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With all the serious problems facing us, in our opinion the ongoing deflated footballs controversy has been very highly inflated.

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Falls City Area Jaycees 2015 Distinguished Service Awards

The Falls City Area Jaycees held their annual Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony and celebrated our community's most deserving humanitarians.

This year's DSA ceremony was held inside the newly renovated Elks club. As has been done years before, a new group of officers were sworn into their

Bernice Kopetzky
'15 Good Neighbor Award



This is the first in a series of features the Falls City Journal will publish on the winners of the Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards.

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new roles. President Chris Fischer turned that role over to David Goff. Other members sworn in were Rachel Jackson, Community Development VP; Jessica Fischer, Membership and Growth; Kaytlyn Kennedy, Management and Development; Megan Vande-

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A memorial service for 57-year-old Barbara Walker, who Sunday succumbed to injuries sustained in last Tuesday's house fire, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Paramedics and firefighters provide aide to Barbara J. Walker, 57, moments after removing her from her burning house.

Tuesday house fire in FC ends in tragedy

By Jason Schock

What was once firefighters' heroic rescue turned into a senseless loss of life Sunday, when 57-year-old Barbara Walker died in a Lincoln hospital, five days after local firemen seemingly pulled her to safety as flames and smoke engulfed her home at 2020 Wilson St.

When reached by phone Monday, Nebraska State Fire Marshal Investigator Mark Sloupe declined to release the findings of his investigation after first learning of Mrs. Walker's death from the *Journal* reporter, but according to a volunteer fireman who asked to remain anonymous, authorities believe the fire started as a result of a lit cigarette. Sloup assured the *Journal* he would provide a statement later in the day, though the call-back never came and repeated attempts to contact the investigator were unsuccessful.

Members of the Falls City Volunteer Fire Dept., the FC Rural Fire Dept., police, ambulance and emergency management officials responded

to the 11:57 a.m. fire call and were on the scene at 12:04 p.m. last Tuesday at the home, according to Assistant Fire Chief Jim Liming. The house already had flames erupting from southwest windows on the first floor. According to both Liming and John McQueen, paid driver John White was on duty in the fire station at the time, which expedited the response. Longtime FC Fire Chief Ken Simpson was taking his vacation and not available last week.

Liming said he, veteran firefighter Jason Hall and rookies Tom Hamilton and Brandon Pierce conducted a rapid search of the downstairs for the occupant, while Rural Fire Chief Mike Ramsey and Shawn Fouraker conducted a search of the second floor.

"The occupant was located in the downstairs and rapidly evacuated to the care of the ambulance squad," Liming said.

Mrs. Walker was taken to Community Medical Center and then flown

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City hit with another lawsuit

By Jason Schock

Falls City Mayor Jerry Oliver delivered "good" news and "bad" news to the City Council Monday, Jan. 19, when they met in chambers at City Hall.

The "good" news: the State Supreme Court's Jan. 16 judgment in favor of the City and EDGE ("Supreme Court sides with EDGE, City" in the Jan. 20 edition of *The Journal*), which reversed a lower court's decision that essentially declared EDGE a government body whose records are public in nature, and vacated some \$17,000 in lawyer fees awarded to David Leon Frederick. Frederick, co-owner had sought full disclosure of said records.

The "bad" news: The City is being sued again...and there's a lot more than 17 grand at stake. A summons from Houghton, Whitted & Weaver, PC, LLO, of Omaha, and Weaver & Merz, of Falls City, was received at City Hall earlier in the day, asking the City for "at least" some \$1.5 million for attorney fees owed from a 2006 case in which the City filed a complaint against the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool and Central Plains Energy Project. Falls City alleged that NMPP breached a contract with an interlocal agency (NPGA) created in order to secure natural gas for participating municipalities, including Falls City.

In May 2008, following an

11-day trial, Falls City in Lancaster District Court was awarded a monetary judgment of approximately \$700,000 against NMPP and three of its staff members, but two years later, the Nebraska Supreme Court reversed the earlier ruling.

In essence, the Nebraska Supreme Court found that Falls City had "no standing" in filing the lawsuit.

"Neither the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act nor the agreement Falls City signed when it joined the NPGA granted Falls City the right to bring suit against NMPP or the individual defendants," the Supreme Court ruled. "NPGA is a public body and its duties are owed to the public. Therefore Falls City did not have standing to bring the cause of action and the action must be dismissed."

The matter was sent back to the Lancaster District Court for disposition. NMPP maintained that it was "simply investigating improved ways of purchasing low-cost natural gas supply for the benefit of citizens served by our member communities." At issue were long-term purchases of natural gas and Falls City did not want to change suppliers.

At that time, then-City Attorney Doug Merz told council members that the complicated aspects of the case were not a part of the Supreme Court Decision. Rather the Court ruled that Falls City had "no stand-

ing" in filing the suit.

"The record is clear," Merz said in 2010. "The trial (District) court agreed we were damaged and that there were a lot of misdeeds by the defendants."

The summons, dated Jan. 16 (the City has 30 days to respond) reads as if the Supreme Court decision has little to no bearing on an agreement made between Falls City and the lawyers who represented them. They say they're still owed money, arguing "Falls City has been the recipient of cash distributions of more than \$3 million from the business activities of APEA through Falls City's membership in NPGA. The lawyers advised Falls City's representative that it would undertake an initial investigation of the facts and some basic legal research to determine the rights of Falls City in the claims. The lawyers and Falls City understood and expected that the lawyers would be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in performing the initial work, that its attorney fees would be paid at its regular hourly rates and that an agreement to provide legal services would have to be executed if the parties went forward with the claims."

Furthermore, "The City Council," it reads, "wanted to join with the APEA and bring the litigation necessary to protect these rights and to save APEA, but did not want

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Former Deputy Sheriff Josh Ninceheler

Ninceheler gets 3 years probation

Former Richardson County Sheriff's Deputy Josh Ninceheler was sentenced in District Court to three years probation and 180 days of community service on Tuesday, Jan. 20 for staging a shooting in June of 2014.

According to the *Lincoln Journal Star*, Richardson County District Judge Daniel Bryan Jr. seemed confused that prosecutors did not ask for jail time as part of a plea agreement, noting that that the terms of a plea agreement -- probation and community service -- would apply to any victim.

"Is the state lying over on this one? Asked Judge Bryan.

Assistant Attorney General Kale Burdick who served as special prosecutor in the case and did not answer the question in court.

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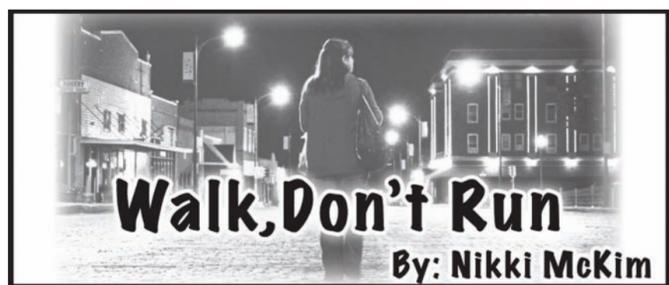
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Goodbye is not one of my favorite words. I have always disliked telling someone goodbye. When I walk out of a room I'll simply say "see ya later." Goodbye stirs up sad memories. Like when I was a little kid and my grandparents would come up from Texas to visit. That last goodbye was always torture. I knew my mom would cry, my grandparents would hold back their tears and my sister and I would completely breakdown. These are some of my most vivid memories of their visits when I was a child. I don't remember a lot about what we did while they were here, but I remember how I would dread that goodbye.

Goodbye also reminds me of the story of Humphrey Bogart and Spencer Tracy. Bogie was on his deathbed when his friend Spence came to visit him as he did every night through Bogart's illness. As Spence and Katharine Hepburn left the room, Bogie whispered "Goodbye." to his friends. Spencer Tracy left the room, turned to Hepburn and said "Bogie's going to die." The following day Bogie went into a coma and later died. Spence knew his friend was going to die, simply because he said "goodbye" and not goodnight.

Life is scary and unpredictable. I know that at any moment that goodbye could be someone's last and one day it will be their final goodbye. A good "I love you" or "See you later" doesn't feel as final. It invokes a feeling of cheer and happiness as you walk away.

I have always felt so blessed that I am 31 years old and still have three of my four grandparents. My son knows them and loves them as much as they love him. My grandma Judy says that she never knew great-grandbabies would be so amazing. Alex has a bond with them that's special and unique. I had the same bond with my great-grandpa Mike. He passed away when I was 16 and I was so lucky to have him for a long as I did. I was blessed. I had always hoped and prayed Alex would have his great-grandparents as long as I had Grandpa Mike.

We said our final goodbye to my grandpa Alexander 16 years ago. I was scared and opted to not be by his side to tell him the impact he had left on my young life. I loved him more than anyone in the world at that time. My sister and I thought the sun rose and set on him. I'd say we still do. I hid with a broken heart that has never fully healed. The regret I have over that decision haunts me often. So many years later I'm now sitting here feeling like that same dumb 14-year-old kid, I'm ready to run and hide because I'm utterly terrified.

This weekend I'll be saying my final goodbye to someone I love. I am trying to see how truly blessed I am. I'm getting the chance to say goodbye. I realize that this often this isn't the case for people. I will get to hold someone's hand and tell them how much I love them. But then the fear creeps in. Fear of what? I honestly don't know what I am so scared of. Maybe I'm afraid I won't say the right thing, is there a right thing in this situation? Maybe I am scared I will shut down. I'll smile to hide the pain, say what is expected to be said and leave full of regret.

They say letting go is one of the most powerful expressions of faith and greatest parting gifts you can offer your loved one. The thing is, I'm selfish. I don't want to say goodbye. I don't want someone to think I'm okay with them parting because frankly I'm not okay with it. I don't know how to feel or how to handle this. There is no manual or rule to how someone should feel in this situation.

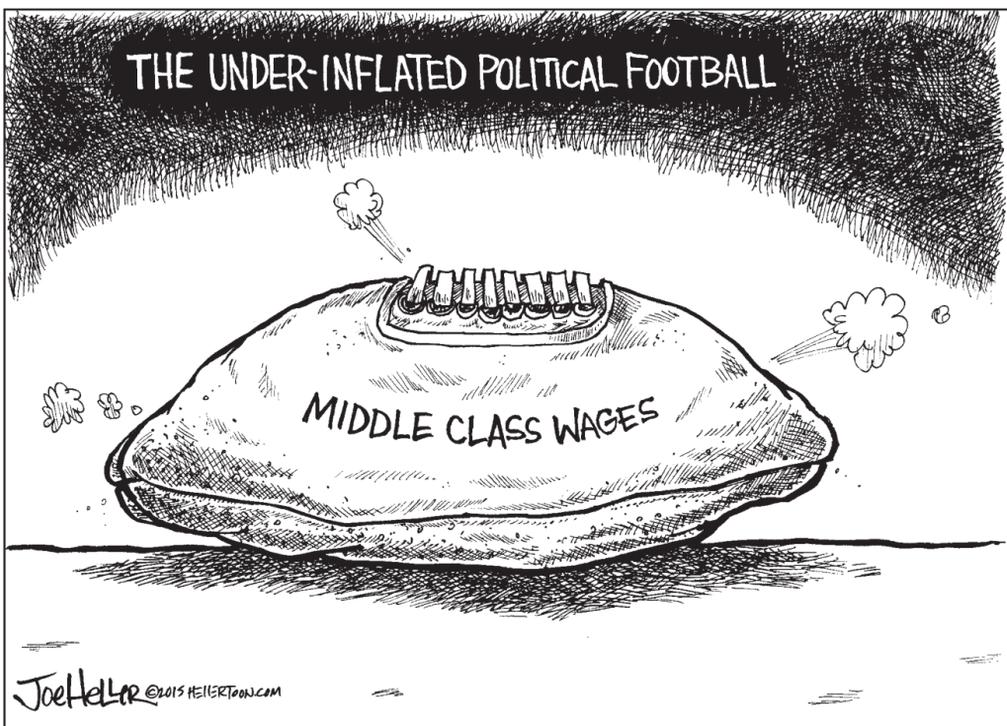
I would rather spend this week knowing that I am going to Minnesota, a place I love. I would have excitement butterflies in my stomach and itching for this workweek to be over. I'd be excited that we get to go shopping at the mall with grandma, discuss the great-grandchildren, laugh at her wild stories and sneak her some chocolate covered marshmallows.

Instead I know I'm going with one purpose, to say goodbye.

The last week has been full of stories, laughter, tears and so many Google searches. I'm still trying to find a way to explain this properly to my little boy. My grandma with all of her humor and inappropriate conversation topics left a big impression on my husband and son. We laughed at some of the stories she shared and things she said that would make a trucker blush. She is no-nonsense, and believes in saying what you mean and meaning what you say. When she moved back to her native Minnesota I was hurt and sad that my little family wouldn't have her around at the drop of a hat. We visited her when we could and I often thought it wasn't enough. This week I realized she is leaving my little family with some wonderful and funny memories.

My grandma taught her grandchildren to be who they want to be. If we want to watch MTV at 60 years old and have chocolate ice cream for dinner, we should. My grandma was also a nurse for most of her life. I believe that to be her proudest achievement. Lately she has shared how important that part of her life was. She loved helping people and dedicated her life to do just that. She never hid who she was and that is a legacy that will live on through all four of her grandchildren.

Grandparents are so special. As grandchildren we are so lucky to have these kind, gentle and wonderful people who often look the other way when your parents tell you that you can't have that candy or 25 cents for the jukebox. At some point we are faced with saying goodbye to those beloved people in our lives. Some goodbyes are at the hospital, some at the cemetery, either way I'll never understand why we only get grandparents for such a short time because they truly are the best.



Can Government Be Run Like A Business? Let's Try It!

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

Nebraska's new governor, Pete Ricketts, has promised to run government like a business. Not surprising since he came from a business background. We've heard politicians promise to do the same thing before, but the evidence has always been too slim to prove guilt.

Ricketts has made a bold step in that direction with the hiring of a Chief Operating Officer to optimize government through the "implementation of best business practices." Granted, the new governor reached into his immediate circle and hired Felix Davidson from TD Ameritrade, the company started by Ricketts' dad, which has also provided income for Pete. But it's still a bold move.

A news release from the Governor's office says the COO will work closely with the governor and assist agency directors in setting goals and creating strategic plans so that agencies and department heads create better outcomes. Laudable goals and refreshing rhetoric, but there are questions. Yes, the devil is in the details.

In previous administrations, the governor always had a chief of staff to be the liaison with agency directors. They have enjoyed various degrees of success. Governor Kay Orr went through chiefs of staff like a crowd through a revolving door during her four years in office. Governor Mike Johann brought his chief of staff - Larry Bare - from a similar position in city government and the guy survived through six years of Johanns and 10 years of Dave Heineman. He still has a temporary spot in the Ricketts' administration.

Ricketts brought in a member of his campaign staff to be his chief of staff and sent Bare to be the interim head of the Department of Administrative Services. That's the branch of the executive office that deals with 14 agencies from Budget to Transportation, the divisions of government that are essential for keeping the everyday tasks under control. The DAS job has been under the watchful eye of longtime Budget Director Gerry Oligmueller since the previous director, Heineman's campaign manager Carlos Castillo, left to manage a short-lived gubernatorial campaign for another candidate.

One can only speculate if the new COO will eventually take over the DAS tasks. It is a new position and the governor has spoken only in broad terms about the duties and responsibilities. Likewise, he has yet to say how much money Davidson will be paid, opting to wait until he starts the job on February 2.

Davidson is a University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate and brings skills such as operations leadership, change management, auditing, compliance and risk management to the table. Sounds like things currently handled by DAS.

Ricketts says the new COO will take a client-centered approach to delivering services and improving outcomes. That ought to be good news to Nebraskans - we are the clients of state government - and one can only hope that Ricketts looks for that same approach in his yet-to-be-named heads of Corrections and Health and Human Services.

Imagine a correction's director who understands the inmates and the lives of their families and friends and not just the para military structure of officers and guards. Imagine an HHS director who understands the end-

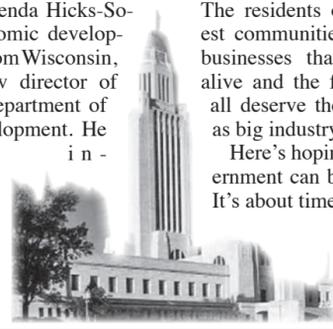
user, the families who depend on assistance and the individuals who need health care assistance. Imagine a director who understands a ministry to the least of these as well as a compliance with federal rules and regulations.

The governor has also announced that Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, an economic development manager from Wisconsin, will be the new director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. He said she is an innovative leader who will "look for new ways to strengthen our economy, add jobs and grow Nebraska

for the next generation." He said he'd announce her salary when she starts her new job on February 16.

Let's hope that she, too, has a client-centered approach and doesn't focus merely on chasing smoke stacks and bringing in industry with the promise of hundreds of jobs. The residents of Nebraska's smallest communities, the mom-and-pop businesses that keep Main Street alive and the farmers and ranchers all deserve the same consideration as big industry and technology.

Here's hoping that Nebraska government can become business-like. It's about time.



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THEME: President's Day

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1. Cookie amount
6. "You betcha!"
9. Bartenders typically split these
13. Ancient Greeks' assembly area
14. Snake-like reef dweller
15. Gent or guy
16. Salad dressing vessel
17. African grazer
18. *Truman's "State of the ____" was first one on TV
19. **"Return to Normalcy" President
21. *Uniform ____ Holiday Act
23. A Beagle bride
24. Cowboy's prod
25. Egg cells
28. Wisecrack
30. Old fashioned expression of disapproval
35. Bruce Wayne in "The Dark Night"
37. Chinese dynasty from 960 to 1279
39. High-strung
40. Jessica ____ of "Dark Angel"
41. Kind of test
43. Stake driver
44. *The nation did this in Nov. '63 with Jackie
46. Sainly glow
47. Stack
48. Bracelet for the arm
50. "Scene one, ____ one"
52. Feather glue?
53. Cleanse
55. Bird-to-be
57. **"He Kept Us Out of War" was his slogan
60. *He hailed from Hope
64. BBQ spot
65. Building addition
67. Dry white Italian wine from Verona
68. Tim or Woody
69. *George H. W. Bush led it in the '70s
70. "The Lego Movie" hero
71. Join together by heating
72. Barbie's beau
73. Nostradamus and Tiresias, e.g.

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1. "Cello Suite No. 1" composer
2. Site of Taj Mahal
3. ____ of duty
4. Belief
5. Detesting
6. Safecracker
7. Even, to a poet
8. Like Raphael's cherubs
9. Be inclined
10. Hipbones
11. Clever tactic
12. ____ Gabriel
15. Non-competitive race
20. White ____
22. Not safe in baseball
24. Having physical sensation
25. **"Change We Can Believe In" President
26. Courage in the face of danger
27. Vinyl collectible
29. **"No Child Left Behind" President
31. Impermanent employee
32. Characteristic
33. Throat dangler
34. **"Tippicanoe and ____ Too"
36. Anglo-Saxon nobility title
38. Apple variety
42. Bumpkin
45. *President Ford's VP
49. Chinese "way"
51. Knights' breastplates
54. T-shirt style
56. Fairytale garden dweller
57. Whip lash mark
58. It shall, for short
59. Behaved like Pinocchio
60. Family or kin
61. Like a broken horse
62. Last word in radio transmission
63. They now play in Brooklyn
64. "Hand" with claws
66. *George Washington couldn't tell one?

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City hit with another lawsuit

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to the risk of paying attorney fees on a regular monthly basis. Falls City requested that the lawyers consider undertaking the representation on a contingent fee basis. Therefore, Falls City and the lawyers negotiated a written agreement taking into consideration that the issues raised would be novel and unpredictable and that the precise relief was not clearly definable...

A "Contingent Fee Agreement" was executed and the litigation was filed in November 2016.

The plaintiffs claim they represented Falls City for 38 months and did so "in reliance on the fee agreement." They claim that Falls City honored the agreement "for many months of litigation" by "paying the expenses."

The suit claims Falls City breached the agreement "by refusing to pay the agreed upon fees for the significant financial benefits Falls City has already received and the future financial interests, payment streams and value Falls City is entitled to as a result of the work of the lawyers."

Falls City, it is alleged:
- Based on its percentage of gas use from NPGA, was paid more nearly \$1.6 million and the fee agreement entitles the lawyers \$627,000 (the sum awarded by the Lancaster District Court). The plaintiffs also argue that Falls City, "as a direct result of the lawyers' work," now own one-third of APEA and its net asset value of more than \$4.2 million. The attorney fee earned: \$564,197.60.

- The City, again, "as a direct result of the litigation efforts on behalf of Falls City," now owns approximately 40 percent of NPGA, based upon its gas usage. NPGA now has a value of \$4.3 million. Attorney fee: \$40,000.

- Falls City's "equity increased in NPGA from 16 percent to 40 percent," adding \$256,560 of value.

- Falls City "has received additional cash benefits or ownership value exceeding \$3 million due to the work of the lawyers."

- After the Supreme Court's ruling in 2010, FC's representatives sought a settlement of the amount due under the Contingent Fee Agreement, "but Falls City refused and claimed no fees were earned." In the meantime, Falls City was sued for Court costs in the sum of almost \$90,000. "Falls City demanded the lawyers continue as counsel and defend the claim for Court costs."

The judgment was reduced to

about \$14,000 and was appealed. That judgment was affirmed in March 2011.

Houghton, Whitted & Weaver, PC, LLO, and Weaver & Merz "has suffered damages in the sum of at least \$1.49 million, plus damages still accruing and yet to be determined for breach of the Contingent Fee Agreement."

Furthermore, the plaintiffs are asking for the costs associated with the action, as well as "any other relief the Court finds just and equitable."

The summons was addressed to the City of Falls City in care of City Administrator Gary Jorn. Jorn declined comment for this story.

Monday, Oliver didn't delve into the issue other than to say, "we firmly believe that the City has paid them everything that we owed."

In other Council news:
- Patrick Malcolm, of Olsson Associates, presented the One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan. He advised that Falls City had received approximately \$440,000.00 in 2014. These annual allocations are made possible by a 1969 law that sets aside money from gas taxes and other sources. The money is placed into a State Highway Trust Fund. Some of these funds are earmarked for municipalities. The allocation requires a local 25 percent match in funds. The 2015 plan has three new projects. One project from 2014 has been completed.

- Following a public hearing, at which no one spoke, the Council approved and adopted the 1 & 6 yr. Street Improvement Plan for 2015 with 7-0 vote. Council member Mike Dougherty was absent.

- The Council also approved a request from Steve and Carol Hollens to rezone approximately 1.54 acres along Old Highway 73 from C - 3 Highway Commercial to I - 1 General Industrial. The change was recommended by the Planning Commission. No one spoke during the public hearing.

- Beckie Cromer, Executive Director with EDGE, presented the fourth quarter report. She highlighted several positives, including, but not limited to, the hiring and retention of employees in the industrial sector and the recent announcement that Gold Star Sausage of Denver will be moving into the old FC Meat Company building. Work on the site has already begun and they plan to be up and running later this spring with forty employees.

Her report also included information concerning Excel Development and their plan to submit application for funding on the Phase 2 housing project. It will include four two-bedroom units; eight three-bedroom units and two four-bedroom 'family only' units. There are currently 25 seniors on the waiting list and they would receive first chance at the new units.

"We are currently revamping the EDGE website and will possibly be developing a rebranding campaign," Cromer said. "We welcomed two new investors and we held our second welding class during the 4th quarter."

Cromer advised the Mayor and Council that all entities having Loan Receivable Balances have been fulfilling their obligations by paying down their loans in a timely manner. The EDGE report was accepted and approved by the Council, as presented.

- Several requests relating to the 2nd Annual Sauces & Cycles BBQ Contest were approved by all council members present.

"I was not expecting the outcome that we got," David Branch, Executive Director of the FC Chamber/Main Street, said. "There were a lot of excited people and it sounds like this event will just get bigger and bigger."

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in Council Chambers in City Hall, at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2.

Nebraska State Board of Education member McPherson asked to resign

The Board of Directors of the 28,000-member Nebraska State Education Association on Saturday voted unanimously to censure Nebraska State Board of Education member Pat McPherson and to call for his resignation.

McPherson is the founder, editor and a contributor to a blog that repeatedly posted bigoted racial, ethnic and other discriminatory slurs. He was elected in November to represent a slice of central Omaha and rural Douglas County, including Waterloo, Valley and Bennington.

NSEA President Nancy Fulton, who earlier denounced McPherson's blog, said the NSEA Board wanted to be clear that it stands united in its condemnation of the blog and call for McPherson's resignation.

"We believe Pat McPherson is unfit to provide leadership as a Nebraska Board of Education member that sets educational policy for our state's public schools, students and teachers," said Fulton. "Mr. McPherson's blog illustrates that he does not have the ability to dispatch his duties on the Board fairly and effectively with the interest of each and every Nebraska child at heart."

"Our Association's core values include showing respect for all people. We believe that our public schools should promote mutual respect as well as an understanding of diversity," Fulton said. "We value diversity as being vital to the education process and integral in preparing students to function in a democratic society that protects human and civil rights."

NSEA's Board of Directors is elected by its membership. There are 32 board members from across the state. They represent 28,000 teachers and other public education employees.

There have been calls for McPherson's resignation from Gov. Pete Ricketts, U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer, U.S. Senator Ben Sasse, the Omaha and Lincoln chapters of the NAACP, several Nebraska newspaper editorial boards, dozens of pastors from the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and more.

Americans need more relaxation time

(StatePoint) Nearly all Americans understand that relaxation time is essential to good health, yet most of us don't spend nearly enough time unwinding during a typical day or week.

While our society acknowledges that kicking back is indispensable, we don't seem to be practicing what we preach. Indeed, 99 percent of Americans think relaxation is important, yet they actually spend less than 5 percent of their day relaxing, according a new independent research study commissioned by Princess Cruises.

The goal of the research was to better understand the latest trends about how many of us actually relax and how we go about doing it.

Nearly half of Americans report they're more stressed than their significant other, with a whopping 82 percent of men indicating that their partner is the stressed out one.

Music topped the list of relaxation techniques for those surveyed, with 48 percent reporting music helps them take it easy. Interestingly, only 18 percent find exercise is a good relaxation tool.

The most surprising findings were that relaxation causes 62 percent of parents to feel guilty and that nearly one third of Americans surveyed reported being stressed out simply by the thought of relaxing!

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Humboldt Choir practices set to start

Doug Kirkendall, who has been the Humboldt Community Choir piano accompanist for the past several years, announced this week with Pastors Ron Russell and Dean Joy that community choir practices will start at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Humboldt United Methodist Church.

Plans are for two Palm Sunday concerts at 3 and 5:30 p.m. on March 29.

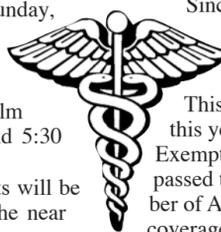
Further announcements will be in local newspapers in the near future.

THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Health insurance brings new tax headaches

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Choosing an insurance policy either from your state's shopping exchanges or from an agent selling on the open market is nothing less than daunting, a tough, unwelcome chore most of us could do without. The task for shoppers is about to get even more complicated as tax time approaches.



Since most people must carry insurance or face penalties, and more than 80 percent of those buying from a state exchange received tax subsidies, taxes have quickly become linked to medical insurance.

This column offers a kind of primer to help sort through some of this year's new insurance challenges.

Exemptions. Who doesn't have to carry insurance? When Congress passed the Affordable Care Act in 2010, it chose to increase the number of Americans with insurance by requiring nearly everyone to have coverage. At the time some 50 million Americans were uninsured. If they didn't have coverage from an employer or a government program, the so-called individual mandate required that they buy it themselves.

Because insurance is expensive even with the subsidies provided by the law, Congress created an escape hatch. An estimated 23 million people will qualify for exemptions in 2016.

For example, you don't have to buy a policy if you experienced domestic violence or the death of a close family member; if you filed bankruptcy in the last six months; if you would have been eligible for Medicaid under the new federal guidelines but your state did not expand coverage to include people in your income category. About half the states, including Nebraska, South Dakota, and Indiana are among those currently not expanding to cover additional people.

You also can apply for an exemption if your current individual plan was cancelled or changed and you think you can't afford policies in your state exchange.

Don't expect filing an exemption to be a snap. In some cases you have to apply through the state exchange. But if you can't find affordable coverage that costs 8 percent or less of your household income, you'll apply via your tax return.

Once you get an exemption don't expect it to last forever. Healthcare.gov advises if the exemption is based on affordability, it lasts only for the remaining months in the year. If the exemption is based on a hardship like getting a shut-off notice from the gas company, you'll get it only for the months the hardship lasts, the month before it began and the month after.

Penalties. To make the Affordable Care Act work, Congress chose to impose monetary penalties against people who refused or neglected to buy coverage. If you've been uninsured for more than three consecutive months, you may owe a penalty. "The enforcement of the individual mandate is a disaster that hasn't been appreciated yet," says one supporter of the law. Some 4 million people will pay penalties in 2016.

What happens if you don't get an exemption and still don't think you can afford insurance? Are you better off taking the penalty or buying cheap coverage? If you didn't carry insurance in 2014, the penalties are \$95 a person or no more than 1 percent of taxable income. But they will rise steeply by 2016 when they are \$695 per person or 2.5 percent of income.

It's worth noting that families with low incomes will generally pay the flat amount, which can't exceed \$2,085. If you will pay a percentage of your income, the penalty cannot be greater than the cost of a bronze plan in the state exchange—usually the cheapest option.

Reconciliation. This may be the biggest surprise of all. Last year's subsidies were based on 2012 income, and now they must be reconciled with what you actually earned in 2014. If the government overpaid taxpayers based on 2012 income, they'll have to return any overpayments or receive smaller refunds, which could pinch families counting on those refunds to pay big bills. If subsidies were too low, they'll get money back.

"People think of the tax credit as a discount on their premium. But realizing it can be something you repay a portion of is going to be a surprise," says Kathy Pickering, who heads H&R Block's Tax Institute.

Finding help may turn out to be the biggest challenge of all. The head of the IRS said in a recent speech that budget shortfalls have led to cuts in IRS employees meaning the agency can answer only about half of taxpayers' phone calls for help. Instead, he said, they will get a "courtesy disconnect."

The Affordable Care Act is basically a patch on the patchwork quilt that is the U.S. health insurance system. It was never meant to be simple, universal coverage. The frustrations and confusion consumers will face again in the coming months make that pretty clear.

IRS warns taxpayers of scams

The IRS is warning taxpayers to watch out for fake emails or websites looking to steal personal information. These "phishing" schemes continue to be on the annual IRS list of "Dirty Dozen" scams for this filing season.

"The IRS won't send you an email about a bill or refund out of the blue. Don't click on one claiming to be from the IRS that takes you by surprise," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "I urge taxpayers to be wary of clicking on strange emails and websites. They may be scams to steal your personal information."

Compiled annually, the "Dirty Dozen" lists a variety of common scams that taxpayers may encounter anytime but many of these schemes peak during filing season as people prepare their returns or find people to help with their taxes.

Illegal scams can lead to significant penalties and interest and possible criminal prosecution. IRS Criminal Investigation works closely with the Department of Justice to shutdown scams and prosecute the criminals behind them.

Stop and Think before Clicking
Phishing is a scam typically carried out with the help of unsolicited email or a fake website that poses as a legitimate site to lure in potential victims and prompt them to provide valuable personal and financial information. Armed with this information, a criminal can commit identity theft or financial theft.

If you receive an unsolicited email that appears to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, report it by sending it to phishing@irs.gov.

It is important to keep in mind the IRS generally does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information.

HTRS SPEECH TEAM

The HTRS Speech team competed at the Lincoln SW Invt Saturday, as Elliot Gonnella placed 3rd in Honors Extemporaneous.

The O.I.D. team of Nick Anthony, Kaleb Knudson, Lauren Patzel, James Jones and Chloe Workman placed 11th and Shelby Mayo advanced to the Semifinals of Serious Prose, which may have qualified her for a National Competition.

Students

Dyez Nissen, a freshman nursing student at the University of Kansas, and the daughter of Falls City natives Scott and Nikki (Ramer) Nissen, of Kansas City, KS, was inducted into the KU Honor Society at a ceremony in Lawrence, KS, on Dec. 21 for her outstanding academic performance.

Dyez is the granddaughter of Gary and Janice Ramer, of Reserve, KS; Judy and Bill Euwer, of Lee's Summit, MO; Sharon Miller, of Kansas City, KS; and Vicky Beckner, of Hardy, AR.

Kristy Lyn Dixon, of Falls City, was recently named to the University of Nebraska at Omaha Dean's List for her academic performance during the 2014 Fall Semester.

To make the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or better, provided a minimum of 12 semester hours were completed.

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STUDENTS

Girl Scout Cookies fund Troop activities



Jade Hill

Falls City Sacred Heart sophomore Jade Hill has been chosen to participate in the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar in Hastings May 29-31.

Jade carries a perfect 4.0 grade point average and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. She participates in volleyball, basketball, track, speech, quiz bowl, band, one act and the Helping Hands Service Club. She is a member of the Student Council and is the Sophomore Class Vice-President.

Outside of school, Jade is involved in 4-H and shows cattle at regional and national shows. She is a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and participates in the Sacred Heart Youth Group.

Bryan College of Health Sciences has announced the President's and Dean's lists for the Fall 2014 term. The President's list is composed of students who were taking 12 credit hours or more and receive a 4.0 grade point average.

Mariah Peck, daughter of Marlin Peck Jr. and Deanna Peck, of Rulo, has made the President's list in Nursing. Mariah is a graduate of Falls City High School.

Falls City Sacred Heart graduate Matthew Mullins was named to the Wayne State College Dean's List for Academic Achievement last semester.

Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Girl Scout Cookies are so much more than delicious. They fund local Girl Scout troops and their activities all year, including community service projects; they are packed with important business and leadership skills that girls will use throughout their lives; and all of the proceeds from the sale of cookies in Nebraska stay right here in our state!

Girl Scout Cookies go on sale Feb. 6. This year, in addition to traditional door-to-door and Cookie Booth sales, girls will be part of a new national Digital Cookie platform. This game-changing addition to the Girl Scout Cookie Program will enhance each girl's ability to reach customers and expand the life-skills they gain from participation. The new platform places an emphasis on the safety of girls and customers and offers an online experience that helps girls expand their goal setting, money management, decision making, business ethics and people skills in the digital space.

Like door-to-door and Cookie Booth sales, customers will connect with a Girl Scout through Digital Cookie, so girls are still the driving force of the program. However, the option of ordering online means girls will have broader reach when it comes to marketing cookies. There will also be a gluten-free cookie option available only through the online portal.

Girls decide how to spend their troop cookie earnings and often reinvest it into their neighborhoods through community service projects. The program funds many of their activities throughout the year, such as field trips, travel opportunities and camping adventures.

Girl Scout Cookies are \$3.50 per box. The program concludes on March 8.

The 2015 Girl Scout Cookie lineup: Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-a-Lot, Cranberry Citrus Crisps and Lemonades. Gluten-free Trios are available online at \$5 per package.

To connect with a troop to order cookies online, visit GirlScoutsNebraska.org



The Humboldt-Table-Rock-Steinauer FCCLA Chapter received top honors at the District 1 STAR contest held in Elmwood/Murdock last Wednesday, Jan. 21. Brady Wilkerson and Nicholaus Anthony received the Top Gold Medal for their presentation in the Senior Division of Family Challenges & Issues; Ryli Wilkerson and Camille Svoboda received the Top Silver Medal for their presentation in the Junior Division of Family Challenges & Issues. Both teams will represent HTRS in State competition for FCCLA District 1 in Lincoln in April. Pictured, from left: Nicholaus Anthony, Brady Wilkerson, Camille Svoboda, Ryli Wilkerson, and Paxton McClarnen, who was the timekeeper for HTRS. Not pictured: Kathie Hall, FCCLA District 1 Advisor & Sponsor.

Society

Shubert AL Fundraiser

The Shubert American Legion Post 222 and Auxiliary will be holding a fundraiser from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Legion Building. The event is being sponsored by Will and Lynette Surman. All proceeds will go into the building fund to continue its improvement and keeping it open for use.

Pancakes and sausage along with drinks will be served, with a free will offering. There will also be a pantry shelf (baked items and the likes). Anyone who would like to bring items for this it would be very appreciated.

Commander for the Legion is Richard Wing and the Auxiliary president is Tana Brown.

Bloodmobile stops in Pawnee City Thursday

The American Red Cross invites area residents to roll up a sleeve from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Methodist Church in Pawnee City in celebration of National Blood Donor Month.

Each blood donation can help save up to three lives, like local 7-year-old Elijah Ruegge. At just 21 months old, Elijah was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He underwent chemotherapy for nearly four years.

"Elijah received red blood cells and platelets so often that I lost count," said Elijah's mother, Betty Ruegge. "He would not be here today if not for the donated blood he was given."

Today, Elijah is a healthy, happy and active second grader who loves science, dinosaurs and exploring nature. His family encourages all eligible donors, especially those who have never given blood before, to help save others in need.

National Blood Donor Month has been observed since January 1970 as a way of highlighting the importance of giving blood and platelets while honoring those who donate. This January has been particularly challenging due to extreme cold and the prevalence of the flu and seasonal colds. Nationwide, more than 50 blood drives have been forced to cancel at a loss of around 2,000 pints of blood.

To make an appointment, call Judy DeKoning at (785)244-6359, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App or visit redcrossblood.org

DONATE BLOOD

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Elijah

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es to prepare adults to become a citizen of the U.S. Information is provided on the application process, interview process, rights and responsibilities of citizenship, history of the U.S., and structure of the government.

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DISTRICT COURT

Donna Morehead, of Falls City, has filed for dissolution of her marriage to Lucas Morehead, of Falls City.

CIVIL COURT

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services, and against Clinton Stonebarger, of Verdon, in the amount of \$425, plus prejudgment interest of \$153.28, and costs of \$80.70. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.132 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services, and against Andrew Vaughan, of Falls City, in the amount of \$104, plus prejudgment interest of \$8.96, attorney fees of \$15.40 and Court costs of \$51.70. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.132 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Bureau Services, Inc., and against Jordyn K. Petro, of Falls City, in the amount of \$254, plus prejudgment interest of \$12.46, attorney fees of \$30.43 and Court costs of \$63.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services, and against Dena Vaughan, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$508, plus prejudgment interest of \$15.84 and attorney fees of \$51.70. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.132 percent.

COUNTY COURT

Jordyn Petro, of Falls City, count one, tampering with a witness, a Class IV Felony, amended to obstructing government operations, a Class I Misdemeanor; count two, criminal mischief (less than \$200). Pled no contest to amended count one; count two dismissed with prejudice. Fined \$125, plus Court costs of \$49.

Lashawna L. Fennell, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, driving under suspension. Pled not guilty to both counts. Pretrial hearing set for Feb. 23.

Christopher Ivey, of Falls City, violation of probation on convictions of unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle and driving under suspension; sentenced to 12 months probation and ordered to pay \$5 drug testing fee.

Joshua M. Darden, of Falls City,

sentencing for count one, maintaining a nuisance; count two, maintaining a nuisance; count three, appliances in yard; count four, appliances in yard. Fined \$210, plus Court costs and fees of \$57.50.

Kalem M. Bennett, of Falls City, reckless driving, first offense; Pled guilty, fined \$250, plus Court costs and fees of \$66.

Megan L. Green, of White Cloud, KS, minor in possession of alcohol. Pled guilty, fined \$250, plus Court costs of \$49.

Andrew D. Hall, of Falls City, theft by shoplifting. Pled guilty, fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$49. Ordered to pay restitution of \$24.99 to Kwik Shop.

Everett A. Loper, of Falls City, count one, theft by unlawful taking (\$201-\$499); count two, criminal mischief (\$200-\$500). Case continued to Feb. 2 for entry of plea.

David J. McPherson, of Falls City, count one, theft by unlawful taking (\$201-\$499); count two, criminal mischief (\$200-\$500). Case continued to Feb. 2 for entry of plea.

Dallas Waggoner, of Falls City, assault by mutual consent. Case continued to Feb. 2 for entry of plea.

Dalton Witt, of Falls City, assault by mutual consent, amended to disturbing the peace. Pled guilty to amended charge; fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$49.

Gabrielle A. Webster, of Falls City, sentencing for count one, minor in possession of alcohol; count two, no license on person; count three, careless driving.

Haley N. Ferris, of Falls City, minor in possession of alcohol (under 19), first offense. Pled guilty, fined \$250, plus Court costs of \$49.

Nicholas D. Strecker, of Falls City, count one, carrying a concealed weapon; count two, DUI-.15-plus or refusal (one prior); count three, possess or consume open alcohol container, first offense. Case continued to Feb. 9 for entry of plea.

Connor R. Shullaw, of Auburn, count one, possession of marijuana (between one ounce and one pound), a Class III Misdemeanor. Case continued to Feb. 2 for entry of plea.

Steven V. Martineau, of Falls City, DUI, first offense. Pled not

A month into probation sentence, two-time felon allegedly vandalizes church, threatens personnel

A 22-year-old local man who just last month was sentenced to three months probation for terrorizing a woman and her infant daughter at their apartment was last week back in police custody, accused of vandalizing a church and threatening police officers and medical personnel.



Ethen Bentley

Ethen Bentley faces felony charges which include making terroristic threats, criminal mischief and burglary following his arrest in the early morning hours of Jan. 19.

Newly sworn in Richardson County Sheriff Don Pounds and Deputy Clinton Stonebarger responded to a report of vandalism at the Grace Bible Church east of Stella on Highway 62. The unidentified caller also informed the officers of the alleged vandal's identity, and also reported Bentley was armed and intent on "killing a law enforcement officer."

When officers arrived, according to court documents and a statement released by Sheriff Pounds, they discovered Bentley, clad in blood-stained clothes, leaving the church property. The officers approached and ordered Bentley to the ground and he complied - briefly. After feigning to lie down, Bentley quickly got up and aggressively charged Deputy Stonebarger. After the suspect refused to obey commands and continued toward Stonebarger, the officer deployed

his Taser and Bentley was rendered defenseless and taken into custody.

He allegedly struggled in restraints and threatened officers both while waiting on an ambulance, which transferred him to Community Medical Center in Falls City, and en route. Bentley several times "threatened officers, their families and hospital staff," according to the Affidavit of Probable Cause filed in Richardson County Court.

The twice-convicted felon was treated for his injuries and transported the Nebraska Diagnostic and Evaluation Center in Lincoln.

An estimated \$10,000 damage was reported at the church and Bentley presumably gained entry to the building by breaking glass.

On Dec. 16, Bentley, who was convicted of felony burglary in 2012, got probation after throwing a brick through the Burbank Apartment window of Heidi Jones and entering and ransacking the residence while Jones and barricaded herself and her infant daughter in a bedroom. Jones told police Bentley threatened to shoot her and "make her stop breathing."

He was originally also charged with felony burglary, but it was dropped by the County Attorney's Office in exchange for Bentley's guilty pleas to felony terroristic threats and misdemeanor criminal mischief.

Judge Daniel Bryan Jr. in December stipulated that violation of his probation could result in a 30-day jail sentence every three months.

Verdict means 'habitual criminal' penalty finally gets its day in Court

A 43-year-old Falls City man who once drove head-on, at a high rate of speed, into a sheriff's patrol vehicle, then shot the Falls City Chief of Police and in June 2013 was released from the Nebraska Dept. of Corrections after a fourth prison sentence, in March will finally face the likelihood of the "habitual criminal" tag and mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.

On two separate occasions the past two decades, prosecutors sought the enhancement penalty, only to drop it in exchange for guilty pleas to lesser charges. This time around, though, Deputy County Attorney Zachary Blackman tried what his predecessors — Jeff Goltz and Bob Meyer — would or could not: he refused to cave and prosecuted Hayes as a habitual criminal.

Last Tuesday, a District Court jury of 12 deliberated for 90 minutes before convicting Hayes of two felony charges of making terroristic threats. He will be sentenced on those charges on March 17, immediately after which the enhancement penalty will be addressed.

On May 5 of last year, Hayes, out of prison a couple months shy of one year, was arrested on suspicion of DUI after police received a call from his sister, Tonya Shopteese, requesting assistance as Hayes was "yelling and kicking the door, trying to get inside" the residence. Shopteese was in the home with her daughter, who was crying in fear, according to the arrest affidavit. When officers Jason Wasson and Chuck DiGiacomo arrived on the scene, Hayes spit in Wasson's face and threatened the officer.

"I shot Caverzagie with an (expletive) 12-gauge shotgun, what do you think I'll do to you?," Hayes allegedly said. "Maybe I'll shoot you with a .25."

Following his arrest, while being jailed, Hayes threatened jailer Dave Clark.

Hayes' reference to "Caverzagie" goes back to a 1998 incident in which, during a 90-minute standoff with police, he fired a shotgun through the window of a door, striking then-Police Chief John Caverzagie. Hayes was originally charged with attempted first degree murder, but the charges were amended by Goltz, who a mere months earlier had dropped a habitual criminal charge and amended felony burglary and terroristic threats charges to misdemeanors. Still, Hayes wouldn't again see the outside of a cell for 10 years.

Less than one year after his 2008 release came a felony trespass charge, and, in February 2010, DUI (.15-plus). That, too, was amended and for the second time a habitual criminal charge was dropped in return for guilty pleas to lesser charges, this time by Meyer. Hayes began a two-to-five-year prison sentence on felony assault on an officer on Feb. 15, 2011 and was released in June 2013.

There are currently eight thick files on record in District Court bearing Hayes' name, beginning with a 1989 burglary of Bear's Liquor. A year later, felony theft resulted in no prison time thanks to time already served. A July 1993 burglary preempted a chase with police that culminated at Pony Creek Road, with Hayes ramming his vehicle into the patrol car of then-Sheriff's Deputy Tom Olberding.

Hayes is currently being housed at the Nebraska Diagnostic and Evaluation Center in Lincoln. That Tuesday in March, he will almost certainly be ushered from Judge Daniel Bryan Jr.'s District Courtroom bound for a fifth prison stint. Fifth and, perhaps, final stint. While the mandatory minimum sentence for being declared a habitual is 10 years, the max is 60.

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guilty; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 23.

John M. Hall, Shubert, driving under suspension; fined \$125, plus Court costs of \$49, placed on 12 months probation and ordered to pay probation costs of \$174.

Gary M. Dumont Jr., of Falls City, of count one, operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, amended to attempt of a Class I Misdemeanor; count two, DUI (.15-plus), first offense, amended to DUI, first offense; count three, no operator's license. Pled guilty to amended counts one and two; count three dismissed with prejudice. Sentencing set for March 4.

Alicia M. Holstein, of Sabetha, KS, burglary, a Class III Felony, amended to criminal trespass, a Class I Misdemeanor. Pled no contest to amended charge. Scheduling hearing set for Feb. 23.

COUNTY COURT WAIVERS (Court costs not included)

Michael D. Dowse, exceed posted load capacity, \$100.

Volodymyr Villivchuk, speeding (16-20), \$125.

Levi A. Hitchcock, no valid registration, \$25; failure to use seat belt, \$25.

William R. Calvert, speeding (11-15), \$75; failure to use seat belt, \$25.

Richard L. Dreesman, speeding (21-25), \$200.

Jaime L. Vonderschmidt, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Donita A. Stratton, animal running at large, \$25.

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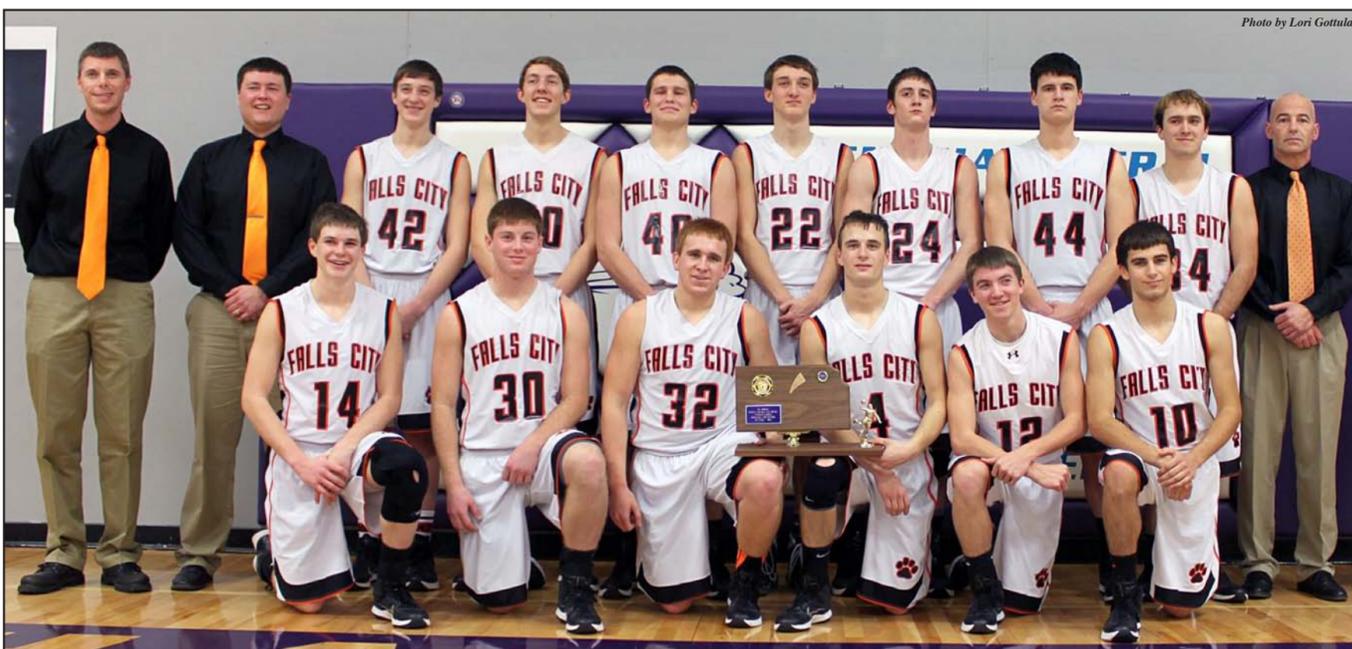


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2015 Thunder Classic (formerly Raider Classic) Tournament Champion Falls City High School, front row, from left: Trent Pentecost, Brenden Heckenlively, Weston Witt, Jordy Stoller, Derik Eickhoff, Brandon Gibson; back row, assistant

coaches Jason Bredemeier and Kory Huppert, Brandt Chapple, Teddy Stutheit, Luke Kirkendall, Kyle Leafy, Jack Hartman, Lane Lovenburg, Zach Jordening, head coach Don Hogue.

Zimmerman grabs more gold

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4. Blair	149.0
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7. Bellevue East	83.5
8. Auburn	79.0
9. Lincoln High	50.0
10. Ralston	41.0
11. Gross Catholic	31.0
12. Falls City	24.0
13. Elkhorn	14.0

Falls City High School senior heavy-weight wrestler Jeremy Zimmerman earned another gold medal Saturday, winning his division at the Plattsmouth Invite.

Zimmerman improved to 22-3 on the season with a hard-fought 4-2 decision in the finals over Jeremy Kowalski of Papillion-La Vista South. Kowalski entered the match looking for his 32nd win this winter, but instead left with his fifth loss.

Meanwhile, Zimmerman, who finished fifth in Class B at the State Meet and won 41 matches a year ago, won a gold medal for the fourth time this winter.

He made it to the finals by pinning Blair's Cory Harper in 2:56 in the semis, dropping Harper to 17-9 on the season. Zimmerman pinned Ralston's Kainan Bowyer in 1:11 in the opening round.

Justin Ernst also competed for FCHS at 145. He was pinned by Millard North's Cody Stremick (4:36) and Elkhorn's Trevor Nelson (5:02).

In JV action at Plattsmouth, Dylan Sutton (152) and Brandon Banks (182) each finished first in their respective weight classes. Banks beat Zach Brant of Plattsmouth in 1:02 and won an 8-0 major decision over Garrett Ostlund of Gretna. Sutton won a 10-2 MD over Nic Kite of Auburn and beat Auston Bell of Harvard, 4-0.

Parker Thompson finished second at 120, losing a 14-1 major decision to Joe Homan of Gretna, but bouncing back and pinning Spencer Creason of Omaha Gross in 24 seconds.

Geoffrey Zimmerman (152) and Isaac Hogue (220) each placed third, and Carter Hunzeker was fourth at 170.

The Tigers wrestle at the Raymond Central Invite Saturday.

Tigers take title in Seneca with 10th-straight win

Falls City High Saturday night in Seneca, KS captured a 10th consecutive victory and the Thunder (formerly Raider) Classic Championship with a commanding 67-52 win over Jackson Heights.

Officially, it was the first annual Thunder Classic; unofficially, it was the 35th January tournament at Nemaha Central High (formerly Nemaha Central) and FCHS has participated in all but two of them, dating back to 1982. It took the Tigers 24 years to win it, but since that 2006 title, FC has been crowned two more times ('10 and '15) and finished runner-up twice ('13 and '14).

Saturday's win over the 10-2 Cobras was the Tigers' 10th in a row, dating back to a Dec. 20 loss at Class B Plattsmouth (currently 10-4). Consequently, the 15-1 Tigers have steadily climbed up the ratings, coming in fifth in this week's Lincoln Journal-Star's Class C1 Top 10. FC is just one of three C1 teams (unbeaten No. 7 Ainsworth, 13-1 Winnebago) remaining with fewer than two losses. Furthermore, this senior class is now 62-8 since the beginning of the 2012-13 season.

Saturday, Falls City bolted out to a 16-6 lead and took a 33-17 lead into halftime. The hot starts at this point are more than a trend — FC is averaging a 17-9 lead after one quarter and last week went up 14-7 and 33-15 in a 56-30 semifinal thrashing of Marysville, KS; Tuesday led Hiawatha, KS 14-9 and 33-24 in a 56-35 first-round victory; and the previous Saturday went up 29-10 by half in a 61-50 road win at Elmwood-Murdock.

"The kids come out ready to play - when you have mainly seniors starting, they understand what needs to be done," FCHS Head Coach Don Hogue said. "We're so much more focused and intense and teams struggle."

"Thursday, our transition game was unbelievable - I think teams see that and it gets in their heads. They worry about stopping this or that, which allows us to just play," he said.

Falls City has won eight in a row by double digit margins and soundly beaten a pair of teams with exemplary resumes: 13-2 Milford, which hasn't lost since that Saturday afternoon in Auburn more than three weeks ago; and Jackson Heights, which boasts one of the top players in the area in 6-2 junior Zane Richter. The guard only increased his 27 ppg. scoring average last week, setting a tournament scoring record with 101 points in three games, which included 40 in a 71-65 semifinal win over the hosts and 30 against the Tigers, a team with a renowned defense-first mentality and one that entered Saturday's game holding its opponents to fewer than 44 points per night. Richter broke the three-game scoring record set by John Crider, 1998 Mr. Kansas Basketball and KU Jayhawk.

"He (Richter) made some unbelievable shots," Hogue said. "I mean, from 26- and 28-feet out. A kid like that will put his team on his back - he shot it 19 times, which was half their shots."

It takes more than one man, though, to beat this Falls City team, which has four guys currently scoring double-



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(Clockwise, from top left) **Sophomore Kyle Leafy** is one of four Tiger starters averaging double figures and Saturday scored 16 points to go with seven rebounds; **senior Jordy Stoller** scored 36 points over the course of the tournament and after a bit of a slow start to the season has increased his scoring average to nearly 11 points per game - he scored 16 in the championship Saturday, as FC hit on all cylinders, recording 22 assists while turning it over just seven times; **senior Jack Hartman** scored 24 in the title game, making 9-of-11 shots, after recording a double-double in the semis (13 pts., 12 boards) - he's averaging nearly 15 team-high points per game and making an outstanding 64 percent of his shots.

figures every time out: seniors Jack Hartman (14.7 ppg.), Weston Witt (12.1) and Jordy Stoller (10.8), and sophomore Kyle Leafy (10). Each one of those seniors makes better than 63 percent of his free throws, led by Witt, who's shooting a team-best 74 percent from the line. Stoller was called upon to guard Richter, who, despite the gaudy total, scored just eight points in the first half.

"Richter got loose on us some in the second half - maybe we felt too good about ourselves at half - but this was a great convincing win against a very solid team; one that will win a lot of games."

Hartman scored 24 on an extraordinarily efficient night, even for a kid making 63 percent of his shots. He was

9-of-11 from the floor, which included a three-pointer, and 7-for-10 at the stripe.

Stoller finished with 16, and Leafy scored 13 to go with seven rebounds. Senior Zach Jordening also had seven boards, four of which came on the offensive glass.

The Tigers' playmaking was at an all-time high, with both Witt and senior Trent Pentecost dishing out six assists. Stoller, Leafy, Hartman and Jordening each also produced multiple-assist games, as FC finished with 22 — twice that of the Cobras and better than a 3-to-1 turnover ratio. Falls City's seven turnovers were nearly half its season average. Furthermore, the Tigers owned the glass (24-15).

"Our turnovers have been down

and our free throw shooting has been good, too," Hogue said. "We came out and did what we needed to do to get the lead and then maintained it. We played super defensively in the first half against a very good offensive team. They had a good transition game and super shooters all around."

Thursday night, FC manhandled Marysville for the second time this month, despite an 0-for-11 night from the three-point line. The Bulldogs didn't make any, either, and were a collective 14-of-43 from the field. The bulk of those stray shots were tracked down by the Orange and Black, who won the battle of the boards 34-18. Hartman finished with a double-double, scoring 13 to go with 12 rebounds and four assists; Leafy had 12 points and eight re-

bounds and Jordening scored nine and added four assists. Witt had easily his coldest night of the year shooting the ball (4-of-21), but contributed seven assists and five rebounds.

"The players came out focused and ready to compete," Hogue said, "which was a concern of mine since we handled them so well just a couple weeks ago. We didn't shoot very well, but battled on the boards."

FC, the No. 1 seed, oddly had the 3:30 p.m. tip Tuesday and methodically dispatched of an out-manned Hiawatha team, using a 2-3 zone in the second half to limit the Redhawks to 11 points.

Hartman got into some foul trouble and took just four shots (making them all), but Stoller (14 points, five steals), Witt (13 points, eight assists) and Leafy (10 points, four rebounds) picked up the slack. The Tigers were 12-of-17 from the free throw line.

Falls City gets some much-needed time off, after playing six games in 11 days. The Tigers have just one game scheduled the next 10 days: They travel to Class D1 No. 6 NC Lourdes Friday. The Knights are 13-3 and last week beat Auburn by 34. The Tigers are then off until the weekend of Feb. 6-7, when they travel to Class B No. 5 and 13-3 Seward, and return home the following night to face another Class B opponent, 8-4 Crete.

"We're basically giving them Tuesday off," Hogue said. "It's good for them and for the coaches to get away a little bit."

SCORING vs. Hiawatha
FC — Stoller, 14; Witt, 13; Leafy, 10; Hartman, 8; Heckenlively, 5; Stutheit, 4; Pentecost, 2.

Hia — Smith, 8; Kunkel, 7; Lock, 6; Winters, 4; Reese, 4; Barnhart, 3; Pierce, 3.

SCORING vs. Marysville
FC — Hartman, 13; Leafy, 12; Jordening, 9; Witt, 8; Stoller, 6; Pentecost, 4; Chapple, 4.

SCORING vs. Jackson Heights
FC — Hartman, 24; Stoller, 16; Leafy, 13; Witt, 10; Pentecost, 2; Jordening, 2.



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Lady Tigers drop pair to St. Joe teams

The FCHS girls' basketball team dropped a pair of games to the Missourians last week, falling 44-24 to St. Joseph LeBlond Tuesday at home and 46-28 Thursday south of the border.

The Lady Tigers have now lost three straight and are 8-7 on the season. FC will try to nip the losing skid in the bud this afternoon in the first round of the Hiawatha (KS) Invite. FC picked up the top seed and play Riverside at 3:30 p.m. The semifinal is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday against either Hiawatha or Jackson Heights. All teams play three games - the tourney wraps up Saturday, with the championship slated for 2:30 p.m.

The Lady Tigers had better hope to get to the line more frequently than they did last week, which shouldn't be hard. Over the course of eight quarters, the team attempted six free throws.

Against LeBlond, senior Syd Armbruster accounted for exactly half her team's offense, making 5-of-7 shots and scoring 12. Morgan Bletscher finished with four team-high assists.

Thursday, FC attempted just one freebie. The highlight was Alyssa Frederick's 3-for-5 shooting display from three-point range. She finished with 11 points. Senior Baylee Vrtiska dished out four assists to go with six points and Armbruster led in the paint with five rebounds, three of which extended offensive possessions.

Irish teams claim top seeds at conference tourney

The Class D2 No. Falls City Sacred Heart girls' basketball team and the third-ranked boys will each take the pole position into next week's Pioneer Conference Tournaments, both of which will culminate in Wymore.

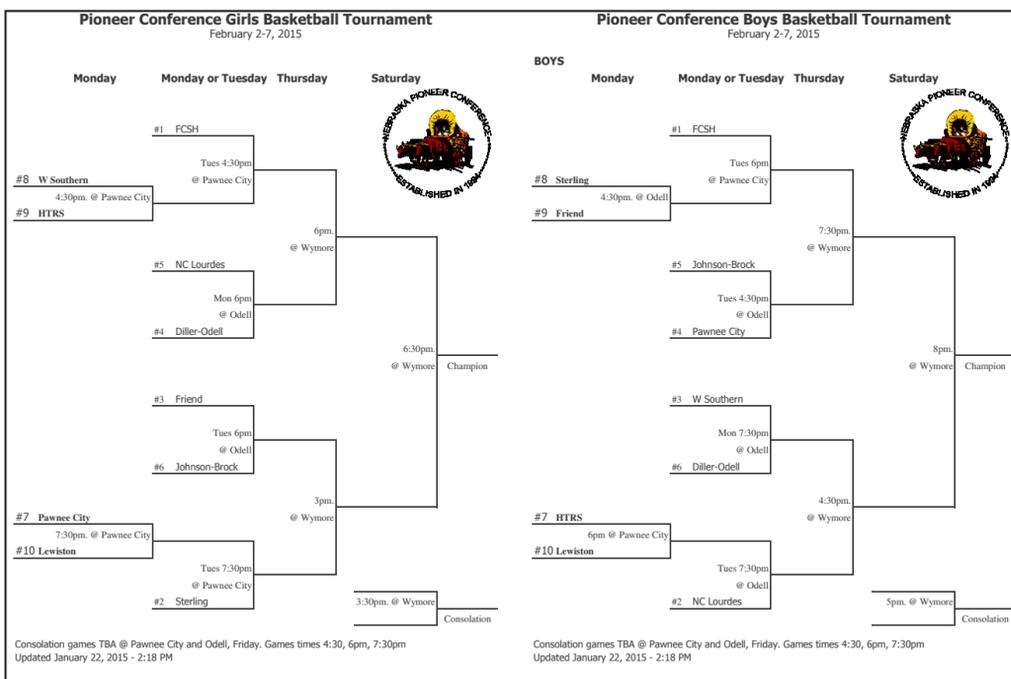
The red-hot 14-2 Lady Irish, winners now of nine in a row, all by double digits (including a three-game stomp through the MUDECAS "A" Division, in which they beat Diller-Odell, Exeter-Milligan and C2 No. 2 Freeman, teams with a current 36-11 collective record, by a total of 48 points) open Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Pawnee City against either HTRS or Wymore Southern. NC Lourdes, now 10-5, will likely be waiting in the 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, semifinal at Wymore.

The 13-3 Sterling Jets earned the No. 2 seed, though 13-4 Friend, the 10th-ranked team in Class D1 and one of just two teams to upend FCSH, is No. 3. Despite the pairings, a Sacred Heart vs. Friend final at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Wymore is in the forecast. Friend has won three of the last four conference titles and defeated the Irish a year ago on Green's home turf at Prichard Auditorium. The Lady Irish will not only look to avenge that one and the Dec. 12 OT loss at Friend, but Sacred Heart is also competing for a fifth conference title in eight years. The last time a team other than FCSH or Friend won the conference was '07.

The suffocating Lady Irish defense continued last week in victories over Rock Port (46-26) and at Pawnee City (57-28). That's nine times - and counting - that the FCSH girls have held an opponent under 30. During the current winning streak, only Freeman pulled it off and the Falcons needed four full quarters of a blowout loss to do so.

Tuesday at Prichard Auditorium, Rock Port rattled in five threes, but a grand total of one two-pointer. FCSH didn't put the ball in the net very much, which was plenty. Senior Elizabeth Magdanz scored 10 and Maggie Goltz finished with eight points, six rebounds and three blocks. Jade Hill also had six boards and E. Magdanz, Sara Wertenberger and Alexis Barnes each pulled down four as the Lady Irish ruled the glass to the tune of 30-22.

Friday at Pawnee City, the defense also came with offense, which adds up to trouble for any opponent, in this case



the Indians. Senior Abby Magdanz was honed in, drilling 4-of-5 threes in an 18-point, four-steal performance. The team was an overall 8-of-12 from three-point territory, as Barnes added 3-of-5 shooting from downtown and 11 points. Goltz didn't miss a field goal and scored 13, and also led her team with six rebounds.

On the other side, the 10-4 Irish guys have won three-straight, climbed a spot to third in the rankings since last week and seem to have a clear path to Feb. 7th's title game in Wymore.

The Sacred Heart fellas will follow the girls Tuesday in Pawnee City against either 8-7 Sterling or 5-11 Friend. FCSH beat the Jets by nine in the season opener and hammered the Bulldogs by 21 one week later.

From the other quarterfinal will be either 6-6 Johnson-Brock or 6-9 Pawnee City. FCSH beat the Indians by seven Friday on the road and should stack up quite well with the Eagles Thursday at Johnson. Tonight, the Irish host 7-7 Southern, yet another conference foe, at Prichard Auditorium. Coincidentally, that's three conference games for Sacred Heart during the week leading up to the conference tournament. Actually, no, it's likely not coincidence at all.

Class D1 No. 6 Lourdes, which has its hands plenty full this week with C1 No. 5 and 15-1 Falls City High coming to town, at 13-3 is plainly the pick to meet up with the Irish come Saturday. Sacred Heart is vying for a third consecutive conference title and preparing accordingly.

The Irish, if they didn't own it already, locked up the top seed Friday in Pawnee City with a 65-58 road win in a game that featured torrid three-point shooting by both clubs. A total of 17 long-range bombs were deployed between the two, with FCSH going 8-of-16 and PC making 9-of-19. You won't see it shot much better than that in a high school gym. Sacred Heart's 65 points scored was its most this season in a contested game (it had 66 in a 45-point over South Holt).

Irish guard Bailey Witt made the only shots he took, going a perfect 3-for-3 from deep and scored 13, while senior Logan Scheitel, the team's top perimeter shooter (29-of-80, 36.3 percent) this winter, hit a pair of threes and led all Irish scorers with 16 points. Scheitel was one fire during the second quarter, scoring 12 of his team's 19, and more than kept pace with hot-shooting PC guard Tyler Ghyra, who made a trio of three-pointers in the second quarter and finished the game with five treys and 19 game-high points.

The Irish owned a four-point lead at half, built a comfortable lead with a 21-point third, then got the ball to senior Austin Malone and made just enough free throws to stave off a late Indian flurry. PC put up eight threes in the final period, connecting on just three.

Malone recorded a double-double, with 14 points and 10 assists, and sophomore space-taker Bryant Jom also scored 14, going a perfect 7-for-7 from the floor. Malone eclipsed 200 points on the season Friday and currently leads his team with 14.7 points per game. He also leads the team in assists (60, followed by Witt, 46) and, most importantly, dishes out two for almost every time he turns it over. That reliability has been vital because the team has proven vulnerable to giving the ball up (each and every other varsity player is carrying a negative assist-to-turnover ratio) and FCSH thus far has been at best an average shooting team (42.7 percent from the floor).

When a game comes down to a handful of possessions, as six or seven of the Irish's games have, a turnover or two can literally make the difference. So, again, it's no coincidence the ball is in Malone's hands in the fourth period. Friday, the senior guard entered

the fourth having scored six points, connecting on one jumper and three free throws in six attempts. But he then calmly made four of his final five free throws and his last two field goal attempts and finished with 14 points.

Tuesday's game was never in doubt, with Scheitel lighting Rock Port up early and often, draining three treys and scoring 13 of his game-high 20 in the opening half. It was 35-13 at that point and would only get worse, as Scheitel hit his first three-point attempt of the second half and Jom followed with the first ill-advised three-pointer of his young career.

Witt finished with eight assists, followed by Malone's six, and Jom dominated inside, grabbing seven rebounds - three offensive. Sean Arnold blocked a pair of shots and Witt and Malone combined for seven steals for the Irish defense.

BOYS SCORING vs. Rock Port

FCSH — Keller, 5; Witt, 9; Malone, 6; S. Arnold, 6; Kean, 2; Scheitel, 20; H. Arnold, 4; Jom, 7; Mullins, 3.

RP — Co. Linticum, 7; Minter, 4; C. a. Linticum, 3; Lawrence, 5; Jones, 7; Elam, 3; Lingerfelt, 4.

vs. Pawnee City

FCSH — Witt, 13; Malone, 14; S. Arnold, 8; Scheitel, 16; Jom, 14.

PC — Te. Ghyra, 14; Freeman, 12; Ty. Ghyra, 19; Davis, 8; Branek, 5.

GIRLS SCORING vs. Rock Port

FCSH — A. Magdanz, 9; E. Magdanz, 13; Goltz, 8; Fouraker, 2; Coonce, 1; Wertenberger, 4; Barnes, 6; Hill, 6.

RP — S. Gaines, 3; LaHue, 7; Bradley, 6; Burke, 4; Chamberlain, 6.

vs. Pawnee City

FCSH — A. Magdanz, 18; E. Magdanz, 2; Goltz, 13; Schulenberg, 2; Wertenberger, 4; Barnes, 11; Hill, 7.

PC — Mathewson, 3; Snyder, 2; Farwell, 9; Willey, 4; Habegger, 9; Davis, 1.

IRISH JV

The FC Sacred Heart boys junior varsity basketball team captured a pair of victories, improved to 8-4 on the year, and won the Pawnee City Tournament Saturday, taking the final with a 29-23 win over Humboldt-TR-S.

Noah Keller hit four big free throws in the final quarter and scored eight points to pace the Irish over the Titans. Sean Arnold made 3-of-4 free throws and scored five points - all in the second half.

Chase Hain scored nine for runner-up HTRS, followed by Wyatt Ramsey's six.

In the opener, a 33-21 Irish win over Diller-Odell, Keller scored seven in the second quarter and finished with a game-high 11; Henry Arnold hit 4-of-6 shots from the field and had eight.

Irish JV 31, Pawnee City 29

Sean Arnold made a trio of three-pointers, including one in the final minutes, as the Irish slipped past the Indians Friday on the road.

Irish JV 20, Rock Port 21

In a two-quarter game played at the Auditorium, Keller missed just one shot attempt and finished with 10 team-high points, and Henry Arnold scored seven - all in the second frame.

Rock Port stole the win, though, as leading scorer Cade Linticum scored five of his eight points on free throws in the final frame.

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 1. Your baby must have been born in the year 2014.
 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 2014; C/O Nikki McKim, 1810 Harlan St., Falls City, NE 68355.** Or email to nikkifcjournal@sento.net or fcjournalads@sento.net
 4. Deadline to receive pictures is **THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015.** 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.

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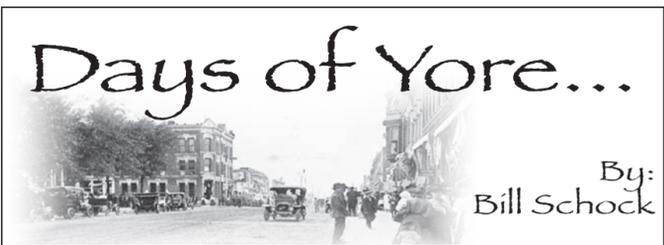
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50 Years Ago
(Jan. 25 -Jan. 30, 2015)

Lester Fisher, Rulo, and Mrs. Roland Owens, Verdon, were honored for 15 years as 4-H club leaders.

Mr./Mrs. John Ramsey sold their cafe at 1020 Stone St. to Mrs. Gladys Gentry.

Dwight Duey, FC, was the new president of the county National Farmers Organization and Paul Kerner, Dawson, vice president.

It was Elvis in "Roustabout" at the Rivoli.

Mrs. Emerson Keithley, northwest of FC, advertised a farm sale.

Roman Fleskoski was elected president of Country Club; Jack King was vice president.

You could buy 5-buckle overshoes for \$5.68 at Farm & City Supply.

M/Sgt. Rex Jones was notified that for the 2nd year in a row the local National Guard Co. had earned a superior rating in the federal inspection.

Merle Smith, FC Chamber of Commerce manager, was appointed to the State Chamber board.

Pvt. Denny Heinzelman, FC, completed a six-week general supply course at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

William Bedwell, FC, accepted a position with Northwestern Bell Co. in Omaha.

Jerry Kelley, Rulo, was inducted into the Army and was sent to Ft. Leonard Wood for basic training.

Jake Nanomantube again was training boys for the Golden Gloves boxing tourney.

Humboldt's town team edged FC Vets 86-82. Howard Frazer scored 32 for the winners and Harvey Wiar had 19 for the Vets.

An item from United Press:

Chalport St. Peter, England—Among the varieties of sandwiches served at a local pub, a favorite was one called The Mother-in law. Ingredients were cold shoulder, strong pickle and tongue.

25 Years Ago

The city took over ownership of the natural gas distribution system, with Mayor Steve Kottich presenting \$1.31 million check to Kansas Light & Power Co. in Topeka. There were 2,350 natural gas customers in FC.

Leland Harmon opened Stripes & Signs at 1823 Stone St.

Mike Rowell won the Men's Scratch Bowling Tourney at Center Lanes, outrolling Bob Baumgarer 200-180 for the championship.

Dave Rieger was the FCHS Wrestler of the Week.

You could buy a 12-piece chicken basket for \$7.39 at Jack & Jill's Deli.

Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Chris Johnson, Verdon, re-enlisted in the Navy for four years.

Jim Standerford, Humboldt, was appointed to the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture.

Honored at the Jaycees' DSA Banquet were: Outstanding Educator Award, Kathy Palmer; Outstanding Woman Community Leader Award, Mary Whitehouse; Robert J. Chab Human Services Award, Steve Hoffmann; Outstanding Man Community Leader Award, Fred Sikora; Boss of the Year, Robert Baker; Distinguished Service Award, Fr. Mitch Lindeman.

The Journal's Athlete of the Week was Kendi Workman, Humboldt.

Brett McKim, 3, was pictured on the front page eagerly downing a pancake at the Jaycees' Super Bowl Pancake Feed at Prichard Auditorium.

Nancy Huppert, FCHS, was named to the all-tourney team of the Hiawatha Invitational Basketball Tourney.

15 Years Ago

New officers of the County Extension Board were: Kris Steinblock, Humboldt, president; Ken Thiltges, Rulo, vice president.

Ronda Fritz graduated in Nursing from Creighton University in Omaha.

Marc Knobbe, FC, made the Dean's List at Kansas State in Manhattan.

HTRS defeated Sacred Heart 57-50, as Matt Mezger racked up 36 points. Josh Rhodd had 15 for the Irish.

Mike Finck, FC, was president and Jim Schawang, FC, vice president of the County 4-H Council.

Barbara J. Walker

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by Life Flight to a Lincoln hospital. She received round-the-clock care for five days before succumbing to her injuries Sunday. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home in Falls City.

It was reported that Mrs. Walker called her husband, Jerry, on his cell phone and he was the one who made the initial 911 call. McQueen and Liming both urged the public to call 911 in case of an emergency, not family or friends.

"Minutes could mean the difference in saving a life," McQueen said.

"Call '911' before contacting friends or family - this will cut down the response time and may save property and lives," Liming added.

The Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office was notified and two investigators arrived mid-afternoon to begin their investigation. The fire scene was released at 5:45 p.m.

The home, occupied by the Walkers, is owned by Charles Clary.

McQueen and Liming praised the efforts of all involved, especially the newest rookies of the department, for their efforts. A total of 14 city and six rural firemen responded. McQueen also wanted to praise the efforts of the FC Rural Fire Dept. for their help and support.

Barbara J. Walker, 57, of Falls City, was born on June 24, 1957 in Oshkosh, to the late Glen and Viola (Chesmore) Atkinson.

She moved to Alpaugh, CA, at the age of 12 and graduated from Alpaugh High School in 1976. On Oct. 1, 1977 she married Jerry W. Walker. When married, the couple established their home in Alpaugh, where she was a teacher's aide for Alpaugh Public Schools.

The couple moved to Fresno, CA, where they lived until 1991 when they moved to Falls City. Barbara worked at Falls City Care Center as a nurse's aide and also worked at Victory Village until 2007, when she retired due to her health.

She was a member of the Good News Assembly of God Church in Falls City.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Jerry W. Walker, of Falls City; sisters, Dorothy Ebel, of St. Joseph, MO, and Shirley Wilson, of Arkansas City, KS.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, Joseph and Roy Morgan.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with Rev. John Sipf officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 at the funeral home.

More information can be found at www.dorrandclark.com

Ramp closed on 36

The ramp from westbound U.S. Hwy 36 to southbound I-29 will be closed today and tomorrow, Jan. 27 and 28, according to the Missouri Department of Transportation.

A bridge maintenance project will close the ramp to all traffic from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. both days. Motorists will need to use an alternate route during the closure.

MoDOT apologizes for any inconvenience that this necessary road work may cause and encourages all motorists to drive safely through work zones to ensure everyone can Arrive Alive.

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Virginia 'Gini' Fouraker

Virginia "Gini" Fouraker, 65, of Tucson, AZ, lost her short battle with cancer on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born to Marvin and Marie Kentopp on Sept. 9, 1949 in Falls City and she grew up in Salem.

Gini graduated from Falls City High School.

In 1968, she married Frank "Butch" Crane Jr. and they had one son, Kenneth. They divorced a few years later.

She married Edwin Fouraker on Dec. 31, 1980. Edwin brought his children, William and Gail Fouraker

to this union. In 1994, Gini and Ed moved to Tucson. Gini retired from Tucson Unified School District in 2014 after 16 years of service.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin, of Tucson; son, Kenneth Crane; daughter, Gail (John) Parker; step-son, William Fouraker; sisters, Joyce Repp, Mary Miller, Janet (Lawrence) Rowland, Leona (Sherman) Rowland; nine nieces; five grandchildren; two great granddaughters; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place with services to be announced at a later date.

Louise Volz

Louise Volz, 83, of Falls City, passed away Friday, Jan. 23, 2015

at Falls City, with her whole family by her side. She was born on April 15, 1931 in DuBois to the late Mike and Emma (Habegger) Stalder.

She was raised at DuBois and graduated from DuBois High School in 1949. On July 14, 1950 she married Kenneth Volz and they later divorced.

When married, the couple established their home in DuBois and then moved to Falls City in 1965, where they owned laundry mats in Falls City and Humboldt. Louise also worked at Fireside Inn for 25 years. She then worked for In

Home-Health, retiring in 1996.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Mackey, of Falls City, Jackie (Perry) Wilhelm, of Falls City, and Debbie (Doug) Ault, of Brainard; son, Michael Volz, of Lincoln; five grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.



Louise was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Her memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with Rev. Paul Weinert officiating. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Leland 'Lee' Scribner

Leland James "Lee" Scribner, 88, of Rice Lake, WI died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 at Heritage

Manor Nursing Home. He was born June 28, 1926 in Cumberland, WI to James and Jenny (Jorgenson) Scribner.

He was raised there and graduated from Cumberland High School. He enlisted in the US Army and served during WWII. He married Elaine Petersen in Pine City, MN on Jan. 13, 1946. They lived in Comstock and he sold Pontiacs for Bents Motors. He then worked as a sales/marketing manager for many agricultural seed companies.

Lee was active in his community, including serving on the board of the Rice Lake Golden K. He was also very involved at Bethany Lutheran Church. He enjoyed fishing, golfing and was nearly obsessed with lawn care and gardening.

He is survived by his wife for over 69 years, Elaine, of Rice

Lake; four sons, Barry L. (Rebecca Drechsel) Scribner, of Armonk, NY, Timothy J. (Kim) Scribner, of Rochester, MN, Jeffrey T. (Nita) Scribner, of Chanhassen, MN, and Rodney M. Scribner, of Rochester; seven grandchildren, Alicia, Zara, Noah, Ryan, Stacey, Marcus and Nick; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Lee was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Hahn, and brothers Russell Scribner (Falls City native), Myron Scribner and Lyle Scribner.

A Celebration of Lee's Life was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, with Pastor Bob Burg officiating. Burial with Military Honors accorded by the Rice Lake Veteran's Honor Guard were in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Comstock.

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Wind as an Energy Option

As both businesses and private citizens continue to look for alternative sources of energy to help the environment, wind continues to generate a back and forth discussion as to its efficacy as an energy solution. While there are pros and cons to wind, it's also important to note there are certain myths and misconceptions about wind that can cloud the discussion.

Before discussing the advantages and disadvantages of wind, it's helpful to examine certain elements of the argument that might be more rooted in myth than fact.

Myths About Wind - One of the more commonly cited issues surrounding the use of wind turbines to generate energy is their potentially harmful effects on avian life. In re-

ality, wind turbines are much less harmful to birds than felines. According to HealthLink, a nonprofit organization dedicated to informing individuals about environmental risks to human health, studies have shown that wind turbines may be responsible for 1.5 to 2 deaths per year in most areas. Cats, on the other hand, are responsible for 8 to 10 bird deaths a year in most areas.

Another myth with regard to wind power is the safety risk of wind turbines should weather turn severe. While this was once a genuine concern, as wind turbine technology has evolved, the safety risk has decreased significantly. Today's wind turbines are designed to prevent them from being active in severe weather, meaning there is essentially

no turbine-related risk to surrounding residents should a storm occur.

In addition to safety concerns, some homeowners are worried that wind turbines will increase their property taxes. This concern is rooted in fact, but not necessarily costly to homeowners. Wind turbines often do increase property value because they represent a means for homeowners to produce long-term income. However, the majority of land-lease agreements include provisions stating that the wind developer will cover any additional property taxes that result from the installation of a wind turbine.

Benefits of Wind Turbines - Arguably the greatest benefit of wind turbines is their environmental impact. Once the turbine has been constructed, its environmental impact is minimal. Wind turbines produce zero emissions, meaning there will be no CO₂, sulfur, particulates, or nitrogen oxide entering the atmosphere from wind turbines. And because environmental conditions have been linked to a host of medical maladies, it's safe to say wind turbines could help improve human health.

Another benefit of wind turbines is the potential financial benefits to homeowners who agree to lease their land to wind developers. While the amount a homeowner can earn depends on the size of the wind turbine and how productive it is, projects in Minnesota and Iowa saw landowners earn between 2 and 4 percent of the turbine's annual gross revenue. For a turbine that earns \$200,000 per year in gross revenue, that's an annual payment of \$2,000 to landowners, a hefty windfall for homeowners, particularly in today's economy.

Reduced energy loss is another potential benefit of wind turbines. Energy is often lost via transfer through energy lines, with some estimates suggesting as much as 50 percent of all total energy is being lost to energy line transfers. Locally produced power, however, is much more efficient.

Disadvantages Of Wind Turbines

One of the more widely cited disadvantages to wind turbines is the noise they create. Large-scale wind turbines, at the peak of their production, can be very noisy. However, today's turbines are much less noisy than those of yesteryear, often being compared to the noise generated from a modern refrigerator. In fact, the wind generated from today's turbines often drowns out the noise generated from the turbine itself.

The cost of wind turbines is commonly considered the greatest disadvantage. This isn't a great concern for homeowners, as most wind turbines are owned by investors who then lease lands once the turbine has been built. However, the tenuous nature of the economy has led many investors to more closely examine where their money is going, and some investors might question if wind turbines are the best way to invest their money.

Safety also must be considered when considering the installation of a wind turbine. Large turbines could pose risks in areas with frequent air traffic. That's a genuine concern in rural areas, where small personal aircrafts are often employed for farming purposes.

To learn more about wind power, visit the Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov.

Dig into some groundhog trivia

Each February, thousands of people gather at locations across the country to watch a hairy animal pop out of a hole and predict the weather. Although most people know that there is no actual way a groundhog can be a weather prognosticator, what a groundhog actually is and does might not be so obvious.

National Geographic says that a groundhog, also called a woodchuck, is one of 14 species of marmots. Marmots are rodents, or large ground squirrels. These animals gorge themselves during the summer to build up fat reserves. After the first frost arrives, they nestle down in burrows to hibernate the winter away. The groundhog is able to slow its heartbeat down considerably and survive with a body temperature that is not much warmer than its burrow environs.

Although groundhogs are most readily thought of as living on the ground -- hence the name -- they are actually able to climb trees like their squirrel cousins. They also can swim rather well. Still, the majority of a groundhog's life is spent close to the earth feeding on plants, grasses and fruits. Once a groundhog gets into a home garden, it can be difficult to get him out.

Groundhogs reside across North America, although they are more common in the Northeastern and Central United States. Groundhogs have been found as far north as Alaska.

Although they are aggressive by nature and will be territorial among their species and defend their territory -- often fighting to establish dominance -- most groundhogs will run from humans to the safety of a burrow. It can take quite a lot of socialization to produce the groundhogs handled for Groundhogs Day celebrations.

Groundhogs can be quite vocal, using a high-pitched whistle to alert others to danger. They may also make barking sounds or squeal if injured. When frightened, the groundhog also may raise the hairs on its body and tail, making the animal look larger.

The most well-known groundhog prognosticators are Punxsutawney Phil, Staten Island Chuck, Warton Willie, and General Beauregard Lee.

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2015 Nebraska School Choice Week, Jan. 25-31

School Choice Week starts this week in Nebraska and across America. Throughout the Week, which runs until January 31, there will be 65 school choice events across the Cornhusker State.

“Nebraska families have choices when it comes to where to send their children to school, and National School Choice Week provides an opportunity for families to look into the options available to them, and, if they feel they want greater opportunities -- to have their voices heard.”

The events are part of National School Choice Week, which will feature 11,082 events across America – the largest celebration of educational opportunity in US history.

School Choice Week events in Nebraska include open houses, information sessions, policy roundtable discussions and more – planned by schools, organizations, homeschool groups and individuals. The goal of the events is to inform parents about the K-12 education options available for their children, while raising awareness of the benefits providing families with a variety of different options for their children’s education.

Nebraska cities with the most events include Lincoln (19), Omaha (16), and Hastings (3).

“Nebraska families have choices when it comes to where to send their children to school, and National School Choice Week provides an opportunity for families to look into the options available to them, and, if they feel they want greater opportunities -- to have their voices heard.” – Andrew R. Campanella, president, National School Choice Week

Parents across Nebraska have a variety of K-12 education options for their children. Families in the Cornhusker State can choose from the following education options for their children: traditional public schools, magnet schools, private schools, and homeschooling. The state has also enacted laws making it easier for children to attend traditional public schools outside of their zoned districts, policies known as open enrollment.

Held every January, National School Choice Week shines a positive spotlight on effective education options for children, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, on-line academies, private schools, and homeschooling. For more information, visit www.schoolchoiceweek.com or www.facebook.com/schoolchoice-week. #SchoolChoice and #SCW on @schoolchoicewk

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Forecasts and Football

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I'm going to watch the big football game on Sunday, then pop out of hibernation on Monday to see if it's **cloudy** or if the **sun** is shining. If it's sunny, I'll see my **shadow** and believe that Winter is going to last longer. If it's cloudy, I'll predict that Spring is coming soon!

We made a more healthful crust, cut the sugar and filled our pie to bursting with berries.

What are your favorite snacks?

Print out free puzzles: All About Reading, Presidents of the U.S., Winter Word Fun and our reading log set @ www.readingclubfun.com

Teams of the NFL

Read the team names to fill in the blanks. Once you have spelled them, search for the second half of the team name in the puzzle and circle it. The first one is done for you.

On what day will Mr. Groundhog pop up?

February

Follow the dots to see!

AFC-North
 Baltimore Ravens
 Cincinnati Bengals
 Cleveland Browns
 Pittsburgh Steelers

NFC-North
 Chicago Bears
 Detroit Lions
 Green Bay Packers
 Minnesota Vikings

AFC-South
 Houston Texans
 Indianapolis Colts
 Jacksonville Jaguars
 Tennessee Titans

NFC-South
 Atlanta Falcons
 Carolina Panthers
 New Orleans Saints
 Tampa Bay Buccaneers

There are 32 teams in the NFL. The teams are split into 2 groups called the AFC (American Football Conference) and the NFC (National Football Conference). These 2 are then split into 4 divisions: North, South, East and West. Each division is made up of 4 teams.

AFC-East
 Buffalo Bills
 Miami Dolphins
 New England Patriots
 New York Jets

NFC-East
 Dallas Cowboys
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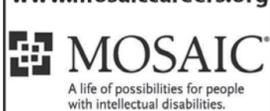
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Bethel United Methodist Church
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Barada United Methodist Church
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DECEMBER 15, 2014

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, NE, was held in said City on the 15th day of December, 2014, at 7 P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jom recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Oliver publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Wisdom and seconded by Council person Scholl to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the Dec. 1, 2014 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for December 15, 2014 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Police Report for November 2014 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for November 2014 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for December 15, 2014 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom, "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Nolte. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Oliver told the Council that the Nemaha Natural Resources District approved the Horizontal Collection Well application Thursday at their meeting. He went on to say that the agreement for the land exchange where this well will be constructed is being signed by the property owners. Mayor Oliver said this will allow eight of the eleven wells to be decommissioned because of their age. He stated we will keep the three newest wells for backup to our system.

APPOINTMENT - 4th WARD COUNCIL PERSON - ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

A motion was made by Council member Wisdom and seconded by Council member Murphy to table the motion to approve the appointment of Anthony Nussbaum as 4th Ward Council Person. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO RENT RICHARD AUDITORIUM - BANQUET - ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD - JAN. 17, 2015

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Dougherty to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a Banquet on Jan. 17, 2015 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION - BILL SCHULENBERG - JAN. 17, 2015

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Wisdom to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Bill Schulerberg, 66310-703 Lane, Rulo, Nebraska, for an event at Prichard Auditorium, 312 West 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska on January 17, 2015, and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

VARIOUS BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Vaughn to approve the various Board Appointments. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO RENT RICHARD AUDITORIUM - WEDDING - ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD - APRIL 18, 2015

A motion was made by Council person Scholl and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a Wedding on April 18, 2015 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO RENT RICHARD AUDITORIUM - WEDDING - ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD - JUNE 15, 2015

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a Wedding on June 15, 2015 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

APPROVE BID FOR PROJECT #17 FOR \$24,995.00 BY HAYS SIDING & CONSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Council member Scholl and seconded by Council member Dougherty to approve the bid for Project #17 in the amount of \$24,995.00 by Hays Siding and Construction as recommended by the Housing Advisory Committee. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$4,000 TO \$29,000 FROM \$25,000 FROM HUD RE-USE FUNDS TO ALLOW FOR REHAB OF 2 ADDITIONAL UNITS

A motion was made by Council member Vaughn and seconded by Council member Murphy to approve the amendment to increase SENDD Administration Contract amount by \$4,000 from \$25,000 to \$29,000 to be paid from HUD ReUse funds. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AND EDGE

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Nolte to approve the MOU between the City of Falls City and EDGE. Beckie Cromer and Steve Scholl both spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on December 15, 2014; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in

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

Gary Jom, City Clerk
Jerry Oliver, Mayor

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS December 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, NE, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada St. in said City on the 18th day of December 2014, at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. Absent: None. Alan Romine recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the minutes for the Dec. 4, 2014 meeting as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Albu to approve the Dec. 18, 2014 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

GAS SUPPLY BIDS

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Murphy to approve the Utility Superintendent to enter into a two-year contract with Clayton Energy subject to legal approval of the contract. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

RICHARDSON COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER - WATER SERVICE

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Nelson to allow Engineer's to investigate options of Rural Water serving the center. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SIGN - ELECTRIC

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to table for more information - cost to install, cost for operation. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

B.O.P.W. MEETING - HOLIDAY

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Albu to change the next meeting date to Jan. 8, 2015. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

DECOMMISSION WELL #15

A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Nelson for the Utility Superintendent to contract with Layne Distribution Company to decommission well #15. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, NE, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on Dec. 18, 2014; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held. NEZ

Gary Jom, City Clerk
Marshall Nelson, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 13, 2015; CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Davidson. 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 minutes of the Jan. 6, 2015, meeting as read and approved. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted on the 1st floor lobby, the Commissioner's Meeting Room and in the lobby of the 3rd floor Sheriff's Office of the Courthouse.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Davidson to reappoint David D. Sichel as the Chairman of the Board for 2015. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye,

Sichel-abstain. Motion carried. Motion was made by Standerford to reappoint Jim Davidson as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2015. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson that the listed duties be designated to the following commissioners:

Commissioner Standerford: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) and 5 Rivers Economic Development District.
Commissioner Davidson: Courthouse Building and Grounds and Armory, Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D), Region V Systems & Services, member of the Product Development & Public Policy Committee of the Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) and alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Commissioner Sichel: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council (SENCA), alternate to the Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Committee (RC&D), The Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Falls City Airport Road Committee and the Southeast Nebraska Health Board. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD/ COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Motion was made by Davidson to reaffirm the appointment of Scott Huppert as the Richardson County Highway Superintendent with an annual salary for 2015 approved at \$49,325.00. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to reappoint Mona Godemann as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer for 2015 at a salary of \$15,310. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to reappoint Brian Dixon as the Richardson County Emergency Manager with an annual salary for 2015 approved at \$44,287.30. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to reappoint Joe Wittwer as the Richardson County Noxious Weed Control Superintendent for 2015 at the salary of \$13,330. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Richardson County membership of the Southeast Nebraska Economic Development Association, Inc., was reviewed by the Board. No formal action taken on the appointments to this Board.

Motion was made by Standerford to reappoint Dick James and Ben Steffen and to appoint Jerry Duerfeldt to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a new term of three years which expires Dec. 31, 2017. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to reaffirm the appointment of Dr. Allan W. Tramp to the County Health Board for the year 2015 pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 71-501. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to reaffirm the appointment of Rod Nanninga and Ron Eis to the Pawnee Area/Regional Revolving Loan Fund Board/Review Committee for 2015. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to reappoint Robert Williamson and Richard Martin to the County Visitor's Committee for a term of four years from Jan. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2018. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to reaffirm the appointments of Austin Duerfeldt, Gracie Decker, Deb Ebel, Mona Godeman and Brian Dixon to the Grievance Board for the County Road Department for 2015. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPT

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. A review of current bridge projects was held. The Stella SE bridge project is proceeding while the right-of-way for the Verdun NW bridge project is pending acquisition.

DON POUNDS, SHERIFF

Sheriff, Don Pounds, presented a letter from Lewis Barker accepting the voluntary demotion from 1st Sergeant to a Deputy position as Sheriff Pounds had recommended to relieve Deputy Barker from duties that will now be assumed by Jeff Frederick with his promotion to 1st Sergeant. Motion was made by Sichel to accept the request for a voluntary demotion and to waive the probation period of the salary adjustment. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Pounds also requested to hire a part-time deputy, Steve Gill who is a former Nebraska State Patrolman, who will serve approximately 16 hours per month to offer professional training to staff and who will also perform some patrol duties. Sheriff Pounds informed the Board that Steve Gill is not a resident of the County and the Board would have to approve his hiring. Motion was made by Davidson to approve the hiring of Steve Gill who is not a resident of Richardson County, to serve as a part-time deputy approximately 16 hours per month. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the recommendation of Sheriff Pounds to terminate an employee, David Clark, who served as the Jail Administrator with the Richardson County Sheriff's Department. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Central Service Cost Allocation Plan
Motion was made by Sichel to approve the Central Services Cost Allocation Plan for the year ending June 30, 2013, as prepared by Robert Aitken, CPA, PC. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Sub-division Resolution 2014-2015-23

Motion was made by Davidson to approve a subdivision for the City of Falls City in S28, T1, R18 and to adopt Resolution 2014-2015-23. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 22, Page 16)

OPPD Agreement

Motion was made by Sichel to approve an agreement with OPPD for the use of county road right-of-way on 652 Avenue between 714 and 717 Road. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 22, Page 17)

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Davidson to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

APCO, AFC Inc., fee210.00
Clerk of Dist Court, costs.....70.00
Continental Fire Sprinkler, serv590.00
Douglas Co. Treasurer, fee500.00
FC Journal, adv117.39
FC Mercantile, supp130.85
Ronald Feighner, prior serv69.24
Keith Ferris, reimb6.42
First State Bank, fee17.86
Harding & Shultz, fee495.00
Barbara Harring, prior serv37.50
Karl Lock, prior serv23.08
Matthew Bender & Co., supp101.08
Pat McDermott, prior serv300.00

Meyer Home Center, serv/equip1,397.85
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv75.00
Miller-Monroe, insurance45,880.42
MIPS, serv1,236.41
Motorola Solutions, serv265.00
NACO, dues1,418.50
Nemaha County, bailiff5,098.50
Dan Frank Norris, prior serv156.00
Noxious Weed Fund, transfer6,213.57
Office Depot, supp444.69
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb97.88
William Ouren, fee150.00
Postmaster, postage115.00
Larry Pounds, serv454.00
Quill, supp362.86
Region V Services, serv3,721.50
County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb96.60
Richardson County Court, costs1156.50
EMA Petty Cash, reimb310.20
Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb1426.76
Road & Bridge Fund, transfer198,877.73
Bernice Shorb, prior serv103.86
SE NE Communications, serv639.92
Billy Stevicks, prior serv208.80
Frank Thomas, prior serv195.00
Thompson, Dreessen & Dornier, fee1,700.00
Univ of NE Lincoln, ext ass't wage match3,430.32
Weaver & Merz, reimb972.42
Wolfes, supp316.28
Total Road/Bridge Fund\$279,189.99

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Utility Holdings, serv109.71
Carter Waters, LLC, supp3105.00
City of Humboldt, serv79.86
FC Auto Supply, supp285.26
Farm & City Supply, supp350.73
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, serv481.69
Harmos OK Tire, tires/serv7703.18
Home Lumber Co., supp399.00
Inland Truck Parts, supp253.74
Kochs Auto Service, serv3,000.80
Miller-Monroe, insurance45,970.83
Nat'l Commission Crane Operators, fee50.00
NE Dept of Revenue, tax1,568.81
Nicholson & Associates, dues50.00
Norris Quarries, rock4,032.15
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb101.32
Pavers, serv807.33
Power Plan, serv641.88
RDO Truck Center Co., parts552.58
Richardson Co. Vendor, fuel tax2,090.00
Rockmount/Nassau, supp824.33
Village of Rulo, serv24.00
Village of Salem, serv20.58
SE NE Communications, serv156.66
Stallene Propane, fuel1,320.00
Village of Stella, serv43.20
Unifirst Corp., serv74.58
Union Bank & Trust Co., equipment44,359.66
Weaver & Merz, reimb30.00
Windstream, serv53.07
Total Road/Bridge Fund\$118,539.95

ROAD/BRIDGE CONSTR HWY ALLOC FUND

Speece-Lewis Engineers, fee2,629.70
Total Road/Bridge Constr. Hwy Alloc Fund\$2,629.70

CHROMATOGRAPH FUND

Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb8.68
Total Chromatograph Fund\$8.68

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv141.82
Total Reg. of Deeds P&M Fund\$141.82

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

FC Housing Authority, rent50.00
Total General Assistance Fund\$50.00

JUVENILE SERVICES LB640 GRANT FUND

Laura Osborne, reimb5.75
Total Juvenile Services LB640 Grant Fund\$5.75

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND

Miller-Monroe, insurance3,254.75
Total Noxious Weed Control Fund\$3,254.75

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.
David Sichel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

School District #70

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 Regular Meeting on Jan. 12, 2015 7 p.m. in the Math Room in Humboldt

A regular meeting of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 was held on Jan. 12, 2015 at 7 PM in the 2nd Floor Math Room in Humboldt. The meeting was advertised in The Humboldt Standard, The Pawnee Republican and The Falls City Journal. A copy of the agenda was kept in the Superintendent's office prior to the meeting.

President Scott Ogle called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members in attendance were: Neal Kanel, Rock Herr, Sandy Stalder and Mike Bredemeier. Steve Schardt was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Clinton Kimbrough and Principals Lisa Othmer and Kari Cover and Board Recorder Kellie Workman.

Correspondence: none.
Organization of the Board: Supt. Kimbrough opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Stalder nominated Ogle, seconded by Herr. Seeing no other nominations, Ogle will serve as President.

Ogle nominated Schardt for Vice President, seconded by Stalder. No further nominations; Schardt will serve as VP.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to appoint the Superintendent as Board Secretary. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Ogle to allow agenda items D-1 to remain the same. Motion carried 5-0. (Appoint Kellie Workman as the Board Recorder; appoint Official Bank Depositories as American National Bank and State Bank of Table Rock; appoint Official Newspapers as The Humboldt Standard, The Falls City Journal and The Pawnee Republican; approve participation in the following Federal Programs: Title I, Special Education and Hot Lunch; appoint the Superintendent as Federal Program Coordinator. Motion by Bredemeier, seconded by Kanel to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on Dec. 8, 2014 and special meetings held on Dec. 10, 15 and 16, 2014. Motion carried 5-0. ZNEZ

Motion by Ogle, seconded by Kanel to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$439,734.38 for general and payroll funds; \$261,241.98 for building fund; \$8,991.00 for depreciation fund. Motion carried 5-0.

All board members present reviewed activity, treasurer and lunch fund reports. Motion by Herr, seconded by Stalder to approve the reports. Motion carried 5-0.

Patron Comment: none.
Staff Presentations: Glenna Withers and Jeremy Marteny presented on technology including apple products and the school website.

Discussion: Supt. Kimbrough will continue to pursue a driver's education instructor.

Supt. Kimbrough explained that part of the Harding, Schultz law firm that the school utilizes has split into their own firm.

Action Items: Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to approve the hiring and contract for superintendent, Sherri Edmondson for two years beginning July 1, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to accept Trudy Fankhauser's resignation with thanks and appreciation for her years of service. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing Notice
Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging (BRAAA) will conduct a Public Hearing on February 20, 2015, at 10:00 A.M., at 1901 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310.

Notice of Trustee's Sale
The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on 02/23/2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor corridor at the West door of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355:

PART OF LOT 4, BLOCK 9, EVERGREEN HEIGHTS ADDITION TO FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, EXCEPT THE WEST 120 FEET THEREOF, BEING A PLOT OF GROUND 98 FEET NORTH AND SOUTH AND 325.5 FEET EAST AND WEST, AS SHOWN BY RECORDED PLAT, AND LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 9, EVERGREEN HEIGHTS ADDITION TO FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, ALL IN RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

By: Eric Lemp, Trustee, NSBA# 24096
Kozeny & McCubbin, LC
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555
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The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on 02/23/2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor corridor at the West door of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355:

THE SOUTH 18/5 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 167 AND ALL OF LOTS 9-12 BLOCK 167, ORIGINAL TOWN OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS:
THE SOUTH EIGHTEEN AND ONE HALF (18-1/2) FEET OF LOT 8, AND ALL OF LOTS NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11) AND TWELVE (12), BLOCK ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (167), ORIGINAL TOWN OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

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NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF JANET S. MCKINSEY, DECEASED
PR 15-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January, 2015, 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 20, 2015 or be 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
20-27-3

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Amended and Restated Certificate of Organization for Sikora Realty, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, was filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State of January 15, 2015, wherein the following was amended and restated: (i) the name of the Company is Sikora Realty, LLC, (ii) the Designated Office and Registered Office of the Company is 113 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, (iii) the Registered Agent at such address is Nic Sikora, and (iv) the Purpose of the Company is to engage in certain professional services.
20-27-3

VILLAGE OF RULO
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 7:00 p.m. on the 9th Day of February 2015 at the Village Hall, for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2015.
Julie Vollmer
City Street Superintendent
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VILLAGE OF BARADA
NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
JUVENILE DIVISION

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA
IN THE INTEREST OF NEVAEH M. MACKEY, and EVANII E. PFOHL, Children under 18 years of age.
Case # JV 13-110

NOTICE TO: BRIAN MACKEY, natural father of NEVAEH M. MACKEY:

Take notice that a juvenile petition in the above named court has been filed asking that the Court make such order or orders concerning the care custody, control and support of the said children as deemed appropriate in the promises including, but not limited to a request for termination of the parental rights of BRIAN MACKEY, natural father of said child NEVAEH M. MACKEY, minor child herein.
Dated this 13th day of January, 2015

Joshua K. McDougall
Clerk Magistrate

Steven J. Reisdorff, #13481
Deputy Saline County Attorney
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City of Falls City

JANUARY 5, 2015

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, NE, was held in said City on the 5th day of January, 2015, at 7 p.m. Council met in regular session. Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jorm recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Oliver publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly exceed the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the Dec. 15, 2014 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for Jan. 5, 2015 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Claims for December 2014 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for Jan. 5, 2015 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Oliver told the City Council and the audience that the contract for the exchange of real estate between the City and the Jones has been signed by the Jones. The City is exchanging 21.28 acres outside the levee for 12.94 acres inside the levee. He went on to say that well #15 will be decommissioned by April 1, 2015 and this is the well located between the levee and the river and the south test well has been capped. He said that on or before Dec. 31, 2017 wells 2, 3, 4 and 6 will be decommissioned and the ground be put back to grade at the expense of the city. He said this will clean up the area for the farmer. Mayor Oliver then told the council that as part of the construction at Rulo the city will be constructing an underground electric line from the pumping station to the well site and removing all overhead lines and poles. He went on to say that the Board of Public Works and Utility Supt. Alan Romine has spent a great deal of time on this project and will continue to do so in the future. He said they are about a third of a way through this project. Lastly, he told those in attendance that during snow removal it is prohibited by ordinance 8-320 to push snow into the city streets.

APPOINTMENT - 4TH WARD COUNCIL PERSON - ANTHONY NUSSBAUM

A motion was made by Council member Nolte and seconded by Council member Dougherty to remove from the table the appointment of Anthony Nussbaum as 4th Ward Council Person. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Scholl to approve the appointment of Anthony Nussbaum as 4th Ward Council Person. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINT MAYOR OLIVER - TRUSTEE OF THE CITY 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

A motion was made by Scholl and seconded by Nolte to approve the appointment of Oliver as the Trustee of the City 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

2013-2014 AUDIT REPORT

Julie Bauman, CPA, gave a presentation to the Mayor and City Council on the 2013-2014 Audit Report. A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Nolte to approve the 2013-2014 Audit Report. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

RICHARD A. LEMEROND - PRICHARD AUDITORIUM - MARCH 7, 2015

A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Nolte to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Richard A. Lemerond, 2724 Harlan St., Falls City, NE, for a wedding reception at Prichard Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St., Falls City, NE on March 7, 2015, as presented and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. Richard A. Lemerond is required to file a Certificate of Insurance with the City showing they carry Liquor Liability and the City of Falls City is an Additional Insured. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

RICHARD A. LEMEROND - PRICHARD AUDITORIUM - APRIL 18, 2015

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Wisdom to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Richard A. Lemerond, 2724 Harlan St., Falls City, NE, for a wedding recep-

tion at Prichard Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St., Falls City, NE on April 18, 2015, as presented and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. Richard A. Lemerond is required to file a Certificate of Insurance with the City showing they carry Liquor Liability and the City of Falls City is an Additional Insured. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

RICHARD A. LEMEROND - PRICHARD AUDITORIUM - MAY 23, 2015

A motion was made by Wisdom and seconded by Scholl to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Richard A. Lemerond, 2724 Harlan St., Falls City, NE, for a wedding reception at Prichard Auditorium, 312 W. 17th Street, Falls City, NE on May 23, 2015, as presented and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. Richard A. Lemerond is required to file a Certificate of Insurance with the City showing they carry Liquor Liability and the City of Falls City is an Additional Insured. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

RICHARD A. LEMEROND - PRICHARD AUDITORIUM - JUNE 13, 2015

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Ferguson to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Richard A. Lemerond, 2724 Harlan St., Falls City, NE, for a wedding reception at Prichard Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St., Falls City, NE on June 13, 2015, as presented and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. Richard A. Lemerond is required to file a Certificate of Insurance with the City showing they carry Liquor Liability and the City of Falls City is an Additional Insured. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A HORIZONTAL COLLECTOR WELL

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Nussbaum to approve the contract between the City and Jones for the exchange of real estate at Rulo. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

PETITION THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RICHARDSON COUNTY - ALLOW THE CITY TO SUBDIVIDE INTO TWO TRACTS LAND OWNED BY THE CITY EAST OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AT RULO

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Nussbaum to approve the petition for subdivision of property east of the Rulo Water Treatment Facility. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION - ALLOWING ALCOHOL PERMITS FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY - BRUCE WALKER

A discussion was held on allowing alcohol permits on public property. Bruce Walker, Pastor Stephen Floyd, Chuck Smith, Steve Scholl and John Vaughn all spoke.

DISCUSS WITH NDOR THE POSSIBILITY OF RENAMING OLD HWY 73 THROUGH FALLS CITY

A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Wisdom to incorporate the name Bill Schock Boulevard north from 28th Street to 35th Street on Old Hwy 73. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE REQUEST BY CASEY'S RETAIL COMPANY TO EXPAND THE DIMENSIONS ON THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE TO INCLUDE THEIR NEW ADDITION TO THEIR BUILDING

A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Scholl to give favorable comment on the request to increase the dimensions of Casey's liquor license to include their addition to the building. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, NE, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on Jan. 5, 2015; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.
Gary Jorm, City Clerk
Jerry Oliver, Mayor

GENERAL CLAIMS - NOV. 2014 ADMINISTRATIVE

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, CLUNE & CO. LC, F.C. EDGE, FALLS CITY JOURNAL, GENESIS EMPL. BENEFITS, HALBERT/DUNN/HALBERT, SR., HOME LUMBER CO, KAWRES, KC STAINED GLASS, NE MUN. POWER POOL, QUILL CORPORATION, SNC SR, TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, WAGEWORKS, WOLFES PRINTING, etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, ARMBRUSTER MOTORS, AS CENTRAL FINANCE, FC JOURNAL, FAMILY MEDICINE, FLEET SERVICES, GALLS INC, GENERAL PETTY CASH, GRAPHIC SCREEN PRINTING, HALBERT/DUNN/HALBERT, SR, HARMONS OK TIRE STORE, HULLMANS FORD, JAMESON BAKER, JEREMY GOLDSBERRY, K-T'S FIRE EXT. SERVICE, LEXISNEXIS, M. BENDER, MECHANIC SHOP, MILLER MONROE CO, NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, CN, POLICE DEPT. PETTY CASH, PRO SERV, QUILL CORPORATION, SMITH & SMITH TOWNRYS, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes SNC SR, SPORTIN' FALLS CITY, MEGAN STAMPER, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, WATCH GUARD, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes FIRE, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, D&D COMMUNICATIONS, DEARBORN NATIONAL, FLEET SERVICES, GENERAL PETTY CASH, MECHANIC SHOP, QUILL CORPORATION, SNC SR, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes STREET DEPARTMENT, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, FLEET SERVICES, MECHANIC SHOP, MICHAEL TODD & CO, QUILL CORPORATION, SNC SR, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes PARKS, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, FLEET SERVICES, QUILL CORPORATION, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes AUDITORIUM, ENGINEERED CONTROLS, FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, QUILL CORPORATION, SNC SR, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes ANIMAL CONTROL, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, CONVENIENCE CARD #4458, FLEET SERVICES, MECHANIC SHOP, NEBRASKA HUMANE SOC, OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DIST, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes SENIOR CENTER BUILDING, JONES AIR CONDITIONING, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes SOLID WASTE FUND, BROWN CO. TRANS. STATION, E911 Wireless, SNC EX, SNC SR, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes LIBRARY, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, ELECTRONIC CONTR., INGRAM, JEROME WAGGONER, JOHN PEDERSON, JONES AIR CONDITIONING, K-T'S FIRE EXT. SERVICE, LIBRARY - PETTY CASH, MOUND CITY NEWS, OCLC, INC, PUMPKIN BOOKS, THE HUMBOLDT STANDARD, THE LIBRARY STORE INC, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, WOLFES PRINTING, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes CEMETERY, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, CONVENIENCE CARD #4458, FLEET SERVICES, HEETCO INC, JONES & JONES, QUILL CORPORATION, SNC SR, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes AIRPORT, BENNETT REFRIGERATION, SUE BUCKMINSTER, DAWN BENNETT, HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR, KIRKHAM, MICHAEL & ASSOCIATES, PHILIP CHAFFEE, SNC SR, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes HOUSING PL. REUSE T, HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes 1984 - HUD TRUST, NDED, EX, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes C.D.B.G.-GRANTS, EZ CONSTRUCTION CO, MCNEALY CONST. CO, SENE DEVELOP DIST, etc.

UTILITY CLAIMS NOV 2014 ELECTRIC

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT., SU, ALEXANDER PUBLICATIONS, CLARITUS, CLUNE & COMPANY LC, DAVID AITKEN, DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, DUTTON-LAINSON CO, FAIRFIELD INN, FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, FC SANITATION SERVICE, FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, FLEET FUELING, GENERAL FUND, GENESIS EMPL. BENEFITS, GRAINGER, HALBERT/DUNN/HALBERT, HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, HUSKER ELECTRIC SUPPLY, JIM HILL'S, KRIZ-DAVIS CO, LAWSON PRODUCTS, MCMASTER - CARR, MECHANIC SHOP, MILLER MAILING INC, MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEB, NE MUNICIPAL POWER, POOL, N. AMERICAN ELECTRIC, NORTHERN SAFETY CO INC, OLSSON ASSOCIATES, PRO-SERV, QUILL CORPORATION, RESCO, SCHULENBERG BAKERY, SNC SR, STRIPES & SIGNS, THOMAS GEORGES, TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, WAGE WORKS, WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC, WOLFES PRINTING, WRIGHT TREE SERVICE INC, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes WATER DEPARTMENT, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT., SU, ATCO INTERNATIONAL, CLARITUS, CLUNE & COMPANY LC, CONCRETE INDUSTRIES, CONVENIENCE CARD 1060323, EDWARDS CHEMICALS, FALLS CITY JOURNAL, FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, GENESIS EMPL. BENEFITS, HALBERT/DUNN/HALBERT, HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, JORGENSEN SURVEYING, KIRKHAM, MICHAEL & ASSOCIATE, MCMASTER - CARR, MECHANIC SHOP, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC, NE MUNICIPAL POWER, OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes NRD, PRO-SERV, QUILL CORPORATION, SNC SR, UTILITIES SECTION, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, WAGE WORKS, WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes MECHANIC SHOP, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, CONVENIENCE CARD 1060323, DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, FALLS CITY AUTO SUPPLY, FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, HARMON'S O.K. TIRE STORE, HULLMAN'S, MR. AUTOMOTIVE, NMC EXCHANGE LLC, QUILL CORPORATION, TRI-STATE TRUCK/TRACTOR, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes GAS DEPARTMENT, PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT., SU, CLARITUS, CLUNE & COMPANY LC, FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, FLEET FUELING, GENERAL FUND, GENESIS EMP. BENEFITS, HALBERT/DUNN/HALBERT, HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, INDUSTRIAL SALES CO, INC, MCJUNKIN RED MAN CORP, MECHANIC SHOP, NATIONAL PUBLIC GAS AGENCY, NE MUNICIPAL POWER, POOL, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC, PRO-SERV, QUILL CORPORATION, SNC SR, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, UTILITY SALES/SERV, WAGE WORKS, etc.

SEWER CLAIMS NOV 2014 SEWER

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT., SU, PHIL BLETSCHER, BROWN COUNTY TRANSFER STATION, DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, FALLS CITY SANITATION, FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, FLEET FUELING, GLEN CUDNEY, KAWRES, MECHANIC SHOP, MIDWEST LABS, INC, MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO, NATHAN STRECKER, DEPT. OF ENV. QUALITY, QUILL, SU, SNC SR, STREET DEPT, TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, UTILITY DEPARTMENT, etc.

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FC BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS Jan. 8, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, NE, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada St., in said City on the 8th day of January 2015, at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson. Absent: Veigel. Alan Romine recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Vice-Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held. ZNEZ

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes for the Dec. 18, 2014 meeting as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bartek to approve the Jan. 8, 2015 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Nelson to approve the Superintendent's report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL GENERATION

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bartek to authorize the Utility Superintendent to contract Lutz, Daily and Brain for scope of work and contract price. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CUSTOMER #7858 - SEWER BILL

A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Bartek to credit Customer #7858 \$110.22 for sewer usage. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bartek to approve the claims for December, 2014 as follows: Electric Dept. - \$169,432.89, Water Dept. - \$51,849.46; Mechanic Shop - \$7,154.21; Gas Dept. - \$247,391.91; Sewer - \$29,790.12. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, NE, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on Jan. 8, 2015; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.
Gary Jorm, City Clerk
Marshall Nelson, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

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POLICE OFFICER

Applications will be received by the City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355, (402) 245-2707; until 4:00 P.M., January 28, 2015, for the position of full time Police Officer for the Falls City Police Department. Certification preferred, but not required. Competitive salary/benefit package. Applicants shall be State of Nebraska certified law enforcement officer and a resident of Falls City within 6 months.

Gary Jorn • Clerk 3-4

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Lortscher Logistics Inc.
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Quality Control Lab Tech

Lortscher Animal Nutrition Inc.
PO Box 124 310 Railroad St.
Bern, KS 66408



Quality Control Lab Tech

- ◆ Maintain quality control reporting at our feed mill on a 12 hr. night shift schedule.
- ◆ Inspect and test inbound and outbound ingredients & product.
- ◆ Microsoft Excel, Word and Outlook experience.
- ◆ Attention to detail is essential.
- ◆ Prior experience in a Quality Control Lab in a Food/Feed Industry or a BS Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Food or Animal Science is a plus but not required.

Benefit Package Includes:

Competitive Pay, BCBS Health & Dental Ins., Vision Ins., 401K, Life Ins., ST/LT Disability Ins., Paid Holidays & Paid Time Off, Clothing & Training with Advancement.

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The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is seeking a motivated individual for a full time Social Service Navigator. Applicant must have a Graduate Degree in Social Service Work or related field, 1 or more years of experience and a valid drivers license. This position will require some travel. Please send resumes to: Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska ATTN: Brenda Lunsford, 3345 Thrasher Road, White Cloud Kansas, 66094. Resumes will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday February 6, 2015. For information regarding the job description and benefits please contact Brenda at 785-595-3258. 4-5



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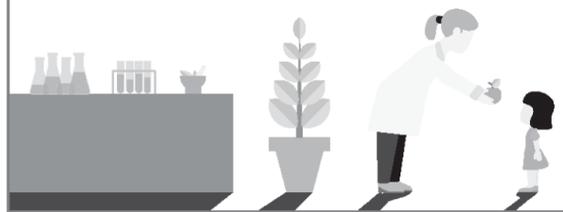
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Nincehelsler sentenced to probation, community service

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Attorney General Doug Peterson, later issued this statement to the *Lincoln Journal Star*: "This was a unique case factually and it is not uncommon with unique cases like this one for prosecutors to not make recommendations in sentencing, leaving it to the discretion of the judge. Ultimately, the judge's decision was to not impose incarceration and this result was likely regardless of any recommendation made by the prosecutor."

Though restitution was not sought in this case, Nincehelsler's attorney, Bruce Dalluge, said he had placed \$2,250 in a trust fund to be distributed to the sheriff's office or some other county agency.

Judge Bryan addressed Nincehelsler in court saying, "You probably deserve more pity than anything else." Bryan said Nincehelsler used extremely bad judgement and his actions were costly to the law

enforcement agencies.

Addressing Nincehelsler, Bryan asked "Were you mad at somebody?"

Nincehelsler didn't reply.

Continuing, Judge Bryan said "It takes a lot to shoot yourself, how long did you think about it?"

"I didn't think about it. That was the problem," replied Nincehelsler.

Bryan also asked why he described his nonexistent assailant as Hispanic, asking Nincehelsler "Is this a hate issue?"

"No," replied Nincehelsler.

Dalluge, Attorney for Nincehelsler said his client was under a lot of stress at the time "Maybe he was never made to be a law enforcement officer," adding Nincehelsler now has a new job and is trying to rebuild his life.

Judge Bryan said stress didn't excuse what Nincehelsler had done. "I was hoping you had some real psychological problems," he said.

"I don't really see you having any mental problems."

Nincehelsler was arrested for reporting to dispatchers on June 9 that he had been shot by an unidentified man when he stopped his patrol vehicle to see if a motorist parked on a county road needed assistance. Following the investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol in cooperation with the Richardson County Sheriff's Office, the 25-year-old deputy admitted to shooting himself in the arm and firing several shots into his patrol pickup, admitting there was no stranded motorist.

Last December, Nincehelsler pled guilty to a felony charge of criminal mischief and misdemeanor charge of false reporting and in exchange two misdemeanors (official misconduct and obstructing government operations) were dropped as part of a plea agreement reached with special prosecutor Kyle Burdick in Richardson County District Court.

Nincehelsler, who last summer posted 10 percent of a \$50,000 cash bond, faced up to five years in prison and possible fines of up to \$10,000.

Nincehelsler must surrender his law enforcement certificate and will not be allowed to carry a firearm or serve in law enforcement again. He was also ordered to continue counseling.

Bernice Kopetzky

'15 Good Neighbor Award

(Photo by Nikki McKim)



2015 Good Neighbor Award Winner Bernice Kopetzky practices the organ at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church where she spends much of her time volunteering.

By Nikki McKim

Stephanie Wenz, on behalf of '14 Good Neighbor Award Winner Marvin Arnold, presented Kopetzky with this year's Good neighbor Award.

Bernice Kopetzky moved to Falls City from the Table Rock area around 1950, and raised five sons with her late husband Bill. While raising her children she finished her college education and began teaching in the Falls City Public School system. After her retirement, she began volunteer tutoring at Sacred Heart and later formed the "Rescue Reading" program, where she and her volunteers work one on one with children having reading problems.

For more than 50 years, Bernice has spent many hours of service at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church as a music director, choir director and organist. She has also played for many weddings and funerals and served six years as the Regent of Catholic Daughters.

Bernice loves to cook and try new recipes and soon perfected her famous "dead rolls" which she takes to the families of the recently deceased.

Another of her projects is The Respite Program in Falls City, where volunteers spend time with disabled family members so caregivers can have a break; they also provide rides to dialysis and other medical appointments when no family is available. People don't die alone - there is a volunteer by their side.

Bernice's pride and joy is her big garden that she always raises in the summer. She says it's her therapy. Through the years, she has canned and froze vegetables for her family. She still does, but also offers her jelly and fresh vegetables to friends and neighbors and provides a large share of her produce for the "Garden Table" at church.

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Jaycees DSA

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walle, Secretary; and Tiffany Fouraker, Treasurer.

Chris Fischer awarded \$4,500 in donations to a number of organizations in the community.

"These donations are possible through the efforts of many Jaycees members, their families and the community businesses and individuals," he said.

Receiving donations this year were: The FC Middle School

FALLS CITY FEBRUARY 2015 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

•EVENTS •CLUB MEETINGS •CHAMBER ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
FCBS Pops Concert @ FC Aud. 4 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary 6:30 P.M. FC City Council 7 P.M.	Blood Pressure Clinic @ Sr. Center 11:30-12:30 pm Take Shape for Life at Falls City Fitness Center 7-8:00 p.m.	Lion's Club - Noon Weight Watchers 5:00 at Personal Care Inc. N.-Old Hwy 73	Rotary Noon RC Museum		FCBS Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Crete 1:00 p.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	BPO Does - 7 P.M. FC Vol. Fire Dept @ 7 P.M.	Am. Legion-7 P.M. FC Chamber BofD Noon	SH Dismissal at 1:23 - PT Conf. Lion's Club - Noon Weight Watchers 5:00 at Personal Care Inc. N.-Old Hwy 73	SH BB B&G vs Doniphan West 4PM FC Jaycees 6:30 PM Rotary Noon RC Museum		Valentines Day Chili Cook-Off at Shubert Community Building 5:00 - 7:00 PM Benefits Rural VBS
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	FC City Council 7 PM Class C & D Girls BB Sub Districts	Am. Legion-6:30. Humane Society @ Sun Mart 7:30 P.M.	Lion's Club - Noon Weight Watchers 5:00 at Personal Care Inc. N.-Old Hwy 73	Rotary Noon RC Museum	No School FC & SH Winter Break	SH Boys BB VS. NC Lourdes - 5:30 PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	BPO Does - 7 P.M. Class C & D Boys BB Sub Districts	VFW - 7 PM	Lion's Club - Noon Weight Watchers 5:00 at Personal Care Inc. N.-Old Hwy 73	Rotary Noon RC Museum	STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT IN OMAHA Girls Class D B&G Districts - TBD Girls Class C B&G Districts - TBD FC & SH 2 Hr. Early Dismissal - In Service	Sacred Heart Booster Club Auction 6 PM @ Prichard Aud. State Wrestling Duals in Kearney

Clown Troop, FC Volunteer Ambulance Squad, FC Fiedler Family Ball Complex, FC Swim Team, FC Trap Team, FC Travelers Softball, Richardson County Humane Society, Itha Krumme Memorial Arboretum, FC Library Fund, 4-H Foundation, Red Cross Bloodmobile, Red Cross Swim Fund, Richardson County Cancer Fund, Richardson County CPR, FC Rural Fire Dept., FC Volunteer Fire Dept., Rulo Fire Dept., Verdon Fire Dept., Shubert Fire Dept. and the SENCA Backpack Program.

Fischer added that "the recipients that have received donations in the past as well as tonight, we thank you for your time and commitment to Falls City and we know that these donations will be put to great use."

Fischer then thanked a list of community members who "go above and beyond to help us with our events," naming Mark and Becky Cromer, Donnie and Coleen Stevens, Cory Snethen, Jim and Shirley Jones, Brian and Rachel Witt, Bart and Gayle Keller, and Luke and Celeste Jones.

Six individuals were recognized for their selfless service to the community: Lori Rech, Outstanding Educator Award; Rod Vandenberg, Community Leader Award; Rachel Witt, Boss of the Year Award; Bernice Kopetzky, Good Neighbor Award; Chip Ebel, Robert J. Chab Community Service Award; and Shawn Fouraker was presented the Distinguished Service Award. In addition, Jessica Fischer presented the Hugh O'Brian Youth Awards to Falls City High School sophomore Aaron Kurpgeweit, son of Lee and Denise Kurpgeweit, and FC Sacred Heart sophomore Jade Hill, daughter of Dan and Beth Hill.

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