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Hank Schwartz

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BACK TO SCHOOL



(Photos at Falls City North School by Chelsie Alexander)

Cobblestone Festival this weekend

Cobblestone: "We've got the Spirit," kicks off this week with the Falls City Volunteer Fire Dept. fishing contest at Stanton Lake on Thursday night at 5:00 p.m.

Friday's events start at 6:00 p.m. with the Little Mister and Miss Cobblestone crowning on the Courthouse lawn. At 6:30 p.m. the Wrestling Dual will take place at 1700 Stone Street followed by DJ and Dance in the Beer Garden at the Elks Club. Vendors will be set up on Stone Street until 10:00 p.m.

Saturday morning begins bright and early with the CMC Fun Run. An array of events will be held throughout the day including the Car Show from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the 1800 block of Stone Street. The frog jumping contest starts at 9:00 a.m. followed by the watermelon eating contest. Both will take place at 1700 Stone Street. The Buchanan Highlanders Bagpipe concert will take place at 10:15 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by a lunch at First United Methodist Church.

Hot Wheels Races will be held at 1800 Stone Street at 1:00 p.m. The dodgeball tournament will start at 1:00 p.m. Chris Sayre:Nebraska Musical Smorgasbord will be at the Richardson County Museum at 2:00 p.m. and the BPO Does Supermarket Sweep will also be held at 2:00 p.m. at Family Fare.

Sam's Amusements will have rides set up from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. Vendors will be set up on Stone Street from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Demo Derby will be held at Jaycees Arena beginning at 6:00 p.m. with inspection and check in from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

On Sunday vendors will be open from noon to 5:00 p.m. The Pine-wood Derby will be held at Falls City Middle School in the gym at 11:30 a.m. A FCHS Music Alumni Concert will be held at the Falls City High School Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Sam's Amusements will have rides set up from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.



Hank and Marcia Schwartz to lead 2024 Cobblestone Parade

The nominations have rolled in for the 2024 Cobblestone Parade Grand Marshal, and local residents have nominated an outstanding choice: Hank and Marcia Schwartz. This year's parade theme, "We've Got the Spirit," couldn't fit these nominees better, particularly considering Hank Schwartz's over 50 years of unwavering support for local schools and sports programs.

Hank, along with his brother Ron, founded the Tiger Booster Club, a pivotal organization in the area that has raised considerable funds to aid local youth in both athletics and academics. Renowned for his dedication, Hank has spent countless hours attending local sporting events and traveling to away games, fostering community pride and spirit among young athletes. His notable practice of providing snacks and drinks for players on bus rides to games and practices illustrates his commitment to encouraging and supporting the local youth.

"To this day, Hank will still proudly sing the Falls City Tiger Fight song and Hoorah, Falls City, and wear his Tiger Memorabilia," stated the Grand Marshal nomination letter.

Initially starting his career as a mechanic at Mery's Tune Up, Hank later became a beloved fixture

in the mechanic department at Armbruster Motor Company, where he worked for many years until retirement. Even during this time, he continued to lend his support to the community, serving as an active member of his church alongside Marcia, both of whom dedicated time as Sunday School teachers for many years.

Baseball fans in Falls City love to reminisce about Hank as their coach. For decades, he has inspired young athletes, leaving a lasting impact on the community and sparking fond memories amongst those he coached.

The nominee says Hank's positive attitude and infectious smile continue to light up the community, embodying the spirit of Falls City. Marcia, his steadfast partner, has also played a key role by attending events alongside Hank and supporting his endeavors with the Tiger Booster Club. Together, they remain ardent supporters of local businesses, further solidifying their place as cherished members of the community.

With such an enthusiastic legacy of service, dedication, and spirit, it's no surprise that Hank and Marcia Schwartz will lead this year's Cobblestone Parade. (Photo by Brian McKim)



New Postmaster Montana Jones and Manager of Post Office Operations Melissa Thienel.

Jones sworn in as Falls City's new Postmaster

Montana Jones of Falls City took the oath of office for Postmasters at the Falls City Post Office on Thursday, August 1, 2024. The oath was administered by Melissa Thienel, Manager of Post Office Operations.

Jones succeeds Margaret Meyer, who served as Postmaster from 2016 until February 2024.

Among those attending the ceremony were Scott Magdanz, recently retired from the Post Office in Humboldt, Mariah Meyerkorth from the Auburn Post Office, and both past and pres-

ent Falls City Postal employees.

Born and raised in the area, Jones has been with the Falls City Post Office for eight years. "I'm honored to be serving the community of Falls City. I've lived here my whole life, and I've been with the Postal Service since 2016," said Jones. "I work with an incredibly dedicated staff of carriers and clerks. Without them, we would not be able to fulfill our mission of connecting the American public together."

(Photo by Chelsie Alexander)

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All things Nebraska

Pick of Nebraska native as vice presidential candidate revs up interest in vote here

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Nebraska isn't known as a battleground state when it comes to presidential elections.

That tag usually goes to Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan, along with Georgia, Nevada and Arizona.

But the recent pick of Nebraska native and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as the vice presidential running mate for Kamala Harris is revving up talk that the Cornhusker State - at least Omaha's congressional district - is in play, and may help decide this fall's presidential election.

Walz, a 60-year-old former teacher and National Guard member, has some deep roots in Nebraska, especially its small towns.

He was born in West Point, grew up in Valentine, and graduated from high school in Butte, a community just south of the South Dakota border. His mother still lives in Butte, population 270, where Walz' graduating class had 25 seniors.

Walz, who served five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives before being elected governor in 2018, often cites his small-town background in explaining his approach to politics.

Be a good neighbor, and mind your business "on a lot of things," he told the Nebraska Examiner 11 months ago.

"Go neighbor to neighbor, talk to them," he said. "(And) explain to them that why demonizing people who are choosing to marry a person that they love really doesn't impact you in any way."

Politicians, Walz added, "should stay focused on the things that improve people's lives."

Having a vice presidential candidate from a rural, agricultural state is sort of unusual in such campaigns, which usually find someone in a three-piece suit as a running mate, not someone who likes to wear Minnesota Viking sweatshirts.

If elected, he would be at least the third vice president with Nebraska connections to hold the office. The others were Gerald Ford, who was born in Omaha, Dick Cheney, who was born in Lincoln, and Charles Dawes, who served under President Calvin Coolidge. Dawes began his law career in Lincoln.

(Dawes also owned the house that became Billy's Restaurant, the go-to hangout just a block from the Nebraska State Capitol where lobbyists and senators go to decompress. Dawes, by the way is not the namesake of Dawes County, by the way. That distinction goes to James Dawes, who was governor of Ne-

braska when the county was formed in 1885.)

Walz was portrayed in an article in Politico as a "moderate-leaning Democrat with a good sense for tapping into local issues the district cared about." He also has gotten an "A" rating from the National Rifle Association, which usually backs more conservative candidates.

Which brings us to the 2nd Congressional District in Omaha, which has been dubbed Nebraska's "Blue Dot" because it has backed a Democrat for president twice in the past four presidential elections (Barack Obama in 2008 and Biden in 2020). The state, along with Maine, has a unique system of awarding some of its electoral votes for president by congressional district.

Underscoring the importance the Blue Dot might play in 2024, former President Donald Trump recently opened a campaign office in Omaha. President Joe Biden already had an office in the district, and its staff was quickly absorbed by the Harris-for-president team after Biden dropped out.

A lot of things would have to happen, but it's conceivable that the Omaha district and its single electoral vote could provide the margin for victory in what has been portrayed as a very tight race for the White House.

So rather than being a political "fly over" state, Nebraska, and particularly Omaha, might see some real campaign rallies this autumn.

And some will likely feature a popular Minnesota governor who has roots in this state.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.



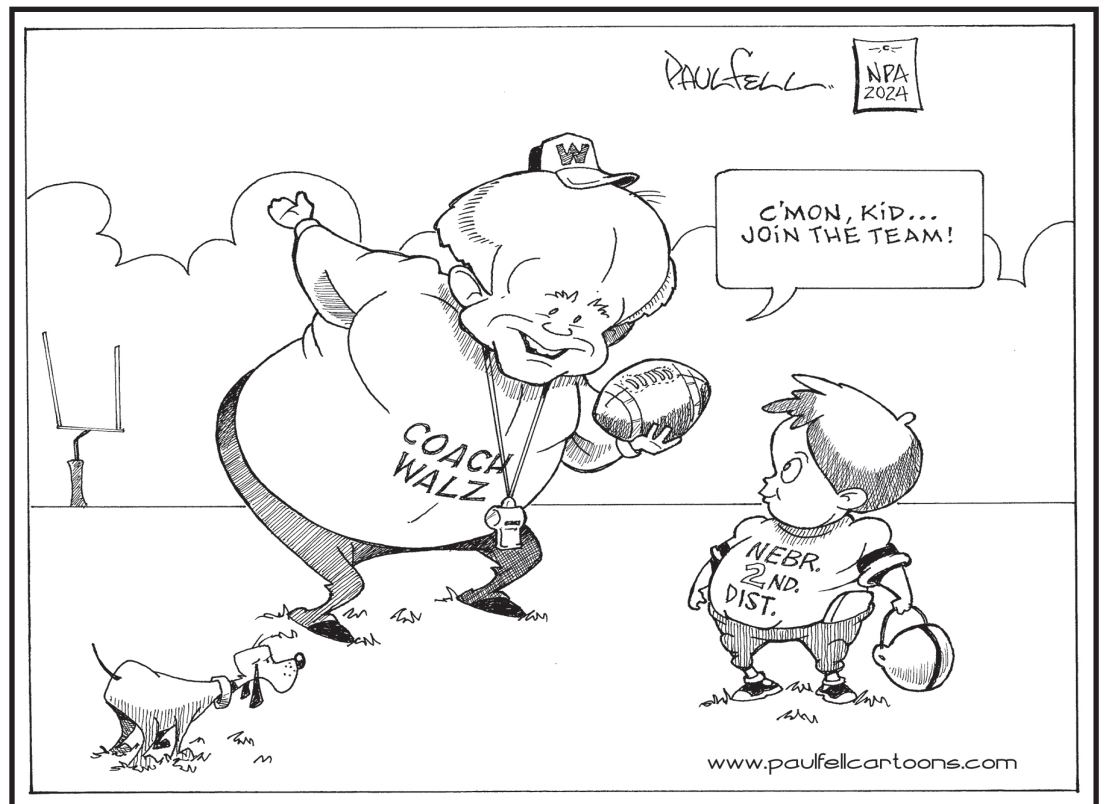
WHAT'S IN A (MEDICAL SPECIALTY) NAME?

By Jill Kruse, D.O.

Doctors are taught medical terms and jargon in medical school like a secret code. Many medical terms are rooted in Greek and Latin. Over the course of our training, these words become second nature and we become fluent in this medical "language", although we are also expected to talk to our patients using simple terminology. However, most specialties in medicine still use the original Greek and Latin roots for their names. Once you know where these names come from, everything makes sense.

Most names start with a Greek or Latin word followed by "ologist" or "ology" from Greek word "Logos" which means "the study of" or "Science of". Instead of calling themselves a "heart doctor" we call them Cardiologists. Cardiology comes from the Greek word "Kardia" which means "heart". This trend follows for several other specialties. Lung doctors are Pulmonologists from the Latin "Pulmon" which means "lung". Obstetrics is from the Latin term "obstetrix" which means "midwife" or literally, "one who stands opposite". However, Gynecologist comes from the Greek term "gyne" meaning "woman".

Liver doctors are called Hepatologists using the Greek terms "Hepar" or "Hepato" meaning "of liver". Hematologists are doctors who study blood and the term comes from the Greek word "haimo" meaning "blood". Your skin specialists, the Dermatologists, get their name from the Greek word "Dermatos" which means "skin" or "hide". The Nephrologists, or kidney doctors, have taken the Greek root for kidney, which is "nephros" to get their name. Neurologists study nerves, and the Greek term "neuro" or "neuron" means "string or nerve".



A Pathologist looks at tissue samples under a microscope in order to diagnose diseases. Their Greek root "Pathos" comes from the terms for "suffering" or "disease". This branch of medicine looks for the cause, development, as well as the natural progression of diseases. The term anesthesia was first used in the 1880's, but it also comes from the Greek prefix "an" which means "without" combined with "aisthesis" which means "feeling" or "perception". That describes their goal for patients during surgery - to go "without feeling" pain during a procedure.

Just when you think you know the rules, there is Endocrinology. Endocrinology studies the endocrine system which are the organs in the body that secrete hormones. "Endo" is the Latinized form of the Greek word "krinein" meaning "secreting internally". The term Rheumatologist is not quite as literal as some of the others. They specialize in diseases like arthritis and the name originates from the Greek word "Rheuma" meaning "that which flows" or "current/stream". This comes from a 17th Century idea that arthritis would flow throughout the body affecting many areas.

Hopefully this helps "crack the code" of why different specialties have such different and unique names. You can impress your friends and family with this newfound knowledge. However your Cardiologist will be just as sweet if you call him/her a "heart doctor", because as Shakespeare's Juliet asked, "What is in a name?"

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THEME: WEATHER 101

ACROSS

- Barbed comments
- Astern
- Newspaper piece
- Light beige
- Old wound
- Palate lobe
- Reposed
- Needle case
- Katmandu's land
- *Natural electrical discharge
- Fiber source
- Madison Square Garden, e.g.
- Anatomical pouch
- *Like air from north of Canada
- Same as boric
- Slang for million dollars
- Mother-of-pearl, pl.
- Of a particular kind
- Exclude or omit
- Not safe
- Parallel grooves
- Campbell of "Scream" fame
- Morally degraded
- Lt.'s subordinate
- Weed a.k.a. dyer's woad
- Nervous (2 words)
- Rubber substitute, acr.
- Broom of twigs
- Wild plum
- *Short-lived whirlwind (2 words)
- Philip Roth's "The Human ..."
- Additional
- Driver's spare
- Church songs
- Biology lab supply
- Pac Man's blue ghost
- *H in HI
- Slightly insane
- ...pool or ...pit

DOWN

- Come together
- Smoothie bowl flavor
- Two-masted sailing vessel
- Broad-brimmed beachwear
- ... a play
- Flora's partner
- H.S. math class
- *Not sunny
- Between larva and adult
- Enthusiasm
- Split lentils dish
- Roman statesman, Nero's advisor
- Open up
- Three
- "Send help!" acronym
- Make change
- "Inside Out 2" main character
- Actor Owen
- Between Phi and Kappa
- Like some sausages
- Cake cover
- *What storm pursuers do
- *... as Ice" by Foreigner
- Feel regret
- *Condensation-starting point (2 words)
- Church assembly
- Stock regulator, acr.
- Herpes ..., a.k.a. shingles
- Not odds
- Nauseant
- Battle of the ..., 1944-1945 German offensive
- Literary composition
- Eyelid affliction
- Tibetan monk
- Like Beethoven
- Climbing plant
- Irritates
- Grazing lands
- "Zip it!"

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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim

75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, August 21, 1949 to August 27, 1949

Dick Schermer, a 21-year-old Dutch swimmer, slid into the water to begin his attempt to swim the English Channel. His end goal was Dover, England, a 21-mile trip. Due to the cold water, Schermer gave up 5 ½ hours into his journey.

Engineer Carl Groff and Fireman Charles Simon of Falls City were aboard a Missouri Pacific Belt locomotive that derailed near 30th Street in Omaha.

Virgil Kottich scored in the ninth inning to send the Falls City Junior Legion team to a 5-4 victory over Marysville.

Lester Herdlitchka advertised his "Playcation Club" in Humboldt. The club featured dancing, shuffleboard and soft drinks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weinert and their children, Paul, Mary Jean, Virginia and Charles, returned from a five-week vacation in California and Oregon.

Miss Nadine M. Froehlich graduated from Falls City High School on August 15. By taking extension courses from the University of Nebraska and attending the summer school term at Omaha Central High School, Nadine was able to graduate high school in three years and one summer.

Falls City Superintendent Ralph R. Andrews announced the start date for the public schools to begin would be Tuesday, September 6.

Five babies, four girls and a boy, were born within 11 hours at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital in Falls City. The first baby to arrive belonged to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hoban, and the last was a daughter belonging to Mr. and Mrs. W.M. H. Crook.

John Penney, a former Sacred Heart and Avoca coach, served as the superintendent/coach for the Blue and White's six-man team in Verdon.

Nearly 75 relatives and friends of the late Henry Hahn gathered at City Park for a basket picnic dinner. The oldest member in attendance was Henry C. Meyer, while the youngest was Joyce Eileen Kentopp.

In Humboldt, 91 descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christian Rist were present at the 21st annual Rist reunion at the City Auditorium.

In Washington, D.C., Defense Secretary Louis Johnson ordered the armed services to fire 135,000 civilian employees and lay off 12,000 reserve officers as part of an economic campaign that would produce more firings at a later date.

It was announced that Falls City men Albert Field and Delmer Cummins had purchased Brown's Memorial Shop in Tecumseh.

Penney's had its back-to-school sale with Saddle Oxfords for \$4.49 a pair and Teen-Age Pumps for \$3.98.

About 175 people attended the annual fish fry for the Lions Club at Tom Bojack's camp at the mouth of the Nemaha River.

Six 1899 Humboldt baseball team members were honored at the Tecumseh-Humboldt contest. Players honored were Guy Reed, Lloyd Reid, George Segrist, Tom Smith, Art Smith and Bert McCollach.

James Stewart and June Allyson starred in "The Stratton Story" at the Rivoli Theater.

50 Years Ago, August 21, 1974 to August 27, 1974

According to a Federal Energy Administration report, ten oil companies agreed to repay their customers \$103.7 million in alleged overcharges.

When certificates were given out for perfect attendance at Rotary meetings, Henry Shepman was found to have 32 years of perfect attendance.

Gerald Shaw was named as village marshal at Rulo, filling in for Qualls McGinnis, who was a candidate for sheriff.

The Humboldt school board voted to purchase a new high school athletic field site. Bill Power offered to sell the school district approximately seven acres on the west side of Humboldt for \$9,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vinsonhaler took over the management of the Big Red N in Salem from Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clatch.

Forty-five individuals from Humboldt and Falls City participated in a 24-week emergency medical technician course. Many of the class members worked with ambulance and rescue units.

Richard James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardelle James of Verdon, was named the recipient of three scholarships for use in the College of Agriculture at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Edward Ahern of Shubert was presented a certificate of appreciation, signed by Gov. James Exon, honoring Mr. Ahern for his five years of uncompensated service as a Richardson County selective service board member.

The public school system opened its doors for the 1974-75 school year with a reported first-day enrollment of 1,284, down from 1,361 the year prior.

The new all-weather track at Jug Brown Stadium was being completed at Falls City High School.

Tom Aitken Jr., a journalism instructor at Falls City High School and sponsor of the "Orange and Black," announced that the annuals had arrived and were ready for distribution.

Team 2, which included Dorothy Heinzelman, Patty Kiekhaefer, Margaret McInteer and Mary Miller, won the championship trophies in the Ladies' Golf League.

25 Years Ago, August 21, 1999 to August 27, 1999

Richardson County Judge Curtis Maschman and Richardson County Public Defender Timothy Nelsen were among those who had submitted applications for appointment as District Judge in the 1st Judicial District. The 1st Judicial District includes Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Saline and Thayer counties. The Nebraska Supreme Court determined that the primary office for the judgeship, created by the resignation of Judge Robert Finn, would be in Tecumseh.

Tana Chandler of Stella graduated with distinction from Clarkson College of Omaha with an associate of science degree in Physical Therapy.

Wayne and Nelle Pfister's 50th wedding anniversary was to be celebrated at the Elks Lodge on Sunday, August 29.

Jesse and Sarah Neddenriep of Lincoln were the parents of a son, Andrew David, born at Bryan LGH in Lincoln.

Wade Noll and his dog Austin won first place in the best-dressed pet category on Friday evening during Cobblestone.

Kellogg's pop-tarts were on sale for 99 cents at Hinky Dinky, while Little Debbie Snacks were a steal at 67 cents a box.

Falls City Public Schools began the year with an enrollment of 1,040, Sacred Heart had 254 students, Humboldt enrolled 274, Dawson-Verdon had 189 and Southeast Consolidated had 248 kids to start the school year.

With the help of area business owners, Lincoln heavyweight boxer Ira Humm, 15-0, was scheduled to fight in the main event of a five-card bout at Prichard Auditorium. Professional boxing hadn't been showcased in Falls City since the 1940s.

Matthew and Amy Rohrer of Falls City were the parents of a son, Theodore Raphael, born at Hiawatha Community Hospital.

Jay and Jeana Slagle of Omaha were the parents of a son, John Patrick, born at Bergen Mercy Hospital in Omaha.

Andy Hall, a Falls City native, scored a hole-in-one at the Falls City Country Club. Hall hit a 9-iron on No. 5, a 152-yard par 3 and was witnessed by Shawn Thompson.

HF Encore was named junior bull calf champion at the 1999 Missouri State Fair Angus Show in Sedalia. Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, owned the winning calf.

Bredeaux Pizza in Falls City advertised a Back to School Special of one large Bredeaux special and one medium pepperoni pizza for \$15.99.

Budget talk again dominates Commissioner meeting

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners held their weekly meeting at the courthouse in Falls City on Wednesday morning, August 14, 2024. Chairman Caverzagie called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on routine road and bridge maintenance being done in the county. Darveau updated the Board on the progress of tree trimming along country roads in the county.

"The update on that, I'd say we're probably about 90 percent complete already," said Darveau. He advised the commissioners that the ones who haven't fully complied are actively working on fixing the issue.

"There are people out there that didn't get a notice, because we didn't get to them, that have already started cleaning their stuff up," said Darveau.

Darveau said he hopes many of the citizens who know they don't meet the state statute will go ahead and take care of the problem before they have to be notified by the county.

Darveau also discussed the 2024-2025 Road Department budget with the Board. A question was brought up about dropping the budgeted amount for gravel, to which Darveau responded, "There's going to be the next issue. You're going through all this and you want to keep cutting it, but you're the ones who keep saying we got to do better, do better."

Last year the county spent \$883,000 on gravel for the roads, and according to Darveau they will eclipse that number this year.

The county also opted to cut a road grader out of the budget.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Jail and Sheriff's Department. Hardesty advised the Board that he would be attending a meeting with

the state regarding the secondary PSAP (Public Answering Safety Point). He also advised the Commissioners that the Department would take part in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" grant made possible thanks to a grant from the Nebraska Department of Transportation-Highway Safety Office. The dates for the grant run from August 14 to September 2.

Hardesty informed the Board that the 911 transition has gone well so far.

"Actually, the transition went a lot smoother than what I anticipated," said Hardesty. "I thought we were going to have a lot of problems, but everybody's picked up on it."

The Sheriff also advised the Board that Nebraska Crime Stoppers had received a complaint regarding agriculture implements on a county road right-of-way causing hazardous conditions for traffic near the intersection of 657n Avenue and 709 Road.

The area in question involves a grain bin that was built on county property. According to Superintendent Darveau, half of the bin is built on the right-of-way, which has caused the road to need to be built out.

"By the time the auger sits out there, we've had to move the road clear over to make it work," said Darveau.

The issue at hand is a grain auger that is set up at the bin and is left in the

roadway overnight.

"We would like to have a solution to the problem," stated Caverzagie.

Hardesty also met with the Board to discuss the FY 24-25 budget review.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey met with the Board to discuss the FY 24-25 Budget request review.

County Assessor Kim Riggs reviewed her budget for FY 24-25 with the Board. The Commissioners also approved a contract with Pritchard and Abbott to provide professional appraisal services for oil and gas mineral interest for tax years 2025 and 2026.

The final office to meet with the Board was the Cooperative Extension Service Officer. Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator, met with the Board to discuss the FY 24-25 budget request review.

The Board approved an additional 1% budget authority for fiscal year 2024-2025. They also authorized to offer for sale a parcel of land, 1.35 acres, located in S14, T3, R16 (Barada tower) on September 11, 2024.

Commissioner Karas made a motion to enter into an Emergency Executive session with the Sheriff's Department at 10:55 a.m.

The Emergency Executive Session closed at 11:25 a.m. and returned to the regular meeting agenda.

The meeting adjured at 11:49 a.m.

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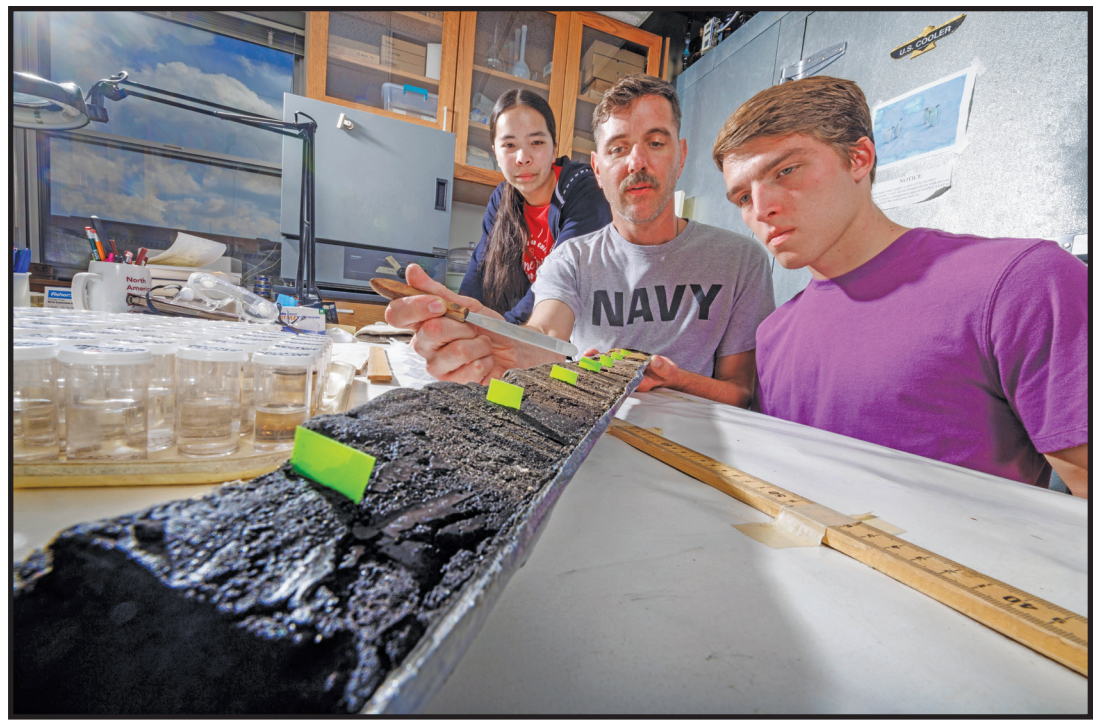
Bowen takes lead for County Fair Queen for second week in a row

Richardson County Queen voting as of August 15, 2024. Lillian Bowen 30,347,861; Kenadi McClarmen 24,813,591; Adisen Fischer 23,619,627; Macy Vrtiska 16,366,636; Shayfer Cumro 12,105,129; Jorja DeJonge 10,717,936; Hannah Lindsey 8,962,936; Maddie Brede-meier 4,436,898; Arrison Lowe 1,588,812; Erynn Anderson 1,129,224.

The following businesses are voting locations: Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc.

AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc., American National Bank, Armbruster Motor Co. - Falls City, Bear Butte Enterprises, LLC, Berwick Cooperative Oil Company, Blecha's General Store, Bruna Bros Implement, LLC, Burgett Irrigation, Chaotic Coffee & Boutique, Community Insurance Group, Inc., Creative Thoughts- Pawnee, Davis Plumbing & Electric - Stel-

la, Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, P.C., L.L.O., Farmers Cooperative, Friends of the Humboldt Auditorium, Highway 50 Fertilizer - DuBois, Home In Bloom, Housing Authority of the City of Humboldt, Humboldt Community Thrift Store, Humboldt Standard, Lewis Implement Co., Marburger's Shoe Store, Meyer-Earp Auto Center Inc. - Auburn, Mezger Construction, Inc., Nebraska Public Power District, Niders Grocery, North Fork One Stop, Old Windmill Antiques, OPPD, Phillips Plumbing & HVAC, Quad County Historical & Research - Museum Sapp Bros., Inc., State Bank of Table Rock, Steline AG Enterprises, Inc., Stella Ag LLC, The Chop Shop, The Station, The Stella Vault - Stella, True Ag & Turf - Falls City, Weber Electric/Anytime Storage and Wherry Mortuary.



Doctoral student Jim Benes and UCARE students Jasmine Pham and Joe Stalder with charcoal samples from the Nebraska Sandhills. *Craig Chandler | University Communication and Marketing.*

Onetime UCARE student Benes now mentors two students in research

By Dan Moser | *Research and Economic Development*

In the same lab where he once worked as an undergraduate, Jim Benes now mentors two Husker undergraduates, giving him a unique perspective of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's UCARE program from both sides.

Benes, a doctoral student in geography who grew up on a farm outside of Lincoln, studies fire history of the northern Great Plains, including multiple sites in the Nebraska Sandhills. The first-generation college student's interest in research was piqued by his participation in the Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experiences Program.

Now, two UCARE students - Jasmine Pham and Joe Stalder - are gaining hands-on research experience working with Benes.

Benes is an enthusiastic student and teacher. His long and winding path took him from military service to a stint as an aircraft mechanic, then to college.

"I wasn't really planning to go to school," he said, but after being laid off, his boss encouraged him to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

"I fell in love with college. It was amazing," said Benes, who earned a degree in geography at Nebraska before going to Montana State University-Bozeman, where he earned a master's degree studying paleoecology, using lake sediment cores to reconstruct past vegetation and fire history.

After teaching there and working as an interpretive guide in Yellowstone National Park, he returned to Nebraska.

Sherilyn Fritz, George Holmes Professor of Earth and atmospheric sciences, was a huge influence, Benes said.

"I would always follow her back from her class and ask her all these questions," said Benes, who grew up on a farm outside Lincoln.

He remembers how patient she was with him.

"I would go to her with the dumbest questions ... and she never flinched," he said. "She was always polite. ... I was this kinda rough-around-the-edges type of student. I was curious, and I was eager, and she plugged into that."

Fritz got Benes into the lab to do research and later suggested grad school - "to which I replied

"What's grad school?"

As he works on the next phase of his academic career, Benes, along with his adviser Paul Hanson, has had the chance to hire two UCARE students to assist with his research.

"Here I am with them now doing the same thing I used to do as a first-generation student," he said.

On a quiet afternoon in early July, Pham and Stalder are working in Benes' lab, analyzing "cookies" - slices of charcoal samples taken from lakes or wetlands in the Sandhills. They measure the charcoal content in each slice, centimeter by centimeter, as they put together a history of fire in the region.

"Climate change, increasing fires and drought ... we analyze the amount of organic material," Pham said. "It tells us what the environment was like at the time."

Stalder said researchers might be able to use this information to create fire management strategies to better mitigate fire danger in the future.

Recent events such as fires in Lancaster County and the Nebraska National

Forest at Halsey demonstrate the importance of understanding fire's impact on the environment in the past, Benes said.

Pham, of Lincoln, is a sophomore majoring in math, with a statistics and data science focus, and minoring in geography. Stalder, of Humboldt, is a senior who started in business but switched to geology. Both are big fans of UCARE.

"It's a good program," Pham said. "I'd really recommend it."

Benes said he exposes all his students to the university's research mission. Many are new to implementing the scientific method and are amazed at the work done in labs.

Science takes time and is often tedious, he tells his students. Researchers build on others' work, learn new things and occasionally must admit when they are wrong. These are good lessons for students, even those who don't intend to go into research, Benes said.

"This stuff is worthwhile. It's worth asking about," he said. "Plugging students into that is important."

ACCIDENTS

On July 26, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports Payton Adams of Salem was traveling eastbound on 18th Street between Stone Street and Harlan Street. Adams advised he misjudged the distance between the vehicles as he passed by a State of Nebraska vehicle which was parked on the south side of 18th Street in the fourth stall from the intersection of 18th and Harlan Street. The front right bumper area of the vehicle driven by Adams grazed the

rear left bumper area of the State of Nebraska vehicle during this passing causing light scrapes and small dents to the bumpers of both vehicles. The driver side of the State of Nebraska vehicle had become unfastened and slightly raised near the rear drivers side tire area. The State of Nebraska vehicle was parked with no occupants at the time of the collision. The vehicle driven by Adams owned by Schendel Pest Control of Seneca had an estimated \$2,000 in damage; the State of Nebraska vehicle had an estimated \$2,000 damage.

On July 19, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Michael Sherk of Humboldt was pulling into a parking space when he hit a vehicle owned by Melanie Timothy. No damage was done to the Sherk vehicle; an estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Timothy vehicle.

On July 19, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Diana Hankins of Falls City hit a parked vehicle owned by Ruth Rannebeck of Falls City. When Hankins was asked

why she hit the Rannebeck vehicle she advised she had macular degeneration and has trouble seeing. Hankins also stated she looked down at her air conditioning controls at the time of the accident. An estimated \$4,000 in damage was done to the Hankins vehicle and an estimated \$4,000 in damage was done to the Rannebeck vehicle.

BUILDING PERMITS

Dick Gilkerson, 1402 Nemaha Ave, New Garage; \$2,000.00.

Scott and Rita Kreifels, 2517 Fulton St., Repair Bowing Walls; \$6,444.81.

Mike Frederick, 2723 Towle St., Replace Roof and Gutters; \$18,226.00.

Andy Halbert, 70767 652 Blvd, Replace Roof; \$28,970.50.

Rose Arnold, 2728 Towle St., Replace Roof; \$13,314.64.

Kim Koelzer, 2615 Barada St, Replace Roof; \$10,000.00.

Tom Rawley, 1003 Harlan St, Replace Roof and Gutters; \$19,300.00.

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August 6 through August 7, 2024 calls: two referred to another agency, one miscellaneous, one found or lost property, one traffic/driving complaint, one check welfare, one 911 hang up/misdialed, one suspicious activity, four 911 calls.

August 7 through August 8, 2024 calls: information not received.

August 8 through August 9, 2024 calls: two ambulance/EMS, five miscellaneous, one referred to another agency, one suspicious activity, two animal calls, one 911 hang up/misdialed, two investigations, four records check, one information only, one open door, two 911 calls, one warning for speeding, one warning for seat belt, one warning for no valid registration.

August 9 through August 10, 2024 calls: three animal checks, three records checks, two miscellaneous, one burn permit, one information only, one motorist assist, one referred to another agency, one 911 hang up/misdialed, one HHS intake/referral, one noise disturbance, one traffic/driving complaint, four ambulance/EMS, five 911 calls.

August 10 through August 11, 2024 calls: one investigation, one HHS intake/referral, one information only, one miscellaneous, one referred to another agency, two animal calls, two ambulance/EMS, one 911 call, one citation for ATV/UTV requirements, one citation for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for fail to use turn signal, one warning for fail to use turn signal, one warning for improper turn, one warning for speed, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

August 11 through August 12, 2024 calls: one law enforcement assist, one animal call, one disturbance, one ambulance/EMS, one referred to another agency, one 911 call, one warning for stop sign violation.

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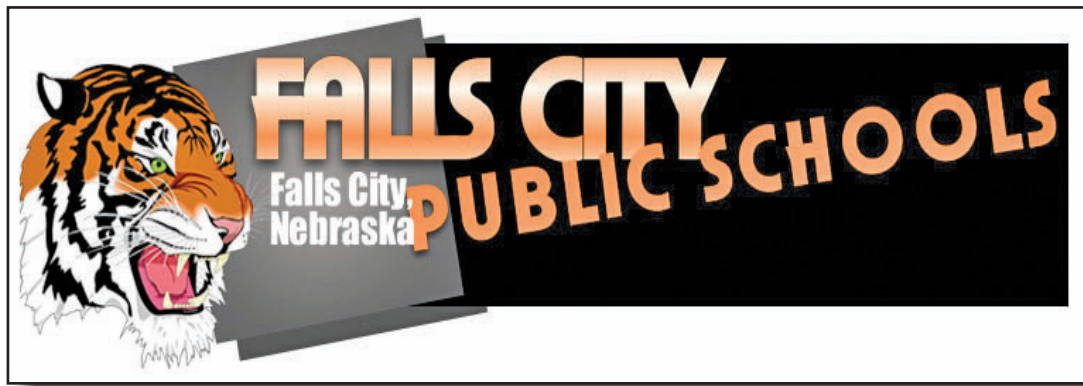
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FCPS Superintendent's District Update

By Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

School Year Start Update: FCPS will begin the 2024-2025 school year with students on August 16. Enrollment figures as of August 13 show a decrease from the 2023-2024 school year. Current enrollment numbers show 817 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, which is down five students from a year ago. The largest class is 1st grade with 70 students, and the smallest classes are kindergarten, 6th and 7th grades classes with 51 students. FCPS begins the 2024 fall sports season with high school practices for football, volleyball, cross country, and softball on August 12. Additionally, FCPS is excited to welcome 15 new staff to begin the new school year. The new educator orientation day was held August 9, and all staff participate in pre-service events August 12-15, prior to the student's first day on August 16. The 2024-2025 school year will start strong with the following initiatives:

- Formalized new partnerships with Southeast Community College and local businesses.
- Added career pathways of study, and certification programs in conjunction with SCC.
- Added faculty adjunct certifications, increasing dual-credit options for our students this year.
- Website updates and increased social media presence
- Continue our work in elementary literacy with the WORDs grant to provide additional training and support to the teachers of our youngest readers.
- Increase in ACT scores for 2024.
- A new Math Curriculum K-12 beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.
- Updated school guidance curriculum in grades K-5.
- Investing in Safety and Security – Implemented access control security upgrades to each building.
- Secured NDE Safety Grant for installation of new classroom door locks at the elementary sites.

Annual CQI Reports for Sixpence and Child Care Partnership - Susan Johnson, Director of Sixpence and the Child Care Partnership (CCP), reported on the release of the annual Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) reports for both programs. The reports, which detail the progress and advancements made over the past year, highlight the commitment to enhancing early childhood education and care through rigorous evaluation and innovative practices. The Sixpence program, dedicated to providing high-quality early childhood services, and the Child Care Partnership, which focuses on building effective collaborations and supporting child care providers, have both seen significant achievements. Johnson's reports underscore the impact of their initiatives on child development outcomes and the overall quality of services provided to families and children in Falls City. The annual CQI reports are will now available on the FCPS Sixpence and CCP websites for public review. Additionally, through Susan Johnson's membership on the Early Childhood Buffet Foundation Board, the opportunity to start a "Diaper Depot" in Falls City will become the latest initiative to support young families in our community

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items before concluding the regular meeting.

1. Approved the final reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 5313 Design-Build Contracts; 2) 5314 Construction Management at Risk Contracts; 3) 5315 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair or Site Improvement.
 2. Approved the UNL Extension Assistant Funding Commitment: (12 percent commitment of \$9,716)
 3. Set Annual Planning Workshop for September 25, 2024 at 6PM.
- The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Tim Heckenlively.



Skylar Keifels, FCPS Technology Director and Superintendent Tim Heckenlively.

2024 Falls City Public Schools Education Foundation Outstanding Educator of the Year Award recipient

Superintendent Tim Heckenlively announced The Falls City Education Foundation Annual Outstanding Educator of the Year Award during the opening session of the Falls City Public Schools Pre-Service on Monday, August 12th.

The recipient of this year's award, Skylar Keifels, consistently demonstrates unwavering dedication, innovative spirit, and a genuine care for our school community, all of which make her a perfect fit for this honor.

As a former Falls City Public graduate, many educators had a hand in helping Skylar succeed as an outstanding student. Now, a handful of years later, she is returning the favor and supporting all of us. In her role as Technology Director, Mrs. Skylar Keifels consistently exceeds expectations, ensuring that Falls City Public Schools remains at the forefront of technological advancements. Her efforts have significantly enriched the learning environment, empowering both students and faculty members alike. Whether it's tackling complex technical issues, implementing cutting-edge software solutions, or pioneering digital initiatives, she consistently demonstrates diligence and proficiency.

While Skylar supports students with a technology-related challenge or

offers guidance to fellow staff members, her kindness and professionalism leave a mark on the ones she works with.

The purpose of the award is to recognize

excellence in the field of education. The recipient of this award plays a key role in creating a school environment that promotes student achievement, safety, and health.

Dean's List at Peru State College – Spring 2024

Peru State College has published the Dean's List for the Spring Term 2024.

Below are local students who were named to the list.

- Riley Morgan Scott, Hiawatha, KS.
- Alecia Humphrey, Sabetha, KS.
- Kadyn Hunter Dowdy, Rock Port, Missouri
- Sidney Michelle Adams, Auburn, NE.
- Jessica E. Bowman, Auburn, NE.
- Carlee Rae Curttright, Auburn, NE.
- Brena Rose Davis, Auburn, NE.
- Carter Bud Hamann, Auburn, NE.
- Dennis Erin Kirkpatrick, Auburn, NE.
- Michael Joseph Leininger, Auburn, NE.
- Gracie Pearl Lotter, Auburn, NE.
- Mara Christine Manzer, Auburn, NE.
- Sarah Michelle Acton, Falls City, NE.

- Briana Ellen Bachman, Falls City, NE.
 - Mackenzie Rose Burch, Falls City, NE.
 - Alesia Coetzee, Falls City, NE.
 - Mackenzie Michelle Dougherty, Falls City, NE.
 - Samuel Joseph Dunn, Falls City, NE.
 - Dalton Michael Fouraker, Falls City, NE.
 - Christina Jo Gilkerson, Falls City, NE.
 - Genevieve Rose Lovelless, Falls City, NE.
 - Ashlynn Brooke Strauss, Falls City, NE.
 - Trey Phillips Drake, Humboldt, NE.
 - Maranda Shai Culbertson, Nemaha, NE.
 - Ethan Ky Nycum, Rulo, NE.
- To qualify for the President's List, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 for the semester, complete at least 12 graded credit hours, have no incomplete grades, and be degree-seeking.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Rita Bahr, 1611 Morton St., Replace Roof and Gutters; \$9,266.75.
- Lucas Vollmer, 6 W Sunset Dr, Repair Roof; \$5,728.85.
- Frederick Spirits, 2602 Harlan St., Replace Roof and Gutters; \$23,409.97.
- Jo Ellen Crawford, 2504 Hiland Ave, Replace Roof; \$17,110.25.
- Dick Gilkerson, 1402 Nemaha Ave, New Garage; \$2,000.00.

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President's List at Peru State College – Spring 2024

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Below are local students who were named to the list.

- Rachel Mae Wertenberger, Sabetha, KS.
- Faith Amelia Allgood, Auburn, NE.
- Jordan Tess Anderson, Auburn, NE.
- Rylan Tucker Boellstorff, Auburn, NE.
- Jacob Patrick Bowman, Auburn, NE.
- Reagan E. Connelly, Auburn, NE.
- Kylie Jo Edgington, Auburn, NE.
- Anthony Jo Hayes, Auburn, NE.
- Maclaine Hug, Auburn, NE.
- Virginia Kouba, Auburn, NE.
- Matthew Charles Leininger, Auburn, NE.
- Elaina Noel Riley, Au-

- burn, NE.
 - Danielle Kristine Bippes, Falls City, NE.
 - Jonathan C. Craig, Falls City, NE.
 - Zoe Lea Ebel, Falls City, NE.
 - Clayton James Hardenberger, Falls City, NE.
 - Jayden Elijah Kreifels, Falls City, NE.
 - Claire Renee Niemeyer, Falls City, NE.
 - Carly Nichole Romo, Falls City, NE.
 - Shannon Lee Jones, Humboldt, NE.
 - Alexis LeAnn Wittwer, Salem, NE.
 - Ashley Lafin, Table Rock, NE.
- To qualify for the President's List, students must maintain a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, complete at least 12 graded credit hours, have no incomplete grades, and be degree-seeking.

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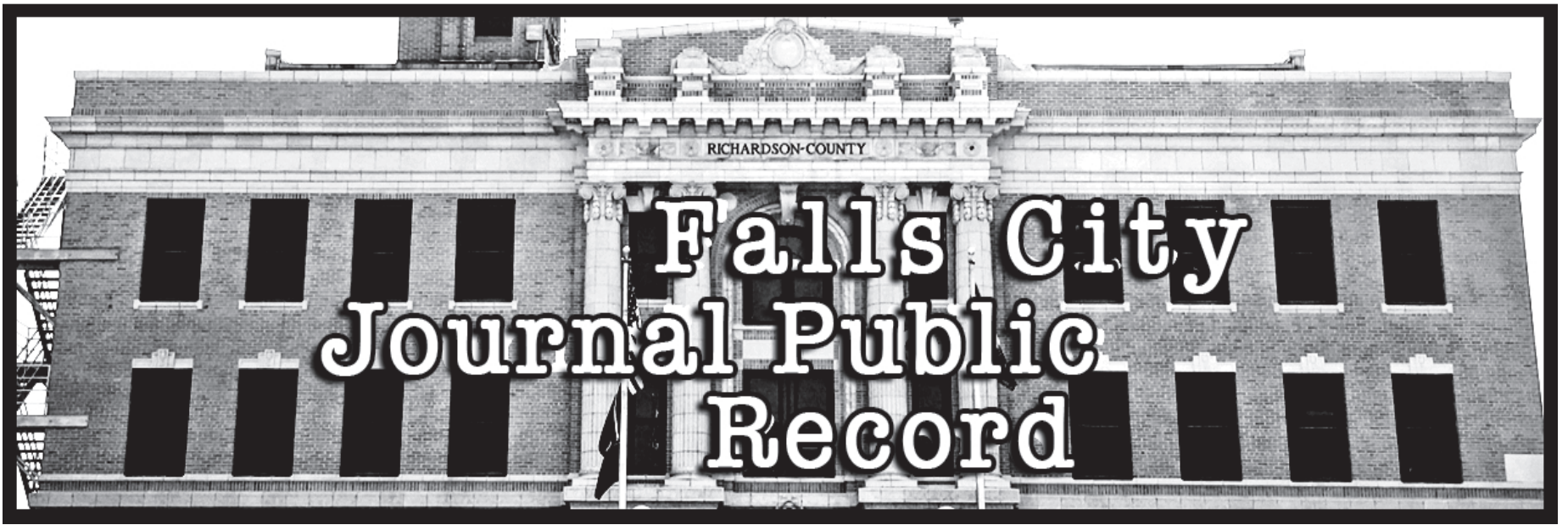
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CITATIONS

Joshua Florentine of Hiawatha, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Keith Frederick of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Betty Maze of Hiawatha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Alejandro Vega of Hurst, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Shiley)

Oswaldo Mendez Chaparro of Spring, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Novak)

Heather Krantz of Bellevue, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use child passenger restraint, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Mykiah Nelson of Humble, TX, count one, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs; count three, dropped/dissmised. (Novak)

Madyson McGill of Kansas City, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Juan Medina-Dominquez of Paoli, OK, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Anderson)

Kishor Karki of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Tyler Miller of Topeka, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty,

found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

John Nogowski of Tallahassee, FL, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Luis Pineda-Lopez of Tulsa, OK, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Shiley)

Matthew Aldrine of Topeka, count one, violate no passing zone, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Anderson)

Jack Zenz of Pioneer, OH, count one, CMV-marking 390.21(A), plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, CMV-brake general 396.3 (A) (1), plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count three, CMV-HOS long none 395.8(A)(1), plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Franks)

Rome West of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Harley Sutton of Verdon, count one, drive left of center, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Shiley)

Kelsey Burton of Lawrence, KS, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Deanna Williams of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Stacey Webb of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Kaedyn Courtney, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

Jose Soto of Omaha, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Jose Soto of Omaha, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Anderson)

Jimmy Cardenas of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Cheek)

Clayton Walker of North Richland H, Texas, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court

costs. (Holliday)
Randy Dix of Olathe, KS, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Anderson)

Robin Vanhove of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Erick Espinoza of Dallas, TX, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

Gonzalez Huerta of Cape Girardeau, MO, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

Craig Murphy of Tulsa, OK, count one, fail to use child passenger restraint, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ractliffe)

Maximiliano Uriel of Wheaton, MN, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Kade Cook of Ashland, NE, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Gooch)

Jeffrey Dierberger of Lincoln, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Kristin Stanfill of Topeka, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Gorje Salinas of Omaha, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined

\$25 and court costs. (Anderson)

Tyler Johnson of Pawnee City, count one, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Brandon Hudson of Bennington, NE, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Shiley)

Mayra Orna of Dallas TX, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Mason Wurtele of Falls City, count one, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, fail to use child passenger restraint, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ractliffe)

Robin Fricke of Lake Lotawana, MO, count one, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Sebastian Velasco of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

DISTRICT COURT
Rylee J. Ralston, count

one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing scheduled for September 3, 2024.

Shelby G. Watkins, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, amended to theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 1, 2024.

Amanda R. Morriss, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing scheduled for October 1, 2024.

Raymond D. Scarberry, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, amended to attempt of a 3 or 3A felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing scheduled for October 8, 2024.

Terry L. Alexander, count one, possess money while violate 28-416(1), plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 8, 2024.

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Glory Days; Sacred Heart's first baseball team

By Brian McKim

In this week's column, I'm going to explore the Sacred Heart Irish baseball teams from 1968 and 1969. That's right, Sacred Heart ran nine men onto the diamond long before we had the Tiger baseball team. The baseball season ran in conjunction with Sacred Heart's track, tennis and golf seasons. Crazy right?

In year one of the program, SH made it to the Class B District final before their season ended. The following season wasn't so kind to the Irish as they fell in round one of District play and finished the season with just one win. The following spring, in 1970, it was announced that the program would be discontinued.

In the March 26, 1968, Falls City Journal, it was announced that SH would field a ball club and be coached by Don Armstrong. Scheduling was tricky, and the Irish opened the year with only four games on tap, not including districts. The team consisted of four seniors, Bill Hill, Mike Gibson, Mike Schlosser and Dick Hall. The juniors

were Jim Bauman, Charles Guilliams, Don Sells, Tom Hill and Jim Olberding. Sophomores on the squad were Rick Santo, Steve Bird, Bob Olberding, Phil Aitken, Bill Hoy, Tony Ahern, Jim Hines, John O'Grady and Dave Snider, and freshmen included Dan Bird and Pat Hoy.

Due to poor spring weather, Sacred Heart's season opener was on Saturday, April 27. SH dropped both games of a doubleheader against Ralston, 1-2 and 0-11.

In game one, the contest was tied at 1-1 in the sixth when Ralston plated a run against Irish pitcher Bill Hill to get the 2-1 win. Hill struck out eight batters and walked three in the loss. In the seventh inning of game one, Tony Ahern was struck by a pitch in the head and had his day come to a close. SH's only run came in the fourth when Bob Olberding singled home Hill to make it 1-1.

Game two was an entirely different story as the Irish fell 0-11 in 4 1/2 innings. The Irish fell to 0-3 on April 29 when they lost to Elmwood 8-5 at City Park. Tom Hill took the loss, allowing four hits and six runs in 2 1/3 innings. Bill Hoy, Tom Hill, Phil Aitken and Jim Olberding all singled in the loss.

On Wednesday, May 1, the Irish earned the program's first win, 7-6 in extra innings over Johnson. With the score tied at 7-7 in the eighth, Mike Gibson reached base after getting hit by a pitch. Gibson moved to third on a bad pickoff attempt and a wild pitch. He slid across home plate, scoring the game-winning run on a squeeze bunt attempt. Hoy got the win, pitching 7 2/3 innings, allowing

six hits, three runs and struck out four.

SH picked up another victory the following day, defeating Adams 6-4. With the game tied at 4-4 in the seventh, Bob Olberding walked, Gibson reached on an error, and Bill Hoy came through with a two-run single to give the Irish the win.

Bill Hill earned the win, throwing 4 2/3 innings, surrendering three hits, one run, two walks and striking out nine.

The Irish made it three in a row on May 10, earning a 5-0 shutout win against Adams in the first round of the Class B Districts.

Don Sells scored the first run of the game. Sells reached after getting plunked and scored on a Dick Hall single. It was all the runs the Irish would need. Bill Hoy and Tom Hill each added singles and Hill drove in three runs.

The Irish moved on to the district finals with a 15-2 win over Sutton. Gibson added two hits and two RBI, Jim Olberding went 2-4 at the plate, and Tom Hill went 3-4 with four RBI. Bill Hill got the win, throwing five innings, allowing

two hits, and two runs, while striking out nine.

SH ran out of gas in the finals, falling to Norris 8-3. Tom Hill launched a three-run blast over the left field fence in the first inning to account for all of Sacred Heart's runs. Hill finished the game 2-3 with the HR and three RBI. SH fielders committed eight errors in the loss.

Year two was not so kind to the Irish. SH fell to Johnson-Brock 11-3 in the season opener. Trailing 6-0 in the fourth, Bill Hoy slammed a HR driving in Phil Aitken to make it 6-2. The game's final run for SH came when Bill Simon hit a sac fly, scoring Tom Hill and making the final 11-3.

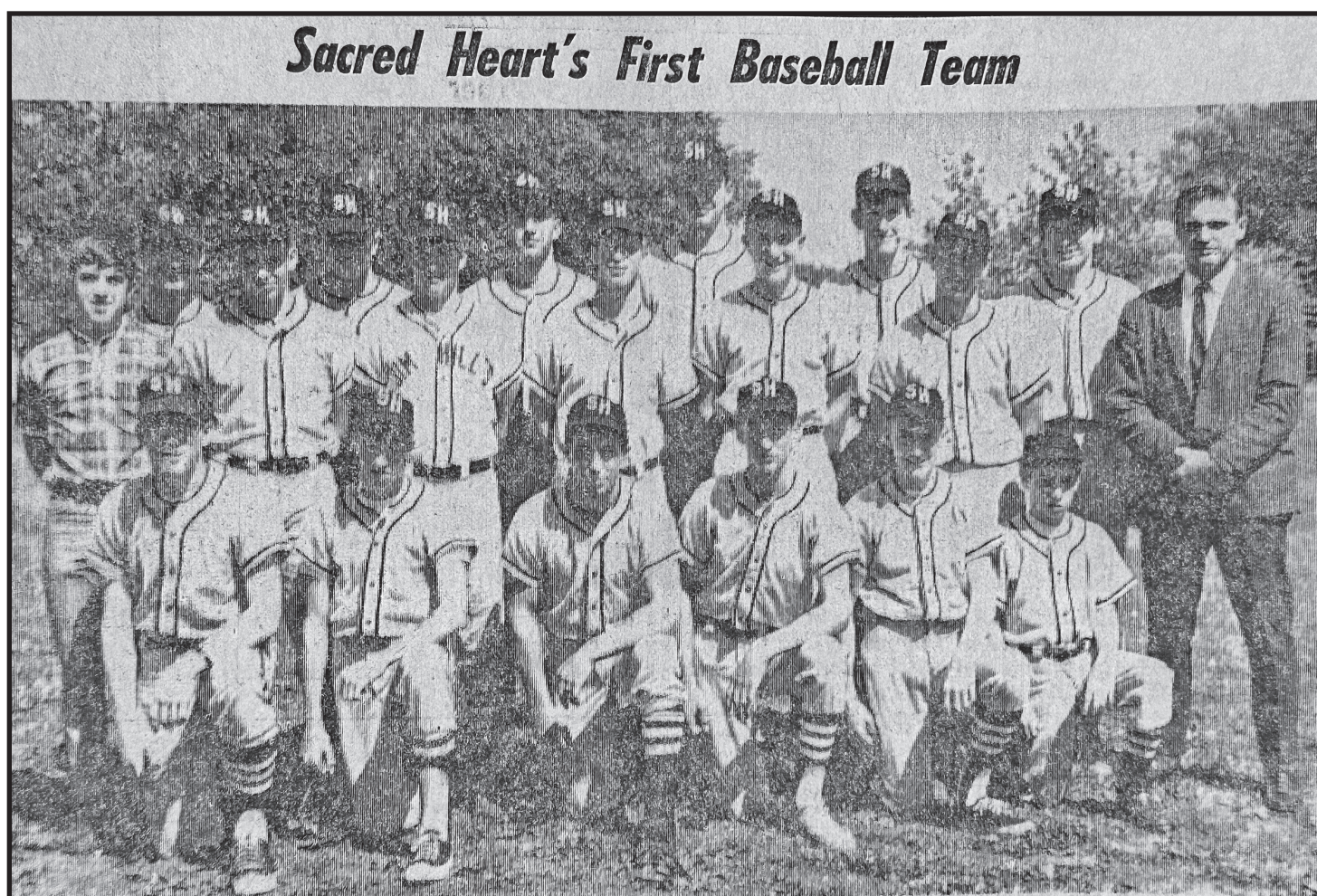
On April 21, 1969, SH defeated Adams 3-1. The Irish rallied in the sixth for two runs to earn the win. Hoy got the win on the mound, going seven innings, allowing eight hits and one run while striking out seven.

SH fell to Johnson-Brock again three days later, this time 9-4. The Irish trailed 3-0 in the third inning when Bill Dunbar walked, Aitken doubled, and Hoy singled to make it 3-2—Hoy later scored on an error to tie the contest at three. In the sixth, Simon singled and later scored on a Steve Huffles base hit to make the final 9-4. Ron Rathbone of Johnson-Brock went 1-3 with an RBI and two runs scored.

The Irish fell to 1-3 on April 28, with a 7-5 loss at Sterling. The Irish left 14 runners stranded on base in the loss. The Irish loaded the bases twice and couldn't push a run across the plate in the loss. Hoy went 2-4, Hill was 2-4, and Aitken was 1-3 with two RBI.

Sacred Heart's season ended on May 23 in the first round of the Class B District with a 10-7 loss to Murdock. SH led 1-0 after one inning and 3-0 after three, but Murdock fought back for five runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth to take a 7-3 lead. The Irish rallied in the seventh for two runs but left two runners on base as the game ended. Third baseman Bob Olberding pounded a single and double to lead the Irish. Right fielder Dave Snider added two singles, and Mike Hoy and Jim Olberding each singled.

The following spring, it was announced that the baseball program would be discontinued.



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10am -- Dollar Fresh Watermelon Eating Contest 1700 Stone Street
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12pm -- First United Methodist Church Lunch 1700 Harlan Street
1pm -- Hot Wheels Races 1800 Stone Street
1-10pm -- Sam's Amusements Stone Street
1:30pm -- Dodgeball Tournament Prichard Auditorium
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Drug Enforcement Administration recommends including conversations on dangers of drugs in back-to-school routines

Students across Nebraska are returning to school this month and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Omaha Division is reminding families to make time for conversations about the unintended consequences of drug experimentation before kids head out the door for a new year of learning.

Fentanyl and methamphetamine remain the top two drugs seized by DEA investigators in Nebraska. Mexican cartels, namely CJNG and Sinaloa, continue to press pills designed to look like common prescription medications such as Xanax®, Adderall® and Oxycodone®. These fake pills so closely resemble legitimate prescription medications that it is nearly impossible to tell the difference between a fentanyl pill and a pharmaceutical. DEA laboratory testing indicates that seven out of every 10 fake pills seized by the DEA contain a lethal dose, two milligrams, of fentanyl. The only safe medication is one prescribed specifically to you by a trusted medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.

Methamphetamine is not commonly found at the grade school level, although DEA seizures of the stimulant have been trending upward in Nebraska for five years. Members of law enforcement have seen methamphetamine in crystal, powder and pill form.

Vaping and marijuana use among youth remain topics of concern. According to the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, among adolescents aged 12-17 who used marijuana in the past year, more than half vaped marijuana, followed by about one-third who ate or drank marijuana. Families are encouraged to talk about the harmful side effects of vaping while also addressing the consequences of ingesting marijuana edibles.

"A lot of parents often wonder if their kids are listening when they talk," DEA Omaha Division Special Agent in Charge Steven T. Bell said. "The truth is, they are. Sit down as a family and talk about the life-altering effects of drugs and the damage they cause to the developing brain, heart and lungs. Your conversation could save a loved one from putting themselves in a dangerous situation."

For more information on how to talk about the dangers of drugs, visit www.JustThinkTwice.gov or www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.gov.

August is Make-a-Will Month, time to plan your legacy

One of the most exciting things we can do for the places we love is make a planned gift.

Exciting might not be the first word we associate with making a will, which is the simplest and most common way to make a charitable planned gift, but bear with me for a moment. Planning your estate offers a poignant opportunity to examine your passions and values. When we sit down to decide what causes are important enough to be included in our legacy, the stakes become a bit higher. We catalog our lives, the milestone moments, the people and places that shaped us, and the organizations that enhance our lives. Through this process, we come to understand what gives us purpose.

My parents, Ardis and John, found purpose and support in Red Cloud, Nebraska. They had six children, and learned quickly that they had an entire village to help raise us. They did the same for other families; my mother was a teacher, and my father farmed and owned a small business. Both were committed community members who gave freely of their time and talents in their lifetimes. They are now both deceased, but their legacy in Red Cloud continues through their estate gifts.

Many Nebraskans feel the same way, in fact we know of hundreds of generous Nebraskans who have made charitable planned gifts to benefit their hometowns, too. Tim and Judy Lichti of Shickley crafted their estate plans to reflect their gratitude to the community. Around the time the town was established in the late 1800s, Tim's great-grandfather migrated to the area from Colorado and started a family. The Lichti name became regionally known in the 1950s, when Tim's father and uncle started a retail oil and gas company, Lichti Bros Oil. Tim and Judy feel endlessly thankful for everything Shickley has given to them, from business success to outstanding education to deep friendships, which is why they decided on a planned gift as one avenue of saying thank you. Their gift will go to Shickley Community Foundation Fund's unrestricted endowment, empowering future generations to continue the work of volunteers who came before.

Don and Judy Brockmeier in Eustis feel the same way. The couple have deep roots in the area and helped establish their affiliated fund, the Eustis Area Community Foundation Fund (EACFF). The Brockmeiers' commitment to their community and future generations will continue into the foreseeable future. That enduring impact won't just come from the many gifts they've made over the years, but also from their planned gifts to benefit the EACFF unrestricted endowment. The couple have designated both EACFF and Nebraska Community Foundation as beneficiaries on multiple financial accounts. For them, it's a matter of paying it forward.

August is Make-a-Will Month and a perfect opportunity to evaluate what matters most to us and how we want those values to influence our communities after we're gone. It's an opportunity more of us need to take advantage of, as only 32% of Americans have a will, according to Caring.com's 2024 Wills and Estate Planning Survey. With a will, you decide how to use your estate to ensure your family's security and hometown's future. Many Nebraskans are beginning to treat their communities as another member of their family, recognizing the essential role the places we call home have in improving quality of life – in creating the margin of excellence that makes our hometowns places we love, not just places we live.

Over the next 10 years in Nebraska, more than \$100 billion will transfer from one generation to the next. Charitable gift planning is one of the simplest, most impactful ways to ensure a portion of the multi-billion-dollar transfer of wealth remains in your hometown or the community you love. Nebraska Community Foundation suggests leaving 5% of one's assets to local charitable causes. If everyone left just 5%, it would equate to \$5 billion statewide in the next decade. These charitable resources could be used to further community and economic development, better local quality-of-life and improve our state for the next generation who call it home.

If you're new to estate planning, Nebraska Community Foundation has extensive (and free!) resources to help you familiarize yourself with the many ways to make a charitable planned gift, some of which come with tax-wise benefits. Visit www.fivetothrivene.org, or contact our Director of Gift Planning Todd Mekelburg (tmekelburg@nebcommfound.org) to learn more about how you can create your own legacy in the place you love.

Jeff Yost is president and CEO of Nebraska Community Foundation. Learn more about NCF's work at NebraskaHometown.org.

OBITUARIES

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(CHECK ONLINE FOR LATE OBITUARIES THAT DIDN'T MAKE THIS WEEK'S PRINT EDITION)

David Hall

David Hall, 69, of Falls City, NE, passed away August 9, 2024 at Falls City. He was born August 28, 1954 at Falls City to Jesse and Barbara (Lundsford) Hall.

He married Jeanette Lock in November of 1975 at Falls City; they divorced in 1996.

David was raised at Falls City and attended Falls City High School. Following his schooling, he had various jobs in the area until moving to Halam, NE and working for ALCO. He later became a Direct Support Professional at Beatrice Developmental

Center and then a security guard at Doctor John's. He retired due to his health.

David is survived by his children, Shannon Hall of Lincoln, Kyle Hall of Wilbur, sister, Ranea Spicer of Hiawatha, KS, step-mother, Carolyn Hall of Ottawa, KS, step-sisters, Ginny Hoskins of Holton, KS, Robyn Simpson of Topeka, KS, eight grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, five sisters and a granddaughter, Ellece Hall.

A Celebration of Life is pending.

Marguerite Packett

Marguerite Packett, 76, of Falls City, NE, passed away August 14, 2024 at Falls City. She was born February 10, 1948 at Falls City to William and Wanda (Sisk) Rhodd.

She married Patrick Packett on December 23, 1969 at Falls City.

Marguerite was raised at White Cloud, KS. She was employed at various nursing homes, starting out as a CNA and then becoming the housekeeping and laundry supervisor at Ketter Manor and Midland Villa Nursing Home. She retired in 1999 due to a work injury. She enjoyed playing bingo, the casino, her grandkids and great-grandkids and loved

to help people. She was a member of the First Brethren Church and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Marguerite is survived by her husband, Patrick of Falls City, son, Patrick of Falls City, daughter, Brenda Lunsford and her husband John of White Cloud, KS sister, Wanda Craig of Falls City, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Joseph, grandson, J. D. Lunsford, brothers, Ronnie and Jerry Rhodd and a sister, Georgia Rhodd.

Marguerite has been cremated and no services will be held at this time.

The office of Falls City Journal closed in observance of Labor Day

The Falls City Journal office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day. The deadline for the September 4 paper will be Thursday, August 29 by 1:00 p.m. No exceptions, the paper will be sent early for printing so please plan ahead.

The Falls City Journal office will be closed on Friday, September 13, 2024. The deadline for the September 18 paper will be Thursday, September 12 by 1:00 p.m.

The Journal office will operate on a "flex schedule," for the foreseeable future. Some afternoons the office may need to close early if staff needs to be away for appointments, meetings or events or we may step away for periods of time in the morning and return later. We will always be reachable by email, you can find our emails on page two of this or any paper.

Thank you for understanding.

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League results for Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Team 1 (4.00) Ebel, Ron 42-38; Foster, Tim 46-36. Team 6 (4.00) Heinzelman, Denny 44-35; Simon, Mike 55-40.

Team 2 (7.50) Daake, Brian 44-37; Hillyard, Mark 44-35. Team 5 (0.50) Borg, Dave 44-38; Hankins, Dan 49-39.

Team 3 (8.00) Simon, Dan 39-35; May, Mark 42-31. Team 4 (0.00) Hays, Gary 42-38; Vonseggen, Bill 53-41.

Team 7 (4.00) Kopf, Tom 51-42; Bennett, Chuck 46-34. Team 8 (4.00) James, Charles 45-37; Mullins, James 50-38.

Late League results for Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Team 1 (7.50) Dunn, Joe 41-40; Malone, Kevin 49-40; Merz, Mitch 60-33. Team 7 (2.50) Siel, Jake 43-40; Aitken, Bob 46-38; Hillyard, Mark 63-54.

Team 2 (5.00) Gilkerson, Keith, 49-41; Chesnut, Justin 44-36; Witt, Bailey 61-41. Team 6 (5.00) Witt, Tom 44-40; Froeschl, Ethan 52-44; Buckminster, Blake 50-32.

Team 3 (0.00) Ebel, Ron 44-40; Poppe, Brian 49-42; Jordening, Ron

54-41. Team 5 (10.00) Scheitel, Trent 36-33; Ferguson, Don 45-37; Malcolm, Terry 47-35.

Team 8 (5.50) Kirkendall, Jeremy 38-35; Kurpgeleit, Lee 44-36; Witt, Rich 48-36. Team 19 (4.50) Borg, Dave 43-37; Hill, Dan 42-34; Schawang, Cade 46-36.

Team 9 (8.50) Simon, Dan 43-40; Harmon, Galen 48-38; Gooch, Blake 44-31. Team 18 (1.50) Froeschl, Nathan 48-40; Heckenlively, Tim 48-38; Waller, Doug 54-37.

Team 10 (2.50) Gist, Dick 44-39; Witt, Weston 45-38; Craig, Robbie 51-35. Team 17 (7.50) Hullman, Ben 43-37; Craig, Jake 49-37; Dunn, Mike 53-38.

Team 11 (6.50) Davis, Darin 41-36; Hankins, Dan 50-41; Keithley, Alex 67-40. Team 16 (3.50) Gist, Thomas 47-41; Schawang, Cody 50-42; Froeschl, Joe 46-37.

Team 12 (9.50) VanDyke, Kyle 44-35; Witt, Wade 46-34; Scheitel, Lane 52-36. Team 15 (0.50) Daake, Brian 41-36; Godemann, Ted 55-44; Morris, Adam (F).

Team 13 (8.00) Gerweck, Rob 40-34; Courtney, Justin 48-37; May, Mark 41-30. Team 14 (2.00) Anderson, Dusty 42-38; Froeschl, Lucas 47-41; Steele, Brendan 55-35.

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Wednesday, August 21
Taco Bowl, Cornbread, Corn, Pears, Refried Beans, Milk
Thursday, August 22
Beefburger, Tat Tots, Mixed Veggies, Applesauce, Milk
Friday, August 23
Pizza, Green beans, Mixed Fruit, Cookie, Milk
Monday, August 26
Spaghetti, Corn, Pineapple, Cheese Bread, Milk
Tuesday, August 27
BBQ Rib Sandwich, Peas, Peaches, Cookie Bar, Milk

HTRS Titans

Wednesday, August 21
Taco Salad, Lettuce, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk
Thursday, August 22
Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Dinner Roll, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk
Friday, August 23
Pulled pork/Bun, Hot Vegetable, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk
Monday, August 26
Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk
Tuesday, August 27
Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Hot Vegetable, Milk

Falls City Public Schools

Wednesday, August 21
North & South School: Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple, Breadstick, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Peaches, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Chicken Quesadilla, Curly Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk
Thursday, August 22
North & South School: Pancakes, Yogurt, Sausage Patty, Hash Brown Patty, Dragon Punch, Pears, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Lettuce Salad, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Chicken Monte Carlo Sandwich, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Pizza Slice, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk
Friday, August 23
North & South School: Cheeseburger, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mr. Kraft Special: Stromboli, Hash Browns, Broccoli, Pineapple, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Pig in a Blanket, Sweet Potato Fries, California Vegetables, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Cheeseburger Sandwich, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk
Monday, August 26
North & South School: Chicken Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Apple Juice, Biscuit, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Peach Cup, Biscuit, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Fruit Cup, Biscuit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Pepperoni French Bread, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk
Tuesday, August 27
North & South School: Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Green Beans, Wango Mango, Pears, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Green Beans, Pears, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Corn, Strawberries, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** BBQ Wings, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

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Mosquito numbers in Nebraska jumped this summer. It's likely going to get worse in the future.

By Nancy Gaarder
Flatwater Free Press

Bob Decker thought he'd get an early start on golf one morning this summer when he headed to Omaha's Steve Hogan Golf Course.

Instead, he ended up providing swarms of mosquitoes their breakfast, lunch and dinner during his round at the nine-hole course.

"I was slapping mosquitoes off my legs the whole time," he said. "Thus the reason for my poor score ..."

Decker wasn't imagining things. Compared to last year, mosquito numbers have jumped significantly across Nebraska, nearly doubling in mid-July. What many people see as a pesky nuisance though, could carry serious consequences, particularly as Nebraska moves into peak season for the mosquito-borne West Nile virus.

The numbers have drawn concern from public health officials. But the future poses more cause for alarm.

Human-caused climate change is extending the season and range of mosquitoes globally. The world's deadliest animal, mosquitoes are feared for the diseases they spread in tropical regions. But even places like Nebraska provide a fertile home for certain disease-bearing species. And there are expectations that will worsen.

"If we're talking climate change, obviously it plays a role in mosquito numbers," said Justin Frederick, deputy health director of the Douglas County Health Department. "The warmer the climate gets, the more we see these viruses spreading."

This year, the number of mosquitoes captured in traps in Nebraska is 66% higher than last year and remains above the five-year average, according to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Mid-July, numbers spiked about 90%, according to the state.

The numbers matter because mosquitoes, along with ticks, can carry debilitating, even fatal diseases, said Jody Green, an urban entomologist and extension educator with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Douglas and Sarpy counties.

"These two are really important, these are two things that can make people sick – they can really impact the health of Nebraskans," she said. "It's an important story, it's the reason I have this job. I can help save people's lives, I can help protect their health."

The top concern with mosquitoes in Nebraska is West Nile virus, but the state is monitoring for other dangerous mosquito-borne viruses given their potential to migrate into the state.

Most people who contract West Nile don't realize it. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 70% to 80% of people with West Nile show no symptoms.

But in a small number of cases it can be fatal. Of the 2,566 cases reported nationally in 2023, 1,840 required hospitalization and 182 died, according to the CDC.

Omaha resident Jenna Everhart still mourns the loss of her friend Crystine Dozier, who was immunocompromised and died from West Nile in 2020. Everhart said she no longer spends as much time outdoors during the summer.

"You don't think about a mosquito being able to kill you until it happens to someone you know," she said.

This year, the culex mosquito, the species responsible for West Nile virus, showed up in the Omaha area in June, much earlier than the typical timeframe of mid to late August, Frederick said. Douglas County also in June saw the state's first documented case of West Nile for the year.

As of the week ending Aug. 3, Nebraska has seen 14 reported instances of people contracting West Nile. Of those, eight required hospitalization.

Statewide, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services considers the current threat of West Nile to be moderate, but high in southeast and northern Nebraska.

Mosquito-borne viruses have been in the headlines in Nebraska in recent years. Public health officials mounted concerted extermination campaigns after Aedes aegypti, a species native to tropical regions, was discovered in traps in York in 2019 and Fairbury in 2020.

Because this type of tropical mosquito can spread illnesses such as chikungunya, dengue, Zika and yellow fever, officials moved quickly to eradicate it. The species has not been found in Nebraska since then, "so there's no need to panic," Green said.

In July, Douglas County recorded the presence of Jamestown Canyon virus for the first time in state history. The mosquito-borne virus is often mild, but it can cause serious illness, including inflammation of the brain and

spinal cord.

Nebraska's recent string of generally wet years and its trend toward warmer than average years has given it a taste of how climate change can fuel mosquito populations.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, studies show that in a warming world, mosquitoes mature and reproduce faster, bite more and incubate diseases more easily.

Researchers theorize that wetter than average weather in Nebraska contributed to the introduction and survival of Aedes aegypti in York five years ago.

Research also has found a correlation between alternating wet and dry spells with West Nile outbreaks.

That wet-dry pattern was suspected of contributing to Nebraska's spike in West Nile cases in 2018. That year, Nebraska was among the handful of states leading the nation in West Nile cases. Thirteen people died from the virus, 113 were hospitalized and a total of 251 were confirmed infected, according to the state.

In general, the Great Plains – known for extreme fluctuations in weather – has the nation's highest incidence of West Nile, when adjusted for population, according to the CDC.

Officials stressed the importance of monitoring for mosquito-borne illnesses, which involves state and local governments setting traps and analyzing the insects collected.

Green credited surveillance efforts with discovering the presence of Aedes aegypti in 2019 and 2020.

Frederick said the discovery of the Jamestown virus was made possible by extra funding that allowed public health officials to test for the virus. The type of mosquito that carries the virus was known to exist in Nebraska, but the virus itself was a surprise, he said. It was found in a trap in Lake Cunningham.

None of the tests elsewhere in the state have found the Jamestown virus and no human cases have been reported, according to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Knowing that the virus is present is important, Frederick said, because it can help doctors understand why a patient is ill.

Whether it's West Nile, the Jamestown virus or some other potential illness, Green said the best solution is to avoid getting bitten. Drain standing pools of water; wear long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks; keep your shirt tucked into your pants; use EPA-approved mosquito repellents; and if you are out on the deck or patio, turn on an oscillating fan so mosquitoes can't land on you.

For her part, Everhart says she wishes that researchers could come up with a "quick fix" so that mosquitoes aren't a threat.

"I was a very outdoorsy person," she said. "I'm hypersensitive to mosquitoes, and I feel like I can't do anything fun outside anymore."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF SALEM

Village of Salem
August 6, 2024

The Salem Village Board met on August 6, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Chairperson Strauch opened the meeting with Wessel, Kean, and Catlin answering roll. Vogele was absent.

The new Open Meeting sign was acknowledged.

Water operator McHenry reported that the state would be in Salem on Monday, August 12, for the annual sanitary survey. Water customers are reminded to complete and return their lead service line survey. Surveys may be dropped in the box at the Community Building.

Wessel discussed with the board about serving a hunter's breakfast during deer hunting season this fall. All proceeds would go to repairs for the Community Building. More information will follow.

Wessel also discussed information about possible grants that may be available for the needed repairs of the Community Building.

Wessel moved to update the sink in the Community Building. Motion seconded by Strauch. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, and Catlin all voting yes. Vogele was absent.

Claims were presented for payment. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, and Wessel voting yes. Catlin abstained; Vogele was absent.

A motion was made by Kean, seconded by Catlin to move the September meeting to September 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried, Kean, Catlin, Wessel, and Strauch voting yes. Vogele absent. The Budget hearing will follow the regular meeting.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:42, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Wessel, Kean, Catlin, and Strauch voted yes. Vogele absent.

The next meeting will be September 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

CLAIMS AUGUST 2024

OPPD (utility) 497.66 general
66.00 Combl 85.24 FRHL 33.92
Street 312.50

Robert McHenry (water operator salary) 700.00 water
Ne Public Health Laboratory (water testing) 15.00 water

Village of Salem/Water Fund (transfer to water) 400.00 general
Richardson Co RWD#2 (purchased water for sale) 2317.96 water

League of NE Municipalities (dues) 250.00 general
Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging (dues) 55.00 general
Schendel Pest Control (service) 77.00 Comb! 30.00 FRHL 47.00

Brad Catlin (mowing) 440.00 street

Davis Plumbing (water repair and service line) 2413.12 water
Stateline Propane (prepay contract) 2771.80 FRHL 1385.90
Cambi 1385.90

Carolyn Glathar (Clerk salary) 500.00 general 200.00 street
200.00 water 100.00

Jon Kean (tractor fuel) 16.00
Cemetery Expenses
Bosselman Pump and Pantry
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DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting - Monday, August 12, 2024 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. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS
3. PATRON COMMENT
4. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to accept passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Neal Kanel. Year: 6, Nay: 0
4.1. Meeting Minutes
4.2. Bills for Payment
4.3. Review Treasurer's report
5. REPORTS

5.1. Principal Caniglia - Principal Caniglia discussed new classes for the year, upcoming activities, replacing fitness equipment and up-

coming enrollment counts.

5.2. Principal Standerford - Principal Standerford discussed upcoming assessments, curriculum and the new staff.

5.3. NASB Report - Neal Kanel

5.4. Committee Reports

Discussed moving forward with replacing the condensers on the North side of the building and working to improve the football field parking lot

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1. Approve board member's leave of absence

6.2. ALICAP Insurance Renewal
Motion to approve passed with a motion by Kyle Hilgenfeld and a second by Dave Mezger. Year: 6, Nay: 0

6.3. UNL Extension Renewal

Motion to approve the contract with UNL passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Year: 5, Nay: 1

6.4. Calendar Change: Switch the early out day on December 6 to December 13 and have a full day on December 6. Due to 3rd grade field trip to Peru.

Motion to approve passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Year: 6, Nay: 0

6.5. Treadmill Replacement (Lease)

Motion to purchase but table till we have an actual dollar amount to do so by Leah Reyes and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Year: 6, Nay: 0

6.6. Personnel Hires:

Stephanie Schmit - FCS
Michele Wendtlandt - Para
Alayna Thompson - Para
Motion to approve the hires of Stephanie Schmit, Michele Wendtlandt & Alayna Thompson passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Year: 6, Nay: 0

6.7. Personnel Resignations

James Johnson
Motion to accept his resignation passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Neal Kanel.

Year: 6, Nay: 0

6.8. Policies Final Read for Approval.

Motion to approve passed with a motion by Dave Mezger and a second by Mike Kanel. Year: 6, Nay: 0

6.9. Repair of North HVAC Unit-Beatrice Mechanical

Motion to approve the new HVAC on North side passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Year: 6, Nay: 0

7. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT

8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

9. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Chantel Farwell

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Eakes, Eakes Office Solutions 4,141.65

Egansupp, Egan Supply Co...329.06

Esu4, Esu #4..... 280.00

Esu6, Esu #6..... 181.23

Fcsanit, FC Sanitation..... 590.00

Fanknels, Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts & Ziskey, Pc..... 400.00

Farm city, Farm & City Supply 621.11

Unitite, Fiber Platform, Llc. 1,072.46

Marbshoe, George Marburger..... 177.00

Hartpubl, Hartman Publishing 590.58

Homeleas, Hometown Leasing 1,377.80

Hougmiiff, Houghton Miiffin Co 8,240.18

Htrspayr, Htrs Payroll Acct 506,266.90

Hullford, Hullman's Ford-Lincoln 270.00

Humbstan, Humboldt Standard 9.78

Ingw, Ingwersen, Dan 194.57

Woodsp, Jana Anderson 831.25

Kcav, Kansas City Audio-Visual, Inc 28,307.18

Knza, Knza Inc..... 125.00

Kbscho, Ksb School Law .. 1,988.00

Kurita, Kurita America Inc ... 492.48

Magi, Magic-Wrighter, Inc..... 350.00

Malcmary, Malcolm, Mary 951.00

Mcti, Mct, Inc. 3,850.00

Marc, Mid-American Research 4,982.75

Mwival, Mwi, Llc 772.89

Rehabv, National Therapeutic Associates, Inc..... 1,268.00

Ncsa, Ncsa - Nebraska Council Of School Admin..... 435.00

Nextgen, Next Generation In Trucking 300.00

Noredink, Noredink Corp... 3,360.00

Nppd, Nppd 6,294.00

Ontocoll, Ontocoll..... 2,300.00

Pawnhosp, Pawnee County Memorial Hospital 160.00

Pawnrepu, Pawnee Republican 1,213.52

Pawntree, Pawnee True Value..... 202.85

Sappbros, Sapp Bros..... 158.55

Schepest, Schendel Pest Control 144.00

Schomate, School Mate .. 1,594.00

Schospec, School Specialty Llc 77.99

Classroom 2,743.94

Truckcente, Truck Center Companies..... 465.27

Verizon, Verizon Business... 86.94

Windstre, Windstream Nebraska 729.96

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**Estate of William E. Woods, Sr, Deceased
Estate No. PR24-33**

Notice is hereby given that on July 31, 2024, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and Frances Rana Frenzel, whose address is 1207 Chase St., Falls City, NE, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 7, 2024, or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
1700 Stone Street, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Allen Fankhauser, #11239
713 Fourth St.
Humboldt, NE 68376
402-862-2321

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**Case Number CI 24-91
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF BRENDA LEA FLERLAGE**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of AUGUST, 2024, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Brenda Lea Flerlage to Brenda Lea Timothy.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Julie D. Smith, in courtroom no. 302, 1700 Stone St., Falls City, NE on the 1st day of October 2024 at 1:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Brenda Lea Flerlage, to Brenda Lea Timothy.

Brenda L. Flerlage
326 S. Main St.
Rulo, Ne 68431
402-801-1218
14-21-28-4
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF SOS OIL LLC

Notice is hereby given that SOS Oil LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on June 3rd, 2024 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial managers are William Stalder, John Stalder, and Thomas Stalder.

William Stalder, Manager
John Stalder, Manager
Thomas Stalder, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz #12807
Samantha K. Scheitel #26389
1719 Stone Street
P. O. Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-3015

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CJF FARMS LLC

Notice is hereby given that CJF Farms LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on June 16, 2022 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is David Leon Frederick.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Salem, Nebraska as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec 39-2119 et seq R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Salem Village Board, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 10th Day of September~ 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building at which time objections to or recommendations for said Plan be heard.

Carolyn Glathar
Salem Village Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Supervisors of Drainage District No. 7

Time and place of meeting:
August 29, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.,
1719 Stone Street, Falls City,
Nebraska

Meeting Agenda:

1. Announcement of Public Meetings Act;
2. Agenda approval;
3. Approve minutes;
4. Reorganization of the Board of Directors
5. Treasurer's report;
6. Supervisor's report;
7. Request the Auditor of Public Accounts waive the audit requirements;
8. Discussion on ARPA Funds;
9. Approve claims;
10. Discussion of District levee maintenance;
11. Discussion of Litigation;
12. Adoption of proposed budget. Proposed Budget:

Amount needed for operation of the District and for necessary maintenance for the year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.....\$241,858.29

Source of funds:

Funds on hand July 1, 2024, Operating Account\$92,767.89

Estimated unpaid assessments for current and prior years...12,818.62

ARPA Funds.....97,157.00

To be raised by special assessment levied on lands in the District for tax year 2024.....39,114.78
.....\$241,858.29

Dated August 14, 2024.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7 of Richardson County, Nebraska
James Frederick, President
Robert Keller, Secretary

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Falls City, NE 68355
402 245 3015
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E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 office in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the months of July and August:

General Fund -- \$77,943.24/\$55,071.53
Payroll -- \$463,684.07/\$443,725.82
NCECBVI -- \$20,583.20/\$19,121.75
Federal Programs -- \$51,866.90/\$145,204.16

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 pm following the General Fund Budget Hearing at 5:00 p.m., and its Meeting to Establish a Tax Levy Rate at 5:10 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 2301 Dahlke Av-enu, Auburn, Nebraska. The agendas for these meetings are kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.
www.esu4.org
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 7, 2024
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, August 7, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, 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.richardsoncountyne.gov.

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE

Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer and Odys Fields, Assistant Veterans Service Officer met with the Board to review the proposed FY24-25 budget for the department.

COUNTY COURT

Bethany Godemann, County Court Clerk Magistrate met with the Board to review the FY24-25 budget for the County Court office.

EMA & NOXIOUS WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and Noxious Weed Control Superintendent met with the Board to review the FY24-25 budget requests for Emergency Management and the

PUBLIC HEARING

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for a public hearing to receive comment from the public regarding the fair market value of county owned real described as follows: A parcel of land being in the NW ¼ of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 16 east of the 6th p.m. Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the north ¼ corner of said section 14, (bearing S87°02'29" W (assumed bearing) on the north line of said NW ¼, 655.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence S32°29'38" E, 37.93 feet; thence continuing S32°29'38" E 41.82 feet; thence S24°23'17" E, 33.35 feet; thence S08°39'32" E 43.36 feet; thence S09°38'08" W, 50.46 feet; thence S19°36'16" W, 37.04 feet; thence S24°07'48" W, 324.53 feet; thence S59°43'42" W 60.05 feet; thence S70°51'56" W, 51.21 feet; thence S06°44'55" W, 127.31 feet; thence N43°44'40" W, 146.30 feet; thence N76° 32'45" W, 119.27 feet; thence N66°48'42" E, 103.80 feet; thence N06°45'01" W, 61.08 feet; thence N11°54'30" E, 126.48 feet; thence S17°29'01" E, 88.71 feet; thence S82°22'21" E, 44.98 feet; thence S68°01'24" E, 77.71 feet; thence S84°47'4" E, 25.80 feet; thence N75°41'49" E, 23.96 feet; thence N49°30'19" E 53.82 feet; thence N23°48'51" E, 222.11 feet; thence N19°36'16" E, 33.29 feet; thence N09°38'08" E, 44.17 feet; thence N 08°58'37" W, 32.63 feet; thence N24° 23'17" W, 27.63 feet; thence N32°23'32" W, 56.77 feet; thence continuing N32° 23'32" W, 37.89 feet to the north line of said NW ¼; thence N87°02'29" E on said north line, 34.31 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.35 acres.

No interested persons from the public were in attendance at the hearing. Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

QUAD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gloria Hunzeker and Elaine Croston representing the Quad County Historical Society presented to the Board the annual report of the or-

ganization. The organization is requesting the continued funding they have received from Richardson County in the amount of \$5,000.00.

CLERK OF DIST COURT

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court reviewed the budget requests for FY24-25 for the Clerk of District Court office.

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Rob Tichy, County Surveyor reviewed with the Board the FY24-25 budget request for the department.

COUNTY CLERK-REG OF DEEDS-ELECTIONS

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk-Register of Deeds-Election Commissioner reviewed the budget requests for FY24-25 with the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:00 a.m. with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss county legal business and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:15 and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Fee Reports
Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of July, 2024: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$107.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds \$9,860.00; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court \$1,587.00.

OPIOID Settlement with Kroger

The Board received notice that the County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey who is the authorized agent for Richardson County to execute participation and receive funding from the OPIOID Recovery Fund settlement agreements, has executed and returned the settlement package with Kroger.

Correspondence from J.D. Cooper

Correspondence from J. D. Cooper, Humboldt was received and reviewed by the Board.

Allocation of Levy Authority for 2024

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-8 to set the final allocation of the 2024 levy authority for rural fire districts and the Ag Society. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 102)

Other

The change order #2 for the Courthouse roof project with Skyline Construction Co. was signed by Chairman Caverzagie as authorized and approved by the County Board at the July 17, 2024, meeting with Skyline Construction, Inc.

CLAIMS

A 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-absent, 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

American AED, supp364.00
BuckIT, serv7407.20
Child Advocacy Center,
serv1100.00
County Treasurer, tax2027.42
Culligan, serv11.20
CVSAOAN, reg60.00
Datashield, serv116.50
Falls City Journal, sub50.00
Falls City Utility Dept.,
serv5966.12
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv2147.00
CR24-86 M. Flores, CR23-26 A. Pohlman
Godemann, Bethany, reimb...24.45
Merz Ink, serv72.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service,
serv30.00
Miller Farrell Insurance,
ins26250.00
MIPS, serv3277.10
Microfilm Imaging Systems,
serv110.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv ...945.00
ProServ Business Systems,
serv161.00
Quill, supp285.46
Region V Systems, serv428.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty
Cash, reimb53.05
Richardson County Court,
fee892.00
Richardson County EMA Petty
Cash, reimb364.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty
Cash, reimb123.02
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/
retire/etc24680.54
Scholl Lawn & Landscape,
serv381.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb29.55
Sisco, Emily, serv2000.00
SunnerOne, serv116.00
Tichy Land Survey, serv5100.00
Unitedhealth Group, fee550.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb155.85
Wolfe's Printing, supp170.00
Payroll Expense114511.01
TOTAL GENERAL
FUND\$199,958.47

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv50.00
Falls City Utility Dept.,
serv354.96
Inland Truck Parts, supp ...2625.55
Martin-Marietta Materials,
rock13885.96
NMC, supp614.60
NPPD, serv31.58
Norris Quarries, rock11032.26
O'Reilly Automotive, supp694.70
Powerplan, supp135.44
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp393.94
Salem, Village of, serv22.85
Stateline Propane, serv279.00
Tri-State Truck & Tractor,
supp9.89
Truck Center Companies,
supp358.33
Unifirst, serv56.22
Verdon, Village of, serv34.30
Payroll Expense33141.53
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE
FUND\$63,721.11

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv319.05
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS
P&M FUND\$319.05

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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Larry and Kari Shubert and Family
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Application form and a more complete job description can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 or via email kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com. Submit the application form, cover letter, and resume to Kevin Burnison at kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com or submit a paper copy of the application form, cover letter, and resume, to Kevin Burnison 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 68434 or fax to (785) 742-3785 no later than 2 PM Thursday 9-19-2024. 34-35

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7-12 SCIENCE TEACHER

Humboldt-Table Rock- Steinauer Public School has an immediate opening for a 7-12 Science teacher for Physical Science, Chemistry and Physics. The candidate should have or be eligible for a NE Teacher Certification with the appropriate endorsement. The district is willing to work with an individual student teaching or someone who qualifies for transition to teaching. HTRS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Veterans' Preference. Please email a letter of interest, resume, transcripts & certificate to georgegriffith@htrstians.org or mail to Dr. George Griffith, 810 Central Ave. Humboldt, NE 68376. HTRS is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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PLANNED DATES THE JOURNAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED LOOKING AHEAD

The FC Journal will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. The Deadline for the September 4 paper will be 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 29th.

The FC Journal will be closed on Friday, September 13. The Deadline for the September 18 paper will be 1 p.m on Thursday, September 12.



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Humboldt community embraces Colonial Acres Nursing Home and Assisted Living

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Colonial Acres Nursing Home is open and is vibrantly in business. Broad community support is the resounding message. Witnessing overwhelming public support in two meetings over the last four days in Humboldt, Citizen Committee Chair Ben Steffen Sunday night noted: "There is every reason to believe it will continue to deliver quality care for our family members into the future!"

Colonial Acres Nursing Home witnessed an outpouring of support from concerned area residents beginning last Thursday (8-15-2024) as over 150 attended a meeting at the Humboldt Auditorium called to share information and answer questions.

Acknowledging a post covid cash flow issue exists, a working group from across the community has stepped forward to partner with the Colonial Acres Board of Directors and with the City of Humboldt to meet the challenge.

"Our working group has met and we are developing clear financial support goals and plans for how our community can participate in helping ensure Colonial Acres

continues to move forward on solid footing," said Chairman Ben Steffen.

"We will meet again in the next week and expect to bring more specific plans to the community after gathering more information. We will provide regular updates on our progress and welcome all support."

The Humboldt Area Community Foundation Fund, working within the Nebraska Community Foundation, will be an important conduit for donations. While a formal campaign is being developed, any who wish to write a check today to support this citizen effort to get the CANH over through this hurdle, are encouraged to make a targeted donation via the Humboldt Area Community Foundation Fund in the name of this specific effort. For information on the Foundation, contact Mark Novak, 402-770-8029.

The creation and sustaining of the Colonial Acres Nursing Home has always been a community effort. Community leaders note that this recent tremendous response points to many dedicated individuals working to continue that tradition of commitment.



Pictured from left to right are Post 102's Commander Steve O'Grady, Dave Young, Corbin Cole, Corbin Lenderman and Vice-Commander Larry Fisher. Post 102 Finance Officer Brian Palmer also participated in the ceremony. (Photo by Brian McKim)

Flag retirement ceremony

Several Boy Scouts, along with members of the Falls City American Legion Post 102 and the VFW Auxiliary, disposed of hundreds of American Flags on Saturday night at the Legion Club in Falls City. After a brief ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance, the flags that were deemed un-serviceable were properly disposed of. The Falls City Volunteer Fire Department was on hand to oversee the ceremony.

Nebraska Environmental Trust will open for applications for 2025 grant cycle

The Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) grant cycle for funding year 2025 will open for applications on Monday, July 15, 2024. Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CDT. \$26 million is available for the 2025 grant cycle. The funds, awarded through NET, will support the mission to conserve, enhance, and restore the

natural environments of Nebraska. More information on NET can be found on the NET website (<https://environmental-trust.nebraska.gov>). Who Can Apply/What Qualifies: Individuals, public entities, and private organizations are welcome to apply. There are no restrictions on applicants or project sponsors as long as the project falls within the eligibility criteria (see

links below). Successful grant applications will address one or more of the following categories: habitat, surface and ground water, waste management, air quality, or soil management.

More information on the NET grant process can be found here: <https://environmentaltrust.nebraska.gov/grants/index.html>

A list of frequently asked questions can be found here: <https://environmentaltrust.nebraska.gov/grants/faq.html>

Applications must be submitted through the online grant's portal, located at the following address: <https://environmentaltrustgrants.org/>

NET staff is available to assist applicants. Contact NET at 402-471-5409 or env.trust@nebraska.gov.



Last weekend at the Falls City Country Club, Chaz Dunn took home the Bill Simon Memorial Cup as the Men's Scratch Club Champion. Dunn had rounds of 72 and 73 for a 145 total and his second Club Championship.

The Handicap Championship went to Tom Witt. Witt finished the weekend with rounds of 68 and 68 for a two-day total of 136.

Trent Scheitel took top honors in the Championship Flight, shooting a 70 and 74 for a 144. Witt won the first flight with his 136, Lee Kurpgeweit shot a 70/74 for a 144 to win the Second Flight and Kyle VanDyke had a 68 on Saturday and a 75 on Sunday for a 143 to win the Third Flight. (Pictured above, L-R: Trent Scheitel, Tom Witt, Chaz Dunn, Lee Kurpgeweit and Kyle VanDyke.)

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