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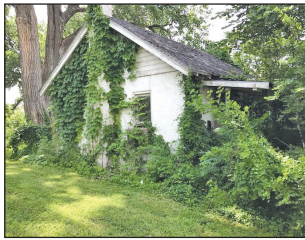
The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2022. Karas, Caverzagie and Sichel answered roll call.

Commissioner Sichel motioned to approve the agreement with Prichard & Abbott, Inc. to provide professional appraisal services for oil and gas mineral interest for tax years 2023 and 2024 at \$2,080.00/year. The motion carried.

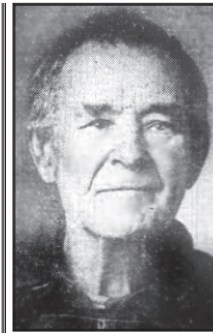
Highway Superintendent Steve (Please turn to Page 3)

Information regarding Falls City's vacant property ordinance

Ordinance 2022-112 requiring registration of both residential and commercial vacant/abandoned properties was adopted by the City of Falls City on December 5th, 2022. The ordinance places a duty on the owner of vacant/abandoned properties to register the property with the city. Vacant/abandoned properties have been neglected by their owners, leaving it up to the city to keep them from becoming crime magnets, fire hazards, or dumping grounds and overwhelming city resources.



Property owners can register a vacant property by submitting a completed Vacant Property Registration Form (www.fallscitynebraska.org) to City Hall. There is no fee for initial registration. Property owners can find additional information on the vacant property ordinance here. Citizens and members of the public can report vacant buildings to the Building Inspector at 402.245.2851 or to permits@fallscityne.us.



Sam Martin, 1933

Eighty-nine years ago in Preston, NE A 20 year rivalry turns deadly

By Nikki McKim

On Armistice Day, 1933, four people were shot near Preston, Nebraska. These are the six weeks that followed. (Part two)

Warning: some of the information in this story may be difficult to read. This article includes discussion around topics such as murder, mental health issues and harassment and this information may be difficult for some. If this content may upset you, I encourage you to care for your safety and well-being and skip it.

J.H. Falloon told the jury to remember that it was their sole duty to determine whether William Margrave had been murdered in cold blood and with premeditation and that the other shootings in the bloody Armistice feud were immaterial.

Mrs. Margrave took the stand to tell about the ordeal. She broke down once during her 20 minutes on the stand when she told of the actual shooting, but was able to compose herself. Mrs. Margrave told about how Sam Martin cut a hole in the Margrave fence the morning of the shooting but stated she didn't have an argument with him at that time. It wasn't until the men of the family came home for dinner that there was any particular trouble. She told the men about the hole and they went to repair it. She accompanied them. Jim called out to Martin to ask what the trouble was. Martin talked about his pigs and called her husband vile names. Jim, in retaliation, called Martin, a liar. Martin, holding a hatchet, said he would cut him to pieces with it, but it was too good for him. He would get a gun and shoot up the whole family instead. At that point in the argument, Mr. Margrave returned to the house and attempted to call the Sheriff. Minutes later, Jim returned to the home, made the call, and went back out to the yard.

The next thing she knew, Mrs. Margrave said Stuart had entered the house, gone upstairs and called down to his mother, asking

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2022 NEWSMAKERS

Officers gather with faculty to honor Sgt. Goldsberry

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office announced the passing of Sergeant Jeremy Goldsberry on January 9, 2022. Goldsberry worked in law enforcement in Richardson County for many of the prior 20 years. Several area departments escorted Sgt. Goldsberry to his final resting place at Steele Cemetery on January 18, 2022.

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 JANUARY 12, 2022

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Citizen's Advisory Committee meet last Wednesday regarding the proposed Jail Expansion Project

The Citizen's Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at the City of Falls City. The committee discussed the proposed jail expansion project and the need for a new jail facility. The committee will continue to meet and provide input to the City Council on this project.

COMMITTEE FOR PROPOSED JAIL EXPANSION FORMED
 JANUARY 26, 2022

A Citizen's Advisory Committee for the proposed Jail Expansion Project was formed and met on Jan. 19, 2022. After hearing public comments, they determined they needed a more time to investigate further to see whether a jail was needed or not. "That was what everybody with in the committee came up with. Looking at the consensus was two years to study on this before we come back."

"I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT WE HAVE"
 FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Sheriff Rick Hardesty spoke about his time in office and the need for a jail addition. "I want to be the best Department in Southeast Nebraska," said Hardesty. Hardesty said he had a great department with great staff and shared how their was a need for a jail expansion.

Field Turf at Jug Brown Stadium is getting an update

The city is planning to update the field turf at Jug Brown Stadium. The new turf will be more durable and provide better playing conditions for the football team.

Commissioners ask County Attorney to amend Interlocal Agreement between the City of Beatrice and Richardson Co.

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners requested that the County Attorney amend the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Beatrice and Richardson County. The agreement covers various services and costs between the two entities.

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

The Pinnacle Bank Arena Irish team cut down the nets for the third time in six years. The team won the NSAA state championship at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The win was the programs seventh title and first since 2018. The prior season, the Irish fell to the Flyers 57-48 in the title game. In 2022 Sacred Heart took down the defending champion, 43-33.

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 MARCH 23, 2022

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COMMISSIONERS ASK CO. ATTORNEY TO AMEND AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEATRICE AND RICHARDSON COUNTY
 FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Immediately after an executive session, the Board requested that Co. Attorney Doug Merz contact the Beatrice City Attorney regarding a request by RC to amend the Emergency Dispatch Services Interlocal Agreement between Beatrice and the County. Beatrice responded over a month later on March 25, 2022, to say they would terminate the agreement if RC pays Beatrice \$300,000.

IRISH CUT DOWN NETS AT PINNACLE - MARCH 16, 2022

In a battle of Class D2 powerhouses, SH Lady Irish exacted revenge on the Humphrey St. Francis Flyers in the NSAA state championship at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The win was the programs seventh title and first since 2018. The prior season, the Irish fell to the Flyers 57-48 in the title game. In 2022 Sacred Heart took down the defending champion, 43-33.

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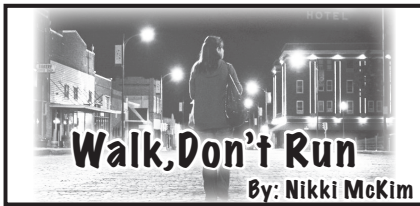
REMINDERS SEE ADS INSIDE!

- First Presbyterian Church invites everyone to the First Day of Epiphany of Our Lord. Jan. 8 at 2:00 p.m.
- First Christian Church Soup Supper (WE'RE BACK!), Sun., Jan. 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Barnes Realty Online Auction, Bidding open through Jan. 25th at 11 AM.
- St. Thomas Episcopal Church Jan. worship schedule.

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As I celebrate the end of 2022, I know that this new year could hold loss and heartbreak. It could also hold a lot of wonderful and exciting things. People say that you shouldn't look back but I personally enjoy looking back. Why not think about and talk about the fun things you've done in the past year?

Twenty-two held many ups and downs for me as it has with each and every one of you. I made wonderful memories in 2022 and cried an ocean's worth of tears. I used to do a breakdown by the numbers of the past year. It's a fun way to look back at some of the things we have done and the fun we have had. It's my year by the numbers. It was something Scott Schock enjoyed and we talked about at length when I did it. I stopped doing it along the way, but as I sit here thinking about this year of massive lows and pretty good highs, I thought, "why not?"

Among the highlights of the year was traveling 1608 miles to Los Angeles after a 2 year break from in-person gatherings due to COVID for the 13th Turner Classic Film Festival. I managed to see 9 films and skip 10, but I made it to hours worth of breakfasts, lunches, dinners, drinks and dancing with friends I've been missing for 3 years.

Brian and I drove 35 miles in heavy, thick fog to spend the night with our 2 nieces and 1 nephew who declared that I was the best backscratcher, making the foggy drive worth it.

On 1-27-22, I dropped to my lowest weight in 15 years after battling parosmia for 10 months. I ended up losing nearly 50 pounds. Don't worry, after I hit the 18 month mark I got about 60 percent of my taste back to normal and have put plenty of that weight back on. I managed to get 5 burgers and 2 bowls of Humboldt Fair chili down this year which was very exciting.

On the 25th day of the 2nd month, I drove 82 miles to Topeka to see 2 Lon Chaney films at Grace Episcopal Cathedral for the 25th Annual Kansas Silent Film Festival.

Chelsie and I drove 233 miles to Kearney for the Nebraska Press Awards where we sat through a monster hailstorm and 2 nearby tornado warnings where the Falls City Journal won 9 awards, an all time best.

According to my Spotify, I listened to about 600 minutes of Elvis and over 10,500 minutes of podcasts while on the road or writing.

I made at least 150 visits to Keller Bakery where I may have eaten over 150 cookies and doughnuts.

I only had time to read 9 books this year and beg of you all to read The 7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Brian was runner number 2279 when after a year of training he ran 13.1 miles in the Good Life Halfy in Lincoln.

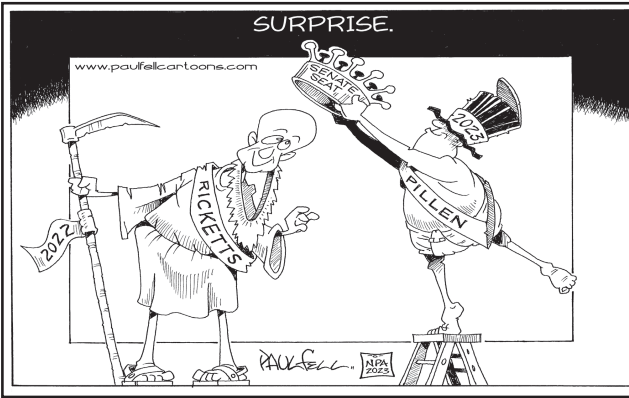
After turning 39 on 9/4, I treated myself to a night in Omaha where I saw Joe Gatto do his stand-up show and waited over 1 hour after to meet him. Then I went back to my hotel where I ordered over \$100 worth of food to eat in bed.

Mr. Alexander McKim accompanied me to Lincoln where we celebrated the start of his 11th year in school by seeing the best 2 hour stand-up show I saw all year. That show, Marc Maron was Alex's 3rd comedy show in 2022.

My sister and I went on our second trip of the year when we drove the 820 miles straight through to Houston, TX where we had one of the best meals I've ever had and visited the Space Center like we've wanted to since we first saw Apollo 13.

52 issues of the Journal were published in 2022, where Chelsie printed over 68,000 mailing labels. Over 110,000 copies of the Journal were printed and delivered locally and by 100's of mail carriers to all 50 states.

All of us at the Falls City Journal would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2023 and thank you for your continued support.



IT'S A NEW YEAR AND THERE'S A WHOLE LOTTA NEW GOING ON

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

Welcome to 2023, a new year with a whole lotta new going on at the State Capitol. There's a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, auditor and 14 new state senators assuming leadership roles in the Republican dominated Nebraska government. There will be a new U.S. Senator from Nebraska to be appointed by the new governor. There are 33 Republicans and 16 Democrats in the officially nonpartisan Legislature.

So, what does this mean to you and me? A new year marks a great chance to move one year further away from the Covid pandemic lockdowns and mask-ups. Hope springs eternal that medical science will find a wide-ranging vaccination or some other solution as we inch toward normalcy.

A bunch of new people in positions of authority marks a time to be cautious while we discern agendas and adjust to new management styles. Comfort levels will increase as the direction becomes clear. The selection of a new speaker and committee chairs will be instructive of the workings of the Legislature. The new governor's first state of the state address should likewise be informative.

New Governor Jim Pillen, a former University of Nebraska football player in the Osborne era and a soon-to-reign University Regent, says he will commute to Lincoln from Pillen Farms at Columbus. The last Governor to actually live in the Mansion across the street south of the Capitol was Mike Johanns. Governor Kay Orr also lived in the mansion and oversaw a massive renovation project. His Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly will likely be the presiding officer many days of the Legislature. Kelly was most recently the U.S. Attorney for Nebraska. Prior to that he was Lancaster County Attorney. He and Pillen have been friends since college.

Former Speaker of the Legislature Mike Hilgers of Lincoln was elected Attorney General. His legislative aid has been appointed to fill his remaining two years in the Legislature. He follows in the footsteps of Doug Peterson who was a strict law and order advocate and will likely be the same.

Former Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley heads back to the state Auditor job, a post he held from 2007 to 2015 when he joined the adminis-

tration of Gov. Pete Ricketts. Foley was a state senator from 2001 to 2007. The job opened when Auditor Charlie Janssen of Fremont decided to not run again. He had been in office since 2015 and served one term in the Legislature before that. It is presumed that Brandon Metzler, an assistant clerk of the Legislature since 2017, will be voted in as the next Clerk of the Legislature succeeding Clerk Patrick J. O'Donnell who is retiring after 45 years on the job, the longest of any legislative clerk in the country. Likewise, it appears that State Sen. John Arch of

Omaha, a health care consultant who has served in the Legislature since 2018, will be the next Speaker of the Legislature.

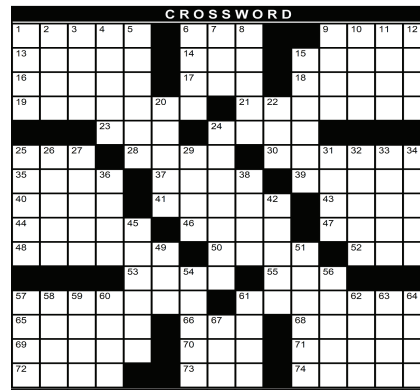
Don't forget about Ricketts. It is almost certain that Pillen will appoint him to be the replacement for U.S. Senator Ben Sasse who steps down to become the President of the University of Florida.

That's a lot of new in the air, but despite a few expected hiccups, it could be a refreshing change.

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

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THEME: VACATION DESTINATIONS

- ACROSS**
- Walt Whitman's dooryard plant
 - Bag, à Paris
 - Sound of astonishment
 - Smell of baking bread, e.g.
 - Self-importance
 - Ma Bell, e.g.
 - List of Catholic saints
 - Bobbysey twin
 - Donor's bequest
 - Country to see Stonehenge
 - Country to see Neuschwanstein Castle
 - Tokyo, in the olden days
 - Way off freeway
 - Gremilin or pixie
 - Assistant
 - Crunches alternative (2 words)
 - Mountain lake
 - Thailand, pre-1939
 - Parlor piece
 - Maldives continent
 - Plaudit and pomp
 - Unadulterated
 - Child-eating daemon, Greek mythology
 - Red carpet purse
 - Pelvic bones
 - Give, way under force
 - Like acne-prone skin
 - Pose a question
 - Letter opener
 - Barack Obama, pre-pres.
 - Grand Canyon state
 - Broadway state
 - Loaded
 - Marbled bread
 - Bad car
 - South Pacific sailboats
 - "Swiss or Italian skiing destination"
 - Related on mother's side
 - Unload on eBay
 - Gilligan's home
 - Tap, e.g.
- DOWN**
- Spike, as in punch
 - Iraq's neighbor
 - Like a maxi skirt
 - Sour plant
 - *One of two countries to see Niagara Falls
 - Mail a package
 - Agha, alt. sp.
 - Gloria Estefan's hit
 - Disease-causing organism
 - One of algae
 - Diagnostic test
 - One-trick ungulate?
 - Sluggish
 - canceling earbuds
 - Ambulance squad, acr.
 - RE/MAX agent, e.g.
 - Amalfi Coast country
 - Kenyan tribesman
 - Amazon "club"
 - Vegas cube
 - Cone-shaped quarters
 - Throat dangler
 - *Mona Lisa city
 - Go stealthily
 - Nervous biting victim
 - *Haleakala, island
 - Accent mark
 - Software plug-ins
 - Barack Obama, pre-pres.
 - Wailed
 - Frustration, in a comic book
 - Laughing African predator
 - *Swiss or Italian skiing destination
 - Steak option
 - *White Wedding" Billy
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From the Journal Files
By Brian McKim
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago, January 4, 1973 to January 10, 1973
Stuntman Evel Knievel had escaped serious injury in an accident that caused some \$6,000 in damage to his \$200,000 jet-powered motorcycle. Knievel was sitting on the vehicle during refueling when there was an explosion.

Ice and windstorms in Kansas City caused a power outage for 75,000 Kansas City Power and Light customers. Five inches of snow, freezing rain and 28 miles per hour winds were behind the blackout.

The retail committee of the Chamber of Commerce votes to ask the city council to take out all parking meters in the downtown area. The decision was taken in response to rumors that the city had received an application for a shopping center building permit north of town. The parking meters produced an annual gross revenue of about \$20,000.

Final plans were made for the Falls City Community Theater group to attend a Lighthouse Dinner Theater in Kansas City. Jim Mimick, president, President at the meeting and Mrs. Byron Meinzer, secretary, read the minutes of the previous session.

County Judge Albert Maust swore in new county commissioners Wesley J. Stansbury of Humboldt and Theodore J. Yoessel, north of Falls City. "Made in China" was the new chic label to have at home and American merchants reported that business was slow, but they expected the China market would grow.

The girls of the Mi-ne-he-ca Camp Fire group toured the Journal and earned honor beads by observing in the photography dark room. The girls pictured were Sheri Smith, Rene Dille, Julie Davidson, Kelli Boatman, Sharleen Pounds, Marsha Kentopp and Carol Gentry.

Dan Kean, a Sacred Heart High school senior, was awarded a \$2,800 trustees' scholarship to Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

The Tigers picked up their first win of the season when Jeff Prosser hit a bucket with just three seconds remaining. FC, led by Scott Auxier with 12 points, beat Wymore Southern 50-48.

The trial began in U.S. District Court for seven men accused of breaking into the Democratic party national headquarters in the Watergate Case. Ed Kirkendall of Falls City beat Kevin Sopoci of Southeast in the 105-pound division of the Weeping Water wrestling tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Yates, 1614 Morton Street, quietly celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Sixty persons gathered at the Falls City Country Club for an evening of bridge. Jack Weaver took the high prize and second place went to Richard Gentry. For the ladies, Mrs. John Buchholz, Sr., had the high score, with Mrs. Bob James placing second.

Adolph Zukor, the Henry Ford of movies, celebrated his 100th birthday in Hollywood. Zukor was the man credited with the mass production of motion pictures.

In Nims City news, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harmon returned home after spending a few days in Lamesa, Texas, with his brother Larry Harmon and his family. Also, in Nims City, Alfred Kurze spent New Year's Day with his daughter, Mrs. John Fritz and family in Auburn.

All seven Nebraska City public schools were operating on a part-time basis due to a shortage of fuel oil. The schools would run for four days, then be closed for four days through January.

The 1973 officers of the B.P.O. Does were installed with Mrs. Wayne Tisdal as president and Mrs. Lawrence Hullman as the first counselor. The Chamber of Commerce board of directors adopted a budget of \$24,675 for 1973 at their meeting at Hotel Stephenson. Of that total, \$14,000 came from members' dues.

Mrs. Ray McKim Jr. announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Cathy Lynn, to John Edward O'Grady. The couple planned an August wedding.

25 Years Ago, January 4, 1998 to January 10, 1998
The City Council unanimously approved Mayor Marshall Maddox's appointment of Sgt. Duane Armbruster as assistant chief of police. Armbruster began his law enforcement career in Falls City on March 16, 1982.

Falls City star senior Molly Matthes scored 15 points as the Lady Tigers fell to Omaha Skutt 43-41. The 15 points brought Matthes' career total to 1,005.

In Coach Tom Osborne's final game, Nebraska defeated Tennessee 42-17 in the Orange Bowl and claimed part of the National Championship. Dennis L. Hullman, a past Exalted Ruler, was named the 1996-97 "Elk of the Year" by Falls City Lodge #963.

The Falls City Area Jaycees were again teaching BB gun safety at the Jaycee Hall above Browns Shoe Fit. Anyone aged 8-15 were trained in how to handle BB guns safely and the different shooting positions.

The recent surge in rural burglaries continued with six more break-ins. In each case, the thieves made off with cigarettes and cash. Burglaries had taken place at the Salem Café, Chance R. Bar, Ye Ole Tyme Saloon, Center Field Bar, The Camp and Big Mike's Tavern.

A unanimous State College Board of Trustees voted to move Peru St. College to Nebraska City. The state's oldest college had been in Peru for 130 years. Such a move would also require approval from the legislature.

Falls City's Tom Wissman improved to 8-0 with a 2-1 victory over Hiawatha's Scott Cole in a dual with the Redskins. Both wrestlers were ranked second in their respective states.

Southeast Consolidated three-sport standout Janelle Findlay signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Peru St. College. Senior Brandon Ruck scored 18 points and hauled in seven rebounds at the D-V Jets fell to Lourdes 63-53.

15 Years Ago, January 4, 2008 to January 10, 2008
Four couples in and around Falls City had met for New Year's every year for the past 50 years. The couples included Ed and Norma Eckwert, Edwin and Norman Werner, Lewis and Gaylene Zentner and Bob and Lee Ferguson.

Jason and Kristi Tollefsrud, Waconia, Minnesota, were the proud parents of a boy, Leo Elton. Leo's grandparents are Tim and Karen Pfister of Falls City.

The Tigers defended its home turf, beating Lincoln Lutheran 57-37. Mitch Liberty and Trent Scheitel each scored 15 points to pace FC. Ethan Froeschl, a senior at Sacred Heart and Laura Stevens, a senior at Falls City High School, were offered Regents Scholarships by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The scholarship paid full-time students tuition equivalent to \$22,000 over four years.

Commissioners receive NRIN update

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Darveau, Jr. could not meet with the Board this week. Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on business at the Law Enforcement Center. A discussion was held regarding the use of the metal building to the north of the Law Enforcement Center as an evidence storage area. Hardesty reported that the light on the communications tower has been repaired and that St. Plumbing is trying to remedy the sewer problem at the Law Enforcement Center to eliminate the smell.

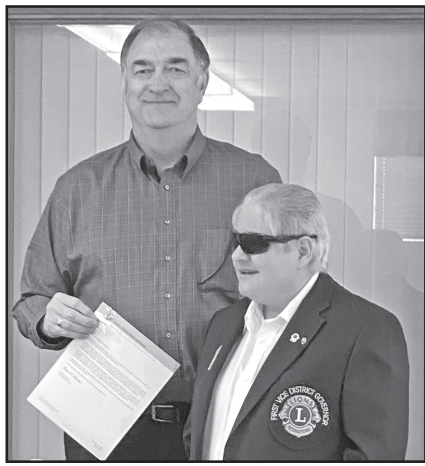
The Sheriff also reported that the jailers had been issued body cams to help with clarity on specific situations within the Jail from time to time. During discussions of hiring qualified officers, Sheriff Hardesty said he looks for applicants who will fit the goals of the Sheriff's Department and he wants people there who will be proactive. From January 1, 2022, through December 27, 2022, 658 people were booked into the Jail, the Sheriff's Department arrested 563.

"We owe it to the people of Richardson County," said Hardesty. "It's important to make sure that everybody feels like we earn what we do. I think it's important that the people of Richardson County understand that we're doing our job."

Sue Krogman of the NE Regional Interoperability Network met with the Board to update them on the progress of the installation of the NRIN system within Richardson County. Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) is a statewide wireless communication and data-sharing network owned and governed by Nebraska's local governments. It connects Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) or 911 centers regionally and statewide to enable them to utilize statewide communications resources and new, developing wireless technologies.

The primary data communications transport method will be microwave using telephone company-grade microwave dish antennas and radios. Existing public and private tower infrastructure, such as communications towers, water towers, grain elevators and buildings, are being utilized.

NRIN allows 911 centers and Emergency Operations Centers to quickly access large amounts of information and share that



THE FALLS CITY LIONS CLUB was visited by First Vice District Governor Evelyn Springer who presented Bob Aitken with an award recognizing 35 years of service to Lionism.

information across the state, thereby improving responses to emergencies and protecting lives and property. This information includes voice, video, pictures, text, documents, and other data transmitted to and from 911 centers and Emergency Operations Centers, public safety agencies (e.g., law enforcement, fire), public power, emergency operations centers, weather service, crime information centers, emergency alert system, roads and motor vehicles agencies, ham radio networks, civil air patrol, and other public and private agencies.

Krogman said there'd been discussion with some county villages about using their water towers. The plans are to complete the project by the Fall of 2023. The Board approved the continuation of this installation to move forward with the system within Richardson County. A motion was made and approved by Sichel to advertise for sealed bids to be received and opened on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. for replacing the Courthouse roof. Payment of all submitted claims was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m. The Board met again on Tuesday, January 3, 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.

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

Run date, December 21, 2022 to December 22, 2022- Calls: four 911 hang up/misdial, one traffic/driving complain, two information only, two referred to other agency, one accident, one alarm, three motorist assist, one miscellaneous, two EMS/ambulance, five 911 calls, one citation for speeding, three warnings for speeding, two warnings for improper/defective lighting.

Run date, December 22, 2022 to December 23, 2022- Calls: one 911 hang up/misdial, one domestic disturbance, one referred to other agency, one motorist assist, two records check, one HHS intake/referral, one animal complaint, one miscellaneous, two EMS/ambulance, five 911 calls, one warning for defective/improper lighting.

Run date, December 23, 2022 to December 24, 2022- Calls: two ambulance/EMS, one house watch, one alarm, two disturbance, two 911 calls.

Run date, December 24, 2022 to December 25, 2022- Calls: three ambulance/EMS, one suspicious subject or vehicle, one miscellaneous, one motorist assist, one check welfare, two 911 calls.

Run date, December 25, 2022 to December 26, 2022- Calls: two miscellaneous, two ambulance/EMS, one 911 hang up/misdial, one animal complaint, two 911 calls.

Run date, December 26, 2022 to December 27, 2022- Calls: one HHS intake/referral, one open door, one animal complaint, one 911 hang up/misdial, one miscellaneous, four EMS/ambulance, five 911 calls, one citation for improper turn.

Run date, December 27, 2022 to December 28, 2022- Calls: on suspicious subject or vehicle, two referred to other agency, two 911 hang up/misdial, two miscellaneous, one accident, one HHS intake/referral, five 911 calls, one citation for speeding, one citation for invalid registration, one warning for improper turn, one warning for no proof of insurance, one warning for speeding.

Run date, December 28, 2022 to December 29, 2022- Calls: four miscellaneous, one 911 hang up/misdial, one theft, one records check, two ambulance/EMS, two animal complaint, seven 911 calls, one citation for commit child abuse negligently/no injury one citation for speeding 16-20 MPH.



Jon Craig, Madison Jones, Elizabeth Vice, Brock Caudle

FCHS November Students of the Month

The staff and administration of Falls City High School have announced the selections for November High School Students of the Month. The honors go to the following students: Jon Craig, a senior, is the son of Robbie and Wendy Craig, Madison Jones, a senior, is the daughter of Luke and Celeste Jones.

Brock Caudle, a freshman, is the son of Chris and Penny Caudle. Elizabeth Vice, a freshman, is the daughter of Tillman Vice and Laura Goff. The students were nominated by high school staff and are being recognized for being innovative, responsible, resilient, and resourceful. Each

of the students was praised in nomination comments for "academic excellence, going above and beyond what was asked of them, their helpfulness, and their leadership, and serving as excellent role models for their peers," according to high school principal Gale Dunkhas.

SENCA Weatherization focuses on energy savings throughout Southeast Nebraska

Submitted by SENCA
SENCA hosted an Open House on Tuesday, November 8 at the Cass County SENCA Office in Plattsmouth. The event focused on Energy Savings.

In addition to the SENCA Weatherization staff, representatives from Black Hills Energy, Nebraska Public Power District and Omaha Public Power District were available to provide helpful information and answer questions.

Josh Nincehler, SENCA's Quality Control Inspector and Radon Mitigation Specialist, led a demonstration of how an energy audit is conducted on the residence of a homeowner, or renter, who has applied for Weatherization assistance.

Kyle Carnahan, SENCA Housing Inspector, assisted with the blower door demonstration, a process performed during a home energy audit to identify areas of air leakage in a home. An energy audit helps determine the appropriate weatherization and safety measures required to reduce energy costs and help improve the

overall health and safety of the home. This can include insulation, caulking, light bulbs, smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and door replacement. Water heater and furnace checks are also performed during the audit.

Irene Ropp, a Plattsmouth resident, attended the Open House and shared how weatherization has helped improve her homes energy efficiency.

"I am happy with the work that was completed and would definitely recommend the program to others," said Irene. "I set my thermostat at 67 and the furnace runs less, before my home was weatherized it ran all the time." Irene stated that prior to SENCA weatherizing her home a few months ago her electric bills were more than \$400 every month.

After SENCA completed weatherization of Irene's home, her October electric bill was \$93, a considerable reduction in utility costs, and especially helpful for households living on limited or fixed incomes. According to Gin Christiansen, SENCA Weatherization Director, on average, most

households who receive weatherization assistance will experience around an 18 to 19% reduction in utility costs. This is a significant savings for low-income households already struggling to meet their basic needs.

The energy saving measures made to Irene's home included: pipe, attic, sill and foundation insulation; installation of a new exterior door; sealing of all accessible ductwork; and furnace filter replacement. Irene also qualified to have her old refrigerator replaced with a new more energy efficient unit, thereby saving her the out-of-pocket expense of trying to stretch her budget to purchase one on her own.

Some of the preliminary qualifications for the SENCA Weatherization program include residents with household incomes at 200 percent or below of the Federal Poverty Guidelines who reside within the agency's seven county service area of Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson and Sarpy.

The program is available to qualifying renters as well as home-owners, including those who reside in mobile homes.

However, the best way to know if you, and your home, qualify for SENCA Weatherization is to contact SENCA at 402-862-2411 (1-888-313-5608) and speak with Gin Christiansen, extension #110. Applications can also be found on SENCA's user-friendly web site, www.senca.org.

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Tuition for the 2023-2024 school term is \$3070.00 for 9-12 students and \$2670.00 for K-8 students. Tuition scholarships are available to attend Sacred Heart School using federal poverty guidelines. (See graphs) Fourth child may attend at no charge.

There is no obligation to attend for filling out the application. The absolute deadline for scholarship application is March 31, 2023. No application will be processed after that date. Please contact the school at 402-245-4151 for additional information.

Under 225% of Poverty	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	Good Shepherd Scholarship Plus Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,650	\$420	\$3,070	\$1900 + \$420 = \$2320	\$750
Grade School	\$2,250	\$420	\$2,670	\$1600 + \$420 = \$2020	\$650
226%-325% of Poverty	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	Guardian Angel Scholarship Plus Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,650	\$420	\$3,070	\$700 + \$130 = \$830	\$2,240
Grade School	\$2,250	\$420	\$2,670	\$700 + \$130 = \$830	\$1,840
326%-400% of Poverty	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	Guardian Angel Scholarship Plus Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,650	\$420	\$3,070	\$500 + \$130 = \$630	\$2,440
Grade School	\$2,250	\$420	\$2,670	\$500 + \$130 = \$630	\$2,040
400% and above Poverty	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	With Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,650	\$420	\$3,070	\$130	\$2,940
Grade School	\$2,250	\$420	\$2,670	\$130	\$2,540
Over 400% of Poverty	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	No Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,650	\$420	\$3,070		\$3,070
Grade School	\$2,250	\$420	\$2,670		\$2,670

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- Our grade school has a traditional educational philosophy which guides the curriculum and includes phonics, basic reading skills, written and oral expression, basic math facts and problem solving skills, and an individualized one-on-one remedial program as well as a tiered system of intervention support for all students.
- Scholarship applications are open January 15 until March 31, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school term. In order to make an informed decision on family tuition, please fill out the scholarship application at <https://goodshepherdscholarship.com/scholarship> by March 31, 2023.

#	Poverty guideline	under 225%	226-325%	326-400%
2	\$18,310.00	\$39,195.00	\$59,507.50	\$73,240.00
3	\$23,030.00	\$49,410.00	\$74,847.50	\$92,120.00
4	\$27,750.00	\$59,615.00	\$90,187.50	\$111,000.00
5	\$32,470.00	\$69,840.00	\$105,527.50	\$129,880.00
6	\$37,190.00	\$80,055.00	\$120,867.50	\$148,760.00
7	\$41,910.00	\$90,270.00	\$136,207.50	\$167,640.00
8	\$46,630.00	\$100,485.00	\$151,547.50	\$186,520.00

BUILDING PERMITS

Ray Huebner, 1812 Schoenheit St., foundation push pier; \$30,324.69.

Tamara Black, 1605 Wilson St., floor, stud walls, vanity, toilet and water heater; \$3,500.00.

Doug Wheeler, 2414 Towle St., portable storage shed on skids; \$5,000.00.

Southeast Nebraska Communications, 65112 706 Road, new shop; \$400,000.00.

Roger Druba, 1223 Stone St., remove and replace roof; \$9,900.00.

Roger Druba, 1902 Fair St., remove and replace roof; \$15,000.00.

Maplewood Properties, 212 West 10th St., demo of residence.

Aaron Johansen, 2903 Old Hwy 73, gas piping; \$7,500.00.

One Million Dollars raised for Project ROAR

Peru State College is pleased to announce raising one million dollars in the Project ROAR fundraising campaign. Peru State College President Dr. Michael Evans says, "We're pleased to reach this important milestone so quickly, and we are grateful to all the donors and businesses that are supporting this transformational project. We still have more work to do with our fundraising efforts, but we are well under way, and the momentum and energy are truly exciting!" In all, \$4 million remain to be raised, making ROAR the largest fund drive in Peru State's 155-year history. Project ROAR will add more than 104,000 square feet of indoor space to the campus. This more than

doubles the square footage of the Peru State's largest building, the Al Wheeler Activity Center. Three of the buildings will be near the baseball and softball fields at the Centennial Complex south of the main campus. The other two will be built on a practice field north of the Oak Bowl stadium. The largest components are large air-supported, artificially turfed domes at each site.

If you are interested in giving a tax-deductible donation, please call the Peru State College Foundation office, 402-872-2304 or email Ted Harshbarger at harshbarger@peru.edu. Donors will have the option of spreading pledge gifts out through 2025. Peru State College plans to start breaking ground in 2023.

USDA reminds livestock producers of assistance available for those impacted by recent adverse weather

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Nebraska Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director John Berge is reminding the state's producers who suffered livestock losses due to the recent adverse weather, they may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

"The Livestock Indemnity Program provides producers with a safety net to help them with the financial impact of livestock losses due to extreme or abnormal weather," said Berge. "December has been marked by blizzards and extreme cold and high winds, which has really had a significant impact on some livestock producers. We encourage them to reach out to their local FSA office."

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to an adverse weather event, which can include blizzards and extreme cold, among other weather events, or reduced sale prices for owned livestock due to injury from an eligible loss condition. The payment rate is based on 75 percent of the average fair market value of the livestock.

A livestock producer must file a Notice of Loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is first apparent. For 2022 losses, producers also must file an application for payment by March 1, 2023.

Livestock producers must provide evidence that the death of livestock was due to an eligible adverse weather event or loss condition. In addition, livestock producers should bring supporting evidence, including documentation of the number and kind of livestock that died, photographs or video records to document the loss, purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, and other similar documents. Owners who sold injured livestock for a reduced price because the livestock was injured due to an adverse weather event must provide verifiable evidence of the reduced sale of the livestock.

Producers should contact their local FSA office for additional program details, to submit a Notice of Loss, and to apply for LIP benefits. To find the nearest FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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Northwest announces fall 2022 semester honor rolls

The Office of the Registrar at Northwest Missouri State University announced students named to the Academic or President's honor rolls at the end of the 2022 fall semester.

Making lists were, President, Taylor K. Frederick; Academic, Jacob H. Froeschl; Academic, Lauren E. Malone; Academic, Maggie E. McNeely; President, Mackenzie E. Nelson; Academic, Cade K. Schawang; Academic, Jolee L. Schulenberg all of Falls City.

Academic, Jacey S. Leech of Humboldt.
President, Makayla A. Mason of Stella.

President, Abigail R. Fritz of Verdon.

To be included on the Academic Honor Roll a student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and attain a grade-point average of 3.50 or above on a 4.00 scale. Students named to the President's Honor Roll have attained a perfect 4.00 GPA for the semester.

Brewer awarded degree from CSM

College of Saint Mary (CSM) presented degrees to 34 students during a winter commencement ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 17, in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel. Of those graduating, 22 received their bachelor's degree, while one received their doctoral degree and 11 received their master's degree.

Graduates from Falls City included, Erin Brewer, Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude.

The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Melissa Kimmerling '06, M'07, D'14. Kimmerling is the founding program director and associate professor for the occupational therapy programs at Nebraska Methodist College. CSM President Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM, presented the degrees to the graduates and provided congratulatory remarks.

For Bachelor's Degrees, Magna cum laude: a student must obtain a quality point average of at least 3.7.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

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December 20, 2022

Brian M. McFeeters, 34, of Hiawatha, KS, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

Grant, Austin R., 27, of Des Moines, IA, was arrested for No Operators License and No Insurance.

December 21, 2022

Amanda L. Debnam, 40, of Humboldt, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance x two, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana less than ounce, Fictitious plates, No Proof of Insurance and No Valid Registration.

December 22, 2022

Ashley R. Breiner, 33, of Omaha, NE, was arrested for Domestic Assault, False Reporting, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and Child Abuse No Injury X 2.

December 25, 2022

Alexsander D. Custillo, 24, of

Topeka, KS, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

December 26, 2022

William Runkles Jr., 48, of Falls City, NE, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failing to Appear for a Court Commitment.

Elijah T. Brooks, 23, of Lincoln, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Ryan A. Olano, 33, of Dunseith, ND was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Jackson S. Scroggins, 21, of Alto, TX was arrested for Driving Under Revocation and a Sarpy County warrant for Failure to Appear.

December 28, 2022

Martin Garcia-Luna, 39, of Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

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Samuel K. Nihal, 26, of Elkhorn, NE was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

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Epiphany 2, **January 15**, 9:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist-**Holy Communion**

Epiphany 3, **January 22**, 9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer-**NO Holy Communion**

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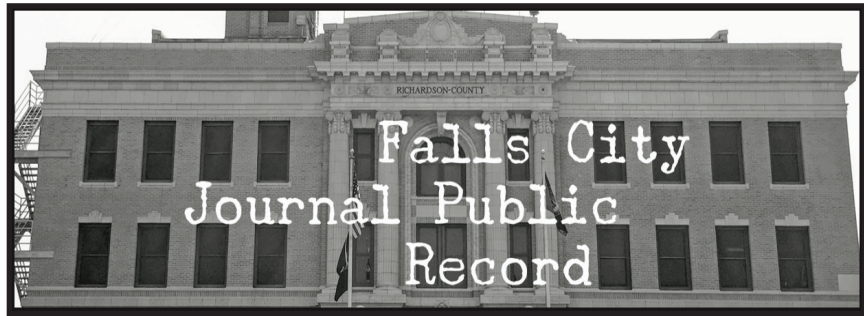
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(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge). *Legend drug* means drugs that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that are required by federal or state law to be dispensed to the public only on prescription of a licensed physician or other licensed provider.

DISTRICT COURT
Sarah E. Gerber, count one, Del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug; class 2 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismitted; count three amended to dropped/dismitted. Sentencing scheduled for February 14, 2023.

Bruce K. Ballard, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fines of \$750.00. Count two, amended to dropped/dismitted; count three, amended to dropped/dismitted; count four, amended to dropped/dismitted.

Terrance R. Dowd, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest; class 4 felony, plea guilty, found guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plea guilty, found guilty; count three, amended to dropped/dismitted; count four, amended to dropped/dismitted; count five, obstruct a peace officer, plea guilty, found guilty; count six, amended to dropped/dismitted; count seven, amended to dropped/dismitted. Sentencing scheduled for January 24, 2023.

Colby L. Elms, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plea no contest, found guilty. Sentencing includes probation for term of 18 months beginning December 20, 2022, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30.00, probation fee-regular \$450, drug testing fee of \$90.00, jail for term of 15 days beginning on May 20, 2023, jail for term of 15 days beginning on October 20, 2023, jail for term of 15 days beginning on March 20, 2024.

Chase L. Ramer, count one, assault ofcr/hlth care prof-third degree, class 3A felony, plea no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 30 months beginning December 20, 2022, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30.00, jail for term of 30 days beginning September 20, 2023, jail for term of 30 days beginning on June 20, 2024, jail for term of 30 days beginning on January 20, 2025. Count two, possess controlled substance, plea no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation fee-regular of \$750.00, drug testing fee of \$150.00 jail for term of two days, credit for two days served. Count three, amended to dropped/dismitted; count four, amended to dropped/dismitted.

Chase L. Ramer, count one, Del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, amended to del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug; class 2 felony, plea no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes

probation for term of 30 months beginning December 20, 2022, probation admin fee of \$30.00, jail for term of four days, credit for four days served, jail for term of 30 days beginning September 20, 2023, jail for term of 30 days beginning June 20, 2024, jail for term of 30 days beginning January 20, 2025. Count two, amended to dropped/dismitted; count three, conspiracy to commit a class 2 felony, plea no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 30 months beginning December 20, 2022, jail for term of four days, credit for four days served. Count four, amended to dropped/dismitted. Donald E. Murphy Jr., count one, fail to report every three months; class 3A felony, plea not guilty. Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2023.

Travis R. Ross, count one, conspiracy to commit a class 1 felony, plea not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 7, 2023. Travis R. Ross, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, plea not guilty; count two possess or use drug paraphernalia. Pretrial scheduled for February 7, 2023.

Kimberly K. Hoagland, count one, conspiracy to commit a class 2 felony, plea not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, plea not guilty; count three, tamper with physical evidence, plea not guilty; count four, possess controlled subs, plea not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plea not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 31, 2023.

Kimberly K. Hoagland, count one, amended to dropped/dismitted; count two, amended to dropped/dismitted; count three, unauth use fin tran device/\$1,500-5,000; class 4 felony, plea no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning December 20, 2022, probation admin fee of \$30.00. Count four, criminal poss-fin tran device, class 3 misdemeanor, plea no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning December 20, 2022.

Matthew Timothy, count one, amended to dropped/dismitted; count two, amended to dropped/dismitted; count three, contribute to delinquency of child, plea guilty, found guilty; count four, contribute to delinquency of child, plea guilty, found guilty; count five, procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent, plea guilty, found guilty; count six, procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for March 21, 2023.

David J. Winters, count one, possess controlled substance, plea not guilty; count two, refuse to submit to test w/1 prior conv; class 1 misdemeanor, plea not guilty; count three, procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent; class 1 misdemeanor, plea not guilty; count four, obstruct a peace officer, plea not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 7, 2023.

Marie R. Stenek, count one, possess controlled substance, plea not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plea not guilty; count three, possess/consume open alcohol container, plea not guilty. En-

try of plead scheduled for January 24, 2023.

Wendell H. Johnson, count one, possess controlled sub-sch1/2/3, plea not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, plea not guilty; count three, possess or receive stolen firearm, plea not guilty; count four, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plea not guilty; count five, no valid registration/car/pickup/stepvan, plea not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 17, 2023.

Dustin R. Moore, count one, terroristic threats, plea not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, plea not guilty; count three, threaten explosive use/place false bomb, plea not guilty; count four, possess controlled sub, plea not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plea not guilty, count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plea not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for January 17, 2023.

Dylan R. Peters, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, amended to theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 364 days beginning December 20, 2022, credit for 142 days served. Count two, criminal impersonation/ (1)(c)-first, amended to false reporting, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 364 days beginning December 20, 2022, credit for 142 days served. Count three, amended to dropped/dismitted.

Eric S. Hestermann, count one, possess controlled substance, plea not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Pretrial scheduled for January 17, 2023.

Buckley A. Auxier, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, amended to del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, count two, amended to dropped/dismitted; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Pretrial scheduled for January 17, 2023.

COUNTY COURT
Roberto Jimenez-Pineda, count one, drive under susp/parole reinstated-state, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 11, 2023.

Alesia L. Coetzee, count one, animal running at large, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes city fine of \$25.00; count

two, dogs and cats; unlicensed, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes city fine of \$25.00.

Timothy J. Wells, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$75.00. Count two, acts declared unlawful-license/driving, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$25.00. Count three, speeding 6-10, plea guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$25.00.

Michael E. Kirkendall, count one, drive during revocation/impound-second/third, plea not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for January 18, 2023.

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

Marcus E. Henninger, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plea no contest, found guilty. Show cause hearing scheduled for January 4, 2023.

Jose J. Salazar, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plea not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plea not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for January 18, 2023.

Jeremy R. Hale, count one, no operator's license, plea not guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes city fine of \$75.00.

CITATIONS

Nathan Maze, Hiawatha, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 MPH Municipal School (Ramirez), plea guilty, found guilty and fined \$150.00 plus court costs. Tiffany Creamer, Burchard, count one, speeding 1-5 MPH (Stonebarger), plea guilty, found guilty and fined \$10.00 plus court costs.

Robert Vice, Highlandville, MO, count one, speeding 11-15 MPH Municipal School (Ramirez), plea guilty, found guilty and fined \$150.00 plus court costs.

Ernest Graves Jr., Sioux City, IA, count one, speeding 11-15 MPH Municipal School (Ramirez), plea guilty, found guilty and fined \$150.00 plus court costs.

Savanna Hovey, Grandview, TX, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan (Novak), plea guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.00 plus court costs.

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The Tiger's Jaxyn Strauss puts up a shot in paint against the Titan's Brandt Leech in the first-round matchup at Weeping Water High School.



Falls City's Izzy Armbruster pressures the Eagle ball handler in the first round of the Weeping Water Holiday Tourney.

Tigers win Weeping Water Holiday Tourney

The Falls City Tigers turned in their first two wins of the 2022-23 season and in the process, won the "B" Division of the Weeping Water Holiday Tournament. On Thursday, FC battled back from an early deficit to HTRS to get their first win of the year, 42-35. On Friday, Falls City played the 2-6 Raymond Central Mustangs. Falls City picked up its second straight victory, winning the tourney title in overtime on Friday, 55-47.

The game was tight from the beginning and stayed that way right down to the end. With the score tied at 42, both teams went scoreless for the final 2:40 of regulation to send the game into an extra period. Raymond-Central had a look at the basket at the end of regulation, but the shot came up short.

In the extra four minutes, Jon Craig opened the scoring with a hoop with 3:10 to go. With 2:29 on the clock, Craig found

Jaxyn Strauss for a hoop and a foul, and after the free throw, FC led 47-42. Thirty seconds later, Strauss got an offensive board and bucket to extend the Tiger lead to seven at 49-42. Strauss hit a baseline jumper with :34 remaining and free throws by Cayden Dunkhas and Strauss sealed the 55-47 win. Jaxyn came up big in the extra period, scoring nine of Falls City's 13 points.

On Thursday, in the opening round of the Weeping Water Holiday Tourney, the 0-5 Falls City Tiger boys' basketball team took on the 2-5 HTRS Titans at Weeping Water High School. It was a game of quarters as HTRS got out to a 12-7 first-period lead. The Tigers fought back in the second period, outscoring HTRS 16-6 to take a five-point lead, 23-18 at the half. The third quarter belonged to the Titans as they outscored FC 11-6 to tie the contest at 29 heading into the fourth period. In the final eight minutes, Falls City did what they needed to do, pulling away for their first win of the season, 42-35.

Neither team shot well from the floor, as Falls City made 26% (15/58) of their attempts, while the Titans hit 29% (12/41). FC converted 10/13 foul shots, while the Titans made good on 9/15. The Tigers won the turnover battle, forcing 20 while committing 15. The Tigers also had a 42-33 rebounding edge, including a 21-11 advantage on the offensive glass.

Jaxyn Strauss put up video game numbers for Falls City, scoring 21 points, securing 19 rebounds and getting three steals. Jon Craig added 13 points and six boards for the Tigers.

Brogan Dunlap led HTRS with 11 points, going 4/14 from the floor while adding three rebounds and three assists. Jack Hunzeker added eight points, four rebounds and two steals. **Scoring for Falls City:** Butrick 3, Frederick 3, Strauss 21, Hernandez 2, Craig 13. **Scoring for HTRS:** Hunzeker 8, Dunlap 11, Leech 6, McClarnen 6, Davis 4.

Falls City played Milford in the SE Ne Shootout in Auburn on Monday and at Nebraska City on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Falls City will play at Lourdes Central on Friday, January 6.

Lady Tigers place third at Weeping Water Tourney

In the first round of the Weeping Water Holiday Tournament, the Falls City Lady Tigers had revenge on their minds. FC opened the tourney with a matchup against the Johnson-Brock Eagles, the only team to beat Falls City this season.

The Eagles scored the first bucket of the game, then Madi Jones evened the score with a hoop and Ashleigh Kirkendall hit a baseline jumper to give the Tigers a 4-2 lead; FC would hold onto that lead until the fourth period. With just over three minutes to play in the first, FC got back-to-back treys from Hannah Collier and Ava Armbruster to go in front 10-2. The Eagles hit a couple of triples themselves, but Jones closed the quarter with a pair of hoops to give the Tigers a 14-8 lead after the first.

FC added to their lead in the second with Jones burying a baseline shot and then Elyse Poppe scored on a cut to the basket to make it 18-9. Kirkendall scored the final three points of the period for FC to make it 23-15 at intermission.

Jones had a huge first half, scoring a team-high nine points. The Tiger offense struggled in the third, getting on the board when Reece McNeely hit a jumper to make it 25-18 with four minutes to play. Jones got a steal late in the period and found Kirkendall for a layup to make it 27-24 and Jones hit the quarters' final bucket with :08 left to give the Lady Tigers a five-point lead, 29-24 heading into the last eight minutes.

The fourth quarter didn't begin the way Falls City would have wanted. The Tigers committed four turnovers in the first two minutes and fifteen seconds of action, allowing Johnson-Brock to take the lead, 29-31, with 5:38 remaining. Less than a minute later and trailing by four, Jones completed an old-fashioned three-point play to make it 32-33. With 2:49 on the clock, Jones was fouled on a three-attempt and made all three free throws, tying the game at 35. FC committed three more turnovers in the final 1:35 and the game went into overtime with the score still tied at 35.

In the extra period, Armbruster struck first, nailing a triple from the left wing to give FC a 38-35 lead. J-B scored with three minutes remaining to get within one and after a Tiger turnover, the Eagles took the lead 38-39 with 2:28 on the clock. Trailing by two, Jones found Collier on a cut to the hoop to tie the game at 40 with :40 left. The dagger came with 19 ticks on the clock when the Eagles sunk a three to go in front 40-43. The Tigers got a quick bucket by McNeely to cut the lead to one with :10 left. After a foul and 1-2 free throws made by J-B, FC got the ball down the court and had two looks within five feet of the hoop, but the shots fell off the mark and Falls City fell to the Eagles 42-44.

In the consolation game on Friday, Falls City took on the 5-2 Sterling Jets. Sterling's losses had come to Johnson-Brock by five and Parkview Christian by two.

The game got off to a quick start, with each team's offense hitting on all cylinders. All five Jet starters got on the board to give Sterling a slim 19-18 lead after the first. Jones scored nine first-quarter points and Kirkendall added eight to lead FC.

FC knotted the game up in the second, outscoring Sterling 7-6, to make it 25-25 at the half. Another strong quarter by Kirkendall in the third kept the game tight. Kirkendall scored six of Falls City's 11 points in the period as the two teams entered the fourth quarter squared away at 36.

FC dominated the final eight minutes, outscoring Sterling 23-13, to get the win. Falls City hit 9/16 free throws in the fourth to seal the win, 59-49. Kirkendall led Falls City with 22 points, including a pair of threes. Macy Richardson also scored 22 points to lead the Jets.

Scoring for FC: Collier 2, Poppe 5, Jones 17, A. Armbruster 9, I. Armbruster 4, Kirkendall 22.

Scoring for Sterling: Richardson 22, Dolbow 4, Lafferty 6, Wusk 3, Harms 4, Goracke 2, Boldt 8.

The Tigers, 6-2, played Milford in the SE Ne Shootout in Auburn on Monday. The Lady Tigers played Nebraska City on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, and at Lourdes Central on Friday, January 6.

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FC TIGERS

WED, 4

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THU, 5

North & South School: Pancakes, Yogurt, Sausage Patty, Hash Brown Patty, Wango Mango, Pears, Sounce Milk. **Middle School:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Mixed Fruit, Vanilla Pudding, Sounce Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Chocolate Pudding, Sounce Milk. **Combo Line:** Chicken Patty, Tater Tots, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Sounce Milk.

FRI, 6

North & South School: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Vanilla Pudding, Sounce Milk. **Middle School:** Mrs. Holloway Special: Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, Corn, Peaches, Sounce Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans, California Vegetables, Fruit, Sounce Milk. **Combo Line:** Corn Dog, Seasoned Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Sounce Milk.

MON, 9

North & South School: Chicken Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Apple Juice, Biscuit, Sounce Milk. **Middle School:** Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Peach Cup, Biscuit, Sounce Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Fruit Cup, Biscuit, Sounce Milk. **Combo Line:** Pizza Slice, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Sounce Milk.

TUES, 10

North & South School: Tacos/Refried beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas Sounce Milk. **Middle School:** Mrs. Haines Special: Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, Sounce Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Taco/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, Sounce Milk. **Combo Line:** Fish Patty, French Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Sounce Milk.

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David Wetmore

David Eugene Wetmore, a 37-year resident of Brevard NC, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2022 from secondary complications of Alzheimers—infections of the urinary tract and gall bladder.

He was born in Stella, NE on 18, Dec. 1935 to James and Hatie (nee Becker) Wetmore, and raised in Falls City, NE, where his father served as an engineer for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad.

David enjoyed a typical midwestern 1940s childhood, trudging through Nebraska winters to deliver the *Omaha World-Herald*, riding his bike in the surrounding countryside, plinking at

cans and blackbirds with the .22 rifle he received for his twelfth Christmas, maintaining cars at the Standard Oil filling station and Electric Tire Shop. An avid reader from an early age, he especially enjoyed working at the Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library.

Graduating from Falls City High School in 1954, he joined the Army National Guard and was accepted to Park College in Parkville, MO. In 1958 he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry, leading to graduate studies at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

On 01 Sep., 1959 he married Ruth Nettleton of York NE, whom he'd met at Park and begun dating at KU. Receiving his Masters Degree in 1960, they moved to College Station TX, where he continued his schooling at Texas A&M University, and they began their family, welcoming sons Jim in 1960 and Dan in 1963.

After eight years in the National Guard, David was honorably discharged in the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 1965 he was awarded his Ph.D., and the family headed to Morton, PA, where he began work as a research chemist for Sun Oil Company. While there he pursued his interest in target shooting, joining the Wilkes Barr Rifle Club, achieving Expert Marksman in rifle and pistol, and coached a college team at nearby Swarthmore.

In 1967, David accepted a teaching position with Saint Andrews Presbyterian College, prompting a move to Laurinburg NC. There he taught Chemistry

and Computer Science for 18 years, becoming a tenured Full Professor, and serving as Chairman of the Science Division.

During that time, he took up glassblowing, horseback riding, rock climbing and bicycling, covering the entire 469-mile Blue Ridge Parkway, and the 751-mile Mountains-to-the-Sea route across NC. David became an avid hiker, and for several years co-taught a month-

long Outward Bound-style winter camping course, and became an instructor in CPR and emergency first aid.

In 1985, tired of driving six hours each way for a good walk in the woods, he and Ruth transferred to Brevard College in western North Carolina, where he taught Computer Science for another 14 years, and pursued graduate studies in that field at Clemson University.

Retiring in 1999, David and Ruth travelled extensively throughout the lower 48, and he devoted much time to hiking in the Appalachian mountains he loved, completing all 900 miles of trails in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, all 400 of the Pisgah National Forest, and climbing the 40 peaks over 6,000 feet in the southeastern U.S. A long-standing member of the Carolina Mountain Club, he served as Secretary, a hike leader, and performed trail maintenance.

Preceded in death by his parents, two sisters Nancy and Sylvia, and wife Ruth, he's survived by a sister Ginny (nee McCandless) Davis and her husband Tom, of Nevada City, CA; son Jim and his wife Suzanne Claytor, of Bulls Gap, TN; son Dan and his wife Lynne (nee Brown) Wetmore, of Albuquerque, NM; grandson Samuel of Albuquerque; grandson Tobin and his wife Erica (nee Nocella) Wetmore, also of Albuquerque; niece Summer (nee Davis) McAndrew and her husband Caden; nephew Chris Davis; grand nieces Mykyla McAndrew and Harper Rae Davis; and grand nephew Rylie Davis.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, 04, Jan. at 10:30 AM at Brevard First United Methodist Church, 245 Broad Street in Brevard, NC. David's ashes will be interred next to Ruth's in the family plot in Stella, NE.

Debra Blair

Debra Ann Blair, 52 of Falls City, Nebraska died Dec. 22, 2022. She was born Jan. 26, 1970 in Eugene Oregon. She had lived in the Falls City area for the past 10 years after moving from Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her Grandparents, Frank and Ruth Titus of Falls City. Her father Bobby Garland and her husband, James Blair, both from

Arkansas. Survivors include her daughter Taylor Blair of Hiawatha, Ks. Her mother, Jeraldine McDonald of Falls City, Friend, Kenny Lewis and her sisters Dawn Smith, Diana Meyers and Danelle Brown all from Falls City and sister Dorena Spiltler of Phoenix, Az. Memorial will be private.

Brian Zentner

Brian Keith Zentner, 46, formerly of Falls City was born August 29, 1976, in Falls City, Nebraska to Gary and Lavina (Wenz) Zentner. He was raised in Falls City where he received all of his schooling. Brian graduated from Falls City High School with the class of 1994 and continued his education by attending Peru State College where he received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Psychology. Brian was an on-road truck driver for most of his working career. He began driving truck for Prime Trucking out of Springfield, Missouri before working for Pawnee Transfer in Humboldt, Nebraska and finally at Lortcher Ag Service in Bern, Kansas. Brian was a caring son and father who loved spending time with his family, especially his daughter Emily. He enjoyed playing video games, watching Kansas City Chiefs football and any activity that involved being with Emily.

Brian passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at the Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka, Kansas having reached the earthly age of forty-six years, three months and twelve days.

He was preceded in death by both of his grandparents and an aunt Linda Church.

Brian is survived by his loving daughter Emily Barrand and her husband Phoenix of Falls City, NE; parents Gary and Lavina Zentner of rural Falls City, NE; granddaughters Cameron and Vivian Barrand of Falls City, NE; Aunts: Lois Williams of Auburn, NE; Lucy Strasil and husband Tom of Falls City, NE; an uncle Leon Wenz and wife Mary of Falls City, NE; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at the Good News Assembly of God Church in Falls City, Nebraska with Pastor Tim Boatright officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family's choice with a later designation.

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan ST-Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3131

Michael J. Ogden

Michael J. Ogden, of Hiawatha, passed away December 28, 2022, at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

Cremation is planned with services to be held in Spring 2023. Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha is in charge of arrangements. www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

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Margie Lewis

Margie Ann (Wall) Lewis was born April 8, 1939 in Cumberland Furnace, Tennessee to Allen Martin and Ruby Eileen (Batey) Wall. Margie grew up in Dickson County and graduated from Charlotte High School in 1956. After graduation she

moved to Nashville to work and got a job at the First American National Bank in downtown Nashville. While there she lived at the Central Church of Christ Girls Home where she met several lifelong friends. On July 29, 1961 Margie was united in marriage to Gary W. Lewis of Humboldt, NE. To this union three children were born: Guy Martin, Melodie and Jaymie. After briefly living in Utah and Nashville, the family made their home in Humboldt.

Margie dedicated her life to being a wife and mother, and later a grandmother. She was almost always singing as she went about her day. She was a self-taught cook who loved to bake, perfecting recipes to share with her family, neighbors and friends, as well as anyone else she thought might need to eat. She loved to garden and to study about nutrition and health. She volunteered in the community through several organizations including Girl Scouts, Band Parents, Meals on Wheels and Colonial Acres. Margie prioritized her relationship with Christ and was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ, attending the South Auburn Church. Despite being a Nebraskan for 55 years, her heart still belonged to Tennessee, and she cherished all the opportunities she had to visit there and spend time with her large extended family.

Margie passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at Colonial Acres Nursing Home

in Humboldt, with her family at her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gary Wayne Lewis, granddaughter Lynsay Jo Lewis, grandson Samuel Wayne Nolte, brothers Bobby Wall and James Wall, nephews Tony Wall,

Doug Wall, Mark Wall and nieces Kim Wall and Tina Wall Resha. Margie is survived by her son Guy Lewis and wife Deb of Humboldt, NE; daughters: Melodie Whitaker and husband Phil of Louisville, KY; Jaymie Nolte of La Crescenta, CA; grandchild: Alexis Stallbaumer (Curtis), Lance Lewis, Sophia and Isabella Nolte, Ava and Zackary Whitaker; great-grandson Sutton Stallbaumer; brothers Ray Wall (Mary), Mike Wall (Connie), Glen Wall (Jeannie) and Earl Wall, all of Nashville, TN; sisters-in-law Bonnie Melhin of Fremont, NE and Betty Whitfield of Bellevue, NE, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at the Christian Church in Humboldt, Nebraska with Pastor Danny Jaekel officiating.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at the Wherry Mortuary, 207 N. Nemaha Street in Humboldt. Family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Interment will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at the Prairie Union Cemetery in rural Subert, Nebraska. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family with a later designation.

Condolences can be shared online at www.wherrymortuary.com. Services entrusted to Wherry Mortuary-207 Nemaha St-Humboldt, NE 68376 (402) 862-2915

Walter Lowe

Walter Lloyd Lowe, Jr, 73, was born in Verdon, Nebraska on October 20, 1949 to Walter L. and Mary Ann (Fischer) Lowe, Sr. He passed away in Lexington, Oklahoma on December 17, 2022.

Walter is survived by his children, Rachel Lyons of Kearney, Nebraska, Tom (Tiffany) Myers of Glenwood, Iowa, Brent (Kim) Lowe of Glenwood, Iowa, Katrina Zeitner of Manning, Iowa, a brother, Lloyd (Carmen) Lowe of Tipp City, Ohio, a sister, Margaret (Robert) Phelps, of McDonough, Georgia, and a brother Wade Lowe of Verdon, Nebraska, fifteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous cousins and friends. He was preceded in Death by mother and father Mary Ann Lowe and Walter Lowe Sr, brothers Charles, Harry, and Danny Lowe, niece Crystal Phelps.

His funeral was held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 2:00

PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Robert Phelps officiating. Interment was in the Verdon Cemetery.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

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ing her where the shotgun was. She then heard the opening shots fired in the yard. On the stand, she grew hysterical. She gave sketches of the horrible picture she encountered as she ran screaming from the house. Martin called to her to shut up, or he would shoot her, but she kept coming. He then shot her.

"I fell down, shot in the face," she said. "I was frantic and half crawling and walked to where the two boys, Stuart and William, were lying on the ground. William called, 'Mama don't come, he'll shoot you too.'"

Stuart was unconscious and Jim was lying some distance away, she said. She tried to get over to William, but Martin came along the fence and shot Jim in the back, walked along a little further and then shot William in the back, "He turned over and died," she wailed.

She could not recall whether or not Martin shot Stuart a second time.

Following Mrs. Margrave's testimony, the state rested at 1:55 p.m.

The defense began its fight on December 21, 1933.

J.E. Leyda, who spoke for the defense, told the jury that Martin carried his gun down the road that tragic day with no thought of killing anyone. That other evidence would be introduced to prove old Sam was insane. Leyda told the jury that old Sam was deserted by his wife 30 years ago and evidence would show that he made pets of his hogs and that "he talked to them and they talked to him." Leyda said Martin heard voices coming out of the rainstorms at times threatening him and that he frequently told of finding jewels, gold and silver.

Martin was called to the stand twice and questioned about certain ideas, notions and actions to show abnormality while experts Dr. W.R. Boose of Falls City, Dr. Francis Hagey of Omaha and Dr. William Shepherd Jr., a former instructor in nervous diseases at Columbia University in New York all testified from their examinations and study of the case. The men all formed the opinion that Martin was insane.

Old Sam told of seeing William Margrave Sr., Jim's dad, on the depot platform three years after his death. He told of seeing a white dove at his window that he believed to be the spirit of a grandchild that had died. He said he communicated with the spirits of the dead.

Dr. Boose told the jury that the old man had delusions, hallucinations and a persecution complex and "I would say that he was insane on November 11."

In cross-examination by County Attorney J.H. Falloon, Martin said he knew it was wrong to kill the Margraves, the ability to distinguish between right and wrong and to act accordingly being the chief test of legal sanity and insanity.

Dr. Hagey's diagnosis was that Martin was suffering from clear-cut paranoia. Dr. Hagey said that persecution by the Margraves is a delusion that seems to be the focal point of his paranoia.

Dr. Shepherd confirmed the diagnosis of the others concerning the hallucinations and the delusion of persecution.

In the Rulo doctor's opinion, the slayer could not distinguish between right and wrong. "I think that he has been insane for 20 years," said Dr. Shepherd.

John Pearson was called again by the defense after a brief skirmish over the admissibility of testimony by him concerning Martin's sanity; the defense counsel put Martin on the stand himself.

He retold the events of the bloody battle and what led to it. He could recollect what he did and said Mrs. Margrave must have been in range of one of the other shots because he would not shoot her purposely for anything "in the United States."

During one cross-examination, Martin became angry because the prosecution's witnesses insisted that he shot William as the youth was helping his brother, Stuart, to arise after the latter had been shot.

Martin recounted his long-standing grudge against the Margraves, losing poultry, damage done to his grape vines, poisoning of his dogs and cats, the broken backs of his pigs, finding gold and hearing voices.

Martin's testimony was about the same as that given by the mothers in general outline, although several significant differences were noted. He contended that Stuart Margrave opened fire on him first and he answered after being struck by pellets from the gun. He also denied ever telling Mrs. Margrave to shut up, saying he wouldn't "shoot that woman." He said he had some trick dogs and cats which were poisoned but never said the Margraves had done it. He contended he shot in self-defense. He said that when he went to the yard Stuart was standing there with a gun, William with a pointed brook stick and Jim with a revolver.

He said Stuart opened fire on him; he took two jumps and hid behind a thresher screen and

fired at him. The elder Margrave was looking at his son, Stuart, when he shot. Then he shot the sons. At first, Martin stated he didn't remember going to Jim and William and firing in their backs, but under cross-examination by Falloon, he recalled his action.

Falloon told the jury that if they didn't impose the death penalty on Martin, then no jury in Richardson County ever should and there was no reason for retaining the capital punishment provision in the law. Falloon argued that when Martin went back across the road and fired those last shots into the men's bodies, he lost any excuse of self-defense. But, Falloon said, the most horrible thing in the whole tragedy was the shooting of Mrs. Margrave.

"Here was that sweet-faced gray-haired mother running to her boys who were bleeding and wounded on the ground and he shot her because he was annoyed by her grief and her wailing over her bleeding children."

Mr. Hebenstreit told the jury that we are all children of our destiny and nobody involved had any control over what happened. "None of us have any choice in what we are and very little control over what we do," he said. "We have nothing to do with the circumstances of our birth and where a man lives and what his environment is determined unerringly his conduct of life."

The defense attorney described the killings as the remote result of a feud that started many years ago and left a fire smoldering in the hearts of these men. "The Margraves were out to kill as well as Sam Martin and if the shot in old Sam's ear had come a little closer, it might have been he, instead, who was killed."

Hebenstreit attempted to impress upon them that James Margrave precipitated the fatal shooting by going out and calling to Sam to ask him about the hole that had been cut in the fence. He further asserted that the Margraves were responsible for their own demise by standing in the yard and taunting Martin while he clutched his shotgun.

"They went home when Martin ordered them to leave him alone and stood in their own yard, still defying still tantalizing this decrepit old brain," said Hebenstreit. "Jim should have stayed in the house until the Sheriff arrived. There was no fooling around during the shooting by either Martin or the Margraves. The Margraves meant to kill, just the same as Sam did."

He said the shooting had no design in it. It occurred in the heat of blood, in feverish anger after guns had appeared on both sides. But, he said that Richardson County society and the people of Preston were at fault in this killing for not putting the slayer with his crippled mind where he could not harm anyone years before, "in an asylum."

The Bulletin on the front page of the Falls City Journal on December 22, 1933, declared, "Life Term for Sam Martin in Preston Death. Jury Convicts Triple Murder on First Degree Charge After Brief, Deliberation. Verdict Cheers Killer"

It took the jury two hours to deliberate.

Sam Martin was formally sentenced to life imprisonment by District Judge J. B. Raper.

As the verdict was read at 3:10 in the afternoon, nine for life in the penitentiary and three for the death penalty, Martin flashed a faint grin.

When asked by Judge Raper if he had anything to say before the sentence was pronounced, Martin, grinning, said, "Well, judge, I'd rather be in the penitentiary than the poor farm. You're not angry at me, are you judge?"

Judge Raper said it was the judgment of the court that he be confined to the state penitentiary at Lincoln for the rest of his life at hard labor. The judge ordered that the 11th day of November each year shall be spent in solitary confinement.

At last remark, Sam said with a smile, "You must want to drive me crazy."

Sheriff Lewis Davies left immediately for Lincoln with Martin.

Commenting on the verdict, County Attorney J.H. Falloon said, "It just resolves itself into this; it is impossible to get a jury in this county with the guts to send a man to the electric chair. I might just as well draw a pencil line through that part of my statute book."

"Sam Martin shot and killed William Margrave while his mother, Mrs. James T. Margrave, was kneeling over his wounded body and then shot the mother because her grief annoyed him." Falloon reminded the jury in court earlier in the morning while asking for the death penalty. "It shows he had hate and malice in his heart. There are no mitigating circumstances in this case and if Sam Martin does not deserve the electric chair, what crime could?"

The day after Sam Martin was locked in prison, jury members told the media that his age kept him from the electric chair.

The jurors eliminated the possibility of insanity and unanimously agreed that Martin fired the first shot and also shot Mrs. Margrave deliberately.

It was their attitude that it made little difference for a man of Martin's age, 78, whether he received the death penalty or life in prison.

It was explained that Martin was hurriedly sentenced and taken immediately to the penitentiary in Lincoln to forestall any possible attempt at a lynching.

Salvatore "Sam" Martin died at the state hospital for the insane in 1938.

The final chapter in the career of Sam Martin was written on January 23, 1939 when his son, Ezra Martin sold his two lots, home and barn in Preston for \$300 (\$5,974.33 in 2022). The property was purchased by Eston Jones of Preston.

Mrs. Margrave left Preston shortly after the death of her husband and sons. For a time, she was a housemother at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA and later went with her daughter, Miss Margaret Margrave, to Virginia, where her daughter was in Red Cross work.

Mary Margrave passed away on July 16, 1970, at 89 years old. She was living in Alexandria, VA.

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Joe Simon slices through the Falcons defense for two first-half points in the finals at Freeman High School on Friday night.

Irish boys place second in Adams

Last week, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish boys' basketball team placed second at the 2022 Sportsman's Holiday Tourney at Freeman High School in Adams. The Irish picked up a big win on Thursday in the opener against the Syracuse Rockets 50-39. In the championship, the Irish faced the top-rated team in Class C2, the 7-0 Freeman Falcons. Freeman showed why they are considered one of the top teams in the area as they dominated the Irish 66-36.

On Thursday, Syracuse led early, taking an 11-15 first-quarter lead over the Irish. The second quarter belonged to the Irish as they outscored the Rockets 17-5 to take a 28-20 lead into the half. James Froeschl helped lead the surge in the second quarter, leading the Irish with seven points. The teams played evenly in the third, with SH holding on to an eight-point lead, 36-28 heading into the final eight minutes of action. Sacred Heart outscored Syracuse down the stretch 14-11 to secure their fourth win of the season, 50-39.

Sacred Heart shot well from the floor on Thursday, connecting on 18/32 (56%) of their attempts while holding the Rockets to 15/37 (40%). The Irish finished 9/11 from the foul stripe, while Syracuse was 4/9.

Joe Simon led the Irish with 15 points and five rebounds, Riley Nelson had his best game of the season, scoring 12 points, going 4/4 from the floor, and adding six rebounds and four steals.

Jase Voorhees scored 15 points to lead Syracuse.

Scoring for SH: Keithley 8, Nelson 12, Simon 15, Froeschl 10, Dunn 5.

Scoring for Syracuse: Janssen 9, Brammier 6, Shanks 7, Parde 2, Voorhees 15.

The win on Thursday set up a final matchup on Friday between the Irish and the Freeman Falcons. The Irish struck first as Jack Stice scored on an inbounds play to give SH a 2-0 lead. Simon drove to the hoop with five minutes to play, giving the Irish a 4-2 lead. Freeman then hit a three, one of eight in the contest, to retake the lead. After another Freeman hoop, Simon got the Irish back on the board when he backed Freeman's Carter Ruse down and hit the shot to make it 6-7 with 3:45 to go in the first. Freeman then scored the following eight points, capped by a steal and dunk by Taylan Vetrovsky to make it 6-15 with 2:18 to go. The Irish got a pair of free throws by Nelson and a triple by Evan Keithley, but Freeman added two treys in the final 1:13 to take a ten-point lead, 11-21 after the first.

Freeman continued to shoot well in the second quarter, hitting 4/9 from beyond the arc to push their lead to 22-39 at the half. Sam Dunn led the Irish, hitting a jumper midway through the period and a trey with 1:32 to go.

Sacred Heart needed something big to happen after the break to get them back into the contest; instead, Freeman opened the second half on a 9-0 run to build their lead to 26, 22-48. Stice finally got the Irish on the board in the third, hitting a three with 4:50 to play to make it 25-48. One of the few bright spots of the half came with 2:20 to go. On an assist by Dunn, Simon got free for a fast break, which he finished with an emphatic two-handed slam to make it 27-54. The Irish fans had little else to cheer for as the Falcons outscored SH 10-19 in the quarter to take a 32-58 lead with eight minutes to play.

There wasn't much scoring in the fourth as SH was outscored 4-8 to make the final 36-66. Keithley had a three in the fourth and Nelson added a free throw for the Irish's four points. The loss dropped the Irish to 4-3 overall for the season.

The Irish finished the contest 12/33 (38%) from the floor, while Freeman made 25/47 (53%). Freeman owned the glass, outrebounding Sacred Heart 13-29. SH finished with nine turnovers, while Freeman had seven.

Simon was the only Irish player to hit double figures, scoring a team-best 12 points on 5/8 shooting. Dunn finished with a team-best four rebounds, two steals and two assists to go along with points. Vetrovsky and Carter Niles each scored 16 points to pace the Falcons.

Scoring for SH: Stice 6, Keithley 6, Nelson 4, Simon 12, Dunn 8. **Scoring for Freeman:** Buss 2, Vetrovsky 16, H. Vetrovsky 5, Jennings 12, Niles 16, Reed 2, Ruse 11, Delbay 2.

The schedule doesn't get any easier for SH as they traveled to Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday to take on the 5-3 Knights. The Irish return home to host Diller-Odell on Friday, January 6, and then play Mound City in the Steve Vertin Classic at LeBlond High School in St. Joseph on Saturday.



Jessica Wertenberger scores two of her eight points against McCool Junction in the finals of the 2022 Sportsman's Club Holiday Tournament.

Lady Irish win Sportsman's Holiday Tourney

The Sacred Heart Lady Irish improved to 7-2 with a pair of wins at Freeman High School in the 2022 Sportsman's Holiday Tournament. On Thursday, the Irish got past the Syracuse Rockets 44-28 and then defeated McCool Junction for the tourney title on Friday.

On Friday afternoon, Sacred Heart, 6-2, faced the 7-0 McCool Junction Mustangs for the championship in Adams.

The opening eight minutes were tight, with SH holding on to a 15-12 lead after the first quarter. Macy Keller put SH on the board first, hitting a bucket on the block to make it 2-0. Two minutes later, Olivia Eickhoff completed a three-point play making a hoop and a free throw to make it 5-2. A pair of three's put the Mustangs in front 7-8, but back-to-back hoops by Jentry Lechtenberg put SH in front for good. Keller led the Irish with six first-quarter points while Eickhoff added five.

The Irish defense came up big in the second period, holding McCool Junction to just three points as they extended their lead to 25-15 at the half. The Mustang's only points of the period came on a trey with 4:40 to play in the half. SH scored the final eight points of the quarter to go in front by ten at intermission.

Sacred Heart continued to dominate on the defensive end of the court, outscoring the Mustangs 12-5 in the third to make it 37-20 heading into the fourth. Wertenberger opened the third quarter scoring with a triple from the corner to make it 28-15. With just under four minutes to play in the quarter, DeLanie Witt hit a three and drew a foul. Witt knocked down the foul shot to complete the four-point play and pushed the Irish lead to 33-18.

McCool Junction didn't go away in the fourth, hitting four three-pointers, but it was too late as the Irish cruised to the nine-point win, 43-34.

Sacred Heart outshot the Mustangs 40% (16/40) to 32% (13/41). The Mustangs made 7/16 from deep, while the Irish were 2/8.

Eickhoff led the Irish with 11 points and six assists, while Keller added ten points and sev-

en rebounds. Lechtenberg had eight points and eight rebounds, while Wertenberger had eight points and six boards. McKenna Yates scored 13, nine in the fourth, to lead the Mustangs.

Scoring for SH: Santo 1, Eickhoff 11, Witt 5, Lechtenberg 8, Wertenberger 8, Keller 10.

Scoring for McCool Junction: Bandt 6, Stutzman 9, Yates 13, Clark 2, Brugger 2, Weisheit 2.

On Thursday, SH got out quickly against Syracuse, taking a 17-2 lead after the first period and 22-12 at the half. SH outscored Syracuse 10-7 in the third and 12-9 in the fourth, holding on for the 16-point win, 44-28. Wertenberger had a monster first quarter, scoring

ten of her game-high 17 points in the opening eight minutes. The Irish defense stifled the Rockets all day, holding Syracuse to 18% (8/45) shooting. Syracuse outrebounded the Irish 35-30, including a 17-6 edge on the offensive glass.

Wertenberger just missed a double/double, finishing with 17 points and nine rebounds.

Scoring for SH: Eickhoff 11, DeLanie Witt 6, Daycee Witt 6, Wertenberger 17, Keller 4.

Scoring for Syracuse: Sisco 7, Seelhoff 2, Brammier 1, Meyer 6, Bures 9, Smith 3.

The Irish played at Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday, January 3, and will host Diller-Odell on Friday, January 6.

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Jump into adventurous resolution ideas

Individuals looking for a little more excitement and adventure in their lives can think about making New Year's resolutions that align with their adventurous goals. These adventurous ideas can serve as inspiration for anyone who wants to be a little more daring with this

Try a new outdoor activity
The great outdoors consistently beckons. Answer the call by engaging in a new outdoor activity. Any activity can be adventurous if it's new to you. Start off small and get more into it as your skills improve. Consider kayaking, surfing, mountain biking, rock climbing, or anything else that presents a thrill.

Get creative in the kitchen
Being adventurous can extend to any aspect of life, including dining. Expand your culinary horizons by trying new flavor profiles and recipes inspired by global cuisine. This may include ingredients you deem to be "exotic" but are customary in other parts of the world.

Sleep outdoors
Adventures do not have to be large and time-consuming. In fact, the term "microadventure" was dubbed by Alastair Humphreys, an adventurer and speaker, as a way to squeeze more gutsy activity into anyone's schedule. One way to do so is to resolve to sleep outdoors in a new place once a month. Shaking off the creature comforts of home enables you to adapt and embrace new experiences.

Aim to be more sustainable
Active lifestyles often involve exploring natural landscapes. These areas can be affected by trash, which also can impact wildlife in negative ways. Resolve to keep parks, trails, rivers, lakes, forests, and other outdoor areas clean and beautiful. Various organizations can work independently as well. Always practice a "carry in, carry out" policy when hiking or enjoying nature.

Individuals can ponder the many ways to embrace more adventurous resolutions in the year ahead.

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WORK-RELATED RESOLUTIONS TO CONSIDER IN THE YEAR AHEAD

New Year's resolutions run the gamut from kicking bad habits like smoking to finding more time to exercise to learning a foreign language. Many resolutions are about self-improvement, and that desire to live better can extend into the professional arena.

New Year's resolutions can be just as beneficial to a person's professional life as they can in that same individual's personal life. With that in mind, professionals can consider these work-related resolutions this January.

• **Make a concerted effort to change careers.** The numbers are in regarding satisfaction at work, and they're not very promising. According to Gallup's State of the Global Workplace 2022 report, 60 percent of workers report being emotionally detached at work. Perhaps more troubling is their jobs. Professionals who are not engaged at work can resolve to get the ball rolling on a career change in the year ahead. Look into what that might entail, whether it's simply applying for new jobs in your field or going back to school to facilitate a career change, and take the necessary first step.

• **Rebalance your work and family life.** A 2015 survey of 1,000 full-time professionals in the United States found that 77 percent felt they had experienced burnout at their jobs. Rebalancing work and family life can make more time for things outside of work, including family. That can lead to renewed vigor for your career.

• **Resolve to communicate more effectively with your team.** Even professionals satisfied with their careers can take steps to make their work lives better. There are many reasons why workers feel stressed and burned out, and some may find communication with their managers is lacking. Managers can make a concerted effort to improve lines of communication with their staff. Doing so can improve productivity and create a better working environment for all.

• **Find ways to be more productive.** Remarkably, a 2019 study by Rescue Time found that, in a given workday, workers' average time of productivity is just two hours and 28 minutes. By making a concerted effort to be more productive, workers can get more done in a typical day. To help with this, professionals can resolve to find ways to better manage their time. Spend less time surfing the internet, avoid checking your phone for texts and other distractions, and make a daily schedule of tasks to tackle. Each of these steps can help you be more productive in a given workday.

When making New Year's resolutions this January, professionals can resolve to find ways to make their workdays better.

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REWARDING RESOLUTIONS THAT WON'T REQUIRE A MAJOR COMMITMENT OF TIME

Much like money, time does not grow on trees. That reality is all too familiar to busy adults juggling multiple responsibilities at work, at home and other places where they spend their time.

A time crunch can make it hard to commit to a New Year's resolution. But resolutions, which are often focused on self-improvement, can be worthwhile endeavors. So what are busy adults to do? Perhaps the best approach is to choose resolutions that don't necessarily require much time.

• **Exercise more:** A commitment to getting fit and being more physically active is a popular New Year's resolution. Though choosing such a path may seem like it requires a significant time commitment, the Physical Activity Guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommend that adults perform at least 150 to 300 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or 75 to 150 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity each week. That might seem like a lot, but it can be combined with other leisure activities you already engage in. For example, a sports fan can watch the big game while on a treadmill or elliptical, while readers can swap the couch with an exercise bike as their go-to reading spot. Doing so for as little as a half hour per day can help you get the recommended amount of daily exercise without taking up a large chunk of your time.

• **Read more:** Adults across the globe lament a lack of time to curl up with a good book. But some brief reading before bed each night can help adults achieve this goal and can even improve their quality of sleep. In fact, a 2021 study published in the peer-reviewed medical journal *Trials* found that reading in bed before going to sleep improved sleep quality compared to not reading a book in bed.

• **Journaling:** Journaling is another worthy resolution that won't take up much time. Individuals can take 15 minutes out of their day to write down their thoughts and feelings and reflect on the day's comings and goings. That simple activity can produce profound results, as the University of Rochester Medical Center notes that journaling helps people prioritize their problems, fears and concerns; reduce stress; cope with depression; and identify negative thoughts and behaviors.

• **Become more organized:** This resolution won't take up much of your time. In fact, becoming more organized should free up time. A lack of organization can make it harder to meet work deadlines, keep a house clean, tackle everyday tasks, and keep a clear mind. By taking steps to be more organized, whether that's through using a daily organizer, avoiding procrastinating in regard to cleaning up around the house or other means, individuals will gradually discover they have more free time to use as they see fit.

New Year's resolutions need not take much time. Busy individuals can keep that in mind as they look for ways to improve their lives in the year ahead.

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