

Commissioners give go-ahead for K9 Unit fan assembly

By Brian McKim

The Commissioners met at the Richardson County Courthouse on Wednesday morning, April 12, 2023. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Sickel, Karas and Caverzagie answering. Chairman Caverzagie gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent, gave updates concerning the Roads Department. Darveau updated the Board on the county's issues with farmers cutting bridge markers and tonnage signs off.

"We've gone out twice in the last two weeks and put markers back up on a bridge and the next day, they're torn out," said Darveau. "They take a torch and cut them off. I ordered cameras and we'll put them up on the bridge and I'll have the sheriff start writing tickets. What they don't understand is all those signs cost us money; it costs us to put them back up."

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board on Wednesday. The Commissioners voted to approve the purchase order for a fan assembly for the K9 Unit at the cost of \$1,723.04 from Ace K9 Radiotronics, Inc. of Stuart, Florida. Sickel seconded the motion by Karas and the vote passed unanimously. A report was also approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during March for \$2,771.74. Also, it was reported that \$600 in donations had been received to go toward purchasing the newly approved K-9 Drug Dog.

Jerad Reimers, representing the Grand Island office of Congressman Adrian Smith, also addressed the Board, updating them on the work that Congressman Smith is involved with in Washington, D.C.

Reimers said the most common request to their office recently is expediting passports.

"We, right now, we are telling people that without an expedited request from someone like Congressman Smith, you're looking at basically Thanksgiving."

According to Reimers, the only way around the process is to do an in-person interview with the closest office in Colorado.

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1963 Tiger basketball team had that little something extra that was special

By Brian McKim

On the heels of an 8-10 record for the 1961-62 basketball season, Coach Bob Henderson's squad had five returning lettermen in the starting lineup, including Garry Schacht, who had lettered at Salem the previous season. Heading into the season-opener, Coach Henderson said, "we are as ready to play as we can be, we need to play someone else instead of just scrimmaging among ourselves."

The Journal predicted the Bengals would have good balance, better-than-average height and boys capable of scoring.

Chick James, a starter on the 63 squad recently stopped by the Journal to discuss the magical season that ended with a state championship, the last time the Tigers have won a team title. In discussing the final game against Minden, James stated that the play in the final game was subpar compared to what they were capable of.

"We played nowhere near our best and still was good enough," said James on the state championship win over Minden. "We just didn't click like we did before. It was a great time, we had a really good season," said James.

The previous season, FC was led by Ben Maze with 213 points, Ernie Strasil with 197, Chick James with 114 and Schacht scored 176 at Salem.

In the season opener, Falls City faced a Syracuse team that had gone 19-3 the year before and qualified for the Class B state tournament. The Tigers raced to a 36-19 lead at the half, before allowing Syracuse to fight back, but held on for the 62-52 win. Strasil led Falls City with 26 points while James added 16 on 7/11 shooting. With wins over Ralston, 62-51, Auburn, 61-48 and Nebraska City, 63-53, Falls City closed out the month of December with a perfect 4-0 mark.

In its first action of the new year, FC escaped Tecumseh with a three-point win, 38-35. The Journal's Claire Hulbert called the Tiger effort "miserable," but Falls City held on for the win in front of

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Falls City's first hotel, top left corner. It was put up the winter of 1857-1858.

"One of the most sensational, prolonged and bloodiest county seat fights in Nebraska history"

By Nikki McKim

In 1924 Aaron Davidson of the *Lincoln Star* called the 1860 Richardson County, County seat fight between Falls City and Salem "one of the most sensational, prolonged and bloodiest county seat fights in Nebraska history."

The fight began 163 years ago when Falls City won the County seat from Salem in a three-cornered contest between Rulo, Salem and Falls City. Over the years, that battle has been remembered by some of the biggest names in Falls City's history; one of those election days ended with a war in the street on the corner opposite where the courthouse now stands.

A Reservation was established by the Treaty of Prairie du Chien of 1830, which set aside a tract of land for the Métis descendants of French-Canadian trappers and women of the Oto, Iowa, and Omaha, as well as the Yankton and Santee Sioux tribes.

They were prevented from being included in the reservation system and were excluded from obtaining land by the usual fashion afforded to white people.

The tract created was bound by the Missouri River on the north and a diagonal line between the Nemaha Rivers on the western side. The tract would later become the southeast portion of the Nebraska Territory in 1854.

Later the tract was surveyed, poorly by John C. McCoy.

In 1855, Surveyor General John Calhoun instructed Justus Cozad to resurvey the western line of the Tract hoping to have it clearly marked.

Cozad arrived at the Ioway Indian Mission in October of 1855 where he hoped to determine the location of the western line. The Cozad survey determined that the tract contained only 120,681.59 acres which was nearly 23,000 acres less than what was shown on the McCoy survey. It was decided that a new western boundary should be established on the assumption that McCoy had made an error.

William H. Godwin received the contract to survey the Tract. Godwin began his survey in late 1856 and after some delays, finished on October 20, 1857. The half-mile monuments set by Cozad and the closing corners placed by McManus along the original western line were then destroyed. Calhoun approved the survey of the new western boundary.

During that time, Richardson County was organized on March 7, 1855, when the village of Archer was designated as the county seat. Archer was located about three miles northeast of Falls City. It never had any county buildings and only about ten houses and a hotel where the first county judge was located and held court.

The new surveyed line created problems for the new town of Archer. The new western boundary placed the town inside the tract meaning the residents had to vacate. Archer was the current county seat of Richardson County. Because many businesses moved their buildings off the site, the situa-

tion caused the town to lose its status as the county seat and the newly platted town a few miles away never developed.

By an act of the legislature, the county seat was temporarily moved to Salem.

Everyone wanted the honor of being the County seat so much that an entire town was started with that intention. One such town was Geneva. It was located one mile south and a half a mile west of Verdon. It was considered the center of Richardson County. At the height of its glory, the population numbered around 30 and town lots were given to anyone who would build there. Those who believed in Geneva thought this town might have won if voters had been better informed.

There was a provision in the February 1857 bill to hold a special election in April to locate a permanent seat. The town chosen needed to have a majority of all votes cast. It's unclear if that election was held, but one probably was held and Rulo, Falls City, Salem, Arago, Geneva, St. Stephen or Humboldt didn't secure a majority. Another election was ordered for December 6, 1858.

The County Commissioners met on December 9, 1858, ordering another election for Christmas day, due to nowhere winning the honor during the previous election. It was set forth that the towns of Rulo, St. Stephens, Falls City, and Salem were to be the four contending since they were the four highest points voted for during the last election.

Yet another election was ordered to be held on January 10, 1859 as judges were set to serve in different precincts.

The judges set for **Archer** were W.M. Maddox, W. King and Isaac Crook; **Salem**, J. Coffman, R.M. DeLong and T. Greenup; **Speiser**, J. Luginbill, J.B. Shellhorn and E.J. Davenport; **Rulo**, C. Martin, B.F. Cunningham and J. W. Stone; **St. Stephens**, J. Campbell, F. Chauvin and J. Cowan; **Franklin**, J. Scott, J. Corlett and A.D.S. Ayers.

A trial was held later in the summer when it was determined that the judges at the St. Stephens Precinct were "not lawfully qualified to hold the election," and the votes cast there "should have been rejected." According to David D. Reavis' accounts in his 1934 series of columns for the *Falls City Journal*, a judge of the election was not sworn into office and an affidavit made stated that one judge was so drunk that day that he didn't know what he was doing as one of the judges of the election.

In the argument, it was said that in proven evidence and by the admission of parties that more votes were cast at the Falls City Precinct in favor of Salem for County Seat than were returned by the election Board, also one illegal vote was cast and counted at the Falls City precinct in favor of Falls City and it appeared a majority of the legal votes cast were cast in favor of Salem.

Because the Board of Canvassers refused to count the vote polled at the St. Stephens Precinct and because the Board of Canvassers acted erroneously, illegally and without authority of law in rejecting and refusing to count the votes taken

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Is all high blood pressure hypertension?

By Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD

Many people find themselves being told, “your blood pressure is pretty high today!” You might be at the dentist’s office for a filling, in the emergency room getting stitches after an avocado mishap, or maybe you’re at your annual physical appointment. If you’ve never had high blood pressure you might be surprised at this news! Sometimes my own patients will call my office after such an event, “Doc, should I be on blood pressure medication?”

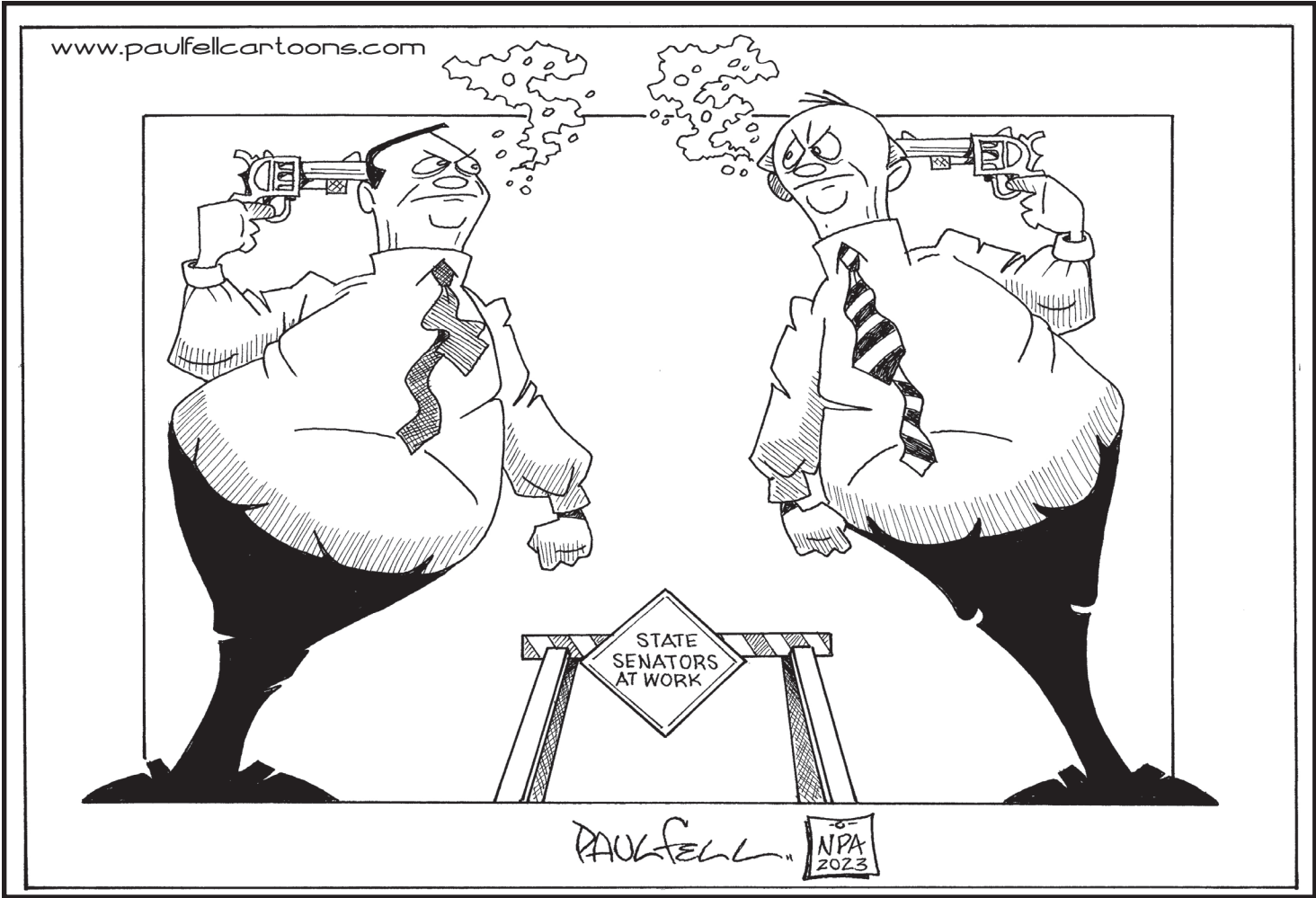
When we get these calls our typical answer is: maybe, but maybe not. Blood pressure is a dynamic measurement, affected by many things including adrenaline and other stress hormones. If you measure the blood pressure of healthy people who are in stressful circumstances, you will often find it to be high. This can certainly be true in healthcare settings – have you ever felt stressed or anxious when you are hurt in the ER or sitting in a dental chair? I will advise these patients to come into our office and check their blood pressure under less duress; oftentimes it will be normal and reassuring.

Sometimes, though, the stressful circumstance is our primary care office, the very place we try to screen for high blood pressure. Some patients have elevated blood pressure in their primary care provider’s office but not at home or elsewhere; this is often referred to as “white coat hypertension.” The only way to know for sure, though, is to check blood pressure at home or outside the clinic visit.

If a hypothetical adult patient, who is feeling well and has never before had hypertension, comes to their annual physical and has a blood pressure of 155/90, the first step is to repeat it after a period of 5-10 minutes of quiet rest. If it is still elevated we will arrange to check resting blood pressures at home or in a series of lower stakes visits to the clinic with a nurse.

The diagnosis of hypertension and decisions about treatment should be made if the average of those resting blood pressures are above the threshold for recommended treatment. Of course, if a patient truly does have hypertension we want to initiate lifestyle interventions and possibly medication to reduce the long-term risk of poor health outcomes. But when it comes to high blood pressure, it is rarely an emergency, and often collecting more data is better.

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Yes, the Pot Has Officially Called the Kettle Black

Capitol View
Commentary by J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent
Nebraska Press Association

If you listen carefully, you can hear the strains of that favorite carol “O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree” echoing through the George W. Norris Legislative Chambers.

It has been a few years, but that age-old almost end-of-session practice is back in vogue. It has been around since before most of the young senators complaining about it were born.

It’s a simple practice, attaching bills that have survived the committee process and been sent to the floor to bills that are further along in the queue. Subject matter and germaneness are important and bills advanced by the same committee are often prime for the practice, which has become known as “Christmas-tree-ing.”

Given the limited amount of time remaining for any bills to pass this legislative session, thanks to a continuing filibuster mounted by several senators who are protesting a bill that would ban minors from receiving gender-affirming care, the strategy is being tried again.

The Revenue Committee has advanced a package of 21 tax-related bills to the floor for debate in the coming weeks. Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn, the committee chair, said senators unanimously agreed on the bills included which range from sales tax exemption on twine to allowing college savings plans to be used on private school K-12 tuition.

“We’ve got a lot of things that have come out of committee 8-0, there’s general agreement on them, they are good governance bills, and we need to get them done,” Linehan said. And a package of more than 30 bills will be considered by lawmakers on the Education Committee next week.

“It is hugely problematic to have only eight hours to debate a bill with 21 bills in it,” said Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh who started the whole filibuster roadblock weeks ago. “I don’t care if people are finding vehicles for their bills — that’s what you’ve got to do here in normal circumstances, so hustle away — but 21 bills as a committee amendment is wildly inappropriate and disrespectful to the body and the state.”

As if her incessant filibustering because of the transgender bill isn’t “wildly inappropriate and disrespectful to the (legislative) body and the state.” That, friends, is the proverbial

al pot calling the kettle black. The idiomatic phrase from the early 17th Century means that someone is criticizing another person for a fault they have even though the critic is guilty of doing the same thing.

Speaker of the Legislature Sen. John Arch of Omaha notes that the filibuster by Cavanaugh and Sen. Meghan Hunt of Omaha has forced nearly every bill to go the full eight hours allowed under the rules on first-round debate. He said he has spoken with committee leaders about using the new approach to move “a prioritized priority list.”

To his credit, Arch has been encouraging committees to look at bills that are noncontroversial, that have high impact, or are bills that affect a lot of people across the state. Now we’re talking. Bills that affect a lot of people across the state.

Committees have traditionally kept at least one bill that could be “loaded up” with similar measures that speak to similar or broader issues that could be considered as one. That bill is often referred to as a “Christmas tree bill.”

The Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee usually moves two separate Christmas tree bills to the floor to keep the state’s banking and insurance regulations in compliance with federal law, said chair Sen. Julie Slama of Dunbar. She says the committee is looking at bills to keep the government running and provide good governance.

Cavanaugh and Hunt say they won’t back off their strategy. Hunt, who has blasted her colleagues debasing the history and traditions of the

Legislature to pass legislation “discriminating against kids and promoting hate against trans- and LGBTQ people in Nebraska” said the new strategy employed by the political majority underlined her point.

“It’s not in rules and not in the spirit of the rules for sure, but what we learned this session is the rules are whatever the majority want them to be,” Hunt said.

Not that Sens. Cavanaugh and Hunt haven’t bent some rules. There’s that pot and kettle thing again.

Good on the Legislature for exploring a creative – albeit traditional – approach to moving things along for the benefit of all Nebraskans.

Bad on them for not doing this sooner. Here’s hoping leadership has learned something.

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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim

75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, April 19, 1948 to April 25, 1948

The annual Richardson County spelling bee had 71 sixth, seventh and eighth-grade contestants. Ann Pool of Dist. 77 and Barbara Apel of Dist. 56 tied for first in the eighth-grade competition. Doris Voegel of Dist. 79 won the seventh-grade level and Barbara Rush of Sacred Heart was the sixth-grade winner.

Two large barns in the county went up in flames, with the combined losses estimated at \$5,000. The barn of Clay Peck Jr., 6 1/2 mile northeast of Falls City and a structure east of Salem belonging to Harry Huston were destroyed.

Five local Business and Professional Women returned from Norfolk, where they had attended the 30th annual state convention. Miss Gladys Grush, Mrs. Kenney Winkler, Miss Wilma Heiser, Mrs. Glen Williams and Mrs. Glenn Carver made the trip.

A class of 16 children received their first communion at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Those receiving the sacrament included Glenda Griffin, Anne Crook, Carole Darveau, Judy Hinton, Constance Gibson, James Bolejack, John Majerus, Patrick Williams, Brendan Burchard, Charles Caverzagie, Phillip Chaney, James Casey, Dennis Bauman, Myron Davidson, Robert Gibson and Richard Schulenberg.

A 13-year-old boy in Chicago was sentenced to 22 years in the state penitentiary for the murder of his seven-year-old playmate.

In Washington, D.C., Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the atomic energy commission disclosed the discovery of a new, virtually costless and plentiful radioactive substitute for radium in cancer treatment.

The Nick Schawang farm in the Barada area produced crude oil at a rate of 264 barrels per day.

W.F. Kentopp purchased the Shubert elevator from Francis B. Knisely and Son. Kentopp operated the elevator at Straussville and his son Warren was set to manage the new purchase in Shubert.

Andrews Tower Service of Maryville, Missouri, was awarded the contract to paint the Falls City water tower at the cost of \$640.

Jackie Darthard, a 19-year-old boxer from Kansas City, collapsed and died before the seventh round of his fight in Milwaukee.

Ten new members were initiated into the Falls City Elks Club, bringing the total number of members up to 315. One hundred seventy-five Elks attended the initiation and supper.

Leon Joy, a Peru State Teachers College attendee, tied for first place in the high jump at a track meet triangular in Omaha. Joy cleared 5-7.25 to tie with H. Nissen of Midland.

50 Years Ago, April 19, 1973 to April 25, 1973

Leo F. Nusbaum, editor and publisher of the *Falls City Journal* and veteran of 50 years in the newspaper field, submitted his resignation and was succeeded by George W. (Bill) Schock. The move left Mr. Schock and his sister, Mrs. Ray Loucks, each with 50 percent interest in the business. The *Journal* employed 18 full-time staff members.

At Gary's Derby, with a \$2.00 gas purchase, you could get six quarts of Coke or Sprite for 98 cents.

A crowd of 80 women from Nebraska and Kansas attended the recognition luncheon for rural homemakers at the Stephenson Hotel. Mrs. Charles Smith, the Richardson County Extension Clubs chairperson, served as the toastmistress for the program.

Approximately 370 Falls City Elks Lodge members attended a meeting and voted against swapping six lots at the south end of the block where the club was located. The trade would have given the Elks six lots to the west of the building in exchange for the six lots on the south side, allowing for the plan formulated by the Committee for the Southside Shopping Center to move forward. Plans included the location of the new Hinky Dinky and Gibson Discount Store buildings in the 1300 and 1400 blocks on Stone Street.

Thieves entered the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bourke, about four miles northeast of Shubert, thoroughly ransacked the house and made off with property valued at over \$400.

John Ramsey, principal and business education teacher at Dawson-Verdon High School, was named the superintendent of schools at Table Rock.

The annual Richardson County 4-H public speaking contest was held in the district courtroom, with Betty Johnson of Humboldt named the winner. The runner-up was Sandy Appleoff of Falls City; third place went to Linda Duey of Falls City.

Seventy-two men from the surrounding area were on hand for the Men's Golf League opening night at the Falls City Country Club.

Brenda Lee Honea, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Honea, received only bruises when she was struck by a car at 17th and Harlan St.

Sophomore Pat Marx, from Sacred Heart, won the gold in the 880 at the Southeast Border Conference Track meet with a time of 2:12.3 and Tim Hoy set the triple jump record at 41-3.25.

A crowd estimated at 425 persons attended the Easter Sunrise Service at Prichard Auditorium.

25 Years Ago, April 19, 1998 to April 25, 1998

The Park Board again named Roger Lampe to manage the Municipal Swimming Pool. Dana Kottich was the assistant manager, while Vicki Pethoud and Jennifer Santo were head lifeguards.

The Irish boys and girls won the Syracuse Invite. The boys scored 93 points to win the meet, while the Lady Irish piled up 137 points on the way to the title. Syd Merz won four golds at the meet, including the 400m dash at 59.91.

The fourth and fifth grade Jaycee All-Star Team won both the Auburn and Centra-lia Tournaments. Team members included Brad Ahern, Brian Kopf, Mark Dunn, Cody Johansen, Shane Karst, Andrew Tramp, Lee Hullman, Tanner Barnhill, Logan Kopf, Jeremy Kearney, Jordan Faller and Cliff Finck.

Michael Hillyard shot a one-under 71 at Wildwood Golf Course in Nebraska City to win the event.

Falls City freshman Matt Wenz was named the NACD Auxiliary National Conservation Poster Contest winner.

James Smith was named the 1997-98 Elk of the Year by the Falls City Lodge #963. Smith had been on the visiting committee since 1989 and attended lodge regularly to give reports on the sick and distressed.

Approximately 70 patrons and school board members from Table Rock-Steinauer, Pawnee City, Humboldt and Lewiston school districts met at Table Rock to discuss a possible school consolidation.

The Journal Athletes of the Week went to Julie Froeschl and Luke Taft from Falls City Sacred Heart.

The foursome of Linda Waggoner, Karen Sailors, Jody Mez and Linda Jones won the women's division championship at the fifth annual Coyote Run Pasture Tournament hosted by Randy Gottula near Elk Creek. The team shot a six-under-par 38 for the win. The fundraisers for the Elk Creek Fire Department attracted 204 golfers.

Falls City was well represented on the prestigious Mortar Board at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Dana Kottich and David Lucas of Falls City were members, while Kari Hilgenfeld, Stella and Anne Brott, Falls City, were new initiates.

After an hour's discussion involving the Council and public input, an amendment to a compromise was reached by the Council. Burning in proper barrels with a cap was permitted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Barrels must be supervised at all times during the burning and no burning on Sundays or holidays.

SOCIETY

Falls City Does Drove #56 met April 10th, 2023 at the Elks Lodge. In the absence of President Dianne Davis, Senior Counselor, Kim Oliver presided over the meeting.

Chaplin Phyllis Kreutier led the prayer. The flag salute was recited.

Secretary Marlene McKim read a thank you card from the Sacred Heart class of 2023 for the monetary donation given to their class for their after prom party. A thank you was also received from the Richardson County House of Hope for our donation. Other donations were made to the Falls City High Class of 2023 after prom party, Falls City Recreation, the Backpack program, and Richardson County Cancer fund. We will again sponsor the Does 8 years and under girls softball team. They will play games on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and be wearing their purple shirts.

To enable the Drove to donate to the various local organizations we will host a Spring Sandwich, Salad, and Dessert lunch on Monday May 8th at the Elks Club. Serving will be from 11:00 to 1:30. This is open to everyone - men, women and children. Tickets are available from any Doe or can be purchased at the door.

Birthday and get-well cards had been sent to Phyllis, Dianne, Delores Oliver, Jennifer Roberts and Diane Seifred.

An Invitation from Omaha Drove #1 was received inviting us to their spring luncheon and style show on April 29th. Past Presidents were recognized. Those present were Marlene, Phyllis, Nancy McKim, Linda Frost, Dessie Scholl and Kim Oliver. Refreshments were served by Hostess Kim Oliver. Kenna Nixon was absentee hostess. Door prizes were won by Phyllis, Dessie and Marlene. Hostesses for the May 8th meeting are Beverly Bernhardt, with Susan Wilhelm and Glenda Bippes assisting.

Commissioners give go-ahead for K9 Unit fan assembly

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Reimers said the reasons for the backlog are just good old-fashioned supply and demand.

"Basically, what happened is, there was normal processing speed through, give or take, mid-January. Then out of nowhere, interest in international travel, from the U.S. out, literally exploded."

Reimers stated the Colorado agency office estimated their passport applications increased by roughly 400%.

"When you get an expedited request in with us, we're generally able to get a passport in your hands within about ten business days," said Reimers.

Reimers noted that Congressman Smith is a senior Ways and Means Committee member, saying he ranks in the top three or four members on that committee.

EMA Director Brian Kirkendall was unable to meet with the Board this week due to his assistance at the wildfire in Jefferson County.

The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.



Evan Keithley, left, and Sam Dunn, right, were chosen to play in the first MUDECAS All-Star basketball contest on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Diller-Odell High School. Sam and Evan's team won the inaugural event 111-107.

Fire season starts with a bang

Submitted by Jon McQueen, Public Information Officer F.C.V.F.D.

The Falls City Volunteer Fire Department responded to a couple of fires earlier this month.

On April 4 around 5:30 p.m., they were dispatched along with the Falls City Rural Fire to the City tree pile, where it appears a fire was started and, due to high winds, blew over into the leaf pile. This made visibility very bad, with heavy smoke pouring over the highway and stretching East along the fence and roadway ditch. The Falls City Police were dispatched to control traffic and later the Richardson County Sheriff's office sent units out to help with the traffic. At times, all traffic was stopped and the Falls City Rural watered down the East side of the highway to try and contain the burn. The Falls City Rural applied Class A foam to the leaf pile and brought in their Tanker to fill the City's Pumpers with water. The Falls City Street Department was called in with two front-end loaders to place dirt over the top and divide the tree pile into two piles. Fifteen firemen

from both departments remained on the scene until about 8:00 p.m.

The Falls City Fire Department responded on April 6 around 7:30 p.m. to the North side of Legion Park, where again it appeared the fire was started in the leaves and bushes along the North side of the park where a baseball team was having practice and told firefighters, that they saw two individuals walk over to that area and the next thing it was going up in flames. Eight firemen remained on the scene for about 30 minutes. With high winds, the Fire Department requests that any suspicious activity be reported to the Police Department. This can become a serious situation should it continue to occur and may be a much larger incident next time.

On Saturday, April 8 around 4 p.m. they were dispatched to a fire at the tree dump. Around 8 p.m. also on Saturday, they were called west of Wilderness Falls, 200 ft in the field for a fire.

We again ask that you continue to support all area first responders in their duties.



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Easter 4, **April 30**, 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist

Please note the new service time!
We have a pew waiting for you!



The Stella Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Stella Research Club and the Village of Stella. We had over 80 attending with 40 children registered. The event was held at the Stella Park. Candy and small monetary prizes were given to the children ranging in ages 0-12.

The Easter Bunny just happens to be with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren at the event, incognito.

Project Response hosts second Annual “Walk A Mile in Their Shoes” this Saturday

By Jennifer Elting

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness month, Project Response is hosting their annual “Walk a Mile in Their Shoes” fundraiser on April 22 at 10 am at the Auburn Rec Center. As a community, we will show up to say that we are committed to ending sexual violence. The walk will conclude with a free-will donation brunch and raffle.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed nationally each April, is a campaign that aims to increase awareness about the causes and risk factors for sexual assault and empower individuals to take steps to prevent it in their communities.

According to the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence an estimated 81.5 percent of women and 66.7 percent of men in Nebraska experience some form of intimate partner or sexual violence in their lifetime. Rural communities experience the same rates of victimization as their urban counterparts. Project Response Advocates support survivors of sexual violence in our five-county service area (Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson) by offering emotional support and

safety planning, connecting survivors to resources and/or medical care, accompanying survivors through the judicial system, and supporting them on their healing journey. Sexual assault is a form of trauma that can impact a survivor throughout their lifetime, but there is help and hope.

Survivors of sexual assault often confide in their friends and family before reaching out to agency advocates or law enforcement. Friends and family can help survivors by listening without judgement, respecting confidentiality, asking directly what the survivor needs, and connecting them with resources.

“Walk a Mile in Their Shoes” aims to build awareness and support for sexual assault survivors and to create community conversations about preventing sexual violence. Ending sexual violence is a community effort. We must invest in building a community that does not tolerate sexual violence. By building awareness and taking action to understand sexual violence we are tearing down walls of stigma that often blames survivors and pushes this important issue into the

shadows of shame.

While Project Response “walks a mile in their shoes” right here in our community among advocates, survivors, family, and friends, across the nation the National Sexual Violence Research Center is asking us to understand the connections between societal inequities and sexual violence with the theme “Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity”. Statistically, we know that women and people that are LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) experience sexual violence at much higher rates than anyone in our community. This will be a topic highlighted on our walk along with voices of survivors, sexual assault statistics, and prevention strategies.

We will walk rain or shine in solidarity with survivors. This year we are inviting team registration—come with your squad to squash sexual violence. There is power in numbers.

The event will conclude with a free-will donation brunch courtesy of Project Response board members and volunteers and a raffle of locally donated goods. Our goal is to have at least

50 community members show up for survivors, we hope you’ll join us.

To register go to <https://form.jotform.com/230604475586057>.

Project Response, Inc. is a non-profit crisis center that provides free support and advocacy to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and related issues in Southeast Nebraska. We also provide services to the families, friends, and loved ones of abuse survivors. We are directed by a volunteer board of local citizens and staffed by paid advocates and volunteers. You can learn more about what we do at projectresponseinc.org.

U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

(April 3rd – April 9th, 2023)

The Richardson County Sheriff’s Office participated in the U Drive U Text U Pay Mobilization from April 3rd – April 9th, 2023. During this time, sheriff’s deputies conducted 203 traffic stops and issued 60 citations. 3 traffic stops resulted in drug charges. The department also answered 67 calls for service and responded to 1 motor vehicle accident. Deputies made 6 arrests during the period which included 1 arrest for driving under the influence, 1 warrant arrest, and 4 arrest for driving under suspension or revocation. Deputies also located 1 missing/runaway juvenile.

Clayton Hardenberger
Richardson County Sheriff’s Office

Craig graduates from ESU

Rebecca Cassidy Craig of Sabetha, KS, was one of nearly 500 students who graduated from Emporia State University in December 2022.

Craig graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Education in Social Sciences .

Those graduating Cum Laude earned an overall grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Cochran named to Honor Roll at ESU

Madisen Cochran of Sabetha, KS, was one of nearly 750 Emporia State undergraduate students named to the university honor roll after the fall 2022 semester.

To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

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SUN. MAY 14TH

Mothers will get 10% off lunch/dinner special! Hot Seat Drawings for Mothers ONLY to win \$150 in free play, CASH, or gift every hour from 12:30pm-5:30pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win \$100 in free play every hour from 12pm-5pm. Hot Seat Drawings for Mothers ONLY to win up to \$250 in free play, CASH, or gift every hour from 6:30pm-11:30pm. Hot Seat drawings to win \$200 in free play every hour from 6pm-12am.

ARMED FORCES DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

All Military personnel will get \$20 in free play with a valid ID! Must have a valid Military ID (Active duty, reserve, disabled, or veteran with proof of service) to receive \$20 in free play!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

FRI. & SAT. MAY 26TH & 27TH

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-2am.(Excludes 10:30pm, 11:30pm, 12:30am, & 1:30am drawings) Registration CASH Drawings at 10:30pm for \$500 in CASH, 11:30pm for \$1,000 in CASH, 12:30am for \$1,500 in CASH, & 1:30am for \$2,000 in CASH!

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Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-2am.(Excludes 9pm & 10pm drawings) Registration CASH Drawings at 9pm & 10pm for \$1,500 in CASH! Registration for CASH Drawings starts at 7pm.

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 29TH

Everyone actively playing at noon will get \$20 in free play plus \$10 in free play for June! Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$400 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12pm (exclude 9pm & 10pm). Registration CASH Drawings at 9pm & 10pm for \$1,500 in CASH! Registration for CASH Drawings starts at 7pm.

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

The *Falls City Journal* publishes the Public Record as part of its obligation to inform readers about the business of public institutions and to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. The information contained in this list is processed from an electronic copy of the official record, which is submitted by the Richardson County Courthouse

COUNTY COURT

Rachel E. Schawang, count one, theft-deception \$501-1,499, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 3, 2023.

Michael A. Clark, count one, DUI-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$500, probation for term of nine months beginning April 10, 2023, drug testing fee of \$45, probation enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$225, license revoked for term of 60 days beginning April 10, 2023, interlock device; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Janeen A. Moyer, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-500, plead not guilty; count two, criminal impersonation-under \$500/first, plead not guilty; count three, identity theft-less than \$500/first, plead not guilty.

Terry R. Pelletier, count one, assault third degree, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for May 10, 2023.

Mathew W. Adams, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, assault-third degree, amended to attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100; count three, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100.

Stephanie A. Corliss, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-500/second, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for May 10, 2023.

Orrin J. Zeigler, count one, drive under suspension/before reinstated, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100; count two, possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$300; count three, possess

or use drug paraphernalia, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100.

Noah L. Herren, count one, no proof of insurance, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, non-resident violate 30-day immunity, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$25.

Mario Terrazas-Luque-no, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 3, 2023.

Shadow J. Loveless, count one, dom asslt-intl cause body injury/int ptrn, plead not guilty; count two, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for May 15, 2023.

Jonathan D. Holmes, count one, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty; count two, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty; count three, criminal trespass-2nd degree, plead not guilty; count four, game abandonment or needless waste, plead not guilty; count five, hunt/fish/trap without permission, plead not guilty; count six, fail to display orange material, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 1, 2023.

Cheyenne N. Henderson, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100.

DISTRICT COURT

John C. Pohlman, count one, possess (meth)amphetamine 10-27 grams, plead not guilty; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos cntrl subs-sch 1,2,3, plead not guilty; count three, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count four, habitual criminal, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 2, 2023.

Lane R. Ferris, count one, possess controlled substance, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes custody of department of corrections for term of 13 months beginning April 11, 2023; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

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 May 16, 2023.

Assan Tucker, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, amended to attempt of a class 3 or 3a felony, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes custody of department of corrections for term of 18 months beginning April 11, 2023; credit for 149 days served. count two, possess controlled subs, plead guilty,

found guilty, sentence includes Cust. of Dept. of Corrections for 18 months, 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.

Josie E. Stuart, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation enrollment fee of \$30, probation for term of 36 months beginning April 11, 2023, jail for term of 30 days beginning April 15, 2024, jail for term of 30 days beginning February 15, 2025, jail for term of 30 days beginning January 15, 2026; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count five, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 36 months beginning April 11, 2023, drug testing fee of \$180, probation fee-regular \$900; count six amended to dropped/dismissed.

Josie E. Stuart, count one, conspiracy to commit a class 2 felony, amended to possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation enrollment fee of \$30, probation for term of 18 months beginning April 11, 2023.

Corddarrell D. Williams, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$750; count two, possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$450; count three amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four amended to count dropped/dismissed.

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FALLS CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

April 5, 2023 to April 6, 2023 calls: three information only, five ambulance/EMS, three animal calls, two juvenile issues, three miscellaneous, one fire call (Humboldt Fire), one HHS intake/referral, one parking complaint, one investigation, one disturbance, four 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for litter offense, one citation for unregistered non-operating vehicle.

April 6, 2023 to April 7, 2023 calls: eight burn permits, one animal calls, one disturbance, one nuisance, one check welfare, one ambulance/EMS, two fire calls (Falls City and Humboldt Fire), one referred to other agency, one accident, one investigation, one information only, one noise disturbance, seven 911 calls, two citations for criminal mischief-\$0-\$500.

April 7, 2023 to April 8, 2023 calls: three referred other agency, one check welfare, one found or lost property, one accident, three burn permit, three information only, four records check, six miscellaneous, three animal call, five 911 hang up/misdial, two HHS intake/referral, one runaway, one noise disturbance, three fire calls (Humboldt Fire, Falls City Fire, Dawson Fire), one ambulance/EMS, 11 - 911 calls, one citation for speeding, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for unlawful/fictitious display of plate/

renewal tab.

April 8, 2023 to April 9, 2023 calls: one noise disturbance, three miscellaneous, one disturbance, two 911 hang-up/misdial, one open door, one traffic/driving complaint, six fire calls (Falls City Fire, Humboldt Fire, Rulo Fire, Verdon Fire), one information only, two ambulance/EMS, five - 911 calls, one warning for invalid registration, one warning for maintaining a nuisance, one warning for appliances in yard, one warning for littering, 1 citation for plates not clear/visible, one citation for speeding, one citation for misuse school permit.

April 9, 2023 to April 10, 2023 calls: one suspicious subject or vehicle, four 911 hang up/misdial, two information only, one referred other agency, one assault, one disturbance, two ambulance/EMS, 7 -911 calls, two citations for speeding, one citation for no operator's license, two citations for invalid registration, two warnings for speed, three warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for invalid registration.

April 10, 2023 to April 11, 2023 calls: four burn permits, two ambulance/EMS, two miscellaneous, one nuisance, one gun permit, one found or lost property, one fire call (Dawson Fire), two referred other agency, one information only, one 911 hang up/misdial, three 911 calls.

Track teams compete at Pawnee City

The Falls City Sacred Heart and HTRS track squads traveled to Pawnee City High School on Tuesday, April 11, for the Lewiston High School Invitational. The Irish teams both placed sixth; the boys scored 52 points, while the Lady Irish finished with 38. The boys scored 14 points for the Titans and placed ninth, while the Lady Titans placed 11th with ten points.

Sam Dunn opened the scoring for SH, placing sixth in the 100m dash in 12.23. In the 400m dash, Evan Keithley completed the lap in 54.28 for third, just .04 seconds off second place. Keithley also scored two points in the 800m run, placing fifth in 2:13.03. Alex Madsen ran the 3200m in 11:37.04 for sixth place. The Irish had two medalists in the 110 hurdles, with Joe Simon running a 17.56 for fourth and Riley Nelson sixth in 18.24. Nelson also placed sixth in the 300m hurdles, running a 45.04, .03 seconds off of fifth. All three relay teams scored, with the 4x100 team placing third in 47.30; the 4x400 team was also third in 3:47.95 and the 4x800 team won the silver in 9:32.61. The 4x100 team consisted of Rob Froeschl, Keithley, Dunn and Simon. The 4x400 team included Keithley, Jack Stice, Tate Wilcox and James Froeschl. The 4x800 team included Clayton Keithley, Cole Taft, Wilcox and Brenden Lemerond. The final points for Sacred Heart came from Dunn in the long jump and pole vault. Dunn jumped 19-07 for the silver in the long jump and cleared 10-06 for second in the pole vault.

For the Titan boy's team, all their points came courtesy of the pole vault. Brandt Leech cleared the bar at 11-06 for the gold and Hunter Bohling was fourth at 10-00.

Destry Groth placed sixth in the 200m dash for the Lady Irish, completing the half lap in 29.22. In the 800m run, Jentry Lechtenberg scored six points by placing third with a time of 2:39.19. The Lady Irish placed fifth in the 4x100 relay with a time of 56.65 and fourth in the 4x400 relay, crossing the tape in 4:57.52. Team members of the 4x100 were Daycee Witt, London Nachtigal, Lechtenberg and Groth. Members of the 4x400 included Nachtigal, Groth, Wertenberger and Witt. Brookelyn Bebermeyer placed fifth in the pole vault with a vault of 6-06. SH picked up a pair of medals in the triple jump, with Lechtenberg placing third (32-06) and Nachtigal finishing sixth (30-9.75). In the weight events, Macy Keller placed third in the shot put at 31-09 and sixth in the discus with a toss of 94-03. Jessica Wertenberger tossed the shot 29-00 for sixth place.

The Lady Titans scored all their points in the relay events, with the 4x100 team placing third in 56.49 and the 4x400 team



On Monday, April 3, the Falls City Tiger Baseball Program, in conjunction with Falls City Recreation Inc., hosted a free baseball clinic for area youth baseball players playing in any 10U and 12U program. The clinic hosted over seventy players from the Falls City Community. Coach Kory Huppert mentioned the clinic is something they did back in 2017 and 2018 when he coached and was always something he wanted to build on over time in order to provide young players and their families with more opportunities to learn the game better. "We want to provide these players, their parents, and any potential coaches with opportunities to learn more about how they can build on their fundamentals. We told everyone at the clinic, and remind our own players often, that we do not consider ourselves experts but always want to be students of the game so we never lose that willingness to learn. Having the clinic in the spring provides us with the chance to help as these players and coaches who are gearing up for practices and their seasons this summer," Coach Huppert said.

With the help of Coach Brandon Sells, Coach Jaxson Balm, Coach Dave Orcutt, former player and coach Jake Craig, and the Tiger Baseball players, they hope to continue expanding the clinic over time to provide more instruction to the younger players and eventually work in the 8U players.

Coach Huppert mentioned, "It's a lot of work, but our coaches and our players really enjoy working with the younger kids and showing them how passionate we are about baseball." The clinic is not the only service project the team does. The baseball team has had the opportunity to greet students entering school in the morning at North School and South School; later this month they will be splitting up into groups to help clean up at some of the parks in town, including the Fiedler Family Ball Complex, something Coach Huppert says his Blue Storm Legion Post 102 Senior and Junior Baseball Program will be doing throughout the summer, and they are deciding together what else they can do this season as a team to give back to the community.



Silas Amanullah is congratulated by Jon Craig after scoring in the second inning on Tuesday night. Photo by Brian McKim

Tiger baseball takes down Horton for fourth win of season

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger baseball team fell to West Nodaway on Monday, April 10, at SNC Field. FC fell behind 3-5 after four innings and never recovered, dropping to 3-6 for the year with a 5-17 loss.

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the second when Charlie McNeely singled home Kadyne Strecker, who had reached base with a one-out triple to left field. The Rockets bounced back in the third to take the lead for good, 1-4. FC battled back for two runs in the bottom of the third to cut the deficit to one at 3-4. Jaxyn Strauss singled to lead off the inning and came in to score on an error and Alijah Hernandez scored later in the inning to get Falls City within one.

Trailing 3-10 in the sixth, Mason Collier drew a one-out walk and came in to score on a double by Jon Craig to make the score 4-10. Two batters later, Strecker had an RBI single to center to cut the lead to five at 5-10.

West Nodaway responded with seven runs in the top of the seventh to seal the win. Four walks, three hit by pitches, a single and a double accounted for all the offense the Rockets would need in the inning.

FC outhit West Nodaway 7-6 and each team committed four errors. Rocket batters drew 16 walks in the contest, while Tiger hitters had four walks and only three strikeouts.

McNeely took the loss for Falls City, pitching 3 2/3 innings, allowing four hits, five runs and six walks while striking out seven. Strecker led the Tiger offense with two hits, one for a three-bagger, while Craig went 1-3 with two RBI.

The Tiger JV shutout West Nodaway 9-0 on Monday night to earn their first win of the season. Wyatt Olberding had a double and three RBI to lead the Tigers. Brock Niedfeldt struck out eight in three innings for the win.

On Tuesday night Falls City hosted the Horton Chargers with hopes of improving in the win column. Each team went down without doing any

damage in the first inning, then FC exploded for 12 runs in the bottom of the second inning to blow the game wide open.

Craig led off the frame with a four-pitch walk, followed by an error and a walk by Tallan Zimmerman to load the bases. A single by Wyatt Olberding to right field put FC in front 2-0. Another walk, followed by a hit by pitch and three more walks, made it 6-0 with no outs. An RBI groundout by Craig pushed the lead to 7-0, then three more walks, an error and a double by Blakely Sells put the Tigers comfortably in charge, 12-0. Horton scored twice in the third, but FC responded with a pair of runs of their own. Walks by Strecker and Collier and a sac fly by Craig made it 13-2 and a bases-loaded single by Olberding put FC in front 14-2.

The final two innings were uneventful for both teams as FC improved to 4-6 with the 14-2 win.

The Tigers outhit the Chargers 4-2 but drew 14 walks to only one by Horton. On Tuesday, Olberding provided the 'pop' for FC, finishing 2-3 at the plate with three RBI, while Sells went 1-2 with a double, two walks and three RBI. Zimmerman got the win on the hill for FC, pitching a complete game two-hitter, allowing no earned runs while striking out four.

The JV team won its second straight game, downing Horton 12-4. Hunter Adams and Vaden Leyden each drove in three runs. Eric Heinzelman pitched 3 2/3 innings, allowing two runs while striking out seven in the win.

On Thursday, Falls City hosted Auburn, falling to the Bulldogs for the second time this season, 1-5. The Bulldogs scored all their runs in the first three innings, then held on for the win.

A walk, a passed ball and an error allowed Auburn to get on the board in the first inning, taking a 1-0 lead. In the second inning, Auburn scored after a pair of walks and a single to make it 2-0. The Bulldogs were back at it in the third, using two singles, two walks and an error to pad their lead to 5-0. FC scored its lone run in the bottom of the sixth when Frederick singled home Strecker to make it 1-5.

Falls City had opportunities, putting runners in scoring position five times but managed to score just one run. The Tigers outhit Auburn 6-5; they just couldn't seem to find the holes when they needed to.

Strauss took the loss for FC, allowing two runs in two innings of action. Frederick led the offense with two hits, while Strauss, Sells and Olberding each had one.

The JV team picked up its third consecutive win, beating the Bulldogs 6-5 in five innings. Cattrell went 2-3 at the plate and Ethan Boatright had a double and two RBI.

FC played at East Atchison on Tuesday and will host Hiawatha on Thursday.

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700 spectators. Early in the fourth, Tecumseh tied the contest at 31, but free throws by James and a bucket by Steve Colerick gave FC some breathing room. Ben Maze led Falls City with ten points, while James added nine.

The next game out, FC easily handled the Pawnee City Indians, 58-39. The Tigers shot much better with four players reaching double figures. Strasil led the way with 15 points, Maze added 12 and Colerick contributed 11. FC put up 78 shots in the contest, sinking 23.

The Tigers moved to 7-0 with a four-point win over Crete in the next contest. With the scored knotted up at 49, Maze’s bucket with 1:50 to play put FC in front and with :24 seconds remaining, Strasil sealed the win with a pair of free throws. All five Bengal starters played the games’ entirety, resting only during timeouts, quarter breaks and halftime. Strasil led FC with 24 points and 17 rebounds while Maze added 17.

Three nights later, FC improved to 8-0 with a 62-49 win over Beatrice. The Tigers struggled in the first half but shot 14/30 in the third and fourth quarters to pull away. Trailing by eight, Beatrice began a full-court press in the fourth; however, FC ate it up, cruising to a 19-point lead, 58-39. Maze led Falls City with 21 points, nine in the fourth period.

After hanging on for another close win, 51-49, against Fairbury, FC was set to host Lincoln University High, 6-0, at Prichard Auditorium. Lincoln was winning contests by an average of 28 points heading into the Falls City match.

In front of 1,200 fans, Lincoln University handed FC its first loss of the season 67-58. The temps outside weren’t the only thing cold that January night in FC. The Tigers shot just 21/75 from the floor in the loss. Strasil led Falls City with 20 points, 12 in the second quarter and James added 13, eight in the crucial fourth period. FC never led in the contest and trailed by as many as 19, 46-27, with two minutes gone in the third period.

The Tigers rebounded with wins over Cathedral (58-37) and Pius X (52-47) before hosting Plattsmouth at the Auditorium. With the FC trailing 62-60 with three seconds remaining, Falls City inbounded the ball to Strasil who heaved it to James for one last attempt. A collision occurred, the buzzer sounded and mayhem ensued. The Blue Devil defender collided with James, and no one noticed referee Hank Reichel had called a foul. James had to be brought back out from the locker room to attempt a pair of free throws in an attempt to send the game to overtime.

“Several players and I went into the locker room. I was there with three or four guys and complaining about a foul not being called. Someone ran in and said Chick you need to get dressed, you have to shoot two free throws; they called a foul,” said James.

James offered that he wasn’t a great foul shooter. Fresh from getting redressed and relacing his shoes, he sank both tries and sent the game to an extra period.

After making both attempts, James went back to the huddle and recalls telling the team, “Boys, let’s not lose this twice.”

With under ten seconds to play in overtime, Schacht won a jump ball and tipped it to Maze, who let a jumper fly at the buzzer that found the net, sending Falls City to the locker room with a 68-66 win.

Strasil finished with 25 points, James added 14, Colerick finished with 16 and Maze added 12.

After that win, FC continued to move forward, defeating Nebraska City and Tecumseh to improve to 14-1 heading into the final game of the regular season.

In the season-finale, Falls City faced the 6-9 Auburn Bulldogs with the Southeast Conference Title on the line. Unfortunately for FC, Auburn wasn’t fazed by the Tigers impressive record, downing Falls City 64-63.



Twin Rivers Conference Champs-Front row, L-R: David Cummins, Steven Colerick, Gary Schacht, Ernie Strasil, Chick James, Ben Maze, Coach Henderson. Second row: Bill Beasing, Mike Castle, John Ogle, Otis Magor, Kenneth Wamsley, John Martin, Coach Graves. Third row: Ed Carlson, Jim Schatz, Jim McNeely, Larry Gatz, Dennie Heinzelman.

In the first round of the Class B District Tournament, a free throw by Gary Schacht after the buzzer had sounded gave Falls City a 51-50 win over Ralston at Wesleyan in Lincoln.

In the second-round match, FC got a rematch against the Plattsmouth Blue Devils, with the winner moving on to the District Final. FC trailed by as many as 13 points in the second period against the Blue Devils but fought back to persevere 43-41 and earn a rematch against Lincoln University for a shot at the state tournament. In the win, Strasil secured a missed shot with just under a minute to play and sank a free throw with ten seconds left to solidify the win for FC. The Tigers led for just two minutes and 35 seconds in the contest and never by more than two.

In the District Finals, Falls City surprised everyone by defeating the favorited team from Lincoln, 68-62.

James remarked the win over Lincoln University gave the team the confidence they needed to realize they could win the state title.

After the loss to Lincoln in January, Coach Bob Henderson was quoted as saying, “If we can catch them again in the district, we’ll whip them.”

Ben Maze smoked the nets for 27 points as FC converted 20/25 free throw attempts in the win. Strasil added 24 points and nine boards.

Coach Henderson and Ray Graves took the 12 ballers to Lincoln, along with student manager Bill Beasing, for the entire tourney, not to return to FC until the weekend was over. The first-round contest pitted FC against 18-4 Madison.

The experts around the state picked Ogallala to win the title, the Bengals had something different in mind.

At the Pershing Auditorium, FC pulled out another close win, advancing with a 50-48 win. Falls City took the lead for good in the third period, but the Tiger faithful couldn’t breathe a sigh of relief until Strasil sank two from the charity stripe with 14 seconds remaining to give the Bengals a four-point edge.

“We didn’t play well and that’s about all there was to it,” said Coach Henderson.

Strasil and Maze each poured in 16 points and James added ten. Schacht finished with a game-best 18 rebounds to go along with six points.

In the semifinals, FC raced past Pierce 64-55 to earn the school’s third trip to the state championship contest. FC pulled away early to lead 33-17 at intermission and survived a second-half charge to get the win. The one-two punch of Maze and Strasil led FC with 25 and 23 points respectively.

The finals matchup pitted the 19-2 Tigers against the 17-3 Minden Whippets at the Coliseum. Falls City outdueled Minden 56-51 to earn the school’s third state title in the 53 years that the state eliminations had been held. Jug Brown’s team won in the three-class system in 1939 and Jack McIntire’s team won in the six-class setup in 1956.

FC led for most of the contest, but had to battle back late after trailing 47-49 with 4:41 to play. Buckets by Schacht and Steve Colerick put FC in front 51-49 with two and a half to play. A basket, followed by two free throws by Maze made it 55-49 with only 52 seconds remaining.

According to the Journal, Maze and Strasil’s long-range artillery firing brought ohs and ahs from the standing-room-only crowd. Strasil led FC with 21 points while Maze added 18.

Strasil and Maze were rewarded for their outstanding play by being named to the Class B All-State team after the tourney. The pair was joined by George Zarins of Lincoln University, Larry Hoefener of Pierce and Dick Beckler of Seward

“I would have to say that 75-80 percent of Ernie’s shots came from beyond the three-point line that there is today,” said James, “and Benny’s too. If we had the three-point shot back then, these two-point games would have been not even close. You saw they (Strasil and Maze) had 18-20 points apiece, those points were most all beyond the three-point line of today. So, you could add ten to 15 points on our score.”

The 1962-63 final ratings had Falls City on top of Class B, followed by Minden, Lincoln University, Ogallala and Crete.

Not everyone who wanted to got to cheer on Falls City as they won the programs’ third basketball title.

In an editorial written by Wilber H. Roesch, he strongly opposed the ticket buying process for the teams playing in the championship. Roesch stated tickets were sold

for the game in Omaha, but not Falls City, and by the time the doors opened, the main floor area was already half full. He stated the pep band, cheerleaders, parents and followers were left out in the cold. Not until the game was ready to begin did the cheerleaders finally gain access to the venue. (Note, it was reported some cheerleaders bought tickets from scalpers to get in)

In a story that appeared on the front page of the Journal by Bill Schock, he said a pitfully small number of Falls City fans were able to watch their beloved Tigers in action. Most of the Tiger faithful watched the game on TV in rented motel rooms in Lincoln. It was estimated over 250 Tiger fans were turned away at the door.

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Ruth Cromer



Ruth Cromer, 93, of Falls City, NE, passed away April 12, 2023 at Falls City. She was born January 1, 1930 at Rulo, NE to John Henry and Clara (Brooks) Stevens, Sr.

She married Jay Cromer on July 3, 1946 at Hiawatha, KS. He passed away in 1985.

Ruth was raised at Rulo and when married the couple established their home in Falls City. In 1950 they purchased a farm in Mound City, MO and moved there. They lived in Horton, KS before moving back to Falls City in 1960. She helped manage her husband’s construction business, Jay Cromer Construction. She also did exterior and interior house painting, wood trim finishing and hung wall paper. She raised AKC Pugs

and enjoyed quilting and gardening. She was a hard worker but loved to fish.

Ruth is survived by her children, David of Hiawatha, KS, Clara Brown and her husband Ronald of Falls City, Mark of Kansas City, MO, brother, Otho Stevens of Horton, KS, ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son, Stan, brothers, Curtis, Robert, John Jr., Chester, Harvey, Floyd and Clarence, sisters, Delila, Chlorene, Emma Florence, brother-in-law, Charles Cromer and a sister-in-law, Bessie.

Her funeral was held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

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

If Ruth ever made you a quilt, you are asked to bring it to the visitation or funeral and display it.

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Michael Ogden

Michael Joseph Ogden, of Hiawatha, passed away December 28, 2022 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Topeka. He was 83.

Michael was named after his great-grandfather Michael Joseph Robidoux, wife of Jenny Rulo Robidoux of Rulo, Nebraska. Michael was born November 4, 1939, at Omaha, Nebraska, the fourth son of Howard and Carolyn Henningsen Ogden. Mike's grandmother Carrie Robidoux Ogden of Rulo, Nebraska named Mike after his great-grandfather who was born in 1839.

He is preceded in death by his parents, twin brothers Leonard 'Larry' and Leonard, brothers Charles and Howard, Jr. (Butch), USMC killed in action in 1967 during Vietnam War, and sister Carol Ogden McGinnis.

Survivors include brother John Ogden of Dallas, TX and sister Maggie Ardery of New River, AZ.

His children Carlelle was born in 1962, Steve in 1964, and Nathan in 1968. They survive. Also survive along with grandchildren Alyssa Connolly (Garber), Diego Valcarcel, Maxwell Wagner, with many nieces and nephews.

Mike attended schools in Omaha, NE and in 1954 went to Omaha Tech High. He served with the U.S. Marines from 1957 until 1963, discharged at rank of PFC. He was an honor marine FMF.

He moved to Phoenix to be with his family, mother, sisters and brothers in 1968. He owned and op-

erated for many years a retail and military marketing business, retiring to Sun City, AZ. In 2007 he moved back to the White Cloud Reservation where he was a respected tribal member working on many important issues with the Iowa Tribe. He helped with Seniors' Programs and Elders, THPO with Lance Foster, the Tribal Historic Workshops and the Ioway Museum. He did research and genealogy of his native American heritage about the history of the Iowa Tribe from 1820-1890. He also was a member of the Iowa Tribal Honor Guard.

A celebration of Mike's eternal life is planned for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha. Reverend Michael Dunaway will officiate. Services and lunch will be held later at 12 noon Saturday, at the George Ogden Building on the Iowa Reservation near White Cloud. Inurnment will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Mt. Zion Community, northeast of Hiawatha. Military honors will be a courtesy of the Iowa Tribe Honor Guard. Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha Thursday and Friday during office hours. The family will meet with friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Church.

Memorial contributions suggested to Zion Lutheran Church sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., 66434. www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com



Roy Elms

Roy Harold Elms, 96, of Falls City, Nebraska was born on December 13, 1926 in White County, Arkansas to Roy D. and May (Schugg) Elms. In 1936, his family moved to Falls City, Nebraska where Roy would receive all of his schooling. On June 30, 1944, Roy entered active duty for the U.S. Marines and served his country during World War II until being honorably discharged on May 23, 1946. He was given the Purple Heart award for his service to his country during war time. After his military service was complete, Roy worked as a crane operator for over twenty years in Greenland and all over the south Pacific building bases and loading naval ships. In 1991, Roy was united in marriage to Epifania "Epie" Colango and the couple retired to Falls City in 1992. He enjoyed keeping up on current events, reading the newspaper, drinking coffee, traveling, physical fitness and nutrition, and helping people in anyway he could.

Roy passed away on Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Falls City, Nebraska having reached the earthly age of 96 years, 3 months and 11 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Kelley Barker, granddaughter Andrea Elms and two sisters.

Roy is survived by his wife Epie of Falls City, chil-

dren: Kris Keller of Falls City, Sherie Elms of Falls City, Martin Elms and wife Erynne of Bern, KS; John Elms and wife Nancy of Falls City, grandchildren: Jordan Keller of Rulo, Katie Gilkerson, Zoie Barker, James McGinnis and Colby Elms all of Falls City, Justin Leeper and wife Rachel of Lincoln, Kelsey Lock and husband Travis of Milligan, NE; Seathe Elms of Wichita, KS; Saydee Elms of Kansas City, MO; Zane and Michael Elms of Falls City, 13 great-grandchildren, nephews John (Susie) Sailors and Chuck Sailors of Falls City, and many other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Falls City. Inurnment immediately followed at the Steele Cemetery in Falls City with full military honors conducted.

Visitation was held from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the Hall Funeral Chapel, 2403 Harlan Street in Falls City, Nebraska. A Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. at the mortuary.

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

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Larry Maddox

Larry Raymond Maddox, one of 11 children of Floyd and Mildred (Colerick) Maddox, was born June 26, 1955, at Auburn, Nebraska. Larry grew up in Nemaha, attending school there as a boy before attending Southeast Consolidated High School at Stella. Larry attended Nemaha United Methodist Church as a child (whenever his mother could get him to go).

On April 29, 1975, Larry was united in marriage to Gerri Brown at Auburn, Nebraska. They would be blessed with two sons, Adam and Josh. Larry and Gerri made their home in Shubert.

Larry was always a very hard-working man; he began working at a young age for Larry Tanner. He then went to work at Kentopp Elevator, where he would work for 10+ years. Larry was then employed at Auburn Consolidated Industries in Auburn for another 10+ years before going to work for Davis Plumbing and then Sur Gro in Stella. After working in Stella several years, Larry then began working for Ag Partners out of Kansas, where he was still currently employed.

To say Larry was a jack of all trades, might be an understatement. There wasn't a thing that he couldn't fix, from carpentry to cars, Larry was always outside tinkering on something. Larry had a rough exterior, maybe even scary to some, but inside, Larry had a heart of gold and would do anything to help out in anyway that he could. He was always ready to lend a helping hand or even just an ear, no matter what time of the night it might be. Larry was always a provider, he loved his family and extended family, especially his grandkids. Larry played ring around the rosie, duck, duck, goose, and even let the granddaughters paint his nails and do his hair, he could never tell them no.

On the morning of Saturday, April 1, 2023, Larry was rushed to the Community Medical Center in Falls City. It was there, that he passed away unex-

pectedly after reaching the age of 67 years, 9 months, and 6 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandpa Alva Colerick, father-in-law Bud Brown, brothers Floyd J. and Paul, grandson Dameon Keeton, nephew Brandon Floyd Wamsley, niece Brenda Reeves, cousin Scooter Shubert, sister-in-law Robbin Ray, and brothers-in-law Ron Simmons and Craig Davis.

Those left to remember his caring ways include his wife Gerri of Shubert; sons and daughters-in-law Adam and Amy of Shubert, Josh and Amanda of Shubert; grandchildren Addy, Taytum, Caroline, Tannar, Liam, and Tyden; brothers and sisters Carol Simmons of Nemaha, Doris (Jerry) Barnard of Lincoln, Gary (Pat) Maddox of Auburn, Jean (Terry) Reeves of Peru, Mary Davis of Shubert, Alice (Gary) Alexander of Auburn, Pat (Don) Wamsley of Nemaha, Kenny (Tamara) Maddox of Madrid, NE; mother-in-law June Brown of Shubert; sisters- and brothers-in-law Genny Maddox of California, Diane Maddox of Nebraska City, Gary Brown of Lincoln, Rick Brown of Lincoln, Keith Brown of Gering, Tracy (Kari) Brown of Tucson, AZ, Leigh Ann Brown of Wahoo; many, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Hemmingsen Funeral Home in Auburn, with Pastor Robb Maddox officiating and memories by Don Wamsley. Casket bearers were Jamie Reeves, Jed Wamsley, Andy Wamsley, Levi Wamsley, Blaine Brown, and Matthew Davis. Honorary bearers were Addy Maddox, Taytum Maddox, Caroline Powell, Tannar Maddox, Liam Maddox, Tyden Maddox, Aaron Davis, Tom Borrego, Matt Lockard, Kyle Bantz, Gene Kerkow, and Scooter Shubert. Burial was in the Nemaha Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to Hemmingsen Funeral Home of Auburn.

Patty Holtz

Patty Holtz, 93, of Baldwin City, KS, passed away April 9, 2023 at Baldwin City. She was born August 8, 1929 at Kansas City, KS to Floyd and Jessie (Mullins) Standiford.

She married Harold Holtz on December 26, 1946 at Paola, KS. He passed away November 28, 2009.

Patty lived in various places to do her father's military service. She married the couple established their home in Falls City and she was a nurse at the Falls City Hospital. In 1993 they moved to Pratt, KS and to Baldwin City in 2005. She was a member

of Christ Lutheran Church at Falls City and a Gold Star Mother.

Patty is survived by her children, Les and his wife Trudy of Lawrence, KS, Coralie Donley and her husband Larry of Wichita Falls, TX, ten grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, son, Paul and grandchildren, Robert Holtz and Megan Donley.

Patty was cremated and the family will have services in the fall.

Mike Hendricksen

Michael "Mike" V. Hendricksen, 78 years of age, passed away in his sleep around Tuesday, March 28, 2023, while in his home in Falls City. He was born on Wednesday, August 23, 1944, in Beatrice NE to Vernon E. and Esther K. (Burroughs) Hendricksen.

Family will greet friends during a luncheon from 11 AM to 1 PM at Heartland Community Church (formerly Filley United Methodist Church) in Filley on Monday, April 24, 2023 followed by a me-

morial service at 1:00 PM by Pastor Lori Robinson. Inurnment will follow in the Filley Cemetery south of Filley. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the March of Dimes in care of the mortuary and the family encourages you to get vaccinated whenever possible. Condolences may be left online at www.harmanwrightmortuary.com. Harman-Wright Mortuary & Crematory in Beatrice in charge of arrangements.

Mary Beth Bowen, 90, Hiawatha, KS peacefully passed away Monday April 10, 2023 at St. Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, MO.

She was born November 13, 1932 to Ben and Mildred Nottingham. After graduation from Hiawatha High School, she married Hillis Bowen on September 3, 1950. They enjoyed 72 years of married life together.

Mary Beth was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Marion, Donald, Larry and infant sister Jeanette.

She is survived by her husband of the home, son Terry, Hiawatha, KS, daughters Beth (Mark) Schieve, Topeka, KS, Karen (Dale) Bruemmer, Jefferson City, MO, and Kath-

erine (Harold)Wingert, Ottawa, KS; sisters Joan Christian, Marion, OH, Bettie Tollefson, Lenexa, KS and Jeanne (Paul) Grizzle, Shawnee, KS. She will be greatly missed by all, especially her 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday, April 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Hiawatha First United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be given to the Morrill Public Library in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., 66434.

Friends may call at the Funeral Home from 12 noon until 3 p.m. Sunday. www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com



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North & South School: Mini Corndogs, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple, Snickerdoodle Cookie, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Pears, Snickerdoodle Cookie, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, California Vegetables, Grapes, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Corn Dog, Seasoned Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

FRI, 21
North & South School: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt, Lettuce Salad, Wango Mango, Pears, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Mrs. Holloway Special: Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, Corn, Pineapple, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, Corn, Fruit, Ranger Cookie, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Fish Patty, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

MON, 24
North & South School: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Apple Juice, Biscuit, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Mixed Fruit Cup, Biscuit, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Fruit Cup, Biscuit, 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Burrito, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

TUES, 25
North & South School: Pancakes, Yogurt, Sausage Patty, Hashbrown Patty, Dragon Punch, Pears, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Grapes, Cornbread, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Beef Burgers, Baked Beans, Corn, Fruit 8ounce Milk. Combo Line: Chicken Strips, French Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

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Jesse Crook, owner of the hotel where the Meek-Davis tragedy occurred.

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there on January 10, 1859, with there being no disposition taken and no witnesses on behalf of Falls City, all they asked was that the poll books of St. Stephens Precinct be taken as evidence in the case which was agreed to. The testimony on behalf of Falls City was closed.

Minutes from

the February 11, 1859, County Commissioners meeting state that Falls City Mayor John A. Burbank planned to build a two-story, 30x50 ft. courthouse costing less than \$3,000 (\$98,100 in 2023) on the public square in Falls City to commence on May 1, 1859, and to donate the same with the 24-lots contained in the public square to Richardson County, “provided the county seat should be located in Falls City by a vote of the people at the coming election and to be held so long as the County seat shall remain at Falls City.”

The next election was held on the first Monday in April 1860.

The County Commissioners reported on April 7, 1860, that no place received a majority of all the votes during that particular election, but this day certainly would go down in history.

On that election day, the first Monday of April 1860, blood was shed and many conflicting stories were reported. What happened on that election day will never fully be known, as all the witnesses are long gone. Some witnesses and those who have heard the story put it in writing. Each account is a little different, but a few details remain the same, the names of those involved, the fact that tempers were high that day with everything coming to a violent and bloody end where the Falter Museum now stands.

T. J. Meek was an early emigrant from Doniphan County, Kansas and the operator of the local saw mill. He had been appointed Marshal for the day to preserve order and suppress any trouble that may arise.

On this occasion there were poll watchers in Falls City from other towns. Rulo sent Dr. Jesse M. Davis and William Holbrook, Salem sent a delegation headed by one, Dr. Dunn.

Among those who came to town just for the excitement was Ab Boyd from just east of Salem, a “jolly sort who drove two ponies called Puss and Calico.”

A week after the tragedy, the *Nebraska Herald* reported on the “Bloody Affray.” Every other account was reported years later.

The newspaper told the story from the point of a couple of gentlemen from Falls City who shared their account secondhand.

“Some men from Rulo and Salem who were present to see that the voting carried on properly during the election that afternoon had some difficulty arise. The

man from Rulo, Jesse M. Davis and a man from Falls City by the name of Thomas J. Meek exchanged a few words. They drew and cocked their revolvers when a Mr. McEntire of Falls City interfered to prevent their shooting and held Davis. Davis told him to hold Meek and that he [Davis] would not shoot. McEntire then took hold of Meek and while holding him, Davis shot at Meek twice, only one ball hitting him, making a flesh wound to the thigh.

At this, McEntire released Meek, while firing from both combatants continued until their revolvers were empty. Meek went to the store, Davis to the tavern and upstairs to his room, saying he wished to lie down. As soon as he reloaded his pistol, Meek went on the hunt for Davis. He went to Davis’ room, broke open the door and shot Davis, the ball taking effect in the abdomen just below the navel. Someone then shot Meek in the side. He fell to the floor and died within half an hour after he was shot. Davis was alive the following day when the newspaper’s informants relayed their story, though they thought he was mortally wounded.”

It was rumored that Meek was killed by a Salem man, Dr. Dunn, who by this account, was in the room with several men from Rulo when Meek entered. According to these storytellers, Dunn immediately fled, leaving on his horseback at full speed. Several shots were fired at him, but none hitting him. The gentlemen told the paper that their information was derived from persons who witnessed the altercation.

Falls City Hotel owner Jesse Crook had the most detailed account of the events that unfolded that day.

His story was shared with *The Falls City Journal* in 1925.

“It was during one of these elections, or on the day one of them was held, that Thomas Meek and Jesse M. Davis were killed, the double tragedy occurring at my hotel located on the site now occupied by the Richardson County Bank, (now the Falter Museum).

I had built a hotel where I kept borders and the shooting occurred there. Meek resided here, Davis was from Rulo and Dunn was from Salem. All were watching the election at this place. It was held at a little brick house owned by Judge Dundy, on the west side of Stone Street, between what is now sixteenth and seventeenth streets in block No. 71,” said Crook.

“During the afternoon Ab Boyd, who had been drinking heavily, went up to Davis, a one-armed man, grabbed his hat and pulled it down over his eyes. Davis got mad and pulled out his gun and tried to shoot Boyd. Meek grabbed Davis by the arm and took the gun away from him and then William Holbrook, a citizen of Falls City, gave Davis his gun. All the men in town that day seemed to have guns. Instead of shooting at Boyd, Davis began to shoot at Meek with Holbrook’s gun and Meek to shoot at Davis with his own gun.”

“They emptied their guns at each other and Davis was shot in the hip. Davis started to run and Meek stepped down, picked up a large-sized rock, and hurled it at Davis. He dodged it, reached down, picked up a board that had been used to play ball (as a bat) and knocked Meek down. Davis went from there over to my hotel and went upstairs to bed. Meek went upstairs, procured two revolvers and came to the hotel after Davis. He walked upstairs, kicked open the door and began to shoot at Davis, who was in bed.”

I saw Dunn running up the stairs with a gun in his hand. He shot Meek once and Meek fell to the floor; Dunn stepped over him and Davis said, ‘Doctor, if you don’t do something for me, I am a dead man.’ Dunn made no reply but stepped down, broke the rung from a chair and with it in his hands, walked down the stairs and started for Salem. He was never prosecuted for his part in the tragedy.”

Crook remained a hotel keeper until 1861 and sold his property to Isaac Minnick, who enlarged it and called it the City Hotel.

William Dorrington also shared his account of what happened. Dorrington referred to Meek as Meeks in his recollections. I have left it as he recalled it.

“The fight started back of the little brick law office of Judge Dundy, which was located on the west side of Stone Street on lots 9 of block 71. Meeks was City Marshal and tried to stop a fight that was started by Doctor Davis, of Rulo and a Mr. Dunn, of Salem, to break up the election, as Rulo and Salem were fighting Falls City for the county seat. They forgot that they were up against a hard proposition, as this man Meeks and quite a number of others were some of Lane’s men and would rather fight than eat. Meeks was hit three times while back of the voting place and went to the house we used to live in as we were then living in our new house on lots 11 and 12 (just across the street west from the building at present occupied by the Harry Jenne shoe store) and the office was on lot 9 of block No. 71, to reload his gun. He went back to the voting place in the court house square and found none of the scrappers. He then went back to the Minnick Hotel and Mr. Minnick would not admit him to the bar room as Doctor Dunn was there. He went around to the side door, on the north side of the house, which was locked while he was on his way

around to it. The north door of the building faced toward the courthouse. Doctor Davis shot through the second story window at Meeks. He then knew where they were and being a big strong man he threw his weight against the hall door and burst it open. A man employed at the hotel grabbed him and undertook to prevent his ascent of the stairs, but he forced his way up and shot Davis. Doctor Dunn stuck his gun just under Meeks right arm and shot him clean through. Meeks walked to the bottom of the stairs before dropping dead and Davis died four days later. The last I ever heard of Dunn, he was throwing up dirt around the soldiers tents in St. Joseph, having been arrested as a Sympathizer at the beginning of the war. He, however, had no yellow streak in him, for he was around the country for some time after the murder.

In 1909 the *Falls City Tribune* reported on the coroner’s inquest held over the body of T.J. Meek, who was killed in the hotel. The paper called Meek a man of fearless nature who had gone through Kansas trouble and who had been wounded in several parts of his body in numerous fights there.

Davis shot Meek in the hip during the street fight, but whether Davis received his death wound on the street or in an upstairs hotel room was never known. Meek, wounded, went to find Davis after he retired to his room and “finish him.” The paper states there was one witness to this last act of tragedy by the name of William McFarland.

“It is certain that two or more shots were fired after Meek went upstairs, but no evidence of that appears in the records before me,” stated the nameless 1909 *Falls City Tribune* reporter. “But I know the fact from others who heard them.”

Dr. H.O. Hanna, who had just moved into the county from Ohio, performed the autopsy on the body of Meek.”

In his testimony, Hanna described to Sheriff Keefer, who was acting as coroner, how the gunshot entered Meek’s body and where it ended, killing the man.

He also said that whoever shot him was standing at right angles to the direction he was facing, making Meek the target for at least two assailants.

William Holbrook was thought to be the man who shot Meek in the hip, while the street fight was between Davis and him, but this is mere conjecture,” said the reporter.

A. Schoenheit, a lawyer and longtime resident of Falls City, was asked to supervise the postmortem exam and recounted a wild series of events, even though Schoenheit was away during the shooting.

In his handwritten report he stated, “I was in the state of Illinois on the date of the trouble and therefore had no personal knowledge of the facts, but as I came to know them afterward, I was and always believed that Davis was not the man who killed Meek. The circumstances and the location of the parties make it impossible for Davis to have killed Meek.

Meek went up the stairway leading from the north. That brought his right side to the west. When he got to the top of the stairs, he had to turn his face to the west to see the room where Davis was; that would bring his right side to the north. If Davis had shot Meek, the ball would have struck him in the breast instead of hitting him on the right side, but that was not where he was shot. There was a narrow hall passage upstairs on the east side of the stairway with a door opening into a bedroom in the northeast corner of the hotel about the size of a room in which Davis was on the other side. This latter door was located at the north end of the passage or hall, while the door on the other side opening into the west room where Davis was, was at the extreme south end of that passage so that when Meek turned at the top of the stairway to attack Davis, his right side would have been exposed to anyone entering to shoot him from the door at the north end of the passage and whoever shot him was at the door or near it in the passage.

The circumstances all contradict what McFarland said about who killed Meek and besides, I have another convincing reason for knowing, but I shall not give it here that his whole store was a fabrication.”

By all accounts, Davis had emptied his revolver in the street fight, or he wouldn’t have used it as a club when Meek attacked him at the hotel, leading to the fact that someone other than Davis had killed Meek, insinuated Schoenheit.

The article continued to say that Dr. Dunn was upstairs in the hotel when the murder was done, but he was not in the room with Davis, that he was suspected of complicity in the killing of Meek.

“From what premise that conclusion was drawn does not appear in the evidence returned with the coroner’s report. The general census of the opinion of those who knew most about the facts was that Dunn and not Davis killed Meek. Certain it is that Dunn was never in Falls City afterward and, in a short time, left the county and has never lived here since. So ended the bloody chapter, but not its pernicious effects,” stated the article.

After that bloody day, the fight for the county seat continued to rage.

Continued next week.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

April 6, 2023
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska
A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 6th day of April, 2023, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. Absent: Johansen. Ray Luhning recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Anthony Johansen, City Clerk
Ray Joy, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chair
ZNEZ

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. 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 minutes of the March 29, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA
A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the April 6, 2023 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

MINUTES
A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Froeschl to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2023. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

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

CLAIMS
A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Koopman to approve the claims for March, 2023 as follows: Electric Department - \$424,418.29, Water Department - \$62,227.01; Mechanic Shop - \$7,725.91; Gas Department - \$105,163.11- Sewer - \$57,148.80. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

LB977 LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE UPDATE/LUCAS FROESCHL
A discussion was held, no action taken.

CUSTOMER #470 SEWER ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to credit sewer portion of the bill in the amount of \$11.99. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

NDEE ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION SURVEY

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Koopman to approve survey ratings. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on April 6, 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 members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Anthony Johansen, City Clerk
Ray Joy, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chair
ZNEZ

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 5, 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 Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. 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 minutes of the March 29, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, 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.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.
Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that the Falls City Northeast project C74 (2022-9) located on 655 Ave 1800 feet south of 710 Road and the project on Pony Creek Road STWD-CBMP (5) C007423425 located approximately 4.75 miles west of Hwy 73 on 703 Road are both projected to start construction in June.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Sta-Bilt for the 2023 Armor Coat project, C-74 (2023-1). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The contractor is expected to begin this project in June.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the re-hire of a previous employee, Steve Darveau, Sr. to work temporary part-time for the Road and Bridge Department. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY TREASURER
Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the 2021 tax certificates that were not purchased at the public sale in March.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the transfer of unpurchased tax certificates to hold as tax certificates for Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FC EDGE
Lucas Froeschl, Administrator of the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

NEXTLINK INTERNET
Ebony Cooksey, Market Development Manager of Nextlink Internet presented information to the Board regarding the expansion into unserved rural areas within Richardson County under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) Grant application. A project specifically being planned is for the Village of Dawson which will bring much needed FTTH fiber to the home for Dawson residents.

Motion was made by Karas to approve a letter of support for Nextlink's NBBP Grant Application/Dawson Fiber Project to be submitted with the grant application. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL

CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ARPA FUNDS ADMINISTRATION

The Board held a teleconference call with Austin Duerfeldt, ARPA Funds Administrator to review with him the stipulations of expending funds from the OPIOID Settlement funds that the County has received.

SE COMMUNICATIONS 911 BEATRICE

Carla Zarybnicky, Communications Director of Southeast Communications 911 Beatrice presented to the Board an annual report of the services provided to Richardson County Sheriff's Department.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the newly purchased patrol vehicles are being equipped and prepared for operation.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a purchase order with First Wireless for a FLASH-PORT system for a total price of \$5,768.00. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Transfer of Funds
Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-43 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00 as provided for in the 2022-2023 budget document. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 20)

Fee Reports
Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of March, 2023: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk\$243.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds\$13,309.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court\$ 1,322.00

Monthly Operating Statement
The Board reviewed the March, 2023 monthly operating statement.

CLAIMS
Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-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
BUCKIT, serv.....6373.52
CMC, serv.....800.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv.....10010.50
County Treasurer, tax.....2027.42
Datashield, serv.....109.25
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv.....243.71
Falls City Auto Supply, supp.....11.82
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv7189.39
Farm & City Supply, supp.....188.78
First Wireless, supp.....275.62
Franks, Jeremiah, reimb.....43.45
I80 K9 Training Services, dog9500.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb.....49.52
Meyer Laboratory, supp.....127.30
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv110.00
MIPS, serv.....3142.82
O'Reilly Automotive, supp.....7.99
Petersen Reporting, serv.....1397.01
Postmaster, supp.....240.00
Quill, supp.....83.73
Region V Systems, serv.....5202.00
Richardson County Sheriff, reimb1553.63
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc22010.95
Road & Bridge Fund, tax285535.08
SNC, serv.....2158.17
St. Joseph Plumbing, serv.8337.86
TK Elevator, serv.....402.87
Payroll Expense.....107759.40
TOTAL GENERAL FUND\$474,951.79

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
Agco, supp.....275.92
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv.....41.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp67.73
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....20.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv1012.11
Farm & City Supply, supp1301.20
Farmers Repair, supp.....32.48
Hamm, rock.....4904.37
Hullman's Ford, supp.....45.43
Martin Marietta, rock.....22222.83
Midwest Engineering, serv18649.75
NMC, supp.....263.54
NPPD, serv.....31.58
O'Reilly Automotive, supp 4.50

OPPD, serv.....83.72
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....59.10
Powerplan, supp.....214.43
Quill, supp.....92.97
Richardson County Vendor, tax2495.00
Salem, Village of, serv.....20.50
SNC, serv.....105.68
Truck Center Companies, supp99.90
Unifirst, supp.....77.14
Verdon, Village of, serv.....25.73
Payroll Expense.....34167.72
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$86,314.33

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND
MIPS, serv.....308.82
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND.....\$308.82

ARPA FUND
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc.....5.44
PayrollExpense.....33.21
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$38.65

INHERITANCE TAX FUND
County Treasurer, transfer250000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND.....\$250,000.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND
SNC, serv.....145.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.....\$145.00

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 12, 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
ZNEZ

DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023 7:00 PM
Music Room, Humboldt
Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.
Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present, Leah Reyes: Present.
1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER-ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*
2. APPROVE THE AGENDA
Motion to approve agenda passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
3. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS
4. PATRON COMMENT
5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
5.1. Meeting Minutes
5.2. Bills for Payment
5.3. Review Treasurer's report
6. REPORTS

6.1. Principal Othmer discussed the Middle School Music Contest we hottest in March and STEAM night. She also discussed our KSB visit with students focusing on digital citizenship & bullying along with our plan for Math acceleration next year.
6.2. Assistant Principal Lottman discussed our ACT day, NSCAS state test and MAP test along with working on a master schedule.
6.3. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
6.4. SRO Report
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
7.1. Committee Meetings
7.2. Six Pence Home Visitor Tuition Reimbursement Policy-Second Read. Next read will be final for the vote
7.3. Principal Search – Conducting interviews.
8. ACTION ITEMS
8.1. Approve board member's leave of absence
8.2. Personnel
8.2.1. Hire Chelsey Sullivan as our Six-Pence Home Visitor. Motion to hire Chelsey Sullivan passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
8.3. Approve the Resignation of Lisa Othmer, Elizabeth Chamberlin & Ms. Lottman.
Approval of the Resignation of Ms. Lottman passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Neal Kanel.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Approval of the Resignation of Mrs. Othmer passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Approval of the Resignation of Ms. Chamberlin passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
8.4. Approve 2023-2024 Calendar Changes passed with a motion by

Neal Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
8.5. Boxlight Boards. Motion to approve the purchase of 3 Boxlight boards passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
8.6. Final Reading Policy 4032 Professional Development. Motion to approve final negotiations passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
8.7. Classified Pay and Benefits. Motion to approve the increased hourly rate for Classified pay and benefits passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
8.8. Superintendent Contract. Motion to reinstate Dr. Griffith's contract with a motion by Leah Reyes and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
9. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT

Notified we received a grant for our summer program. Mrs. Frey has been working on setting up the summer program. She's doing a great job.
10. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS Meeting went into Executive Session at 7:23 passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Out of Executive Session 7:34pm passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
11. ADJOURN Meeting adjourned 7:35pm passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Respectfully submitted,
Chantel Farwell

BEATRICE MECHANICAL SERVICE...160.00
BINDER BROTHERS; maintenance supplies...74.24
Blecha's General Store; supplies...52.96
BOOKS BY THE BUSHEL LLC; sixpence supplies...1,222.95
BOOMGARN, RENEE; custodial/parts...665.84
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC; copies...968.78
CARDMEMBER SERVICE; credit card charges-gen fund...8,582.41
CLEANING COUSINS, LLC; FCS/SPED...37.45
DIETZE MUSIC HOUSE ; Music supplies...90.00
Don Plager; materials & services...131.76
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS; maintenance supplies...998.53
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERV; library subscriptions...695.37
Ehmke, Dennis; repairs...360.00
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO.; alarm monitoring services...211.00
ESSENTIAL SCREENS; emplmt background screenings...29.70
ESU #4; sped services...25,548.13
ESU #6; tech hosting services...79.92
ESU 5; training ...20.00
FALLS CITY SANITATION; trash-utilities...561.70
FIBER PLATFORM, LLC; distance learning...319.87
GENERAL OFFICE CHECKING ACCT; reimburse office checks...2,076.00
HTMC; advertising messages...153.00
HTRS PAYROLL ACCT; payroll expenses...510,368.31
HUMBOLDT STANDARD; advertising...291.29
KSB School Law; legal services...3,833.61
KURITA AMERICA INC; water soft contract...475.83
Lett, Dennis; repairs...190.00
LINCOLN JOURNAL-STAR; subscriptions...351.00
MALCOLM, MARY; Occ Therapy - SPED services...2,981.35
NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC ASSOCIATES, INC; Physical Therapy - SPED services...1,345.68
NPPD; elec-utilities...4,320.53
NRCSA; training...210.00
PAWNEE TRUE VALUE; maintenance supplies...16.27
PRIME COMMUNICATIONS, INC; badge/scanners tech...205.26
RICHARDSON COUNTY TREASURER; SRO MONTHLY CONTRACT...5,154.01
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL; pest control-spraying...72.00
SCHMITT MUSIC; music dept...60.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC; School/student supplies...224.08
SECURITY SERVICES; repairs...231.13
SJS Embroidery; STEAM...399.00
Slatten, Michael; fuel...20.01
STEFFEN PINEDA, SARAH; speech translations...73.24
STERUP ENTERPRISES, LLC; advertising...243.99
SURNALI, LLC; ee drug testing ...144.00
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS; monthly contract or service...242.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES; bus repairs...344.21
VERIZON BUSINESS; long distance...188.01

WILCOCK, JOY Occ Therapy - SPED services...2,889.20
WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA; phone utilities...863.12
ZNEZ

Board of Education District #70 Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education will have a special meeting to hire the PreK-12 Principal. The meeting will be held at 8:30 PM on Friday, April, 14, 2023. A copy of the agenda is available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 810 Central Ave.

Scott Ogle
Board President
ZNEZ

E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 3:15 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of April:

General Fund -- \$72,381.04
Payroll -- \$437,371.11
NCECBVI -- \$29,344.77
Federal Programs -- \$19,992.45
The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Carson Board Room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will hold its Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, in the conference center at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. A Family Fair will also be held from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Agendas for these meetings are kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023, in the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of the Preliminary/Final Plat for the Seeba Subdivision – Lot 1.

All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the issuance of a conditional use permit. A copy of the planning and zoning application and supporting information can be viewed at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Falls City. Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print or recorded materials please contact the City Clerk at the City Clerk's office at 402.245.2307.
Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
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ZNEZ

Notice is hereby given that K2 Trucking LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 2616 Chase Street, Falls City, NE 68355. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Jonathan Kirkendall, 2616 Chase Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

5-12-19
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that public hearings will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The purpose of the 1st hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of a conditional use application for an animal daycare/boarding facility located within an R-1 Zoning District at 3109 McLean Street, Falls City, NE 68355. The purpose of the 2nd public hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of a text amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow construction of tiny houses within zoning districts.

All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the issuance of a conditional use permit. A copy of the conditional permit application and supporting information can be viewed at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Falls City. Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print or recorded materials please contact the City Clerk at the City Clerk's office at 402.245.2307.
Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
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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

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

1. The name of this limited liability company is Aegis Design Co LLC.

2. The Initial Designated Office Address is 2003 Harlan Street, Falls City, NE 68355 and its Registered Agent is Kaylie Ractliffe, 2003 Harlan Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

3. The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on March 10, 2023. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

5-12-19
ZNEZ

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Swisegood Grain Bin Sales LLC
71568 650 Ave
Falls City, NE 68355**

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

1. The name of this limited liability company is Swisegood Grain Bin Sales LLC.

2. The Initial Designated Office Address is 71568 650 Ave, Falls City, NE 68355 and its Registered Agent is Adam Eickhoff, 71568 650 Ave, Falls City, NE 68355.

3. The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on March 27, 2023. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

Handley Law Office
Dylan L. Handley (24152)
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VILLAGE OF VERDON

VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL
5, 2023 - 7:00 P.M. - VILLAGE
HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Denise Koso. She called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Vicky Cochran, Denise Koso, Lois Miller. Absent: Gary Cochran. Clerk Dawn Bennett was also present.

GUESTS: Lukas and Brenda Fritz
MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Bahr to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.
AGENDA: Motion by Koso, second by V. Cochran to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.
TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by V. Cochran, second by Bahr to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

APRIL 2023 CLAIMS: Motion by V. Cochran, second by Miller to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.
All claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso.

COMMUNICATIONS:
1. April 2023 water shut off notices were reviewed - all have been paid.
2. Notification was received from Richardson County Rural Water District about an increase in the water rates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: GENERAL: Discussion on Community Center - 1) A motion made by Koso, second by Miller to go through old and unused items and dispose of them. All Trustees present voting YEA. 2) A motion made by Miller, second by Bahr to replace the vacuum cleaner. All Trustees present voting YEA.
STREETS: Discussion was held on the street repairs for N. Elm St. A motion made by Koso, second by Miller to proceed with the repairs. All Trustees present voting YEA.
WATER: Discussion on the N. wells fence repairs. Lukas Fritz will check it for the repairs needed.
SEWER: Discussion held on the replacement of the East pump at the lagoon. It should be replaced

within the next two weeks. CEMENTERY: None. PARKS: 1) Removal of the cables in the parking area at the school park has not been done yet. 2) Discussion held on providing a shelter area at the bus stop at the school park. This has been tabled for now. 3) Discussion held on plants and flowers that are available for transplanting to the park.

2. LAND BANK PARTNERSHIP: Motion made by Bahr, second by Miller to proceed with joining the Land Bank as proposed by EDGE, as long as the contract states that Verdon will not be charged a fee. Voting YEA: Bahr, Miller, Koso. NAY: V. Cochran. Motion carried.
3. ANIMAL CLINIC: A reminder that the Animal Clinic has been changed to April 22, 2023, 10-11 a.m., at the Village Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. HIP PEST CONTROL - MOSQUITO SPRAYING FOR 2023: A motion made by V. Cochran, second by Koso to proceed with the annual mosquito spraying quote submitted by HIP Pest Control. All Trustees present voting YEA.
2. RURAL WATER RATE INCREASE: Discussion was held on the increase of water rates from Richardson County Rural Water District. An Ordinance will be made to increase the Village water rates accordingly.

Motion by Koso and second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and all the Trustees present voting YEA.
Meeting adjourned.

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk

The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be on May 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**VILLAGE OF VERDON
MARCH 2023 CLAIMS**

1. PEOPLE SERVICE..	\$2,878.38
2. EFTPS.....	216.08
3. VERDON LIBRARY.....	25.00
4. R.C.R.W.D. #2.....	1,026.78
5. SENECA SANITATION SERV	1,417.00
6. SNC.....	95.16
7. MIDWEST LABS	1.80
8. FALLS CITY JOURNAL.....	53.92
9. HAUG COMMUNICATIO NS.....	237.50
10. JULIE VOLLMER.....	500.00
11. J.P. COOKE.....	89.95
12. STATELINE PRO-PANE.....	144.41
13. DAWN BENNETT.....	300.00
14. OPPD.....	122.94
15. DAWN BENNETT.....	954.34

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CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 3rd day of April 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, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: None. 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 Leyden 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 WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the March 20, 2023 regular meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for April 3, 2023, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Claims for March, 2023 is hereby

approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Code Enforcement Monthly Report for March, 2023, is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for April 3, 2023, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

EDGE 1ST QUARTER REPORT FOR 2023/LUCAS FROESCHL – EDGE DIRECTOR

Lucas Froeschl, EDGE Director presented the 1ST Quarter Report for 2023.

2023 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENTS/AMBER HOLLE, FALLS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & MAIN STREET

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

DISPOSITION OF RECORDS AS PER NEBRASKA RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION/ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

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

MAINTENANCE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR FREE PUBLIC PARKING AT 1514 CHASE STREET/ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

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

LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE PARKING LOT AT 1514 CHASE STREET FOR \$25,000.00 WITHIN FY 2023-2024 CLOSING ON OCTOBER 2, 2023/ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the purchase as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Ractliffe, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING & RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATIVE DISTRICT/AMBER HOLLE, FALLS CITY CHAMBER & MAIN STREET

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:21pm

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on April 3, 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
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Also to Dorr Funeral Home personnel for their kind assistance and services at this difficult time and the Church ladies for serving lunch. Thank you.
Ruth Rannebeck & family

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Thank you to the Shubert Volunteer Fire Dept. for the new flag pole and flower garden in honor of Scott Shubert. A wonderful enhancement to Main Street. The Shubert Family

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L-R: Don Hogue- A.D., Makayla Ansel, Jordan Smith-Cheer Coach Hastings College.

Ansel signs with Hastings College

Makayla Ansel, daughter of Mark and Meridee Ansel signed with Hastings College for Cheerleading. She will be attending Hastings in the Fall of 2023 majoring in Psychology and minoring in Criminology. Makayla loved cheerleading from a very young age. She started her cheerleading career as a West Hancock Little Eagle’s cheerleader in Iowa. She participated in Little Eagles cheerleading from kindergarten to her sixth grade year. She cheered throughout her middle school years working her way to head cheerleader her eighth grade year. As a freshman, she made the West Hancock Eagles varsity cheer team. The Ansel family moved to the area in 2020 where Makayla continued her cheerleading at Falls City High School until course work required her to sit out her senior year. Coach Jordan Smith from Hastings College came to Falls City for the signing.

Golf season hitting full swing

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Drug Impaired Driving Mobilization

(April 19th – April 23rd, 2023)

The Richardson County Sheriff’s Office will be participating in the Drug Impaired Driving Mobilization from April 19th – April 23rd, 2023. During this time, sheriff’s deputies will be working extra hours of overtime focusing on impaired drivers. The

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

Clayton Hardenberger
Richardson County Sheriff’s Office



Left to Right: Kathy Perkins, June Bowers, and Richard Martin,

Falls Citian June Bowers and Falls City native Bob Burton, now of Lincoln, were honored at the Rotary District 5650 Conference on April 1 in Lincoln. Both were recipients of the Golden Wheel Award. Each of the 38 Rotary clubs across eastern Nebraska and western Iowa selected someone in their community who was not part of Rotary to be recognized for their service to citizens of their city. The award medallions were presented by the district president, Barbara Bartle, at a banquet at the Nebraska Innovation Campus. Bowers was nominated by the Falls City Rotary Club, and Burton was the nominee of the Lincoln 14 Rotary Club.

June Bowers was cited in the conference program for her many positions of leadership in the Falls City community, including serving as president of the Southeast Nebraska Retired Teachers, vice-president of the Nebraska Association of Retired School Personnel, co-president of the Iota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, vice-president of the Falls City Educational Founda-



Pictured front row, left to right, mom Anna Thompson, RaeAnn, dad Raphael. Back row, Doane Coach Ed Fye, Coach Terri Hogue, Coach Cody Hawley.

Thompson signs with Doane

Falls City Tiger senior RaeAnn Thompson recently signed her letter of intent to run track and field at Doane University. Thompson is the two-time defending Class B state champion in the 100m dash, running a State Meet record of 12.03 at last year’s NSAA State Meet. Thompson also placed second in the 200m dash last spring in Omaha, running a school-record 25.15. Thompson set her third school record when the 4x100m relay team placed fifth in 50.21.

Tiger track teams compete at Syracuse Invite

By Brian McKim
The Falls City track teams were back at it on Thursday when they traveled to Syracuse for the 2023 Scott Nisely Invite. In 2008, the Syracuse Invitational was renamed to honor Scott Nisely, who was killed in action in Iraq on September 20, 2006. Nisely excelled in track at Syracuse and continued to run at Doane College after graduation. He joined the Marines and achieved the rank of Major. He continued serving his country in the National Guard for 29 years of military service.

Eleven teams participated in the meet on Thursday, with the Lady Tigers scoring 16 points and placing ninth, while the boys scored two points and tied for tenth. The teams from Norris High School swept the meet, with the girls scoring 161 points and the boys adding 152.

RaeAnn Thompson placed fifth in the 100m dash, running a 12.81 in the finals to score two points. Thompson qualified for the finals of the 200m dash, running a 26.87, but was unable to go in the finals. Ashleigh Kirkendall brought home the silver medal in the 100m hurdles, crossing the tape in 16.50, almost a full half second in front of third place. Thompson scored her second medal by leaping 16-02 in the long jump to place third. The 4x100.25 field relay team ran a 1:07.12 for sixth.

FC struggled to score points on the boys’ side of the meet. Ryker McCullough picked up one in the high jump, clearing 5-02 and tying for fifth. The other day’s medal came from Devon Smith in the pole vault. Smith cleared 9-10 and brought home sixth place. The 4x100.25 field relay team covered the lap in 53.15 and placed sixth.

The Tigers will be in Louisville on Thursday, April 20 and will host the Falls City Invite on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Jug Brown Stadium.

“SPRING STORM BLOWING IN”
APRIL 26, 1952

John Falter, whose little boyhood was spent in the Midwest, claims that that region has the most hair-curling lightning and thunder in the U.S.A. Now an Easterner, he still, in retrospect, is so scared of those awful fire-works that he only recently got up the courage to paint this cover. Details from his horror memories are the way trees turn up the undersides of their leaves and look like phantoms, and the way dogs turn up their chins and wail. When we expressed surprise that somebody has remembered to close all those windows, Falter said he originally had a woman shutting one of them, but got mad at her face, and closed the window himself. One person in the picture is happy--the lad who now can quit spading.

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tion, and three-time president during nine years as a school board member. As a member of the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries, she acts as their school liason, as well as organizing the annual Veteran’s Day program and parade. As the performance arts chair for the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council, she coordinated the Vienna Boy’s Choir and Night of Jazz concerts in Falls City. In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Richardson County Historical Society, is on the Richardson County Jail planning committee, and is a six-term president of the Sorosis Club.

The conference program described Bob Burton’s volunteer leadership in the fight against sex trafficking in Nebraska as exemplifying the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self.”In addition to his big job as Executive Associate Athletic Director at UNL, his involvement in preventing sex trafficking led to his founding the 501(c)3 non-profit “I’ve Got A Name” in 2012. He continues to demonstrate a relentless focus and tireless work ethic into serving this non-profit which has changed the lives of hundreds of women and girls in the community.

A Distinguished Humanitarian Award was presented at the banquet to Steve Glenn of the Lincoln 14 Rotary Club, who leveraged his position in the travel industry to launch Operation Safe Harbor in 2022 to provide temporary housing for refugees arriving in Poland as they fled the war in Ukraine, ultimately aiding more than 1200 Ukrainians. The Falls City Rotarians joined with other clubs in District 5650 to provide needed supplies to the Ukrainian refugees in Poland. The Rotary Club of Falls City was represented at the District 5650 Conference by club president Richard Martin and president-elect Kathy Perkins.

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