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Col. (Ret.) Tom Brewer

Tom Brewer takes fight to political arena

By Scott Schock

Col. (Ret.) Tom Brewer is battle tested. And now, he's entered an entirely new fray, challenging incumbent Adrian Smith for the 3rd Congressional seat in Nebraska. Both are Republicans.

Brewer has strong ties to Richardson County, having served and trained with Company B, the National Guard unit he says should never have been decommissioned.

National service runs strong through his veins. Brewer was severely wounded in December, 2011, in a rocket-propelled grenade attack near Kabul, Afghanistan, where he was serving as Chief of Operations for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's counter narcotics task force.

The wounds were significant enough that his military career was over. He could have retired, comfortably, but learned in travels across Nebraska, that more service was needed. Brewer is

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For 50 years, DSA Banquet has defined Jaycees

For over 50 years, the Falls City Area Jaycees have been hosting the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet. It is one night a year that really defines the meaning of the organization that is the Jaycees, while putting a spotlight on the amazing people and other organizations of this great community.

Six individuals who have been nominated by community members are honored for the good and service they have provided in this community. It is also the time the Jaycees give donations to local organizations with the money raised throughout the year with various fundraisers.

Regrettably, the Jaycees are unable to give donations at this year's ceremony.

As many know, a new Jaycees' Community Field has been developed, thanks to a generous land donation from Cory Snethen and family. The Jaycees want to be sure the field is used to its full potential by having several new events and fundraisers throughout the year. They have been able to host a Bush Pullers Tractor Pull, a Fall Carnival and a concert in September. Unfortunately, the concert was not a fi-

ancial success and was poorly attended. This left no money to give out donations at the DSA Ceremony. However, the Jaycees do not give up. They will continue to come up with new ideas and fundraisers to go along with the traditional tractor pull and demolition derby in order to raise funds to give back to this community.

Hopefully, 2014 will be a better year. The people of Falls City are encouraged to attend these events and support Falls City and the local groups and organizations in this community. Plus, the Jaycees will always show you a great time!

The Jaycees would also like to take this opportunity to encourage the citizens of Falls City to nominate someone for a Distinguished Service Award. With such a great town filled with some wonderful people, there should be letters pouring in for each category. Surely, everyone could nominate several deserving people in each category.

Please, take the time to think of someone you feel has made a difference in your life and the community, and nominate them for an award. There are so many

people that deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the community, but that won't happen unless you take the time to nominate them.

The six awards given are: Distinguished Service; Outstanding Educator; Boss of the Year; Outstanding Community Leader; Good Neighbor; and Robert J. Chab Community Service Award.

Nomination forms can be found in the Dec. 17 edition of the Journal, and can also be found at several local merchants places of business. Letters can be sent to P.O. Box 202 or email Stefanie Wenz at s_wenz@yahoo.com

Letters can also be dropped off at State Farm Insurance, 2002 Stone St. Nomination letters are due by Thursday, Jan. 9.

The Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, Jan. 20, at the Falls City Elks Club (2nd floor). There will be no dinner this year, but appetizers will be provided. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the awards ceremony follows at 7. Free will donations will be accepted.

HER TIP HAS\$ COME IN

By Jim Langan

Many would agree that the Lord works in mysterious ways, but who knew He was a fan of Cracker Barrel?

That appears to be the case, after their Lincoln location on North 27th near the Interstate-80 interchange provided the setting for a fateful encounter between two customers and their server.

Abigail Sailors, a Falls City native and the server in question, had just finished the lunch rush last Thursday when shortly after 1 p.m. a hostess informed her she had another table.

The 18-year-old, who got her start as a waitress at A&G in Falls City, approached the two gentlemen and greeted them like any other table, not knowing

that her time spent with these two strangers over the next hour would potentially change her life.

"They didn't seem strange or anything," Sailors said with a laugh. "They started joking around with me right away and one said, 'the hostess told us you are a really happy person. Why are you so happy?'"

At first she was hesitant. "I wasn't going to tell them anything," she said, adding almost matter-of-factly, "I mean, they were strangers. I just told them I'm thankful for life and blessed with a lot of things."

Sailors, who recently finished the first semester of her freshman year at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, N.D., delivered their

drinks, then returned a few minutes later to take their orders and the curious customers inquired some more. "This is going to be an interesting table," she said to them, to which they laughed.

She took their orders and was able to hedge them off, for the most part, as they fired questions at her while she cleaned her section.

"I wasn't too busy, so I was able to talk to them a lot," described Sailors. "They were trying to guess things about me while they waited for their meals."

She delivered their meals and as the men ate, she told them about school and how she was studying psychology and youth ministry and a member of the

Lady Lions basketball team. She also told them why she chose her course of study and her plans after college.

"I told them I wanted to help children from abusive homes because that's where my heart is," Sailors said. "Then one of them asked me if I was going back in a couple weeks and I kind of told them my situation."

She informed them that she was paying her own way through school and was taking the second semester off to work and save money, so she could return in the fall.

Earlier, one of the men mentioned having been to Ellendale, which surprised her because the

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When last we communicated, we were knee-deep in 2014 predictions that have no basis in fact and, in fact, are complete farce. But why should that stop us? We resume this nonsense with the month of:

July

July 3: Local dogs stage a mass exit from town after the pre-Fourth barrage of firecracker and rocket explosions. The besieged pets leave their under-the-bed havens and head for the hills, finding temporary relief near Steele Cemetery, where fireworks are definitely off limits.

July 4: The City of Humboldt stages its most spectacular Fourth of July display ever. Humboldt Standard publisher Jack Cooper is the star of the show as organizers tape several thousand bottle rockets to his arms and launch the newsman over the town water tower. While airborne, Cooper gets a great shot with his trusty camera.

July 8: A birthday celebration in New York City goes somewhat out of control and reverberates all the way to Falls City.

July 19: Another birthday bash — this one in Omaha — leaves a Falls City man wondering how his kids got so darned old, while he never seems to age.

August

Aug. 4: Yet another birthday milestone causes the same man (see above) to wonder the very same thing.

Aug. 6: Well, it's birthday after birthday for one local family. This one is most special and is celebrated at the One Stop!

Aug. 17: Coach Bo Pelini, in a press conference after practice, says the football team will change its name from "Cornhuskers" to "John Deere Combines." He said uniforms would reflect the change, which had nothing to do with a massive pledge of support from the John Deere Company.

Aug. 25: School starts in Richardson County and teachers are just thrilled with the collection of little darlings they will spend nine months with.

September

Sept. 2: Football season gets underway and every team wins except for those that lose. The Kansas City Chiefs blow a 40-point lead in the fourth quarter, falling to the Tampa Bay Bucs.

Sept. 19: Countywide, crops thrive and a record harvest is predicted. New grain bins are selling like hotcakes.

October

Oct. 4: The new bridge at Rulo finally has a name. It's officially known as the "Bridge to Somewhere."

Oct. 31: Halloween night is a bit chilly, but no ice is forecast. Kids make their rounds, collecting pounds of sweet stuff to unwittingly share with their parents, who sneak candy bars when their children aren't looking.

November

Nov. 1: A wicked west wind fans southeast Nebraska, sending leaves all over the place and triggering a run on yard rakes. Those who are rake-less count on a wicked east wind to solve their leaf problem.

Nov. 23: Several savvy county cooks preheat their ovens after calling a phony turkey hotline, which suggests boiling the birds.

Nov. 24: Some birds are still boiling and Thanksgiving guests are becoming alarmed. Hostesses pop the corks on bottles of wine and drown their sorrows.

December

Dec. 2: A Wal-Mart Christmas commercial runs for the 10 millionth time.

Dec. 3: The same commercial hits the 12 million mark.

Dec. 18: School lets out for Christmas break. Some mothers lock their doors.

Dec. 25: Santa shows up in Richardson County, even at homes that are struggling to make ends meet. There are many, many generous people who make this so.

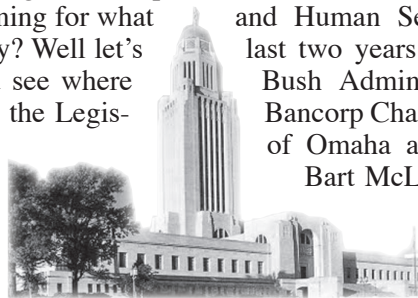
Dec. 31: Despite the sub-zero weather, ice and snow, partiers still find a way to their favorite watering holes, then have regrets in the morning.



Politics '14 – Who's in, who's out; update your list

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

LINCOLN – Remember that list we made last August to keep track of who's running for what in the May primary? Well let's get it updated and see where we stand now that the Legislature has convened its second session and we are heading toward the actual primary where we can considerably shorten certain parts of the list.



If you haven't done it yet, get a large sheet of paper and divide it into grids with a wide column for Governor and one for U.S. Senate. Beside each wide column you should have two narrow columns indicating In and Out. Post the paper in an appropriate place: your garage; your basement; the back of the bathroom door.

Write in the names of the usual suspects, but do it in pencil. These things change quicker than a columnist can keep track. Under Governor you can list Democrats or Republicans in whatever order suits your voter registration card. Hint: leave more space for Republicans since there're more of them in Nebraska. Same routine with the Senate race. If you have some extra time on your hands, you could track the legislative races that are open, but these will be different for different areas of the state and your legislator – you do know his or her name, right? – may not even be running this year. No more than half the body, even or odd district numbers, is up for election unless an appointee faces election regardless of the district number. This year there are 17 legislative races.

Let's look at Governor/Republicans. Three incumbent state Senators still in the race. Senator Tom Carlson of Holdrege, Senator Charlie Janssen of Fremont and Senator Beau McCoy of Elkhorn. Yes, I know that Omaha annexed the community several years ago, but I still call Millard Millard and Ralston Ralston.

State Auditor Mike Foley, a former state senator, is also seeking the Republican nomination as are Omaha businessman Pete Ricketts and, the most recent Republican to join the pack, Omaha tax attorney Bryan Stone. That's slicing the Republican vote six ways.

There's likely going to be one or two who receive the majority of the votes and the others will have a slim piece. There is just one winner.

On the Democrat side, former University of Nebraska Regent Chuck Hassebrook is all-alone on the list. The Lyons resident is also the former longtime head of the Center for Rural Affairs. You'll have to erase state Senator Annette Dubas of Fullerton – you remember that I urged you to use pencil – who said the campaign was taking too much of a toll on her family.

There doesn't appear to be any challenge to Hassebrook and, once again, the Democrats are hoping that the Republican primary battle weakens their chosen one and makes for a more fair fight in the November election. This will be an interesting one to watch.

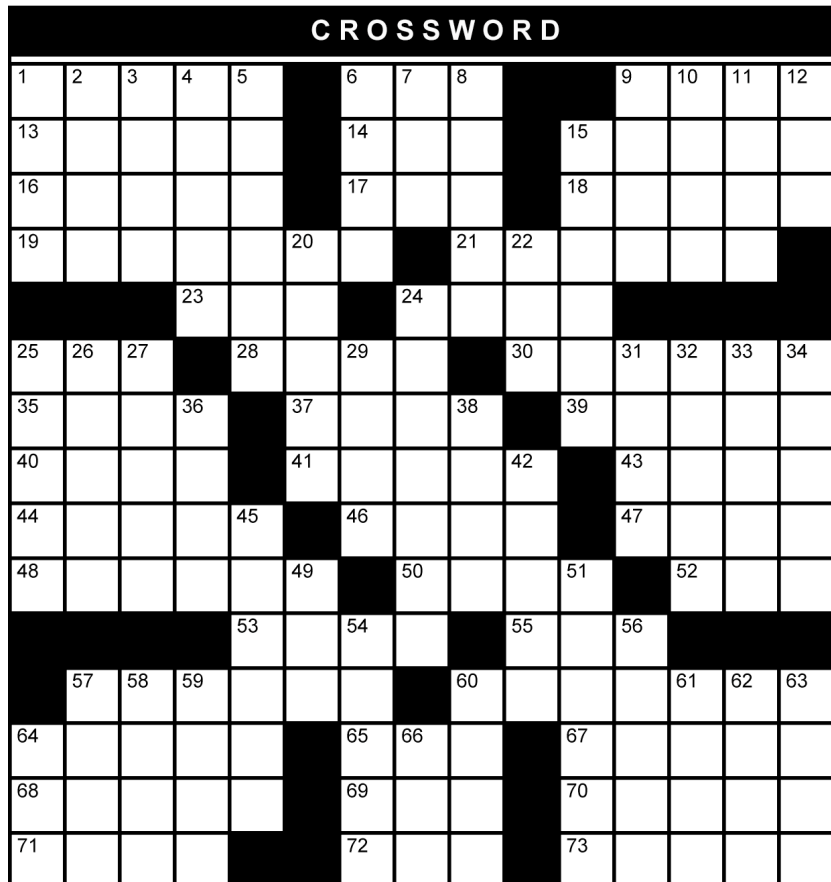
Now go to the U.S. Senate column, under Republicans. Former State Treasurer and decorated Navy veteran, Shane Osborn, has officially been joined by Midland University President Ben Sasse, a former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services during the last two years of the George W. Bush Administration. Pinnacle Bancorp Chairman Sid Dinsdale of Omaha and Omaha lawyer Bart McLeay are also in the race. There is nothing to write in the Democrat column, yet. But add an Independent column and pencil in Central Nebraska businessman and rancher Jim Jenkins (of Custer County) and Lincoln businessman Todd Watson.

First District Representative Jeff Fortenberry has competition in the Republican primary from church music director Dennis Parker. Democrat attorney Dennis Crawford has also filed. Second District Congressman Lee Terry faces Republican primary opposition from businessman Dan Frei. Third District Republican incumbent Adrian Smith has no primary opponent yet but will face Democrat farmer and feedlot owner Mark Sullivan. There has been talk of a Republican primary challenge from retired military Col. Tom Brewer in this race. And Omaha Democrat David Domina might jump into some race sometime soon.

Keep your pencils ready. Things will be heating up sooner than later.

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THEME: The Grammys

- ACROSS**
- Leigh is to Scarlett as _____ is to Rhett
 - de deux
 - "Through" in text message
 - "_____ fair in love and war"
 - Under the weather
 - Sand bar
 - Disturb
 - "New" prefix
 - Equestrian's attire
 - *Eminem's 2013 hit
 - *Rogers' duet partner
 - Driver's aid
 - Sub station
 - Acid
 - Often held on sandwich
 - *Girl on Fire
 - Creole vegetable
 - Poverty-stricken
 - Bank ware, pl.
 - Bit attachment
 - Israel's neighbor
 - Catch-22
 - Weight watcher's choice, pl.
 - Black cat, e.g.
 - First rate
 - Take to one's heart
 - Aquarium dweller
 - *"_____ at Work," Best New Artist of '83
 - Conceited
 - Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
 - *Macklemore's kind of shop
 - *This year's Grammy host
 - Song of praise
 - Shed tears
 - The _____, Netherlands
 - Take down masts
 - Clod chopper
 - Blatant
 - Gardener's storage
 - *"Owner of a Lonely Heart" band won one Grammy
 - Offends with odor
- DOWN**
- Clothing of distinctive style
 - Medicinal house plant
 - Something that happens so fast
 - Famous Hungarian composer
 - High regard
 - *"Just Give Me a Reason" nominee
 - Barley brew
 - North face, e.g.
 - "_____ does it!"
 - Tramp
 - *In '85 Prince won two for "Purple _____"
 - Final, abbr.
 - High-pitched
 - Gathers harvest
 - Chicken - _____ king
 - Kind of security guard
 - *"Royals" nominee
 - Knitter's quantity
 - Often done to fruit
 - It goes up and down
 - Bit
 - Billiards bounce
 - Cuckoo
 - Ski destination
 - A chip, maybe
 - Cambodian money
 - Clarence in "It's a Wonderful Life", e.g.
 - Pinching pennies
 - Churchill's "so few"
 - Boat load
 - Nervous and ansty
 - Dry white Italian wine
 - Hyperbolic tangent
 - At this point
 - Police action
 - Potassium hydroxide solution, pl.
 - Curved molding
 - Lie in wait
 - *Multi-Grammy winner Elton's, "Bennie and the _____"
 - From a wound
 - Poor man's caviar



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'Thinking about health'

How much should we pay for medicines?

"Thinking About Health," is part of the Nebraska Press Association's partnership with Rural Health News Service, which will provide Nebraskans with unbiased health-related information, designed to help better understand the health issues facing our communities, state and nation.

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

At the tail end of last year the Food and Drug Administration approved a drug that may cure some three million Americans who have hepatitis C, a disease that interferes with liver function and can eventually lead to liver cancer. It's a serious illness; many people don't know they have it until the first symptoms show up years later, and those who do have it undergo grueling and sometimes ineffective treatments.

So when Gilead Sciences, the manufacturer of sofosbuvir, which goes by the brand name Sovaldi, announced its new drug was ready for prime time, doctors who treat patients with the disease cheered. Results of clinical trials showed side effects appeared to be mild compared to those from conventional treatment and cure rates seemed to be high. A hepatitis expert at Johns Hopkins said, "This is about as hot as I've ever seen."

Stock analysts were ecstatic. One told the New York Times global sales---about 170 million people worldwide are infected---could surpass the sales record of \$13 billion set by Lipitor, the statin used to treat high cholesterol. The press touted the good news, too, as it customarily does when a new wonder drug hits the market. And as it too often does, it gave short shrift to the price.

Sovaldi has one major drawback---its budget-busting price tag. Gilead says it will cost \$84,000 for the three-month treatment regime. That's \$1,000 a pill.

The debut of sofosbuvir offers a clear example of how expensive technology enters the medical marketplace even before all the evidence comes in that the drug works. In Sovaldi's case not all the new drug combinations have been extensively tested. "We may be in for surprises, still," said Charles Rice, a hepatitis C expert at Rockefeller University in New York City.

It also raises important questions about who should pay for the drug. Should it be Medicare? Medicaid? Commercial insurers? Or should it be the patients whose insurance policies increasingly come with high amounts of cost-sharing in the form of deductibles and coinsurance? And what contribution does Sovaldi make to the overall high price of medical care in the U.S., the highest in the world?

Indeed these questions can be asked about any new drug or medical device. But they aren't. Other countries have agencies that deliberate such trade-offs. We don't. To raise them conjures up unpleasant images of rationing---patients deprived of life-saving treatments. Asking them also conflicts with a deeply held American belief that the medicine man sits at the right hand of God, and we're willing to spend anything for cures and treatments even if they are extraordinarily pricey.

The entry of Sovaldi also invites serious questioning about why the price of new medical technology doesn't seem to decrease as prices for other technological advances do---computers, for example. There's no downward pressure on prices. The patent system for new drugs---protection from competition for seven to 12 years---leaves drug makers in the driver's seat. Payers pretty much have to cough up what drug makers charge. And federal rules prevent Medicare, one of the largest buyers of drugs, from negotiating with drug makers over prices. Basically, what's left is negative publicity, and the press doesn't provide much of that.

A recent NPR segment did, however, probing the high price of sofosbuvir. It questioned why the drug maker needed to make its prices so high especially given the large potential market for the drug. One hepatitis expert wanted to know why once Gilead recovered its costs it couldn't reduce the price. "I don't want to say it's unfair, but it does start feeling more exploitative," she told NPR listeners. A Gilead vice president responded "That's very unlikely that we would do that." Right now they don't have to.

Instead Gilead said it would help patients pay for the drug. You know one of those patient assistance programs that no doubt helps those who have no money for such expensive treatment. (These programs do means test; that is, help is available only for those with the lowest incomes.) But does that gesture do much to bring down the cost of the drug and thus the country's health care tab that feeds into the insurance premiums and cost of care we pay out of pocket? No, say many experts. Such programs may serve to keep drug prices high.

All this is something to ponder as we move into an election year with health care and its cost promising to dominate the campaign.

Minor quake recorded south of Wymore

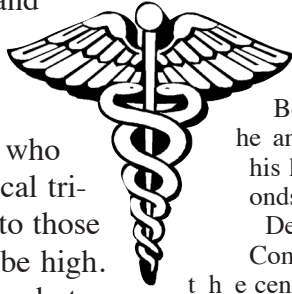
A minor earthquake has rattled a portion of southeast Nebraska.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake occurred at 11:56 p.m. Sunday about three miles beneath the earth's surface, 6½ miles southeast of Wymore. It measured 2.9 on the Richter scale.

Gage County emergency management coordinator Mark Meints told Beatrice station KWBE that he and one of his children felt his house shake for a few seconds.

Dee Fritsch at the Beatrice Communications Center says the center received about 30 calls from people reporting the tremor.

No damage has been reported. USGS geophysicist Paul Caruso says an earthquake generally must hit 5 or 5.5 on the scale to cause injuries and significant structural damage.



Strong harvest report

Record production, high quality and minor weather-related impacts are the top line findings of the 2013/2014 Corn Harvest Quality Report released by the U.S. Grains Council.

"After a record drought last year, the world has been watching the 2013 U.S. corn crop," said USGC president and CEO Tom Sleight. "Production has rebounded, and quality is high despite some weather challenges. It's good news all around."

Total U.S. corn production of 13,989 million bushels is an all-time record, and the average yield of 160.4 bushels/acre is the second highest on record. Weather was again the challenge, as a cold and wet spring delayed planting across much of the corn belt. Some areas also experienced flash-drought conditions in mid-summer, although this was generally offset by cooler temperatures.

These weather adversities slightly reduced planted acreage and yield, while harvest quality remained very high. As compared to prior years, weather related impacts were modest and predictable. Aflatoxins were significantly lower than in the 2012 crop, with 99.4 percent of the samples testing below the FDA aflatoxin action level of 20 parts per billion. Starch content was up, while protein content, which is inversely related to starch, was down slightly. Oil content was similar to 2011 and 2012. Moisture content, reflecting weather conditions, was slightly higher, as were stress cracks, but total damage levels remained very low, comparable to 2012 and below 2011 levels. Average test weight remained well above the limit for No. 1 grade corn, indicating overall good quality.

"The report compares a wide range of quality factors across time," Sleight noted, "and after the rollercoaster ride last year, the message in 2013 was that there were no surprises. With record production, this is certainly a good news report."

Corn quality will be affected by further handling, so the Council annually publishes a second report, the Corn Export Quality Report, which assesses quality at the point of loading for international shipment. The 2013/2014 Export Quality Report will be published in March 2014.

"The takeaway message this year is that the United States has abundant supplies of high quality corn," Sleight said.

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As Governor, I am honored to serve as the Commander in Chief of the Nebraska National Guard. That's because I know the quality of Soldiers and Airmen that serve in this organization. I have had many opportunities to observe our Nebraska National Guard Soldiers and Airmen in action and I am very proud of the many awards they have received.

Nebraska National Guard men and women have been honored many times in the past. For example, I've had the pleasure to participate in ceremonies honoring Nebraska Army and Air National Guard units and individuals for receiving national recognition in the medical, dental, air refueling, food service, public affairs and community relations fields.

Nebraska units have also been honored for their work in aviation, engineering, transportation and other fields. In fact, just in logistics alone, Nebraska Army Guard units and Soldiers have earned a total of 34 national or regional awards for supply excellence since 1992. Their work makes a difference and it has a lasting impact.

Recently, I took part in a ceremony that recognized seven separate Nebraska Army National Guard units who were recognized as being the best in the nation in supply and maintenance support. As a former Army Ranger, I know very well the importance of logistics and maintenance in ensuring that our Army units are ready and prepared to do whatever mission they're called upon to do.

Those honored during the ceremony were the 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion Headquarters from Lincoln, the 92nd Troop Command Headquarters from Lincoln, the 189th Transportation Company from Norfolk and Wayne, the 1-376th Security and Support Aviation Battalion Headquarters from Grand Island, the Nebraska National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters from Lincoln, and the Nebraska National Guard's Surface Maintenance Manager's Office from Lincoln.

Additionally, the Camp Ashland-based 209th Regional Training Institute earned two major national awards, finishing first in their category of the U.S. Army Chief of Staff Supply Excellence Award Competition and then being named the first National Guard unit to receive the prestigious "Best of the Best Award" for recording the highest scores of more than 100 active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard units evaluated nationwide.

In addition to the unit awards, I was very proud that the very first National Guard Bureau Logistician of the Year Award went to a Nebraska Army National Guard Soldier, Command Sergeant Major Boyd Navratil. He has done outstanding work throughout his career.

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SENCA named permanent provider of weatherization services in Douglas County

The Nebraska Energy Office confirmed last month that SE Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. has been named as permanent provider of weatherization services for Douglas County residents.

"Since 1975, SENCA has been weatherizing homes in the seven counties in southeast Nebraska," Nebraska Energy Office Director Ginger Willson said "Because of the quality of their work and commitment to customer service, I am pleased to announce that the agency will be the provider of weatherization services in Douglas County."

SENCA has served as the interim Weatherization provider for Douglas County since July 2012. This is a great accomplishment for Angie Antholz, who serves as Housing Director/Agency Deputy Director, and the entire weatherization team. This accomplishment is recognized as a reflection of their dedication and hard work to serve families with efficiency, effectiveness

and compassion. Gaining the Douglas County service area is the largest expansion to a single program SENCA has experienced in over 24 years.

In addition, weatherization services are provided to qualifying residents in the counties of Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, and Sarpy. The household income eligibility for Weatherization is currently 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Information about the SENCA Weatherization program is available on the web at www.senca.org or by calling the SENCA Central Office in Humboldt at 862-2411 x 114 or toll free at 888-313-5608 and speaking with Anita Kimpston, Housing Administrative Assistant.

Weatherization enables low-income families in Nebraska to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. A total of 254 residents in 130 households benefitted from services during fiscal year 2012-2013 with cumulative energy savings of approximately \$78,000.

SENCA is one of nine Community Action Agencies in Nebraska providing a variety of programs and services to help economically challenged individuals and families attain financial independence. Vicky McNealy serves as Agency Executive Director and works with a volunteer Board of Directors and a staff of dedicated individuals working to provide solutions to the top challenges facing southeast Nebraska.

Society

Parish Circle

The United Methodist Parish Circle met at the home of Deb Harris, the hostess, on Dec. 16.

Joyce Jones led the devotions. She led the group in the reading of a Christmas play, "The Littlest Star." Members then discussed and shared people who have been "bright lights" in the world or in their lives.

The 2014 meeting calendars were shared. Prayer chains were distributed. Layette kits for UMCOR were assembled. New prayer pals were drawn and old ones revealed. Next year's UMCOR kits and Health and Birth kits were discussed.

The next meeting will be Jan. 20 at the home of Deb Stevens with the focus on Lesson 12 with Ronda Yoesel leading the study.

Order of the Eastern Star

Fourteen members were present for the Jan. 2 stated meeting of the Humboldt Order #234 of the Eastern Star at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Joan Wheeler presided in the East. Following the short form opening all gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and sang the opening ode, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Donna Monnette, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and she also read the communications and bills were presented. All members received copies of the Nebraska OES News. George Ketner gave the auditing report, followed with annual reports of the secretary and worthy matron.

Worthy Matron Wheeler called for a recess to prepare for the installation of new officers. Installing officers were: installing past matron, JoAnn Koso; installing marshal, Joan Wheeler; installing organist, Debbie Dunn; installing chaplain, George Ketner, and installing warder, Elizabeth Ketner. OES officers installed for 2014 were: worthy patron, Edgar Brede-meier; associate matron, Sarah Nims; associate patron, Darrel Koso; secretary, Donna Monnette; treasurer, JoAnn Koso; associate conductress, Elizabeth Ketner; chaplain, Keith Wheeler; organist, Debbi Dunn; Ruth, Carolyn Bredemeier; Martha, Joan Wheeler; electa, Marcella Niedfeldt, and sentinel, Mary Behrends. The remaining officers will be installed at a later date.

Phyllis Kreutzer was reported on the sickness list.

Chapter closed in form with prayer and "Singing of God Be With You Until We Meet Again." Mary Behrends served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Board to establish salaries for new term

At its Dec. 31 meeting the County Board of Commissioners held a discussion on the establishing of salaries for the new term of office beginning January 2015, through 2018.

Scott Huppert, highway superintendent, updated board members David Sickel, James Standerford and James Davidson on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges.

The board unanimously voted to enter into agreements with OPPD for the use of county road right-of-way .75 miles north of Humboldt on 633 Avenue; for the use of county road right-of-way on 652 Avenue south of 715 road, and for the use of county road right-of-way on 651 Avenue north of 716 Road.

A check for \$61,678.40 was received from Nebraska Public Power District for the funding of certain expenses for the Richardson County Emergency Management Agency.

Happy Anniversary



Morrisons celebrate 70th anniversary

Harry and Martha (Lucas) Morrison, of Lincoln, formerly of Falls City, recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on January 3, 1944.

Their son, Dr. Robert Morrison, and his wife, Adria, reside in Parsons, KS; their daughter, Jennifer (Dr. Stan) Harn, live in Lincoln.

Harry and Martha have been blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren over the years. Their entire family wishes them a very happy anniversary with all their love.

District 56 BOE meets Jan. 11, 13

The District 56 School Board and Supt. Tim Heckenlively will meet in special session for their annual planning workshop at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Then, on Monday, Jan. 13, the board will meet in regular session at 7 p.m., also in the Central Office.

In the regular meeting, the BOE is scheduled to reorganize the offices, as it does every January. In addition, they will hear presentations by Katie Gifford on the Lifeskills Program and

Cody Wickam from the D.A. Davidson Co.

Action items include a resolution to authorize redemption of Series 2009 General Obligation Tax Bonds; resolution to authorize issuance of Series 2014 General Obligation Tax Refunding Bonds; first reading on policy revision recommendations; set hiring incentive rate for new teachers; and superintendent contract (closed session).

The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in the Central Office at FCMS.

CSFP clinic

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program distribution clinic will be held in Humboldt Tuesday, Jan. 21, and Thursday, Jan. 23. An appointment is suggested.

CSFP provides nutritious foods to persons who are age 60 or greater, children until they reach the age of six, and women who are pregnant or who have had a baby in the past year. Qualified persons must live in Nebraska and be under the income guidelines.

To schedule an appointment or obtain information on how to qualify or CSFP, please call Blue Valley Community Action at 402-729-2278.

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Help installing conservation practices

Even though the holiday season is wrapping up, it isn't too late to give the gift of conservation to your farm or ranch, according to Mark Nowack, Resource Conservationist with the Falls City, Richardson County USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office.

"Now through Jan. 17, we are accepting applications for two conservation programs: the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). These two programs offer a lot of flexibility for producers to make improvements to their farm or ranch," Nowack said.

Interested producers can apply for assistance through these programs at any time, but those

wanting assistance to install conservation practices this coming spring should sign up by the Jan. 17 application ranking cut-off date.

Nowack encourages Nebraska farmers and ranchers to not miss out on this opportunity.

"The Conservation Stewardship Program is unique in how NRCS provides conservation program payments. CSP participants receive an annual land use payment for the environmental benefits they produce on their operations. Under CSP, participants are paid for conservation performance — the higher the operational performance, the higher their payment," Nowack said.

According to Nowack, CSP has been a very successful program for Nebraska's farmers and ranchers. Over 2,000 CSP contracts occur in all 93 counties and cover 4.8 million acres in Nebraska. In Richardson County, there have been 43 contracts.

"CSP is popular in Nebraska because farmers and ranchers don't have to take land out of production to participate. CSP helps conserve natural resources on working lands. CSP makes it possible to produce crops and livestock while also improving water quality, soil health and wildlife habitat," he said.

According to Nowack, there are also several options avail-

able to producers through EQIP.

"EQIP is one of our most versatile programs. It offers cost share and technical assistance to apply conservation measures on cropland and rangeland, as well as for animal feeding operations and establishing or enhancing wildlife habitat. There are special initiatives to help conserve water in the Ogallala Aquifer, conserve energy on the farm or ranch, and provide assistance to convert to organic agriculture. NRCS staff can help landowners and operators sort out their EQIP options," Nowack said.

EQIP has become one of the most widely applied conservation programs in Nebraska, enrolling over 600,000 acres last year with more than 8 million acres currently under contract statewide, and in Richardson County 24 contracts are being applied. The goal of EQIP is to provide a financial incentive to encourage landowners to install conservation practices that protect natural resources, resulting in cleaner air, water and more wildlife habitat.

For more information about the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and other programs available to conserve and enhance natural resources on privately-owned agricultural land, visit the Richardson County USDA Service Center.



Beverly Kimmel is wearing this gold embossed shawl given to her aunt, Verna Platt, of Stockton, CA, sister of the late Nina Sefried, Beverly's mother. The shawl was worn by Ruth Williamson at the 29th Presidential Inauguration Ball for President Warren G. Harding in 1921-22 in San Francisco.

Business



Todd Shanks

Woods & Durham, Chartered, is pleased to announce that Todd Shanks became a shareholder in the firm effective Jan. 1, 2014.

Mr. Shanks is a graduate of Peru State College He is a Certified Public Accountant, as well as a Certified Counselor for the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Program.

Todd has more than 17 years of tax and business consulting experience. He and his wife, Tammy, have three children and reside in Minneapolis, KS. Todd maintains a seasonal office during tax season in Minneapolis on Tuesdays and is based in the Salina office the balance of the year.

Todd can be reached at 785-825-5494. He is the son of Bill and Bonnie Shanks, of Stella.

Jan. 28-29 — Prichard Auditorium

Resolution: Donate blood

With a new year come many resolutions to form good habits and achieve personal goals. The American Red Cross encourages those who are eligible to resolve to help patients in need through regular blood donations.

In Richardson County, the next donation dates and times: Tuesday, Jan. 28, noon to 6 p.m. at Prichard Auditorium; Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also at Prichard Auditorium.

Donated blood can give patients in need more time with loved ones. Blood can be used to treat cancer patients, trauma victims, organ transplant recipients, premature babies, sickle cell disease patients and more. In fact, about every two seconds a patient in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion.

As winter continues, donations are especially needed, with many donors unable to give due to inclement weather and seasonal illness. Make an appointment to donate blood and partake in a lifesaving resolution by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh

at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Conservation tree program

The Nemaha Natural Resources District is still accepting orders for its conservation tree program. A variety of conifers, deciduous trees and shrubs are available. Seedlings are delivered next spring, but orders must be placed well in advance.

The deadline to order and have the NRD plant your trees has been extended to Jan. 31. However, your ground must have been fall tilled to be eligible for the NRD's planting services next spring. A minimum order of 200 trees is also required in order for the NRD to do the planting. NRD staff are ready to meet with you to draw up a plan for your planting.

If you will be planting your own trees, you'll have until March 1, 2014, or until inventories are depleted to place your order. Seven conifer varieties, eight deciduous species and 11 types of shrubs are offered this year. All species must be ordered in lots of 25/species. The cost is 90 cents per seedling, plus a \$2.50 handling/packaging charge on all orders except those that are planted by the NRD. NRD machine planting costs are \$1 per tree. Prices are also subject to state and local sales taxes based upon point of delivery. Advance payment for trees and/or planting is required before your seedlings will be reserved. Orders will be available for pickup in April, 2014.

To place an order, request NRD planting services, or for more information contact the Nemaha NRD in Tecumseh at 402-335-3325 or check the NRD website at www.nemahanrd.org.

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Tigers, 9-1, sweep holiday tournaments

Lady Tigers win 3 out of last 4

Photo by Jim Langan



Falls City High junior Jack Hartman challenges Auburn senior Caleb Nelson's shot attempt Saturday night during the first quarter of the Tigers 45-34 victory at Peru. Hartman recorded the block on the play and finished the night with 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds. The Tigers win marked 22-straight victories over the Bulldogs and claimed the championship of the Southeast Nebraska Tournament, hosted by Peru State College. FC's Mitchell Harling (left) and Tyler DiGiacomo are also pictured.

By Jim Langan

Falls City High finished off an unbeaten holiday run Saturday in Peru with a second tournament championship in as many weekends.

On the heels of back-to-back championships at the Bishop LeBlond tournament, the Tigers defeated Auburn 45-34 in the championship game of the Southeast Nebraska tournament, hosted once again by Peru State College.

The win marked the 22nd consecutive win over the Bulldogs for by Tigers, who, just 22 days prior, dominated the Dogs in FC to the tune of 64-28.

Give Auburn credit for shaving off roughly two-thirds of their previous deficit total, in large part by taking care of the basketball. The Tigers forced half as many turnovers (14) Saturday as they did on Friday the 13th and the game played out as such.

The first quarter saw six ties and three lead changes, but the Tigers managed a 27-20 lead at the half-time break, then added to it in a low-scoring second half.

Neither team shot particularly well, as FC finished 12-for-33 from the floor, while the Bulldogs connected on 14-of-33 floor attempts. The difference came at the free-throw line where FC held a significant 18 to four advantage in made free throws. Auburn reached the stripe just 10 times compared to the Tigers 26 attempts.

It was the fifth game in nine days for the FC and head coach Don Hogue credited his team for battling through some fatigue.

"We played sluggish and tired," Hogue said. "Shots came up short and we just didn't finish around the rim like we have done over the break."

Tiger senior Mitchell Harling capped off a great five-game stretch with a game-high 17 points and six assists. Harling knocked down 11-of-20 three-point attempts and averaged more than 15 points per game at the two tournaments. His

21-point effort in the Tigers championship game victory over East Buchanan in St. Joe propelled him to tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

With more than half of the season left to play, Harling, who is connecting at a 51-percent clip from behind the arc through 10 games, needs 13 three-pointers to break David Hillyard's (1996-98) career record of 98.

Jack Hartman, the Tigers leading rebounder through 10 games, added 11 points, eight rebounds and four assists Saturday.

FC handled Bayard (Yes, it's located in Nebraska. I looked it up.) Friday night, 66-34, in the tournament opener, as junior Jordy Stoller knocked down a pair of three-pointers and 7-of-10 shots from the floor to lead FC with 18 points. Hartman led the Tigers with seven boards; junior Weston Witt dished out five assists to go with two steals and five points; and senior Cody Schawang joined Stoller with three steals.

Bayard, a class C2 school located approximately 25 miles east of Scottsbluff and only a few miles from Chimney Rock, perhaps suffered from some road weariness against the Tigers. Bayard finished 14-of-41 from the floor and turned it over 16 times in the loss to FC. They bounced back Saturday in the consolation game with a 46-42 win over Johnson-Brock.

FC, now 9-1 and in the rankings today at No. 8 in C1 by the *Omaha World Herald*, travel to Marysville, KS, tonight, then to Johnson-Brock Thursday before returning home next Tuesday against Tri County.

Scoring vs. Auburn
FC - Harling 17, Hartman 11, Hogue 7, Witt 6, Stoller 5.

Aub - Nelson 10, Frary 7, Wynn 5, Halfhill 4, Frenzel 4, Drael 2, Lambert 2.

Scoring vs. Bayard
FC - Stoller 18, Harling 14, Hogue 8, Hartman 7, Witt 5, DiGiacomo 5, Jordening 2, Heckenlively 2, Schawang 2, Stutheit 2, Mount 1.

Bayard - D. Schuler 8, P. Schuler 6, Kadayso 6, Baird 5, Hargens 4, Cox 2, Fisicus 2, Blanco 1.

BISHOP LEBLOND HOLIDAY TOURNEY Dec. 27, 28, 30

Falls City High made it back-to-back championships at the LeBlond Holiday tournament Monday night with a 65-45 victory over East Buchanan.

A 7-0 run in the final 90 seconds of the first half helped the Tigers seize momentum and pushed a four-point lead to 29-18 at the break. Senior Mitchell Harling started the run with a three-pointer, then added two free throws and senior Ryan Mount scored a lay-up just before the buzzer to finish off the run.

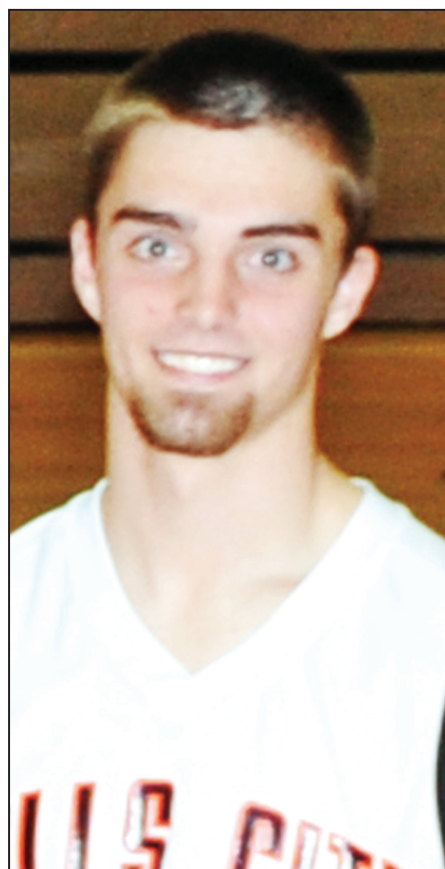
FC capitalized on that momentum in the third quarter with a quick 8-2 spurt and led the Bulldogs by as many as 24 points in the second half.

Harling, who was named the tournament MVP, led the way with 21 game-high points, including 5-of-6 from the three-point line, and finished the three-game stretch with 47 points.

Junior Weston Witt was also named to the all-tournament team after scoring 10 points against East Buchanan and 11

in the semifinal win over Chillicothe.

Junior Jordy Stoller finished with 13 points and five boards against East Buchanan. Senior



2013 BISHOP LEBLOND HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT MVP - TIGER SENIOR MITCHELL HARLING

Reese Hogue and junior Jack Hartman each finished the tournament with 19 boards.

Scoring vs. East Buchanan
FC - Harling 21, Stoller 13, Witt 10, DiGiacomo 8, Hartman 6, Hogue 5, Mount 2.

E-B - Johnson 18, Schultz 7, Rowland 5, Griffin 4, Ishmael 3, Spencer 3, Minsin 2, Cobb 2, E. Kilgore 1.

2nd Round Falls City 52, Chillicothe 32

Scoring
FC - Harling 15, Witt 11, Stoller 9, Hartman 4, DiGiacomo 3, Hogue 3, Mount 3, Schawang 2, Jordening 2.

Chillicothe - Clappitt 9, Moore 8, Hayward 7, McKiddy 3, Gates 3, Smith 2.

1st Round Falls City 63, Tarkio 23

Scoring
FC - Stoller 6, Gibson 3, DiGiacomo 13, Harling 11, Hartman 10, Witt 6, Heckenlively 2, Hogue 8, Stutheit 4.

Tarkio - Lang 3, Tonnell 6, Masenbrink 4, Bruns 2, Shaw 8.

After a 1-5 start to the season, Falls City High's Lady Tigers have rattled off three wins in their last four outings, including a pair of victories in the consolation finals of their two holiday tournaments.

The Lady Tigers improved to 4-6 Saturday afternoon with a 37-31 win over Auburn in the Southeast Nebraska tournament at Peru State College.

Senior Brooke Scheitel led the Lady Tigers with 10 points.

Nebraska City Lourdes handed FC their lone loss of the week, 43-35, Friday night in the tourney's opening round.

The Lady Tigers responded admirably after a tough three-point loss to Maryville, MO, in the first round of the Bishop LeBlond Holiday tournament held last weekend in St. Joe.

FC held off Rock Port, MO, 34-32, last Monday in the consolation final of the bracket. FC junior Sydney Armbruster finished with a team-high 18 points.

The Lady Tigers cruised past Mid-Buchanan, 51-35, in their second round game behind a career day from senior Brooke Scheitel, who nailed five three-point shots and finished with a career-high 22 points. Freshman Alyssa Frederick added 10 points off the bench.

FC travels to Marysville, KS, tonight and are at Johnson-Brock Thursday night before returning home against Tri County next Tuesday.

LeBlond Consolation Final Falls City 34, Rock Port 32

Scoring

FC - Scheitel 7, Frederick 3, Sydney Armbruster 18, Vrtiska 4, Bauman 2.

RP - Lahue 3, Burke 9, Taya Lewis 20.

LeBlond 2nd Round

Falls City 51, Mid-Buchanan 35

Scoring

FC - Scheitel 22, Olberding 5, Frederick 10, S. Armbruster 2, B. Armbruster 2, Vrtiska 7, Lunsford 1, Bauman 2.

M-B - Cockbiel 1, Price 1, Hyde 4, Hayner 15, Chaney 2, Montgomery 5.

HTRS' Jimenez finishes atop the podium at JCC

Anthony Jimenez highlighted a solid day on the mats for the Humboldt-TR-S/Pawnee City wrestling team at the Thunderbird Invitational at Johnson County Central in Tecumseh.

Jimenez, a 126-pound senior, outlasted Syracuse's Keegan Pope for a 5-2 decision in the championship round. Jimenez pinned his way to the tourney final with wins over Jacob Sawyer of Conestoga (1:49) and Palmyra's Alex Clough (1:40).

All eight Titan varsity wrestlers medaled during the tournament, which was held Dec. 21, and four of the eight reached the finals. HTRS/PC totaled 83 points to finish in fourth place.

Junior 170-pounder Ben Railsback and sophomore Nicholas Zermeno (160) each finished in second place for the Titans, while freshmen Jesse Hickey (182), Jacob Railsback (152) and Jacob Wilhelm (120) brought home third-place medals.

Syracuse easily captured the team championship with 156 points and Elkhorn Mt. Michael was runner-up with 95 points, followed by Freeman in third with 91.

Louisville escaped with a 42-36 home dual victory over HTRS/PC on Dec. 19. Winning their matches for HTRS - all by pin - were Hickey at 182, Jimenez at 126 and Ben Railsback at 160.

The Titans return to the mats tonight at 6 when they travel to Friend for a double dual with Arcadia/Loup City.



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Trio of Falls City backs make Mills' 39th 1000-yard list

Falls City was once again well represented on the 39th edition of the Bobby Mills 1,000-yard Club for rushing yards. Three local prep standouts made Mills' list this season and another was mentioned by the *Omaha World Herald* for his accomplishments passing the football.

Falls City High featured a pair of 1,000-yard rushers – senior Mitchell Harling rushed for 1,079 yards and junior Jordy Stoller totaled 1,012 yards for the Tigers. Sacred Heart junior Sawyer Kean rushed for 1,532 yards and finished 56 yards shy of breaking Nate O'Grady's single-season school record of 1,587 yards set in 1999, while senior Chaz Dunn passed for a school record 1,972 yards for the Class D2 state champions Irish.

This also marked the second-straight year and third time ever that three rushers from Falls City made Mills' list. Cord Huettner, Lane Scheitel and Lane Barnhill all eclipsed the mark for their respective schools in 2012. Also, the Tigers were one of six schools to feature a pair of 1,000-yard rushers this fall, with the others being Sidney, Sutton, Giltner, Lyons-Decatur Northeast and Chamber/Wheeler Central.

The Tigers and Irish each faced several members of the list, as well. Alex Kunz of Stuart, who the Irish played in the D2 title game, led all quarterbacks who rushed for 1,000 and passed for 1,000 with 1,740 yards rushing and 1,820 yards passing. The Irish also saw 1,000-yard rushers in Alex Brehmer (1,808) and Chevy Henneman (1,265) of Lyons-Decatur, JJ Oltmer (1,926) of Humphrey St. Francis, Chris Wenzl (1,474) of Sterling and Connor Barr (1,135) of Lewiston. Wynot's Jackson Sudbeck passed for 3,570 yards to lead a list of 70 quarterbacks who threw for more than 1,000, while his main target, Davis Wiesler, led the state in receiving yards with 1,794.

The Tigers defense had to curtail Gunner Garner of Ashland-Greenwood, who rushed for 1,181 yards and passed for another 1,668 yards for the Class C1 runner-up Bluejays. FC also faced Fairbury's Tyler Theye (1,068 rushing), Zach Heitkamp (1,199 rushing) of Syracuse, Raymond Central's Ben Lodema (1,596 passing) and twice squared off against Leighton Chicoine (1,168 receiving) and Logan Power (2,230 passing) of Lincoln Christian.

A total of 99 players highlighted a record-breaking year for Mills' list this season, which featured a record eight 2,000-yard rushers and for the first time ever, one 3,000-yard rusher in Omaha North junior Calvin Strong, who broke the state rushing record with 3,008 yards.

Mills, a Grand Island native, has compiled the list every year since 1975.



FC Sacred Heart freshman Haylee Heits reaches for a rebound Friday night at Prichard Auditorium during the Lady Irish's 44-17 victory over Elmwood-Murdock. Heits tallied four points, four rebounds and two steals in the win.

Lady Irish enter 2014 undefeated, 9-0

Falls City Sacred Heart used defense and three-point shooting to blow by visiting Elmwood-Murdock, 44-17 last Friday night at Prichard Auditorium.

The Lady Irish, still undefeated and top-ranked, held the Lady Knights to an 0-for-14 performance from the three-point line, while they converted six of the 13 attempts they had from downtown.

Abby Magdanz was responsible for a pair of those treys and led all scorers with 13 points on 5-of-11 shooting. Ashli Jordan drained three three-pointers and scored 11.

Brenna Backemeyer scored 13 of E-M's 17 points.

Maggie Goltz finished with eight rebounds to lead FCSH on the boards.

The Lady Irish, now 9-0, take to the road the next two weeks, as they travel to Mound City tonight, Diller-Odell Saturday and next week are in Beatrice for the annual Mudecas tournament. FCSH opens

the "A" division bracket against Diller-Odell next Monday at 7 p.m. at the City Auditorium in Beatrice.

Scoring
FCSH – Jordan 11, A. Magdanz 13, Fouraker 2, E. Magdanz 7, Goltz 2, Ward 2, Barnes 3, Heits 4.
E-M – Backemeyer 13, Bornemeier 4.

FREEMAN HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Maggie Goltz scored 17 points and Ashli Jordan added 12 to lift the Lady Irish over Freeman, 47-29, last Monday in the championship of the Freeman Holiday tournament at Adams.

Goltz also had a big night in the FCSH's 66-25 win over Thayer Central in the tourney opener. Goltz led all scorers with 18 points, while junior Abby Magdanz also reached double figures with 11 points. Elizabeth Magdanz added nine points and freshmen Jade Hill and Haylee Heits each scored eight.



Photo by Jason Schock

FCSH freshman Lexi Barnes battles for a loose ball with Elmwood-Murdock's Emma Leone Friday night. Barnes, one of three Lady Irish freshmen seeing significant playing time this season, finished the game with three points.

FCSH blasts E-M 60-34, now 8-1

Chaz Dunn sparked the Irish with four first half three-pointers and finished with 16 points, as FCSH cruised past Elmwood-Murdock 60-34 at Prichard Auditorium Friday night.

FCSH shot lights out, finishing 4-of-11 from the three-point line and 24-for-40 (60 percent) from the floor. They also held a 28 to 14 advantage on the glass and had four players finish with at least four assists – Austin Malone, 5; Dunn, Jarod Fiegenger, Colin Niemeyer, 4.

Matt Goltz posted 15 points and six rebounds, while Fiegenger totaled 10 points and eight rebounds and Sean Strasheim also reached double figures with 10 points.

The Irish travel to Mound City, MO tonight and are at Diller-Odell Saturday.

Scoring
FCSH – Niemeyer 2, Dunn 16, Malone 4, Kean 1, Goltz 15, Scheitel 2, Fiegenger 10, Strasheim 10.
E-M – Closner 5, Rust 11, D. Goudie 7, Ritnour 2, Bruns 4, Dwyer 5.

FREEMAN HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Freeman's Isaac Frerichs scored 26 points and the Falcons' 22-to-4 advantage at the free-throw line lifted the hosts past the Irish, 51-41, last Monday in the championship of the Freeman Holiday tournament at Adams. Freeman, a preseason top-5 team in Class C2, finished 22-of-32 at the FT line, while Sacred Heart attempted only five free throws, converting four of them.

The Irish kept it close by knocking down seven three pointers. Colin Niemeyer finished 3-for-5 from behind the arc and led FCSH with 13 points. Senior Matt Goltz scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds and seniors Chaz Dunn added 10 points.

Scoring
FCSH – Niemeyer 13, Dunn 10, Malone 3, Goltz 12, Scheitel 3.
Freeman – Veerhusen 3, Frerichs 26, Scott 4, Mackichan 4, Schuster 11, Klein 3.

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Obituaries

Harvey William Roberts, Sr.

Harvey William Roberts, Sr., 87, a Rulo native currently of The Colony, Texas, peacefully passed away Friday, Jan. 3, 2014 in Carrollton, Texas. Harvey was born on Oct. 13, 1926, in Rulo, the son of Jesse and Belle Prater Roberts.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1946 and rose to the rank of staff sergeant. While serving in the Army of Occupation, he married Gladys Keller, of Missouri, after a storybook courtship, on Sept. 2, 1951 in Trieste, Italy.

Harvey was retired from Albers Milling Co., Carnation Corp., in 1984 after 31 years of service. In retirement, Harvey and Gladys for more than 12 years traveled all over the lower 48 states.

He is survived by his wife; children, Michael, Kathleen Roberts Cline, Harvey Jr., Mark,

and Daniel; seven grandchildren: Kevin, Anthony, Heather, Eric, Fallon, Chad, and Leslie; and eight great-grandchildren; sister, Annabelle Roberts Grady, of Falls City; brother, Cecil Roberts of Sequim, WA.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William Roberts, and a sister, Evelyn Roberts Hodge.

The family will receive friends at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. Due to inclement weather, graveside service will follow at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Rulo Cemetery, with military honors.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Harvey Roberts Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S. 7th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434.

A special message may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

'Frosty' Jameson

Retired longtime Hiawatha businessman Lloyd E. "Frosty" Jameson, 93, passed away late Sunday evening, Jan. 5, 2014, at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. Frosty was born Aug. 24, 1920, on a farm west of White Cloud, KS, one of four sons born to Ray and Bertha Holden Jameson.

He attended Heckler rural school, and later Robinson High School prior to moving to east of Reserve where he worked for various farmers. He also worked with his brothers Herschel in Colorado and Kenneth in Washington. He returned to Brown County where he started working as a mechanic for Hiawatha Motor Co. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Frosty was drafted in 1942 with the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served as crew chief and tail gunner on a B-25 Mitchell, with the 488th Bombardment Squadron. He saw action in North Africa, Naples, the Balkans, Southern France and received numerous citations, medals, and awards, discharged at the rank of staff sergeant in 1945. After the war, he married Josephine E. "Jo" Wissman, of Rulo, on Aug. 23, 1945, at Immaculate Conception Church at Rulo. They made Hiawatha their home nearly all of their married life. He continued working at Hiawatha Motor Co. until their purchased land in 1955 and moved their current house from Mercier, built a garage, and opened an auto, truck, and tractor repair business known as Jameson Motor Service in Hiawatha, which he continued to operate until he retired in 2000.

Frosty was past commander of VFW Post #5210 of Hiawatha, of which he was a life member. He also was a member of Homer-White Post #66, Hiawatha American Legion; and was a longtime member of St. Ann Catholic Church of Hiawatha. He also served as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus at Horton where he was a lifetime member.

He's survived by his wife; sons, James, of Nebraska City, John (Marsha), of Thornton, CO, Mark, of Hiawatha; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren and one on the way.

Frosty was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Herschel, Kenneth, and Wayne, in infancy.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Ann Catholic Church of Hiawatha, at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, with Fr. Dan Gardner and Fr. Sylvester D'Sousa as celebrants. Interment will follow at the Hiawatha Cemetery, with military honors a courtesy of the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha after 10 a.m. Thursday, where the parish rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Lloyd Jameson Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home, 124 S. 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

Mary Jane Robertson

Mary Jane Robertson, 78, of Beatrice, died at Bryan East Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014. She was born May 12, 1935 at the family home at Stella and graduated from Falls City High School in 1952.

She married Jesse L. Robertson on July 20, 1952 at Nebraska City. They lived in Falls City where she worked for SE NE Telephone Co. for two years. They moved to Beatrice in 1961 and she was an in home daycare provider and also worked at Dee's Day Care until her retirement.

She is a former member of the Holmesville Church of the Brethren and a member of Beatrice Mennonite Church of Beatrice. She was a member of Eagles Auxiliary #531 of Beatrice. She is a former Cub Scout leader and Den Mother and was a proud grandparent of four Eagle Scouts.

Survivors include sons, Tom (Cathy) Robertson, of Lincoln, Tim (Julie) Robertson, of Shenandoah, IA, and Steve (Teresa) Robertson, of Beatrice; grandchildren, Scott (Ashley) Robertson, Matt Robertson, Stacie Robertson, Aaron (Tiffany) Robertson, Kyle Robertson and Michelle Robertson; great-granddaughter, Lily Ruth Robertson; brother, Larry (Sherry) Bright Ludwig, of Yucaipa, CA;

step-sister, Donna Kirkendall, of Falls City; two brothers-in-law, Dean Kirkendall, of Falls City, and Jim Meinheit, of East China, MI; sister-in-law, Dolly Garland, of Bakersfield, CA; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd Bright; mother and step-father, Donna Davis Bright Reschke and August (Lud) Reschke; her husband, Jesse, who died May 5, 2006;

sisters, Dessie Eileen Bressler, Betty Lou McConnell, Annabelle Lincoln, Phyllis Koda and Patty Kirkendall; one brother, Lloyd Bright, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014 at the Beatrice Mennonite Church, with Pastor Bob Beecher officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Home Cemetery of Beatrice. A family prayer service will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the church on Wednesday.

A memorial has been established to the Beatrice Mennonite Church. The body will lie in state at the Fox Funeral Home of Beatrice until 9 p.m. Tuesday and at the church one hour preceding the services Wednesday.

The family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. A guestbook for signatures and messages of condolence is available online at www.foxfuneralhome.net



Michael R. vonBergen

Mike vonBergen, 73, of Merriam, KS, passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 in Shawnee Mission, KS. He was born Feb. 23, 1940 in rural Richardson County, the son of Ralph and Claudia vonBergen.



Mike lettered in track, basketball and football in high school. He married Kay Lee on August 13, 1958 and they lived in Lincoln, Manhattan, KS, and Sacramento, CA, before settling in Kansas City in 1973. Mike completed his degree from Kansas State Uni-

versity while raising two small children. He started his career at Safeway in Falls City and worked for a number of grocery stores, including more than 10 years at Price Chopper before retiring in 2009. Mike and Kay had a love for boating and most recently enjoyed their cabin cruiser at the Lake of the Ozarks where they spent long weekends for several years.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Bradley; his twin sister, Margo Larson; and his father-in-law, Virgil Lee.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; son, Marc (Patty) vonBergen and grandson, Brandon; daughter, Stacia (Bobby) Hawkins and grandson Spencer and granddaughter Valarie; brother, Richard vonBergen; sister, Nicole Barcomb; mother-in-law, Geneva Lee; brother-in-law, Larry Larson; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mike was a special husband, son, brother, father, grandfather and friend.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at Wild Rose Cemetery, Humboldt. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.CremationCenterKC.com

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Gabriele Richey

Gabriele Richey, 53, of Falls City, passed away Dec. 31, 2013 at Omaha. She was born March 8, 1960 at Schweinfurt, Germany to the late Richard and Johanna (Hofbauer) Eschner.

On April 8, 1989 she married Richard Richey at Nebraska City.

Gabriele was raised in Germany and graduated high school at Gochsheim Germany. Following graduation she immigrated to America. She worked and helped the elderly in nursing homes and doing in-home health care as a certified nursing assistant and a certified medical aide. When married the couple established their home in Falls City.

She was a member of Church of Christ, Sabetha, KS, African Violet Club of Omaha.

Gabriele is survived by her husband, Richard, of Falls City; daughter, Daniela Richey of Council Bluffs, IA; step-sons, Jeremy Richey of Falls City,

Timmy (Elecia) Richey, of Humboldt; sisters, Christiane Bays, of Sabetha, KS, Daniela Schubert and Edith Scharrer, both of Germany; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Heidi George, and a grandchild.

Her funeral was held Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Don Fischer officiating. Interment in Steele Cemetery. The family received friends Sunday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Marilynn Bernecker

Marilynn Bernecker, 84, of Humboldt, passed away Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, at the Bryan LGH Medical Center East in Lincoln.

Arrangements by Wherry Mortuary, of Humboldt, are pending.

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Days of Yore...

By: Bill Schock

50 Years Ago (Jan. 6-11, 1964)

The FC School Board extended the contract of Supt. Ken Gardner three years and increased his annual salary to \$8,000.

Jim and Ron Wilhelm opened an appliance store in Humboldt.

Mrs. Paul Loney was finishing the school year as school superintendent at Stella after the sudden death of Supt. Bill Waller.

David Cummins, FC, was one of 12 students on the 1964 Regents All-State Scholastic Team.

Robert C. Otto, FC, was promoted to first lieutenant in the Army at Ft. Bliss, TX.

Awarded Regents Scholarships were Douglas Brown, Humboldt, and Gene Melvin Behrends, Bratton Union.

The Rivoli was showing "Marilyn," narrated by Rock Hudson.

Mrs. Bill Hardt was the new president of the FC Camp Fire Council.

Hested's was advertising throw rugs for 88 cents.

Francis Palmer, rural Verdon, was elected president of the FC Riding Club. Glenn Witt, FC, was the vice president.

The stork report: son Jan. 6 to Mr./Mrs. Chester Nixon, FC; daughter Jan. 7 to Mr./Mrs. Robert Frederick, FC.

Nelson Merz was elected president of the Richardson County National Farmers Organization and Dwight Duey vice president.

Dennis Gridley scored 20 as Humboldt downed Johnson 55-51.

John Taylor, FC Hinky Dinky's manager, was named "Champion Holiday Merchandiser" by the company.

An item from the United Press:

Palmero, Sicily--Guissippe Laurviella, 30, opened his mouth to yawn and couldn't close it. Doctors said he had to wait two days before they could fix his dislocated jaw.

25 Years Ago

As a thank-you for their assistance in bringing a major grass fire under control that had threatened a large portion of FC in March, the Falls City and FC Rural Fire Departments hosted a dinner-dance at The Gallery for 130 firefighters from Verdon, Dawson, Humboldt, Hiawatha and Auburn, and others who had helped.

Gerald Bucher, Humboldt, and Gayle Swisegood, FC, were sworn in as county commissioners. Jim Sefried was elected board president.

Ken Arnold was the new chief of the FC Rural Firemen and continued in that role for a number of years.

The Journal's Athlete of the Week was Mick McLaughlin, D-V basketball standout.

Phil Slagle and Kathy Barker were new members of the FC Board of Education. Ralph Huettner was elected president of the board.

Glenda Bippes was president of Does Drove #56 and Kim Oliver was 1st counselor.

Company B, National Guard, including the platoon from Auburn, spent a very cold weekend on maneuvers in the Barada Hills. First Lt. Randy Cramer was the company commander.

SE Consolidated boys and girls won the championships of the NC Lourdes Invite, beating NCL teams for the titles. Karen Kuker scored 24 for the girls and Leland Shubert did the same for the boys.

15 Years Ago

FC Rural Water District #2 signed a \$570,000 contract with Rieschick Drilling Inc. to provide new water service to Salem.

Falls Cityans on the Dean's List at SECC-Milford Campus were Joe E. Fritz, Eric D. Froeschl and Nathan Schatz.

Graduating from SECC-Beatrice Campus were Crystal Knobbe and Heather Roberts, FC, and Jonathan Snoke, Humboldt.

Ann Severin was the new president of the FC Area Jaycees. Jaycee Appreciation Awards were presented to Bruce Merz, Scott Schock, Donnie Stevens, Rick Harling, Mark Brewer and Charlie Radatz.

The Journal's Athletes of the Week were Denise Witt and Brian Lemerond, both of Sacred Heart.

Marvin Gerdes was installed as president of the FC Volunteer Ambulance Squad and Elizabeth Janko as vice president. The Squad made 508 runs, 352 of them local, the past year. Jill Meyer made the most runs, 76.

Casino White Cloud advertised it now had 350 slots--and lots of people were trying them out.

Mr./Mrs. Mike Bird, FC, were parents of a son born Dec. 18.

Frank H. Berger Jr., FC, was promoted to tech sergeant in the Air Force at McConnell AFB, Wichita, KS.

Panel to focus on future of U.S. leadership in Ag

For more than 100 years the United States has been the world leader in agricultural production and innovation. Today there are concerns that's changing. What would changes mean for Nebraska and U.S. agriculture? For food production for the world?

These and other questions are part of "Regaining the U.S. Lead in Agricultural and Natural Resources Research and Education," the free Heuermann Lecture panel topic at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the Nebraska East Union on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

Catherine Woteki, USDA undersecretary for research, education and economics, and Dan Glickman, former U.S. secretary of agriculture, will begin the discussion, outlining where the U.S. currently stands in world leadership in agricultural production and natural resources research and education. This is at a time there's concern markets signal the beginning of the end of more than 50 years of global agricultural abundance.

They'll look at the global landscape as well as challenges facing U.S. and world agriculture.

Then both will join Philip Pardey as a panel to discuss what needs to happen next. Pardey is a University of Minnesota Department of Applied Economics professor and co-author of "Agricultural Innovation: The United States in a Changing Global Reality," a report sponsored by The Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Clayton Yeutter, former U.S. secretary of agriculture and native Nebraskan, and Ronnie Green, Harlan vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will serve as panel moderators.

"In the last decades we've seen U.S. investments in agricultural and natural resources research and education decline at the same time an increasing world population means more mouths to feed," Green said. "Decline in investment has brought a corresponding slowdown in U.S. production growth. Yet countries that compete with the U.S. in agricultural production haven't decreased their research and development dollars, and their agricultural production hasn't slowed."

Noting the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology in December 2012 called for increasing investments in U.S. agricultural research to meet growing challenges, Green said panelists will discuss what



A Humboldt-TR-S Titan team of 5th and 6th graders captured second place in the boy's division of the Peru State Bobcat Youth Basketball Shootout held in December. Pictured, front row, from left: Logan Hunzeker, Ethan Dierberger, Cade Patzel, Donovan Kosticka and Maverick Binder; second row, Jayden McNealey, Ryan Binder, Trevor Plager, Cam Binder and Isaiah Lockard. The coaches in the back were Todd Binder, Tyler Binder and Todd Dierberger.

happens in the U.S. and in the world if the U.S. no longer leads agricultural and natural resources research and education. Is this decline in investment a conscious decision that's OK, or is action needed? If so, what action?

"These and other questions are of vital importance to an agricultural state like Nebraska," Green said, "and, for that matter, to everyone who eats."

Woteki also is USDA's chief scientist. Her responsibilities include oversight of the Agricultural Research Service, National Institute for Food and Agriculture, Economic Research Service and National Agricultural Statistics Service, as well as the National Agriculture Library and National Arboretum. She has served as first undersecretary for food safety at USDA, as global director of scientific affairs for Mars Inc., and as dean of agriculture and professor of human nutrition at Iowa State University, where she also headed the Agriculture Experiment Station.

Glickman was U.S. secretary of agriculture from 1995-2001 and currently is executive director of the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. For 18 years he represented Kansas's 4th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has been director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and chairman of the Motion Pictures Association of Amer-

ica Inc. He is co-chair of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Global Agricultural Development Initiative.

Pardey also is director of the University of Minnesota's International Science and Technology Practice and Policy Center. Before joining UMN he was a senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, D.C., and a senior research officer at the International Service for National Agricultural Research in The Hague, Netherlands. He's the author of more than 220 books, articles and papers, including "Persistence Pays: U.S. Agricultural Productivity Growth and the Benefits from Public R&D Spending."

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With negative temperatures and even lower wind chills throughout much of Nebraska and Iowa, it is important that families and individuals remain vigilant in practicing home fire safety. Although rarely making headlines, home fires are the most common disaster the Red Cross responds to, sending volunteers to the scene of fires at all hours of the day and night to help those affected.

Heat sources such as space heaters, fireplaces or wood and coal stoves can pose a fire hazard. To reduce the risk of heating related fires, the Red Cross recommends keeping anything that can burn such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least three feet away from heating equipment and fireplaces and to never leave these unattended.

"Last month, the Nebraska/SW Iowa Region responded to more than 60 home fires across Nebraska and in portions of Iowa," said Tina Labellarte, Region CEO. "But the good news is that there are steps you can take to reduce your risk of a home fire."

Home Fire Safety Tips

- Keep items that can catch on fire at least three feet away from anything that gets hot, such as space heaters.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Talk to your children regularly about the dangers of fire, matches and lighters and keep them out of reach.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. About 65 percent of house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. During a home fire, working smoke alarms can save lives.

Smoke Alarm Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Teach your children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
- Once a month check whether each alarm in the home is working properly by pushing the test button.
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year. Immediately install a new battery if an alarm chirps, warning the battery is low.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. Never disable smoke or carbon monoxide alarms.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

There's s'no fun under the sun...  ...like snow fun in the sun!

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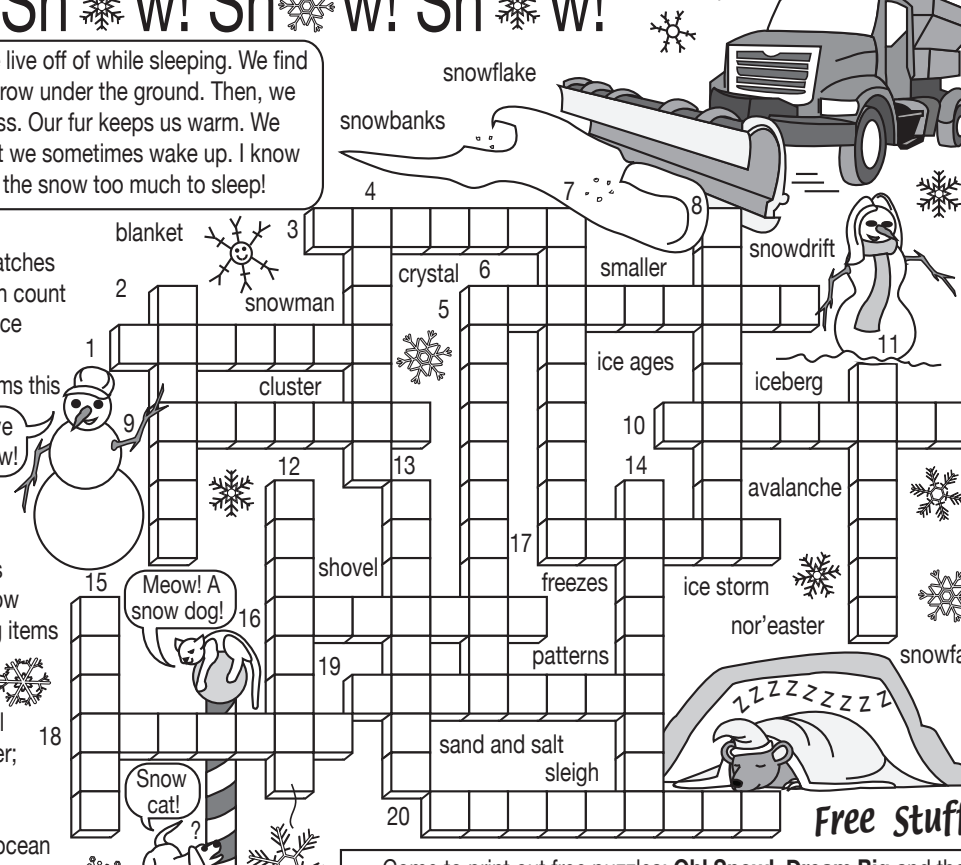
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Snow! Snow! Snow!

Do you know that bears sleep during the winter? In the fall, we eat extra food and store up fat, which we live off of while sleeping. We find a cave or hollow tree, or we dig out a burrow under the ground. Then, we make a nest of leaves, branches and grass. Our fur keeps us warm. We usually sleep from October until April, but we sometimes wake up. I know I should be sleeping, but I love playing in the snow too much to sleep!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- water _____ on the ground, making slippery patches
- snowflakes have more _____ shapes than we can count
- periods of time when Earth is covered in snow and ice
- when falling crystals group together
- water in air condenses around bit of dust, freezes, forms this
- we put these on walkways to keep us safe
- large piles of snow on sides of road
- snow sliding down mountainside
- snowflakes formed in colder and drier air are usually _____ and leave a fluffy snowfall
- scoop on the front of trucks to help clear the roads
- snow covering the ground is called a _____ of snow
- raindrops hit the earth and instantly freeze, coating items
- amount of snow dropping in a season
- large storm that hits along the upper east coast
- has smooth planks on its underside for snow travel
- 3 globes made of snow placed on top of each other; face made with carrot nose and charcoal eyes
- hand-held tool for moving snow
- enormous mass of snow and ice that floats in the ocean
- the crystals of snowflakes form fascinating _____
- a wind-blown pile of snow



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Snow Math!

There's no math like snow math! Add the words in the snowman to the word 'snow' to make new words: (The shapes of the spaces will give you clues.)

- snow + _____ = _____
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- snow + _____ = _____

Can you find and circle words on this page that start with these consonant blends: bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, and sl?

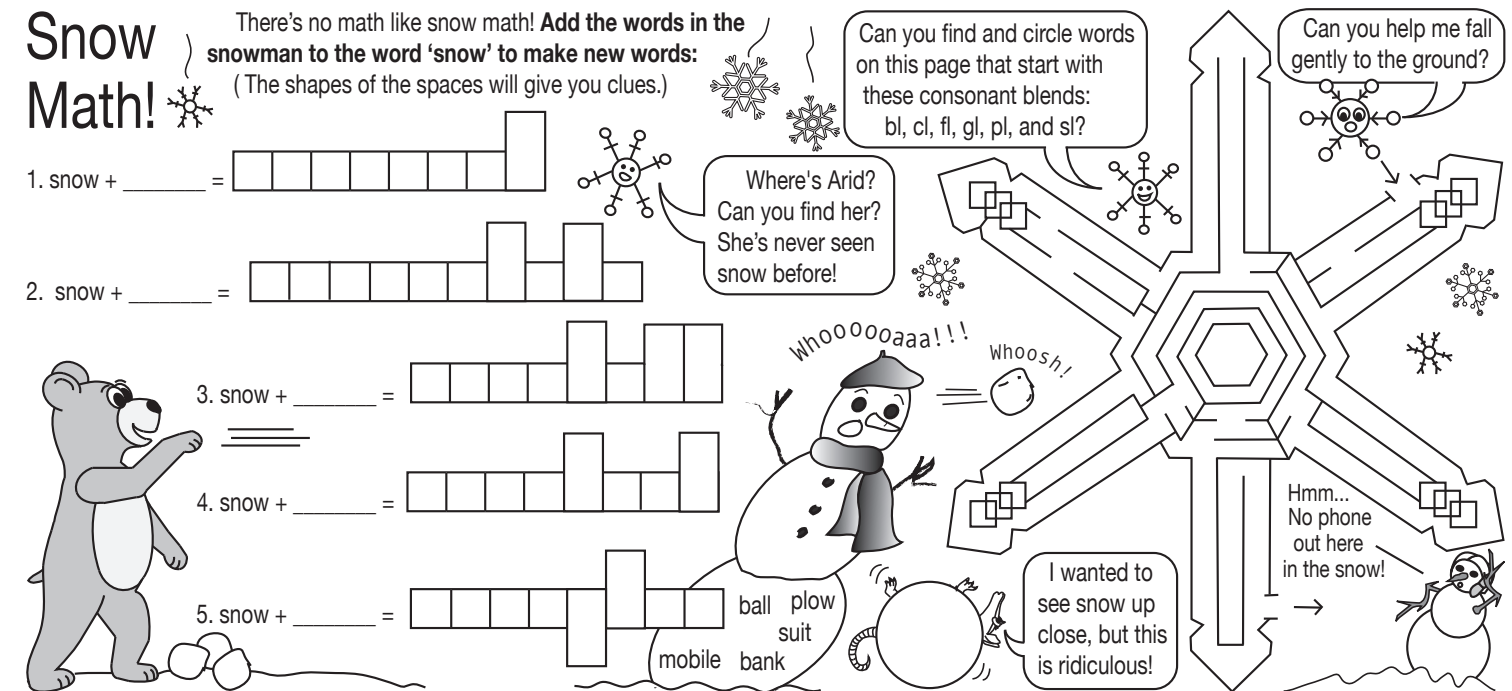
Where's Arid? Can you find her? She's never seen snow before!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

I wanted to see snow up close, but this is ridiculous!

Hmm... No phone out here in the snow!

Can you help me fall gently to the ground?



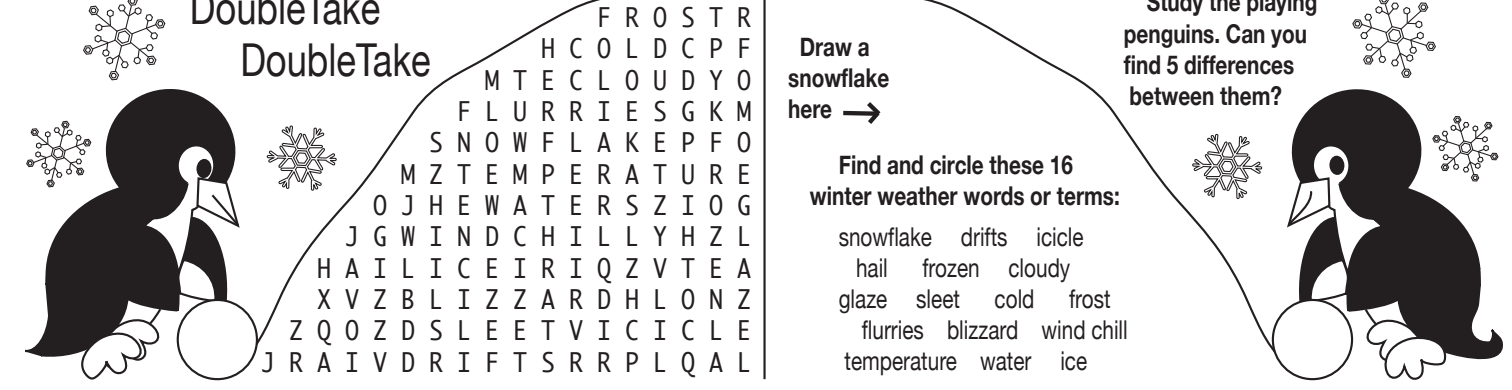
DoubleTake

Draw a snowflake here →

Find and circle these 16 winter weather words or terms:

snowflake drifts icicle
hail frozen cloudy
glaze sleet cold frost
flurries blizzard wind chill
temperature water ice

Study the playing penguins. Can you find 5 differences between them?



DoubleTake

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Tip comes in

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town is relatively small and not exactly on the beaten path. She asked him how he knew about it and he told her he traveled a lot and had made a stop there once.



Abigail Sailors

Sailors grew more comfortable with the two men and eventually felt safe enough to tell them her story, one of tragedy but ultimately one of triumph.

The youngest of five, Abigail told them about her sisters, Shelby being the oldest, Madison and Sydnie, and her older brother and the middle child, Josh.

Their lives changed forever

in a single moment on Sept. 25, 1995 when their parents crashed their van during a trip to St. Joseph, Mo. The two lived, but their mother, Pam, suffered a severe head injury and never fully recovered. The driver of the vehicle and father to Abigail, Sydnie and Josh, was not seriously injured, but was determined not fit to raise the five children, who at the time were nine (Shelby), four, two-and-a-half, two and seven months old.

Abigail and her siblings were split up between three different homes in the few months immediately following the accident. In January of 1996, the siblings were back together in the same foster home and it remained that way for the next nine years, all of which were marred with child abuse.

The foster father was arrested during the summer of 2004 and remains in prison to this day.

In March of 2005, Abigail, Sydnie and Josh went to live with

their father. Horribly, the cruelty continued at their dad's house and in January of 2006 he was arrested for abuse.

On Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, John and Susi Sailors, who had already fostered Madison after they were split up in 2005, took in the three with open arms.

Abigail told the men how John and Susi raised them and treated them like their own children, no questions asked.

"John and Susi already had five kids they raised and didn't have finances, probably, to take all five of us but they did it because they felt it was right."

Abigail, who eventually took their last name, told the Lincoln Journal-Star's Peter Salter that she didn't know how she would have turned out if she didn't have them in her life.

"They shaped the person I am today," she said.

Abigail's story put the two grown men in tears and it came full circle just a few minutes later

when one of the gentleman divulged a detail too significant to be coincidental.

"I'm actually a graduate from Trinity College," the man told her, "and this is what I'm going to do for you."

He then wrote a check for \$5,000 to Trinity Bible College for Abigail's tuition, wrote a second check for \$1,000 for her to use however she needed, then topped it off with a \$100 tip, which she split with another server.

"It was insane," she said. "Just thinking about it still brings a lot of tears to my eyes. The thing that got me was he told me to thank God and not them because it was all God's doing. They didn't take any credit and that just blew me away. He's a stranger, yeah, but he believes in God and believes in my future and wants me to move forward. This makes all of that possible."

The money will get her through her sophomore year at Trinity,

which Abigail said was the only school she was really ever interested in attending.

"I heard about the school at a church camp when I was 15 and always felt that's where God wanted me to be."

She said she would keep in touch with the two men, but decided to keep their names anonymous.

Reported first by KLKN-TV Channel 8 in Lincoln and the Journal-Star, the story has continued to grow legs nationally. Fox News, the Chicago Tribune, the San Francisco Chronicle and the Huffington Post, to name a few, all carried the story.

"At first I wasn't really open with them because I don't want anybody to feel bad for me or anything," she said. "It's just wild, everything about it. It was like a divine appointment or something. I'm just extremely blessed and so thankful to God and to all the people in my life."

Candidate remembers Marshal Maddox, days in Company B

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answering that call.

"My first love was to stay in uniform," Brewer said in an interview with the Journal. "It was a little heart-breaking," he said of the injuries that prevented further military service.

As he traveled the state, on behalf of Wounded Warriors, Native American youth mentoring, Second Amendment rights and PTSD, people asked, 'Why don't you run for Congress?' His response: "I'm not a politician." But, he said, the problem people cited was the "professional politician" label. "I don't want to do that," Brewer said. "But shame on me if I'm not willing to make a difference . . . to change things."

He said the 3rd District, which includes Richardson County, needs "someone strong," who will represent them and their opinions. "I believe I can make a difference," he said. "We need decisive leadership" and that doesn't happen with "a career politician."

Brewer invited anyone to compare his resume with that of incumbent Smith. Brewer has responded to national disasters (Katrina), served nearly eight years in Afghanistan and negotiated with foreign people whose agendas are quite different from those of the American people.

"I believe I can make a difference. We need decisive leadership . . . and you don't have that with career politicians." He questioned at what point Rep. Smith "has ever led," rather pointed to the Congressman's strong ties to party line.

"I don't care what (Speaker) John Boehner says," Brewer said. "I don't like to be told what to do. The people (of your District) should tell you."

Brewer said in Congress he would be open to compromise, rather than the "standstill" that now exists. "You are not going to get legislation (passed)" without compromise and negotiation, he said. "You're never going to get anywhere if you stand at the ends and just yell at each other . . . and that's kind of where we're at."

Brewer said part of the problem in Congress has to do with a lack of leadership. Part of the problem, he said, is a shortage of veterans in Congress. "Most (members) have never served, thus the "teamwork and unity to accomplish the mission is

absent."

"I'll take a special interest in veterans," Brewer said, describing them as "a neglected group." He said he will also focus "on the size of government," that is "out of control beyond words." Brewer said a government that continues to "grow and grow," while Rep. Smith has been in office, "can't continue." He said the national debt "has skyrocketed."

The federal government, Brewer said, has approached "the perfect storm," and is approaching "the breaking point," which he believes will happen "in the next two to four years." Brewer said the result will be a collapsed economy and higher taxes. "The problem is mismanagement in Congress," he said, poor management for the past 20 years.

As to his opponent in the Republican primary, Brewer said Smith's campaign war chest should not be a "green light" to be a "Congressman forever."

Brewer said he will "put in the windshield time" and meet the people of the district. His plan is to get "eyeball to eyeball" with potential constituents and explain his "passions." With Congressional approval ratings at about 15 percent, "it may be time for a change," Brewer said.

The candidate pointed to shriveling towns and the "brain drain" in the 3rd District, realities that are not being addressed, he said. "I'm an old soldier," he said, but maybe people "don't want a politician" to represent them. Rather, "a guy who gives a hoot."

"My dream now" that his military career is over, "is to make life better for the people I would represent." He said Falls City has always been one of his favorite places, where he has spoken at a variety of veterans' events. "It has a hometown feel," Brewer said.

Brewer had fond things to say about two local veterans, Mark Jones and the late Marshal Maddox. "I came here (to Company B) as a 2nd Lt. in 1984, 85 and 86," Brewer said. "Mark was the Commanding Officer and Rex Jones was the 1st Sgt. This is where I kind of grew up."

He said Platoon Sgt. Maddox was "a hard Vietnam Vet," who took "great pride in mentoring and coaching" his soldiers, while instilling the knowledge that

officers have a real responsibility for those in their command. Maddox, Brewer said, could be "hell on wheels," but noted that "I'm a better person for having Maddox as my Platoon Sergeant." Drills "were never boring," Col. Brewer said.

He added that Falls City, with Commander Jones and Maddox, was "a great place to be," and the training both believed in was critical. Brewer also said that Company B was "a part of the community" and "part of the fabric of the community." He lamented that so many Guard units have been consolidated.

Of Maddox, Brewer said "he formed my clay."

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