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Snooks Hayes is one in 6.2 Billion

By Nikki McKim; (Pictures by Brian McKim)
Pictured top right, L-R: Dave Sayer, Arienna Hayes, Taykia Hayes, (Thelma) Snooks Hayes, Keith Hayes and Howie Guja.

Trying to remain inconspicuous in a white Chevy Equinox, 42-year Publishers Clearing House veteran Dave Sayer and prize patrol partner Howie Guja pulled into the parking lot of Jonesbrook Estates last Tuesday and scouted out the "situation" on Morgan Street. They were about to change someone's life. They do this kind of thing over 50 times a year, but today was special; today, they were doing it in Falls City.

Publishers Clearing House, founded in 1953 as a multi-magazine subscription agency, is now considered a leading interactive media company offering products, digital entertainment and services. Surprisingly it is real and now we all know someone who won.

With balloons, champagne, an oversized

novelty check and five thousand dollars in cash, Dave, Howie and their cameraman George skittered across the street and to the door of Thelma "Snooks" Hayes and her husband, Keith.

As the door opened, screams of joy echoed through the neighborhood. Snooks knew who was there and why they were there.

"Oh, my God!"
"We're looking for Thelma. Are you Thelma?" asked Howie Guja.

"I am!" she yelled.
Guja asked how she was doing.
"I'm awesome," Hayes said.

She knew what day it was. It was the day that Publishers Clearing House was awarding their biggest prize of the year. Their "forever" prize is \$5,000 a week forever over the span of two lifetimes.

"Today's a big day for Publisher's Clearing House, but it's an even bigger day for you," said Sayer. "Are you ready for this?"

"No," said Hayes.

It didn't matter because Guja and Sayer were there in person to prove it was real. Sayer, the recognizable face of the prize patrol, asked her what she thought.

"Is this real?"
Guja confirmed, "Oh, this is legit. This is the real deal. You recognize us, right?"
Hayes said she recognized them and thought she had missed the prize yet again as the day wore on and the men hadn't shown up.

Hayes' called for her granddaughter, Taykia, to come out to see how their lives had changed.

Guja told Taykia, this means your grandmother gets \$5,000 a week for the rest of her life and then she gets to pick someone else who gets another \$5,000 a week for the rest of their life, "isn't that insane? I mean, this is serious money."

Then he asked Snooks what's something she's always wanted. How is this going to change her life and what's she going to

use this money on?

She said she could pay off her house and redo it "the way I want." She said she'd also help the kids go to college.

Sayer asked if Snooks husband, Keith was nearby since he was missing all the excitement. "He's out at work, but he doesn't need to know about this," she said with a laugh.

Their granddaughter Arienna, who had shown up during the excitement, called Keith at work and told him he needed to get home if he could. "I told him it was a good thing," she said.

Soon Keith pulled up and saw the giant check that said "Thelma Hayes, "\$5,000 A Week 'Forever'" and before he made it to his wife and granddaughters, Howie Guja asked him, "What do you think, Keith?"

"I'm all for it," he said with a sly smile. "What do you do to celebrate tonight? We already asked the girls, but what do you want to do tonight?" asked Guja.

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Longtime friend of the Journal, Robert Ferguson passes away

Robert Ferguson, 92, of Falls City, NE, passed away March 4, 2023 at Falls City. He was born June 30, 1930 at Fairbury, NE to

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Lady Irish fight through adversity to win eighth state championship

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SENATOR'S FILIBUSTER ANTICS HURTING LEGISLATURE'S IMAGE

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

It has been 35 years since members of the Nebraska Legislature had a pay raise and 17 years since term limits took effect.

If lawmakers are wondering why, they simply need to check the actions of some of their colleagues. Omaha Senator Machaela Cavanaugh told fellow senators and a TV audience she was "going to be mean" because a fellow Omaha senator introduced a bill (restricting transgender surgery) she doesn't like.

But it's not just the one anti-transgender bill she doesn't like, she's going to oppose every one of that senator's proposals. No, wait a minute, now she says she's going to oppose every bill that comes up. The filibuster queen.

How juvenile. Act like an adult. If you don't like a bill, gather information supporting your case and share it through proper channels outlined in the rules of the Legislature.

Recently, Omaha Senator Meghan Hunt proposed an amendment that would prohibit Nebraska kids from going to church camp. She said she'd add it to a controversial bill she didn't like. That move received national attention.

We've seen your giggles and your pats on the back during floor debate senators. You're really going to show somebody what you're made of. And it's not just the two lawmakers I have mentioned.

But, back to that pay raise and those term limits. You wonder why the public doesn't support your desire to have those increased? It's because they see and hear and read about your petty antics. Believe me, I've seen my share of those over the years.

But this isn't new territory for Senator Cavanaugh. Back in 2021, during the second week of a special session to deal with redistricting, several women of the legislature put the male-dominated Unicameral on notice. Instead of talking about redrawing maps, Machaela Cavanaugh gave up her office at the Capitol out of anger and her commitment to the working moms of Nebraska.

That incident stemmed from the overthrowing of the mothers' room at the state capitol. A male staffer seemingly took over the room to make it his own office. The former mothers' room, a quiet and private space, consisted of four

chairs for soon-to-be and breastfeeding moms.

"It is devastating, disappointing, and disheartening. Pro-life state, my butt, if you can't support working mothers in this building. Man, it's like talking out of both sides of your mouth," Cavanaugh said.

Recently, Cavanaugh said of the bill she despises, "If LB574 gets an early floor debate and moves forward, it will be very painful for this body. And if people are like, 'Is she threaten-ing us?' Let me be clear: Yes I am."

Taking cues from the Ernie Chambers playbook, Cavanaugh is filibustering a bill that has the same sponsor as the one she hates. Ernie would often attack a bill on the agenda that was up for debate before the bill he disliked. But certainly not every bill.

We'll see how long this current Cavanaugh tactic lasts. Lincoln Senator Danielle Conrad suggested just skipping over the current bill.

"We don't need to dig in here. This is not going to set some sort of terrible precedent. This is commonplace in our body to say, 'We've hit a roadblock,'" she said. "This gives us a chance to remove the roadblocks — let other business proceed."

Cavanaugh agreed to the idea. But senators voted against the compromise, 32-10.

At one point, Rules Committee Chairman Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard said he was ready to file a motion to adjourn sine die which

would end the session for good. That would also leave the state without a budget and pass over a number of measures favored by the Governor.

But Cavanaugh said she's not done yet.

"Take your names off that piece of poop LB574. Talk to the speaker — demand good governance. Be better. Be who the children of Nebraska deserve because they do not deserve this," she said.

I appreciate people who

are passionate about their work, especially if they're rational. I can't begin to understand what motivates the senator, but I do have some timely advice from the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

"Fight for the things you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you," she said.

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

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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim

50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago, March 8, 1973 to March 14, 1973

Coach Jack McIntire was a guest speaker at a noon luncheon at the Hotel Stephenson. McIntire recalled, "those ten years were the most satisfying years of our coaching experience for my wife and me," referring to his time at Falls City High School.

An estimated 40,000 head of cattle had perished in Nebraska over the previous three months and investigators said the chief reason was the change in weather, causing extremely muddy lot conditions.

Three Blue Angel jets crashed during training exercises in southeastern California, but the pilots ejected safely.

Barbara Streisand and Ryan O'Neal were starring in "What's Up Doc?" at the Rivoli Theater.

Morehead Auto had a 1967 V-8 Mustang with 22,000 miles for sale for \$1,295.

Violent tornadoes in Central Texas killed one person and injured another 80. The hardest hit were the communities of Burnet and Hubbard. About 300 homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed in Burnet, a resort town of about 3,200.

Jerry Eickhoff, formerly of Verdon, led his Hampton basketball team to the Class D state championship against Yutan. Eickhoff was a Dawson-Verdon and Peru State graduate and had been at Hampton for three years. Hampton went on to win the title, 42-40.

President Nixon stated he would ask congress to promptly restore the death penalty for certain federal crimes and require mandatory life imprisonment without parole sentences for habitual drug traffickers.

Hundreds of items from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, which had been demolished, were sold at a public auction, netting over \$6,000.

National Republican Chairman George Bush was speaking at a state-wide fundraising dinner at Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln.

Falls City's FFA chapter received top honors in the judging contest at the Beatrice Swine Show. Roy Rieger, John Fischer, Randy Gerweck and Lonnie Goff were named on the championship team, while Kenny Frederick was named third in the individual judging contest.

A young marine supposedly killed in Vietnam was alive and finally coming home. Major Floyd Thompson was held captive for 3,277 days before being released.

The Irish boys' basketball team finished the season rated third in Class D by Randy York of the Lincoln Star. Sacred Heart lost only four games and fell to runner-up Yutan by just one point in the regional playoff.

Dave Hayes was named Humboldt's most outstanding athlete at the annual athletic banquet. Hayes was a leader on the basketball team that finished 14-8 and was named the outstanding offensive player on the football squad.

The John G. Smith Memorial Library expenses in Dawson for 1972 amounted to \$426. The highest expenditure was the re-roofing of the library for \$136.15.

Farm and City Supply, at 1423 Stone Street, was celebrating its 13th anniversary with free ham sandwiches, donuts and coffee.

Gov. J.J. Exon promised a large crowd of Peru State college students that the school "will never be closed," but defended budget cuts he has proposed for the campus.

Sebastian Lombardo was elected president of the Post I of the Travelers Protective Association at the group's annual membership meeting at the Tiehen gym.

25 Years Ago, March 8, 1998 to March 14, 1998

Restoration work on the wall surrounding Jug Brown Stadium was in full swing. The Falls City Class of 1947 spearheaded the campaign and had raised over \$37,000, just \$3,000 short of its goal.

A winter storm had paralyzed parts of the county, with a drift north of town at Prichard Corner shutting down the highway. The state had closed all of the state highways in the Falls City area. Figures showed the area received anywhere between 10-16 inches of snow.

The Sacred Heart Irish girls' basketball team, led by Coach Dennis Prichard, won its first NSAA state basketball championship by defeating Callaway 58-47.

Tecumseh was named one of six sites for the new \$74 million prison.

Brandon Ruch and Jennifer Easterwood of Dawson-Verdon High School received honorable mentions to the Homesteader All-Conference basketball teams. Ruch averaged 13.2 ppg and pulled down 109 rebounds, while Easterwood scored 14.4 ppg and averaged just under 12 boards per contest.

A dozen large eggs were advertised on sale at Hinky Dinky for just 59 cents and 93% lean ground beef was \$1.69 per pound.

Falls City's Nathan Hinrichs scored 384 points during the season, raising his career mark to 721, good for ninth-best all-time in Tiger hoops history.

Jaycees Shooting Education team members qualified for the national competition held in Manhattan, Kansas. Team members included Randi Chandler, Abbie Koelzer, Brandon Nussbaum, Chris Godemann, Craig West, John Roland and Tim Kirkendall.

15 Years Ago, March 8, 2008 to March 14, 2008

Commissioner Rex Jones reported that the county would receive \$36,000 from FEMA for expenses incurred by the county for repairs and cleanup from the December 10-11 ice storm.

Over 75 people filled the Stalder Art Gallery at the Falls City Library and Arts Center for the opening of the local art show sponsored by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council.

Coach Doug Goltz improved to 8-0 all-time in basketball finals at the Devaney Center as his Irish team defeated Pleasanton 66-54 to win the Class D2 State Championship. Bryce Ebel scored 16 points, Joe Santo added 14 and Caleb Pokorny hit for 12 in the win.

Ten-year-old Maggie Goltz made 21 out of 25 free throws to win the 10-to-11-year-old girl's division in the Regional Hoop Shoot.

Mitch Glaeser of Gainesville, FL, who was refurbishing the Stephenson Hotel, announced the purchase of the old Rivoli Theater building.

Falls City High School art students who earned Nebraska State Visual Arts Awards included Dani Richey, Tessa Way, Heather Feek, Tim von Behren and Ashley Kirkpatrick.

The HTRS Speech Team finished the district competition with a runner-up plaque and two state qualifiers. Joe Maschman and Quentin Fankhauser both finished second, Joe in Persuasive and Quentin in Poetry.

Snooks Hayes is one in 6.2 Billion

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"No idea," said Hayes.

"We can go to A&G," said Arienna.

"Maybe I'll update my truck," said Keith.

The men said it takes some time for it all to sink in. "We're going to leave and you're going to say, 'did we really win this?'" said Guja.

"What happens is, the winners wake up in the middle of the night and go, 'did that really happen?'" then they go out in the living room and see the prize and go, 'yeah,'" said Sayer.

Snooks told the men she had bought some of their products and had faith but

never expected it.

They told her that people didn't have to buy to win and it was totally separate, but they appreciated her and that she was a loyal fan.

Snooks said she enters the sweepstakes online and through the mail, always holding a little bit of hope.

"There's that little niggling of hope. I'm shaking; I'm just amazed. I've never, ever, ever..." She trailed off. "Now I'll pay off the car, won't owe money to anyone," she cheered.

Guja asked her to give advice to anyone else who may want to win.

She said just to keep entering. Snooks said she had been entering since the mid-nineties.

"It's a pretty crazy day, right? This is our biggest guarantee prize of the entire year. It doesn't happen to just anybody," said Sayer.

According to the official rules, the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes are legitimate, although your odds of winning the current "\$5,000 A Week For Life" giveaway are about one in 6.2 billion. To put that in perspective, the world's population is just shy of 7.8 billion people.

PCH is real-now don't let your guard down to scams

Publishers Clearing House is well known for its advertising, TV commercials, prizes and house logo, but people should be aware of imitators and scams.

Publishers Clearing House officials say their sweepstakes sometimes is used by scammers, who pose as company employees.

All legitimate PCH affiliate social media pages are verified and PCH does not contact people about winning through private messages through social media. Most importantly, winning is always free and you will never be asked to pay fees, tax or anything to claim a prize from Publishers Clearing House or any other of these types of sweepstakes.

They stress that, in addition to never requiring people to buy something to enter, prize winners are not notified in advance or asked to provide personal information over the telephone or by email.

Sometimes people receive phone calls saying they have won a prize. The callers identify themselves as representatives of Publishers Clearing House. They can be compelling. Don't give your personal information, social security number, or bank account information to anyone over

the phone, even if they claim to be with your local bank.

The one simple rule consumers need to remember that would prevent being victimized by a sweepstakes scam is that at Publishers Clearing House, or any legitimate sweepstakes, no purchase, payment, order, tax or fee of any kind is ever necessary to collect a real prize.

Imposter's, sometimes claiming to be Publishers Clearing House, will contact victims via email, phone or a direct message on social media to tell them they've won a prize. If someone tells you, you have won a prize, but you have to send money for any reason, hang up the phone, rip up the letter or delete the email. This type of scam can be particularly ruthless because it's convincing and emotionally manipulative.

Never under any circumstance give your credit card or bank account number, wire transfer or preloaded gift card over the phone. Scammers might explain that the money is for an attorney's fee, a processing fee, or to cover taxes on the prize. Whatever the reason, if you're asked to pay for a prize is a huge red flag, and you're being scammed.

If it sounds too good to be true, a majority of the

time, it is. A representative for PCH said to try to avoid falling for this thing where you have to spend money to make money. If it's a gift, it's a gift. If it's a sweepstakes, you don't have to pay a fee to get it. Another sign you're being scammed is if you don't remember entering the competition in the first place.

But you should always be cautious if you receive a prize notification claiming to come from PCH. Publishers Clearing House is careful about how they notify winners. The official rules state that "winners will be notified by mail or in person at our option." PCH will never phone ahead. Their website states they always present their large giveaway prizes "just the way you see it on TV, 'live and in person by our Prize Patrol, with balloons, a bouquet of roses and check in hand, and with no advance notification!'"

Additionally, PCH maintains that no payment, fee or tax of any amount is ever required to claim or receive a prize in any of its giveaways.

If you are in doubt, call Publishers Clearing House Customer Service toll-free at (800) 566-4724 to verify advice, report prize-winning, or contact your local authorities.

PCH Prize Patrol - "it's mainly screams and cries" when delivering checks

By Nikki McKim

Dave Sayer may look familiar to some of you. Many may remember him from the popular commercials of the 90s and early aughts' of him storming homes and changing lives with extensive novelty checks.

In 1989 PCH began notifying sweepstakes winners in person rather than by phone, creating the now famous "Prize Patrol." Sayer told the Journal that prizes have to be over \$10,000 for them to go out and they make at least 50 trips a year.

"Thirty-four years ago, when we first started the prize patrol delivering prizes in person, my assistant just had a camcorder and we were just experimenting with the idea of it," said Sayer. At that time, they were doing smaller sums to see people's reactions.

He said he'd done about 500 "of these things," and he's seen people get very weak-kneed.

"The craziest ones are just when people go absolutely

bananas. And then, sometimes, some were very understated, but not often."

George, the cameraman, said he remembered a man in Texas doing barrel rolls and back-flips.

"Oh yeah, it was crazy, but he recognized me. He said, oh my God, Dave! He was jumping around. But yea, it's mainly screams and cries. Some people get very emotional," said Sayer.

Believe it or not, Dave Sayer has long been the face of the prize patrol. Ed McMahon has never been affiliated with Publishers Clearing House; he worked for a competitor, American Family Publishers, which is no longer in business.

The winners you see being surprised by the Publishers Clearing House Prize Patrol on TV are real people, not actors. There is no staging or pre-notification (*The Journal can attest to that.*)

They said they've shown up to homes where the winners are gone. It happens, but rarely.

"One in five times," said Guja. But we find them at work; rarely, we don't find them."

"I've been doing this for 40-some-odd years. Once, a couple was in Africa; it was up in crossing Lake Michigan or something. And then, once a person had moved from Illinois to Texas or Florida. It took us a while to track him down. But it's very, very rare, but we always find them; they always get the money," said Sayer.

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House of Hope meets with Commissioners

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on business within the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that a trainee had completed the training at the academy and will begin duties as a deputy on March 18 and a contract for the school resource officer at Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer Schools in Humboldt for the next school year is being prepared.

A motion was approved for a request from C4K (Communities for Kids) and Sixpence CCP (Childcare Partnership), who contributed to the purchase of the digital fingerprinting equipment in the amount of \$4,999.99. There will be no fee for digital fingerprinting for one year beginning on the day the equipment will be accessible for childcare providers, assistants, preschool teachers and staff.

Tyler Bek representing the Falls City School District #56 Bus Barn, presented to the Board concerns that he has with the amount of brush and overgrowth on two different railroad track crossings. He stated that some bus drivers said that they have difficulty seeing down the tracks when they pull up to the crossing. Commissioner

Commissioner Sickel said it's "not that bad" if you're crossing at a slower speed.

According to Nebraska state law, the driver of any bus carrying passengers for hire or of any school bus, before crossing at grade any track of a railroad, shall stop such vehicle within fifty feet but not less than fifteen feet from the nearest rail of such railroad and while so stopped shall listen and look in both directions along such track for any approaching railroad train or on-track equipment and for signals indicating the approach of a railroad train or on-track equipment, except as otherwise provided in the Nebraska Rules of the Road. The driver shall not proceed until done safety.

Bek indicated that he had contacted the Union Pacific Railroad regarding this concern and that the railroad stated Richardson County is responsible for maintaining the brush on the county road right-of-way at the railroad crossings.

The Commissioners asked Sheriff Hardesty to contact someone from the railroad to see about the brush and overgrowth at the crossing.

Bek also wanted to bring to the Board's attention concerns he has with the condition of county roads and that more rock needed to be placed in areas as some of the school buses have been "plowing a lot of mud." He indicated that the "crown" on the roads has been deteriorating and that maybe road graders are traveling at too high of a speed when dragging roads.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine main-

tenance on county roads and bridges this past week. The agreement that was approved at last week's meeting for the rental of the hydra-platform to Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. at a price to be paid to the County of \$8,625.00/month was signed by Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the Armor Coat project. Bids were received from the following: Sta-Bilt Construction Company, Harlan, Iowa; Midwest Coatings Company, Inc., Modale, Iowa and Hall Brothers, Inc. of Marysville, KS. Bids are available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Sickel to accept all the awards received only for the purpose of further review by the engineer and Highway Superintendent, the motion was carried.

Jerry Yount, Jerry Duerfeldt and Eugene Rowell requested to meet with the Board for an update on the House of Hope organization and also requested the County Board of Commissioners consider allocating the funds received through the Opioid Settlement to the House of Hope.

Pastor Yount told the commissioners that hundreds of thousands of people have died due to illicit drugs and people who were harmed by them live in Richardson County. That's why the House of Hope is needed here in the county.

"Because we have these people out there walking around, they are armed, or they are in jail, they do bad things, they get in jail, they get out of jail and they don't have a place to go and they go right back to that same drug house," said Pastor Jerry Yount. "The State Legislature set up this Opioid fund and is responsible for distributing the money out of that to various counties. But with some restrictions, they want it to be used to take care of this harm."

The House of Hope hasn't precluded a house yet and they're still trying to raise funds, but they said it looks like this is another opportunity "specifically pointed at this kind of issue." Yount said they have been fortunate since the last time he was in front of the Commissioners to get a grant from the hospital and the Richardson Foundation. "So we are making some headway."

Yount said funds from the opioid fund would really help them get going and make some things start to happen. They also added Valerie Buckminster, who is part of the housing group and there is a need for housing.

"She's got housing available, but she also has her hands tied because they have to qualify for their housing. And if they don't qualify, they're still homeless. We don't have that kind of qualification. And we would try to get them in there. And then the transition period, put them to work, find a job for them," said Yount. "The other part of the harm that was done by these drugs is number one for us was homelessness. They lost everything.

They lost their family, everything, they burned a bunch of bridges; they lied, cheated and stole. And so no one wants to be around them. But they also lost their jobs. So homelessness and joblessness. We need something. We need a concerted effort by our community to try to get these people back to productive, taxpaying citizens. And that's where we're failing. So that's why I'm asking for this and she has housing available."

Sheriff Hardesty said since he's been Sheriff, he's seen 12 people that were drug users or involved with drugs that have been sober now for more than a year, and it's taken them to leave this community for that to happen.

"Because birds of a feather flock together. Like the pastor said, where do I go if I don't have a place to go? I go back to what I know. They live in a small community, how many people with media, with us, you know, a lot of people, you see him they get arrested for thieving for drugs, they can't just go get a job, because nobody's going to give them that opportunity. Our end game is not to keep arresting people because it costs money. We've arrested over 2,000 people since I've been Sheriff," said Hardesty.

"We spent \$60,000, the first five months of the new budget housing in-mates someplace else, that's just housing, that's not counting the wages, paying people overtime, gas, to and from courts. It's an expense. I'm not saying that everybody is going to be a success. Taking them and putting them in an environment where they're not surrounded by it is the first step to success. And a lot of times, we deal with people, it's family, that they're involved in, friends, that's who we associate with. So that's how you break the chain if you got to pull them out of that environment to put them in a situation where they can at least have an opportunity to be successful."

"We're out there to jail on Friday and we hear the same stories the Sheriff does. And it all comes back to, 'we need you to find us a place to stay.' Well, who's going to open their bedroom up to one of these guys or gals, you know? Not many people will. So that's why we need an answer like the House of Hope," said Pastor Yount.

If the Opioid Settlement funds are allocated for the House of Hope, the group also presented to the Board a resolution for their consideration to adopt.

A motion carried to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-37 to cancel a check issued in error.

A motion was made and approved for a Return-to-Work Policy for departments to follow when an employee has been away from work due to a work comp injury or illness.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. The Board met again on Tuesday, March 8, 2023, 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.

SEZ-I

"I am. Thoughts on Identity"

By Laura Bartek

Recently, while sitting in a mindful self-compassion professional consultation group, we, the participants, were guided through a practice of reflection working with shame, an often extremely difficult emotion to experience. We began by first bringing to mind a triggering situation where shame and embarrassment were evoked. Encouragement and prompts were provided in order to investigate how our bodies were responding, what sensations we noticed and where, accompanying thoughts and paired responses, where this energy was moving, and if any behavioral urges were coupled. Then, after sitting with this awareness, we moved to uncovering underlying beliefs about ourselves, present and historic, triggered by the event. After identification of the belief, we worked with updating unhelpful messaging to more empowering, compassionate, and supportive responses through the use of imagery and drawing in resources from loved ones, friends, children, and spirituality.

I won't lie; my initial thoughts were, 'Oh boy, looking at shame. This will be fun.' with an accompanying internal eye roll. Nevertheless, I closed my eyes and began the practice. I thought immediately of a situation which occurred days before where an idea I had was dismissed without much, if any, consideration by fellows in the group. It was easy to identify a pit in my stomach, an urge to run and avoid. I felt my system wanting to shut down, be less, disappear. Yuck! Exploring this further, the belief I noticed arise was one of "I need too much. I talk too much. I want too much. I am too much."

This was shaping up to be the exact type of reflection I thought it was going to be until the next prompt came along. Where does this belief reside in your body? In this moment, the magic seemed to happen for me. I knew, without a doubt, this belief lived in my brain. I felt it in my stomach, but it lived in my brain. This belief was a thought like any other thought, I think.

A thought is a cognitive snapshot of a moment or experience. We have experiences all day, every day. Sitting on the couch, taking a shower, a conversation with a friend, sleeping, sipping hot (or reheated and yet still lukewarm) coffee. All experiences we live through our bodies and minds interpreted by both somatic sensation and cognitive thought. An average human thinks between 6,000 to 60,000 thoughts per day, 80% of those thoughts are thoughts we have thought before. Our brains think much like our hearts beat and lungs breathe repeatedly in a similar fashion.

Imagine if we identified the definition of and concept of 'me' with each of those 60,000. Disorienting to say the least! Yet, in this mindfulness practice I was acutely aware of how this particular thought was so heavily weighted and felt defining of 'me.' If the thought and experience of shame and too muchness was reduced to being a thought like the 59,999 others I have in any given

24-hour time period, what might that be like? How else might I define myself? How else do I define myself? What is a self? Okay, I'll stop there, but really. At my core, who is me? What is me? Who are we?

I have never considered defining myself as 'sitting on the couch', 'cup of coffee', 'sleep', etc. Those experiences are not me, I am not them. It makes me laugh to think of defining myself in that way, to be honest. "I am sleep." Seems ludicrous! Yet, I didn't think twice (without prompting) of defining myself from the felt sense and experience of shame. What is that about?

On a similar token, I am not able to be simply defined by the roles I play and execute. Sure, I am a mother, wife, daughter, therapist, friend, citizen, feminist, cisgender woman, and progressive thinker. I am all of those things, but 'I' am none of those things. Those are all roles and titles I hold, but they are not who I am. I am much more than even the summation of all those labels.

Taking this a step further, I also reflected upon how individuals often describe themselves using physical attributes or identifiers: blonde, blue-eyes, tall, short, thin, heavy, noisy, confident, nervous, white, black, straight, queer, quiet, muscular, fit, built, thick, etc. I am no more those descriptors than the experiences I have lived through.

We are not achievements. We are not titles. We are not measurements. We are not roles. We are not bodies.

What are we?

When we were born we came into this world and most, if full-term and healthy, immediately made our presence known by crying out and embodying our physical form and utilizing our voices. We screamed out making noise, taking up space, and *knowing* our needs and person-hood deserved noticing, attending to, and honoring. We didn't think to ourselves, is my cry too loud, is my size too much, is my need too big? We revered the importance and sacredness of us merely because we existed!

We loved ourselves and our body enough to be noisy about it. We didn't wait for a convenient time to be hungry, need a diaper change, or seek warmth and nurturing. Our body, needs, and existence was not something we contemplated. We knew it mattered and was important. Some, unfortunately, began to believe their presence was a problem, but it was never

them that was the problem; it was how they were responded to that created the problem. The problem was them — the world, society, caregivers, whomever was responsible for taking care of us. It was never us. *It was never us.* Never.

How do I know this? Well, bringing in the imagery and support of others to rework with situation, immediately my 5-year-old daughter's image came flooding into my mind. She is a fierce little lady with a voice and spirit that can fill any room, building, stadium, etc. This girl of mine has more confidence in her pinky finger than many have in their entire bodies. *I love this about her.* I don't just tolerate this about her, I love it. I hope she always feels able to speak her mind, let her opinion and needs be known, ask for what she wants knowing she deserves it. I hope to cultivate and guide her so that she can use that strength to support her in creating the life she wants for herself. Sometimes her tenacity is challenging, exhausting even, but it is not a problem. Not for me and certainly, not for her. I adore the abundance in her and had a paradigm shifting sense of loving that about myself. She is not too much. I am not too much. She has never been 'too much' nor was I. If we are too much for someone else, that is a problem of theirs, not ours, and they will or won't figure it out. Their loss. Not My. Problem. Is my 'too muchness' showing here? Good!

So, where does this leave me? I am not what I have accomplished, I am not what people call me. I am not even what I call me. I am not what I look like. I am not my body. I am not what I do. I am not you and you are not me. And yet, I am you, you are me. We are. I am.

The spirit in me sees the spirit in you. The spirit in me is the spirit in you.

I am. You are. We are.

Let's go be too much together.

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Capturing the "Oakland Creature" 49 years ago, confusing sightings and a mass theory terrified a small Nebraska town

By Tim Trudell; Flatwater Free Press

A freakish scream in the wee hours of July 4, 1974, woke Dale and Linda Jones from a deep slumber. They thought one of their pigs had gotten its head caught in the pen's slats.

Shep, their German shepherd mix, barked incessantly from the front porch.

Dale grabbed a flashlight and headed to the pig pen on his farm a couple of miles south of the small Nebraska town of Oakland, off of US Highway 77. Finding nothing wrong with the swine, he turned back toward the house. Then he heard the scream again.

"It was like something I'd never heard before," Jones said. "It's indescribable. People asked me, and I'd try to tell them, but unless you heard it ..."

Running back to the house, Jones reached for a baseball bat to use while he checked his farm for a wild animal. Then Linda, standing on the porch, trying to quiet Shep, saw it. A silhouette of a figure standing several hundred feet away.

"It took off running on two legs, between the corn cribs toward the cornfield," Linda Jones said.

The couple went back inside on that Independence Day night, locked the doors and latched the windows. They had no air conditioning in the old farmhouse, and thanks to the heat and their spiked adrenaline and anxiety, sleep proved impossible.

Together, Dale and Linda lay in bed, eyes open, wondering: What in the world have we seen? What...exactly...was that?

The Joneses, in their early 20s at the time, were likely the first to witness an unidentified figure that became known as the "Oakland Creature." Once their story became public, the sightings – and talk about what this creature was, or wasn't – spread like wildfire across the town of 1,300 residents known as the Swedish Capital of Nebraska.

Nearly 50 years ago, many area residents bought the idea that some type of creature was roaming the area, putting everyone on edge. Many people in fact believed that a giant monster had infiltrated the normally quiet communi-



Falls City Middle School is proud to announce the winners of the annual Elks Americanism essay contest. First place winners received a check for \$50 dollars, second place \$35 dollars and third place \$20 dollars. All of the winning essays will now move on to the state contest. The winners are pictured along with sixth grade Social Studies teacher Karen Boatright and Elks Lodge 963 representative Roger Lampe. Pictured from left to right: Roger Lampe Elks Lodge 963, eighth grade winners Jazzy Strecker, first place; Taiylah Moore, second place and Harley Sutton, third place; seventh grade winner first place Kenley Alexander; sixth grade winners first place Caroline Powell, second place Tessa Gossman, third place Josslyn Bangert, Karen Boatright sixth grade Social Studies teacher. Congratulations to all the winners and teachers and thanks to the Elks for the cash prizes!

ty, say newspaper accounts at the time as well as new Flatwater Free Press interviews.

To outsiders this may seem like an outrageous theory, experts say, just like any seemingly supernatural occurrence or conspiracy theory can seem.

But, to the people involved, something seemingly outrageous – something like Bigfoot roaming your hometown – can begin to make perfect psychological sense.

"Knowing what I know about science, I know that bears don't mate with monkeys," to create Bigfoot, said Andy Norman, a professor at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh who studies phenomena like Bigfoot sightings, conspiracy theories and QAnon beliefs. "Everything we know about biology says they can't."

But "an ordinary cougar call can actually feel more like Bigfoot if that's what you had on your mind," he said, of how one sighting can often lead to many sightings. "Everybody's been talking about it, right? Our brains are tricky, and they often detect patterns that aren't really there."

To some local residents of Oakland in the summer of 1974, it most certainly didn't feel like a mind-trick. It felt wholly, undeniably, real.

Within a few days of the initial incident, Nick Wickstrom recalls an odd scene early one morning while he was delivering the Omaha World-Herald newspaper on a back road outside of town. Wickstrom, then 13, along with brother

Tom and their father, Emory, saw something large running alongside the gravel road on four legs.

"It looked like it was running on its front knuckles," said Wickstrom, now retired from the U.S. Navy and living outside Ann Arbor, Mich. "It didn't look like anything I've ever seen before or since. There was no tail. Its legs looked like ours. But, for all I know, it could have been an opossum. It would have been a really big opossum."

"But, I couldn't identify it. You know, we were country kids. We could identify just about every critter out there. But this one was different."

Some witnesses claimed the creature stood more than 6 feet tall, resembling the body of a bear with the face of a monkey. State zoologists disputed that any known animal matched the description.

Late one night, some teenagers hanging out at the cemetery, on the southern edge of town, allegedly saw the creature walking upright along a tree line. They threw firecrackers at the figure, watching it scamper into the woods.

Once alerted, Oakland Police Chief Greg Webb engaged the assistance of North Bend's police chief, who had a pet coyote trained for tracking. The police searched the area deep into the overnight hours, coming up empty.

"We had a drought that year, so it was about impossible to find any tracks," said Leonard Canarsky, who served as a part-time officer with the Oakland Police Department before being elected Burt County sheriff later that year. "I remember spending nights in the city park looking for it."

The Joneses, who had been the first to encounter the phenomenon, believe the Oakland Creature used a pasture on their farm as its home base.

"We'd hear it every night," Dale said. "We had 22 acres of land, along with some woods, so there was no way of finding it."

That didn't stop people from trying. Locals organized hunting parties, but they always came up empty, he said.

At the height of the sightings, three Omaha television stations sent news crews to the Burt County community to interview locals. Area newspapers, including the Omaha World-Herald, published stories on the sightings.

About the same time, reports of cattle mutilations were widespread across northeast Nebraska, including Burt County.

Law enforcement officials didn't believe the two were

related, Canarsky said.

"The mutilations were too well-performed for them to have been done by animals," the law officer said. "The cattle had hearts removed. Other specific organs. It was more like sacrifices."

Sightings stopped as cooler weather moved into the area in September. Linda Jones delivered the couple's first child that month, and neither she nor Dale recalls hearing noises after that. Once the Oakland Creature disappeared, talk faded, and the creature became a distant memory for those who remembered it at all.

But the now-distant memory remains. And a now-faded question: What was it?

Unsure what people actually saw, Canarsky, the former Burt County sheriff, wouldn't have been surprised if the creature had turned out to be a mountain lion.

"The drought probably would have brought them along Logan Creek, looking for food," he said.

Others, like Harriett McFeely, owner of the Bigfoot Crossroads of America Museum in Hastings, believe that the creature could have been Bigfoot-like, though she doubts that Bigfoot would ever mutilate domestic animals.

The lack of evidence suggests there's likely a logical reason behind the story, said Norman, the professor who studies Bigfoot sightings and group behavior around theories like it. But he wouldn't have necessarily believed that had he been a teenager or young adult in Oakland in 1974.

"I love a good mystery as much as the next person," he said. "Stories like this have long fascinated me, and had I been there at the time, I'm sure I would have been really curious to find out."

During an interview, Norman pointed out that reports of extraterrestrial visits spiked in the late 1970s and early 1980s, as millions of Americans reported having a close encounter with a third kind.

It's impossible to say for certain what changed, he said, except for one thing:

The movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the hit Steven Spielberg movie released in 1977.

"Science of why people believe things has a lot to teach us. One of the takeaways is that people often see or perceive what they expect or hope to see," he said. "Reported sightings spiked because more people were kind of either hoping or expecting to experience strange phenomena."

However, Norman said, people in Oakland who saw something and then tried to make sense of it shouldn't be ridiculed or diminished by the rest of us.

Sometimes, people believe in things like "The Oakland Creature" because it satisfies an emotional or psychological need – because it feels gratifying or simply right.

And sometimes, people believe in things like "The Oakland Creature" because the human mind craves an explanation, even when there isn't one.

"There are many species on the planet that we have not yet documented or cataloged," Norman said. "But the chances that something the size of a Bigfoot has managed to escape all scientific confirmation are vanishingly small at this point."

He pointed out that the lack

of evidence of proof like fossil remains.

"But never say never, right?"

To this day, Linda and Dale Jones say they do not know what they heard, and saw, starting on the night of July 4, 1974. They don't know if it was a psychological phenomenon. They don't know if it was an actual physical creature, or a wild animal of some kind or a mountain lion.

They do know two things. Whatever they saw was not normal.

And whatever they saw, they had and still have no desire to meet it up close.

"If somebody would ask me to go look for it, I didn't want to see it," Dale Jones said. "It was just terrifying."

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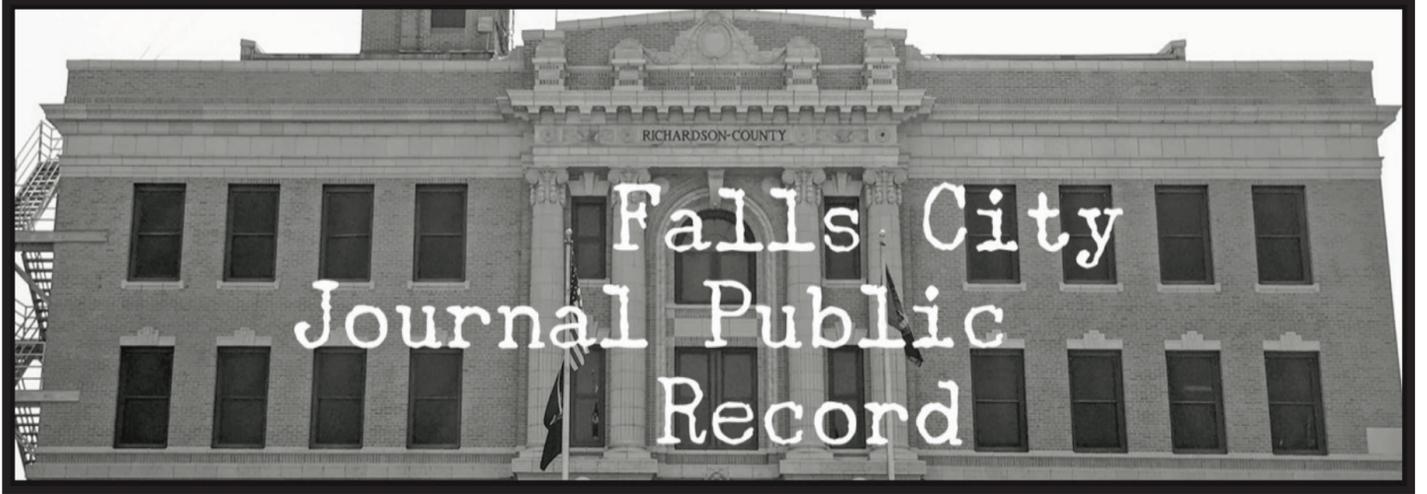
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DISTRICT COURT
Dylan L. Palmer, count one, conspiracy to commit a class 1 felony, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for March 14, 2023.

James M. Johansen, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count three, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead not guilty; count four, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count five, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for March 14, 2023.

Stephanie A. Corliss, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count seven, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count eight, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count nine, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count ten, certificate of title violations, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count 11, count dropped/dismissed;

count 12, certificate of title violations, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, please no contest, found guilty; count 13, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count 14, theft-unlawful taking \$501-1,499, plead no contest, found guilty; count 15, false reporting, plead no contest, found guilty; count 16, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count 17, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count 18, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count 19, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for August 1, 2023.

Stephanie A. Corliss, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, amended to theft-unlawful taking \$501-1,499, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, criminal poss-forged inst., amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count six, criminal poss-fin trans device, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for August 1, 2023.

Broderick C. Smith, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, tamper with physical evidence, plead not guilty; count three, drive during revocation/impound, plead not guilty; count four, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial was February 28, 2023.

Stephanie L. Bachman, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Pretrial scheduled for April 4, 2023.

Jennifer R. Lewis, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, tamper with physical evidence; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Pretrial scheduled for March 21, 2023.

Mariann Flores, count one, Del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, amended to possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for May 16, 2023.

Joshua M. Bachman, count one, possess firearm by prohibited person, plead not guilty; count

two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for March 21, 2023.

Joshua M. Bachman, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest, plead not guilty; count two, obstruct peace officer, plead not guilty; count three, criminal mischief \$501-1,499, plead not guilty; count four, willful reckless driving, plead not guilty; count five, operate ATV on controlled access highway, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 21, 2023.

William D. Phillips Jr., count one, assault-2nd degree, amended to assault-3rd degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for May 9, 2023.

Joshua M. Young, count one, assault-2nd degree, amended to assault-3rd degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for May 9, 2023.

Jessette L. Gifford, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 4, 2023.

COUNTY COURT
Darren K. Webster, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty; count three, fail to use turn signals, plead not guilty. Hearing was March 6, 2023.

Darren K. Webster, count one, violate protection order, plead not guilty. Hearing was March 6, 2023.

Danelle L. Westling, count one, resist arrest, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes bond forfeiture of \$213.00, bond forfeiture of \$225.00, bond forfei-

ture of \$122.22, jail for term of 24 days, credit for 24 days served.

Paul E. Schawang, White Cloud, Ks., count one, leave scene of accident-fail to furnish info, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500.00. Count two, willful reckless driving, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500.00. License revoked for term of 30 days beginning February 27, 2023.

CITATIONS

Rylie Kidwiler, Lincoln, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.00 and court costs. (Novak)

Tracy Blackwell, Bellevue, Ne, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.00 and court costs. (Aitken)

Adam Jorgensen, Waterloo, Ne, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.00 and court costs. (Novak)

Joseph Shefferd, Falls City, speeding 11-15 municipal school, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150.00 and court costs. (Ramierz)

Lainey Larsen of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 MPH municipal school, plead guilty and fined \$150 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Richard Rowland of Salem, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Rowell)

Wayne Cope of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Pal W. Pal of Grand Island, NE, count one, speeding 16-20 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Townsend)

Jeffrey Powers of Oma-

ha, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Townsend)

Glenn Bender of Humboldt, count one, speeding 16-20 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Keller)

Tushar Kansal of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, count one, speeding 16-20 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Novak)

Katie Niedfeldt of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no seat belt, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (no officer listed)

Xavier Irving of Omaha, count one, no brake lights/turn signals, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operators license, plead guilty found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Benjamin Reynolds of Lawrence, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Ronnie Worden of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Stonebarger)

David Smith of Kansas City, MO, count one, speeding 21-35 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Darrell Rollins of Omaha, count one, speeding 16-20 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Novak)

Robert Jasso of Pharr, TX, count one, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FEBRUARY 21, 2023 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie; Assessor Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff. Commissioner Karas was absent. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Assessor Riggs presented a real estate tax exemption application to the Board from Region V Services and inquired whether the organization would be exempt. A hearing will be set for March 15, 2023 to consider the approval or denial of the application.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

David D. Sickel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2023

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 21st day of February 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: Leyden. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHERE-

AS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the February 6, 2023 regular meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for February 21, 2023, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer's Report for January, 2023 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Police Report for January, 2023 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for February 21, 2023, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

REVIEW BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HARKENDORFF

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhodd to approve the mayoral appointments as presented.

Park Board | Sandy Schwarting – Term Expiring 12.31.2023

Cemetery Board | Bruce Merz – Term Expiring 12.31.2026

Planning Commission | Sarah Morris – Term Expiring 12.31.2026

Tree Board | Anna Thompson – Term(s) Expiring 12.31.2024

Board of Adjustment | John Caverzagie – Term Expiring 12.31.2024

Southeast Nebraska Housing Partnership | Amber Holle – Term Expiring 12.28.2028

Housing Board | Ed Harris, Calvin Buck, Mike Dougherty – Term(s) Expiring 12.31.2023 | Jack Bangert, Steve Huffles – Term(s) Expiring 12.31.2024

Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ENERGY AGENCY (APEA) EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2023/ ROGER MOCK, APEA CONSULTANT

A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Ractliffe to approve the agreement as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

MASTER AGREEMENT WORK ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE FINAL DESIGN OF PHASE I STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BY OLSSON TOTALING \$47,600.00/CITY ADMINISTRATOR

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve the agreement as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION RESTRICTING TWO(2) INDIVIDUAL PARKING SPACES TO ONE HOUR

PARKING IN FRONT OF 1801 STONE STREET/SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA INSURANCE AGENCY, INC

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Ferguson to amend the resolution to (1) parking space. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR A FALLS CITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2023 HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL/CITY ADMINISTRATOR

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Ferguson to award the contract for the 2023 Fireworks Show to Pay Up Sucker Promotions for \$15,000,000. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Rhodd. "NAY" Ractliffe, Wisdom. "ABSTAIN" Holle. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

REVIEW REQUEST TO CHANGE LOCATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE FROM 1124 HARLAN STREET TO 1022 HARLAN STREET/ ABUNDE Y ONATE, LLC DBA FIESTA BRAVA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhodd to approve the liquor license location change request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO BLOCK OFF THREE(3) STREET PARKING STALLS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET IN FRONT OF 1522 STONE STREET ON APRIL 22, 2023 BETWEEN 8AM TO 3PM FOR A BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE/ MARCUS HELLER, HELLER MARTIAL ARTS

A motion was made by Council person Ractliffe and seconded by Council person Holle to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:49pm

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on February 21, 2023; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
Mark Harkendorff, Mayor
ZNEZ

A high seed won't deter Irish at NSAA state tournament

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish basketball team rode a huge second quarter to the District D2-7 title over Potter-Dix at Kearney Catholic High School on Tuesday, February 28.

After surviving a competitive first period, the Irish led by one, 13-12. Jack Stice sank two threes and scored a team-best eight first-period points for the Irish. A late three by Evan Keithley and a reverse layup by Joe Simon put the Irish in front by one heading into the second quarter.

The Irish offense lit up the scoreboard in the second eight minutes of action at Kearney Catholic High School. Senior Sam Dunn hit the court running in the second quarter, sinking two triples in the first 1:15 of action, putting the Irish in front by seven, 19-12. With just over six minutes to play in the half, Keithley drained his second trey, followed by Dunn's third seconds later, giving the Irish a 25-14 advantage. Over the following minute and a half, Simon took over, scoring eight points and extending the SH lead to 35-16. By halftime, the Irish had built an 18-point lead, 42-24.

Simon finished with 12 first-half points, Stice added ten and Keithley and Dunn each had nine.

Sacred Heart got on the board quickly to open the third frame, as Simon showed his agility with a quick drive to the hoop for the score. The teams traded buckets for much of the quarter, but a three by Stice at the buzzer pushed the Irish advantage to 22, 56-34, with only eight minutes left in one team's season.

Dunn drained a pair of free throws to open the fourth as the Irish opened up its biggest lead of the contest at 58-34. After a Potter-Dix bucket, Dunn was back at it, getting a steal and an assist to Riley Nelson, making it 60-36 with 6:45 to go. Nelson paced the Irish with six points in

the fourth period as they punched their ticket to the NSAA State Tournament with a 66-44 win.

The Irish improved to 18-8 for the year, having won seven contests in a row, while Potter-Dix fell to 19-5, losing for just the second time in the last 12 games.

SH outshot the Coyotes, 49% (25/51) to 44% (17/39). The Irish hit 10/25 from behind the arc and were a perfect 6/6 from the foul line. Sacred Heart's defense also forced 19 turnovers, while the offense finished with eight miscues.

Simon led the offense with 20 points on 9/10 shooting. Stice finished 4/6 from beyond the arc for 18 points and Dunn added 11 points and six assists. Keithley added three from deep, eight boards and three steals. Luke Kasten went 5/15 for 12 points and Zacary Rotert was 5/6 for 12 points.

Scoring for SH: Stice 18, Keithley 9, Nelson 6, Simon 20, Froeschl 2, Dunn 11.

Scoring for Potter-Dix: Tabor 4, B. Kasten 2, L. Kasten 12, Pease 3, Wittrock 3, Oleson 4, Rotert 12, McConnell 4.

Sacred Heart is making its sixth consecutive trip to the state tourney and tenth since the 2012 season. During that span, the Irish have won three state titles and finished third once.

The Irish are seeded sixth and will take on the No. 3 seed Parkview Christian (23-3), at the Devaney Center on March 9 at 7:45 p.m. A win by the Irish would put them up against the winner of Shelton/Santee on Friday, March 10, at the Devaney Center at 7:45 p.m. The Class D-2 championship will occur at Pinnacle Bank Arena on March 11 at 8:15 p.m.

The Irish are no strangers to winning from a high seed. In 2021, the Irish came from the seventh seed to win the state championship, defeating Parkview Christian 64-47 in the title game.

Lady Irish stop Leyton; survive Humphrey St. Francis en route to D2 final

It wasn't the easiest route to a state championship, but the Sacred Heart Irish got past 16-5 Leyton on Thursday morning at Pinnacle Bank Arena, 64-30, in Class D2 opening-round action.

Sacred Heart couldn't shake the Warriors in the first half, leading 14-7 after the first period and 28-16 at the half.

Jessica Wertenberger led the Irish in the first 16 minutes of action, going 6-6 from the foul line for 10 ten points.

Sacred Heart began to pull away in the third. Drives by Liv Eickhoff and Jentry Lechtenberg, followed by a jumper by Macy Keller, helped the Irish open the period on a 6-0 run to go in front 34-16. The Irish continued to pull away, outscoring the Warriors 15-6 in the period to secure a 43-22 lead with eight minutes to play.

Sacred Heart sealed the win with an 11-0 run to open the fourth, taking a 53-22 lead with 5:00 to play.

Scoring for SH: Scholl 6, Santo 4, Eickhoff 10, Tisdell 3, DeLanie Witt 9, Daycee Witt 1, Lechtenberg 12, Wertenberger 13, Keller 6.

Scoring for Leyton: Gamble 2, Benish 19, Haupt 2, Haley 2, Fortune 5.

Saturday night, Sacred Heart faced another familiar face, the 20-6 Humphrey St. Francis Flyers, at the Devaney Center.

The contest was a battle of blue bloods in Class D2 and it took an extra period to determine who would be playing in the state championship on Saturday night.

HSF opened the game with a quick bucket, taking a 2-0 lead; however, Sacred Heart answered with drives by Eickhoff and Lechtenberg to make it 4-2. The teams traded points the rest of the quarter as Sacred Heart trailed by

one, 8-9, after the first. A steal by Wertenberger and a layup by Eickhoff put the Irish back in front to open the second period. The Flyers then went on a 5-0 run, leading to a 14-10 lead and a timeout by the Irish.

Out of the break, Wertenberger converted a three-point play to cut the lead back to one at 13-14.

Again, the teams traded points down the stretch and entered the locker rooms knotted up at 17.

HSF built its most significant lead of the contest, 19-24, with five minutes to play in the third, but a hoop by Eickhoff and free throws by Wertenberger cut the lead back to one. Humphrey scored the final three points of the period and led by four, 23-27, with eight minutes of action remaining.

A spinning bucket in the lane by Eickhoff and free throws by Wertenberger tied the game at 27 with 5:50 to go. With just under three minutes left, Lechtenberg sank 1-2 free throws to give SH the lead, 28-27. A steal and layup by HSF put the Irish behind 28-29, but a free throw by

Wertenberger tied the contest with 1:31 to go. The Flyers had a look at the rim with one second remaining in regulation, but it was off and the game headed to an extra four minutes.

Overtime belonged to the Irish as they shut out the Flyers 4-0 to get the 33-29 win. Lechtenberg opened the extra period with an offensive rebound and putback to make it 31-29 with 3:30 to go. Things stayed quiet until the final seconds of the game. Humphrey, trailing by two, played for a final shot. With eight seconds remaining, 5-4 Emma Baumgart drove to the hoop, but 5-10 Jessica Wertenberger swatted the ball, corralled it, and was fouled with four seconds left. Wertenberger sank both free throws to ice the game and put Sacred Heart back into the finals for the third consecutive season.

Scoring for SH: Eickhoff 10, Lechtenberg 5, Wertenberger 16, Keller 2.

Scoring for HSF: E. Baumgart 4, H. Baumgart 2, Wessel 9, Kessler 1, Kosch 5, Wietfeld 2, Preister 6.

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

February 23 to February 24, 2023 calls: two miscellaneous, two 911 hang up/misdials, three nuisance, one gun permit, one HHS intake/referral, one trespassing, one check welfare, two 911 calls.

No February 24 to February 25, 2023 calls information received by Journal

February 25 to February 26, 2023 calls: two information only, one alarm, two burn permit, one house watch, one traffic/driving complaint, one animal complaint, one domestic disturbance, one assault, one 911 call, one citation for DUI-alcohol second offense, one citation for fail to stay in lane, one citation for stop sign, two warnings for improper/defective lighting, one warning for registration.

February 26 to February 27, 2023 calls: one traffic/driving complaint, one check welfare, one burn permit, one miscellaneous, one fraud, one 911 call, one citation for assault second degree, one citation for terroristic threats.

No February 27 to February 28, 2023 calls information received by Journal

February 28 to March 1, 2023 calls: four ambulance/EMS, one open door, two 911 hang up/misdial, one animal complaint, two motorist assist, two miscellaneous, one referred to other agency, one disturbance, one suspicious subject or vehicle, one information only, four 911 calls.

March 1 to March 2, 2023 calls: three referred to other agency, one burn permit, one information only, one gun permit, one nuisance, one noise disturbance, one miscellaneous, one animal complaint, two fire calls (Falls City Rural Fire, Falls City Fire), three 911 calls, one citation for speeding, two warnings for defective/improper lighting.

March 2 to March 3, 2023 calls: Two motorist assist, three miscellaneous, one referred to other agency, two animal complaint, one phone scam, one information only, one nuisance, one fraud, one HHS intake/referral, one suspicious subject or vehicle, one 911 hang up/misdial, one alarm, four 911 calls, one warning for stop sign, one warning for no valid registration.



Thanks to Elk's Grants, the organization was able to donate \$2,000 to SENCA (Sherry Huddleston of SENCA and Mik Christian of the Elks pictured above) and Sixpence was awarded \$2,500 and FCPS/SH schools were awarded \$4,000 for the purchase of library books for grade school students.



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Marcella Lock

Marcella Lock, 90, of Falls City, NE, passed away March 2, 2023 in Falls City. She was born September 11, 1932 in Barada, NE to August and Lillian (Wenz) Schulenberg.

She married Karl Lock in 1955 in Falls City. He passed away December 16, 2021

Marcella was raised in the Preston, NE area. She worked at the Falls City Creamery and Belmont Casket factory for many years, then for Rico Business Forms and was well known for working in the kitchen at Ketter Manor, retiring in 1993 due to her health. She was a member of Lighthouse Fellowship Church.

Marcella is survived by her sister, Linda Wiar

of Falls City, a sister-in-law, Betty Schulenberg of Falls City, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Deanie, husband, brothers, August, Roger and David Schulenberg, sisters, Marvelle Foster and Meredith Seffron.

A joint memorial service will be held for Marcella and Karl on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Cliff Acker officiating. They will both be inurned at Rulo Cemetery. Military graveside honors for Karl will be conducted by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

Friends may sign the guest registry during regular business hours.

Robert Ferguson

(Continued from Page 1) Wesley and Opal (Klein) Ferguson.

He married Leora "Lee" Stoddard on November 29, 1953 at Brock, NE.

Bob was raised at Falls City and graduated from Falls City High School in 1948. Following graduation he began working for the Missouri Pacific/Union Pacific Railroad. He worked for the railroad for forty-four years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Falls City Elks and Falls City Masonic Lodge #9. He was a Boy Scout Troop leader for seventeen years, city councilman for the 4th ward and a hunter safety instructor.

He served on the Airport Authority Board for twenty-eight years and was Deputy Director of Civil Defense for seven years. Recently the road to the airport was renamed "Bob Ferguson Blvd" in honor of his many years of service. He was also instrumental in starting the Falls City Wall of Fame, and became a member of the Wall of Fame in 2021.

Bob is survived by his wife, Lee of Falls City, children, Nick and Don Ferguson both of Falls City, Gerry (Estella) Ferguson and his wife Stella of De Kalb, MO, Barbie Bruss and her husband Logan of Bennet, NE, brothers, Patrick and his wife Jane of Montclair, CA, Butch and his wife Frances of Arcata, CO, sister, Virginia Meyerkorth of Liberty, MO, grandchildren, Dustin and Jordyn Ferguson, Erica and Dan Ferguson, Aaron and Brent Matthews, Amber Wagner, Dillon Ferguson, Rachel Barth and Jeffrey Bruss and twelve great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jim.

His memorial service will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 10:30 A. M. at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Michael Brown officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 3-4:00 P. M. at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Cassandra Kuker

Cassandra Kuker, 52, of Falls City, NE, passed away March 4, 2023 at Falls City. She was born January 25, 1971 at Superior, NE to Robert and Marjorie (Vess) Curfman.

She married Brian Kuker on July 1, 2000 at Barada, NE

Cassandra was raised in Deshler, NE and moved to Lincoln her sophomore year and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1989. She graduated from Southeast Community College in Lincoln with an associates degree in early childhood education. When married the couple established their home on a farm north of Falls City. She had various jobs and locally worked at Head Start and Falls City Care Center in Falls City.

Cassandra is survived by her husband, Brian of Falls City, children, Mason Corliss and his wife Kristian of Seneca, KS,

Eliza, Malori and Asher Kuker all of Falls City, father, Robert Curfman of Kearney, NE, brothers,

Scott Coe and his wife Angie of Smyrna, TN, Dustin Curfman of Falls City, Mike Corliss and his wife Jenn of Kearney, sisters, Susan Bohling and her husband Mike of Humboldt, KS, grandchildren, Bella, Hazel, Scarlett and Sawyer, father and mother-in-law, Rick and Fran Kuker of Shubert, sisters-in-law, Stephanie Kuker and Crystal Eickhoff and her husband Robert both of Shubert, special friends, Crystal Tracy, Sandy Catlin, Suzanne Baden and Sue Hoffman. She was preceded in death by her mother, step-father, Mirza Corliss, brother, George Shewey and a daughter in infancy, Electra.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Interment will be in Harris Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 6-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Leonard Karst

Leonard Karst, 81, of Falls City, NE, passed away February 27, 2023 at Falls City. He was born February 7, 1942 at Falls City to Raymond and Erma (Buckminster) Karst.

He married Linda Sumptner on September 18, 1964 at Seneca, KS. She passed away June 19, 2018.

Leonard was raised at Salem, NE and graduated Salem High School in 1960. He worked various jobs until becoming employed by Wenger's in Sabetha in 1985. He worked as a welder for five years before working in the shipping department and retiring in 2019. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 20th and Towle St.

Leonard is survived by a brother, Ron and his wife Patricia of Salem, sister, Mary Sand of Tecumseh, NE, grandchildren, Shane and Ryan Karst, Kaitlin Hall, great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kaylor and Dane and a daughter-in-law, Rita Coonce and her husband Kevin of Falls City. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, children, Debra and Michael Karst, and a brother, Casey.

His funeral was held on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Elysia McGill officiating. Interment was in Maple Cemetery at Salem.

The family received friends the Thursday prior from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Fire Hydrant Project in Falls City

Submitted by Jon McQueen

The Falls City Volunteer Fire Department will begin phase II of sandblasting and painting the fire hydrants in town. Last year the company they

hired by them started on the South end of town sandblasting and repainted over 90 hydrants including all on 16th street. The company now plans to start on March 13 and subject to weather complete the rest of them by April 1. They will start on East 17th street and work North to 35th street.

The City of Falls City is working in collaboration with the volunteers on this project. With around 211 fire hydrants, this has been a large project for the Fire Department. We ask that you don't park vehicles near the hydrants if you see them working in your area, this will allow access of the sandblasting equipment to get close to the fire hydrants. If possible please remove any tall grasses, flowers, weeds to

aid in this process as they will be painted Red when done sandblasting.

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Fri 10-Tuna or PB&J, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Peaches, Cookie, Milk
Mon 13-Hotdog or Chilidog, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Brownie, Milk
Tue 14-Philly Sandwich, Peas, Peaches, Milk

FC TIGERS

WED, 8
North & South School: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Vanilla pudding, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Mixed Fruit, Vanilla Pudding 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Italian Dunkers, Green Beans, Cooked Carrots, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Chicken Patty, Tater Tots, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk

THU, 9
North & South School: Cheesburger, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk. **Middle School:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked beans, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Chocolate Pudding, 8ounce Milk. **Combo Line:** Popcorn Chicken, French Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

FRI, 10
North & South School: Pig in a Blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Beans, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk. **Middle School:** Pig in a Blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, California Vegetables, Peas, 8ounce Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, California Vegetables, Fruit, 8ounce Milk. **Combo Line:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

MON, 13
North & South School: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pineapple, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk. **Middle School:** Mr. Kraft Special: Stromboli, Hash Brown Patty, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk. **Combo Line:** Chicken Quesadilla, Curly Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

TUES, 14
North & South School: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Peaches, 8ounce Milk. **Middle School:** Chicken Flatbread, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Chicken Flatbread, Sweet Potatoes, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, 8ounce Milk. **Combo Line:** Pizza Slice, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk.

HTRS TITANS

Wed 8-NO SCHOOL
SPRING BREAK
Thur 9-NO SCHOOL
SPRING BREAK
Fri 10-NO SCHOOL
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Mon 13-Corn Dog, Fries, Fruit, Milk
Tue 14-Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Milk

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THUR: Meatloaf, Italian Grilled Cheese.

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

DINNER SPECIALS

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Wednesday Lunch:
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Wednesday Dinner:
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Thursday Lunch:
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Thursday Dinner:
 Hamburger Steak, Mushrooms, Gravy & Mash 12

Friday Lunch:
 Crab & Shrimp Seafood Bisque 12
Friday Dinner:
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WED: Meatloaf with roll, side salad, veg, & Mashed Potatoes
THUR: Lasagna
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Laura Prosser, Deceased. Case No. PR23-7

Notice is hereby given that on February 22, 2023, 2023, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, John J. Prosser, who address is 729 NW 2nd St., Unit 618, Miami, FL 33128, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the above-entitled intestate Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 1, 2023.

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

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1-8-15
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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF SUPERIOR RECYCLING SERVICES, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has formed a corporation under the Nebraska NonProfit Corporation Act as follows:

1. The name of the corporation is Superior Recycling Services, Inc.
2. The corporation is a public benefit corporation.
3. The street address of the initial registered office is 200 W 7th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the registered agent at such address is Robert J Hamilton.
4. The name and street address of each incorporator is:
Robert J Hamilton 65279 703 Loop, Falls City, NE 68355
5. The corporation will not have members.
Incorporator: Robert J Hamilton

1-8-15
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

The Southeast District Board of Health will hold a special meeting on March 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at the office of Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE. A virtual attendance option is available. Virtual attendance option details are available by calling the Southeast District Health Department office. An agenda is available in the Director's office at the Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE during regular business hours.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, clearly marked "Rulo Shop Building Bid" will be received by the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City NE 68355, until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, for all site prep and finish work, labor, materials, equipment and supervision to construct a 30' x 50' x 16' insulated pre-engineered steel building, metal or wood frame with concrete floor at Rulo, Nebraska.

Bidding documents are available at www.co.richardson.ne.us/ or may be obtained by calling 402-245-2614.

Bidder will be required to submit with their proposal a Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable, without condition, to the County Treasurer of Richardson County, Nebraska, in an amount equal to five (5) percent of their proposal.

The bidder to whom the bid is awarded shall furnish within ten (10) days a surety bond or bonds in a sum equal to the full amount of proposal.

Richardson County reserves the right to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.

Steven J. Darveau, Jr.
Richardson County Highway
Superintendent

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case No. PR23-6
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRANDON STEWART, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2023, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Appointment of Special Administrator of mid Decedent that Joseph E. Stewart whose address is 516 H. St., Dawson, NE 68337, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 1, 2023, or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Bueth
Clerk Of The County Court
1700 Stone Street
Falls City, NE 68355

Gregory A. Greder, #19302
Attorney for Personal Representative
819 "O" Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
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Public Meeting Notice Board of Education District #70

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 13, 2023 in the Music Room. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Scott Ogle
Board President
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA) is requesting financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration, pursuant to the Federal Transit Act, generally described below.

Description of Project: Purpose of the project is operating assistance to provide general public transportation in Richardson County from July 2023 – June 2025. The estimated cost of the project is \$65,856-Federal, \$22,116 -State and \$22,117 from Richardson County.

A copy of the financial assistance application is available for public inspection at the SENCA Central Office, 802 4th Street, Humboldt, NE. Written comments for consideration by SENCA will be accepted at the SENCA Central Office, 802 4th Street, Humboldt, NE for a period of 10 days ending March 22, 2023. Lori Huebner, Chairperson, SENCA Board of Directors.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

CASE NO. CI 23-2
NOTICE OF SUIT TO ABATE NUISANCE

CITY OF FALLS CITY,
NEBRASKA,
A Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CARL J. THOMAS,
Defendant.

To: Carl J. Thomas

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Complaint for abatement of a nuisance on real estate has been filed by the above-named Plaintiff in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska against the above named person for the referenced property, described as follows:

South 7.5 feet of Lot 8, All of Lot 9, and the North Half of Lot 10, Block 134, Original Town to the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska

The object and prayer of said Complaint is for the abatement of nuisance condition which exist on the real estate as above-described, and if not abated by the defendant within 30 days following entry of an order herein that plaintiff be authorized to abate the nuisance by demolition of the buildings and return of the property to grade and that the cost of such abatement be a judgement herein against the defendant and a lien upon the real estate.

YOU have thirty (30) days from March 15, 2023 in which to enter your response to this Complaint or judgment will be entered against you.

GOVERN YOUR ACTIONS ACCORDINGLY.

City of Falls City, Nebraska
PLAINTIFF

By:
Tracy A. Burns, Deputy City
Attorney

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be conducted by Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning options in the community for providing delivery of Home Delivered Meals, To Go Meals, Congregate Meals, Nutrition Education, Health Activities, and Material Distribution. Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging provides these services directly to assure the adequate supply of services and/or the services can be provided more economically.

The hearing will be held on March 23, 2023, from 1:30 – 2:00 at Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd., Beatrice, NE 68310. Comments must be received by March 22, 2023 to become part of the hearing record.

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of MARGIE A. LEWIS,
Deceased
Estate No. PR23-8

Notice is hereby given that on February 28, 2023, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Jaymie J. Nolte, whose address is 975 Nemaaha St., Humboldt, NE 68376, Melodie L. Lewis, whose address is 7811 Spring Farm Ct, Prospect, KY 40059 and Guy M. Lewis, whose address is 961 Lincoln, Humboldt, NE 68376 were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 8, 2023, or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Bueth
Clerk of the County Court
County Court of Richardson Co.
1700 Stone St #205
Falls City, NE 68355

Kelly J. Werts (Bar I.D. # 20509)
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, P.C., L.L.O.
713 4th St
Humboldt, NE 68376
Tel: (402)862-2321
Email: kellyjwerts@gmail.com

8-15-22
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Invitation To Bid – Mowing & Trimming Cemetery

The City of Humboldt, Nebraska will accept SEALED BIDS for mowing and trimming of the Cemetery until Monday, March 27th, 2023, by 4:00pm. Bids are to be priced per each occurrence of mowing and trimming. Must carry General Liability Insurance and provide the City Hall with the Certificate of Insurance. Maps of the property are available by request at City Hall and tours can be scheduled by contacting the City Hall. Sealed bids must be sent or delivered to the office of the City Clerk, located at 330 E Square, P.O. Box 156, Humboldt, NE 68376 by Monday, March 27, 2023, by 4:00pm. All sealed bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for Mowing & Trimming Cemetery". Bids will be reviewed Wednesday March 29th, 2023. The City of Humboldt reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which in their opinion serves the best interest of the City of Humboldt, Nebraska.

8-15-22
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CITY OF HUMBOLDT CEMETERY, GROUNDS KEEPER/SEXTON –

The position is a contractor position and is responsible for grounds maintenance of the city cemetery and its facilities. General Liability insurance required. A complete job description is available upon request. Submit proposals to the City of Humboldt, 330 East Square, Humboldt, NE 68376 (402) 862-2171.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 21, 2023 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Roll call was answered by Sichel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sichel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. A purchase approved at last week's meeting was reviewed with clarification that the patrol car video and recording equipment to be purchased from Brite will require the County to pay the total costs of \$4,598.00 and then the County will be reimbursed \$3,448.50 through grant funds received from the NE Dept of Transportation Highway Safety Office making the County's contribution for the equipment purchase \$1,149.50.

Sheriff Hardesty also presented a letter from Community Medical Center, Inc. regarding the continued health care service they will provide to inmates at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. The letter stated that a new proposal is being drafted and will be completed in the next few weeks.

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-34 to determine the number of deputies to be appointed by the Sheriff with a change from the previous Resolution 2022-2023-4 eliminating 1 full-time lieutenant and changing the sergeants from 1 to 2. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 6)

Motion was made by Caverzagie in pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-3115 (1), to authorize the Sheriff to sell patrol vehicle

computer equipment that has been determined to be surplus to another Nebraska county. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALLVOTE: Karas-absent, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and declared that the public hearing be opened.

There were four persons from the public in attendance and one with the media.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. presented the plan to the Board and the audience in attendance.

Robert Storant requested to speak at the hearing regarding the condition and future status of a bridge on 707 Road, C007402805 and requested that it be included in the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. He stated that the bridge affects more than just him as a landowner and mentioned that it affects about 5 different landowners in that vicinity who all have an interest in this bridge being replaced for the future. Mr. Darveau presented a report from the engineer regarding the condition of the bridge and preliminary bridge repair and replacement options. Mike Farwell also requested to speak. Mrs. Farwell also requested to speak.

Gayle Swisegood was given time to speak on the condition of 706 Road, which improvements are included on the 1&6 Year Road Plan. He stated that there are driveway entrances on the road that do not meet the standard requirements and water is drained from them onto the roadway which causes damage to the road.

Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 10:25 a.m.

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-35 to approve the One & Six Year Road Plan as presented by the Highway Superintendent during the public hearing. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 7)

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

A request has been made from Midwest Engineering, Inc. to rent the hydra platform machine from Richardson County and a rental agreement which was developed and approved by the County Board in 2011 for the rental to other counties was reviewed with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel. The same agreement was approved to be used for rental to the engineering firm. Motion was made by Sichel to approve the rental of the hydra platform equipment to Midwest Engineering, Inc. for a price of \$8,625.00 per month. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

JOE BUCKMINSTER, buckIT

Joe Buckminster with buckIT, who is contracted with Richardson County to perform all IT matters, presented to the Board information on the backup programs for the county computer server(s) and a proposal to implement the program. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the backup solution as presented and to approve the purchase of the equipment and system at \$3,151.60/month. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALLVOTE: Karas-absent, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp97.93
DAS State Accounting, serv.....30.88
Falls City Journal, adv660.46
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv427.50
CR22-101 M. Luna
Farm & City Supply, supp288.67
First Concord, fees226.00
Galls, supp.....62.60
Hy-Vee, supp.....65.09
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, supp.....343.99
Lincoln National, life ins ..1092.90
Medica, ins44905.12
Nestor & Mercure, serv.....5916.66
NE Assoc of Co Clerks, dues ..50.00

OPPD, serv.....101.38
Petersen Reporting, serv261.88
ProServ Bus Systems, serv .133.10
Quill, supp.....676.45
Richardson County Clerk
Petty Cash, reimb7.50
Richardson County EMA
Petty Cash, reimb253.35
Richardson County Sheriff
Petty Cash, reimb1.01
Richardson County Vendor,
FICA/retire/etc22724.13
Wolfe's Printing, supp.....93.35
Payroll Expense113393.45
TOTAL GEN FUND ..\$191,813.40

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv.....373.27
Dept. of Correctional
Services, truck49900.00
Hamm, rock6985.67
Koch's Auto Serv, supp...31393.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc, serv .295.00
NPPD, serv155.25
OPPD, serv38.19
Operation & Exp Acct reimb...53.99
Rulo, Village of, serv25.00
Sapp Bros., fuel1887.85
Unifirst, supp24.58
Payroll Expense32921.32
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE
FUND.....\$124,053.12

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv1100.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT
FUND.....\$2,200.00

ARPA FUND

Richardson Co Vendor,
FICA/retire/etc11.10
Payroll Expense77.04
TOTAL ARPA FUND\$88.14

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 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.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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DISTRICT #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School

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

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

- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
 - 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: Meghan Robeson – Annual Report
 - 2.2 Principal Reports:
 - 2.3 Board President's Report:
 - 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
 - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
 - 2.4b School Improvement & Strategic Plan Update
 - 2.4c Board Policy Update
 - 2.4d Building, Grounds & Transportation Update
 - 2.4e Superintendent Meetings
 - 2.4f Board Member Meetings
 - 2.4g Other
 - 2.5 Board Committee Reports:

- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
 - 3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions
 - 3.2 Teacher Resignation
 - 3.3 Certified Faculty Employment Contracts
 - 3.4 Principal Contracts
 - 3.5 Other

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

- 5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

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- JUNE 26 - 29 • HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL • Boys & Girls-Commuter Only
- JULY 10 - 13 • DOANE UNIVERSITY • Boys & Girls-Overnight & Commuter
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DEADLINE MARCH 31ST 2023.
All resumes should be marked: Lifeguard/ Pool Manager Resume and delivered or mailed to: City of Humboldt, 330 E Square, PO Box 156, Humboldt, NE 68376 or emailed to ccc2863@windstream.net

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In addition to the application form, all candidates are asked to submit: a letter of application, a resume, unofficial/official copies of all undergraduate transcripts, a copy of his/her certificate (if applicable), and three letters of recommendation.

We look to fill this position as soon as possible. Applications may be picked up in the school main entrance entryway during business hours and can also be found on the schools' website, htrstitans.com under forms. Deliver all application requirements to the school or mail applications to: Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent, 810 Central Ave, Humboldt, NE 68376, georgegriffith@htrstitans.org. Phone: 402-862-2235, Fax: 402-862-3135.

10-13

Johnson County Hospital Has the following opening:

Fulltime LPN or Medical Assistant wanted at Tecumseh Family Health and Adams Primary Care to perform nursing duties and assist physicians as part of the clinical care team. Hours will be Monday thru Friday and rotating Saturdays. Applicant must have a current LPN or medical assistant license in the state of Nebraska, and current CPR certification. Please send resume and application or apply in person at Johnson County Hospital, 202 High St., Tecumseh, NE 68450. Atten: Susan H. in Human Resources or email resume to shessheimer@jchosp.com. 402-335-3361. Applications may also be obtained on our website at www.jchosp.com.
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We're HIRING!

Vantec Nebraska is actively looking for an experienced Warehouse Tech for 1st shift.

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Falls City NE 68355**

10-13

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LPN-C - Night Shift

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RC Arts and Humanities Council Art Show

The 2023 student art contest, sponsored by Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council, opened February 27 at the Falls City Library and Arts Center. The show will hang in the Stalder Gallery of the Library and Arts Center through March 31, 2023. It is available during regular library hours.

A total of 536 entries were received.

Schools represented were, Falls City High School (FCHS), Falls City Middle School (FCMS), Falls City North School (NS), Falls City South School (SS) and Sacred Heart (SH).

2023 K - 12 Student Art Contest Results, "best in category," grade, and school, are as follows: Drawing, color: first and best of show, Grace Morris, 11, FCHS; second, Caleb Hamilton, 12, FCHS; third, Sierrah Vermeer, 10, FCHS. Honorable Mention: Destry Groth 10, SH; Elsie Thompson, 10, FCHS; Emma Dean, 9, FCHS; Kyler Sipple, 9, SH; Leia Meyer, 11, FCHS; Mason Goltz, 9, SH.

Drawing Tonal: first, Elsie Thompson, 10, FCHS; second Makayla Eberle, 10, FCHS; second, Caleb Hamilton, 12, FCHS. Honorable mention: Beatriz Torralba-Lopez, 12, FCHS; Elsie Thompson, 10, FCHS; Ethan Stewart, 11, FCHS; Leia Meyer, 11, FCHS;



Leia Meyer, Macy Keller, Makayla Eberle, Grace Morris, Gaby Niedfeldt, Elsie Thompson and Molly Ebel.

Leila Meyer, 11, FCHS; Leila Frederick, 11, SH; Sierrah Vermeer, 10, FCHS.

Acrylic, first, Macy Keller, 12, SH; second, London Nachtigal, 12, SH; third, Alice Andersson, 12, FCHS. Honorable mention: Alice Andersson, 12, FCHS; Evan Keithley, 12, SH; London Nachtigal, 12, SH.

Oil: first, Macy Keller, 12, SH.

Watercolor/Tempera: first, Makayla Eberle, 10, FCHS; second, Emily Thrash, 12, FCHS; Elsie Thompson, 10, FCHS. Honorable mention: Grace Morris, 11, FCHS; Sophia Nelson, 11, FCHS.

2D/Mixed Media: first, Leia Meyer, 11, FCHS; second, Sophia Nelson, 11, FCHS; third, Caylee Ewers, 12, FCHS. Honorable mention: Adisen Fischer, 10, SH; Ethan Stewart, 11, FCHS; Saylor Hutfles, 11,

SH; Sophia Nelson, 11, FCHS.

3D/Mixed Media: first, Leia Meyer, 11, FCHS; second, Grace Morris, 11, FCHS; third, Adisen Fischer, 10, SH. Honorable mention: Blake Rolfe, 11, FCHS; BrieYoung, 12, FCHS; Emma Dean, 9, FCHS; Leila Frederick, 11, SH; Maddison Lyons-Brown, 9, FCHS; Martina Garcia, 12, FCHS.

Graphic Design: first, Molly Ebel, 9, FCHS; second, Delaney Godemann, 9, FCHS; third, Keira Wilcox, 9, FCHS. Honorable mention, Malori Kuker, 9, FCHS.

Printing Making: first, Gaby Niedfeldt, 12, FCHS; second, Addison Keller, 10, SH; third, Cole Taft, 9, SH.

Photography: first, Caleb Kirkendall, 10, SH; second, Caleb Kirkendall, 10, SH; Caleb Kirkendall, 10, SH.

Eighth grade, first, Hallie Jones, 8, SH; second, Harley Sutton, 8, FCMS; third, Lilly Spunaugle, 8, FCMS. Honorable mention: Dorothy Crouse, 8, SH; Isabelle Nussbaum, 8, SH; Jessica Sells, 8, FCMS; Kiersten Harmon, 8, FCMS; Miyuna Kong, 8, FCMS.

Best of Show Kindergarten through eighth grade was Kenley Alexander, 7, FCMS; second, Kenley Alexander, 7, FCMS; third, Elizabeth Haller, 7, FCMS. Honorable mention: Aiden Scott, 7, FCMS; Aiyana Bledsoe, 7, FCMS; Ava Gaede, 7, FCMS; Milayna Crofford, 7, SH.

Sixth grade: first, Addison Frenzel, 6, FCMS; second, Hallie Young, 6, FCMS, third, Adaesha Hall, 6, FCMS. Honorable mention, Brandon Collier, 6, FCMS; Elin Vonderschmidt, 6, SH; Emma Gilkerson, 6, FCMS; Kay-

lin Rhodd, 6, FCMS; Kehliawanna Savago, 6, FCMS.

Fifth grade: first, Nicolas Heaton, 5, SS; second, Wyatt Nussbaum, 5, SH; third, Alaina Jackson, 5, SS. Honorable mention: Andrew Timothy, 5, SS; Phiala Hayes, 5, SS; Sawyer Kafer, 5, SS.

Fourth grade: first, Mia Lemerond, 4, SH; second, Mia Lemerond, 4, SH; third, Marion Bristol, 4, SH. Honorable mention: Ashlyn Ahern, 4, SH; Elise Miller, 4, SS.

Third Grade: first, Hattie Johansen, 3, SH; second, Kase Schawang, 3, SH; third, Carter Kopf, 3, SH. Honorable mention, Bailey Loper, 3, SS; Katalina Hadden, 3, SS; Tucker Hoffman, 3, SS; Wyatt Keithley, 3, SH.

Second Grade: first, Zane Niedfeldt, 2, SH; second, Lyndon Kirkendall, 2, SH; third, Aryss Gruber, 2, SH. Honorable mention:

Emmett Wustrack, 2, SH; Korbin McCulley, 2, NS; Sutton Schawang, 2, SH.

First grade: first, Cali Taft, 1, SH; second, Kyn-dall Kennedy, 1, NS; third, Jayden Neville, 1, SH. Honorable mention: Grayson Witt, 1, SH; Harper Rhodd, 1, NS; Millie Georges, 1, SH.

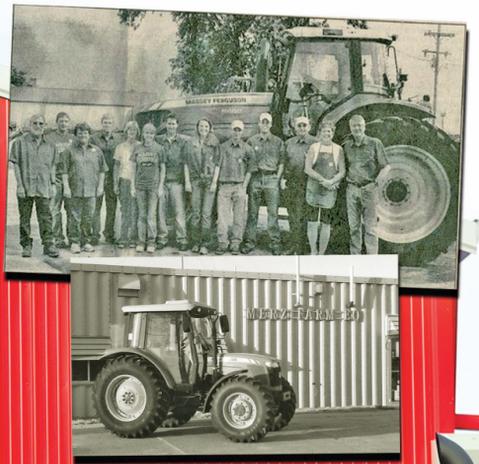
Kindergarten: first, Madison Shubert, K, SH; second, Easton Ansel, K, NS; third, Erickson Dettmann, K, NS. Honorable Mention: Cora Zimmerman, K, SH; Daniel Vollmer, K, SH; Jandie Adams, K, SH; Kaiser Eaton, K, SH; Madison Shubert, K, SH; Madison Shubert, K, SH.

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