a Full-time **Medical Assistant** or LPN to help check in patients, assist the practitioners and complete administrative functions. The successful individual must have exceptional customer service skills, excellent communication skills, be a team player and very flexible. They must also be hard working, self directed and energetic. Previous Medical Assistant/LPN experience preferred. This unique position will offer you the opportunity to work hands on with our patients and staff.

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Jaxyn Strauss glides in for a finger roll Saturday against the Falcons.

Second-half woes doom Tigers

The Falls City Tiger boys' basketball team dropped its second and third games of the season last week, falling to Johnson-Brock 31-68 on Friday and Freeman 24-70 on Saturday.

FC hung around with the Eagles for the first half. Johnson-Brock led 12-18 after the first and 21-25 at intermission. Falls City's offense went cold the final 16 minutes, getting outscored 10-43 as they fell by 37 to the Eagles.

Jon Craig had five first-quarter points, Jaxyn Strauss added four and Charlie McNeely sunk a trey for the Tigers scoring. Triples by Keifer Adams and Tallan Zimmerman in the second kept FC close, trailing by only four entering the third.

FC hit just three field goals in the second half, all coming in the fourth quarter. Cayden Dunkhas, Craig and Strauss hit buckets in FC's final eight minutes.

FC hit 10/35 shot attempts (29%), while the Eagles hit 24/56 shots for 43%. J-B outrebounded Falls City 33-31 and forced FC into 22 turnovers while committing only five of their own.

Craig led FC with 11 points and six rebounds. Strauss added nine points, seven boards and one block.

Scoring for FC

Adams 3, Dunkhas 2, Strauss 9, Zimmerman 3, McNeely 3, Craig 11.

Scoring for J-B

Gravatt 2, Pelican 12, VanWinkle 18, Dalinghaus 7, Casen Dalinghaus 7, Greiner 2, Behrends 2, Parriott 6, Buchmeier 8, Leyton Behrends 2, Knippelmeyer 2.

On Saturday, the 3-0 Freeman Falcons came to town. The top-rated team in Class C-2 raced out to an 8-21 first-quarter lead over FC and never looked back. The Falcons went into the half with a 17-38 advantage and proceeded to outscore the Tigers 7-32 in the second half as they cruised to a 24-70 win. Falls City scored 17 total second-half points in the two games over the weekend.

Threes kept FC in the mix early on. Trailing 0-6, Strauss canned a triple from the corner to make it 3-6 with 5:00 to play in the first. Bryson Butrick sank a triple one minute later to keep FC close at 6-9. A bucket by Craig with 3:10 to go made it 8-13; Freeman scored the following 13 points to build an 18-point lead, 8-26.

A drive by Strauss early in the second period stopped the Falcon run and made the score 10-26. Craig hit a bucket in the paint and converted a pair of free throws to make it 14-32 with 3:20 to go in the half and Strauss sunk his sec-

ond three of the game with :23 to go to make it 17-38 at intermission.

Taylan Vetrovsky opened the second half with a steal and a dunk to make it 17-40. A three by Butrick with 6:00 to go excited the crowd, but Vetrovsky recorded his second slam of the quarter seconds later and Freeman took a convincing 22-59 lead heading into the fourth.

Strauss hit a driving shot at 7:30 to open the fourth; it would be the last points of the game for Falls City.

FC shot 24% for the game, making 8/34 attempts, while Freeman was 27/57 (47%) from the floor. The Tigers were outrebounded 35-21 and lost the turnover battle 25-8.

Strauss hit for ten points for the Tigers and pulled down five rebounds. Craig added six points and four boards and Butrick had six points and one assist.

Scoring for FC

Butrick 6, Frederick 2, Strauss 10, Craig 6.

Scoring for Freeman

Buss 2, T. Vetrovsky 9, H. Vetrovsky 6, Jennings 6, Buss 2, Niles 8, Reed 2, Ruse 28.

Falls City plays at Plattsmouth (1-3) on Friday, December 16 and at 2-2 Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday, December 20.



Ava Armbruster has a step on the Freeman defender Saturday.

Lady Tigers hold off Falcons for the win

On Saturday evening, Falls City hosted the Freeman Falcons, hoping to put Friday night's loss to Johnson-Brock in the rear-view mirror. The game opened with Ashleigh Kirkendall scoring the first five points, sinking a triple from the corner and then hitting a pull-up jumper. Hannah Collier dropped a trey from the corner with 4:15 to play in the first to put FC in front 8-0. Freeman scored the quarter's final four points, but FC held on for a 12-5 lead after one.

Madi Jones hit 3/4 free throw attempts in the second to keep FC in front. The Tigers got their lone hoop from the floor with 2:20 to go in the half when Reece McNeely scored in the paint to make it 17-10. Again, Freeman rallied at the end of the period, scoring the final six points to make it 17-16 at intermission.

A layup by Kirkendall and three from the wing by Ava Armbruster pushed the Tiger lead to 22-16. Five straight points by Collier saw the Tiger lead grow to nine at 27-18. This time, FC

had the final say in the quarter as Jones sank a three with :10 to go to make it 32-22 heading into the last period.

In the fourth, Kirkendall opened the scoring with a steal and layup at the other end to make it 34-22 with 6:50 to play. FC wouldn't score again until Ava Armbruster sealed the win with a pair of free throws with six seconds remaining as the Tigers held on for the 36-31 win. The Tigers were just 2/7 from the foul stripe in the fourth, including missing the front end of three one and ones.

Scoring for FC

Ava Armbruster 5, Kirkendall 13, Jones 6, Collier 8, Poppe 2, McNeely 2.

On Friday night, FC fell to Johnson-Brock 51-60, getting outscored 15-32 in the final two quarters.

The Eagles led after one 9-17, but a huge second quarter put Falls City in front 36-28 heading into intermission. The Tiger offense went cold in the second half as the Eagles outscored FC 6-18 in the third and 9-14 in the fourth as FC fell for the first time.

Johnson-Brock hit 51% of their shots from the floor, while FC was 18/58 shots for 32%. Free throws loomed large again as FC struggled, making only 11/32 attempts. The Tiger defense forced J-B into 24 turnovers while committing only 15 of their own.

Kirkendall had another monster night for Falls City, scoring 21 points, pulling down seven rebounds, dishing out three assists and getting four steals. Jones added a double/double with 17 points and 11 boards.

Scoring for FC

Collier 1, Poppe 2, Jones 17, Ava Armbruster 7, Isabelle Armbruster 1, Kirkendall 21, McNeely 2.

Scoring for J-B

Behrends 12, Lillenas 7, Knippelmeyer 8, Buchmeier 2, Vice 3, Ottemann 21, Clark 7.

The Tigers hosted Southern on Tuesday night and will play at Plattsmouth on Friday, December 16. FC then plays at Elmwood-Murdock Tuesday, December 20.

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