



"Home Roots" local art competition winners, from left: Peggy Davidson, first; Pat Deckinger, Best of Show; Patricia Steinman, second and honorable mention; Bev Montgomery, third; back row, honorable mentions Mary Rowan, John Lokke and Diane Merz. Not pictured: Amanda Raitchel.

Local artwork on display until Feb. 11

By Lori Gottula

The Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council held an opening Thursday night Jan. 12 for its latest exhibition titled "Home Roots," a local art competition and show. Thirty people attended the opening at the Stalder Gallery of the Falls City Library and Arts Center. The show will hang until Feb. 11, 2017.

Artist Pat Deckinger of Falls

City won the Best of Show award with her intricate woven piece in the "weaving" medium. She created the work while attending a week-long workshop at the Sievers School of Fiber Arts on Washington Island in Wisconsin. Peggy Davidson won second place for her quilt titled "Seaside Breeze." Third and fourth places went to painters Pat Steinman and Bev Montgomery, respectively. Steinman created an oil-on-canvas painting of an old Falls City landmark, the Rivoli Theater. Montgomery painted a farm scene in acrylics.

Honorable mention awards went to Mary Rowan, Amanda Raitchel, Diane Merz, John Lokke, and Patricia Steinman. Thirty people attended the opening. Curator Christina Wertenberger said, "The council and I were thrilled with the attendance, especially given the cold temperatures outside." She added that she was excited about the quality of the entries, and hoped that more people would stop by to see the show during open library hours.

Wertenberger hung the show with fellow volunteer, Rita Seid. Judges were Peru State College art professors Sheli Peters, and John Paul Gardner.

The show will be open during regular library hours. For more information, call Wertenberger at (402) 245-6034.

Claim settled for \$350,000 BOE votes to replace high school bleachers

District 56 School Superintendent Tim Heckenlively reported that AL-ICAP, the school's risk liability pool insurance carrier, settled a claim filed by Teresa Chandler Pfister for a lump sum payment of \$350,000.

Pfister brought the claim against the school district for an injury she suffered on school property in April of 2014. In related news, the BOE approved a bleacher replacement project at Falls City High's McIntyre-Henderson Field House. The bleachers, which were installed when the gym was built in 1979, will be replaced in May-June of this spring. During the Jan. 9 regular meeting of the District 56 School BOE at the Central Office inside FC Middle School, Carroll Silva with Heartland Seating out of Shawnee, KS, presented information on the new bleachers, which will be electronically powered to open and close, an option not available when the current bleachers were installed nearly 38 years ago. Heartland Seating installed the new bleachers at Middle School, but the BOE, on Heckenlively's recommendation, will wait to award a bid, as the superintendent said he expects another company to present a proposal in the near future.

In other BOE news:

—The Board accepted the resignation of longtime treasurer Eva Stark, who will retire May 31. Mrs. Stark worked for seven different superintendents in 35 years with FCPS and in August 2016 was named "Employee of the Year." Heckenlively reported that he had received no other resignations or notices of retirement thus far in 2017.

—Board members kept the hiring incentive rate for new teachers at \$3,000.

—Richard Malcolm was elected President of the Board for 2017, and June Bowers Vice President.



Stark



Malcolm

—A 2015-2016 Teacher Vacancy Survey was conducted in the fall of 2015 by the Nebraska Department of Education. Shortages in Nebraska include the following areas: Ag education, math, art, school counselors, business, marketing and information technology, school psychologists, early childhood education, science, special education, family and consumer science, speech pathologists, health or physical education, world language, and industrial tech.

"District 56 was fortunate to fill all vacancies in 2016-17 with fully qualified teachers," Heckenlively said.

—The Superintendent annually prepares and distributes to the Board and the general public a written report which includes information required by Rule 10, Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operations of Schools. The Annual Report will be made available to the community through distribution in the *Falls City Journal*.

—The BOE extended Heckenlively's contract for two years.

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Photo by Jason Schock

The Grand Weaver's first floor will soon include a cozy bar area and a coffee house/gift store.

Glaeser not finished at Grand Weaver; adding bar, coffee house

Nine years ago last fall, a standing-room-only crowd filled the first floor of the Stephenson Hotel to get a look-see at the mysterious new kid on the block, a 45-year-old entrepreneur curiously carried in by the summer wind of the Sunshine State to restore the glow and glory of an 83-year-old landmark hotel in Falls City, Nebraska.

It was Oct. 1, 2007. Even Gov. Dave Heineman returned to his birthplace to celebrate "Mitch Glaeser Day." The Gainesville, FL, titan of business and philanthropy, had traveled to Falls City with his parents to finalize the purchase of the hotel at 18th and Stone St., and that of the adjacent

Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library Building, now the home of Kex RX Pharmacy. Glaeser, who parlayed a \$1,000 high school graduation gift into an elderly living facility before his 20th birthday and later struck gold in the yellow pages, was initially pointed in Falls City's direction via a conversation with then-EDGE Director Renee Bauer at the Berkshire Hathaway Annual Shareholders Meeting.

Glaeser vowed to "take this diamond and bring it back to life" and continues to make good on that promise. Nearly two years of extensive

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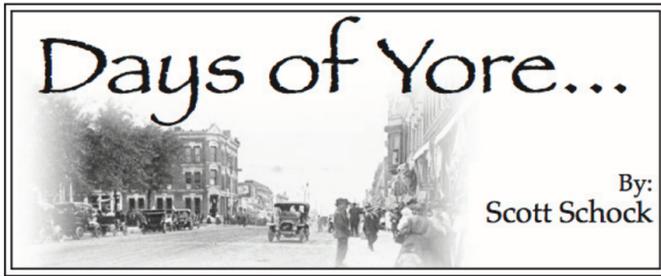


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By:
Scott Schock

50 Years Ago
(Jan. 19-25, 1967)

The *Journal* published a very cute feature about kindergarten teachers and their needed expertise about overshoes and jackets — that is, helping their young charges get into their winter protection. Kids pictured in four photos were: John Martin, Donita Frederick, Stephanie Miller, Sally Mims and Bob Fouraker.

The Falls City Volunteer Firemen were looking for a recruit or two. Approximately 500 persons attended the annual meeting of members of the FC Federal Savings and Loan Association banquet at Prichard Auditorium. Association President Leo F. Nusbaum presided.

Headline: "San Quentin Prisoners Riot; 14 are Injured." (UPI story)
An Illinois driver was fined \$50 for speeding and \$10 for driving on the wrong side of the highway by local Justice of the Peace Harold C. Prichard. The Peru State College student was clocked at 110 mph on Hwy. 67, near Shubert.

Gregory Peck and Sophia Loren were starring in "Arabesque" at the Rivioli. Anita Chilen of Humboldt had returned after a 7-month tour of the world.
A Bill Schock "ear": "The professional footballers finally wind it up this weekend. Any more, the football season is about as late in ending as the Christmas season is early in beginning."

250 area young people attended a dance at the Elks Club. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kirkendall and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Lewis.

Los Angeles (UPI) — Mickey Rooney, seeking to annul his sixth marriage, claimed he could not pay his wife of less than four months the \$845 monthly temporary support she was seeking because he was "deeply in debt."

A court order to prevent the Wenger Pelleting Company from building a new manufacturing plant at 5th and Morton Streets was sought by residents in the neighborhood. The mayor and city council had previously granted the Wenger firm a building permit and construction had already begun.

A new municipal political party was formed in FC. The Action Party was to be chaired by Mayor E.R. (Dick) Baker.

The *Journal* published a picture and story of a pig oddity. The pig, born on the Ronald Schawang farm, northeast of FC, had an extra tail in the middle of its back. The headline writer described it as "an extra fly swatter."

Lincoln (UPI) — The Nebraska Legislature gave preliminary approval to a dollar an hour minimum wage bill, ending years of disappointment and frustration by labor forces.

Douglas K. Bereuter, planning specialist for the Nebraska Division of Resources, proposed that the four southeast Nebraska counties and their incorporated municipalities join in a comprehensive plan for the betterment of the area. Bereuter would go on to become the area's U.S. Congressman. For my money, the best we've ever had.

Headline: "470,000 Troops by End of 1967" in Vietnam. (UPI story)
Firestone announced its 9th annual Farmer Days, with many specials. You could win a live hog for free if you could guess its weight.

25 Years Ago

FC Auction held a two-day sale described as a "whopper." Approximately 2,000 cattle went through the sale rings.

The renovation of the Good News Assembly of God Church, 6th and Reavis, was celebrated with an open house. Two popular performers were pictured: Landon and Larissa, children of Pastor and Mrs. Leonard Reimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Vollmer of Falls City were the parents of a daughter born here Sunday, Jan. 19, 1962. She was named Victoria Christine.

Trenton Lee was the name of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Scheitel, rural FC. Trent was born Jan. 20, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln.

UNL running back Scott Baldwin was arrested and jailed after he accosted a woman in Lincoln. Baldwin was later found to be mentally ill. (AP)

Quick action by FC firemen prevented a fire at the A to Z Pawn Shop, 1817 Stone, from spreading into surrounding businesses and threatening the entire block.

Ken's Pharmacy urged folks to restore the past. They would reproduce black and white photos with quality workmanship at a good price.

A benefit for Michelle Wessel and family at Salem raised more than \$4,500. Michelle had been seriously injured in a car accident.

It was "June in January" in Richardson County, with high temps in the mid- to upper-50s. Photos showed kids at North School "having a ball" at outside recess and mail carrier Mike Pethoud making his rounds in shirt sleeves.

Headline: "Barbara is Bush ace in the hole." (AP story)
Del Sutherland's Athlete of the Week was Gina Wilhelm of Dawson-Verdon.

Roy Myers, 98, a WWI vet, was the honoree at a belated birthday party at Ketter Manor.

The number of Americans under 65 and without health insurance in 1990 was 36 million. (AP story)

The renovation of the Cobblestone Center at 1515 Stone was underway. The building was owned by Tom and Mary Whitehouse.

15 Years Ago

Bill Schock reported that the Volunteer Ambulance Squad had purchased a new ambulance. The Squad had made 337 runs in 2001. The Squad's annual appreciation dinner was held at The Oasis. Dwaine Anno passed the president's gavel to John Koso.

County drivers were very familiar with "deer watch" on area roads and highways. But at Brenner Field, pilot Dr. Stephen Stripe encountered the problem on a runway. When, while landing his Piper Cherokee Six, a deer strolled onto the runway and was struck by the plane. Except for the deer, there were no injuries.

A special birthday celebration was held at Midland Villa for Matilda Zimmerman, one of the state's oldest citizens at 108.

The parking lot at FCHS was being greatly expanded. Work was being done by Steve Johansen and his crew from Johansen Drainage and Tile.

Marketing efforts for the Mickelberry, Inc., facility were underway, said FC Economic Development Coordinator Tracy Brantner.

Jason Schock's Athletes of the Week were Anders Erickson, FCHS wrestler, and Katie O'Grady, a guard for the FCSH Lady Irish.

Ryan Schutte was elected Retail Merchants President. VP was Rex Jones and Mary Whitehouse was secretary/treasurer.

Howard's Grocery of Barada qualified as a "Four Star Dealer." The qualification earned Howard's Grocery recognition for sales excellence and outstanding customer service.



The tone has been set, hang on for the ride

Capitol View
By J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent
Nebraska Press Association

A veteran lobbyist said he has never seen this level of polarization in the Legislature. The longtime Clerk of the Legislature said he couldn't remember lawmakers ignoring the traditional congressional caucus system of choosing committee members. No one can remember a time when a freshman senator won a committee chairmanship — let alone three chairmanships.

These unprecedented moves marked the start of the 105th Legislature and, some say, set the tone for a bumpy ride ahead in a year where setting a new two-year budget is the top priority. The chairs of three key committees will be front and center in that process and they represent what one of the three called anti-establishment or pro-conservative views.

Senator Jim Smith of Papillion will chair the Revenue Committee while Senators John Stinner of Gering and Mike Groene of North Platte will chair Appropriations and Education respectively. Stinner is a successful and conservative banker, Groene is an often-brash critic of school administrators who is best known for making unfiltered remarks. He said the committee chairmanships reflect the mood of the state and the national political scene with non-politician citizens stepping up to run for office.

When one senator attempted to have Lt. Governor Mike Foley — the presiding officer and a member of the executive branch — allow a legislative rule to be defined as unconstitutional, others spoke up. Senator Burke Harr of Omaha, a Democrat in the officially nonpartisan Legislature, called it a separation of powers issue. Fellow Democrat Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln said it was a threat to the successful nonpartisan nature of the Legislature. Still others criticized newly elected Speaker of the Legislature Jim Scheer of Norfolk for not taking the chair and presiding at that point.

Scheer said he sees great challenges and great opportunities in the coming session and will guard the independence of the Legislature as a separate but equal branch of government. He vowed not to be intimidated by any person or group. There are 32 Republicans, 15 Democrats, one Libertarian and one Independent in the officially nonpartisan body. Scheer compared government to a three-legged stool — with executive, legislative and judicial branches — and said all of them must work together.

The thing that wobbled that stool as the Legislature organized itself was the unprecedented election of three true freshmen — senators who have never introduced or voted on a bill — to head committees. Voting with secret ballots — a big deal to some who complained about a lack of transparency — lawmakers started the surprising turn of events by giving the Business and Labor seat to freshman Joni Albrecht of Thurston over the veteran Harr of Omaha. Freshman Justin Wayne of Omaha defeated veteran Sue Crawford of Bellevue to lead the Urban Affairs Committee and freshman Mike Hilgers of Lincoln won the chairmanship of the Rules Committee.

Smith said while the three are new to the legislative process, they have served in elective office or are knowledgeable about government. Veteran Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha — he's been a lawmaker for 41 years — called it an undermining and undercutting of the Legislature for the sake of the Republican Party. Chambers is a registered Independent.

Sen. John Kuehn of Heartwell voted against the adoption of tem-

porary rules that allowed for the traditional secret ballots. Lawmakers have rebuked similar attempts to end the secret ballot in previous sessions. While some breathed a sigh of relief that only four lawmakers voted against the temporary rules, the issue came back during the selection of the last chairmanship.

Kuehn asked for a roll call vote, arguing that the temporary rules were in violation of the state Constitution. Foley ruled that Kuehn's motion was in order. Chambers challenged Foley's ruling, which was overturned and then preached to his colleagues. The 79-year-old senator who people love to hate spoke of seeing all man-

ner of schemes with senators allowing themselves to be used as pawns. He cautioned that their actions would impact the rest of the session.

Other senators said the courts should decide the constitutionality while labeling the argument a threat to the tradition and history of populism: that senators represent the people and their best interests, NOT the political parties.

Imagine putting people before parties. Sounds pretty Nebraskan if you ask me. Keep it up!

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THEME: SUPER BOWL

ACROSS

- Chewing noise
- Unit of work or energy
- Alternative to knit stitch
- Flu symptom
- "We will, we will rock ____"
- The color of some old photos
- Crème de la ____
- Pilot's estimate
- Often-missed humor
- *Team that's never been in Super Bowl
- *Team with most appearances but no wins
- Articulate
- *Washington's Super Bowl MVP, ____ Rypien
- Protestant denom.
- Uncontrollable anger
- Lung pouch
- a.k.a. The Islamic State
- Tibetan monk
- "Semper Fidelis" to U.S. Marines, e.g.
- *Pittsburgh's Super Bowl MVP, ____ Swann
- Jerry Maguire, e.g.
- "For" in Spanish
- Reduce pressure
- Those not in favor
- Larger-than-life
- Seabiscuit's house
- Big top
- "Fat chance!"
- "The Sun ____ Rises"
- Horse poker
- *Companies pay big for it on Super Bowl night
- *One of 4 teams with no appearances
- Sad face
- Girls' night out, in text
- Shipping box
- R2-D2, e.g.
- Container for ashes
- Remove location from IMap
- Singles
- Bird-to-be
- Boris Godunov and Nicholas Romanov-

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- Chlorofluorocarbon
- * ____ Addlerley, appeared in 4 of first 6 Super Bowls
- Last word on walkie-talkie
- Advisories or reminders
- Antebellum
- Windows to the soul?
- Decompose
- Exotic jelly flavor
- ____ wig or ____winkle
- Second word in a fairytale?
- *"The ____ is the thing"
- Big name in chips
- Former Himalayan kingdom
- African antelope
- Part of investment portfolio, acr.
- Reminder of past
- *Suffered 4 consecutive Super Bowl losses
- Heretofore
- Santa Maria's companion
- *She's a Lady
- Tug-of-War prop
- Locker room infection?
- Courtyards
- *Vince Lombardi, e.g.
- Give the cold shoulder
- Casino chip
- Hint of color
- Lamentation
- Freddy Krueger's street
- Popular political promise
- Smooth transition
- Mends a sock
- '70s hairdo
- European "curtain"
- Justice's garb
- Deuces
- Chinatown gang
- Wine country
- Recipe command
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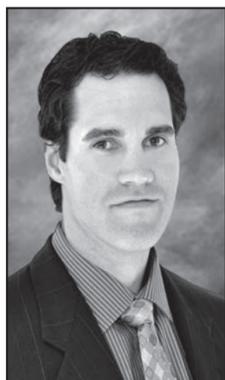
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Playing catch-up with your 401(K) or IRA



Aaron Hill was raised in Falls City; both he and his wife, Jennifer (Santo), are graduates of FC Sacred Heart. Hill went on to Benedictine College in Atchison, where he excelled at basketball (scoring more than 1,000 career points) and earned Bachelor's Degrees in Accounting and Economics. He is a financial advisor at Waddell & Reed, of Kansas City. The Hill's live in Liberty, MO, and have five children: Madelyn, A.J., Natalie, Hayden and Noah.

A recent survey of baby boomers (ages 53 to 69) found that just 24% were confident they would have enough money to last throughout retirement. Forty-five percent had no retirement savings at all, and of those who did have savings, 42% had saved less than \$100,000.1

Your own savings may be on more solid ground, but regardless of your current balance, it's smart to keep it growing. If you're 50 or older, you could benefit by making catch-up contributions to tax-advantaged retirement accounts. You might be surprised by how much your nest egg could grow late in your working career.

Contribution limits: The federal contribution limit in 2016 and 2017 for all IRAs combined is \$5,500, plus a \$1,000 catch-up contribution for those 50 and older, for a total of \$6,500. An extra \$1,000 might not seem like much, but it could make a big difference by the time you're ready to retire (see table). You have until the April 18, 2017, tax filing deadline to make IRA contributions for 2016. The sooner you contribute, the more time the funds will have to pursue potential growth.

The deferral limit in 2016 and 2017 for employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k), 403(b), and most 457(b) plans is \$18,000, plus a \$6,000 catch-up contribution for workers 50 and older, for a total of \$24,000.

However, some employer-sponsored plans may have maximums that are lower than the federal contribution limit. Unlike the case with IRAs, contributions to employer-sponsored plans must be made by the end of the calendar year, so be sure to adjust your contributions early enough in the year to take full advantage of the catch-up opportunity.

The following table shows the amount that a 50-year-old might accrue by age 65 or 70, based on making maximum annual contributions (at current rates) to an IRA or a 401(k) plan:

Potential Savings a 50-Year-Old Could Accumulate		Without Catch-Up	With Catch-Up
IRA	By Age 65	\$128,018	\$151,294
	By Age 70	\$202,321	\$239,106
401(k)	By Age 65	\$418,697	\$558,623
	By Age 70	\$662,141	\$882,854

Example assumes a 6% average annual return. This hypothetical example of mathematical compounding is used for illustrative purposes only and does not represent any specific investment. It assumes contributions are made at end of the calendar year. Rates of return vary over time, particularly for long-term investments. Fees and expenses are not considered and would reduce the performance shown if they were included. Actual results will vary.

Special 403(b) and 457(b) plan rules: 403(b) and 457(b) plans can (but aren't required to) provide their own special catch-up opportunities. The 403(b) special rule, available to participants with at least 15 years of service, may permit an additional \$3,000 annual deferral for up to five years (certain additional limits apply). A participant can use this special rule and the age 50 catch-up rule in the same year. Therefore, a participant eligible for both could contribute up to \$27,000 to his or her 403(b) plan account (the \$18,000 regular deferral limit, plus the \$3,000 special catch-up, plus the \$6,000 age 50 catch-up).

The 457(b) plan special rule allows participants who have not deferred the maximum amount in prior years to contribute up to twice the normal deferral limit (that is, up to \$36,000 in 2016 and 2017) in the three years prior to reaching the plan's normal retirement age. (However, these additional catch-up contributions can't exceed the total of the prior years' unused deferrals.) 457(b) participants who elect to use this special catch-up rule cannot also use the age 50 catch-up rule in the same year.

1 "Boomer Expectations for Retirement 2016," Insured Retirement Institute.

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Falls City Sacred Heart Honor Roll

Falls City Sacred Heart School has announced the following Green and White Honor Roll, for the second quarter and the first semester of the 2016-17 school year:

Green (94-100%)

Second Quarter

7th Grade – Hunter Bauman, Tyler Catlin, Lainey Ebel, Emma Frederick, Taylor Frederick, Nicholas Keithley, Zachary Keithley, Cara Joe Kirkendall, Chloe Knobbe, Emma Littrel, Rachel Magdanz, Lauren Malone, Derek Schawang, Ella Simon, Madison Stamper and Erison Vonderschmidt.

8th Grade – Kyle Bauman, Danielle Bippes, Del Casteel, Jack Fiegener, Dalton Fouraker, Elle Froeschl.

9th Grade – Blake Frederick, Jacob Hoy, Mackensie Nelson, Claire Niemeyer, Lexis Pokorny, Jena Reeves, Luke Schawang, Evi Schock and Jarrot Simon.

10th Grade – Ciara Catlin, Tanner Cromer, Ahren Ebel, Anthony Froeschl, Elizabeth Keithley, Teresa Morehead, Nathan Neddenriep, Chloe Schock, Easton Vonderschmidt and Rande Witt.

11th Grade – Sean Arnold, Joe Bieker, Abby Fiegener, Nate Finck, Robert Hermes, Ryker Hoy, Madison Huppert, Ryan Keithley, Tristan Keithley, Brady Keller, William Morehead, Andrew Neddenriep, Lauren Parrish, Theo Rohrer and Sara Wertemberger.

12th Grade – Aly Bangert, Nora Barker, Alexis Barnes, Bailey Coonce, Megan Crouse, Libby Dunn, Haylee Heits, Jade Hill, Noah Keller, Robert Olberding, Keith Salimo and Thea Schulenberg.

White (91-93%)

Second Quarter

7th Grade – Peyton Doerr, Jacob Froeschl, Jakob Jordan and Brogan Nachtigal.

8th Grade - Calvin Crouse and Claire Davison.

9th Grade - Max Froeschl, Madison Littrel, James Stice and McKenzie Witt.

10th Grade - Drew Bippes and Emily Crouse.

11th Grade - Marina Haralabidis, Christian Haring and Brandon Scheitel.

12th Grade - Austin Ahern, Taylor Coonce, Bryant Jorn and Emerson Keithley.

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Semester One

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SOCIETY

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met Jan. 10, at the Legion building. President Tana Brown called the meeting to order and was followed with prayer by Linda Patchen in absent of Chaplain Sharon Howard. Everyone pledged allegiance to the flag sang "God Bless America" and repeated the American Legion Auxiliary Preamble. Roll was taken by Secretary, Elizabeth Ketner with eight members present, followed with the minutes of the previous meeting. Treasurer Lana Willman gave the monthly treasurer report and reported there were seven members still needing to pay dues.

Members voted to increase the 2018 membership dues as result of increase at the National Headquarters. Correspondence: Christmas card was read from Legion Member Dallas Boshear. President Tana Brown reminded every one of the Mid Year Conference Jan. 13, 14, and 15 held in Grand Island. District Meeting is Feb. 25, 2017 in Auburn. President reminded everyone to get their community service activities to her within the next week. Linda Patchen was the hostess for the community potluck luncheon get-together at the Legion building in Jan. The next community luncheon will be held Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 at the Legion Building with Linda as the hostess. This is for anyone in the community to come for lunch and fellowship. Closing prayer was given by Linda Patchen, meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be at Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Legion Building.



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Falls City Middle School Students of the Month (L-R): Gwen Olberding, Grace Holys, and Elyse Poppe.

FCMS Students of Month for December

The students of the month for December at the Falls City Middle School were: Gwen Olberding, eighth grade, Grace Holys, seventh grade, and, Elyse Poppe, sixth grade. Each student received a T-shirt printed with the Student of the Month logo. The shirts are compliments of Stripes and Signs. The Elks Club will sponsor a complimentary meal during Youth Week for all of this year's student of the month recipients and their parents.

To receive student of the month, students must first be nominated by one of their teachers. The criteria for nomination this year once again focuses on the 212 degree message. The teachers are continuously looking for the students that give the extra degree. This is a student that demonstrates extra effort by being an exemplary student. Someone who internalizes the truth that is "Not enough to be good when you have the ability to be BETTER!" Each month the teachers choose an individual from each grade that were identified as a 212 degree student and met the criteria. This includes: turning work in on time, exemplary behavior everywhere, good grades and/or improvement;

always showing effort, active and/or involved in the community, leadership accomplishments: academic, athletic, or in the community, school attendance, positive attitude toward others, honest and trustworthy, cooperative and dependable, helpful to teachers, positive attitude toward school, and considerate of other's feelings. Teachers vote by private balloting. To win student of the month, one student must receive a majority of the votes. Those students who don't win are given honorable mention and are eligible in future months.

Elyse Poppe is the sixth grade student of the month for December. She is the daughter of Brian and Kristen Poppe. Elyse is a student that is always on task and helpful to others. She is a regular on the honor roll, while participating in chorus, band, and Clown Troupe. Elyse plays softball for the Travelers in the summer and basketball in the winter. Also during the summer, Elyse attends Vacation Bible School at her church.

Grace Holys is the seventh grade student of the month for December. She is the daughter of J.P. and Debbie Holys. Grace is described as a model student in the classroom, that

performs above and beyond in her daily activities. She has received recognition for honor roll each quarter. Grace participates in band, chorus, show choir, quiz bowl, Clown Troupe, and FCA. Outside of school, Grace is active in CCD at church, as well as YALA, Book Club, and Sky Camp.

Gwen Olberding is the eighth grade student of the month for December. She is the daughter of Dusty and Misty Olberding. Gwen is also described as a model student in the classroom, that is always willing to help others and stays actively involved in class discussions. She is a regular on the honor roll each quarter. Gwen participates in band, chorus, show choir and volleyball.

The students who received honorable mention for Dec. include: Kellen McAfee, Jaxtyn Harvey, Carly Romo, Jodie Uhri, Emily Thrash, Spencer Forsyth, Carson Bredemeier, Nia Crawford, Piper Scarberry, Raymond Bice, Dreyden Romo, Ava Morgan-Schorn, Ashlynn Strauss, Brock Hogue, and Lukas Aldana.

SOCIETY

Eastview

What a better way to end a year and bring in another, than to see things through the eyes of a child? Once again we were lucky enough to be asked to paint some toys made by the Falls City High School students for the children to enjoy on Christmas. It not only takes us back to when we were little, but it reminds us of the true meaning of giving and the best gifts are ones that are given from the heart. The tenants reminisced about the toys they were given as a child. It made each toy more special as they were painting it. You could almost imagine yourself playing with that same toy. After the toys were done the tenants keep giving. From cutting the fronts of greeting cards to donate to St. Jude Hospital, to saving pop tabs donated to the Ronald McDonald house, to box tops and Sun Mart receipts for the schools. It's a case of taking the one thing we sometimes take for granted in life, Time, Time is the one thing we can't get back and yet the one thing over which we have control. The tenants devote their time to not only helping, but to also giving and being included in activities on a daily basis.

On a weekly basis we continue to have activities and look forward to having the community bring programs to East View apartments. With this in mind we would like to offer an open-ended invitation for the community to join us on Jan. 25 at 1:30 p.m. with Wendy Cluskey, Dietician from the Falls City Community Medical Center at East View for education on diabetes. Please contact us at 402-245-4204, no later than Jan. 20, so we can have an accurate count to provide educational materials for all in attendance.

Area Bridge

Della Meyer, Shelia Kirkendall, Marilyn Kentopp and Merry Von Seggern won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met Jan. 10. Four tables of bridge were played. The hostesses were Merry Von Seggern and Marilyn Kentopp. Carol Heineman and Dennie Dixon will host the next session on Jan. 24, 2017.

Catholic Schools Week 'Catholic Schools, Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service'

Sacred Heart School will be celebrating its 126th year of Catholic education in Richardson County.

The week (Jan. 29-Feb. 4) begins on Sunday with Parish Appreciation Day at weekend Masses. Students thank parishioners for their spiritual and monetary support of Sacred Heart School with a bulletin insert.

Monday will be Volunteer and Community Appreciation Day with the National Honor Society hosting an Open House/Coffee at 9:00 AM in the main lobby of the school. School volunteers are encouraged to attend. The Falls City Chamber of Commerce and public is invited.

Tuesday will be Parent Appreciation Day with thank you cards sent home from students to their parents.

Wednesday is Honors Day. Bishop Conley will join the Sacred Heart family in honoring new members of the National Honor Society with a luncheon for inductees and parents. At 1:30 PM in Sts. Peter and Paul Church the new National Honor Society members will be inducted. At 2:00 PM there is an all-school Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

Thursday will be Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day with a special lunch being shared by the faculty and staff.

Friday will be Grandfriends Day. From 8:00-8:30 AM our student's grandfriends may visit their classrooms and then walk over to Mass with our students. 8:30 AM Mass for Pre-K through 6th Grades with Grandfriends. Friday will also be Student Appreciation Day. Reading Day for PreK-6th grades. 1:23 No classes for 7th-12th students - activities planned. Blue Jean Day.

Ecumenical Prayer Service celebrates annual week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Falls City Churches, representing Pastors, will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on Sunday, Jan. 22. The service which will be held as part of the area's observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, will take place at St. Thomas, beginning at 2:00. Father Larry Parrish, will deliver the message.

Begun in 1908, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated each year in cities and towns across the country and around the world.

The theme for the 2017 observance is Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). The theme and text for each year's observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are chosen and prepared by representatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and representatives of the World Council of Churches. The international texts are developed, adapted, and published for use in the USA by the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute.

The service is sponsored by Falls City Area Fellowship of Churches. The public is cordially invited.

SCHOLARSHIP

The family of the late John H. Morehead, Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. President for nearly 40 years, are awarding a \$5,000 scholarship in his name.

The award will go to any currently enrolled college student who previously graduated from any of the three Richardson County High Schools (Falls City High, FC Sacred Heart and Humboldt-TR-S). Current high school students are not eligible, however applications are available at the respective guidance counselors' offices or may be obtained by contacting **Kristine M. Cain, 6227 Underwood Ave., Omaha, NE 68132. khansencain@mac.com.** The award may be applied to any four-year college or university in the country. Mr. Morehead passed away on April 12, 2015 at the age of 87. He first became associated with RCB&T in Falls City in 1958. Within just four years at RCB&T, in 1962, he was elected President of the bank and throughout almost all of four decades, up until his retirement in 2011, he served in various other capacities, including CEO and Chairman of the Board.

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Lions District Governor Mavis Hall visited the Falls City Lions Club at the Nov 30, 2016, meeting. Hall is a 25 year Lion from the Plattsmouth Lions Club, and has served Lions in multiple leadership positions. (ABOVE, L-R): Marc Moorehead, Lions District Governor Mavis Hall and Brian Poppe She addressed the Lions Centennial Celebration focusing on three aspects: Service; Legacy Projects; State Convention. Lions have served like no one else for 100 years. To honor that century of service, they have set an audacious goal for the future. The new LCI Forward strategic plan is a road map to implement their vision of improving the lives of 200 million people per year. This new service framework will improve operations, use new technologies and make the member experience second to none. It also includes an exciting new service initiative that will help shape Lions' second century of service.



County Farm bureau members attend NFBF Annual Meeting: Members of Richardson County Farm Bureau attended the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting and Convention in Kearney on Dec. 5 and 6. Pictured from left are Quentin Bowen of Humboldt; Justine Petsch, southeast regional director of membership; Andy Dunn of Falls City.

You Drink and Drive, You Lose, enforcement stats

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol arrested 74 impaired drivers during the two-week long "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" (YD&DYL) national enforcement campaign Dec. 15, 2016 – Jan. 1, 2017. In addition to the 74 impaired drivers arrested, 15 juveniles were cited for Minor in Possession (MIP) of Alcohol, and 48 Open Container citations were issued. Troopers also issued 5,441 Speeding citations/warnings, 119 Driving Under Suspension (DUS), and 59 No Proof of Insurance citations. Troopers also wrote 322 Seat Belt and 50 Child Restraint citations/warnings. Motorist assistance was provided to 1141 travelers. Troopers and Communication Specialists put in overtime hours during the special enforcement, thanks in part to a \$27,375 grant from the Nebraska Department of Roads - Highway Safety Office. The following statistics are a reflection of statewide activity by the Nebraska State Patrol during the "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" enforcement.

66- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) arrests	5,441- Speeding citations/warnings
8- Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) arrests	
15- Minor in Possession of Alcohol citations	119- Driving Under Suspension citations
48- Open Container citations	59- No Proof of Insurance citations
322- Seat Belt citations/warnings	1141- Motorist Assists
50- Child Restraint citations/warnings	

SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star

Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star members met on Jan. 5, 2017 for a stated meeting. Elizabeth Ketner presided in the East in the absence of Worthy Matron Phyllis Kreutzer. Nine members were present to sing the Opening Ode, 'Be Thou My Vision.' The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed.

Bills were allowed and communications read by the Secretary Donna Monnette. Thank you notes were received in memory of Carolee Heim from her family and the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. Gifts to the children at the Children's Home in Fremont were also recognized. Annual reports were given various committee members. Installing Past Matron Jana Smith and Installing Marshal Sam Smith were introduced. They are mem-

bers of Brownville Chapter #263. They conducted the installation ceremony for the following new officers: Worthy Matron, Elizabeth Ketner; Associate Matron, Nancy Nemecek; Secretary, Donna Monnette; Conductress, Sarah Nims; Organist, Debbi Dunn; Warder, Trudy Fankhauser; and Sentinel, Don Monnette. The remaining officers will be installed at a later date. Worthy Matron Ketner thanked her installing officers. Sickness reports were given for various members. A closing prayer was given by pro term Chaplain Don Monnette followed with the signing of 'Victory in Jesus.' Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ketner.

Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society

Six members of the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society met in the meeting room at Pioneer Plaza on Thursday, Jan. 5. Norma Thompson called the meeting to order, Jorene Herr took roll call and read the minutes, and Richard Zentner gave the treasurer's report.

Reports showed that all projects remain unchanged. A newsletter, Phelps Helps, was received from the Holdrege Area Genealogy Club. Upcoming events include the Nebraska State Genealogical Society Annual Conference in Lincoln April 28-29. Queries were received

for the Palmer family. Possible programs for upcoming meetings was discussed, The Annual Founder's Day Potluck will be held March 2 at 6:30.

During the show-and-tell time a banner for the 1933 Kindergarten Honor Roll for Sacred Heart Academy was shared. There was also some discussion about Berge, Germany.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 on Thursday, Feb. 2, in the Pioneer Plaza meeting room.

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three local hotels. Initially, according to court documents filed by Nebraska State Patrolman Eugene True, Kemp told the girl she would meet "his uncle," who was supposedly working in the Falls City area. The girl told investigators she initially refused sexual contact, but later complied after being promised marriage.

Authorities in North Carolina first alerted Nebraska officials of Kemp's Internet activity. He is suspected of having an online relationship with another underage girl in that state, though charges have not been filed.

Kemp was a full-time employee with CenturyLink telecommunications for 19 years and has been married for 16 years. An extensive background search showed no previous criminal history.

CIVIL COURT

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Brandon Cornelius, of Falls City, in the amount of \$300, plus prejudgment interest of \$24.90, attorney fees of \$35 and Court costs of \$52.47. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Lari Thompson, of Rulo, in the amount of \$2,558.02, plus prejudgment interest of \$73.82, attorney fees of \$206.80 and Court costs of \$52.47. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Stacy Ramer, of Shubert, in the amount of \$1,529.55, plus prejudgment interest of \$34.52, attorney fees of \$157.95 and Court costs of \$82.24. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Jorge Torres, of Falls City, in the amount of \$463, plus prejudgment interest of \$13.85, attorney fees of \$51.30 and Court costs of \$70.97. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Desiree Heaton, of Falls City, in the amount of \$126.30, plus prejudgment interest of \$3.67,

attorney fees of \$17.63 and Court costs of \$64.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Kyle DeLong, of Falls City, in the amount of \$137, plus prejudgment interest of \$6.90, attorney fees of \$18.70 and Court costs of \$64.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Danielle Nichols, of Falls City, in the amount of \$162, plus Court costs of \$52.47. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Capital One Bank, N.A., and against Kathy Curfman, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$3,247.05, plus Court costs of \$95.92. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Acceptance Corp., and against Charles Kramer, of Falls City, in the amount of \$4,085.68, plus Court costs of \$64.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of LNVN Funding, LLC, and against Lisa Patnode, of Falls City, in the amount of \$570.72. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

-Judgment entered in favor of Kent L. Cooper Construction Co., of Humboldt, and against Ellen Howard, of Shubert, in the amount of \$2,020, plus Court costs of \$80.48.

COUNTY COURT

-Darren G. Tracy, 45, of Falls City, forgery in the first degree, a Class III Felony. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.

Tracy is accused of making photocopies of \$10 bills; the phony bills were not passed off, according to the arrest affidavit filed in Richardson County Court.

-Donald L. Larson, 34, of Humboldt, forgery in the first degree, a Class III Felony. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.

Larson is accused of making photocopies of \$10 bills; the phony bills were not passed off, according to the arrest affidavit filed in Richardson County Court.

Donald L. Larson, 34, of Humboldt, theft by unlawful taking (less than \$500); pled not guilty; pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.

-Darrell Anno, 55, of Rulo, sentencing for disturbing the peace; fined \$200, plus Court costs of \$50, and ordered to pay restitution of \$932.08 to Terry Way.

-Matthew W. Hanesworth, 34, of Falls City, count one, appliances in yard; count two, maintain a nuisance; pled no contest to both counts; fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Matthew W. Hanesworth, 34, of Falls City, possess or use drug paraphernalia; pled no contest; fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Matthew A. Koeneke, 28, of

Falls City, criminal mischief (less than \$500); pled guilty; sentencing scheduled for Jan. 25.

-Everett A. Loper, 28, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance; count two, unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicle; fined \$140, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Gary L. Prater, 61, of Falls City, sentencing for DUI - first offense; driver's license revoked for three months, placed on probation for eight months, ordered to successfully complete outpatient treatment for chemical dependence, and fined \$500, plus Court costs of \$50 and probation fees of \$250.

-Donald L. Larson, 34, of Humboldt, count one, unlawful/fictitious display of plates; count two, no operator's license; count three, possess K2 or marijuana (one ounce or less); count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia; pled not guilty to all counts; pretrial hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.

-Darren G. Tracy, 45, of Falls City; possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 1.

-Michael E. Kirkendall, 52, of Falls City, driving during revocation, first offense; trial held, found guilty; fined \$200, plus Court costs of \$50, and driver's license revoked for one year.

-Melvin J.D. Campbell, 21, of Pawnee City; count one, attempt of a Class IIA Felony, a Class IIIA Felony; count two, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; case bound over to District Court for arraignment Jan. 17.

-Devin W. Handley, 20, of Falls City; driving under suspension; fined \$150, plus Court costs of \$50, and placed on probation for one year.

-Devin W. Handley, 20, of Falls City; driving under suspension; fined \$125, plus Court costs of \$50, and placed on probation for one year.

-Rebecca A. Lunsford, 45, of Falls City, assault in the third degree, amended to disturbing the peace; pled no contest to amended charge; fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Jeremiah J. Clary, 27, of Sabetha, KS, count one, DUI - first offense; count two, driving under suspension; pled not guilty to both counts; pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 30.

-Donald V. Larson, 34, of Humboldt, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 1.

-Lisa M. Patnode, 31, of Falls City, animal running at large; fined \$25, plus Court costs of \$55.

-Brett M. Winters, 20, of Falls City, theft by shoplifting; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 30.

-John G. Corbin, 27, of Plattsmouth, count one, possession of K2 or marijuana (one ounce or less), second offense, amended to possession of K2 or marijuana (one ounce or less), first offense; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia; count three, improper/defec-

tive vehicle lighting; pled guilty to amended count one; counts two and three dismissed with prejudice (**Editor's Note** - dismissal *with prejudice* bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge). Fined 400, plus Court costs of \$150.

-Christopher L. Furnas, 37, of Falls City, accident - driver's duty; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 30.

-Priscilla K. Gates, 47, of Falls City, compulsory education - attendance required; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 30.

-Robert M. Ebel, 51, of Rulo, count one, DUI - first offense; count two, driving left of center; pled not guilty to both counts; pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 30.

-Priscilla K. Gates, 47, of Falls City, no proof of insurance; pled guilty; hearing set for Jan. 30.

-Leann R. Willits, 42, of Falls City, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 30.

-Jennifer J. Judd, 33, of Falls City, dogs/cats running at large; pled guilty; fined \$25, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Jennifer J. Judd, 33, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no valid registration; count three, unlawful/fictitious display of plates; count four, speeding (11-15). Count one dismissed with prejudice; pled guilty to counts two, three and four; fined \$150, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Richard A. Strecker, 64, of Verdon, DUI - first offense, amended to reckless driving, first offense; pled guilty to amended charge; sentencing set for Feb. 13.

-Jeremy Vice, 31, of Falls City, driving under suspension; case continued to Feb. 6.

-Jeremy Vice, 31, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia; pled guilty to count one; count two dismissed without prejudice (**Editor's Note** - dismissal *without prejudice* means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).

-Jeremy Vice, 31, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension; count two, no proof of insurance; fined \$225, plus Court costs of \$50, and placed on probation for one year.

ACCIDENTS

-4:57 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10; 1800 block of Harlan Street. Drivers: Robert L. Ferguson, 86, of Falls City; William J. Randall, 57, of Falls City. Estimated damage when Ferguson, driving his 2014 Chrysler Town and Country van and attempting a turn north onto Harlan Street from the Methodist Church parking lot, didn't see northbound Randall 1988 Mazda, and the vehicles collided: \$1,500 to each car. The accident was investigated by FCPD Officer Charles DiGiacomo; no citations were issued, nor were any injuries reported.



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The FCSH girls' basketball team captured the championship of the MUDECAS "A" Division Friday night at the Beatrice City Auditorium, defeating Meridian 47-45 in overtime. The D2 No. 1 Lady Irish are 13-0. Team members, front row, from left: Student managers Grace Malcolm, Delanie Witt, Avery Santo and Jessica Wertemberger, seniors Haylee Heits,

Alexis Barnes and Jade Hill, Mackensie Nelson; back row, Evi Schock, Emily Wertemberger, assistant coach Holly Westengaard and Ryann, head coach Luke Santo, McKenzie Witt, Abby Fiegenger, Sara Wertemberger, Elizabeth Keithley, Ahren Ebel, Maddie Huppert, Claire Niemeyer, Lexi Pokorny, Megan Crouse and assistant coach Adam Santo.

Irish falter in loss to Patriots

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart boys entered the MUDECAS with a 10-1 record and a number one ranking, but they couldn't get by the pesky number three ranked Parkview Christian Patriots in the Division A championship game in Beatrice on Saturday night. The Patriots led after one quarter and never looked back. The Irish trailed 10-6 after the first quarter and 26-18 as two teams left the court for halftime. The Irish did not score the Patriots 15-13 in the third quarter to cut the lead to 39-33 but Parkview used a 19-12 fourth quarter to cruise to a 58-45 victory over the Irish. As a team the Irish shot just under 36 percent for the game while the Patriots hit on 55 percent of their attempts. The Irish committed fewer turnovers than their opponent (12-17) but they were outrebounded 30-21 and made just 3 of 8 free throws compared to 11-12 by Parkview. Drew Bippes led the Irish with 15 points and four rebounds. Theo Rohrer added eight points and three boards while Noah Keller tossed in seven points. The Irish were stone cold as a team from behind the arc connecting on just four of 22 attempts.

In the semi final game on Thursday night the Irish took on the Class D1 ninth ranked BDS Eagles. As was the case in the football semi finals the Irish scored down the stretch and came out victorious. Both teams came out firing in the opening quarter with the Irish holding a slim 17-16 lead after the first quarter. By halftime the Irish had built upon their lead taking a 34-24 lead entering intermission. The Eagles came out of the locker room with payback on their mind as the out scored the Irish 18-9 closing the gap to 43-42 with one quarter left to play. The Irish owned the fourth quarter out scoring BDS 17-10 on their way to a 60-52 win. The Irish hit on 55 percent of their shots while limiting the Eagles to just over 40 percent on the night. Bryant Jorn led the attack for the Irish scoring 20 points and pulling down six boards. He also connected on two-for-two from behind the arc and was six for seven from the free throw line. Theo Rohrer added 16 more points and six rebounds of his own. Drew Bippes had seven assists to lead the Irish.

In the opening round game on Tuesday night the Irish faced the HTRS Titans. The Irish had control of this game all the way through as they cruised to a 63-35 victory. SH jumped out to an early 10-3 lead after one quarter and held a convincing 29-13 halftime lead. The Irish continued their dominance out scoring the Titans 34-22 in the second half. Theo Rohrer had the hot hand for the Irish as he finished with 13 points, eight rebounds and one blocked shot. Bryant Jorn added 11 points and seven rebounds. Drew Bippes also had 11 points, seven boards, three steals and four assists. For the game the Irish connected on 23 of 53 attempts while the Titans hit just 12 of 46 shots.

The 11-2 Irish hit the road this week for a pair of games as they take on Jefferson High on Tuesday night and Pawnee City on Friday evening. After the loss over the weekend the Irish are currently ranked number three by the *Oma-ha World Herald*.

Lady Irish need O.T. to secure third straight Mudecas championship

By Brian McKim

The Class D-2 No. 1 ranked Falls City Sacred Heart Irish girls improved to 13-0 over the weekend at the Mudecas basketball tournament. The lady Irish needed overtime to secure their third consecutive A di-

vision championship in Beatrice. The Irish taking on Class D-1 sixth ranked Meridian jumped out to an early 14-4 lead after the first quarter but the Mustangs came storming back in the second quarter outscoring the Irish 20-9 on their way to a 24-23 lead at halftime. The third and fourth quarters had the two teams swapping leads with the Irish leading 32-31 heading into the fourth quarter. With just seconds remaining and the score tied at 40 a shot by Meridians Erin Johnson was off the mark and the two teams would remain tied heading into overtime. In overtime the Irish were able to take advantage of foul trouble by the Mustangs and hold on for a 47-45 victory.

"You always feel fortunate when you are able to win the MUDECAS championship. I was proud of the girls for making enough plays to scratch out a win Friday night. Our girls love the MUDECAS tournament, so to win it three years in a row is special for them, especially the seniors. It really illustrates the types of teams we've had the last few years," said Coach Luke Santo. The Irish had their chances to put

the game out of reach the second half from the foul line but failed to extend their lead. On the evening the lady Irish converted just nine out of 24 attempts from the charity stripe. However the Irish shot 47 percent from the field on the night, including two-for-two from behind the arc. The Irish were led in the game by Haylee Heits with 14 points and nine rebounds. Jade Hill added 12 points of her own along with 8 boards. According to Coach Luke Santo the athleticism of the Mustangs gave the Irish trouble all night, along with the Irish failing to convert at the foul line.

On Thursday night the Irish defeated the 8-3 BDS Eagles to advance to the championship game against Meridian on Friday evening. The Eagles came out of the locker room hot and the Irish held a slim 13-12 lead after the opening quarter. The second quarter gave them a little breathing room as the Irish entered halftime with a 25-17 lead. The second half belonged to the lady Irish as they outscored the Eagles 29-15 in the third and fourth quarters on the way to a 54-32 victory. The Irish shot 46 percent from

the field including three of four from three point land. The Irish also made 11 of 18 from the free throw line. Haylee Heits had a huge game for the Irish with 23 points and five rebounds. Jade Hill added 13 points to go along with seven rebounds, five steals and five assists. Alexis Barnes added eight points going two for two from behind the arc.

In their opening game of the tournament on Monday night the Irish had little trouble getting by the Tri County Trojans. The Irish once again came out of the gate a little slow against the 4-7 Trojans leading just 8-6 after one quarter and holding a slim 16-15 lead at halftime. The girls must have listened to Coach Santo at halftime though as they out scored Tri County 34-13 in the second half on their way to a convincing 50-28 victory. In this game the Irish went 0 for six from behind the line, turned the ball over 15 times and committed 17 team fouls but they held the Trojans to just seven total field goals on 38 attempts. Jade Hill led the lady Irish with 22 points including going 6-8 from the free throw line and she pulled in nine rebounds. Haylee Heits added 10 points to go along with nine boards and Sara Wertemberger had eight points along with a team high 12 rebounds.

The Lady Irish will hit the road this week with games against the Jefferson Eagles in Conception Junction, MO, on Tuesday and at Pawnee City Friday night. The best may still lie ahead for the Irish. "Even though we're 13-0, we're far from a finished product. We still need to work on limiting turnovers, getting better perimeter shooting and our role players need to continue to develop," Santo said. "I still don't think we've played a complete four quarter game yet. Overall, we just need to be more consistent as we enter the second half of the season."

Northvue Sports Bar Blast From The Past



These two were neck-in-neck in both the 3200 and the 1600, each winning a gold medal at districts.

Can you identify this Blast from the Past? (Last Week's Blast from the Past was Vicki Adams)

THE BABIES OF 2016

Attention Parents And Grandparents Of 2016 Babies:

Whether You Live Near Or Far, The Falls City Journal would like to take this opportunity to show off your new baby of 2016.

We will publish a special section in the edition on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017**. The Rules are simple:

1. Your baby must have been born in the year 2016.
2. The baby does not have to be a resident or have been born in Falls City.
3. Send or bring in the form below along with a recent picture of the baby to: **The Babies Of 2016; C/O Nikki McKim, 1810 Harlan St., Falls City, NE 68355. Or email to nikkifcjournal@sentco.net or fcjournalads@sentco.net**
4. Deadline to receive pictures is **MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017. We will not be able to include photos after this date.**
5. Please contact The Journal for additional questions or information at 402-245-2431.
6. If the provided information does not fit the required space, an additional charge will be added.



Elizabeth Embry

August 8 - 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Parents:

Kitty & Wyn Stafford
Falls City, NE

1x3 - \$30

Information will only include Parents name and residence.



Macaulay Connor

September 15 - 6 lbs. 5 oz.

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George & Mary Bailey

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Stephen & Mary Haines
Bert & Mildred Pierce

1x3 1/2 - \$35

Information will only include Parents name and residence; Living Grandparents names only.

Twins may require additional space depending on the amount of information provided.

Tiger Wrestling

AUBURN Dual Tourney

Jan. 10

FC defeated Omaha Roncalli 54-18

126 - Kyle Black (FC) won by forfeit
138 - Lane Burns (FC) pinned Jy'ion Berry in 3:23.

145 - Shane Campbell (FC) won by forfeit.
152 - Dylan Sutton (FC) pinned Cameron Manore in 5:25.

160 - Brett Black (FC) pinned Jackson Mausebach in 40 seconds.

170 - Dakota Fisher (FC) lost to Max Spralcel in 3:03.

182 - Keegan Hunzeker (FC) pinned Malcolm Gladney in 4:49.

195 - Carter Hunzeker (FC) pinned Izzy Braimah in 2:38.

220 - Brandon Banks (FC) pinned Johnathan Sandquist in 1:50.

285 - Dalton Kennel (FC) pinned Hender Mendoza-Ortega in 3:00.

FC defeated Conestoga 36-30

126 - Kyle Black won by forfeit.

138 - Lane Burns pinned Zane Gansemer in 1:07.

145 - Shane Campbell lost to Justus Fisher in 2:45.

152 - Dylan Sutton lost to Bryan Richard in 1:24.

160 - Brett Black pinned Owen Snipes in 2:58

170 - Keegan Hunzeker pinned Hunter Thonen in 3:22.

182 - Dakota Fisher lost to Hunter Tesarek in 1:28.

195 - Carter Hunzeker pinned Jacob Vallery in 2:50.

220 - Brandon Banks won by forfeit.

285 - Dalton Kennel lost to Dylan Giles in 3:42.

Auburn def. Falls City 54-30

138 - Austin Wheeldon (Aub) over Burns (FC), fall 4:20

145 - Kole Ligouri (Aub) over Campbell (FC) Fall 1:27

152 - Brett Black (FC) over Kyle Davenport (Aub) Fall 2:26

170 - Fisher (FC) over Morgan Jones (Aub) Fall 2:56

195 - Ed Fritz (FC) over Austin Youngquist (Auburn) Fall 0:28

285 - Robert Liles (Aub) over Tommy Palm (FC) Fall 0:21

126 - Drew Keller (Aub) over Kyle Black (FC) Fall 0:39

Thayer Central defeated Falls City 36-20

138 - Jarod Hergott (TC) over Lane Burns (FC) Fall 2:38

145 - Jackson Feulner (TC) over Shane Campbell (FC) Dec 6-1

152 - Dylan Sutton (FC) over Cade Friedley (TC) Maj 13-0

160 - Brett Black (FC) over Elliot Epstein (TC) Maj 15-7

170 - Ryan Koch (Thayer Central) over Dakota Fisher (FC) Fall 2:44

182 - Dietric Kenning (TC) over Keegan Hunzeker (FC) Fall 3:53

195 - Carter Hunzeker (FC) over Logan Luehring (TC) Fall 3:05

220 - Hank Harris (TC) over Brandon Banks (FC) Dec 4-0

285 - Dalton Kennel (FC) over Brendon Fangmeier (TC) Fall 1:09

126 - Keegan Casey (TC) over Kyle Black (FC) Fall 0:47

Please Print Legibly **The Babies Of 2016** *Per Baby

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Falls City, NE
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Nick & Nora Charles
Prof. & Mrs. Bertram Potts
Great-Grandparents:
Rick & Isla Blaine

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 liquor licenses may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2017, for the following retail liquor licensee, to wit:

CASEY'S GENERAL STORE - 1221 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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RICHARD A. LEMEROND - 2724 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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GARY FOSTER - 1123 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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TRAMMIKA, INC. - 2602 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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ELKS LODGE #963 - 1417 STONE STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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R & F LANES - 1111 EAST 14TH STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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HART MANAGEMENT, INC. - 1022 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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POTRILLOS - 1516 STONE STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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COSTAS HARALABIDIS - 1618 STONE STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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WITT & WITT INVESTMENT - 117 EAST 17TH STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 53-135.01 Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2017, for the following Retail Liquor Licensee:

Linda Patchen, Kym Haynes, Kristina Haynes. Madnes LLC DBA: Still Centerfield 102 Main Street Shubert, Richardson County Nebraska

For the renewal of Retail Class ID Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits on and off sale License Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Shubert, Nebraska on or before March 6, 2017 at the Village Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Shubert Library.

Jennifer Buchner, Village Clerk 17

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 53-135.01 Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2017, for the following Retail Liquor Licensee, to-wit:

Tracy L. and Debra K. Milke, dba "The Hitch'n Post Bar & Grill" 207 West Main Stella, Nebraska Bottle Club License Retail Class D License

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Stella, Nebraska, on or before February 10, 2017, in the office of the Village Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearings will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Vicki Owings, Village Clerk 17

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Shubert, Nebraska as require by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec 39-2119 et seq. R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 6th day of February, 2017, beginning at 7:00 P.M., at the Village Hall at which time objection to or recommendations for said Plan will be heard.

Jennifer Buchner, Clerk 17

VILLAGE OF VERDON NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING

Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska and the minimum requirements as adopted by the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards that the Village Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Day of February 2017 at the Village Hall in Verdon for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2017.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent 17

District #70

Board Organization Meeting January 09, 2017 7:00 PM Music Room

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM: Present Board Members: Mike Bredemeier, Rock Herr, Neal Kanel, Scott Ogle, Steve Schardt, Sandy Stalder 1. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS 1.A. OPEN MEETING NOTICE 1.B. CALL MEETING TO ORDER 1.C. ROLL CALL 1.D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 2. CORRESPONDENCE -none 3. ORGANIZE BOARD OF EDUCATION 3.A. Elect Board President

Motion Passed: Motion to elect Rock Herr as Board President passed with a motion by Steve Schardt and a second by Sandy Stalder. 5 Yeas - 1 Nays.

Mike Bredemeier, Yes; Rock Herr, No; Neal Kanel, Yes; Scott Ogle, Yes; Steve Schardt, Yes; Sandy Stalder, Yes.

3.B. Elect Board Vice President Motion Passed: Motion to leave items 3B-3E as is currently passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Steve Schardt. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

3.C. Appoint Board Secretary 3.D. Appoint Board Treasurer 3.E. Appoint Board Recorder 3.F. Appoint Official Bank Depositories

Motion Passed: Motion to appoint American National Bank of Humboldt and State Bank of Table Rock as Official Bank Depositories passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Sandy Stalder. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

3.G. Appoint Official Newspapers Motion Passed: Motion to appoint The Falls City Journal, Pawnee Republican and The Humboldt Standard as Official Newspapers passed with a motion by Mike Bredemeier and a second by Sandy Stalder. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

3.H. Approve Participation in Federal Programs: Title I, Special Education and Hot Lunch Motion Passed: Motion to approve participation in Federal Programs: Title I, Special Education and Hot Lunch passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Bredemeier. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

3.I. Appoint Coordinator for the above Federal Programs Motion Passed: Motion to appoint Sherri Edmondson as Coordinator for the above Federal Programs passed with a motion by Sandy Stalder and a second by Mike Bredemeier. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

4. PATRON COMMENT -none. 5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Steve Schardt and a second by Sandy Stalder. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

5.A. Regular Meeting Minutes 5.B. Approve bills for payment 5.C. Review Treasurer's report 6. STUDENT RECOGNITION Students were recognized by the Administration and Board for perfect NeSA scores.

7. PRINCIPAL REPORTS 7.A. Principal Othmer The report mentioned school improvement, DARE and upcoming events. She then added that the lighting board needs repaired on the stage.

7.B. Assistant Principal Lottman Items included in the report were: assessments, Crisis Team and a Special Education update.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS 8.A. Committee Reports 8.A.I. Building and Grounds 8.A.II. Policy Committee 8.A.III. Technology Committee

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Negotiations Motion passed: enter into executive session to discuss negotiations at 7:17 PM with a motion by Scott Ogle, seconded by Sandy Stalder. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Scott Ogle, seconded by Neal Kanel to come out of negotiations executive session at 7:56 PM. Motion passed 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel enter into executive session to discuss negotiations at 7:56 PM with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Sandy Stalder. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays. Motion by Neal Kanel, seconded by Scott Ogle to come out of executive session at 8:02 PM. Motion carried 6-0.

11. ACTION ITEMS 11.A. Approve Board Member Absence 11.B. Scoreboards Motion Failed: motion by Scott Ogle to purchase the Nevco scoreboards with the period lights and ETN.

Subsidiary Motion Passed: move forward with Nevco for football and basketball scoreboards with period lights and with ETN (\$26,577) passed with a motion by Sandy Stalder and a second by Steve Schardt. 5 Yeas - 1 Nays.

Mike Bredemeier, Yes; Rock Herr, Yes; Neal Kanel, Yes; Scott Ogle, No; Steve Schardt, Yes; Sandy Stalder, Yes.

11.C. Superintendent Contract

Motion Passed: extend Sherri Edmondson's for an additional year passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Sandy Stalder. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

11.D. Approve Negotiated Agreement Subsidiary Motion Passed: motion to give AD 12% of base passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Bredemeier. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

12. SUPERINTENDENT EDMUNDSON REPORT Discussed: the 2017 Legislative Issues Conference and a letter to Senator Watermeier concerning the football field in Table Rock.

13. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS All committees will stay the same. 14. ADJOURN Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45 PM passed with a motion by Sandy Stalder and a second by Scott Ogle. 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Respectfully submitted, Kellie Workman

Table with 2 columns: Organization Name and Amount. Includes AAF INTERNATIONAL, APPLE COMPUTER INC, BEATRICE MECHANICAL SERVICE, BEST PRINTING, BINDER BROTHERS, BLECHA'S 66 SERVICE, BYTESPEED, LLC, CARDMEMBER SERVICE, CITY OF HUMBOLDT, CURB ROLLER MANUFACTURING, LLC, DEN'S COUNTRY MEATS, ELK CREEK WELDING, ESU #4, H & H AUTO PARTS, HAL LEONARD CORPORATION, HTRS PAYROLL ACCT, HUMBOLDT LUMBER, J W PEPPER & SON INC, JAYMAR Business Forms, Inc, JIM HILLS, JOHNSON COUNTY CLERK, JOY WILCOCK, KSB School Law, LEARNING SCIENCES INTER, LOOKOUT BOOKS, MARY MALCOLM, MAYHLON BURKHOLDER, NASB, NEMAHA COUNTY, NOHA VICE, NORTH FORK FARM SERVICE, NPPD, OKEEFE ELEVATOR CO., INC, OMAHA TRUCK CENTER, PAWNEE COUNTY CLERK, POSTMASTER, PRIME COMMUNICATIONS INC, RIDER CLASSROOM SPANISH, SCHOOL FIX, SUPPLY WORKS, WAYNE TRANTHAM, WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA.

Village of Salem

The Salem Village Board met December 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. Voegel, Wessel, Catlin and Kean answered roll.

Oaths of office were signed by Lindie Catlin, Warren Voegel, and Mary Jane Wessel. The members were elected in the November 2016 election.

Fred Reimers reported on the operation of the water system. He reported that several meters were insulated for the winter. These meters will be estimated through the winter.

The Board would like to thank the Salem Alumni for the \$800.00 donation to the Salem Community Building.

Stauch moved to reorganize the Salem Village Board for 2017; Kenneth Strauch, Chairman; Mary Jane Wessel, Vice Chairman; Jon Kean, Streets; and Warren Voegel and Lindie Catlin, Community Building contacts. Motion seconded by Voegel. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Strauch moved to retain Fred Reimers as water operator, Carolyn Glathar as Village Clerk, Neal Parson as Village Attorney, and Even D. Wickersham as the Village Street Superintendent for 2017. Motion seconded by Voegel. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Motion to pay claims was made by Kean seconded by Wessel, motion carried. Voegel left the meeting at 7:55. Kean reported on rock that had been purchased for Village Streets. Kean moved to adjourn at 8:20, seconded by Catlin, motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Carolyn Glathar, Village Clerk

CLAIMS: OPPD, 556.73; RWD, 1611.94; Salem Water Account, 400.00; Water Operator, 650.00; Water Testing, 15.00; Schendel PEst Congrol, 28.00; SE Clerk Dues, 10.00; Clerk Salary, 450.00; Mowing, 90.00.

Village of Stella

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Meeting, January 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Stella Community Building

Present: Jim Owings, Heath Stanley and Jerry Joy. Chastity Davis arrived at 7:02. Absent: Guests: Andy McMullen and Tracy Milke.

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and Joy noted the posting of the open meeting act.

Motion by H Stanley and second by J Owings to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion by J Owings and second by H Stanley to approve the treasurers report as presented. All voted yes.

Motion by H Stanley and second by J Owings to pay the claims and payroll. All voted yes. Communications: Letter from State Auditor accepting the Audit Waiver Request by the Village Board. Joy placed a \$1 bid on Auburn's old x-mas decorations to be used for replacement parts on our current decorations. The Ely semi has been moved off the street as requested for snow removal. The weather siren will be connected soon and the billing for the Village will be the minimum charge. NPPD will be in town to take down the Christmas lights with the help of Andy McMullen and Jim Owings. The park equipment has been moved over for the removal of the old mortuary building.

Committees: Streets - Ok. Lights - Ok. Park - The car in the big park has been broken. Will check on any kind of warranty. Electricity to shelter not connected yet. W&S- Written report by Milke. Flow meter quit functioning. It is a required piece of equipment by State Regulations. A new one has been ordered on a motion by Joy and second by H Stanley at a cost of \$2500. All voted yes. One blower quit and will be replaced with one we had on hand. Library -Written report by James. Board would like to see a list of contest winners. Maintenance Man - None. Planning - None Tree - none. Health - None Community Building - None. Main Street Improvement - None

Water Tower Painting - Table. Lime Digestive Tank- Table. Shelter Electricity - Not completed yet. Committee Structure- list submitted by Joy. Appointment of Clerk- Motion by Joy and second by H Stanley to appoint Vicki Owings as clerk. All voted yes with J Owings abstaining. Chairperson - Motion by J Owings and second by H Stanley to appoint Jerry Joy as Chairperson. All voted yes with J Owings abstaining. Vice Chairperson- Motin by J Owings and second by Joy to appoint H Stanley as Vice Chairperson. All voted yes with H Stanley abstaining.

JEO has submitted a letter regarding the removal of existing buildings. Joy gave a copy of the letter to Jana Anderson and Steve Stanley. Will be reviewing the 1&6 plan with Evan Wickersham.

Millings - advised to wait until summer. Water Shut-offs were signed. Miscellaneous - Motion by J Owings and second by H Stanley to adjourn at 7:52 P.M.. All voted yes. Vicki Owings, Clerk

January Claims and Payroll

Falls City Journal 42.66; NE Public Health Environmental Lab 262.00; Anderson's One Stop Shop 129.56; Midwest Labs Inc 140.56; OPPD 360.70; American Recycling and Sanitation 1040.00; Vicki Owings 525.00; Vicki Owings 9.40; Tracy Milke 250.00; Aaron Davis 225.00; Sue James 117.00; Tracy Milke 161.58; Sue James 54.74; NPPD 1213.27; SE NE Communications 204.33; Internal Revenue Service 185.90

E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of January: General Fund -- \$51,467.05 Payroll -- \$425,380.38 NCECBVI -- \$21,517.48 Federal Programs -- \$37,728.90 The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The Region 4 Pre-school Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

Food Program Consultant

Organized self-starter for PT position (16hrs). Provide nutrition education to home child care providers on Child Care Food Program in Omaha and Southeast, NE. use own vehicle. Req: education/experience in child development, nutrition or related field, able to lift 50 lbs. Application required, contact:

Human Resources Family Service 501 S 7th, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 441-7949 www.familyserVICELINCOLN.org EOE

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ANNUAL MACHINERY CONSIGNMENT AUCTION Saturday, March 4, 2017 LOCATION: Novak Auction Consignment Lot, 2 miles east of Dorchester, NE, on Hwy. 33 Accepting Consignments NOW! From one item to a complete farm auction. For FREE ADVERTISING have you consignments in before Feb. 5, 2017

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OBITUARIES

Frank J. Pagnano

Frank Joseph Pagnano, 82, passed away on Jan. 1, 2017 at his home in Wilmington, CA, follow a three-year battle with bone marrow cancer and leukemia. Frank was born on Oct. 25, 1934 in Omaha, Frank was the third child of 11 in the Pagnano family.

Frank met his wife, Helen Duhon, in Omaha and they were married on Feb. 6, 1955 in National City, CA. Frank joined the Navy at the young age of 17, proudly serving his country in the VietNam War. Frank continued to serve his county for 12 and a half years in active duty, as well as 12 additional years in the Naval Reserves, with an Honorable Discharge from the Navy in 1991. After serving in the military, Frank worked at Garrett for 10 years as a machinist. After retiring from Gar-

rett, he went on to become a Security Guard at the Pinkerton Security.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Helen Marie Pagnano; two daughters, Lavinia

P. (Trudy) Pagnano of Falls City, and Debra A. Crosby (Jim) of Westminster, CO; sons, Dennis A. Pagnano (Carol) of Romulus MI, and Garth Guessman (Corilyn) of Wilmington; eight grandchildren; one great granddaughter; three brothers; and three sisters.

A memorial will be held in the spring of 2017 in Omaha. Notification of time and place will be announced prior to the Service.



Janelle Pilkenton

Janelle E. Pilkenton, 76, of Raytown, MO, passed away Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017. She was born June 23, 1940 in Falls City, to Glen and Leta (Schulenberg) Peck.

Janelle was united in marriage to Theodore (Ted) Pilkenton; he survives of the home. She was a Medical Transcriber and a Lutheran by faith. Janelle enjoyed sewing, painting, doll collecting, and breeding Chihuahua puppies. She was preceded in death by her parents, and an infant son.

In addition to her husband, Ted, she is survived by her step-children, Dianna (Rick) Viebrock, of Concor-

dia, MO, and Theodore J. Pilkenton, of Kansas City, MO; brothers, Gary Peck, of Newberry Park, CA, and Marlin Peck, of Falls City; step grandchildren, Laura Oliveros, of Concordia, MO, Tina Daly, of Lakenheath, England, Shelby Pilkenton, of Kansas City, MO, and Jesse Pilkenton, of Kansas City, MO; seven step great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Falls City. Burial will follow at Steele Cemetery.

meyersfuneralchapel.com

Shari Warren

Sharon Rae Harbaugh Cundall Warren, 77, passed away on Dec. 4, 2016, at her home in Cedar Creek, NE. She was born on Jan. 5, 1939.

She lived in Falls City for a time and was caretaker of Stanton Lake, bartender at the Country Club and a hostess at the Wright Place.

Sharon lived life with an open heart and embraced everyone who had the good fortune to be part of her kind spirit and loving nature. She has left a void in the lives of all those she touched. She will be missed by all.

There will be no services of any kind per her wishes.



Nancy Darling

Nancy Caroline Darling, 77, of Mountain View, CA, passed away on Nov. 17, 2016 at her home. She was born in Auburn to Mervalyn and Joe Darling on May 5, 1939.

Joe moved the family to Falls City, where he ran the Darling Transfer. Nancy graduated from Falls City High School in 1957, where she was best remembered as being called "Jake." She graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961; she was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority. After graduation, she worked at the Downey V.A. Hospital in the Chicago area as a recreational therapist until she returned to school and earned a Masters Degree in Orientation and Mobility Therapy at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. Nancy's career working with the disabled began in St. Augustine, FL, preparing students that were blind to attend public schools.

Her success in this field resulted in her being the first woman to be hired as a Mobility Therapist at the Blind Rehabilitation Center at the V.A. Hospital in Palo Alto, CA, where she spent her career teaching blind veterans. Nancy received the Award for Outstanding Service to Veterans by the V.A. Hospital at Palo Alto.

When Nancy retired, she volunteered at the Ana Nueva (CA) State Park, where she was a docent, and at the Mammal Rehabilitation Center helping rescued sea lions and seals. Her kindness extended beyond giving her time, but also by her contributions, to the Democratic National Party, the Marine Mammal Society, Monterey Bay Society, Yosemite National Park (her favorite place), and many others.

She is survived by her sisters, Patricia (Ed) O'Grady, Deanna (Glen) Mellage, Vicki (Jim) McMurray, Gail (Ron) Sears, Linda (Marlin) Boden; and brothers, Dale Darling and Larry (Faye) Darling.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends, who will be gathering at Monterey Bay to celebrate her life on her birthday: May, 5, 2017.

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Carolyn 'Cookie' Strasil

Carolyn "Cookie" Strasil, 73, of Falls City, passed away on Friday, Jan. 6, 2017 at Falls City.

A memorial service is currently pending at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

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Denise Sailors

A celebration of life service for Denise Sailors will take place on Jan. 22, 2017, 11:00 - 2:00 PM at Hoy Kilnoski Funeral Home, 1221 North 16th Street, Council Bluffs, IA.

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William 'Bill' Baker

William 'Bill' Lester Baker, 76, passed away on Dec. 29, 2016 Bill was born May 10, 1940 in Fort Scott, KS to Lester

E. Baker and Katherine (Salmon) Baker.

He grew up in Reserve, KS on a farm with his parents and older sister, Mary Jane. He graduated high school in Reserve where he was a Varsity letterman in basketball, football and track and field. After high school Bill decided he wanted to be a teacher so in 1956 he attended Peru State Teachers College in Peru. It was at that time he also joined the National Guard. Unfortunately, due to financial restrictions Bill was unable to complete college. He did continue in the National Guard until he was honorably discharged in 1959.

For the next year Bill traveled and worked odd jobs until, in 1960 when he decided to join the Navy. This was the beginning of the Vietnam War and he was proud to do his duty. He served his country for four years as a member of the UDT (under water Demolition team) and was honorably discharged in 1964. After he was discharged, he moved back to KS and worked as a car salesman for Sherm Edde motors. This is how he met the love of his life Betty Jean Huettner. One day, after he sold a car, he brought in a title to be registered and Betty was sitting behind the desk. He got one look at her and knew she was the one. That was in Sept., and three months later in Dec. they said "I do". On Dec. 5, 2015 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family at the Moose Lodge in Ellensburg.

After they were married, Bill and Betty moved to Omaha where Bill worked as a meat inspector. They lived in Omaha for two years until he was transferred to Seattle. They settled in West Seattle and had two children, Anjanette "Anji" Bryant and Marc Baker. Bill served as union president for a term and took this job very seriously. He fought fair wages, and good benefits. His last and final transfer was here in Ellensburg where they settled in and made their home and life.

Bill retired from meat inspection in the early 1980's for a few

www.brooksidefhc.com.

Lale 'Stevie' Hall

Lale "Stevie" Hall, 67, of Falls City, passed away Jan. 9, 2017. He was born Nov. 11, 1949 to Jesse Hall and the late Barbara (Lunsford) Hall.

Lale was raised in Falls City and attended Falls City High School until later receiving his GED. He was drafted into the U.S. Marines on March 26, 1969. After the Marines he moved back to the Falls City area, where he worked various jobs until becoming employed by Wenger Manufacturing. He worked there for around 15 years until he became disabled.

Lale married Charlene Newland in 1971 and they were later divorced; he then married Cindy Jackson on June 19, 1993 at Falls City. The couple established their home near Dawson until later moving to Falls City for the past nine

years took up part ownership of the Frontier tavern. In the Mid 1980's he started working for the Ellensburg school district. He drove a bus route and was a para professional in the special education department. He loved kids and the kids loved him. He also started coaching his kid's soccer and baseball teams. He spent almost every weekend at the fields, gyms and pizza parties. They made lifelong friends here in Ellensburg that turned into family. Family that has always been there when needed.

Bill coached soccer for KVJSA for years and held the office of president for a short while. Coaching was something Bill was born to do. He headed up the

first girls' soccer team at the Ellensburg high school in 1986 and two years later was asked to do the same at Central Washington University and head up the women's soccer program. He was the head coach for the Central Women's soccer team from 1989 to the mid 1990's. He will always be known as "Coach" by

so many that had the privilege of playing for him. Bill retired from the school district in 1999. He then spent time fishing, some short traveling and working in his garage. He continued to make homemade sausage and passed the torch to his children this last fall. He sat back and let them run the show. Even though the last few years were hard for him to get around because chronic health issues, he and Betty were able to take one last family trip with the kids and grandkids to Disneyland the spring of 2016.

If you knew Bill, you knew what a great sense of humor he had. Always with a big hug and smile. And if you were lucky a little joke or "tall" tale as well. He will be so much missed and we are so lucky to have known and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years Betty Jean (Huettner) Baker; daughter, Anjanette "Anji" (Dave) Bryant; son, Marc Baker; grandchildren, Katie and Maggie Bryant; sister, Mary Jane (Baker) Miner.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at First Lutheran Church. A potluck will follow at the Moose Lodge until 3 p.m.

Tax Relief: The Nebraska Way

By Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts

Tax relief is key to growing Nebraska. We have to become more competitive in order to grow the number of people in our state and opportunities for more and better paying jobs. While this might seem like common sense, not everyone shares this view. The new legislative session has begun and the lobbyists and special interests have returned to the State Capitol. Some are suggesting the state should raise taxes, even though I have presented balanced budgets that restrain spending without tax increases.

Throughout the session, I will be working with State Senators to protect you, the taxpayer, and I will work with the Legislature to fight against proposals to raise your taxes. I encourage you to follow the debate on taxes at the State Capitol closely, because your voice will be critical in building support for tax relief and stopping tax increases. Some advocates for tax relief will tout plans that actually raise taxes on one group of people to give to another. Be forewarned: talk about finding "revenues" and "new resources" and "rebalancing" is simply code for raising taxes!

This week, I proposed a tax plan in my State of the State address to provide substantial property and income tax relief to Nebraskans. When I am traveling the state, Nebraskans make it very clear that they are tired of the government taking their money. My plan controls the rate of growth in property valuations for tax purposes and puts more money back into your pockets—it does not simply shifts taxes around.

The first part of my tax plan changes the way we value ag land for taxation purposes with the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act sponsored by Ag Committee Chair Lydia Brasch. Under this bill, the method for assessing property value is changed from a market-based system to an income-potential assessment. Income potential is a much fairer measure, and will slow the growth of ag land valuation increases. If this system were in place for 2017, it would reduce ag land valuations by about \$2.2 billion.

Income potential based property tax assessment for ag land is used in North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. This method is standard across similar states with ag-based economies. It is why many Nebraska ag producers have suggested it to me. If the bill passes, the state would transition to the new system beginning in 2019 to give local taxing entities and county assessors plenty of time to prepare.

The second part of my plan provides income tax relief. Did you know it's been 20 years since middle class Nebraskans saw an income tax rate cut? Income tax rate reductions should not be a once-in-generation event! High income taxes not only burden our families, but they also make our state less competitive. Only one of our bordering states has higher income tax rates than Nebraska—that's Iowa. Wyoming and South Dakota have no income tax, and Colorado, Kansas and Missouri all have lower rates.

I'm also partnering with Revenue Chairman Jim Smith to take the top income tax rate down roughly one-tenth of one percent per year, starting in 2020, as long as the state's revenue growth exceeds 3.5 percent. In effect, we will have a trigger when we hit 3.5 percent growth to take that income tax rate from 6.84 percent down a little each year until it's under six percent. If our revenue doesn't grow fast enough, the tax rate doesn't come down. This mechanism will protect taxpayers, and ensure the state doesn't face a budget crisis.

As the session progresses, I will work with senators on these plans, and to provide tax relief for you. Passing tax relief will not be easy, and we will need your help and support to make it a reality. Some will try to say that passing tax relief this session shouldn't happen because state revenues have slowed. However, we can still pass responsible tax relief the Nebraska way. The budgets I have proposed put the state on solid fiscal footing, preparing the way for tax relief, which will help spur growth.

If you want to see property or income tax relief happen this session, I encourage you to register your support with your State Senator. Your voice as a taxpayer matters in this discussion. You can find their information by visiting www.NebraskaLegislature.gov. As always, you can contact my office at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or 402-471-2244.



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Sunday: Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Second Tuesday of the month, Dorcas Circle.
Wednesday: 9 a.m., Sew 'n Sews; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML.
Wednesday Evening, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Class. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Christ Lutheran. September through April.
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Sunday: Worship service, 10:00 a.m.; Communion first Sunday of each month.
3rd Tuesday each month, Church Council, 7:30 p.m. Fellowship brunch every 3rd Sunday before Sunday Service 9:30-10:00 a.m.
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Fr. David Oldham, pastor

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(Highway 62, east of Stella)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; church service, 10:15 a.m.
Web page: www.gbfcchurch.com
Office: 883-2110
pastor Dave Lockard

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Sunday: Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Cookies and Fellowship 10:00 a.m., first Sunday of the month.
Second Monday of month: Women's Circle, 7 p.m.
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First Tuesday Care & Outreach - 6:30 PM. LLL - 7:30 PM
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Dan Gifford, pastor

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Father Thomas Dunavan, pastor - 245-3002

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Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; children's church and morning worship, 10:40 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.
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Stephen Floyd, pastor
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Barada United Methodist Church
717 Rd./652 Blvd.
Worship Service: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Jerry Yount
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Please join us to worship the Lord. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month.
Dan Farley, pastor

First United Methodist Church
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fumc@sentco.net
402-245-3281
Sunday: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Broadcast live on KTNC AM 1230. Adult Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Children's Sunday school during worship.
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Wednesday: Prayer/Healing Service: 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
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Rev. John Hogue,

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Gene Rowell Pastor

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1 Corinthians 1:10-18
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Village of Verdon

VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 4, 2017 -
7:30 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Denise Koso, James Cockerham, Wade Lowe, Brenda Streit, Shannon Weinmann and Clerk: Brenda Daniels. Absent: None.

GUESTS: Patrick Hatfield and Eric Schmidt from NPPD.

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Weinmann, second by Streit to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

JANUARY, 2017 CLAIMS: Motion by Cockerham, second by Streit to approve paying the claims, except to hold the quarterly bill from Utility Service Co. until Chairperson Koso can contact them about some issues. All the trustees voting YEA.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1. The January, 2017 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board and all were paid. 2. Time cards and daily work sheets for December, 2016 were reviewed by the Trustees and initialed. 3. Thank you note from Clerk Daniels was read. 4. Local area representatives from N.P.P.D were present to discuss various odds and ends and to introduce Eric Schmidt. No rate increases are expected for the Village in 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1. Copies of the written update reports for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Bents were passed out to each Board member. These were read and discussed. 2. After discussing it for quite awhile, a motion was made by Trustee Streit, with a second by James Cockerham to accept the offer of the Congregational Church Building as it is except for specified items mentioned during earlier discussions, for use in the future as a Community Building for Verdon. On roll call vote: Cockerham: YEA, Koso: YEA, Streit: YEA and Weinmann: YEA. Lowe: NAY. The motion passed with a majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Motion made by Koso, second by Lowe to set the One & Six Year Highway & Street Planning Meeting for February 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. All trustees present voting YEA.

ORDINANCES: 1. Ordinance 2016-103 "Closing 2nd Street from Main St. west to railroad right of way" Came up for its 3rd and final reading. Motion by Weinmann, second by Koso to pass the 3rd reading, with all the Trustees voting YEA. Chairperson Koso declared Ordinance 2016-103 passed and approved this 4th day of January, 2017 and will be in full force and effect after it's posting as required by law. She then signed the ordinance with the clerk attesting thereto with her signature and the Village seal.

Ordinance 2017-100 "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES" came up for the 1ST reading. Motion by Streit to pass the 1ST reading with a second made by Weinmann. All the Trustees voted YEA for approval.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Weinmann, second by Streit to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. All the Trustees present voted YEA. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting for the Village of Verdon will be on February 1, 2017 at the Verdon Village Hall at 7:40 p.m. following the Public Hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Street Plan Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Brenda Daniels, Verdon Clerk/Treasurer.

VILLAGE OF VERDON DECEMBER, 2016 CLAIMS PAID

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VERDON LIBRARY, EX	\$25.00
US POSTAL SERVICE, SU	\$34.00
R.C.R.W.D. # 2, SU	\$954.24
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SE	\$1,148.00
HD SUPPLY Water works, SU	\$269.86
SE AREA CLERKS ASSOC., FE	\$10.00
SNC, SE	\$89.16
FARM & CITY SUPPLY, SU	\$178.83
MIDWEST LABS, FE	\$453.00
DYLAN HANDLEY, ATTY., SE	\$312.50
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, SU	\$25.44
USA BLUEBOOK, SU	\$67.62
MUNICIPAL CHEM. SUPPLY, SU	\$217.51
BRENDA DANIELS, EX	\$150.00
TAMMIE BENTS, EX	\$150.00
VERDON COM. WORKERS, EX	\$50.00
O.P.P.D., SE	\$94.36
N.P.P.D., SE	\$932.54
BRENDA DANIELS, SA	\$480.00
TAMMIE BENTS, SA	\$812.83
TAMMIE BENTS, MI	\$72.36
NE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB, FE	\$15.00
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, SE	\$73.44
BRENDA DANIELS, RE	\$249.79
TAMMIE BENTS, RE	\$111.23
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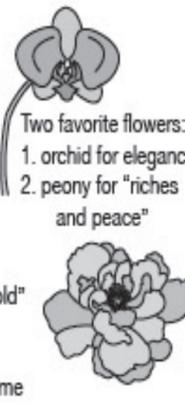
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The Chinese New Year begins this year on Saturday, January 28th. It is the biggest and most important holiday of the year for Chinese families. It is a time for honoring family and visiting friends. It is a time of wishes for good health, good luck, peace, joy and wealth. This celebration is also called "Spring Festival" because it is a time for new beginnings. Chinese New Year lasts fifteen days. On the first day it is important for family and friends to be together. People warmly remember and honor ancestors. The seventh day is everyone's birthday. Everyone turns one year older at the same time! The New Year celebration ends on the fifteenth day, the day of the Lantern Festival. Lanterns are carried out into the street. There are parades, at the end of which a "dragon" dances for good luck.

What do you know about the Chinese New Year? Read these clues to fill in the puzzle:

- Chinese New Year, also called _____ Festival, is a 15-day celebration
- it comes between the fall _____ and the season for spring planting
- it is celebrated in parts of Asia as well as in U.S. _____ like San Francisco
- families work hard preparing themselves and their _____ for the holiday
- they clean the house, _____ away "the old"
- during the holiday, some get new haircuts and wear new _____
- paying back _____ is important at this time



Chinese New Year 2017 Year of the Rooster
Gung Hay Fat Choy! (Best Wishes and Congratulations!)

8. vases of beautifully arranged _____ and bowls of tangerines and oranges decorate homes

9. families cook special _____ like Eight Treasures Rice, which can be made from many things: rice, walnuts, dry fruit, raisins, sweet red bean paste, jujube dates, almonds, cherries

10. children may get red envelopes (Hongbao) filled with _____

11. the Chinese _____ has 12 animals; each animal standing for one year

12. 2017 - Year of the _____

13. on the 7th day, which is everyone's _____, people eat very long noodles to bring long life

14. people make _____ for the Lantern Festival and hang them or carry them into the street

15. "dragons" dance in _____ for good luck on the final day of the celebration

DRAGONS BRING GOOD LUCK!

Yay! 2017 is all about me and the people born in my year. Read my clues to learn about roosters and a bit about the people born in the Year of the Rooster:

- The Year of the _____ begins on the first day of the new year.
- People born in this year are thought to be very _____.
- Roosters are often symbols for _____ and strength.
- A rooster is a male chicken; the red flap below its beak is called a _____.
- There are 65 recognized chicken _____.
- Farm chickens are one of the largest bird _____; there are about 24 billion chickens in the world!
- A rooster _____ at sunrise.
- Roosters do a dance called _____, in which they bob their heads while picking up food.
- The larger and brighter the combs on the top of their _____ are, the more likely roosters are to find mates.
- Roosters have been _____ - or tamed - and raised for food, for almost 10,000 years; many live on farms or in back yards!
- Roosters are _____ - they eat both plants and animals.
- One type of chicken that comes from China is the _____, named after its soft and fluffy feathers.

The Year of the Rooster

In what year were you born?

- Rooster (2005, 2017)
- Dog (2006, 2018)
- Pig or Boar (2007, 2019)
- Rat (2008, 2020)
- Ox (2009, 2021)
- Tiger (2010, 2022)
- Rabbit (2011, 2023)
- Dragon (2012, 2024)
- Snake (2013, 2025)
- Horse (2014, 2026)
- Goat (2015, 2027)
- Monkey (2016, 2028)

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By virtue of an order of sale issued by the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, and pursuant to a decree of said Court in an action therein indexed at Case No. CI 16-9, wherein Matrix Financial Services Corporation, is the plaintiff, and Timothy O'Leary Boles, Spouse of Timothy O'Leary Boles, real name unknown, John Doe and Jane Doe, real names and marital status unknown, are the defendants, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property at 11:00 a.m., on the 7th day of February, 2017, on the first floor, lobby area of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, to-wit:

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Tract No. 2: Beginning 16 1/2 Feet West of the Northwest corner of Lot Six (6), Block Twenty-Five (25), A.R. & Luther Nim's Addition to the City of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska, thence running East a distance of 66.5 Feet; Thence South 98 Feet; thence West 66.5 Feet; thence North 98 Feet to the place of beginning, all in said Block Twenty-Five (25), except covenants, restrictions and easements of record, if any. (Commonly known as 914 Mechanic Street, Humboldt, Nebraska 68376).

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O. William VonSeggern Master Commissioner 4-10-17-24

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Case No. PR16-53 Notice is hereby given that Rick Nutzman whose address is 71318 657 Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has been formally appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with the County Court of Richardson County Nebraska, on or before March 17, 2017, or be forever barred.

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF MARILYN LOUISE SLAGLE, DECEASED PR16-57

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of December, 2016, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Scott Slagle, whose address is 4950 North 167th West, Colwich, Kansas 67030, and Jay Slagle, whose address is 317 South 52nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68132, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 6, 2017 or be forever barred. Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk-Magistrate

O. William VonSeggern, #14341 Attorney at Law 105 East 17th Street P.O. Box 10 Falls City, Nebraska 68355 402/245-3815 4-10-17

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION Madhalbry Farms LLC

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

1. The name of the limited liability company is Madhalbry Farms LLC.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

On December 23, 2016 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of First United Presbyterian Church, [Falls City, Nebraska], were filed in the following manner:

Article 1. of the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation is hereby amended henceforth to read as follows:

"The name of the corporation is 'First Presbyterian Church of Falls City, Nebraska.'"

Its Attorneys: Richard L. Halbert, #11659 Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 Ryan C. Dorsey, #25748 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C. 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486 4-10-17

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Falls City, Nebraska proposes to hold a public hearing on February 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Local Time at the City Council Chambers located in the City Building at 2307 Barada Street to consider the adoption of a long range plan for a one-year and six-year street improvement program for the City of Falls City, Nebraska. Any interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and to present pertinent information, data or views or to request additional information or background regarding said street improvements plans. The purpose of the hearing is to afford full and complete public knowledge and discussion of said street improvements plans prior to adoption according to law and as provided in Legislative Bill No. 1302 passed by the 1969 Nebraska State Legislature and approved by the Governor. 17

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF FROST-TEC WELDING, MANUFACTURING & FABRICATION, LLC

1. The name of the organization is Frost-Tec Welding, Manufacturing & Fabrication, LLC.

2. The street address of the initial Registered Office of the organization is: 2819 Old Highway 73, Falls City, Nebraska 68355 and the Registered Agent at that address is Joel B. Frost.

3. The purposes for which the organization is organized are to engage in any and all lawful businesses for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, including but not limited to the ownership, management and leasing of real property.

4. The organization commenced on December 16, 2016.

5. The management of the organization shall be vested in the members. The names and addresses of the initial members are as follows:

Joel B. Frost, 2819 Old Highway 73, Falls City, NE 68355 Frost-Tec Welding, Manufacturing & Fabrication, LLC Joel B. Frost, Member

Kelly J. Werts FANKHAUSER, NELSEN, WERTS, ZISKEY & MERWIN, P.C., L.L.O. Attorneys at Law 713 4th Street Humboldt, NE 68376 (402)862-2321 17-24-31

NOTICE Amanda M. Barron Attorney at Law

Box 597 Fremont, Nebraska 68056 To the Defendant(s), Jeffrey W. Colgrove Christie N. Colgrove

You are hereby notified that Credit Bureau Services, Inc., a corporation, filed its complaint in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska on 08/31/2016 on Case Number CI16-168, the object and prayer of which is to recover the sum of \$160.92, plus interest, attorney fees and court costs. You are required to answer the complaint of the Plaintiff on or before 02/28/2017 or the allegations in said complaint will be taken as true and judgment entered accordingly.

Credit Bureau Services, Inc., A Corporation By: A.M. Barron, #238108 Its Attorney P.O. Box 597 525 N. 'D' St. Fremont, NE 68026 402-721-1850 17-24-31

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF A & B ANTIQUES, LLC

Notice is hereby given that A & B Antiques, 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 December 30, 2016 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 Abrey C. Trail.

Abrey C. Trail, Manager WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz #12807 Zachary L. Blackman #24921 1719 Stone Street P. O. Box 569 Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-3015 17-24-31

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE DOWNTOWN DEN, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that The Downtown Den, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on January 6, 2017 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

1. The name of the company is The Downtown Den, LLC. 2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual. 3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 1800 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the company's initial registered agent for service of process in Nebraska is Richard L. Halbert, 111 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355. 4. The general nature of its business is 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 the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorneys: Richard L. Halbert, #11659 Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 Ryan C. Dorsey, #25748 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C. 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486 17-24-31

NOTICE In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the matter of the Estate of Thomas C. Matter, Deceased.

Case No. PR17-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of January, 2017, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Neal E. Parsons, whose address is 217 East 18th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, 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 March 17, 2017 or forever barred. Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk-Magistrate

Neal E. Parsons, #13228 Attorney at Law 217 East 18th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355 402/245-3088 17-24-31

Notice of Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit

The City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, will meet on February 6, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, to hold a public hearing at which time interested parties and citizens have an opportunity to be heard concerning the request for a conditional use permit for cover crop use of the following described real estate, to-wit: 800 and 900 Block of East 9th Street and the 700 and 800 Block of Ben Boulevard Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Falls City - Gatz Addition all of Block 1A, 2 and 5; Block 4 Lots 1-6.

The application is made by Lukas Goff for a conditional use permit for the above real estate located in the (R2) Medium Density Residential Zoning District of the City of Falls City, as provided in Article 6 of the Falls City Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

The City of Falls City A Municipal Corporation Gary Jorn, City Clerk 17

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 Chairman and Village Board of Trustees, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 7th day of February, 2017, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Village Hall at which time objection to or recommendations for said Plan will be heard.

Carolyn Glathar, Clerk 17

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01, a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2017, for the following retail liquor licensee, to wit:

FALLS CITY COUNTRY CLUB

64870 706 Trail FALLS CITY, NE 68355 Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 7-1-16

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of Richardson County on or before February 10, 2017, in the office of the Richardson County Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed. Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Stella, Nebraska as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec. 39-2119 et seq. R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 6th day of February, 2017, beginning at 7 P.M., at the Stella Community Building at which time objection to or recommendations for said Plan will be heard. Vicki Owings, Village Clerk 17

Board of Equalization

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

JANUARY 3, 2017 - CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Standerford, Davidson and Sichel; Assessor, Pam Vice and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room. Motion was made by Davidson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

TAX LIST CORRECTION Motion was made by Sichel to approve 4 tax list corrections as presented by Assessor Vice. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS Motion was made by Sichel to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption applications from the following organizations: Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.; Boy Scout Troop #387; Christ Church of Falls City, Inc.; First Christian Church, Falls City; Terry Campbell, Falls City; First Baptist Church d/b/a Valley Avenue Baptist Church, Falls City; Falls City Volunteer Ambulance; Good News Assembly of God Church, Falls City; Corner Stone Baptist Church, Falls City; Sacred Heart School; and Community Medical Center. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. David D. Sichel, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

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Semi-Annual Treasurer's Statement

July 01, 2016 Through December 31, 2016

Table with columns: Fund #, Fund Name, Beginning Balance, Collections, Disbursements, Fund Transfers, Ending Balance. Includes sub-totals for GRAND TOTALS and CASH ON HAND.

CASH ON HAND \$ 1,814.24 OUTSTANDING WARRANTS \$ - CHECKS ON HAND 563,274.05 NUMBER OF UNPAID CLAIMS - MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS 3,762,524.21 NUMBER OF DENIED CLAIMS 300 CHECKING ACCOUNTS 2,489,952.61 OUTSTANDING CHECKS \$ 11,321.30 INVESTMENTS 672,575.10 IN LIEU OF CASH 2,160.40 \$ 7,512,300.61

I, Austin M. Duerfeldt, Richardson County Treasurer, certify the above report shows the collections, disbursements, transfers, and fund balances on hand for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

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MISC.

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The Falls City High boys' basketball team avenged a December road loss to Auburn in a BIG way last Tuesday in FC with a 68-31 win over the Bulldogs. Auburn's earlier upset over FC snapped a string of 29 consecutive Tiger victories in the series. Lighting wasn't about strike twice, though, as FC led by an almost unbelievable score of 28-0 before Auburn put points on the board. It was cause for celebration, indeed.

Still king in 'The Jungle'

FCJS junior Brandt Chapple scored 26 points - 10 during a first quarter that saw the Tigers bust out on an amazing 22-0 lead - and Falls City avenged an earlier loss to rival Auburn with a lopsided 68-31 victory in Falls City.

The Tigers lost to Auburn back on Dec. 9, which snapped a streak of 29 straight FC victories in the rivalry. But history had no chance of repeating itself last Tuesday, as FC put up 28 before Auburn, now 10-4 on the year, even put points on the board. It was 37-6 at half-time.

"It was a great night for the Tigers," FCJS Head Coach Don Hogue said. "I don't recall ever holding a team to no points in the first quarter or scoring 28 before the other team scores a point."

Chapple followed up a 30-point performance at Lourdes with another monster game. He made 9-of-12 free throws.

Rudy Vrtiska chipped in 12 points and Kyle Leafy added 10 as 10 different Tigers formed the scoring column.

FC, though, fell to 8-5 on the season Friday with a 59-48 home loss to Maryville, MO. Saturday's game at Elmwood-Murdock was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Tigers are a seventh seed entering this week's Thunder Classic at Seneca, KS. FC is supposed to take on No. 2 Horton, KS, at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Marysville, KS, is the No. 1 seed and the title game is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday.

SCORING vs. Auburn

FC — Cook, 5; Schwang, 2; Heck-enlively, 4; Vrtiska, 12; Kurgewweit, 1; Leafy, 10; Dean, 2; Chapple, 26; Hogue, 2; Sickel, 4.

A — Darnell, 2; Minton, 7; Hopper, 20; Lickteig, 2.

STUDENTS

Jay M. Steinman, the son of John and Patricia Steinman, of Falls City, received his Masters of Engineering Management Degree from the University of Nebraska during commencement exercises Dec. 16 and 17 at UNL.

Grand Weaver

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renovations of the lobby and fourth floor guest suites were unveiled at The Grand Weaver Hotel (a nod to its 1924 origin, The Hotel Weaver, named after A.J. Weaver, Nebraska Governor from 1929-31) in 2009. Glaeser still has that 'diamond' in his vision and has unveiled plans for the addition of five new apartments on the third floor, one of which is already spoken for, and five new hotel rooms. On the first floor, two new business ventures are coming: The Den, a cozy hotel bar, and The Front Porch, a coffee house/gift store. The addition of these services will further enhance Glaeser's "grounds to gifts" concept and will not only elevate the stay for his guests but also provide a relaxing place for locals and visitors.

The Den could open as early as this spring.



Hello, my name is Brian McKim. Many of you know me, but for those who don't, here's a little background. I was born and raised in Falls City and graduated from Sacred Heart. My wife and I live in Falls City with our son Alexander who is a fifth grader at South School.

From a very young age I was enthralled by sports. Whether it be listening to a Husker game on a Saturday afternoon (not many games were televised then) or sitting on my 80 year old neighbors porch at the ripe age of eight listening to Royals ball games on those warm summer nights. When the game was over I raced up the dark sidewalk to my parents house just knowing someone was chasing me, there never was.

I've been extremely fortunate in my forty years to attend many of my favorite events. I still remember the excitement of attending my first Husker game with my dad. The Sea of Red to an eight year old kid is almost too much to describe. I vividly remember just being in shock and awe of all the red. Now all these years later I have been lucky enough to be a season ticket holder for the past seven years and enjoy seeing that same look of wonderment in my son's eyes. Hundreds of Husker games later I still get that same feeling.

As far as baseball goes, it's my first love. I've been to far too many Royals games to count, but you still can't beat the feeling of hearing the crack of the bat and the smell of hot dogs. I was lucky enough to attend game two of the 2014 World Series thus fulfilling a lifelong dream. I was also able to attend the Wild Card game against the A's in 2014. WOW! Best game of all time, at least in my opinion. That's what this column will be about, my opinion. I may not know everything there is to know about the Royals or the Nebraska Cornhuskers but you better believe I'll have an opinion about it. I don't always agree with decisions that the coaching staff make and I often feel like I could make better choices. That's probably not the case, but as fans we all tend to feel this way sometimes. So as the year progresses I will add commentary to games, trades, rumors, recruits, coaching changes and fans expectations. You may not always agree with what I have to say but bear in mind this is just one mans opinion, whether it is right or wrong.

Let's begin with Nebraska football. Coach Mike Riley put together a decent second season, but when did a *decent* year become okay? The Huskers finished the season with a 9-4 record, not bad for some schools, but this is Nebraska. We haven't been relevant in the National Media's eyes for years. We last won a conference championship in 1999. Yes that's right 1999! After watching the bowl games this year, the talent gap has never been more obvious. Clemson or Alabama's second team would beat us with ease. The recruiting needs to get better and it needs to start immediately. Recently at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, Nebraska was in the running for four recruits. We landed exactly zero of those athletes while all of America was watching. Even Tennessee whom the Huskers played in the Music City Bowl had far better talent on the field. For crying out loud our back up quarterback wasn't even an all-state selection in high school. Have we really fallen that far? Not to take anything away from Ryker Fyfe, he showed great perseverance over the years, but he wouldn't even make a team at Michigan or Clemson or Alabama. Not only do we need better starters but we have to have kids ready to step in and play when injuries occur. Now as I sit and write this column I received and email stating that the Huskers just landed its biggest recruit in the 2017 class. According to his Twitter account, wide receiver Tyjon Lindsey, a former Ohio State, has chosen Nebraska. Lindsey ranks as the number 38 overall prospect according to 247Sports. Lindsey is a solid four star recruit and will probably see action early at the receiver position. He will join Keyshawn Johnson Jr. and Jaevon McQuitty at the receiver slot. The Huskers could still add one more receiver as Jamire Calvin, who committed to Oregon State in the All American Bowl, is said to be wavering and still considers Nebraska a good fit.

Also in the news for the Huskers is the firing of Mark Banker, a long time friend and assistant coach to Riley. The rumors I've heard is Banker wasn't really holding up his end of the deal when it came to landing recruits and really even though the defense made strides in the right direction this season they still game up 62 points to Ohio State (they were beaten 31-0 by Clemson), 40 points to an average Iowa team and 38 points to Tennessee. So even though I was surprised by his firing I do feel that it was needed. What really shocked me is how fast he was replaced. According to Brian Christopherson of the *Lincoln Journal Star* the Huskers have hired Bob Diaco, former Connecticut head coach and former defensive coordinator as Notre Dame. Diaco will bring a new 3-4 defense to Nebraska. According to broadcaster Kevin Kugler, Diaco had just on defense from 2009-2013 that finished the year ranked outside of the top 44 in scoring defense. In comparison the Huskers, in the last five years have only cracked the top fifty in scoring defense once. Lets hope he can turn the defense around and bring the great tradition of the Black Shirts back to prominence.

Now moving on to baseball. We have entered the time when college football is done, the NFL is still going but who cares, and spring training is still a ways off but trades, free agency and rumors keep the off season interesting. First off I would like to discuss the Wade Davis trade to the Cubs. Davis would have been a free agent at the end of this season and it is unlikely the Royals would have been able to resign him. In return for Davis the Royals received RF Jorge Soler. In only 211 career games Soler has 27 home runs and 98 RBI. At 6 feet 4 inches tall and 215 pounds Soler has the physical attributes to be a power hitter from the right side of the plate. In the outfield he's is considered average but Coach Rusty Kunz see's potential in him. According to Kunz his speed is more on par with Alex Gordon than Jarrod Dyson. Also he is under team control for four more years. That brings me to the next trade I would like to talk about. On January 6, the Royals sent outfielder Jarrod Dyson to Seattle in exchange for RHP Nathan Karns. Now I know Dyson was beloved in KC, I was a huge fan, but once again I understand the trade and I have to agree with it. The Royals figure Karns will compete for a spot in the rotation but if not according to general manager Dayton Moore, "Karns has a power arm that is hard to come by. It's an arm that could translate to the bullpen as well." Another big point of this deal is that Dyson is free agent after this season, but Karns will remain under the Royals control for four more years. Other rumors floating around have been that the Royals will listen to possible trade deals for Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas. My take on this is simple. If Dayton Moore really believes that the Royals will be unable to resign either player at the end of the season then by all means I feel we should listen to teams. If the Royals are able to get good, young, ready to play prospects in return then maybe our young all stars should be dealt. Scott Boras, the agent for both players has been known to get top dollar for his athletes and the Royals likely cannot outbid the Yankees or Dodgers to keep their talent. So in my humble opinion if we will be unable to resign these players, we should at least deal them now and get something back in return. Much can happen between now and opening day which is April 3. Stay tuned and I will do my best to keep the rumor mill going. Until then Go Big Red and Lets Go Royals!!



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Welcome to historic Park Street, looking north toward the gold-domed State House. To the left, Boston Common; to the right, the Old Granary Burial Ground, where lie Paul Revere, John Hancock and Samuel Adams. That's Park Street Church in the foreground; its site is known as "Brimstone Corner." The yule tree being carted off to lower left indicates that Christmas no longer is banned in Boston, as it was when the Puritans held sway. As for the 1913 Pierce Arrow approaching from the right, artist John Falter tells us it originally belonged to Boston astronomer Percival Lowell, brother of poet Amy Lowell. Ill-mannered people might term the dowager in the back seat a bluenose—and perhaps, on this fourteen-degree day, she is.

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