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Former Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel was nominated for Secretary of Defense. Maybe his Vietnam battle fatigues would be appropriate to wear during Senate confirmation hearings.

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Winter weather outlook: Dry

Richardson County Emergency Management Director Jim Gerweck forwarded to the Journal FEMA's winter 2012-13 outlook, which is summarized here:

Drought conditions are expected to persist across the region through winter (aside from the Missouri "Bootheel," where drought conditions are expected to improve. While there is potential for slight improvement for far eastern Iowa and eastern into south central Missouri, the remainder of the region should see drought conditions persist through winter.

The vast majority of Nebraska and Kansas are experiencing exceptional to extreme drought. The exceptions are southeast Nebraska, northeast and eastern Kansas, which are classified as "severe."

Region VII, which includes Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and

Missouri, have been "particularly hardest hit" by the summer's record heat and lack of moisture. The winter of 2012-13 is not expected to provide enough moisture to impact the drought.

La Nina and El Nino wind conditions are basically neutral, which leads forecasters to predict a winter with average temperatures and average precipitation. The report notes that there are equal chances for colder, warmer or average temperatures. The same goes for precipitation.

Average for Nebraska is a winter temperature of 24 and precipitation of 2.68 inches.

"In previous years (i.e. 2010), heavy snow pack in the Rocky Mountains and abundant spring rains in the Northern Plains have led to flooding concerns within Region VII during the spring season," the report states. "During late November and early December 2012, strong storms" moved "across the Northern Plains and provided snow from the State of Montana to the Great

City, EDGE to appeal to State Supreme Court

An appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court is being prepared after a Richardson County District Court decision that could have a significant impact on various economic development entities throughout the State of Nebraska.

Judge Daniel Bryan issued his ruling on Dec. 11 in the case, "David Leon Frederick vs. City of Falls City, a City and Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise, Inc.(EDGE)."

"The case is being watched statewide," said EDGE Executive Director Beckie Cromer, by economic development organizations that often deal and negotiate with companies that prefer such talks be private until any announcement is made.

In this case, Frederick seeks records from the City of Falls City and EDGE that he maintains are public in nature, as defined by the Nebraska Public Records Act. EDGE is a 501(c)(6) entity that receives public funds. Falls City has contracted to delegate its authority to EDGE for economic development efforts.

The most recent development on the economic front involves the CGB grain-handling facility in south Falls City. The announcement of this

\$23 million development spurred controversy, with those opposing expressing the opinion that it would damage other grain-related businesses. Others, including many farmers, voiced support for the venture and the impact it could have on the local economy.

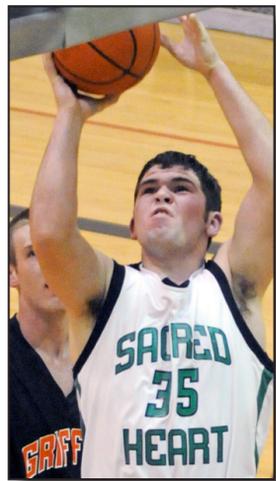
The original suit was filed against the City, only. It was amended to include EDGE.

Previously, the City provided public records in its physical custody in response to the suit. EDGE has provided hundreds of e-mails and pages of documents, but denied certain requested information, arguing that some records are not public records or are exempt from disclosure.

In his decision, Judge Bryan determined that the "key is whether the records are public records." He also found that "EDGE is a separate non-profit corporation under Nebraska law."

The judge determined that the EDGE records are, indeed, public records. The City has provided \$120,000 annually and Richardson County \$20,000 each year for the operation of EDGE. Any other funding is raised from private investors. Judge Bryan concluded that 64% of EDGE's "resources come from public entities" and City and

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FC native John Chaney appointed by Gov. Heineman

Lincoln — Governor Dave Heineman recently appointed John Chaney of Auburn to the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees. Chaney, a Falls City native, replaces Larry Teahon of Chadron, who stepped down after serving on the board for 12 years.

Chaney will serve on the Fiscal, Facilities, and Audit Committee.

"I have seen many Nebraskans earn degrees from one of our three state colleges," said Chaney. "These students were able to enter the workforce or begin a new career, bringing great benefit to themselves, their families and communities, and Nebraska. I am grateful to have the opportunity to have a role in continuing with this important work by serving as a member of the board of trustees of the Nebraska State College System."

Chaney is CEO of the Auburn State Bank and has served in that capacity since 1995. A graduate of the University of Nebraska and a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Chaney has been active in the Auburn and greater Southeast Nebraska community with numerous organizations, including the Auburn

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Welcome, Benjamin!



Photo by Jason Schack

Christopher and Jessica Furnas, of Falls City, are the proud parents of a son, Benjamin Colton, the first baby born at Community Medical Center in the New Year. He arrived at 8:07 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, and weighed 6 pounds, 13.75 ounces, and was 19 inches long. He is welcomed home by 5-year-old Kyleigh and 2-year-old Callen. He also has a brother, Dalton King (15), in Antioch, TN. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Vicky Furnas, of Lincoln, and Martha and Michael Herridge, of Valley Center, KS. Maternal grandparents are Jay and Shari Morehead, of Salem, and Michael Ude, of Lincoln. Great-grandparents are Roger and Laritta West, and Norma Furnas, all of Falls City.



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While most of our staff, and I presume our readers, have moved on to 2013, some of us have unfinished 2012 business. I'm in that category.

In the newspaper business — and this was especially true when we published daily and then twice weekly — there is not a lot of time to savor what's been accomplished. One issue hits the streets and it's time to get to work on the next one. Back in the day, when the Journal put out a paper every day except Sunday (way, way, way back, there was a Sunday Journal), we could rely on wire service on slow local news days. But that service became so expensive we were forced to drop it. Without the Associated Press, we were unable to generate a daily paper because there simply wasn't enough daily news. Guess we could have started making stuff up, as some papers seem to do.

Realistically, as Falls City's business climate began to shrink, the advertising just wasn't sufficient to support five or six papers each week. Printing and mailing costs also escalated, dramatically affecting our bottom line. So the decision was made to publish twice a week.

Many readers may have thought putting out a paper twice a week was a cakewalk. I assure you it was anything but. Without wire service, the Journal's staff had to generate everything that was placed on the pages. I was the editor in those days and in a constant state of stress. After getting the Tuesday paper to the carriers and in the mail, I immediately went into next-paper mode. "What do you have for Thursday?" I'd be asked. Sometimes, the answer was zip.

I'll admit that the once-a-week model is not as exciting for old guys like me who got used to working on deadline. We now have some time to figure out what's coming up and how to approach it. But Monday is a tough day, especially for Jason Schock, who has to figure out the page puzzle on his computer, lay it out and make sure it gets to Mound City for printing. He's a lot more creative as editor than the publisher ever was or will be.

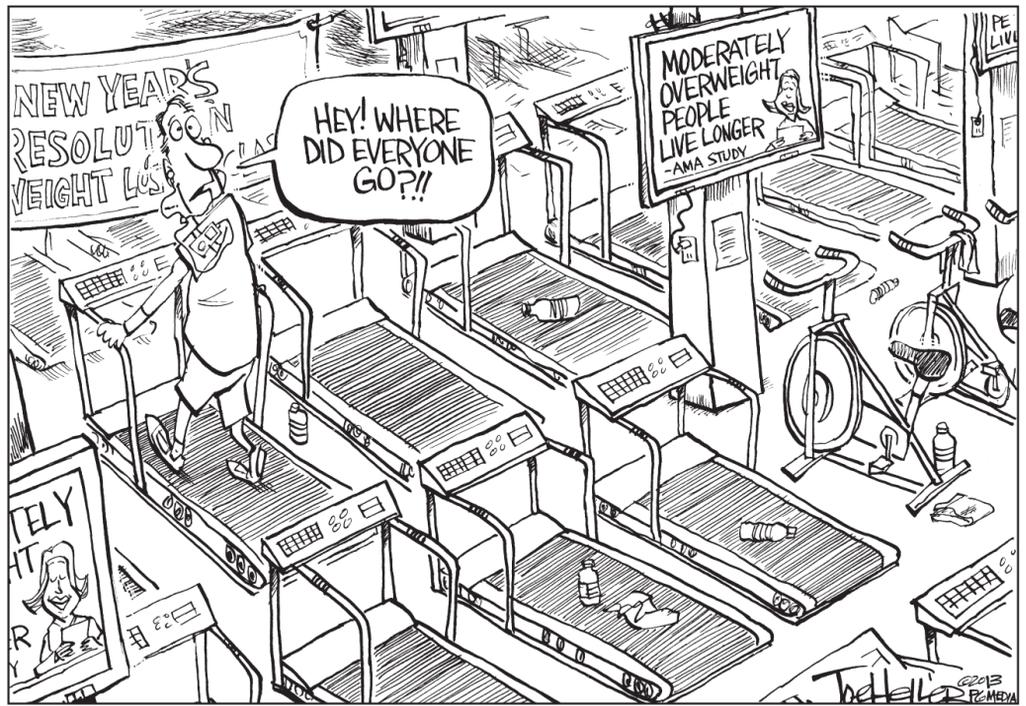
With that said and the start of a new year underway, I'd like to make special mention of our staff. You may have read in Bill Schock's "Days of Yore" column that the Journal 50 years ago employed 18 people (I'm guessing some were part-time and that number does not include carriers). Today, our roster includes six full-timers (and one of them volunteers his services), a part-time employee and Nellie Inks, who provides bookkeeping services on a twice a week and monthly basis.

Jason writes, edits, composes, takes photos, sweats out each issue and helps his two youngest deliver their paper routes. Jim Langan writes sports, news, features and covers the crime beat, takes pictures and is the online editor. Nikki McKim writes a weekly column, composes all advertising, covers some news, is responsible for the carriers and office work and is handy with a camera, too. Sheena Heineman is our new in-office bookkeeper and office manager and, with Nikki, answers the phone and waits on customers. Bill Schock is here every day, writing news items and columns and providing expertise gained through more than 60 years at his desk. Ron Dodds is by far our best proofreader, is in charge of mailing and hustles papers to various outlets, including the Post Office. Ron also fixes things that break around here. After several years of issues, it appears to me that we have an excellent group of paper carriers, too.

They are great people to work with and we're fortunate to have them on our staff. They work very hard.

In addition to acknowledging the staff, I'd like to thank all of those from near and far who subscribe to our paper. Most newspapers our size send copies to a lot fewer people.

And special thanks to all of the businesses and individuals who select the Journal for their advertising. Were it not for them, the paper would be no more. We appreciate their business and want them to know we'll do our best to get their message to our thousands of subscribers.



Has Nebraska's future been forged or forced?

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

Nebraska is one of those mostly square states out west that most people couldn't find on an unmarked map ... and we like it that way.

I've said that before to colleagues from the densely populated and pseudo sophisticated East and from the "we're the only ones here" South. I am Nebraska born and reared and have spent my entire life in the state, save for a seven-year stint in Illinois. I love this place, but I am also realistic about Nebraska's future.

So, it was with a great deal of enthusiasm that I watched a project promoted by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce evolve. "Forging Nebraska's Future for the NExt Generation" was kicked off with a great deal of enthusiasm. Former Nebraska Department of Economic Development Director Richard Baier was hand-picked to be the head cheerleader.

Great idea. Catchy name. Internet accessibility. Attractive to the NExt Generation of Nebraskans.

Now it's over. The polls are closed. No more comments being accepted. There have been 549 ideas submitted in nine categories. Baier is pumped that there were more than 5,800 active users of the site. "There was a lot of dialogue on the site, and suggestions," he said.

I know. I watched it on a weekly basis and duly noted how often the ideas and the dialogue was generated by the Administrator of the site. That's a great way to fan the flames, fuel the fire, keep the idea hot. But is that "forging" or "forcing" the path? Is that honestly seeking grassroots ideas or just a way of legitimizing an already established agenda? Growing the state and its workforce, modernizing government and ensuring a competitive tax climate and commercial environment that lets businesses be successful. Those were stated goals of the project.

Baier said he and the rest of the group rating the suggestions to prepare "The 100 Great NExt Generation Ideas" by Feb. 7 are trying to find some really strong, hands-on solutions. One wonders how the suggestion to create a Silver Dollar City-like theme park near Chadron, in Northwest Nebraska, will fare in that assessment. Likewise, the Central Nebraska suggestion to move the private "Chevyland Museum" from near Elm Creek to the Archway at Interstate 80 in Kearney and the suggested State Park on unused land of the University of Nebraska's

Innovation Campus (the former Nebraska State Fairgrounds) in Lincoln, may have some trouble measuring up.

But they are ideas from Nebraskans about Nebraska. They were among the 64 ideas in the "Quality of Life" category of the survey and are worthy of discussion, no matter how you feel about them. Let's hope that the dialogue will continue

publicly and not just in some closed-door session at the state chamber.

I was particularly taken by one category, "Selling Nebraskans on Nebraska." Given a brutal summer of drought and an already colder-than-usual winter, perhaps this is a high priority discussion that needs immediate attention. Why are we here and why do we relish our anonymity? This could be a healthy exercise in this New Year.

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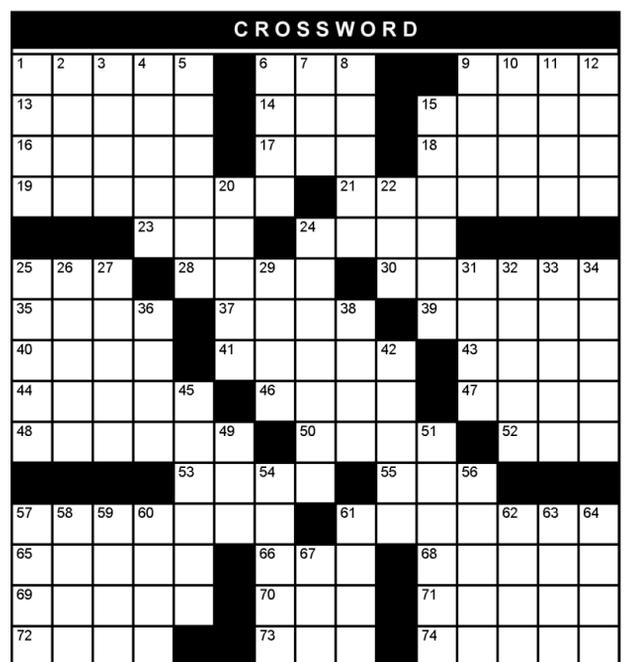
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ACROSS

- Alfred Hitchcock in his movie, e.g.
- *Banned insecticide
- *Infamous weapon in Persian Gulf War
- *"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" author
- Two halves
- Chummy
- Site of witchcraft trials
- Fred Flintstone to Barney Rubble, e.g.
- Stupid or silly
- *Code name for detonation of first nuclear device
- *1945-1990 antagonist
- Batman and Robin, e.g.
- *Rock and _____
- Unit of absorbed radiation
- Manufactured
- Stubbornly unyielding
- Prima donna problems
- Clever
- Used to indicate compliance over radio
- It hovers
- Red Cross supply
- Like something that can't fit anymore
- Stay clear
- *Ernest Hemingway's nickname
- Blue-green
- *Split by a wall
- Like Dr. Evil's tiny self
- Hog heaven?
- Openmouthed astonishment
- Recipe amount
- *Salk's discovery
- Sea dog
- "_____ Last Night," movie
- *Shock and _____
- Wide open
- One who "_____ it like it is"
- 100 lbs.
- Attach to, as in a journalist
- Editor's mark
- Lamb's mother
- Plural of lysis

DOWN

- Those in a play
- Purim's month
- *French Sudan after 1960
- Correct
- Heaviest known metal
- Showing stupidity
- *Its discovery had a huge impact on crime investigation
- *Ma Bell, e.g.
- Equivalent to hands on clock?
- Eagle's talons, e.g.
- Long forearm bone
- Textile worker
- _____ talk
- A despicable person, pl.
- *Hemingway's "The _____ Man and the Sea"
- Sometimes done to an argument
- Betty Ford Center, e.g.
- Type of nectar
- Sorrow
- Like a billionaire's pockets
- Received on special occasions
- They can be Super or Crazy
- Enthusiastic approval
- *First cloned mammal
- Potting need
- South American Indian people
- Kind of ray
- 20 on a human body
- *A Bobsey twin
- *Newly-founded state, 1948
- *Gerald Holtom's sign
- Unusually small individual
- Giant kettles
- Lend a hand
- *First African-American to host a TV show
- *Branch Davidians or Heaven's Gate, e.g.
- "Out" usually follows it
- Captures
- D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
- *Bolsheviks
- *A huge web



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FC native John Chaney appointed by Gov. Heineman

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Development Council and the Peru State College Foundation. He has also served as a past board member of the Nebraska Bankers Association and past president of the Auburn Jaycees, Auburn Chamber of Commerce and Auburn Rotary. Chaney lives in Auburn with his wife, Mary Ann. They have three sons and five grandchildren.

Governor Heineman also re-appointed Bob Engles to the NSCS Board for a six-year term. Engles, also of Auburn, had been appointed in 2011 to complete the term of Floyd Vrtiska, who had stepped down from the board. Engles, who serves on the Student Affairs, Marketing and Enrollment Committee, said, "I am honored the Governor once again appointed me to the NSCS board of trustees. I believe in the mission of the state colleges and know that Chadron, Peru and Wayne State play a critical role for students interested in earning a college degree in Nebraska."

Engles, a graduate of Peru State, is the owner of Engles Agency in Auburn, where he lives with his wife, Wendy, a teacher in the Auburn Schools. They have two daughters and three grandchildren living in the Auburn area.

The Nebraska State College System serves nearly 9,000 students through three geographically diverse institutions. Combined, the three colleges offer more than 200 degrees, certificate and pre-professional programs that are accessible on the campuses, via the Internet and in several locations throughout the state. With more than 250 credentialed faculty members and 50,000 successful graduates, the Nebraska State College System provides significant human and intellectual capital that contributes to the current and future strength of the State of Nebraska.



Parking topic for commissioners

Street parking in the area surrounding the Courthouse was a discussion topic when the Richardson County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Eric Barr, Executive Director of the Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce/Main Street Falls City, Tony Brunette, representing Main Street, and City officials Jerry Oliver, Alan Romine and Gary Jorn, met with board members Dave Sickel, Bill Ely and Jim Davidson for the discussion.

The issue involves parking spaces that may be occupied every weekday during business hours. The City had considered mandatory two-hour parking limits, but appears now to prefer a self-policing policy. When parking stalls are occupied for long periods of time, shopping and other business can be negatively affected. In some cases, people who work at the Courthouse may be using those spaces.

Outlook: Dry

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Lakes region. As of this report, portions of central Minnesota have 10 to 15 inches of snow on the ground." With average to slightly above average temperatures forecast, and little additional precipitation, the snow pack across the Northern United States should melt throughout the winter season. Thus, the risk of spring flooding within the Region is expected to be low.

"Most of the Central Plains have experienced approximately half of the normal precipitation throughout 2012, which has contributed to existing moderate to extreme drought conditions," the report states. "The long-term forecast does not provide much in the way of relief to region-wide dry conditions. While the Region will have typical winter storms and cold outbreaks, the overall winter should be drier and warmer than normal. As a result of this forecast, drought conditions are expected to persist into the spring season, therefore increasing the wildland fire threat throughout the Region."

County board members decided to send a notice to Courthouse employees requesting that they utilize the city parking lots instead of street parking. The commissioners will also research the possibilities of different options to provide parking for employees away from the Courthouse.

County Treasurer Austin Duerfeldt met with the board to review business in his office. The commissioners voted to approve a policy for the County Treasurer's office (Jan. 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013) to correct or waive tax interest/penalties on issues that occurred before Sept. 1, 2012, that are less than \$100 where the error was in part by the County Treasurer (before Duerfeldt was appointed). Any amount over \$100 would require approval from the commissioners. A report of such corrections or waivers of tax interest/penalties will be submitted to the board at the end of each month.

A resolution was adopted to approve the applications from State Bank of Table Rock, Humboldt Branch, F&M Bank, American National Bank and Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. to be appointed as county depositories for 2013. And the board authorized the County Treasurer to open accounts with American National Bank and Great Western Bank at a minimum of \$250,000.

Highway Supt. Scott Huppert provided his weekly update to the board and reviewed equipment maintenance. A project planned for the winter is to update the Roads Department office. The board moved to authorize the purchase of a 2007 Ram 2500 pickup (79,937 miles) from Nebraska Federal Surplus Property at a cost of \$15,900.

In other developments, the commissioners:

- Approved a grant application to be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission for the 2013 Juvenile Justice Grant for Community Planning and County Aid Application and authorized Chairman Sickel to sign the application.

- Decided to continue to Jan. 8 consideration of an agreement for continued funding of EDGE for fiscal year 2012-13.

- Designated the Falls City Journal as the official county newspaper for 2013.

- Adopted a resolution regarding the reimbursement rate for mileage for county officers and/or employees from .555 cents to .565 cents effective Jan. 1.

- Voted to enter into an agreement with Windstream for the use of county road right of way.

- Approved the Richardson County Transit report as submitted by SENCA for November 2012 in which \$3,420 will be requested for reimbursement from Federal and State Public Transportation Assistance Program funds.

- Tabled a petition to approve a subdivision from the John E. Beutler Trust and Dorothy M. Beutler Trust.

A platform for state ag's future

By Governor Dave Heineman
January 4, 2012

Dear Fellow Nebraskans:

The 25th Annual Governor's Ag Conference will be held Feb. 12-13 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. I invite all Nebraskans to attend this event and participate in discussions that focus on the future of the state's number one industry.



The theme for this year's conference is "A Platform for Nebraska Agriculture's Future." The conference will challenge the farmers and ranchers, agribusiness representatives, and policy and business leaders in attendance to think about some of the key policies and practices that will drive agriculture in the coming decade.

Kicking off this year's conference will be Dr. Roger Beachy, with the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Beachy will discuss the future of biotechnology, and how new research and policy considerations may influence opportunities for Nebraska.

There has been a great deal of discussion in Nebraska and across the nation the past few years about livestock production practices and livestock welfare in general. We will have two speakers who will address this topic – Tyson Redpath and Dr. Ronnie Green.

Tyson Redpath is with The Russell Group of Arlington, Va. He will discuss the effects of state animal welfare laws on interstate commerce. Dr. Ronnie Green, vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will discuss a UNL analysis of Nebraska's position within the United States as a food producer now, and in the future.

We'll also hear from Jerry Hagstrom, with the Hagstrom Report. He'll provide an analysis of current activity in Washington, D.C., that could affect Nebraska agriculture, including the status of the farm bill, results of activity related to the federal budget and overall deficit, and other federal action that may influence the future for farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses.

In addition to these policy issues, we will focus on the near-term outlook for drought in the state. Nebraska Climatologist Al Dutcher will provide an overview of what to expect. This information will be valuable to our farmers and ranchers as they work to determine what actions they can take in their operations to lessen the drought's impact.

Agriculture is an important part of our economy and as we celebrate this 25th anniversary of the Governor's Ag Conference I look forward to hearing from our speakers and discussing the important issues that will challenge agriculture in the months, years and decades ahead.

I encourage Nebraska's farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness leaders to attend, as well as all Nebraskans because each one of us has a stake in the future success of this industry. Registration information is available on the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website at www.agr.ne.gov or by calling 1-800-831-0550.

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County native set to publish 4th novel

By Nikki McKim

"Living the dream" is a term I have heard my friend Rebecca Cooper-Thumann use often and each time she says it, she truly means it. Now this former Richardson County resident is doing just that, she is living her dream.

Becky's story is the same as all of ours, but slightly different. Born in Guam to Air Force parents Roger Cooper and Nancy Merz, Becky grew up a farm girl just south of Dawson, with her older brother Brett. Inspiration would end up being all around her in the larger than life farmhouse that had belonged to her grandfather "Captain Jack" and grandmother Lois Fisher. Her earliest memories of writing started here, on the front porch of this house with its picturesque views.

Becky graduated from Dawson-Verdon High School in 2001 and went on to Peru State College. She rarely mentioned her desire to write until she took a creative writing course taught by mentor, Dr. Bill Clemente. As she sat in his classroom, she learned that any piece you are struggling to write causes you to struggle because it means something to you. Advice, she still carries with her today. Now years later, she is married to her college sweetheart Aaron and is in her seventh year of teaching English at Schuler Central High

School.

So what led her to start her first novel at 26 years old?

It all began after finishing Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*; Becky yearned to find out what happened next to Mr. Darcy and his new wife Elizabeth. She searched over hundreds of modern sequels. About the same time she started to teach *Pride and Prejudice* to one of her English classes.

It turned out her class was bored and complained that a story like this would never happen in real life. Becky took it as a challenge to put a modern spin on this classic story in efforts to make it more relatable to our generation.

When she approached her parents about her interest in writing a book but didn't know how to go about it, they jumped right on board. They went to work putting her in contact with other writers and mailing her clips about publishing from newspapers. For months she wrote at home on her couch and carried a pen and paper with her to jot down ideas as they came.

Becky soon found out that there are more difficulties in writing a book than just the story. First, coming up with a title. She found this to be the hardest part of the process. So she writes under a working title, hoping it falls into place throughout the course of her writing. Another struggle is more personal. Actually finishing the book. "The last two chapters are the hardest," she said. "The story, the characters, the ideas, all of that finished? I don't ever want it to be over."

With the title and story done all that is left is the design for each cover. Having no previous education in design, Becky designs each cover herself. What started as difficult has now become the icing on the cake. It signifies that the book is finished and ready to go out into the world of readers.

Pulling from true stories, while trying to keep out anything too embarrassing Becky wrote her first novel, *The London Chronicles*. A *Pride and Prejudice* themed story that follows Olivia and Jane Benedict and their cousin Samantha as they navigate their way through love, life and a little bit of drama.

With additional support from a writers group, and friends Kristi Rawley and Terry Jakob, who proof read, edited and cheered her on, she soon found herself with a 4-star book on Amazon that received glorious reviews from devout readers and Jane Austen fan's alike. "A

great adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*, but a novel that could stand on its own," one reviewer said. Stunned, Becky admitted she had only thought her parents would buy and read her book.

With the success of her first novel, she followed it with up with *Lost Along The Way* and more recently, last year's *Longbourn State Of Mind* which was no doubt her popular most book to date. *Longbourn State Of Mind* tells the story of the Bennet's, A rich southern family from Covington, Louisiana. The Bennet siblings ooze southern charm and values while Mrs. Bennet and her husband "Bossman" give a bit of background and insight to the tough as nails Elizabeth Bennet, the stories main character. As you read on you feel as if you are right there on Longbourn Ranch as drama unfolds turning into a powerful love story. While this story also shows themes of *Pride and Prejudice*, I found myself comparing it to my favorite Tennessee Williams play *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

When I asked her if she had any advice for aspiring writers, she said, "It's important that everyone has a story to tell - something worth further examination, something that other people should be a witness to. Bringing that to life is exceptionally powerful...valuable. It's incredibly terrifying to put yourself - your own life out there for everyone to read, judge and critique. At the same time it's thrilling. Also, surround yourself with people that will be honest with you. You want someone who will tell you straight up if something is bad. Your mom doesn't count. Your mom will continue to tell you that you're the best at everything. That's what moms do. Find someone else."

"I hope people can recognize that I'm just a girl from small town Nebraska, and if I can negotiate the waters of writing a book, then maybe they'll be inspired to tell their story too."

Becky is continuing to live the dream. Her latest book, *The Kind and Miss Clark*, is due to be published in early March and she is working on her fifth untitled book, knitting, crafting and cooking all while preparing for the new addition to her family set to arrive this summer.

You can find all of Rebecca's books at www.amazon.com

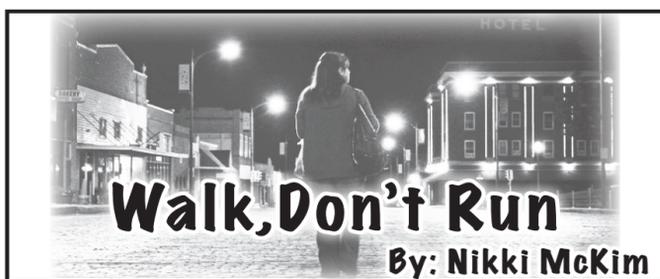
Prayer for Christian Unity

Eighteen congregations and 14 pastors of Christian denominations are scheduled to come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the First Christian Church in Falls City.

The service will be held as part of the area's observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25, a week marked in cities and towns across the country and around the world.

The theme for the 2013 observance is "What Does God Require of Us?" The theme and text for each year's observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are chosen and prepared by representatives of the World Council of Churches. The international texts are developed, adapted and published for use in the USA by the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute.

The public is cordially invited to participate.



I toyed with not writing a column this week because I devoted most of my weekend to writing a story about my friend Becky Cooper-Thumann. But as I sit here I decided to give you a bit of our history together. To put it best, some of my favorite "tween" memories were spent with her and her family in their amazing farmhouse just south of Dawson. It was always a magical place for me as a kid. Her parents sort of adopted me for a few years, and my parents did the same with her. We spent nearly every waking moment together through Junior High.

When Becky wrote her first book, she mentioned that there would be one story that I would find pretty familiar and amusing. As I read her book *The London Chronicles* I laughed out loud and shuddered a bit as I was instantly 13 again. That summer Becky and I were at the Cooper farm, home alone watching a movie. One of us, I am guessing it was probably me because I was more than a bit on the ornery side, suggested we make some red Kool-Aide. What we didn't think of was how the red Kool-Aide would mix with the white carpet in the event of a spill. We soon found out that it isn't good. It was just bad. We were in a panic as we scrambled to clean it before her parents got home. Cut to; me being driven home on the verge of tears because I was certain her parents hated me and I would never be welcomed back. Luckily I was welcomed back but now over 15 years later I still shudder in terror when I see her mom. Now we can laugh and write about it but I'm not sure I really ever formally apologized to her mom. So, Nancy I am very sorry! As a mother to a child who has in fact repeated his mother's red Kool-Aide on white carpet history, I understand and I am forever grateful that you didn't ban me from your home forever!

I often think of my time in the Cooper home standing around the kitchen island laughing while Roger, Becky's dad needled me about how my black toe nail polish looked like fungus. How Nancy was often cleaning while listening to Garth or George or reading in their bright living room where you could look out the front window and see for miles. Becky and I were often discussing boys in her purple bedroom, bottle feeding Norman the calf or spending hours on the trampoline. It was a great time. I wonder if our parents ever realize how grateful we are for the time we spent at each other's houses. I hope when Alex gets older he finds a best friend whose parents are as welcoming and warm as the Cooper's were to me and vice versa. It's times like these that shape who we will be in life and how we treat others. It also needs to be said that Becky did help me get over my fear of writing this column.

This weekend Brian and I made our way to Missouri for a movie. I've really wanted to see "Lincoln" and finally found time to do so. I was blown away. Based on the book *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, "Lincoln" tells the story of our sixteenth President as he seeks to get the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution through the House of Representatives. I found Daniel Day-Lewis' portrayal of Lincoln to be fascinating and very humanizing. It was easy to forget this was an actor who was playing Abraham Lincoln and not Lincoln himself. Tommy Lee Jones plays fellow Republican Thaddeus Stevens who believes in racial equality in the eyes of God, not as the amendment suggests, before the law. Again, the portrayal of Stevens is very humanizing and you come to feel for these men as they argue and battle throughout the film. There were a few laughs as Lincoln halts during a very busy and tense night to start to tell a humorous story, infuriating Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton. I also found humor in James Spader's character who plays a crucial part in ending slavery.

While we all know what happened with both President Lincoln and the thirteenth amendment, I have to admit that it was hard (for me at least) not to sit and cry at the importance of the vote near the end and the untimely death of our sixteenth President. After nearly two and a half hours you feel for these characters and grow quite fond of most of them. I have found myself now looking at Abraham Lincoln as more of a human being, husband, and father rather than just the legend he has become. I predict good things at the Oscars this year for the entire cast. I haven't seen a (current) film that really made an impact on me like this one has. So, I am recommending if you get the chance to see it, please do. It was just wonderful!

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Big Red

By Sean Stevens

(Falls City native and former staff writer for HuskerIllustrated.com and Rivals.com)

New Commits

Nebraska's been busy recruiting since the Capital One Bowl, pulling in three new commitments. Specifically the Huskers have hit the state of Florida hard, hosting a coaching clinic in Orlando during bowl practice attended by over 150 coaches.

Dominic Walker (6-2/195) of Orlando, Fla. pledged to Nebraska in early December but kept it quiet until he could announce publically at the Offense-Defense Bowl. With his size, Walker reminds some of current NU wideout **Quincy Enunwa**. Among 20-plus suitors, the Huskers beat out Florida, Florida State, Miami and Penn State for Walker's pledge.

Defensive tackle is a position that NU has emphasized heavily this year. Although they missed on several early-enrollee JUCOs, they did add two high school pledges this past week in **Kevin Maurice** (6-3/270) of Orlando, Fla. and **Maliek Collins** (6-2/285) of Kansas City, Mo.

Maurice was first-team all-state in Florida's largest classification after recording 70-plus tackles, nine sacks, two forced fumbles, and 27 tackles for loss. He flew under the radar because this was his first season focusing on defense only. Previously Maurice had played both sides of the ball, but in Florida that's a heavy task. His film shows an extremely explosive player who beats double- and triple-teams and runs down players in the backfield. He turned down offers from Boston College and Wake Forest, and was considering visiting North Carolina State as well.

Collins is also a wrestler, which often translates to good defensive line play because of the understanding of leverage a wrestler develops. He also runs a 4.83-second 40-yard dash. Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas and Missouri were also in heavy pursuit, but Collins' unofficial visit to Lincoln in October combined with home visits from coaches John Garrison and Rick Kaczynski gave the Huskers the edge.

Both Maurice and Collins are likely redshirt candidates, and NU will pursue at least one more defensive tackle. The top remaining candidates are **Ben Bradley** (6-2/302) and **Toby Johnson** (6-4/310) of Hutchinson, Kan. C.C. and **Elijah Qualls** (6-1/282) of Petaluma, Calif.

Qualls is an intriguing Washington commit who plays fullback in high school. He's committed to the Huskies; however NU and UCLA will get January visits and an opportunity to flip him.

Who's next?

West Hills, Calif. speedster **Terrell Newby** (5-10/185) is down to Nebraska and UCLA and will announce his decision Jan. 7 or 8. Newby, the No. 67 player overall nationally according to Rivals, hosted Nebraska's offensive coordinator Tim Beck, running backs coach Ron Brown and area recruiter Rich Fisher Saturday after previously hosting UCLA head coach Jim Mora, Jr. on Friday.

The Huskers have been a leader for Newby since offering him last summer, but the hometown Bruins will be tough to beat. I believe it's a 55-45 percent lead for NU, but they'll need to focus on Newby until Signing Day because UCLA won't give up.

Tampa, Fla. defensive end **Ernest Suttles** (6-5/230) is committed to Iowa State, but plans to visit Lincoln after the Huskers offered last week. TCU, Missouri and Kentucky are also involved.

Suttles explodes off the ball and has closing speed that NU wants from its defensive ends. Pulling any Florida commitment away from Iowa State coach Paul Rhodes is difficult, but Nebraska needs pass rushers.

Defensive end **Jaylen Miller** (6-3/255) of Gaffney, SC recorded 24.5 sacks as a senior and recently received an NU offer. He also claims tenders from Florida and LSU, and will visit Georgia Tech, Wake Forest and Maryland. Miller told 247Sports.com that he hopes to visit Lincoln Feb. 1.

Upcoming Visitors

January 11 will be a big weekend in Lincoln as the Big Red will host three uncommitted prospects.

Wide receiver **James Clark** (5-11/170) of New Smyrna Beach, Fla. brings elite speed at receiver, having run an electronically-timed 10.43-second 100 meter dash and 21.51-second 200. Clark visited NU's bowl practices in Orlando, and will also officially visit Texas and Rutgers after already tripping to Northwestern and Purdue. Clark sports offers from Auburn, Miami, Notre Dame and Penn State, but a recent tender from Florida may be too much for NU to overcome. Hopefully he has a good visit and the lure of playing with friends Walker and Maurice weighs heavy in his choice.

Tight ends **Brandon Vandenburg** (6-6/260) of Palm Desert, Calif. College of the Desert and **Cethan Carter** (6-3/240) of Metairie, La. will also be in town.

Vandenburg is NU's top target, and the JUCO could offer help immediately next fall. He's also considering Tennessee, Arkansas and Vanderbilt and will visit all three after his trip to Lincoln.

Carter will also visit LSU and Louisiana-Lafayette, both of whom have offered, although LSU's is a greyshirt which may play to Nebraska's favor.

Offensive tackle **Matt Finnin** (6-8/330) will visit Jan. 18. He has already tripped to Kansas and Maryland and will also visit Oklahoma and Marshall before making his choice.

Nebraska 2014

One of the launching pads for high school juniors looking for national attention is the Army All-American Junior Combine in San Antonio, Texas. A number of Nebraska players performed well this year.

Leading the pack was Millard West defensive end **Harrison Phillips** (6-3/248), who recorded the second most bench press repetitions with 30 at 185 pounds, a 4.5-second shuttle run and a 30-inch vertical leap. Phillips has an offer from South Dakota State, and is receiving interest from Wisconsin, Iowa, Arizona State and Michigan. I expect Nebraska to offer soon, but Phillips is not a lock to accept immediately.

Creighton Prep quarterback **Easton Stick** (6-1/185) and receiver **R.J. Urzendowski** (6-0/178) also performed well, each sporting a 36-inch vertical leap. Reports from the one-on-one competitions were that they both stood out.

Lincoln Southeast athlete **Luke Gifford** (6-3/195) recorded a 33-inch vertical leap. Gifford plays receiver and safety, but competed as a defensive back in San Antonio and more than held his own with an interception and a couple of pass breakups.

The 2014 class continues to build momentum, with at least seven prospects I believe could receive BCS offers.

Early Enrollees

With the start of second semester, NU welcomed offensive tackle **David Knevel** (6-9/285) of Brantford, Ontario, linebacker **Courtney Love** (6-1/225) of Youngstown, Ohio and safety **DJ Singleton** (6-2/190) of Jersey City, NJ to campus. All three will go through winter conditioning and spring practice, and Singleton should compete for playing time next fall as NU graduates three senior safeties.



Photo by Jim Langan

Richardson County Court Clerk Magistrate Nancy Deklotz swears in Jim Standerford (middle) of Humboldt, and David Sickel (right) of Falls City at a ceremony last week. The newly elected Standeford takes over for Bill Ely, who retired his position this last election cycle.

Master gardener training offered

UNL Extension is again offering Master Gardener Training in SE Nebraska. The program is a horticulture-related volunteer training program based in many counties throughout the state. It has been part of UNL Extension since 1976.

Master Gardener volunteers are trained by UNL Extension faculty and staff. They contribute time as volunteers working through their local Extension office to provide horticulture-related information to their community. More specifically, they provide education about sustainable horticultural practices.

Participants are required to complete 40 hours of training and 40 hours of volunteer service during the initial year of their involvement in the program. Master Gardener volunteers retain

their certification through annual training and volunteering.

Some of the topics that could be covered are: Plant functions and the growing environment, Insect identification and management, Turfgrass management, Plant Diseases and Management, Weed identification and management, Trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plant selection and management, Wildlife management, Landscape design and management, Water conservation and management and many more.

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, and is scheduled to begin on Feb. 12 and be completed on May 14. The first six topics will be delivered across Nebraska through a webinar. Other classes will be face-to-face meetings held in Auburn in Nemaha County and Nebraska City in Otoe County.

This is the third Master Gardener class held in SE Nebraska in recent years. Cost of this program is \$150 and includes the Master

Gardener Training manual plus a number of other resources from UNL Extension.

For questions or to register for the Master Gardener Program, contact Vaughn Hammond, Extension Educator at the Kimmel Education and Research Center at (402) 873-3166 or Gary Lesoing, Extension Educator in Nemaha County at (402) 274-4755.

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Bill Ely gets a big laugh as he's 'roasted' by former Chairman of the Richardson County Commissioners Jim Sefried. Ely was honored with a reception on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 2, in the

District Courtroom at the Courthouse. He served as District 3 Commissioner from Jan. 4, 2001, to Jan. 2, 2013. Ely did not seek re-election in November.

Public Record

County Court Waivers (Court costs not included)
James Keller, speeding (6-

10), fined \$25.

Spencer W. Lindsay, speeding (21-35), fined \$200.

Logan A. Bucher, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Charles S. Morgan, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Al I. Debuhr, speeding (6-10), fined \$25.

Melvin Joyce, speeding (6-10), fined \$25.

Logan D. Vonderschmidt, two counts of no valid registration, fined total of \$50.

Keri M. Hoyt, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Chad J. Broer, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.

Jill C. Huber, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Caden Rauner, bald or improper use of tires, fined \$25.

Shari L. Nicolay, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Donna M. Pfohl, unlawful/fictitious display of plates, fined \$50.

Kendra A. Clifton, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

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Can you imagine living in a land of cold, snow and ice all year long? The coldest areas of the world are the Polar regions, North and South. Greenland, Siberia, Alaska and Canada are close to the North Pole. Antarctica is the land mass that surrounds the South Pole.

People started exploring these lands of cold, snow and ice many years ago. In the area of the North Pole, people came to find new trade routes to the Far East. Some explorers wanted to be the first to reach the poles. Many kept written records of their observations.

Today, scientists study weather patterns, glacial movement and animal life in the Polar regions. These lands give clues to the Ice Ages, during which a large part of the Earth's surface was covered with ice!

Lands of Ice and Snow!

Can you read these clues and fill in the puzzle with the "icy" items?

- "safest ship in the world," sunk by hitting an iceberg
- glass tube with special liquid that rises and falls with the temperature
- huge area of North Asia, Husky dogs
- Mount _____ is the highest peak in North America, its temperature has plunged as low as -75° F.
- the world's largest land meat eater, lives in the arctic circle
- this country's name is sneaky, it is actually covered in ice
- a native people of Canada, Alaska: Inuit; Yupik
- chunk of a glacier broken off at ocean's edge; only 1/8 can be seen above the water
- large cracks in the ice
- over thousands of years, snow hardens into thick mass of slow-moving ice
- continent surrounding South Pole, has the largest sheet of ice in the world
- northern neighbor of the U.S.A.
- time periods during which a large part of Earth's surface was covered in ice
- flightless birds that are known for living in cold places
- group that might use an icebreaker to save an icebound ship

Print out our new puzzles: **Animals Of Cold Lands, Budgeting for a Get-Together, and A New Year!** www.readingclubfun.com **Free Puzzles**

+ C Items!

There are lots of "icy" items. Can you help little penguin catch them? **Find and circle them in the puzzle.**

ice skates	ice cream	ice hockey	icebreaker
ice sheet	ice cave	ice fishing	iceboating
ice caps	iceland	iceberg	icehouse
ice pick	ice milk	ice pack	ice storm

If you visit Mount Rainier National Park in the state of Washington or Yosemite National Park in California... ...you will learn about the Ice Ages. You will see signs of a time when it was "winter" all year long!

Really? Not even a worm?

On April 6, 1909, **Robert Peary** and his team were the first men to reach the **North Pole**. Time for lunch!

Later, on December 14, 1911, **Roald Amundsen**, from Norway, and his team were the first to reach the **South Pole**. Time to hop! Uh-oh!

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Society

Humane Society

Members of the Humane Society met for their December meeting and also election of officers was held.

President Ardis Ramsey called the meeting to order with seven members present; Beverly Kimmel led in prayer; Julie Proper gave the secretary's report, it was approved as read; Bud Berwick gave the treasurer's report, it was also approved as read.

Unfinished business was the Thriven for Lutherans open house/fundraiser. The Humane Society won the contest for donations, a big thank you to all that donated to our cause. We are thankful for groups like Thrivent - they help so many, including us, thank you!

The officer election and board members stayed the same: President Ardis Ramsey, Vice-President Marian Vernon, Secretary Julie Phroper and Treasurer and Chairlady Beverly Kimmel, and Treasurer Bud Gerweck. We thank them for their service.

Under new business is the payment for our new program, "Adopt a Virtual," a great way to sponsor a pet if you can't adopt. For a \$25 donation, you get their picture and their story.

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The animal report entailed several adoptions: Baby Girl, a spunky Chihuahua; Petey, an American Bulldog; Hugo, a sweet chocolate Lab; Jasmine, an older kitty; and a sweet kitten, Sandy, was also adopted.

A guinea pig was dumped off at the Shelter - luckily he didn't freeze before someone came out.

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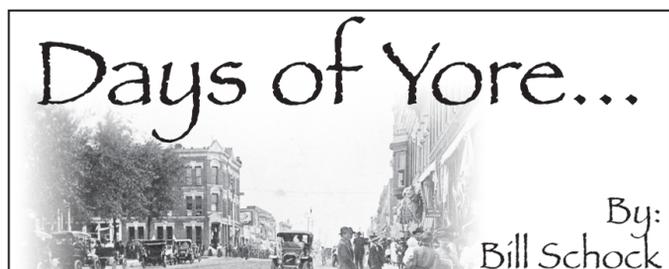
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50 Years Ago
(Jan. 7-12, 1963)

The FC Police Dept. had mailed out 150 notices to motorists who had failed to pay parking fines. The FCPD reported that one, alone, had ignored 50 parking tickets.

Elaine Avery, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Avery, of Bratton Union, was awarded a Regent Scholarship from the University of Nebraska.

Mike "Big M" Simon scored 31 points, leading FC Sacred Heart to a 63-49 victory over Fairview, KS, at Tiehen Gym. Bob Majerus added 15 points. It was the team's fifth victory in a row.

Ernie Strasil was held to just five points, but Ben Maze scored 10 and Chick James added nine as the Tiger men escaped from Tecumseh with a 38-35 victory. Gary Schacht nailed a free throw in the waning seconds to ensure the win.

The new instrumental and vocal music department addition at Falls City High School, located on the north side of the school, was nearly complete. The construction, which cost \$56,035, was being completed by Bohrer Bros.

U.S. military advisers complained bitterly about the poor performance of South Vietnamese troops in their battle against Viet Cong guerrillas.

Nebraska Gov. Morrison proclaimed Jan. 21-26 "Cornhusker Appreciation Week" in recognition of the "fine" 1962 NU football team and its head coach, Bob Devaney. "Whereas the Cornhuskers have regained the glory that once was theirs and have again brought national recognition to our state and whereas under the brilliant guidance of Bob Devaney and his staff we believe the Cornhuskers will maintain their fine record, I am pleased to proclaim Cornhusker Appreciation Week."

Elias M. Bachman, Rulo, was chairman of the County Board.

Detroit Lion Alex Karras fought the organization's attempt to force him to sell his share of a tavern. Said the Lions' GM: "I don't like the idea of a player owning a part of a bar where he might run into undesirable people." (ED NOTE - Or even punch a horse.)

Stephenson Rexall Drug advertised a free box of facial tissues with the purchase of a new, 69-cent toothbrush.

Armbruster Motors advertised a 1963 Dodge 330 two-door sedan, loaded with an automatic transmission, radio, heater, whitewall tires, wheel covers and both front and rear bumper guards for \$2,650.15.

A dog catcher in Ware, MA, resigned after 10 days on the job after he was twice bit by the first dog he apprehended.

Dawson-Verdon moved into a tie for first place in the Richardson County Conference with a 55-49 win over Stella. Terry Thacker scored 16 for the Jets.

Cathy McKim was elected president of the O da ko Camp Fire group at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Boy Scout Court of Honor of Troop 391 was held at Tiehen Gym. John Simon led the Pledge of Allegiance. Simon, Bill Otto, Dan Hulbert, Mike Obert, Tom Dunbar, Bill Hill, Pat Brennan, Kenneth Swanson, Mike Schawang, Dick Hall, John Chaney and Raymond Metzner all earned awards.

Gambles advertised used merchandise, including a washer for \$7.77, televisions for \$16.66 and a two-piece living room set for 59 cents.

Morehead Auto Co. advertised a 1958 Ford Fairlane for \$895.

Stork report: Daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Merz; daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ebel.

25 Years Ago

Chris "Mad Dog" White, son of Ron and Mary White, was Jr. Rotarian of the Month.

\$225,825 had been pledged or paid in cash toward the campaign for a Community Health and Fitness Center.

Ye Ole Tyme Saloon advertised turkey fries for \$4.50.

You could pick up a 12-pack of Hamm's at the Bottle Shop for \$3.60.

The Falls City Oasis volleyball team wrapped up an unbeaten regular season by beating Tecumseh 3-1. Team members: Kate Sells, Connie Kreifels, Jeannie Christiansen, Cindy Farmer, Sue Harmon, Lori Haring, Kim Oliver, Deb Witt and Linda Santo.

"Pistol" Pete Maravich died suddenly during a pick-up basketball game in L.A. at the age of 40.

A birthday party for two-year-old Charlie Hankins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hankins, was held.

Diane Nichols, daughter of LeRoy and Marilyn Nichols, graduated from the College of Hair Design in Lincoln.

Charlie Leibbrandt became the highest-paid starting pitcher in KC Royals history, signing a contract worth \$1.25 million per year.

The FC Jaycees announced the addition of the "Good Neighbor Award" to their annual DSA banquet.

The FCHS wrestling team finished runner-up at the Omaha St. Joseph's Tournament, with Josh Caverzagie (125), Dennis Mez (140) and Jason Mez (171) capturing titles.

160 acres of land located 1 1/2 miles east of Shubert sold for \$625 per acre.

David Finck scored 27 points and pulled down 21 rebounds in FC Sacred Heart's 99-45 win at Table Rock. The Irish owned a 77-20 edge on the glass!

15 Years Ago

The State Board of Trustees voted to seek legislature approval to move Peru State College to Nebraska City. State Sen. Floyd Vrtiska met with Gov. Ben Nelson and fought to keep the campus in Peru.

Hannah Glathar, 13, of Humboldt, was injured when a Southeast Consolidated School bus was involved in a traffic accident at an intersection of a county road and Highway 75, about 4 1/2 miles north of Dawson.

Journal Athletes of the Week: Katina Lockard, Southeast, and Brian Lemerond, FC Sacred Heart.

PSC basketball player Celeste Nolte was named the Midwest Independent Region Player of the Week after averaging 20.5 points and 10 rebounds per game at the Midland Lutheran Holiday Tourney.

Danitra Dill Lenard, a 1995 FCHS grad, was a featured contestant on the "Price is Right" TV show.

SE Consolidated three-sport standout Janelle Findlay signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Peru State College.

FCHS students Kristi Huppert and Karrie Kennedy were Jr. Rotarians of the Month.

Obituaries

Joseph R. Tichy

Joe Tichy, 76, of Humboldt, passed away Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Center in Syracuse.

He was born May 31, 1936 in Pawnee City.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013, at the Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt, with Pastor Ken Tubbesing officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at Wherry Mortuary. Family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. Interment will be at the Bohemian National Cemetery, south of Humboldt.

Memorials contributions may be given to the ZCJB Hall or to the Bohemian National Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to www.wherrymortuary.com

Earl L. Rieger

Earl L. Rieger, 93, of Falls City, died here Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013.

He was born Sept. 24, 1919, at Falls City, the son of the late Otto C. and Lydia L. (Werner) Rieger.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon (Alvin) Comer, Omaha, and Catherine (Frank) Palmer, Falls City, a son, Leonard (Susan) Rieger, Rulo, six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

The body of Mr. Rieger has been cremated and memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Bethel United Methodist Church, with Pastor Karla Shafer officiating. Inurnment will be in the Bethel-Zion Cemetery, northeast of Falls City.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Catherine and Frank Palmer, 1713 Towle St.

Dorr & Clark Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Elsworth L. Abbott

Elsworth L. Abbott, 91, of Falls City, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, at Auburn.

He was born Dec. 27, 1921, at Smith Center, KS, the son of the late Jarrott E. and Lissie V. (Warner) Abbott.

He entered the U.S. Army on Nov. 2, 1944, at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and was discharged Oct. 18, 1946, at the Separation Center, Ft. Dix, NJ. Elsworth served in the European Theater and was recovering from injuries when the war in Europe ended.

Elsworth was a member of the Shrine Clowns and the Rag Top Unit, as well.

His daughter, Shirley Diaz, Humboldt, 20 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren survive him.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife, daughters Judith Niemeyer and Charlene Fahrmeyer, sons Marvin and William Hinton, a grandchild in infancy and two sisters, Elsie Turner and Lilda Lutz.

The body of Mr. Abbott has been cremated and memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, with Pastor Victor Haworth officiating. Inurnment will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Dorr & Clark Funeral Home.

Fern E. Huber

Fern E. Huber, 78, of Falls City, passed away Saturday, Dec. 29, at Creighton Hospital in Omaha.

Fern Elaine (Keithley) Huber, daughter of Emerson John Keithley and Mildred Ethel (Watton) Keithley, was born Feb. 27, 1934 on a farm in rural Shubert. Fern was baptized and confirmed at St. Anne's Catholic Church near Shubert.

She attended District 18 rural school and graduated from Falls City High School in 1951. Fern was united in marriage to John J. Huber on June 27, 1953 by Fr. John Flynn at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Falls City. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters and Altar Society. She was preceded in death by her parents, and son, James David Huber.

She is survived by her hus-

band, John, of Falls City; children, Peggy (Dave) Kuser, of Auburn, Hope Schawang, and Beth (Mark) Meyer, both of Falls City, Jack Huber, of Osage Beach, MO, Ted (Susan) Huber, of Kearney; 12 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren; brothers, Lowell (Merilyn) Keithley, of rural Falls City, Leon Keithley, of Verdon; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Rosary was held Jan. 2 and funeral Mass Jan. 3 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Falls City. Inurement followed at the Catholic Cemetery in Falls City. Monsignor Robert Roh conducted the services.

Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home of Falls City. For more information at www.hall-funeral.net

Harold 'Lloyd' Heim

Harold Lloyd Heim, 95, of Fremont, a native of Dawson, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012.

He was born at Dawson on May 3, 1917, the son of Emerson and Viola DuFrane Heim. He attended Dawson schools, the University of Nebraska and Peru State Teachers College. Lloyd taught in several Iowa and Nebraska schools.

On June 12, 1940, he married Charlotte Moorman. He was drafted into the Army at age 28 and served during the last year of World War II. After his discharge, he and his family moved to Dawson to the family farm. Lloyd farmed and taught ag classes, under the G.I. Bill, to farmers who had been in the armed services during the war.

The family moved to Omaha in 1961, where Lloyd began his career as a farm manager. Charlotte died three months after the move to Omaha. Lloyd's second marriage was to Alice Jane Flebbe. After her death, he moved to Fremont.

Lloyd traveled to 48 states and to Europe, and was very involved in volunteer work through the years. At an early age he attended his first Nebraska football game with his dad, and was a life-long fan.

He is survived by two sisters, Ruth Brown, Norfolk, and Shirley (Neal) Pierce, Salem, OR, children, Charol (Dan) Pleiss and Doug (Judy) Heim, Omaha, Don Heim, Simla, CO, and Barbara (Gary) Schacht, Beatrice, step-children, Pam Brandin, Palo Alto, CA, Liz (Dick) Whitney, Arlington Heights, IL, and Dick (Vanessa) Flebbe, Omaha, 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

His spouses, Charlotte Moorman Heim and Alice Jane Heim, two brothers, Vern and Dale, and a step-daughter, Sandy Chambers, preceded Lloyd in death.

A funeral service was held Jan. 5 at Braman Mortuary in Omaha, with a graveside service at the Heim Cemetery in Dawson.

Beth E. Mumm

Beth E. Mumm, 94, of Falls City, died here Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013.

She was born Feb. 19, 1918, at Chester, NE, the daughter of the late Edwin and Mildred (Hutson) Bostelman.

Beth is survived by a daughter, Sondra Baker, Ontario, CA, a son, Mick (Patricia) Mumm, Plattsburg, MO, 12 grandchildren and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lyle K. Schoen officiating.

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Photo by Jim Langan

RUN AND GUN. Lane Barnhill, who scored 14 of his game-high 16 points in the first half of FCSH's Friday night 56-34 dismantling of Diller-Odell at Prichard Auditorium, beats a Griffin player to the ball. Other Irish players pictured, from left: Chaz Dunn, Brady Cromer and Clay Finck.

HTRS girls 1-9

Humboldt-TR-S dropped a pair of games last week, losing last Thursday at Auburn, 41-24, and then to visiting Sterling, 65-18, Saturday.

The Lady Titans were held to just 8-of-47 from the floor in Saturday's loss and no player scored more than four points. Senior Liz Railsback and junior Mollee Sharpe each grabbed six rebounds against the Jets. In the loss to Auburn, Railsback had a team-high 12 points and six rebounds.

HTRS, now 1-9 on the season, is the No. 6 seed in this week's Mudecas Tourney in Beatrice. They face No. 3 Johnson-Brock last night. A win in that game would square them up with either No. 2 Johnson County Central or No. 7 Lewistown Thursday afternoon at 3:30. A loss against J-B and HTRS plays at 5:15 Friday.

Scheitel, NWU to face Beranek, Doane

The Nebraska Wesleyan men's basketball team fell to 8-6 overall and 3-6 in the GPAC Saturday with a 103-97 double-overtime loss to Dakota Wesleyan at Mitchell, S.D. NWU had won three in a row, dating back to Dec. 12.

Former FC High standout Trent Scheitel scored eight points and pulled down a team-high eight boards in the loss. The 6-foot-5 junior forward has started six games this winter but came off the bench Saturday. He currently leads the team with 6.5 rebounds per game.

Wesleyan travels to Crete Wednesday for a big showdown with 16-3 Doane, where Scheitel will face former rival Nick Reed of Syracuse. Reed is averaging nearly 17 points per game for the Tigers, but Doane is led by heralded star Connor Beranek. The freshman from Ravenna is scoring nearly 18 ppg. while making nearly 50 percent of his three-point shots (38-of-77).

Goltz: 'Mudecas tougher than state tourney'

By Jim Langan

"Plenty of Goliath's" would be a good way to describe what the FC Sacred Heart boy's basketball team has in front of them this week.

The Mudecas Tournament, which began last night and is

held annually in Beatrice, is as tough, top to bottom, as it has been in the last several years, particularly in the "A" division.

All eight teams have won at least eight games and each of them currently sit in the top-15 of the wild card standings in

their respective class.

"For a D2 school like us this is tougher than the state tournament," FC Sacred Heart Head Coach Doug Goltz said.

Specifically, Goltz pointed to the fact that there are rated teams from Class C2, D1 and D2 competing for the coveted Mudecas title.

"Whoever has a good week will end up winning it," Goltz said.

The Irish, who improved to 10-1 Friday with a 56-34 home win over Diller-Odell, earned the No. 2 seed and face No. 7 Parkview Christian (8-2) tonight at 5:15.

No. 1 seed Freeman, who stole a victory from the Irish a month ago in Falls City, are currently 10-0 and could be the best team in Class C2. Johnson County Central, the 4-seed, is 9-1 and was preseason sixth in Class C2. They face a 9-2 Bruning-Davenport-Shickley team in the first round tonight. BDS' losses have come against Kenessaw (11-0) and Giltner (9-1).

On the Irish's half of the bracket is No. 3 seed Pawnee City (9-2) who will face Sterling (9-3) this afternoon in their first round game. Pawnee City lost a double-overtime thriller to Freeman last week, while Sterling has won six in a row as they head into Mudecas.

Goltz said his team is getting better all the time, but still lacks consistency.

"We are improving" Goltz

said. "We aren't as consistent as we need to be offensively and defensively, but I like our balance."

Lane Barnhill scored 14 of his game-high 16 points in the first half to help the Irish build a 36-13 halftime lead. Matt Goltz, who got into some foul trouble early, responded with 12 second-half points and finished with 16 for the game to go along with six boards. Clay Finck and Chaz Dunn added eight points each. Dunn also grabbed six rebounds and handed out six assists. Brady Cromer, Jarod Fiegenger, Barnhill and Finck each added four rebounds and helped the Irish to a 32-19 advantage on the glass.

Scoring vs. D-O

FCSH - Dunn, 8; Finck, 8; Goltz, 16; Barnhill, 16; La. Scheitel, 2; Cromer, 6.

D-O - Weers, 6; Meyer, 9; McMurray, 3; Hroch, 3; Kostal, 13.



Photo by Jim Langan

FCSH junior Jarod Fiegenger helped the Irish own a commanding 32-19 rebounding edge Friday against Diller-Odell.

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FC first in state to 13 wins

Just nine Nebraska teams still unbeaten

By Jim Langan

Falls City High's win total became a baker's dozen Saturday night with a gritty 49-34 victory over visiting Marysville, KS. Now 13-0, the Tigers currently have the most wins in the state and are one of only nine teams still undefeated.

The school-record start to the season was set last Thursday night in Falls City when the Tigers defeated Johnson-Brock 52-31. That win improved the Tigers to 12-0 and bested a nearly 74-old record.

The 1939 Tiger team, led by Nebraska High School Hall of Fame Coach John "Jug" Brown, started their season 11-0 before losing to Creighton Prep, 21-20, in front of 750 people at Prichard Auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1939.

An excerpt from the story, "Creighton Prep edges Brownies" dated Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1939: "In a thrilling engagement that kept the spectators in an uproar from the opening whistle, Creighton Prep snapped the Falls City victory string at 11 by scoring in the last 20 seconds of play to annex a 21-20 triumph here Tuesday night...Bob Heinzelman, Falls City forward, who carried off laurels of the evening (10 points), almost transformed defeat into victory in the last five seconds of play when he shot from close range. The ball hit the backboard, dropped on the ring, then fell outside the hoop to the floor."

Falls City fell behind early Saturday to the Bulldogs and trailed 12-9 after the first quarter, but responded with a 14-5 second quarter to grab momentum back before the break.

The Tiger backcourt of Mitchell Harling and Jordy Stoller each hit a timely 3-point basket in that second quarter to spur the run. Stoller scored eight of his 10 points in the first half.

Harling again played well when his team needed him the most. The junior guard finished with a game-high 19 points, but 10 of those came in the fourth quarter.

Cord Huettner scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds and Reese Hogue and Jack Hartman each recorded six boards.

Huettner, Hogue, Hartman and Wade Witt did a stellar job on the big, physical Marysville frontcourt of Kaleb Koerperich (6-3), Garrett Kort (6-3) and Garrison Wright (6-5). The Bulldog's trio inside combined to shoot only 10-of-24 from the floor.

Win number 14 will not be easy as perennially tough Maryville, MO, comes to town Friday night. Tip-off for the boy's game is approximately 7:30 (following the girls game).

Scoring vs. J-B

FC - Stoller, 9; Hartman, 8; Campbell, 8; Huettner, 7; Harling, 7; DiGiaco, 5; Hogue, 5; Wa. Witt, 3.

J-B - Sturgeon-Rieger, 12; Niedermeyer, 8; Stahl, 4; Buchmeier, 4; Koperski, 2; Ebeler, 1.

Scoring vs. Marysville

FC - Harling, 19; Huettner, 12; Stoller, 10; Hogue, 5; Hartman, 2; Campbell, 1.

MHS - Kort, 12; Koerperich, 9; G. Wright, 4; Griffie, 3; Crome, 2; Watts, 2; T. Wright, 2.



Photo by Jim Langan

UNDERCUT. Tiger junior Reese Hogue does his best to handle the contact from Garrett Kort of Marysville, KS, in the second quarter of Falls City's 49-34 victory Saturday. Hogue was fouled on the play and converted 1-of-2 free throws. He finished with five points and six boards. Tiger senior Cord Huettner is also pictured.



Photo by Jim Langan

FCHS sophomore Jack Hartman harrases Brandon Griffie of MHS as Griffie attempted to save the ball to a teammate. Hartman only scored two points, but recorded six rebounds and is quickly becoming one of the Tigers better defenders.

Cold shooting dooms Lady Tigers, now 7-5

A rough third quarter coupled with poor shooting ultimately doomed the Lady Tigers Saturday, as visiting Marysville, KS, held of Falls City High 51-41.

Falls City, now 7-5 on the season, trailed by just one at the break, 26-25, but was outscored 13-5 in the third and could not recover.

The Lady Tigers only converted 14-of-50 field goals and were just 7-for-13 at the free-throw line.

Claire Poppe finished with 19 points, including four 3-pointers, but was the only player in double figures for FC.

Three starters - Tressa Chandler, Sydney Armbruster and Baylee Vrtiska - just could not get the shots to fall and finished a combined 3-of-21 from the floor.

Brooke Scheitel scored eight points, Chandler had

a team-high eight rebounds and Vrtiska recorded four assists.

Last Thursday, FC defeated Johnson-Brock 43-22 in Falls City. Poppe led all players with 14 points, five steals and four assists. Scheitel added 10 points and nine rebounds, while Armbruster and Chandler each grabbed 11 boards.

The Lady Tigers host Maryville, MO, Friday and will look to avenge their OT loss to the Spoofhounds at the Bishop LeBlond Tourney Dec. 28.

FC scoring vs. Marysville: Scheitel, 8; Olberding, 4; Poppe, 19; Armbruster, 4; Vrtiska, 2; Chandler, 4.

FC scoring vs. Johnson-Brock: Eickhoff, 2; Scheitel, 10; Olberding, 3; Poppe, 14; Armbruster, 4; Vrtiska, 8; Chandler, 2.

FC wrestlers go 6-for-6 in medals at Ashland

The Falls City High wrestling team returned to action last Friday at the Ashland-Greenwood Tournament. A limited squad of only six wrestlers competed for the Tigers, but all six placed and accumulated 78 points, which was good enough for sixth in the team standings. York ran away with the team title with 223 points, 98 higher than second place Louisville.

Freshman Morgen Valentine captured his second tournament title of the season in Ashland and improved his record to 9-3. Valentine won a 2-0 decision over Cody Hopkins of Maple Valley Anthon Oto, IA, in his first match. He then pinned A-G's Jake Fox in 1:46 to reach the championship match where he defeated York's Shane Motsinger 9-5.

Three Tiger wrestlers placed third - seniors Dylan Ackerman (195 pounds), Jesse Butrick (126) and Wade Maddox (152). Ackerman was 3-1 on the day and is now 3-7 on the season. Butrick, improved to 8-3, with a 3-1 record Saturday, while Maddox also finished 3-1 in Ashland and is 10-6 on the season.

TIGER JV 7-1

The Falls City High junior varsity boys' team improved to 7-1 on the season with a 39-28 home victory over Marysville, KS, Saturday afternoon.

Zach Jordening led the Tigers with 12 points, three rebounds, four assists, six steals and a pair of blocks. Jordening finished 5-of-8 from the floor, including 2-for-4 from the 3-point line. Weston Witt chipped in nine points and Brandon Gibson added seven points and four assists.

Last Thursday the Tigers defeated visiting Johnson-Brock 34-9 in two quarters of action. Jordening led the way with a 11 points; Cody Schawang added eight points, three rebounds, two steals and two assists; Brenden Heckenlively scored five and Witt led the playmaking with four assists and four steals to go along with his five points.

Senior heavyweight Jeremy Zimmerman was 2-2 Saturday and is 4-6 overall and finally, 182-pound junior Chase Thompson, improved to 6-4 on the season with a 2-2 showing Saturday.

The Tigers travel to Maryville, MO, Thursday night for a double dual with Maryville and Sabetha, KS. Saturday they compete in the Marysville, KS, Invite.

Thursday, Jan. 17 is the Tiger grapplers only home dual and will also be Parent's Night. HTRS and Horton come to town for a double dual and action is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Titan wrestlers 5th

The Humboldt-TR-S/Pawnee City wrestling team returned from their holiday break with a 5th-place finish at Saturday's Malcolm Clipper Invite. The Titans finished with 97 points, one-half point better than Conestoga. Freeman edged Malcolm by four points (149-145) for the team championship.

Freshman Austin Tackett (132 pounds) and sophomore Ben Railsback (160) captured second-place finishes for the Titans, as they each went 4-1 on the day. All told, five of the eight Titan wrestlers placed in Malcolm. Junior heavyweight Jacob Moore went 3-2 for third place; sophomore Jacob Phelps (138) went 4-1, winning all four matches by pin to finish third; and 120-pound junior Anthony Jimenez won his first two matches, each by pin, but dropped his final three to finish in fourth. 170-pound Nate Wiers, the Titans lone senior, finished 2-3 in seventh place.

Interestingly, 19 of the 20 wins totaled by Titan wrestlers Saturday came via pins and only four of the 39 total matches went the distance.

Tackett, who improved to 14-5 on the season, reached the championship match by pinning his first four opponents before falling to Freeman's Brian Nieveen, 12-2, in the final.

Railsback, now 13-9 on the season, also pinned his way to the championship match, but fell to Freeman's Austin Ruskamp (2:48).

Other season records of those who competed Saturday: Jimenez (5-4), Moore (7-12), Phelps (12-8), Rohrs (0-16) and Wiers (5-8).

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A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Daniel Bryan, in Courtroom No. 301, 1700 Stone, Falls City, NE, on the 15 day of January, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the Court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Rachel Faye Foster to Rachel Faye Fritz.

Rachel Foster, petitioner 2109 Fulton Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-0076

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF SHYANN M. CANNON, Deceased Estate No. PR12-67

Notice is hereby given that on December 20, 2012, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Shirley F. Cannon whose address is 1618 Morton Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355 has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 28, 2013, or be forever barred.

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28-4-8

NOTICE OF HEARING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of January, 2013, at 8:45 a.m. the Richardson County Board of Equalization will hold a hearing to consider applications from the following organizations seeking tax exemption on motor vehicles:

Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Stella and First Baptist Church, Falls City.

The recommendations of the Richardson County Treasurer are available at the Office of the County Treasurer located in the Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska. ZNEZ

David D. Sichel, Chairman Richardson County Board of Commissioners

Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE TESTAMENTARY TRUST CREATED BY THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SYBIL G. HAMPTON, Deceased, being the SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST

Case No. PR96-060

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR REVIEW AND SETTLEMENT OF SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ACCOUNTING FROM OCTOBER 28, 2011 TO AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 27, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith, Co-Trustees, have filed an accounting and Petition for Review and Settlement of Sixteenth Annual Accounting From October 28, 2011 to and Including October 27, 2012. Hearing has been set to consider the accounting, petition and fees on February 6, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., Richardson County Court, in Falls City, Nebraska.

Dated: December 27th, 2012. SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith, Co-Trustees

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8-15-22

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF FALLS CITY PHARMACY, INC.

Pursuant to the Nebraska Business Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation hereby publishes notice of its voluntary dissolution. The dissolution of the corporation is effective December 31, 2012, pursuant to a resolution adopted unanimously by the shareholders of the corporation on December 21, 2012. All debts, obligation and liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged. Lori J. Rathje, President of the corporation, is the person who is to manage the affairs and distribute the assets of the corporation.

FALLS CITY PHARMACY, INC.

By: Lori J. Rathje, President Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Richard L. Halbert, #11659 Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C. Attorneys at Law 111 East 17th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 (402) 245-4486

8-15-22

Notice to Bidders

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Falls City, Nebraska, Gary Jorn, City Clerk at the City Building, 1820 Towle Street, until 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on Friday, January 18, 2013, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the remodeling of office building located at 2307 Barada.

The City will accept separate bids for electrical, mechanical and construction or a single bid for the complete project. Complete remodeling plans can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.

The City reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the City, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of (30) days after bids are opened.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk. 8

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 18, 2012 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012. Roll call was answered by Ely, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Ely. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Ely to approve the minutes of the Dec. 11, 2012, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the Dec. 11, 2012 Board of Equalization meeting as read. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse on the First Floor Lobby, the Commissioner's Meeting Room, the Third Floor of the Sheriff's Office and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Davidson to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:15 a.m. with Janice Wittwer of NE Dept. of Health & Human Services and with Charles Kurcz for the consideration of a General Assistance Claim and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Motion seconded by Ely. Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to close the executive session at 9:35 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Ely. Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR WATER CHILLER REPLACEMENT/COURTHOUSE AIR CONDITIONER

At 9:35 a.m. Chairman Sichel presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the Richardson County Courthouse Water Chiller Replacement Project. Bids were received from Midlands Mechanical, Inc. Lincoln for \$136,630.00; Jones Air Conditioning, Falls City for \$94,588.00; Mechanical Systems, Inc., Omaha for \$158,400.00.

Motion was made by Ely to accept all the bids received only for the purpose of further review by the Board and the engineer. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bids with the engineer, motion was made by Davidson to accept the bid received from Jones Air Conditioning, Falls City for \$94,588. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

SCOTT HUPPERT, HIGHWAY SUPT.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

Motion was made by Sichel to enter into a revised interlocal agreement with the City of Humboldt for the repairs, maintenance and construction of certain bridges and roads. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed the plans to replace the bridge that collapsed NW of Humboldt. Engineering plans will be developed by the firm of Speece-Lewis Engineers.

QUARTERLY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

At 10:30 a.m. Chairman Sichel declared that the quarterly safety committee meeting be opened. Those present were Commissioners Ely, Davidson and Sichel; Scott Huppert and Matt Cromer representing the Road and Bridge Department; Sheriff Houser, Tammie Becker, Courthouse maintenance and Jim Gerweck, EMA Director. The minutes of the August 7 meeting were read.

Mr. Huppert reported on the plans to place the fuel tanks outside the County Shop Buildings in a contained area. He also reported that crews are ready for the winter storms. Courthouse snow removal was discussed and the Board requested that the Road Department crews continue to clear the walks. Mr. Huppert also reported that they are continuing to have a few radio communication problems.

Matt Cromer reported that the tire truck needs to be replaced due to many items that need to be replaced on it including now the transmission. With the winter conditions drivers have been made aware that windows should be clean and to take every precaution while driving on hazardous road conditions.

Tammie Beckner, Courthouse maintenance reported that ice melt has been ordered for the Courthouse sidewalks for the winter weather.

Sheriff Houser reported that some electrical outlets were installed in the Third Floor Sheriff's Office. Discussion was also held on what minor improvements could be made to the jail cells to keep inmates from doing minor damages to the facility. Radio communications continue to be a problem. Sheriff Houser also brought to the attention of the group the recent school shooting in Connecticut and the problem with the radio communications between the Sheriff's Department and the City of Falls City Police in which currently are not able to communicate with their out-of-car radios/handheld radios.

Chairman Sichel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. The next quarterly safety committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

JUVENILE SERVICE COUNTY AID GRANT

County Attorney, Bob Meyer met with the Board to review the current 4 County Mentoring Program funded by the Juvenile Services grant funding through the Nebraska Crime Commission.

A letter was received from Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters regarding the lack of capacity to continue to coordinate all the activities that the NE Crime Commission requires with the grant funding including the development of the comprehensive juvenile services plan for the next three years. They will continue to serve the counties through the end of the current contract period of June 30, 2013 and will continue to monitor and supervise the matches that are in place at that time with no further expense.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve and enter into an Agreement with Johnson, Nemaha and Pawnee Counties and People United for Families, Inc. a Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation, to implement a four county juvenile service plan. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 22)

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

Agreement with EDGE for funding An agreement with EDGE for continued funding for FY2012-2013 was presented to the Board for consideration. The agreement will be considered at the next meeting.

Correspondence from NE State Auditor

Correspondence was received from the Nebraska State Auditor regarding the audit for the fiscal year end June 30, 2013, in which they have determined that it is necessary for their office to conduct. The maximum fee shall not exceed \$25,000.00 and they will only charge for actual work hours and actual expenses incurred.

Resolution 2012-2013-25 Subdivision

Motion was made by Sichel to approve a subdivision for Dan C. and Janet C. Wittwer located in S23, T1, R14 and to adopt Resolution 2012-2013-25. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 23)

NE Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

A notice was received that Kinderhook Dawson Production Co., Inc. has made application with the NE Oil & Gas Conservation Commission requesting authorization of said Class II-D Injection Well with the hearing set for January 22, 2013 at Sidney, NE.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant

Motion was made by Sichel to au-

thorize the County Board to submit a letter of support for the partnership of Nemaha Natural Resource District and the Five Rivers RC&D to seek grant funding for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held once per year in Richardson County for the next three years. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Cooperative Extension Board

Motion was made by Ely to approve the nominee of Robert White to the Richardson County Extension Board effective Jan. 1, 2013, to fill the vacancy of the position held by Vicky Yoesel whose term of the past six years has expired. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at (The office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

Table listing various fund items and amounts: Alamar Uniforms, serv.....613.42 American Family Life Ass., ins ..20.93 Ameritas, retire9,037.88 Armbruster Motor Co., serv65.00 Behavioral Interventions, serv .104.70 Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance38,958.87 James Cain, fee575.00 Orscheln's, supp26.47 Lindsay Chichester, reimb63.01 Denise Cook, reimb264.67 County Treasurer, reimb25.02 Data Max, supp25.39 Mary L. Eickhoff, reimb293.87 El Camino Electric LLC, serv ..301.90 Electrical Engineering & Equip., supp119.59 FC Auto Supply, supp351.68 Radio Shack & US Cellular, serv392.65 FC Family Practice, serv495.00 Family Medicine, serv149.00 Farm & City Supply, supp21.07 Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, serv957.27 Field & Stream, subscrip.....19.97 First Nat'l Bank & Trust Co., rent100.00 First State Bank, Humb Amb pymnt18,596.49 Neal Frost, reimb15.54 Humboldt Auto, supp15.98 Joyce Huppert, reimb39.96 Jones Air Conditioning, serv395.25 Kawres, serv384.00 George Ketter, reimb24.42 Kollasch Law Office, fee415.00 Linsali, contract.....1,300.00 Madison Nat'l Life, insur15.77 Meyer Home Center, serv348.66 Morrissey Morrissey & Dalluge, fee6,450.00 O'Keefe Elevator, serv297.88 Pocket Press, supp89.41 Postmaster, postage540.00 Quill, supp276.95 Sheriff petty cash, reimb612.08 Richardson County Vendor, FICA.....9,490.21 SE NE Communications, serv..469.19 Verizon Wireless, serv432.25 William VonSeggern, contract.....4,000.00 Wolfes, supp.....97.60 Vicky Yoesel, reimb8.88 Payroll Expense95,065.64 Total General Fund\$192,363.52

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Table listing various road and bridge fund items and amounts: Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc., serv29.80 Cat Financial Commercial, machine rebuild.....9,820.85 Cross Dillon Tire, supp5,970.00 First Nat'l Bank, truck lease25,739.58 Jim Hawk Truck Trailers Inc., parts.....1,114.23 Lawson Products, supp24.53 Martin-Marietta, rock.....18,600.83 NE Machinery Co., parts361.32 NPPD, serv50.75 OPPD, serv15.69 Operation & Exp. Acct., reimb ..32.10 Quill Corp., supp168.31 Sapp Bros., fuel29,216.28 Unifirst Corp., supp73.29 Union Bank & Trust Co., motor grader pymnt.....40,866.74 Payroll Expense35,678.65 Total Road & Bridge Fund\$174,926.12 Community Medical Center, serv75.00 Sheriff Petty Cash Fund, reimb....7.59 Total Chromatograph Fund\$82.59

STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND

Table listing various state institutions fund items and amounts: Dept. of Health & Human Services, serv360.00 Total State Institutions Fund\$360.00 NOXIOUS WEED FUND Payroll Expense260.00 Joseph Wittwer, reimb.....360.30 Joseph Wittwer260.00 Total Noxious Weed Control Fund\$360.30

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ely to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will not meet Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 due to the observance of Christmas or on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 due to the observance of New Year's Day and have scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sichel, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

NOTICE

The annual meeting and election of officers for the Verdon Rural Fire Protection District will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013, at the Fire Hall in Verdon.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Mildred F. DeRoin, Deceased. Estate No. PR12-68

Notice is hereby given that on December 26, 2012, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Antoinette Wintz whose address is 703 Pine Street, P.O. Box 33, Verdon, Nebraska 68457, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 4, 2013, or be forever barred. ZNEZ

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk of the County Court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case Number C112-222 IN RE NAME CHANGE OF Rachel Faye Foster

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of December, 2012, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Rachel Faye Foster to Rachel Faye Fritz.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Daniel Bryan, in Courtroom No. 301, 1700 Stone, Falls City, NE, on the 15 day of January, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the Court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Rachel Faye Foster to Rachel Faye Fritz.

Rachel Foster, petitioner 2109 Fulton Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-0076

18-28-4-8

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD W. FISCHER, DECEASED. CASE NO: PR12-64

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL & INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2012, 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 Kathy S. Rieschick, whose address is 70656 649 Avenue, 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 February 18, 2013, or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk/Registrar

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Resolutions for a New Year

By Senator Mike Johanns

This new year brings to Washington a fresh start. Last week, we welcomed to the 113th Congress many new faces, including my colleague Senator Deb Fischer.

I am proud to be joined by such a competent and capable leader who has aptly served Nebraska for years. I am confident Deb will bring the same passion to Capitol Hill, and I look forward to working with her to address the issues facing our state and country.

Although it's a new year and a new session, many of the important issues we must tackle are far from novel. Our country's debt has grown, and the government is spending more than it takes in. Our economy is still searching for traction, and many Americans remain unemployed or underemployed.

In 2013, Congress must resolve to make these issues the top priority. We cannot afford to let this opportunity to address the state of our economy slip away.

For my part, I will be joining the Senate Committee on Appropriations, which is directly involved in doling out and

reining in federal dollars for different government programs—I think it's time we do less of the former and more of the latter. We need to find places to trim the fat while ensuring important programs receive adequate resources. This will require difficult decisions by me and all of my colleagues in Congress—decisions that must be made.

I will also remain on the Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs and Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs committees, where I will continue to push for a new five-year farm bill, strengthen and improve services for our vets and fight for pro-growth financial reform policies.

The committee process is essential to the operation of the Senate. The most effective method for the Senate to get its work done in a timely manner is by debating and amending bills in committee, then allowing the full Senate an opportunity to debate and amend them. That's how the Senate is supposed to work and how potential new laws should be scrutinized. Unfortunately, for far too long Congress has failed to pass a budget. The result has been a sputtering Senate which lurches from one crisis to the next, often stalling until the last minute. Senators have been resigned to voting on massive year-end bills to avert calamities we've all known were coming.

We must return to a regular order where bills can be thoroughly vetted in committee and debated in the Senate with opportunities for amendments along the way. Unfortunately, the Senate has not been allowed to work this way in recent years.

Clearly, we have our work cut out for us in 2013, but I am optimistic that we can achieve our goals if we take advantage of this new window of opportunity and allow the Senate processes to work as designed. As I have in the past, I stand ready to work with my fellow Senators from both sides of the aisle to make the difficult decisions we were sent here to make.

Mission Health now Welcov

Minneapolis, MN — Minneapolis-based Mission Healthcare has changed its name to Welcov (well-cove) Healthcare, signaling its ongoing commitment to better serve its communities with compassion, dignity and a welcoming, progressive approach. The Welcov Healthcare name is a combination of the words wellness and cove, which reflect the company's goal of creating safe and welcoming environments that foster hope.

Welcov has chosen a butterfly as past of its logo to symbolize transition. Just like the butterfly, many of the residents are in the later stages of life. They are beautiful but fragile and need to be treated with utmost care. The butterfly is also a symbol of hope — a message that is conveyed at all of the Welcov communities through its innovative services.

The recent name change coincides with a period of great expansion for the company. In early December, Welcov added Lantis Enterprises. The agreement included 22 long-term care centers, 11 assisted living facilities and six home health agencies. The agreement with Lantis included Falls City Healthcare Community (formerly Falls City Care Center).

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Lady Irish run away from Griffins Friday

The FC Sacred Heart Lady Irish turned in their best defensive effort Friday night at Prichard Auditorium in a 50-26 home victory over previously once-beaten Diller-Odell.

Sacred Heart rushed out to a 19-4 lead at the end of the first quarter, then held the Griffins to single-digits in each of the final three frames.

"Friday was probably our best defensive effort of the year, so we just want to build on that and keep that momentum going into this week," FCSH Head Coach Luke Santo said. "Our confidence is up and everyone is figuring out their roles and how they can contribute to help us win."

Ashli Jordan was lights out for FCSH and finished with a season-high 23 points. The junior guard finished 10-of-13 from the floor and sank both her free-throw attempts. Freshman Maggie Goltz was the only other player in double-figures and finished with 11 points. Goltz also recorded eight rebounds. Sophomore Abby Magdanz dished out a game-high six assists and also led the team with three steals.

Barring two big upsets, FCSH should get a second chance at undefeated Sterling Thursday night at 5:15 in the one of the "A" division semifinals of the Mudecas Tournament. The fourth-seeded Lady Irish played Diller-Odell last night and No. 1 Sterling (10-0) squared off against No. 8 Bruning-Davenport-Shickley (8-3). Sterling defeated Sacred Heart, 40-36, in the first game of the season.

"Sterling is clearly the team to beat," Santo said. "But us, Exeter-Milligan, Freeman and Wymore Southern are playing really well right now."

"With our youth, we're constantly talking about improving from one game to the next and all of that other stuff will take care of itself."

In the other half of the bracket, Southern (8-2) is the 3-seed and faced Palmyra (5-5) last night, while 2-seed Exeter-Milligan (7-3) faced 7-seed Freeman (5-5). The semifinal for this side of the bracket is scheduled for 3:30 Thursday.

Friday's championship game is scheduled for 8:45 p.m. and the consolation will be played at 5:15.

All games in the "A" division will be played at the Beatrice City Auditorium.

Scoring vs. D-O

FCSH - Jordan, 23; A. Magdanz, 5; Schock, 4; E. Magdanz, 7; Goltz, 11.

D-O - S. Hajek, 2; J. Vitosh, 5; K. Hajek, 2; A. McMurray, 2; Gydesen, 2; Schmidt, 2; Rupprecht, 6; Saathoff, 5.



Photos by Jason Schock



(TOP) FCSH junior guard Ashli Jordan scored a season-high 23 points Friday, hitting 10-of-13 from the floor. (BOTTOM) Diller-Odell scratched and clawed (literally, in this case), but Emma Schock and the Lady Irish cruised to victory Friday at Prichard Auditorium.

Appeal

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county representatives sit on the EDGE board.

"Based upon the structural makeup of EDGE it is unlikely that it is a private separate entity," Judge Bryan wrote in his decision. "With the public officers that are included on its board of directors based upon their status as public officials it would seem ludicrous to accept EDGE's claim that it does not have to provide any of its most confidential documents to the city. The city has direct access to these records and documents through their very officers being on EDGE's board of directors as representatives of the city."

City officers have taken an oath of office "which is above any other private interest that would be in conflict with the city's interest," the judge wrote. "To place them on the board of directors of EDGE by agreement as the city's representatives with the authority as set out in the by-laws and then have them sign confidentiality agreements not to disclose information and claim the city is really a separate entity from EDGE and does not have a right to possess these documents is akin to some type of hocus-pocus."

He continued, citing a section of the Public Records Act, which he wrote "does not permit public bodies to conceal public records by delegating their duties to a private party. Accepting EDGE's argument would mock the spirit of open government."

"While it is admirable for Falls City to create and promote economic development as part of its governing function it should not be allowed to create or use some type of entity to carry out one of its functions, use public funds and then claim the records are not public records," Judge Bryan wrote.

He found that "the records held by EDGE are public records and subject to disclosure."

EDGE had claimed certain exemptions that would prevent disclosure of documents in one of the exhibits. Judge Bryan, while citing the Nebraska Legislature's "strong public policy for disclosure," did find that some records are exempt, as they "serve no public purpose." But the majority of documents "are considered non-exempt and must be disclosed," he found, including, but not limited to "emails regarding CGB's estimated employee salaries, job creation numbers, and capacity and capabilities of proposed grain terminal."

"The court finds that EDGE did not comply with the requirements" established by Nebraska Statutes, Judge Bryan ruled.

Titans still searching for 1st win

Humboldt-TR-S dropped a pair of games last week to remain winless (0-10) on the season. The Titans fell on the road to Auburn, 50-43, last Thursday and then fell to visiting Sterling, 55-27, Saturday.

Against a very good Jets team, the Titans struggled to get anything going and converted just 11-of-33 field goals and were only 2-for-9 from the line. Freshman Kaleb Knudson scored eight for HTRS. Senior Kevin Beethe, matched up against one of the better big men in the area in Sterling's Kody Benson, was held to just one point, but contributed 11 rebounds, four blocks and three steals.

Beethe scored 14 and pulled down 15 boards in the loss to Auburn, while fellow senior Dominic Vasco added 13 points, nine boards and three steals.

Beethe's production has been the steady through 10 games and the 6-4 center is close to averaging a double-double (9.4 ppg and 11.5 rpg).

The Titans will look to snap their 21-game losing streak, which dates back to Dec. 30, 2011, this week in Beatrice at Mudecas. HTRS, the No. 6 seed in the "B" division, will face No. 3 Johnson-Brock today on the SCC campus. Win and they face the winner of No. 2 Southern vs. No. 7 Palmyra Thursday night at 8:45. Lose and they play Saturday at 12:45.

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