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Ace Harkendorff has a real passion for trains. 'I could see him as an engineer someday,' his mom said.

Ace is 'one of a kind'

By Scott Schock

October is National Sensory Awareness Month, which acknowledges, among other issues, various forms of autism, including Sensory Integration Disorder. Thousands of children in the United States are diagnosed with a form of autism every year. One of them is Ace Harkendorff of Falls City, a very special young guy who, like so many others, has loving and caring parents and teachers who are helping him along the way.

Ace. His mom, Shawna, had some reservations about that name. Not now. She realizes he has lived up his moniker. Ace is truly "one of a kind," she said.

Now 7, and having recently celebrated that birthday (Sept. 24), Ace was born in Hiawatha with a cleft palate, which was repaired after he reached the age of 13 months. Cleft palate affects speech and breathing and presents eating and choking hazards and the possibility of infections.

After initial treatment at Stor-

mont-Vail Hospital in Topeka (for 18 days after his birth), Ace finally came home to Falls City and his mom began researching cleft palate and consulted with their Hiawatha doctor, as well as speech therapist Jo Crawford, who provided services to the youngster as early as five months. The decision was made to take Ace to Children's Hospital in Omaha, where "the best surgeon we could find" performed cranial/facial surgery, said Shawna. That doctor also diagnosed a classic breathing syndrome also associated with cleft palate.

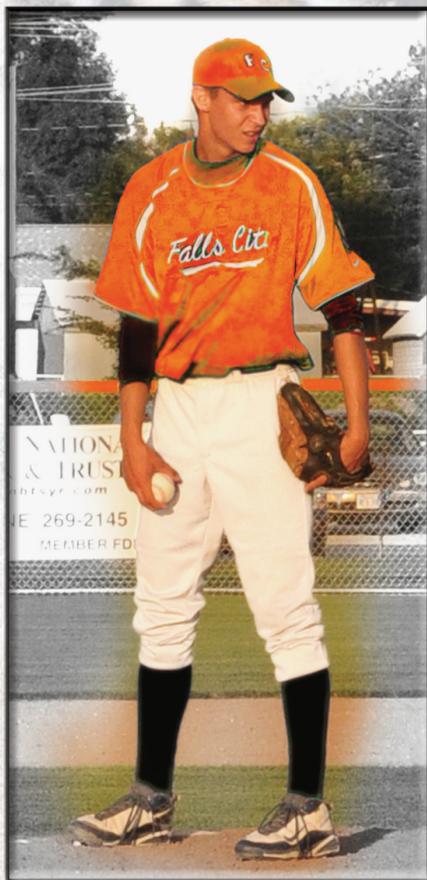
"The transformation was amazing," she said. "Ace could eat and drink normally." He had talked at five months, saying words like "mom," "dad (Bill Harkendorff)," and "hi" and "bye," but those speech patterns didn't progress much. He'd been delayed in crawling and walking. After entering preschool, Ace's ability to speak actually decreased, his mom said. Yet at age four, tests showed that Ace was normal. After the surgery, "we thought everything would be great," Shawna said. But Ace wasn't talking.

What was going on with Ace? What was slowing his development? He'd been helped by "all sorts of therapists" very early in life, showed progress, then did not improve in preschool. "We knew something was wrong," Shawna said, "but didn't want to label him something he wasn't." At one point, Ace was "labeled mentally disabled, but I never agreed," she said. I knew he was more capable."

The Harkendorffs knew Ace wasn't deaf, so that was ruled out of the picture. He would exhibit behaviors such as humming, flapping his arms and standing on his tip toes. "Then we started looking at autism," Shawna explained.

Information from the Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) Foundation notes research from "pioneering" occupational therapist and neuroscientist A. Jean Ayres, PhD, who "likened SPD to a neurological 'traffic jam' that prevents certain parts of the brain from receiving the information needed to interpret sensory information correctly. A person with SPD finds it difficult to process and act upon information received through the senses, which creates challenges in performing countless every-

Play Ball?



File photograph by Jason Schock

FCPS to examine proposal to add high school baseball

By Jason Schock

Falls City Public School District 56 officials are in the preliminary stages of gathering information on the feasibility of adding interscholastic high school baseball to its list of spring varsity athletics.

At the regular monthly meeting of the School Board Oct. 8 at the Central Office in FC Middle School, patrons Rob Craig and Bob Campbell, along with FCMS teacher and American Legion Baseball Coach Kory Huppert, offered a proposal to add the sport. Their hope is that 2014 would be the inaugural season for Tiger Baseball.

Nothing was determined at the meeting, though the BOE is expected to Nov. 12 take action on the formation of a committee whose purpose will be to gather information regarding the proposal. The committee will include FCHS Principal Gale Dunkhas, Athletic Director Darwin Palmer and no more than three BOE members, as well as perhaps other Tiger coaches and community leaders.

The discussion will undoubtedly begin with federal Title IX legislation that requires equal opportunities for girls and boys. Title IX compliance can be assessed in any one of three ways:

"Providing athletic participation opportunities that are substantially proportionate to the student enrollment. This prong of the test is satisfied when participation opportunities for boys and girls are 'substantially proportionate' to their respective undergraduate enrollment."

"Demonstrating a continual expansion of athletic opportunities for the underrepresented

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Tax levies across Richardson County

While meeting as a Board of Equalization Tuesday, Oct. 9, the Richardson County Commissioners approved and adopted a resolution to finalize the 2012 tax year levies for political subdivisions in the county and also approved notices of valuation changes that had been previously okayed for tax year 2012.

County Clerk Mary Eickhoff has provided tax rate numbers, as well as examples in dollars and percentage points, on properties valued at \$100,000:

City of Falls City tax rate: 2012, 2.161636; 2011, 2.226633; decrease of 3%. Taxes on a \$100,000 property: 2012, \$2,161.64; 2011, \$2,226.63; decrease of \$64.99 or 3%.

Rural Falls City Fire and School District 56: 2012, 1.686935; 2011, 1.781864; decrease of 5.3%. Taxes on a \$100,000 value: 2012, \$1,686.94; 2011, \$1,781.86; decrease of \$94.92 or 5.3%.

Village of Stella: 2012, 1.875431; 2011, 1.988457; decrease of 5.7%. Taxes on \$100,000 value: 2012, \$1,875.43; 2011, \$1,988.46; decrease of \$113.03 or 5.7%.

Rural Stella Fire and School District 70: 2012, 1.454644; 2011, 1.563754, decrease of 7%. Taxes on a \$100,000 property: 2012, \$1,454.64; 2011, \$1,563.75; decrease of \$109.11 or 7%.

City of Humboldt: 2012, 2.347327; 2011, 2.487815; decrease of 5.6%. Taxes on a \$100,000 value: 2012,

\$2,347.33; 2011, \$2,487.82; decrease of \$140.49 or 5.6%.

Rural Humboldt Fire and School District 70 with 37 Bond: 2012, 1.492887; 2012, 1.613553; decrease of 7.5%. Taxes on a \$100,000 value: 2012, \$1,492.89; 2011, \$1,613.55; decrease of \$120.66 or 7.5%.

Also during the meeting, board members Dave Sickel, Bill Ely and Jim Davidson:

—Reviewed with Sheriff Ran-

dy Houser bids received Sept. 18 for the purchase of a patrol truck. Sheriff Houser had received verbal notice that the bid from Gene Steffy Chrysler, Fremont, was withdrawn. The board awarded the bid and voted to purchase a 2013 RAM 1500 crew cab 4-wheel drive pickup (equipped as specified) from Armbruster Motor Company,

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COMMUNITY CLEAN UP OCT. 19-20, 2012



GOODWILL will be accepting donated items at Prichard Auditorium from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. For information on items they accept, go to www.goodwill.org unload at the east door.

FC SANITATION AND KOELZER SALVAGE will be at the parking lot located at the 1800 block between Chase and Barada Streets from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, accepting large items, furniture and metals.

DRUG TAKE-BACK

Richardson County Sheriff Randy Houser has announced a drug take-back event to be held from 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the north parking lot at the Courthouse.

He said any kind of drug/medication will be accepted with no questions asked. No hazmat-related items will be accepted.

Deputies will be on duty to collect the medications and drugs

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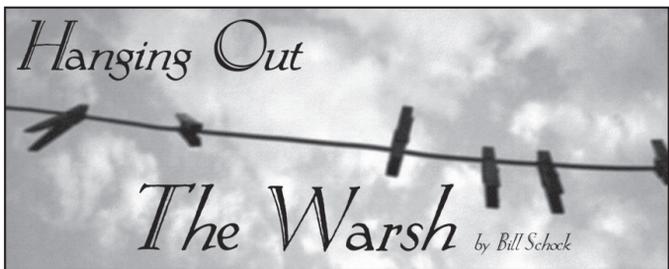
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“It’s a small world ain’t it” item.
 A month or so ago, a World War II Army Air Corps B-24 pilot flying out of Italy came down from Omaha to trade lies with me. He had read my memoir. When he arrived at my front door he said he was sick and had to lie down. There is more to it, but that will suffice. A couple of hours later he was ambulated to Community Medical Center where he was treated and hospitalized overnight. We conversed enough for me to know that those who were left of his WWII bomb squadron were holding a late-September reunion at Branson, MO.

Move on. I was watching the first presidential debate two weeks ago when my phone rang and on the other end was my old buddy calling from Branson. He told me that one of the wives at the reunion had read my memoir and would like to trade me something she had written for mine. I can’t tell you her name ‘cause my hearing loss often comes into play, but she told me she lived in Colorado. We talked briefly.

She asked me if I knew anyone from Dawson and I told her I did. She said she used to have relatives there and wanted to know if I had known any T-i-e-h-e-n-s, which she spelled out like that.

Yes, I did, I responded and added that when I was in high school, I dated a Norine Tiehen, a neat gal who lived on the Main Drag in Dawson.

“Norine Tiehen!”, she blurted. “Norine was my aunt!”
 She said she would keep in touch and I went back to watching Barack and Mitt have at it.
 Sure it’s a small world.
 Come to think of it, Norine was a dish, as old timers used to say.

A couple of weeks ago it took four generations of Schocks to get the Journal on your porch, or into your mailbox.

Listed in order of implementation were Scott, publisher; Jason, editor; his daughters, Emma, photographer, Chloe and Evi, paper carriers, and me, more or less a hanger-arounder.

All it signifies from the historic angle is that it took six of us to tango for the Oct. 2 issue of the Journal.

Last week’s Mound City News ran an interesting story about the 1,000 trees at Big Lake State Park dead from the horrendous 2011 flood. A contract was awarded and the cut-down started last month.

Approximately 550 of the dead trees are walnut trees and many of them will be shipped abroad. At the Missouri Pacific Lumber Co. in Fayette, MO, they will be sawed into lumber and shipped to Switzerland, Sweden and China. Some of the trees will be used by the Henry Rifle Co. for gunstocks and others will be sold to hobby guys, the story reported. Many trees are being cut, limbed and burned.

Staff at Big Lake cut and limbed 156 cedar trees that were transported to Butler, MO, to be used for fencing at the Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site, Missouri’s newest state park facility.

“It’s shame,” commented Big Lake State Park superintendent Rusty Burge about the damage from the flood. “The landscape of the park has been changed forever. There’s no way to estimate the value of what was lost here.”

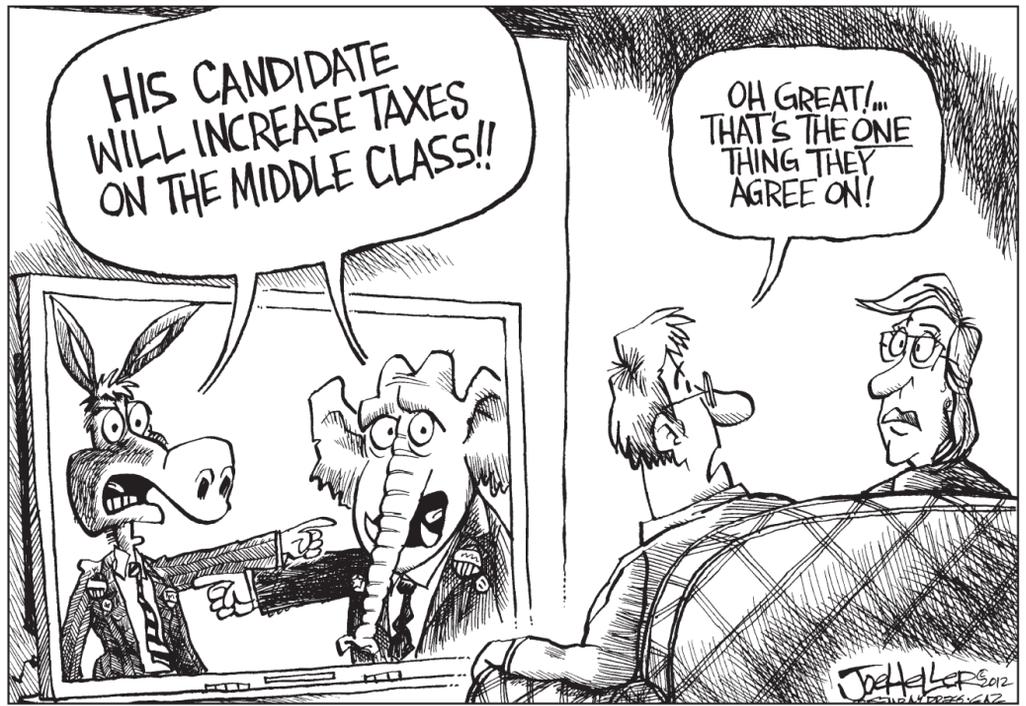
Doug “Hoot” Gibson, Los Angeles, one of the best-ever all-around athletes at Falls City High and Peru State College, and his handsome son drove here to pay a courtesy call on family members and friends last week. Count me among those who benefited from his tales of yore and presently. I asked him what he was doing back in God’s Country when he still was regaling Southern Californians.

“I’m back here hunting dead people,” was his answer.
 Upon further review, that translates into genealogy. He was headed to Omaha to meet his wife, who had flown there, and they were going to Iowa where she had grown up and where she was hoping to fill out branches to her family tree.

May I add a little of Hoot’s family tree. His dad, Otto, also nicknamed Hoot, was awarded the prestigious Carnegie Medal in Philadelphia by then Vice-president Richard Nixon. The elder Hoot, a Missouri Pacific fireman, scrambling to the locomotive’s cow-catcher, scooped a youngster off the tracks as the train was moving into Omaha, saving the little one’s life.

And a little more history. The Hoots, by which many Gibsons automatically were branded, came from Hoot Gibson, a popular Hollywood cowboy who made mince meat of the fleeing outlaws after a furious chase across hill and dale in the movies of yesterday.

Finished.



What Makes An Effective Legislator, part II

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

A number of new faces will be joining the ranks in the nation’s only one-house Legislature in January. They will have big shoes to fill as they try to become players quickly during a year that features the crafting of a new state budget and other routine business that might be overshadowed by on-going debate about pipelines and health care issues and the economy.

So we continue to look at what it takes to be an effective Nebraska State Senator.

Last week we told you that tops on former Senator Sandy Scofield’s list is broad experience. The Panhandle native said a senator also needs to be articulate, able and willing to study issues and quick on his or her feet.

Former Senator John Lindsay of Omaha agreed with Scofield’s assessment, adding that being a state senator is hard work. It is hard work and time consuming to get elected and even more time consuming to learn the issues.

A successful state senator has to be willing to adapt. You may be 100 percent certain that you are correct about an issue, but you have to realize there are 48 other senators in there and they probably think they have the right answer too, Lindsay said. Bismarck was right, he said, “Politics is the art of the possible.”

Keeping a sense of humor is also essential. You have to be able to laugh at yourself, no matter how tough the issue or prolonged the debate, the fight and the fallout. Take it seriously, but be able to let it go when necessary, he said.

An effective senator also has to know his or her district, something that is often learned in the door-to-door campaign for the job. The people and the issues are important, whether urban or rural. It may seem easier in Lincoln and Omaha where multiple districts and senators can relate to a like issue with natural allies. But urban senators also have to un-

derstand rural issues. He agrees with Scofield on the importance of speaking Sandhills.

When he chaired the Legislature’s Judiciary Committee, Lindsay took the senators on an interim study road trip with stops in O’Neill and Valentine and Chadron, among others. He said he discovered that even in rural areas, the issues many might term as “farm issues” were different for dry land and irrigated crop farmers.

The fundamental problem is that rural senators don’t understand that urban senators are trying to understand the rural perspective. Veteran lawmaker Ernie

Chambers, who represented the inner city of Omaha, was a long time member of the Legislature’s Agriculture Committee. It’s all about perspective, Lindsay said. I probably see things driving through the Sandhills that someone who has lived there for years takes for granted. The same is true for a rural senator looking at Omaha or Lincoln issues.

Be it urban or rural, it is not a bad thing that state senators work hard to understand each other’s perspective. It may be hard work. But nobody ever said that compromise or lawmaking comes easy.

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THEME: Movie Villains

ACROSS

1. Still no cure for these
6. Grandmother in Britain
9. Soothing plant gel
13. Copycat’s behavior
14. Yoko
15. Fill with high spirits
16. Edible seaweed
17. Stir or fuss
18. Rock bottom
19. *Unstoppable hitman in “No Country for Old Men”
21. *Wilkes and Ratched, e.g.
23. Beauty treatment site
24. ___ Verde National Park
25. *Simian planet ruler
28. The Destroyer in Hinduism
30. Composure under strain
35. Plumbing problem
37. Inside scoop
39. Relating to tone
40. Liars break this in court
41. Official language of Lesotho
43. Hindu princess
44. “Caribbean Queen” singer
46. “Place” in French
47. ___ dong
48. Anise-flavored herb
50. Opposed to
52. U Rah ___!
53. * ___ the Butcher
55. Piece of evidence
57. *Girl’s possessor, 1973
60. *Seven deadly sins avenger
64. Lubricate again
65. Life energy in Chinese philosophy
67. Hill or Baker, e.g.
68. Reddish brown hair dye
69. England’s airforce
70. Denim brand
71. Oil group
72. Will Ferrell’s Christmas character
73. Precise

DOWN

1. Branch of math, abbr.
2. Moonfish
3. Given name of founder of #70 Across
4. The ___ of society
5. Maple or corn ____, pl.
6. Famous flood survivor
7. A conjunction
8. Not a soul
9. Unfortunately, exclamation
10. Place a load on
11. “Sittin’ On the Dock of the Bay” singer
12. Poetic “ever”
15. Fascinated or enthralled
20. They catch perpetrators off guard
22. Heard throughout the Olympics
24. ___ arts
25. Remote in manner
26. Symbolized by olive branch
27. *Like Hannibal Lecter’s victims?
29. Bowed, fretted and stringed instrument
31. * ___ Voldemort
32. Currently broadcasting
33. Old Testament miracle food
34. *Allegedly cruel captain
36. *Kirk’s antagonist
38. That time
42. One up
45. Interstellar cloud
49. “30 Rock’s” ___ Lemon
51. Clinton claimed he didn’t do this
54. Moolah or dough
56. Building extension
57. Peeping Tom’s glance
58. First-rate
59. Zn
60. One moment
61. Cher, e.g.
62. Relating to ear
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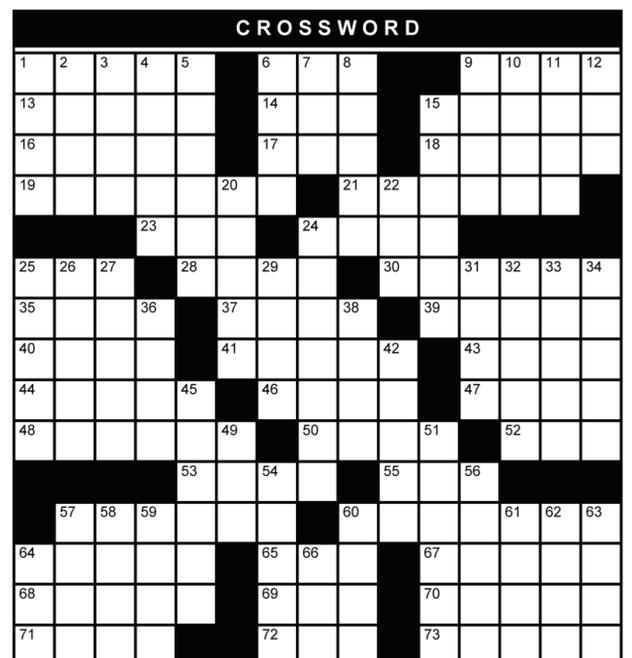
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Joe Herring’s DVD presentation, “The Perils of Obamacare ... a down-to-earth explanation of politically selected government health care,” will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the 4-H Building in Auburn. This presentation is a must see if you are interested in learning more about Obamacare and how it will impact all of our lives.

Herring writes for the *American Thinker*, one of the nation’s premiere news and commentary publications. His work has been featured by Rush Limbaugh, Mark Levin, Ann Coulter and numerous others.

The public is invited to attend this presentation.

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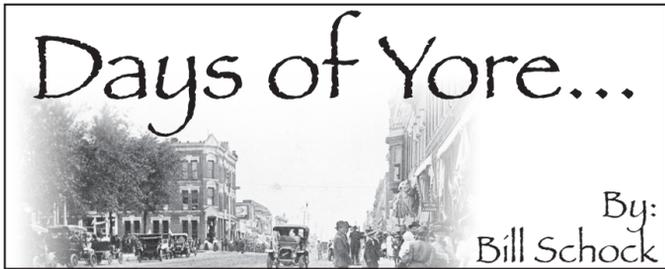
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50 Years Ago
(Oct. 15-20, 1962)

The 80th annual convention of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's Association was being held in FC and approximately 500 attended. Due to the lack of accommodations about 100 of them were staying in private homes. Gov. Frank Morrison was the speaker. Five high school bands marched in the parade.

It was Fun Night at the Farmer-Merchant Banquet at Prichard Auditorium and 946 men ate ham and beans. Chuck Chaney was the emcee for the great home talent program. Billed as Exotic Dancers were Ed Hackett and Kenny McKim. The Women's Banquet was held at Hotel Stephenson with Mrs. Charles Lunsford as toastmaster.

Lt. Jack Hixson, FC, a West Point graduate and a member of the Army Special Forces group, was back from South Vietnam and Thailand. He was under orders not to discuss any facts of the "advisory" mission.

Kathy Vollmer, Verdon, was one of 10 finalists for UNL homecoming queen.

Wayne Burow was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Humboldt School Board.

Scoring three TDs, John Martin led the FC Tigers to a 42-0 blasting of Nebraska City before 1,200 fans at the stadium.

The stork report: son Oct. 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown, Route 1; son Oct. 15 to the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Frandsen, FC; son Oct. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cavanaugh, FC; son Oct. 20 to Mr. and Mrs. John Huber, FC.

Miller-Monroe advertised a 1 1/2-story house, two bedrooms downstairs, one bedroom up, modern kitchen and bath, new furnace, for \$7,500.

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Elizabeth Steinman represented FCHS at the Hiawatha Halloween Frolic.

An item from the United Press:

Georgetown, TX—The Rev. Lively Brown said the community's dry weather might be the result of church members "not paying the preacher" and urged them to drop more in the collection plates.

The next day it rained, and the next two days it rained. Then on Friday the church steeple was struck by lightning.

25 Years Ago

A ceremony at Maple Grove Cemetery, northwest of FC, honored Medal of Honor winner Pvt. Francis W. Lohnes, who had earned the nation's top military award in the French-Indian War in 1865, with a new grave marker. He was a Richardson Countyan. Marjorie Surman, Richardson County Historical Society president, was emcee and over 200 persons attended.

Susan Strasheim and Jon Kean were homecoming royalty at D-V.

Richardson County ASCS announced the 1987 loan rate for soybeans was \$4.68.

The Journal's Athlete of the Week was Buck Sells of Sacred Heart football.

With Jamie Weyers having a great game, the Humboldt Cardinals slammed Johnson-Brock 42-14 to go to 7-0 on the season.

So what else is new? President Ronald Reagan said Iran was "not strong enough to go to war with the U.S." after the Navy destroyed an Iranian military facility in response to Iran's Silkworm missile attack on a Kuwaiti tanker flying the U.S. flag.

15 Years Ago

The FC Area Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution supporting all efforts against relocation of Peru St. to Neb. City. Mike Castle was Chamber president.

At Community Hospital's annual public meeting Administrator Vic Lee said that 63 percent of the hospital's revenue came from Medicare.

The Journal's Athletes of the Week were Chad Scholl, FCHS football, and Andrea Weaver, Sacred Heart volleyball.

Catherine M. O'Grady-Goza, ex-FC, was the new postmaster at Gilcrest, CO.

The Missouri River bridge at Rulo was closed for three days after a truck hauling anhydrous ammonia overturned on it.

Vicki Pethoud, FC, a sophomore at Doane College at Crete, won the Honors in Course Award.

FC Middle School Students of the Month were Cassie Gottula, Kim Weaver and Nick Wamsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardenberger, FC, were the parents of a daughter born Oct. 15.

FC's National Guard unit held an open house at the Armory. The only attendees were a Guardsman's wife and two children. No one from the community had enlisted in the Guard for four years.

Poll: More rural Nebraskans report positive change in their communities

LINCOLN — A higher percentage of rural Nebraskans this year said they've seen positive change in their communities than in any year since 1997, according to the 2012 Nebraska Rural Poll.

The 17th annual University of Nebraska-Lincoln poll was sent to 6,350 households in Nebraska's 84 nonmetropolitan counties in March and April. Results are based on 2,323 responses.

Thirty-four percent of respondents said their community had changed for the better in the last year, 20 percent said for the worse and 46 percent said there had been no change. The changed-for-the-better percentage is highest since 1997's 37 percent. As recently as 2009, only 23 percent said their community had changed for the better.

Members of the Rural Poll team said that optimism might be a reflection of a strong agricultural economy that largely has bucked nationwide economic trends. "We're on a confidence uptick," said rural sociologist Randy Cantrell. "Now, what the drought does to that is a question" that likely will be reflected in next year's poll.

The poll also explored residents' involvement in their communities. It found: 79 percent have belonged to a local group or organization; 77 percent have donated money to a local organization, charity or cause other than a church; 74 percent have donated to a local church; and 71 percent volunteered time to a local organization.

Also, 35 percent said they had held a leadership role in a local group in the past year and 11 percent have held a public office or served on a government board in the last year.

Those percentages are generally down from 2002, the last year these questions were asked. The poll shows that those with incomes above \$60,000 and those in agriculture or management/professional and education are likelier than other income and employment groups to get involved in and lead organizations.

Rural sociologists like Cantrell worry about declining interest in serving in and leading community organizations, a trend confirmed in comparing the 2002 and 2012 numbers. Some residents may be content to let "a small and relatively elite

group" step forward and lead, he said.

Cheryl Burkhart-Krieisel, UNL Extension specialist in entrepreneurship/business development in the Panhandle, said she was surprised the differences in involvement weren't more pronounced among age groups. But, she noted, there are significant, though understandable, differences in donating to local groups between income categories. Eighty-seven percent of those making \$60,000 or more reported donating to local groups or causes, compared to 58 percent of those making less than \$20,000.

In another area, most rural Nebraskans said they have access to various goods and services within 15 miles, including: post office, 94 percent; gas station, 89 percent; bank, 82 percent; church, 81 percent; grocery store, 78 percent; auto repair, 78 percent; and restaurant/café/bar, 77 percent.

However, only 43 percent said they had critical medical care within 15 miles.

As in past years, the poll shows rural Nebraskans rate their communities high on a variety of social dimensions, in-

cluding friendliness, trust and supportiveness, and on most basic community services and amenities, including fire protection, parks and recreation, education and more. But they rank their communities lower on other qualities, such as retail shopping, entertainment, streets and roads and restaurants.

"There clearly are tradeoffs people are willing to make" to live in rural areas, Cantrell said.

The Rural Poll is the largest annual poll of rural Nebraskans' perceptions on quality of life and policy issues. This year's response rate was about 37 percent. The margin of error is plus or minus 2 percent. Complete results are available online at <http://ruralpoll.unl.edu>.

With its 17-year history, the poll has a collection of data about rural trends and perceptions that is unmatched in the country, said Becky Vogt, project manager who's been working on the Rural Poll since its second year.

The university's Center for Applied Rural Innovation conducts the poll in cooperation with the NE Rural Initiative with funding from UNL Extension and the Ag Research Division in the IANR.

ONE MORE GIFT

This time of year there are so many hands out and all for good causes and my hand is out as well asking for a Christmas gift for a child or gift card for a teenager. The carolers and horse riders would love to come through your neighborhood singing and passing out candy canes. The giving of a gift, listening to the Christmas Carols and seeing young people gather gifts for others is beyond heart warming! Please find it in your heart to get one more gift this year and call one of these numbers.

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Eugene (Gene) D. (JR) Ramer of Falls City was admitted to The Nebraska Medical Center on Tuesday, Oct. 9, and had heart pump surgery on Friday, Oct. 12.

JR's address is: The Nebraska Medical Center Eugene D. Ramer, JR P.O. Box 6159 Cardiac Unit Omaha, NE 68106-0159

Cards of support and encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Ongoing support through the next several months would also be appreciated. JR's family thanks everyone for their support.

Hwy Commission

Area residents are reminded that the NE Highway Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the Grand Weaver Hotel. District 1 Commissioner Rod Vandenberg, who will host the meeting, encouraged all interested citizens to attend. Public comments and questions will be taken.

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Karen Pfister and her granddaughter, Ellie Froeschl, participate in the Life Chain Oct. 7 in Falls City. Photo submitted.

Life Chain: 25 years of abortion protest

A silent prayerful protest against abortion was held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 7, along Harlan Street in Falls City.

About 100 people stood quietly from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in silent prayer, holding signs saying "Abortion Kills Children," "Adoption: The Loving Option," "Abortion Hurts Women"

and "Jesus Forgives And Heals." The chain stretched on both sides of Harlan from 14th Street to 22nd Streets.

The Life Chain is a nationwide pro-life event held annually on the first Sunday in October. It was begun in 1987 by *Please Let Me Live*, a pro-life group located near Sacramento, CA. The first chain was built in California between the cities of Marysville and Yuba City. Since that time, the Life Chain concept has spread across the United States and Canada. This year, nearly 1,750 chains were expected to be held in 1,600 cities and towns making the Life Chain one of the most widespread pro-life events in the country. The Life Chain concept uses the local churches to bring their parishioners to participate as an extension of the Sunday service. It emphasizes silence and prayer in reparation for the 1.2 million abortions performed each year in the U.S.

Prior to the event, participants gathered at First United

Methodist Church to pick up hand-held signs and for a short prayer service. Jim Sefried of the Life Chain committee welcomed everyone to this year's Life Chain and introduced Rev. Lyle Schoen pastor of the Methodist Church. Mr. Sefried then acknowledged the pastors of the various churches who were present and thanked them. Sefried then introduced Phil Froeschl, who instructed everyone on how to conduct themselves on the street. He then called upon Rev. Schoen to close with a prayer. A free will offering was taken for the benefit of SE Nebraska Center For Life, located in Auburn.

Members of the Life Chain Committee besides Sefried and Froeschl are Mid Bauer, Mary Finner, Glenda Von Behren, Karen Berry and Trudy Burenheide.

More information concerning the Life Chain can be found on the net at www.nationallifechain.org

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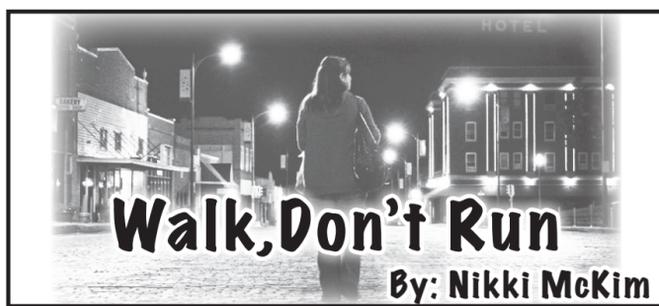
Catholic Daughters of America, Court Cordova #96, met at O'Connor Hall on Oct. 9 for a 6 p.m. potluck supper, followed by a business meeting. Twenty-four members were present.

The tables were decorated in a fall harvest theme. Will Burenheide presented the program on Catholic youth activities in Southeast Nebraska.

Regent Bernice Kopetzky conducted the meeting. Secretary Renie Gerweck read correspondence from SENCA, thanking the group for past donations and encouraging the project to be continued. A collection was taken up to contribute to the Morality in the Media organization. The "Year of Faith" begins Oct. 11 and runs for 13 months. Daily prayer was encouraged for CDA members. Oct. 21 will be a mini-retreat at Sts. Peter & Paul Church for everyone, conducted by Fr. Scott Courtney from 2-4 p.m. CDA will provide coffee and cookies.

Committee members were Margie Fleskoski, Sherry Mackey, Connie Fiddler and Marge Kopf with absentee hostesses Kim Oliver and Beth Fischer. Ann Hill won the dime dish. Door prizes were won by Linda France, Lenora Darveau, Mary Rowan and Trudy Burenheide. The mystery box was won by Mildred Kottich.

The next meeting will be Nov. 13 with Joyce Buck, Sharon Sells, Jane Bebermeyer and Beth Meyer as hostesses.



It's no secret around the office or in my family that I am a dog lover. When I first started working for The Falls City Journal, My husband made the comment that he wished I didn't work on the Richardson County Humane Society ads because every week I wanted to adopt a dog. Finally about a year ago after days of pleading, begging and tears I talked him into adopting a dog whose time was limited. This brought the dog count to three in our (at the time, little) home. We discovered that Jackson "The new guy" has seizures if he is provoked or gets too excited. Jackson is the friendliest guy in the world but just had a bad run of luck his first few years and needs special care.

This weekend I was searching Pinterest to find the perfect cookie recipe when I came across The Yellow Dog Project. What is the Yellow Dog Project? Well, It was created to bring awareness to dogs that need space while training, recovering from surgery, or being rehabilitated. I thought this was absolutely genius! Often when we walk our dogs we get people who want to come up and pet or play with them. Two of the three are great for kids and strangers but the Lewis who is pushing ten now does not like strangers. We always tell people, please do not pet him or come near him. He is not friendly. We get the occasional laugh or someone telling us that it is okay, dogs like them. While we have always had time to get him and pick him up directing people to the other one, we are always scared that someone will get a little nip from him or excite Jackson causing him to possibly have a seizure. After visiting this website and reading the stories that are very similar to ours, we decided to participate in The Yellow Dog Project. Now, we can explain to people who are not aware that Jackson and Lewis wear the yellow ribbon on their leash because they need space. If you see any dog with a yellow bandanna, ribbon or bow keep in mind they need space and do not approach them. They may have health issues that cause them stress if they get excited, or maybe they just are not friendly with strangers. It may take a while to get people to know what the Yellow ribbon means, but hopefully this project will grow and soon everyone will understand.

This is a great project to get involved with if your littlest member of the family does not like strangers. It is also a great way to show children that dogs wearing yellow are not to be approached. If you would like to learn more you can visit www.theYellowDogProject.com.

Last weeks column seemed to really hit a spot in a lot of you, myself included. I guess I didn't realize that so many people were missing the old school in Dawson. I had so many Dawson Verdon Students contact me to say it brought back so many memories for them and their kids. I have loved getting to read all of your memories! Please keep them coming! All I ask is for all my former classmates is to stop finding the old terrible and embarrassing photos of me and putting them on Facebook. Some things should be forgotten!

Last Friday night we made it to Auburn for the Falls City Tiger/ Auburn Bulldog game. As we were pulling in we heard the announcement over the loud speaker of all the former Dawson-Verdon kids who were playing. It was pretty cool to hear all the names mentioned. I even spotted a few other Dawson Verdon Jet shirts proudly worn by my cousins Hannah Harmon and Rex Harmon, #30 for the Bulldogs gave a quick flash of his DV undershirt. Yes, we are a pretty cool family. I was even complimented on my Red, White and Blue attire, and if you only knew how long it took me to get my now larger frame into something I wore in High School you would have all cheered. I wish we could have gotten all of these guys together for a photo but, lightning and heavy rain forced us all back to Falls City with a Tiger win. I also got some e-mails and questions about the former Lady Jets. I promise girls I didn't forget you. I would like to write something about our Humboldt and Sacred Heart kids as well as the girls! So stay tuned.

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Society

Does Drove #56

Falls City Does Drove #56 met Monday evening, Oct. 8, at the Elks Lodge.

President Mary Wiltse called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and committee reports were given. Mabel Morton reported on the concessions stand for the Christmas Craft Festival Nov. 24. Members were asked to sign up for item donations and work schedule. Glenda Bippes, chairman for the annual Soup Supper and Auction, said the event will be held at the Elks Lodge dining room on Monday, Nov. 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members should plan to bring items for the auction and sign up for food donations. Guests are welcome. Sheila Kirkendall gave the treasurer's report.

In new business, conductor Ruth Arms thanked all members for filling the chairs each meeting. Karen Ramsey, chairman for the Oct. 22 meeting, said there will be no business meeting but instead there will be a Halloween party. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Members should wear a mask/costume and bring their significant other. A special guest will be there along with fun games and refreshments.

Marlene McKim, nominating committee chairman, read the list of nominations for officers for the upcoming year. Those attending the District meeting in Atlantic, IA, are Linda Frost, Ruth, Mary and Cathy Gutschall. The Coin March was held and "Happy Birthday" sung to Mary, Beverly Bernhardt, Linda and Joyce Buck. Refreshments were served by Sharyn Gibbs, chairman, assisted by Susan Wilhelm, Zita Ebel and absentee hostess Donna Harmon.

The next meeting will be the social Halloween party. Karen Ramsey will be the chairman and will be assisted by Leecia Hillyard, Julie Bauman and Anna Margaret Schawang.



Cargill recently donated \$3,000 to Falls City Public Schools to help fund monthly education programs that offer learning opportunities in science, technology and math. Pictured, from left: Scott

Lowthorp and Linda Weston, of Cargill, FCPS teachers Kim Oliver and Denise Kurpgeweit, and Katarina Swanson of Cargill.

Cargill donates \$3,000 to FC North, South Schools

Cargill continues to support local education with a donation of \$3,000 to Falls City elementary schools to help fund monthly educational programs. These monthly projects offer learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math.

Cargill is partnering with the Falls City Library and Art Center to provide a safe learning environment for the city's elementary school children, grades K through 5.

Once a month, the school dismisses early for teachers in-service day. To take advantage

of this time, a program was created called "Did you know...?" This program offers these young children a safe place to gather, after early dismissal, and participate in learning activities associated with each month's topic.

Kim Oliver, 2nd grade teacher at Falls City said, "These monthly programs cover many subjects including health, nutrition, arts, engineering, conservation, technology and math." Some of the monthly learning activities include:

Aquatic education by the Nebraska Game and Parks.

Natural Resource District programs on habitat and bugs at Stanton Lake; Engineering and Architecture program that provides the children with Froebel blocks, LEGOS® and other materials to create their own project; Technology and the library. Children bring iPods, iPads, etc., and learn how to use their electronics at the library for educational purposes; Arithmetic - the importance of math in everyday life; Earth day - the importance of recycling; International observe the moon - students learn the correct use of the library's telescopes; Other science projects include a Herpetologist with "reptiles up close and personal. The Nebraska City Arbor Day Farms hosts a project: called

"Explore Nature Workshop."

This program also offers volunteer opportunities to the city's high school students and clubs, FFA groups, boy scouts and other youth groups.

"We are delighted to help Falls City provide such a variety of structured educational programs to these young children," said Jonathan Spearman, complex manager at Cargill's cooked meats facility in Nebraska City.

Order of the Eastern Star

The Oct. 4 stated meeting of the Humboldt #234 Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star began at 7:30 p.m. with 16 members present. In the absence of the Worthy Matron Joan Wheeler presided in the East. The evening began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the singing of the Opening Ode, "Praise Him! Praise Him!" The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Thank you notes were read for a memorial donation in memory of Pauline Oldfield to the Children's Home in Fremont and a donation honoring the Cross Walk music group to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Plattsmouth. The Cross Walk group entertained for the 100th birthday celebration of the Humboldt Chapter. Other correspondence included a Thanksgiving letter from the Nebraska OES Grand Family and the Nebraska OES News. The chapter voted to

send cash donations to the Children's Home for their Purple Ribbon project and Thanksgiving. A Thanksgiving gift will be sent to the Masonic Home as well.

Sickness reports included Frances Albright. Chapter closed in form with Chaplain Keith Wheeler offering prayer. The Closing Ode, "Find Us Faithful," was sung by all. Refreshments were served by Ed and Carolyn Bredemeier.

SE Nebraska Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens of Southeast Nebraska met Tuesday afternoon in the basement of the Shubert Christian Church. Members were treated to a beautifully decorated dining room. Paula Hays had covered all tables including the serving table with fall colored clothes, fall flowers, leaves and decorations, including bowls of fall candy. Our thanks to her for her contribution. Pastor Gene Rowell gave the table prayer after prayer concerns were shared.

Announcements were the new church cookbooks on sale now and the Lord's Acre sale coming up. Following a covered dish dinner Margaret Rowell called bingo with everyone winning a prize. New members are Alan and Carole Williams of Bethany. Next month, due to election day, the Senior Citizens dinner will be Nov. 7, celebrating Thanksgiving. Sharon Howard will bring turkey, dressing and gravy; Margaret Rowell will bring pumpkin pie. Others are encouraged to make a salad or dessert. The Country Rockets, Vesta Cochran, Don and Pat Murphy, will entertain during the meal.

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Public Record

County Court

Tobias P. Jochum, Falls City, drive under suspension/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty; continued to Nov. 14 for sentencing.

Apri N. Rath, FC, drive under suspension/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty; continued to Nov. 14 for sentencing.

Cindy Holthus, Humboldt, issue bad check-less than \$200, fined \$50, plus costs of \$49 and restitution in the amount of \$37.74 to North Fark Farm Service.

Angela Folsom, FC, three count of unlicensed animal, four counts of dog or cat nuisance; continued to Oct. 31 for trial.

Erica D. Beethe, Elk Creek, domestic assault-3rd degree, amended to disturbing the peace, plead guilty, found guilty, fined \$125, plus costs of \$49.

Jessie E. Luginbill, Verdon, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no valid registration; fined total of \$125, plus costs of \$49.

Christina Fouraker, FC, strangulation, amended to attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor, plead no contest; continued to Nov. 11 for sentencing.

Christina Fouraker, FC, count one, drive under suspen-

sion, amended to no operator's license, plead no contest; count two, license vehicle without liability insurance, plead no contest; count three, careless driving, plead no contest; fined total of \$275, plus costs of \$49.

Alicia Holstein, Sabetha, Kan., burglary; continued to Nov. 19 for entry of plea.

Alicia Holstein, Sabetha, Kan., count one, drive under suspension/before reinstated; count two, speeding (11-15); fined total of \$200, plus costs of \$49 and probation ordered for 12 months on count one.

Steven M. Svoboda, Humboldt, assault-3rd degree, fined \$250, plus costs of \$48 and fees of \$128.60.

Blake M. Westcott, FC, violate stop or yield sign, found guilty; continued to Oct. 31 for sentencing.

District Court

Wendy L. McGinty, Salem, filed for dissolution of marriage to Lisle R. McGinty, Burchard.

Civil Court

Midland Funding LLC vs. Karla Fifield, FC, judgment entered against the defendant in the amount of \$5,921.30, prejudgment interest of \$1,006.46, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.18 percent.

Credit Management Services vs. Lisa Heineman and Russell Heineman, FC, defendants to pay prejudgment interest of

\$32.23, fees of \$10.00, costs of \$52.21, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.152 percent.

Credit Management Services vs. Brianna Reiter, FC, judgment entered against the defendant in the amount of \$280.50, prejudgment interest of \$263.81, costs of \$50.95, with post-judgment interest of 2.152 percent.

Baileyville Animal Clinic vs. Tabitha Wagner, Humboldt, judgment entered against the defendant in the amount of \$266.70, costs of \$76.76, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 12 percent.

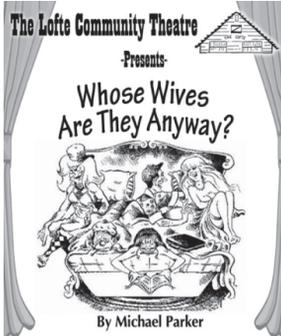
Citibank N.A. vs. Judy E. Bahr, Stella, judgment entered against the defendant in the amount of \$2,586.51, costs of \$87.57, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.152 percent.

County Court Waivers

(Court costs not included) Matthew T. Soucie, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Jeffrey S. Bond, speeding (11-15), fined \$150.

Kalem Bennett, bald or improper use of tires, fined \$25; excess windshield tinting, fined \$25.



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Voter registration deadlines nearing

LINCOLN - Deadlines are fast approaching for Nebraska citizens who want to register to vote in the Nov. 6 general election, Secretary of State John Gale says.

Gale outlined deadlines regarding voter registration for the November election:

-- Mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 19. Registrations close at motor vehicle offices and state agencies on Oct. 19.

-- In-person voter registration at county election offices ends at 6 p.m. Oct. 26.

Gale reminded people to update their voter registration if they have moved within a county, since this will save them time when they go to the polls.

The secretary of state's website (www.sos.ne.gov) provides detailed information regarding the registration process. The website includes a voter registration form, addresses and phone numbers for county election offices, and a look-up tool that allows voters to verify their registration status.

"Take the time now to register to vote so you don't miss out in casting a ballot in the November election," Gale added.

People with voting questions can contact their county election office or the Secretary of State's Office at (402) 471-2555.

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Halloween Spooktacular

Dr. Sue Jennings and friends are once again hosting a Halloween Spooktacular for the Humane Society. This year's theme is Ghost Pirates.

Plan to join in the fun on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 3109 McLean Street. Activities start at 1 p.m. and continue through midnight. Minors are not allowed after 11 p.m. and need to be accompanied by an adult.

Afternoon events will include a chili and cornbread cook-off, cake walk, pumpkin car smash, karaoke, pet costume contest and more. The evening will feature a costume contest, piñatas, a DJ, door prizes, games, a silent auction, refreshments and more.

So, Matey, plan on coming out for a "shiver me timbers" good time. No one will have to "walk the plank," just have a fun time and help the homeless "furry friends."

For more information and details, call the Humane Society at 402-245-2779.

Clothing Closet

The Clothing Closet is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the First Brethren Church, 1902 Lane Street, in Falls City (behind Sun Mart).

Everything is free to anyone who comes in. Clothing only — no miscellaneous items. Donations will be taken on Tuesdays, as well.

If you or someone you know is in need of clothing of any kind, this is a great resource in Falls City. Organizers ask that residents please help spread the word about this ministry so that it will continue to be available for the community.

Controlled burn at Indian Cave

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will conduct a prescribed burn at Indian Cave State Park between Oct. 29 and Dec. 31.

These fires are part of an ongoing oak woodland restoration project that will improve woodland habitat and help control the spread of invasive plants.

Affected trails and roads in portions of the park will be marked with appropriate signs and closed during these prescribed fires.

S.H.A.R.E. Bazaar, Hunter's Breakfast

S.H.A.R.E. Ministries is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Harvest Bazaar and 1st Annual Hunters' Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 10, in Stella.

The Craft Fair will be located in the Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Hunters' Breakfast will be at the Community Building from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a variety of vendors including home decor, jewelry, gift baskets, children's books, baby/children boutique items, baked good, kitchen items and much more.

The cost is \$15. Those interested in setting up a vendor's table may contact Megan Herr at meganherr@yahoo.com or call/text at 402-883-7075 by Oct. 20.

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That way...er... this way!

Chatter and I are at a dinosaur dig. We're visiting a **paleontologist**...a person who studies prehistoric life (from a time before things were written down and recorded). She tries to figure out what the earth and animals were like and how animals lived long, long ago.

How is this done? People look for, dig up and study fossils. Fossils are bones, footprints or other traces of animals and plants in rocks or in the ground that have been under a lot of pressure for long periods of time. One scientist, Sir Richard Owen, used the word "dinosaur" to name the giant animals that were alive during the Mesozoic Era: Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Dinosaurs died out by the Era's end.

We Dig Dinosaurs!

Read each clue to fill in the puzzle:

- Spinosaurus** - had large "fan" of _____ sticking out of its back
- Stegosaurus** - bony plates stuck out of its back; had a _____ tail
- Archaeopteryx** - name means "_____ bird;" oldest bird discovered
- Velociraptor** - only about 2 feet tall; its middle _____ is large and sharp
- Pteranodon** - not truly a dinosaur, _____ lizard with 25-foot wingspan
- Deinonychus** - name means "_____ claw;" up to 5-inch long claw
- Ankylosaurus** - four-ton dino was almost 35 feet long; its back was covered with _____ plates; its tail could smash things with 43,000 pounds of force
- Parasaurolophus** - amazing sense of _____ helped this dino notice sounds of predators from miles away; made a loud foghorn-like noise to warn its family of danger
- Tyrannosaurus Rex** - best-known dinosaur; its bite was 15 times stronger than an _____
- Triceratops** - one of largest _____ dinosaurs; has three on its head
- Sinornithosaurus** - this dino's name means "Chinese bird lizard"; was only the size of a _____, but was very poisonous
- Sauroposeidon** - largest dinosaur; 60 feet tall; 100 feet long; one neck _____ is almost 4 feet

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A Dino-sized Mistake!

During the 1800's there was a lot of competition between two fossil hunters - Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope. They spent all their money trying to outdo each other. A dinosaur skeleton that Marsh found was put up in museums and labeled. Later, people found out that it had the body of a young **Apatosaurus** and the head of a completely different dinosaur called **Camarasaurus**.

Follow the dots to see this dinosaur.

The mistake was discovered only after this dinosaur had become a favorite. Fill in the missing letters to spell its name:
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Obituaries

Dr. Thomas David Pollard

 Dr. Thomas David Pollard, 82, of Bella Vista, AR, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, at his home.

He was born Oct. 21, 1929, in Falls City, the son of Russell and Esther Pollard.

He and his wife, Margaret, retired to Bella Vista in 1992, moving from Kearney, where he practiced veterinary medicine at Riverside Animal Hospital for 35 years.

Dr. Pollard served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and was instrumental in establishing the Museum of Nebraska Art in Kearney.

He is survived by two daugh-

ters, Kathleen Pollard of Springdale, AR, and Connie Mitchell of Bella Vista, seven grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a sister, Joan Bucholz, Waterloo, NE.

Dr. Pollard was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 55 years and a daughter, Cynthia Lee Breiner.

Family and friends are invited to the family's home in Bella Vista for a time of remembrance from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19.

Arrangements are by the Bella Vista Funeral Home and Crematory, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, AK. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Nebraska Art Collection.

James 'Jim' D. Wisdom

 James "Jim" D. Wisdom, 86, of Falls City, passed away Oct. 13, 2012 at Falls City. He was born Nov. 22, 1925 at Salem to the late Vessie and Tressie (Halbert) Wisdom.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army on June 16, 1944 at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. He served in Germany and Central Europe. He earned a Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon and EAMET Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on June 16, 1946 at Ft. Leavenworth.

On Nov. 7, 1944 he married Virginia Vinsonhaler at Hiawatha, KS. She passed away April 24, 1997.

Jim was raised south of Salem and attended country school. The couple established their home in Falls City when married. Upon his discharge, he returned to Falls City and worked in the oil fields and then became employed by Falls City Meat

Company, he retired in 1987 after 35 years. He was a member of VFW Post 1765 of Falls City.

Jim is survived by sons, James D. and his wife Angie, and David and his wife Sherry, all of Falls City; daughters, Judy Allen and her husband Richard of Horton, KS, Cheryl Robbins and her husband Randy of Falls City, and Debra Shorb of WaKeeny, KS; brother, Milford "Buster" and his wife Charlene of Robinson, KS; sister, Dollie Liebsch of Kansas City, MO; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and brothers, Vernon, Bill and Dewey Wisdom.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Michael Dean officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Marjorie Schneider

Marjorie Schneider, 90, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, from complications following surgery at Banner Boswell Hospital in Sun City, AZ. She was born on the family farm in Richardson County on Aug. 22, 1922, to Louis and Ola Witter.



and served as a missionary in Catalina, AZ, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Marjorie was always active in her church and volunteered for many caring services for shut-ins and the elderly. She was

a faithful supporter of missionaries for over 27 years, heading fund-raising events and contributing to multiple missionaries every month. Because it was important to her to support the efforts of these devoted people, she established a fund to continue supporting them.

She is survived by her sister, Martha Sneath of Falls City, her children, Pamela (Gerald) Bair, P. Stephen (Karen) Schneider and William (Jane) Schneider, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Stephen Schneider.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at West Valley Christian Fellowship, Sun City, AZ. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Marjorie Schneider Missionaries Account: 10539 Oakmont Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351-3531.

Robert L. Alexander

Robert L. Alexander, 52, of Auburn, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012 at the Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Lincoln. He was born March 13, 1960 in Falls City, the son of Marvin Sherman Alexander and Margaret Virginia (Wing) Alexander.

He spent his early years in the Barada and Shubert area. Robert attended Barada and Southeast Consolidated Schools. Throughout his life he worked at the Sun Mart and Boone Docks in Auburn, Gerdes Hog Farm in Johnson, workshops at S.E.N.D.S. in Auburn, and at O.P.P.D. in Nebraska City.

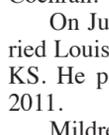
He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother Lowell Blaine Alexander, and brothers Denny, Dale and Marvin Alexander.

Robert is survived by his sisters, Wanda (Terry) Shafer of Pawnee City, Patricia Alexander, of Auburn, Merle Holman, Milford, and Norma (Jimmy) Stevens of TN; brothers, Harold (Susie) Alexander, Barada, Donnie (Judy) Alexander, of Cook, and Ray Alexander of Lincoln; special friend, Susie Williams of Auburn; nieces and nephews, all his friends and staff at S.E.N.D.S. in Auburn, other relatives and friends.

Viewing and visitation were held Oct. 5 at the Hall Funeral Chapel in Auburn. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date with burial at Barada Harris Cemetery. Further info at www.hallfuneral.net

Mildred F. DeRoin

Mildred F. DeRoin, 86, of Falls City, passed away Oct. 9, 2012, at Falls City. She was born Feb. 11, 1926, at Barada, to the late Samuel and Gladys (Clark) Cochran.

 On July 14, 1944, she married Louis DeRoin at Hiawatha, KS. He passed away Sept. 30, 2011.

Mildred was raised at Barada and attended Barada country school. When married the couple moved to St. Joseph, MO, following his military service. She worked at St. Joseph Paper. In 1957, they moved to Gallup, NM, and she worked as a waitress until they purchased a record store. They moved to Verdon in 1969 and purchased the Twilight Tavern and Café. When they sold the tavern, they traveled selling Indian jewelry in many places. She retired in 1992. She was a member of Good News Assembly of God Church and also attended First Church of the Nazarene.

Mildred is survived by her daughter, Toni Wintz and her husband Mike of Verdon; brother, Delbert Cochran of Verdon; sisters, Etta Blasotto of Wayland, MA, Thelma Bell and her husband Denzil of Falls City; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, John, two great-grandchildren, brothers, Clarence and Norman Cochran and a sister, Gertrude Cochran.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with Rev. Jim Foster officiating. Interment will be in Harris Cemetery at Barada.

The family received friends Friday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

On this day in 1984, a baboon heart was transplanted into a 15-day-old baby girl.

Larry Ogden

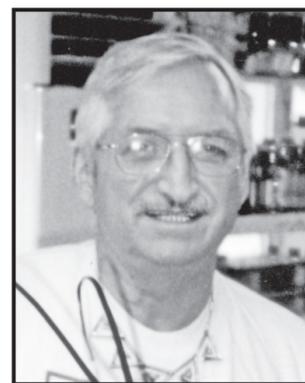
Larry Ogden, 74, of Falls City, died here Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012. He was born at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 1938, in Omaha, one of twin boys, with Larry beating his twin for "first arrival" honors of the New Year 1938.

Larry attended elementary and high school in Omaha. After graduation he moved to Phoenix, AZ, to live with his aunt. He later moved to Los Angeles, where he worked for several years as night auditor in the hotel industry. The unhealthy air environment caused Larry to move to the San Francisco Bay area, where he continued his bookkeeping skills at night while attending Court Reporting School during the day. He later moved back to Phoenix to be closer to his family.

He attended the Culinary Arts School in Scottsdale, AZ, graduating with high honors. Larry also enrolled in the National Restaurant and American Hotel/Motel Association, furthering his knowledge of the food and beverage industry. He appeared on the local television channel to show his culinary skills.

Larry was employed by the State of Arizona Blind Services teaching sight-impaired individuals in 40 state facilities to be successful in food service management.

A member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas, Larry was contacted by the tribal chairman asking him to come to Missouri to assist in resolving management problems at



the tribal-owned truck stop outside of Mound City, MO.

With the help of tribal medicine man Peter Fee, Larry and his brother, Mike, organized a Special Homecoming Ceremony for brother Howard Jr., who was declared missing in action

in Vietnam in 1967.

Because of the flooding situation in the Mound City area, Larry moved to Falls City in 2010.

Larry had triple bypass surgery in 2010 and was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2011. Strong willed and opinionated, he stayed positive and optimistic. He lived his life to the fullest and had no regrets. He believed life continues after death, joining the spirit of loved ones.

Larry did in-depth research and genealogy of his Native American heritage, discovering his relationship with Lewis and Clark and that his great-great-grandfather being the founder of St. Joseph, MO. He published a book about his heritage, *Gray Eagle My Brother*.

He enjoyed cooking, camping, fishing and creating stained glass art.

Larry is survived by his brothers, Mike, of Hiawatha, KS, and John, of Dallas; a sister, Maggie Ardery, of Phoenix, AZ, and his longtime companion of 40 years, Robert Miller of Falls City.

Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, of Falls City, is in charge of arrangements. Services have yet to be determined.

Royal 'Gene' West



Royal "Gene" West, 76, of Falls City, passed away Friday, Oct. 12, 2012 at Community Medical Center in Falls City. He was born Aug. 27, 1936 at Stella.

He married Bonnie Ploof on May 3, 1959 in Morrill, KS. Gene grew up in Stella and graduated from Stella High School in 1956 where he played football and basketball. After graduation, Gene served in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years and was honorably discharged as a Corporal. He worked for Independent Lumber and then help construct the Cooper Nuclear Power Stations in Brownville and Nebraska City before retiring with heart-related problems.

He was a member of the First Brethren Church in Falls City, the Falls City American Legion Post #102, serving several times as commander and

was very active in the color guard. Gene enjoyed being outdoors repairing things, hunting, fishing, watching Husker football and going to coffee with his many friends. Most of all, Gene enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie West of Falls City; son, Larry West and wife Cheryl of Falls City; daughter, Kala Richey and friend Bryan Dettmann of Falls City; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Lillie Belle (Wolf) West; 10 brothers and sisters.

Memorial services were held today at the First Brethren Church of Falls City. Burial in the Prairie Union Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at the Hall Funeral Chapel in Falls City. Further info at www.hallfuneral.net

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WATCH LANE RUN. That's about all anyone could do just a few steps into Sacred Heart senior Lane Barnhill's 51-yard TD run on the Irish's second play from scrimmage Friday night in a 61-12 blowout win over Lewiston at Jug Brown Stadium. The Tigers, 3-3 entering the game, caught the 7-0, D2 top-ranked Irish a little off guard early with some clever play-calling — they opened the game with a 78-yard TD pass — and actually led much of the

opening period. But FCSH's athleticism quickly shined through, as the Irish scored eight unanswered touchdowns to win going away. Barnhill for the first time this year got substantial touches and made the most of them, rushing for 224 yards and four scores on 19 carries. He caught one pass for 29 yards.

A one-horse race: Irish cruising to playoffs

	SH	Lew
First downs.....	20	9
Rushing-yds.....	40-394	38-121
Rushing-yds.....	6	46
Rushing net.....	388	75
Passing.....	4-4-0	5-10-0
Passing %.....	100.0	50.0
Passing yds.....	119	120
Fumbles lost.....	1	0
Punts-ave.....	0-0-0	8-25.6
Punt Ret Yds.....	27	0
Kickoffs-ave.....	10-48.2	3-33.3

Kickoff Ret Yds.....	39	94
Total Ret. Yds.....	66	94
Penalties-yds.....	5-50	2-10
Total offense.....	507	195

By Jason Schock

Class D2 unbeaten and No. 1 FC Sacred Heart actually trailed 3-3 Lewiston for much of the first quarter of their game last Friday night at Jug

Brown Stadium, but future yet undetermined Irish playoff opponents can take comfort in that fact at their own peril.

The Irish got outwitted and burned on a 78-yard play-action pass from Hayden Albers to Austin Schmutz on the very first play from scrimmage, lost a fumble on an almost-certain scoring drive and then missed some tackles on a 31-yard Connor Barr TD run on the Tigers' third possession. But Lewiston leads of 6-0 and 12-7 didn't translate into a tough night for Sacred Heart - not in the least. The Irish scored on eight consecutive possessions, rolled up more than 500 yards of offense and turned in a 61-12 victory. Essentially, FCSH did what it's done all year long: Tune-up for the playoffs.

The Irish will undoubtedly improve to 8-0 Thursday at 1-6 Desher and enter the 2012 D2 playoffs with the East bracket's No. 2 seed, behind perennial power Humphrey St. Francis (FCSH is the current point leader in D2, but the Flyers will leap-frog the Irish with a win over 3-4 Bancroft-Rosalie this week). Unbeaten Giltner should be the No. 1 team in the West, though the Hornets could feasibly end up in the East, putting the class' top three teams in the same bracket of 16.

Regardless, FCSH will most likely have to win at least one hard-fought game to advance to Memorial Stadium in Lincoln for the D2 final. A trip to Nebraska's Mecca is one of the few accomplishments yet unattained by Sacred Heart and Coach Doug Goltz. A hard-fought game would be a first for this particular Irish version.

FCSH is averaging 65 points per game and has punted all of four times this season. The closest game was a 36-point win at 5-2 Sterling, one of three Irish opponents (Diller-Odell, Axtell, KS) that will finish the regular season with a winning record.

"Giltner and St. Francis are the two best teams in D2," FCSH Coach Doug Goltz said. "We haven't done anything lately and they've both played in semifinal and final games. We haven't gotten past round two."

That said, FCSH is back in the playoffs for an ongoing state-record

26th straight season and the Irish are without question back in title talk for the first time since perhaps 2001. If the unbeaten record isn't proof, the No. 1 ranking in *The Omaha World-Herald* obviously is.

"I think we're in the conversation," Goltz said. "We're tougher, stronger and more experienced than we've been and our guys have a lot of confidence. We have good size and speed and good special teams. We have a little of everything."

FCSH can make a case for all-state players at most positions. Senior Lane Barnhill returned from losing his junior year with a knee injury and is averaging nearly 12 yards per carry. He had 224 yards and four scores Friday. Senior QB Lane Scheitel has rushed for 594 yards and 13 TDs while completing 11 touchdown throws to just one pick. Scheitel rushed for 122 yards and two TDs Friday, and was a perfect 4-for-4 throwing for 119 yards and a score. And senior receiver Clay Finck has caught 13 passes - nine for scores, including a 47-yarder Friday - for 400 yards. Those three, plus Brody Chandler (12 tackles Friday, team-high 58 on the year), Jarod Fiegenger (team-high nine sacks), Brandon Schawang (57 tackles), Brady Cromer (two sacks Friday and kicker Yianni Haralabidis (37-of-42 on PATs) are all among D2s best players at his respective position.

Yet none has had to perform in the clutch this season and some have talents thus far unshown. Barnhill, for example, is perhaps the most danger-

ous pass-catching back in the class, yet has caught six passes all fall.

So something has to give during the four playoff rounds (Oct. 25, Oct. 31, Nov. 6, Nov. 13) leading up to the 10:15 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19, D2 Final. There will be a first: Either the Irish will meet their match, or they and their Hall of Fame Coach will finally take a tunnel walk.

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing

SH — L. Barnhill, 19-224, 4 TD; Kean, 1-13; Kirkendall, 1-8; Malone, 2-25, TD; Schawang, 1-1, TD; Scheitel, 14-122, 2 TD; TEAM, 1-(-5).

Passing

SH — La. Scheitel, 4-4-0, 119 yds., TD.

Receiving

SH — Barnhill, 1-29; Finck, 3-90, TD.

PAT Kicks

SH — Haralabidis, 5-7.

Kickoffs

SH — Haralabidis, 10-48.2 ave.

Kick Returns

SH — Kean, 1-19; D. Keithley, 1-0; Schawang, 1-20.

Blocked Kicks

SH — Schawang, 1.

Tackles

(solo-assists)

SH — Barnhill, 1-3; Burenheide, 4-2; Chandler, 1-11; Cromer, 3-6; Dunn, 3-2; Fiegenger, 1-5; D. Keithley, 2-6; Kirkendall, 2-1; Mullins, 1-0; Niemeyer, 1-2; Schawang, 1-6; Scheitel, 2-3; Strasheim, 3-0; D. Witt, 0-1.

Tackles For Losses

SH — Burenheide, 1-9; Cromer, 2-9; Fiegenger, 1-13; Kirkendall, 2-9; Mullins, 1-3; Scheitel, 2-3.

Sacks

SH — Burenheide, Fiegenger, each 1; Cromer, 2.



Photo by Jason Schock

Sack Exchange. FCSH senior Will Burenheide blindsides Lewiston quarterback Hayden Albers just as senior Brady Cromer was approaching to lower the boom Friday at Jug Brown Stadium.

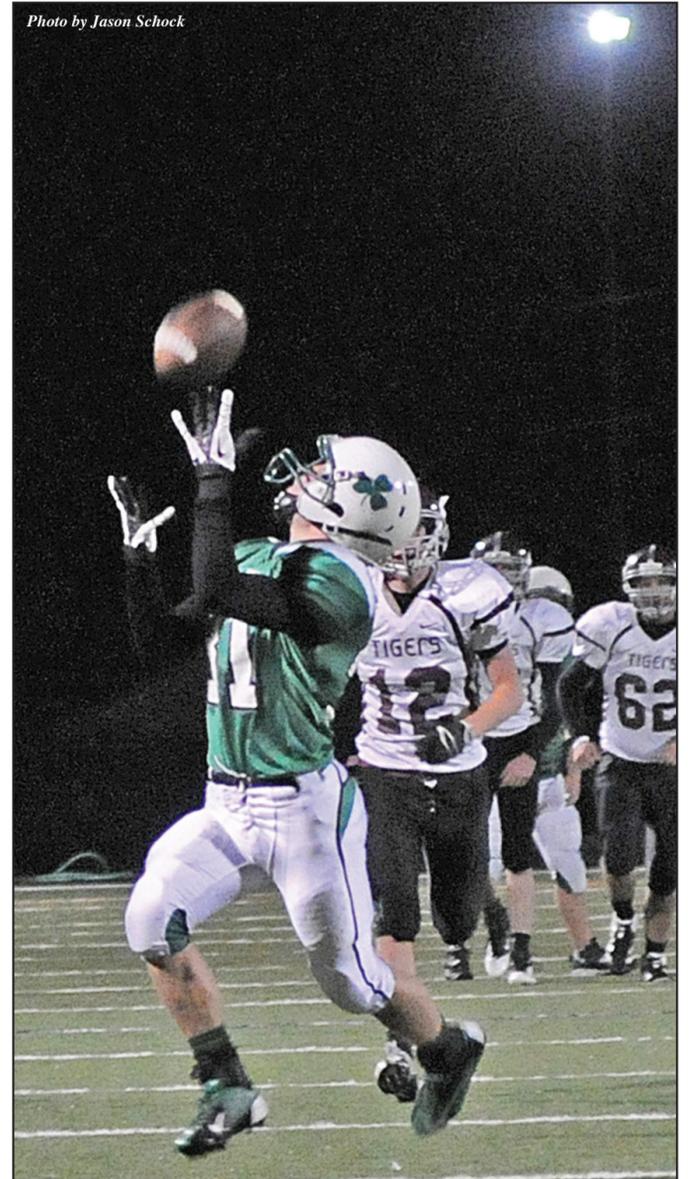


Photo by Jason Schock

WHAT ELSE? TOUCHDOWN. Irish senior Clay Finck hauls in a 47-yard TD pass from Lane Scheitel midway through the second quarter of FCSH's 61-12 win over Lewiston. This season, Finck has caught 13 passes - nine have gone for touchdowns.

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	FC	Aub
First downs.....	16	10
Rushes-yds.....	34-362	20-72
Passing.....	2-3-0	6-28-2
Passing yds.....	58	41
Total Offense.....	37-420	48-113
Punt Ret-Yds.....	3-86	3-86
Kickoff Ret-Yds.....	1-16	4-76
Punts-ave.....	0-0	4-27.0
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	0
Penalties-yds.....	8-85	4-30

By Jim Langan

According to local record books, the gridiron rivalry between Falls City and Auburn dates back to 1925 and has been just about everything. Save for what happened late in the third quarter Friday night in Auburn.

With Falls City leading the Bulldogs 35-0 and in cruise control, Mother Nature intervened and the skies opened up, causing a 30-minute delay in the game. The rain came quick and heavy, which is normally just bothersome for fans in the stands, but with it came several, too-close-for-comfort strikes of lightning. Officials cleared the field and the stands in hopes of finishing the game, but Mother Nature wasn't having any of it. The lightning stuck around and the game was called.

Sure there have been games



Photo by Jim Langan

Falls City's Jordy Stoller climbs the ladder to break up a pass intended for Auburn's Tyler Collin during the second quarter of FC's 35-0 victory over the Bulldogs Friday in Auburn.

between these two schools played in monsoons, wind, sleet and snow, but few, if any, have ever been stopped early due to a lightning storm...in the middle of October.

The Tigers, who now lead the all-time series with Auburn 41-40-4, had some flashes on the field, as well. It took just 56 seconds for the Tigers to get on the scoreboard when Cord Huettner found Codie Witt for a 36-yard touchdown pass and catch to cap off a three play, 63-yard drive and after Brandt Vice tacked on the extra point Falls City led 7-0.

Jordy Stoller put the next Tiger touchdown on the board with a 29-yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter to put FC ahead 13-0, then it was Mitchell Harling's turn to make

an impact.

The junior wingback and return man broke loose for a 53-yard touchdown run with 2:47 to go in the half, then after the Tiger defense put the kibosh on another Bulldog drive, Harling fielded a punt from Auburn's Tyler Collin, started right towards the Bulldogs' sideline, picked up some great blocks, cut back to the left and found an opening with nothing but the Auburn end zone (and a few Tiger blockers) in front of him. The 71-yard run, which put FC ahead 27-0, came with just 90 seconds remaining in the half and proved to be the final nail in the coffin for Auburn. Harling finished the game with 187 all-purpose yards to go along with the two touchdowns.

"That return was huge," said Falls City head coach Darin Fritz, who, in his first year, has led the Tigers to their first five-game winning streak in six years. "We talk about finishing games and that we needed to get special teams involved. They came up big. There were a lot of big blocks in that return. It was a total team effort."

Falls City's defense was stellar again Friday night and pitched their second shutout of the season. Auburn mustered only 113 yards on 48 plays – an average of 2.3 yards per play – and Auburn quarterback, Caleb Nelson, finished the night with 41 yards on 6 of 28 passing. Nelson was picked off twice, once by sophomore Jack Hartman who returned the pick 40 yards to set up a Falls City score and once

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BIG RED

By Sean Stevens

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

Alabama DB waffling?

Spanish Fort, Ala. defensive back Jonathan Cook (6-0/185) gave the Big Red pledged to Nebraska in early August, sight-unseen. At the time he held, and still holds, a "greysheet" offer from home-state Alabama. A full scholarship might be forthcoming, however.

Cook rescheduled his planned official visit for the Wisconsin game, and made an unofficial trip to see the Crimson Tide play Florida Atlantic instead. He also returned the following week for their game with Ole Miss and hopes to visit Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Minnesota as well. His Nebraska visit is rescheduled for the Michigan game, Oct. 27.

Cook would be considered a "soft commit" to Nebraska at best right now, and as I stated in my last column I think it's unlikely he signs with Nebraska in February.

The good news is that NU has some high-profile official visitors scheduled at the position. Mackensie Alexander (5-11/175) of Immokalee, Fla. and Priest Willis (6-2/185) of Tempe, Ariz. are both among the top 10 defensive backs according to Rivals.com will both be in town for Michigan as well.

According to 247Sports.com's composite rankings which take into account multiple ranking services, Alexander is the No. 3 cornerback nationally and Willis is No. 5.

Alexander recently named Notre Dame his leader, and is also considering Alabama, Clemson and Michigan State for visits but has only scheduled NU. He has offers from the entire SEC and all of the Florida schools, and he's been to Florida State multiple times for unofficial trips. It's an uphill battle for the Huskers, but well worth the fight.

Willis will visit LSU the week after his trip to Lincoln. He's been to Arizona and UCLA for unofficial visits, including the Bruins' win over the Huskers earlier this fall. Notre Dame and Texas are also in the fray for his pledge.

Another top option is Dashon Hunt (5-9/175) of Thousand Oaks, Calif. who visited for the Wisconsin game and came away impressed. California would seem to be the strongest competition for Hunt's commitment, but he was at one time committed to UCLA and never rule out hometown Arizona State. His decision will likely come down to Signing Day.

O-Line prospects

Speaking of the Wisconsin game, NU hosted 14 official visitors including four uncommitted offensive linemen.

Kenny Lacy (6-5/270) of Phoenix, Ariz. and Christian Morris (6-6/285) of Memphis, Tenn. are both UCLA commitments, but both made the trip to Lincoln.

Lacy reaffirmed his pledge to UCLA after the trip, and still plans a trip to Oklahoma. Meanwhile Morris remains committed to the Bruins, but told 247Sports that he's a bit more open now.

"The visit kind of made me reconsider UCLA a little bit," Morris said. "I'm still open-minded to other teams. It's UCLA, Nebraska and Oklahoma."

J.D. Hinnant (6-3/267) of Fountain Valley, Calif. was also among the official visitors that weekend. NU is battling Cal, Duke, Oregon and Oregon State for his pledge, and the impression the Huskers made had him considering whether to end his recruitment now.

"Yeah, I might," Hinnant told Rivals.com. "As of right now, I think that I'm going to end up taking my Oregon and Oregon State visits, but it might be a possibility that I will [decide before then] depending on what happens."

The fourth uncommitted lineman was man-mountain David Knevel (6-8/290) of Brantford, Ontario (Canada). He told 247Sports.com, "I can see myself as a Husker. I wouldn't say I was close to committing, but I thought about it. I still want to honor my future visits."

Knevel visited Purdue Oct. 5 and will trip to Toledo Oct. 19. Washington State, West Virginia and Wisconsin are also in the mix.

After his Purdue visit, he told Rivals.com, "I'd say that Purdue and Nebraska are probably my top two right now. I'd say Purdue would be the team to beat. I had a really good visit there - my second time being there so I have a better feel for it than other places."

Wisconsin Visitors

In addition to the offensive linemen mentioned above, some explosive offensive skill players were also in town for Wisconsin. Receivers Shelby Christy (6-4/200) of Geismar, La. (a Mississippi State commit) and Dominic Walker (6-2/195) of Orlando, Fla. along with USF commit Jojo Kemp (5-10/189) of Deland, Fla. made the trip.

Christy remains committed to Mississippi State; however the Huskers along with Georgia Tech, Michigan, Northwestern, Ole Miss, and TCU are not giving up the fight.

Walker was committed to Vanderbilt, but after his trip to Lincoln decided to reevaluate his options. Vandy, Missouri and Cincinnati are the top competition, but he also has offers from Miami, Florida and Florida State.

"It was a good experience. I love the coaches and I loved hanging out with the players and everything," he told Rivals.com. "They treated me well. All I can say is Nebraska, I'm really considering it and it made me think about opening back up my options."

Kemp is a close friend of Walker and came along on the visit despite not yet having a Nebraska offer. He's a "fall-back" option if NU strikes out with Terrell Newby (5-10/180) of West Hills, Calif. and Corey Clement (5-11/205) of Glassboro, NJ.

Nebraska In-State

NU currently has two 2013 in-state commitments in linebacker Josh Banderas (6-2/220) and defensive end Christian Lacouture (6-5/270), both of Lincoln Southwest. Those two are the only offered prospects, and Lacouture's family relocated to Lincoln this fall from Texas.

The next couple of years look to be more fruitful as far as in-state players, however. Lincoln Southeast lineman D.J. Foster (6-3/295) leads a pack of 2014 prospects that also includes his wideout teammate Luke Gifford (6-3/195), Millard West defensive end Harrison Phillips (6-4/225) and athletes Ross Drwal (6-1/186) and Skyler Monaghan (5-9/165), Omaha Westside running back Lane Yates (5-9/180), Papillion LaVista defensive back Kenzo Cotton (6-2/190), Lincoln North Star lineman Matthew Dietz (6-4/295), Millard South quarterback Anthony Cloyd (5-11/190) and Millard North safety Clay Fisher (6-2/202) – yes, the brother of current Husker Sean Fisher and Iowa Hawkeye Cole Fisher.

The 2015 class includes the state's leading wide receiver C.J. Johnson of Bellevue West, the son of former Husker Clester Johnson, and Omaha North running back Calvin Strong (5-9/175) who has lit up Class A in his first varsity season.

Way into the future, watch out for Millard North freshman Aalante Walker, a 16-year-old freshman starting on the varsity who ran a 10.8-second 100-meter dash as an eighth grader.

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Humboldt-TR-S sophomore hitter Ashton Nanninga goes up high for a kill during the first game of the Lady Titans victory over Falls City Sacred Heart last Tuesday at Prichard Auditorium in Falls City. Nanninga finished the match with three kills and one ace block.

Also pictured for H-TR-S are, from left to right: Kasey Kappel, Paulina Smith, Carmen Alexander and Bailey Kuhlmann. Defending the net for FC Sacred Heart is Rachel Parrish.

HTRS' Vasco rushes for 228 in losing effort

Humboldt-TR-S fell at Palmyra, 40-26, Friday night to remain winless (0-7) on the season.

Titan senior running back Dominic Vasco had a career game in the loss, however, carrying the ball 33 times for 228 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Vasco also returned a kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter for H-TR-S' final touchdown of the game.

After Palmyra jumped out to a 6-0 lead with 9:31 to go in the first quarter, it took just two plays for Vasco to shake loose for a 64-yard score to tie the game at 6-6. That would be as close as the Titans would be the rest of the night, though.

The Panthers' Hakeem Freeman answered Vasco's touchdown with a 75-yard kick-off return for a touchdown, then following a Titans fumble, Palmyra capitalized with a 43-yard touchdown pass from Alex Thomsen to Dallas Ringland just one minute later to lead 20-6 after the first quarter.

Schuyler Kuhlmann capped off a good H-TR-S drive midway through the second when he punched it in from one yard out to bring H-TR-S within eight, 20-12, but Hakeem Freeman struck again, returning another kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown that recaptured the momentum before the half and ultimately put the Titans away for good.

Defensively, senior Scott Hammon led the Titans with seven tackles and two tackles for loss.

H-TR-S hosts Elmwood-Murdock (6-1) Thursday at 7 p.m. for Parent's Night.

Third time's a charm for HTRS in win over FCSH

By Jim Langan

Humboldt-TR-S' Josie Morehead helped lead her team in a bounce-back win over Falls City Sacred Heart last Tuesday at a triangular in Falls City.

The senior hitter recorded 10 kills, one ace block and served six points in the Lady Titans 25-18, 25-23 defeat of the Lady Irish. It was the Titans first victory in three chances against Sacred Heart this season and helped remove the sour taste of a three-game loss to Johnson-

Brock (25-22, 15-25, 18-25) in the first match of the triangular earlier in the night. Junior Kasey Kappel added seven points, 14 assists and 11 digs in the victory.

In the loss to J-B, Kappel led the Lady Titans with 19 assists and recorded 13 digs. Sophomore Ashton Nanninga put away a team-high eight kills and senior Paulina Smith had a team-high 22 digs.

Friday night the Lady Titans were defeated on the road by Palmyra 25-23, 25-17, 28-26. Nanninga led H-TR-S at the net with 11 kills and two ace blocks. Morehead put away seven kills and served eight points with three aces. Kappel dished out a team-high 21 assists and junior Courtney Allen had a solid all-around line with four points, four kills, 16 digs and two ace blocks.

H-TR-S, now 13-8, was scheduled to play Mead (18-3) Monday night in their first round match of the Elmwood-Murdock Invitational. That tournament will conclude tonight and wraps up the Lady Titans regular season.

Next week (Oct. 22-23, 26) H-TR-S competes in the Pioneer Conference tournament. The Lady Titans are seeded No. 5 and will face No. 4 seed Johnson-Brock Monday night at 5:45 in Lewiston.

Lady Irish bounce back with win at Pawnee City

After two disappointing home losses last Tuesday to Humboldt-TR-S and Johnson-Brock, Falls City Sacred Heart bounced back to scrape together a five-set win at Pawnee City last Thursday.

Pawnee City won the set 25-19 and the third 25-21, but the Lady Irish answered with a pair of 25-19 wins in the second and fourth set, then escaped with a 15-13 win in the fifth to pick up their 20th victory of the season.

Freshman Maggie Goltz played one of her best games of the season with 16 kills on 36 of 39 spikes, while also serving 14 points for the Lady Irish. Junior Rachel Parrish put away 14 kills and recorded 12 blocks.

Junior Ashli Jordan also had a great game with 55 digs.

Sophomore Elizabeth Magdanz served 14 points and passed for 46 assists.

FCSH fell to H-TR-S (18-25, 20-25) and J-B (25-22, 19-25, 19-25) at Prichard Auditorium last Tuesday.

In the loss to H-TR-S, Goltz

and Parrish led the team with six kills each and Parrish added four ace blocks.

Goltz had a solid game against J-B, as well, leading the team with 26 of 28 hitting and 12 kills. Elizabeth Magdanz had 32 assists.

The 20-5 Lady Irish fell out of last week's Omaha World Herald rankings, but the 20 wins are the most for the school since 2005 and mark the first time FCSH has reached 20 wins since the Class D1 runner-up team of 2002.

The Lady Irish hosted Rock Port, Mo., last night and travel to Nebraska City Thursday for a triangular with NC Lourdes and Sterling.

FCSH is the overall number one seed in next week's Pioneer Conference tournament, which will be held in Sterling and Lewiston.

The Lady Irish play Monday at 7 p.m. against the winner of the Wymore Southern and Diller-Odell match.

Lady Irish JV

The Lady Irish JV team fell to Pawnee City last Thursday in two sets, 18-25, 20-25.

Katherine Bieker served 8-10 with seven points and four aces.

Harring scores four times as Irish finish 3-1

Sacred Heart's junior high football team defeated Pawnee City last Tuesday, 64-14, and finished the season with a 3-1 record. Christian Harring scored four touchdowns with runs of 53, 1, and 60 yards, and returned a kickoff 59-yards for the other score. Sean Arnold scored twice and Robert Olberding, Logan Mattan and Tristan Keithley each scored once for the Irish.

In the lone "B" team game of the season played last Thursday, Sacred Heart defeated Humboldt-TR-S 28-6. Ryker Hoy scored three times for the Irish and Tristan Keithley added the other Irish touchdown.

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Tiger cross country season ends at District Meet in Omaha

Falls City High Cross Country teams wrapped up their seasons last Thursday at the Class C District 1 meet held at Boystown in Omaha. Sophomore Brandon Gibson and freshman Lainey Larsen led the Tigers. Gibson finished in 24th place with a time of 19:29 and Larsen's time of 18:46 also notched a 24th place finish.

Syracuse junior Coleman Orchard won the boys' event with a time of 17:23.19, but it was a tight finish to the race with Fort Calhoun's Ben Everswick (17:25.52) and Alexander Tietz (17:26.66) finishing a close second and third, respectively.

Catherine Davison, a senior from Auburn, easily won the girls' event with a time of 15:48.56, which was nearly 45 seconds better than Wahoo's Ronnie Brust who finished second with a time of 16:32.75.

Notables for FC were freshman Anthony Baker who finished 37th (20:13) and senior David von Behren wrapped up his six-year (middle school included) running career for Falls City with a 43rd place finish (21:08). Lauren Bierman finished 28th on the ladies side with a time of 19:36.

"The runners improved throughout the season and I'm very excited for the future," said FCHS head coach Cody Hawley. "Both the boys' and girls' teams are very young and with the eighth graders moving up next year we will be much improved. I look for big things in the near future."

FCMS volleyball splits at Savannah

The Falls City Middle School "A" and "B" volleyball teams split matches in Savannah, Mo., last Thursday. The eighth grade "A" and "B" teams traveled to Savannah, while the seventh grade "C" team hosted Savannah's seventh grade and played two matches.

The "A" team fell 23-25, 21-25. Leading the team were Darcy Snethen and Morgan Bletscher with five points each. The "B" team defeated Savannah 25-23, 25-18 and were led by Bailey Gilkerson with eight points, including a pair of aces, and Meredith Poppe and Rylee Scholl with six points apiece.

The "C" team dropped both matches with Savannah, losing the first 25-23, 23-25, 12-15, and the second 15-25, 16-25. Al-

ysa McQueen, who served nine points in the first match, led the Lady Tigers, and Emma Gill led the team with three points in the second match.

The Lady Tigers made a clean sweep of Johnson-Brock last Monday at the FCMS. The "A" team won 25-14, 25-21, the "B" team 25-12, 25-17 and the "C" team cruised 25-22, 25-8. For the "A" team, leading scorers were Snethen and Alyssa Frederick with 10 points each. Josie Nolte, who had 12 points, including four aces, led the "B" team and Gilkerson recorded eight points with three aces. Leading the "C" team were Gill with nine points, while Emily Zentner and Leslie Vitosh each served five points.

FCMS 'B' Team finishes 2-2 after crushing Savannah

Falls City Middle School's "B" football team wrapped up their season last week with a 52-0 home victory over Savannah, Mo.

Fullback Shane Campbell and wingback Austin Babb each scored twice for the Tigers, Campbell on runs of four and three yards, and Babb from 10 and 25 yards, respectively. Tailback Brady Lotter found the end zone once on a 35-yard scamper, while tight end Parker Thompson scored on a 30-yard run. Quarterback Noah Milam found paydirt on a 15-yard quarterback keeper.

The Tigers were led defensively by linebackers Dylan Sutton and Brandt Chapple and cornerback Geoffrey Zimmerman, who each had two tackles.

The FCMS Tiger "B" squad finished the year 2-2.

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The staff and administration of Falls City High School have announced the selections for September High School Students of the Month, front row, from left: Christian Bennett, freshman son of Ron and Chris Bennett; Megan Vollmer, freshman daughter of Kevin and Julie Vollmer; Anne Gifford, junior daughter of Dan and Katy Gifford; and Reese Hogue, junior son of Don and Terri Hogue. The students were nominated by high school staff on their academic achievements, attitude, classroom contributions and work ethic. Each of the students was praised in nomination comments for "academic excellence, going above and beyond what was asked of them, their helpfulness, and their leadership, and serving as excellent role models for their peers," according to high school principal Gale Dunkhas.

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The Real Story

By Craig R. Christiansen, Executive Director
 Nebraska State Education Association

When I was in the 8th grade, our class read a story from the book "The Thread That Runs So True." It was a story of a very young teacher in a one-room country school. I thought the author was talking about my family. My father finished the 7th grade. My grandfather only finished the 4th. They told me that it didn't take much schooling to walk behind a horse-drawn plow. I loved the story, because the wooded hills and the country people who lived in them seemed so familiar. It was the details of the story that allowed me to recognize something from my own experience. Jesse Stuart, the author, told simple stories about what it meant to be a teacher fighting what seemed like an uphill battle.

A master storyteller, he wrote 61 books and nearly 500 short stories, many of which were about teachers and students. He

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She continued on, "Last year, I had a little girl who was killed. The police called school one morning and asked whether she had been at school that day and then they said they believed she'd been murdered. The little girl with red hair was very, very bright and the mother just went berserk and shot her and her brother in their sleep — shot them five times each. The whole day, I could barely hold myself up, let alone carry the burden for others in the school and for the teachers. So, you know, we rally as a family and as a community and, unfortunately, we have a lot of that kind of stuff here." I

wondered if that was a day when students would take the tests that would give critics some data to compare to other schools.

A Masquerade

Carol Mae's story, like those of Jesse Stuart, was not a generalized statement. It was a specific, personal, detailed story in which everyone can find meaning. I hope she writes her own book someday. We still need master storytellers to champion education. In some ways, the battles that Jesse Stuart fought were easier than those today. His battles were against the fears and ignorance of unschooled citizens. The battle is not over. The battles today are against what purports to be good public policy, the demands of economics, or the dominance of numerical data to interpret the complexities of schooling — all masquerading as expert opinion and all threatening the future of our communities' schools.

Seventy years ago, Jesse Stuart was fighting ignorance about the value of our schools. His stories were a huge part of that battle. Yours should be, too. Every person in America has a story about a teacher that made a life-long difference. Tell that story to your neighbors, your friends and your family. Help them understand what the numbers can never tell — the real story of our teachers and schools.

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All Bobcat football alumni, coaches, and boosters have been invited to attend the event. In addition, all Peru State alumni, community members from the area, and anyone else are encouraged to come out and support the Bobcat football team before the Oak Bowl undergoes its renovation.

It will be a very busy day of events, which starts with breakfast with the Bobcat team from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Student Center. For those who have not been on campus recently, campus tours will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m. A tailgate party will be held at the President's home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that will be followed by the game at 1 p.m.

Prior to the game, 21 Bobcat seniors will be honored,

along with their parents. This will take place at approximately 12:35. This is the largest group of seniors recognized in many, many years.

At halftime of the game, all of the football alumni and coaches who are present will be recognized by the various decades. In addition, following the introduction of the Bobcat guests, the Bobcat cheer camp participants will show what they learned prior to the game.

After the game, the ceremonial groundbreaking will take place near the scoreboard in the area south of the end zone.

In addition to the football, the Bobcat volleyball team will be in action at 4:30 p.m. as they also host the Central Methodist University Eagles. All football fans are encouraged to go to the Al Wheeler Activity Center (AWAC) after the groundbreaking and support the Bobcat volleyball team. The volleyball team will be participating in their Dig Pink Day and will be recognizing their seniors and parents as it will be the final home volleyball game for PSC.

For the entire day, the Campus Activities Board is encouraging all attending to wear pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

In addition, two different student organizations will be hosting functions during the football game. The Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC)

is sponsoring their fourth annual Make A Difference Day event in which all fans are encouraged to bring cold season items such as cough drops, tooth brushes, mittens, hats, cleaning supplies (disinfectant sprays and wipes), and cold/flu medicine. Cash donations will be accepted as well. All of the items and cash will be donated to Project Response that serves a five-county area in southeast Nebraska.

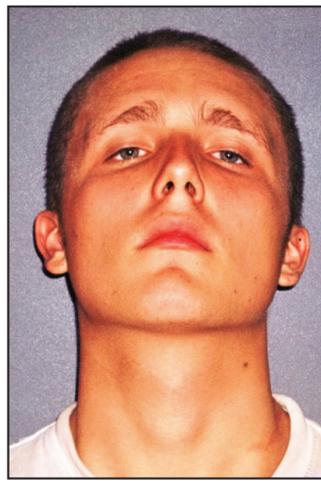
Finally, the Phi Alpha Theta student organization will be selling chili, chili dogs, and cookies during the game in order to raise funds for their trip to the next presidential inauguration.

Young Tigers pound Savannah, finish 5-1 on year

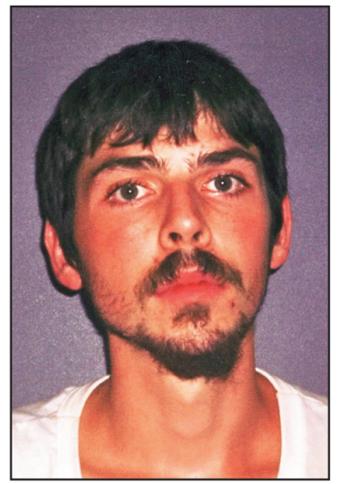
The FC Middle School 'A' football team hammered Savannah (MO) 52-0 in its final game of the season.

The Tigers, which finish 5-1, continued to use their ground game as the primary weapon, gaining an average 17 yards per play and scoring on almost every offensive possession. The offensive line set key blocks on the line and got down field to help push the running backs forward. Koner Hogue put the Tigers on the board with a 12-yard TD run. Rudy Vrtiska tossed Zayne Heckenlively the second TD of the half and the Tiger defense added a touchdown in the second quarter to put the Tigers up 24 -0 at the end of the first half.

Bryan Sickel pounded in a TD early in the second half and Heckenlively twice broke free for 35- and 55-yard touchdowns.



Dunback



Worton

Trial set for armed robbery case

A Falls City man was scheduled for arraignment this morning in Richardson County District Court for his alleged participation in a home invasion that occurred in Falls City on July 31.

Daniel C. Worton, 22, was bound over to District Court and is charged with three felony counts of aiding and abetting and felony possession of a stolen firearm. Two of the aiding and abetting charges are class III felonies that carry a maximum of 20 years imprisonment each, while the other is a class 1C felony, which carries a maximum of 50 years imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of five years.

The break-in occurred Tuesday, July 31, at the home of Robert C. Blain. When Blain walked into his kitchen he noticed his front door was open. It was then that a man wearing a bandana over his face stepped out, pointed a gun at his head and demanded medication.

Blain said the man left, while still pointing the gun at him, when he was told there was no medication in the house.

Blain also told investigators with the FC Police Department that a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun was missing from the home.

Another Falls City man, 18-year-old Chance Dunback, was also arrested for his alleged participation in the burglary. Dunback appeared in District Court Sept. 25 and plead not guilty to three class III felonies – burglary, attempted robbery and possession of a stolen firearm – and use of a firearm to commit a felony, a class 1C felony. Dunback's trial is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Ace is 'one of a kind'

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day tasks."

"He hears and understands," Shawna said of her son, but responses "just can't come out of his mouth."

Progress is being made, though. Shawna spoke of the "quality care" Ace has received at North School, from teachers, therapists and supporting administrators. Ace is speaking more, especially at home. His parents emphasize that he "use (his) words," and Ace is responding in sentences, not brief phrases or with one word. "I want a drink" is an example. His mom said Ace will have an evaluation in the spring and "will do a 360 because he's made so much progress."

"He loves having jobs at school," like holding the flag or turning off the lights. "It makes him very proud," his mom said. Ace, a first grader, can count to 20, say his ABC's and sing some children's songs. He enjoys playing with his cousins and two

favorite friends at school.

Shawna described Ace as "very detailed," and a youngster who "loves trains." She said he "likes to figure out how things work, the how's and why's. Ace "always has a smile on his face. He's a very happy kid," Shawna said.

In addition to the "amazing job" done at North School by professionals including Wendy Craig, Allison Glathar, Tracie Heckenlively, Principal Ernie Valentine (and former principal, Supt. Tim Heckenlively), as well as therapists Rachel Jackson, Mary Malcolm and Ms. Crawford, Ace's classmates have stepped up, accepting him as a friend. Early on, many of his peers wondered why Ace didn't talk. But they learned that "others aren't like them sometimes," Shawna said. "He just does things differently." Ace's classmates have been "absolutely wonderful," she said, and that is critical.

Shawna recalled a track meet at school in which Ace, running with a paraprofessional, raced in one of the dashes. His classmates cheered "Go Ace, Go; Go Ace, Go." And "go" he happily did.

It is important that people recognize that "there are children out there with disabilities," Shawna said. "Just say 'hi' to them — it could make their day." Sometimes the simplest gesture can have a huge impact.

"God created Ace to be special," Shawna said. "Ace" means "one of a kind. "I wasn't sure I wanted to name my son after a playing card," Shawna explained. "But one of a kind seems to fit. He IS one of a kind."

Progress is being made in understanding and treating various forms of autism. Ace is living proof of that. Treatments will only improve. The Journal thanks Shawna Harkendorff for sharing her son's story in hopes that others, including parents, friends and other children, will develop more understanding for youngsters like Ace.

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As part of the event those who came through the food line could put their name in a drawing for

the Longest Pass Contest. However, as rain put a damper on the event and not everyone was able to enter the drawing all the kids at the game were invited onto the field at halftime to participate. Longest Pass Contest winners were Rachel Magdanz, Tyler Witt and Bryant Jorn.

Pictured above with the contest participants are Debbie Witt of SNC, presenting proceeds from the event to Lisa Schawang of the Sacred Heart Home & School Association, and Barb Mellage of SNC, presenting the company's donation to Kathy Jordan of the Sacred Heart Booster Club.

Tax levies across Richardson County

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Falls City. The price: \$24,495. A request to consider the pur-

chase of another patrol car to replace a vehicle that is having ongoing mechanical problems

was not acted upon.

—Met with EMA Director Jim Gerweck, who presented the 2012 sub-recipient agreement for the Nebraska Emergency Management Program Funding Grant Funds in the amount of \$52,800. The commissioners approved the agreement. The board moved into executive session to discuss personnel matters with Gerweck.

—Held their weekly meeting with Highway Supt. Scott Huppert. A motion was approved for a special operating permit regarding an over-sized or overweight vehicle or load on county roads to Bennett Truck & Transport.

—Met with Tony Brunette and Eric Barr, representing Main Street Falls City. They provided an update on the project and re-

quested continued funding from the county. The board agreed to not participate at this time.

—Open the only bid received for the asphaltic concrete overlay project from Constructors, Inc., Lincoln, for a total price of \$845,520 with a project estimate start date of April 1, 2013, and

completion date of May 3, 2013. The board accepted the bid for further review.

—Met with Mona Godemann of the Veterans Service Office, Extension Educator Lindsay Chichester and Kerry Fritz from the Extension Office to review salary increases.

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153.47 Acres Sells at Referee's Land Auction Nemaha County, Nebraska

**Wednesday, November 7, 2012 ~ 10:00A.M.
at the Nemaha County Courthouse Nebraska**

PURSUANT TO an Order Confirming Report of Referee and Directing Sale issued by the District Court of Nemaha County, Nebraska, Dylan L. Handley, Referee in said partition suit, will sell the following described real estate at public auction to be held on November 7, 2012 10:00 a.m. at the 1st Floor of the Nemaha County Courthouse, in Auburn, Nebraska.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Six (6) North, Range Fifteen (15) East of the 6th P.M., Nemaha County, Nebraska, EXCEPT a tract of land conveyed to the State of Nebraska described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of said quarter section, thence westerly a distance of 2608.10 feet to the southwest corner of said quarter section; thence northerly deflecting 090 degrees, 30 minutes right, a distance of 79.89 feet along the west line of said quarter section; thence easterly deflection 086 degrees, 26 minutes right, a distance of 600.91 feet; thence easterly deflecting 003 degrees 04 minutes right, a distance of 1403.07 feet; thence easterly deflecting 010 degrees, 41 minutes left, a distance of 239.27 feet; thence easterly deflecting 026 degrees, 43 minutes right, a distance of 383.76 feet to a point on the east line of said quarter section; thence southerly deflecting 073 degrees, 37 minutes right, a distance of 50.60 feet to the point of beginning containing 6.53 acres more or less, which includes 1.91 acres, more or less, previously occupied as public highway. All in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section nineteen (19), Township Six (6) North, Range Fifteen (15) East of the 6th P.M., Nemaha County, Nebraska containing 153.47 acres more or less.

ASCS Information:

Subject 153.47 acres has 102.8 acres cropland.

TERMS OF SALE:

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price shall be paid by the Buyer of the day of the sale with the balance due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. Buyer will be furnished a Referee's Deed and possession upon confirmation of sale and full payment of purchase price. At that time, Referee shall furnish to the Buyer an owner's policy of title insurance for the real estate, showing good and marketable fee simple title.

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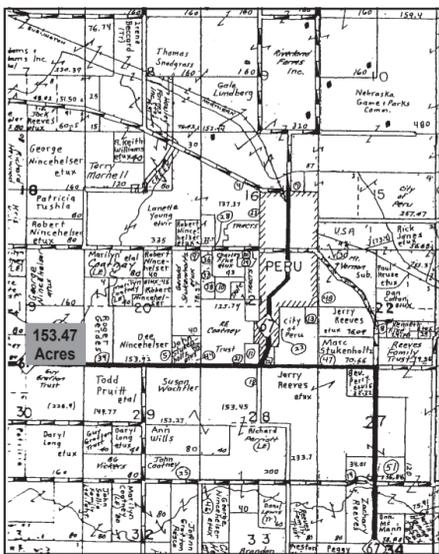
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School Board No. 56

**FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of the October 8, 2012
School Board Meeting**

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2012, at the Superintendent's Office at Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE – School Board members present were: Kathy Bartek, Ed Harris, Scott Hollens, Scott Huppert, John Martin and Teresa Olberding. Absent: None. President Scott Huppert presided at the meeting.

President Huppert announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES – There are no absences to be approved.

1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kathy Bartek that it is hereby determined that this meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and is hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said meeting in open session.

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the agenda as presented. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:
1.0 Business Items:

1.1 Roll Call and Open Meetings Act Notice

1.2 Approval of Absences

1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication ZNEZ

1.4 Approval of Agenda

1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes

1.6 Audiences – Baseball group

1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report

1.8 Approval of Claims

2.0 Informational Items/Reports:

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports:

2.2 Principal's Reports

2.3 Board President's Report

2.4 Superintendent's Report

2.4a Legislative & Organization Update

2.4b Building and Grounds Update

2.4c School Improvement Process

2.5d District Goals Update

2.4e Policy Planning

2.4f Monsanto Fund Grant

2.4g FCPS Foundation Meeting Update

2.4h Superintendent Evaluation Documents

2.4i Superintendent Meetings

2.4j Board Member Meetings

2.4k Other

2.5 Board Member Comments and/or Reports

2.6 Additions

3.0 Old/New Action Items:

3.1 First Reading Policy 8211 Graduation Requirements

3.2 Other

4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute.

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 12, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – It was moved by Kathy Bartek and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the minutes of the Sept. 10, 2012 School Board meeting. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

1.6 AUDIENCES: President Huppert requested that anyone who wishes to speak during this time announce their name and address and to limit their speaking time to 30 minutes. Mr. Robbie Craig spoke for those present and gave a presentation requesting baseball as a High School sport. Mr. Craig stated that the community will have an outstanding baseball/softball facility and it should be used more than just two or three months during the summer. Mr. Craig also pointed out that there are some teams that play Legion ball during the summer also have High School baseball and have played 20 or more games before the Falls City team sees a pitch. Mr. Craig further stated that players have more of a chance to receive a college scholarship if they play more games and can be seen by the college scouts. The Board discussed this matter and would like to form a committee to do additional research on various things, such as Title IX, interest of students in playing High School baseball, how will it affect participation in track and golf, and would it be good for the District. The Board also feels that now that it has come to the Board, there will be more community comments made and the administration, athletic director, and coaches will need to be involved in the decision.

1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the Sept. 30, 2012 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$2,020,324.29; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$186,273.87; in the Student Fee Fund of \$1,980,000; in the ICI Fund of \$180,840.26; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of

\$350,351.03; in the Special Building Fund of \$17,909.77; and in the High School Bond Fund of \$427,952.15. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Heckenlively noted that there is a healthy balance in the General Fund at the present time and that \$500,000.00 will be moved from the General Fund and invested in a Money Market Account at .20%.

The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, an Elementary Activity Account Report, and a School Lunch Report.

FC PUBLIC SCHOOLS - OCTOBER 2012 CLAIMS

4 Corners Ag Supply, grounds supplies	\$97.85
A Wish Come True, Flag Corps supplies	\$659.00
American Time & Signal, maint. supplies	\$256.78
Ameripride, linen rental	\$510.68
Apple, Inc., Monsato grant supplies	\$18,465.95
Armbruster Motor Co., car lease	\$300.00
AUL Special Pay Trust, buy-outs	\$27,190.00
Auto-Jet Muffler Corp, bus supp	\$106.07
Central Office, mileage/workshop expenses	\$3,412.98
Central Office, postage shipping expenses	\$5.15
Central Office, bus permits/cell phones	\$190.63
Central Office, misc exp	\$386.00
Central Office, payables	\$5,121.75
Check-In Motel, SPED	\$240.00
Culligan Water Supply, bus supp	\$95.00
Electronic Contracting Co., HS maint. supp	\$789.99
Elementary Activity Account - NS, NS teaching supp	\$648.03
ESU #6, distance learning	\$322.90
ESU#4 CO-OP, SS/HS/Tech registrations	\$495.00
ESU#4 Contracted, SPED serv Aug/Sept	\$6,382.00
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, bus repairs/maint	\$6.63
FC Auto Supply, bus tires/parts	\$439.08
FC Journal, advertising	\$179.24
FC Mercantile, bus supp	\$56.70
FC Sanitation, waste rem.	\$770.00
FC School Lunch Program, Sept. adult meals	\$2,082.15
FC Truck and Trailer, bus repairs/maint.	\$1,139.66
FC Utilities, utilities	\$21,263.50
FCHS Activity Account, yearbook support	\$2,500.00
Foley Industries, bus parts	\$626.62
Follett Library Resources, HS/SS teaching supp	\$758.42
General Parts, maint. supp	\$265.79
Gilco Trophy and Award, engraving	\$3.30
GovConnection, Monsato grant supp	\$162.33
Grainger, maint. supp	\$135.40
Hampton Inn Kearney, travel exp	\$82.00
Harding & Shultz, legal serv	\$85.50
Home Lumber Co., HS art/maint.	\$56.98
Hullman's, bus repairs	\$290.59
Interstate All Battery Center, bus supp	\$71.25
Jeff Huettner, grounds supp ..	\$420.79
Jim Hill's, maint. supp	\$35.00
Jo Crawford, SPED serv	\$3,260.69
Jones AC, equip repairs	\$914.75
Kriz-Davis Co., bus supp	\$246.19
Lawson Products, bus parts	\$184.26
Mary Malcolm, SPED serv	\$2,777.50
McGraw Hill Ed, NS texts	\$171.57
Mid-Town, bus repairs	\$723.90
Moore Medical, nurse supp	\$103.70
Mr. Automotive, bus parts	\$167.10
MS Activity Account, MS teaching supp	\$191.38
NASP, Inc, teaching supp	\$141.00
NCECBVI, SPED serv	\$200.00
NCSA, registration exp	\$125.00
Neal Parsons, legal serv	\$40.00
NE Central Equip, bus parts	\$111.26
Nodaway Valley Bank, copier lease	\$420.00
NT&T, local long dist.	\$147.42
Nursery School, flowers	\$115.00
Paper Tiger, doc. shredding	\$160.00
PCC, preschool lunch supp	\$342.74
Pearson Educations, text loan program	\$169.50
Pony Creek Rentals, maint. equip. rental	\$40.00
Progress Publications, HS teaching supp	\$180.00
ProServ, copier lease	\$50.00
PRTS, LLC, SPED serv	\$2,325.89
Radio Shack, tech supp	\$24.97
Ram Ext., pest control	\$150.00
Sapp Bros., bus fuel	\$1,177.00
Scholastic, NS/SS teaching supp	\$548.07
School Nurse Supply, Inc., nurse supp	\$223.05
School Specialty, SS teaching supp	\$811.34
Shopko, bus/tech supp	\$130.71
Sioux City Truck Sales, bus parts	\$1,133.85
SNC, Internet serv	\$621.00
SNC, local phone serv	\$1,395.87
Student Assurance Serv, insurance coverage	\$1,375.00
Sunburst Digital, tech supp	\$99.95
Towle Realty, building lease	\$525.00
Tremco, repairs/maint	\$885.50
True Value, maint. supp	\$73.74
University of Oregon, PBIS ..	\$250.00
Water Engineering, maint. agreement	\$237.32
Wayne Trantham, DARE ...	\$1,929.00
Wolfs Office Supplies, CO supp	\$179.00
sub total	\$125,965.91
Payroll - District 56, October 2012 wages	\$696,947.55
Grand Total	\$822,913.46

ICI Fund

Apple, district-wide computer replace and Ipad cart \$102,934.37
Special Building Fund

Roy Dietrick, remove bleachers from stadium \$4,636.00
1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by Kathy Bartek to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: There was no presentation at this meeting.

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a Ernie Valentine for North School reported on the following: Projected enrollment is currently 208 students; Parent Child Center has completed the documents needed for their five-year review and anticipate a visitation this year from NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) as part of the accreditation process; Nurse Mary Jo Huettner and Principal Valentine participated in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Workshop at ESU 4; State Directors of Assessment met in Nebraska City on October 5th; North School teachers did a fantastic job with the in-service on September 28th with individual learning plans built for K-2 students struggling in math and reading, intervention plans and classroom progress monitoring tools created to allow the measure of student growth; thank you to the Class of 1962 for the donations that purchased the iPads for North School which have been set up by Mrs. Kopf and students have begun to use them to enhance their learning; students have completed the Fall MAP Assessment and the assessment information and NeSA results were used at the in-service on September 28th; Student MAP results will be given to parents at conferences or sent home with report cards. ZNEZ

2.2b J.P. Holys for South School reported on the following: Projected enrollment is currently 179 students; "Bring a Friend to Lunch" program is the week of October 8 – 12; first quarter ends October 15th and Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 18th and October 22nd from 5:30 – 8:30 both evenings; there will be no school on Friday, October 26th, for teacher comp day; there is a two hour early dismissal on Wednesday, October 31, for the October PLC day; Scholastic Book Fairs will be held October 16th – 22nd in the North and South School Libraries and will be open during the evenings of the Parent-Teacher Conferences; three members of the Response to Intervention Team (RTI) attended technical assistance training from ESU 4 Staff Developers using DIBELS Next to deeper diagnose and prescribe effective interventions for our at risk readers.

2.2c Rick Johnson for Middle School reported on the following: Students of the Month are Jacob Joy, Sophia Gilsdorf and Alyssa Frederick; picture retakes were October 3rd; Rtl meeting at ESU is October 9th; First Quarter ends October 15th; scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 18th and October 22nd; Parent/Teacher Evaluation Leadership Meeting for Mr. Kurgeweit and Mr. Johnson is October 24th; no school on October 26th; 1:20 p.m. dismissal on October 31st for teacher in-service; December 3rd is the Band and Chorus Holiday Concert at 7:00 p.m. at Middle School; MAP tests are finished and uploaded; majority of in-service was dedicated to looking at NeSA and MAP results; the poverty simulation was held September 17th for all 8th grade students at Falls City Middle School and Sacred Heart with the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension and SENCA conducting the simulation; SENCA SMART (Strategic Money and Resource Techniques) and SAVE (Students Attain Valuable Education) are combined programs that provide financial literacy training/education to 8th grade students in Southeast Nebraska; Marge Budman, the PBIS District Coordinator, visited the monthly PRIDE (Putting Respect in Daily Education) meeting on September 24th; a Middle School meeting was held on September 28th to review behavioral issues and plans for the year; Falls City Middle School received a grant of \$3,746.52 to cover operation expenses for PBIS; each homeroom adopts a resident or two from one of the local nursing homes and the students visit twice a year during homeroom time and send cards during holidays; projected enrollment is 175 students; school calendar for November was made available.

2.2d Gale Dunkhas for High School reported on the following: Projected enrollment is 260 students; the first of eight PLCs were held on September 28th when the staff met and reviewed MAP's testing data on the NWEA site and generated reports on students in their classes, began the NeSA reflection process of recognizing areas of concern and developing an action plan to address those concerns; John Baylor testing dates have been set for November 9, 14, 20, 26 and December 5 with the ACT test to be administered on December 8th; College Fair day was September 19th with college admission officers from 40+ colleges in attendance and students from our District, Sacred Heart and HTRS attending; the college representatives indicated that the students were respectful and well-mannered and asked pertinent questions involving college enrollment; the college reps stated that they enjoy coming to Falls City to meet with the students; at the last home football game on October 19th a Monsanto representative will be here for a ceremonial presentation at Jug Brown Stadium; all equipment from the Monsanto grant is in and be-

ing used by staff and students; October is bully prevention month and student council and class officers have done an exceptional job in spearheading a student led movement to help educate students about replacing bullying activities with acts of kindness; the National Honor Society students are participating in the "Bring a Friend to Lunch" program at North and South Schools; congratulations to the Students of the Month: Reece Hogue, Anne Gifford, Christian Bennett and Megan Vollmer; congratulations to David vonBehren for being selected to sing Tenor 2 in the Honor Choir for the Musical Arts Day to be held on October 26th at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska; David was selected from auditions sent in from across the country and will be among 103 students representing high schools from Nebraska, Texas, Illinois, California, Florida, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota and Iowa, who will perform in the arena at the Walz Human Performance Center; David vonBehren was also selected as one of 48 students from across Nebraska to receive the Believers and Achievers Award, a state-wide program designed by U.S. Bank and the NSAA to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders; October 25th the High School will participate in the UNL poverty program; the Wall of Fallen Heroes is on display in the hall by the commons area of the High School and the public is invited to come see the display; school calendars for October and November were made available.

2.3 Board President Huppert's Report: President Huppert read thank you notes from the family of Mary Burton, the family of Patricia Vonderschmidt, and the family of Ed Huppert, Jr.

2.4 Superintendent Report:

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: Superintendent Heckenlively reminded the Board that the first NASB function of the year is Wednesday October 10, at Beatrice High School. The plan is to leave the Middle School by 3:15 p.m. and registration is at 4:45 p.m.

ESU 4 has identified communication with stakeholders as one of their strategic goals for school improvement. As part of the ESU 4 action plan, the ESU 4 team has developed a plan to present information to the school board members of each of the districts ESU 4 serve. This will include a brief description of the services the unit offers and allow time for questions and discussion. The two dates established for this meeting are October 22 and November 1. The meeting will begin at 6:15 PM and conclude by 8:00 PM, with dinner provided. Any board member wishing to attend one of these informational sessions will need to be preregistered soon in order for ESU 4 to plan the event.

The Education Committee, chaired by Senator Adams, held public hearings around the state over the past couple weeks to take testimony. The committee took testimony on LR 489 regarding Early Childhood Education and LR 492 to receive input on some concepts and ideas for improving the school finance system and its future sustainability, in Greta on September 25. Superintendent Heckenlively provided the Board members with a list of the concepts the Education Committee is considering.

As an ALICAP member district, Falls City Public Schools is eligible to participate in the SafeSchools online training program. SafeSchools courses are written by the nation's leading experts in school safety. The curriculum content is tested, accurate, and immediately applicable. Beginning with the October in-service early-out, selected employee groups will be identified to participate in the online training program. Subject areas will be selected and employees will complete the training courses assigned during the scheduled professional development time that has been built into the school calendar.

The School Employees Retirement Plan is quickly becoming a hot topic among state leaders. Current estimates for the actuarial shortfall under the School Employees Retirement Plan is \$53.2 million for plan year 2013-14, and \$65.7 million for 2014-15. These are estimates at this point in time. We will not know the final numbers until late October. The question is whether the Legislature will consider an increase in the employee/employer rates or delay such action for a period of time. Senator Jeremy Nordquist, Chair of the Retirement Committee, is very concerned about an already high employee rate (9.78%), and school employers are naturally concerned by the budget impact of the 101% match. Both the October and November meetings of the Public Employees Retirement Board should provide important news on what actions may be taken to smooth out the existing actuarial shortfall without violating the financial integrity of the plan itself.

The NCSA School Law update was held in Kearney on September 26. School attorneys addressed board policy, classified staff issues, reporting child abuse & neglect, technology issues, and recent case law.

The NASB/NASA State Education Conference is November 14-16 at the La Vista Conference Center. Board members planning to attend have been registered.

2.4b Building and Grounds Update: Superintendent Heckenlively updated the 4-year facilities plan for review, input, and discussion by the Project Committee in October. The Project Committee will prioritize the project list for 2012-2013, and make a formal recommendation to the full board to consider later this fall.

2.4c School Improvement Process: The School Improvement co-chairs,

Judi Carter and Jessica Snethen, will be attending the State School Improvement Workshop in Omaha on October 29-30. Information from this meeting will provide the most up to date practices and methods in the continuous school improvement model and provide guidance as we move forward at the local level.

Teacher/Leader Performance Framework - The Falls City Public Schools Board of Education authorized the district to participate as a Pilot District in the process. Mr. Rick Johnson serves as our Principal representative, and Mr. Lee Kurgeweit serves as our teacher representative on the project. The first meeting of the representatives of the Design/Pilot districts will be Wednesday, October 24, in Lincoln. Each district will send both of its representatives to this meeting. It will include an orientation to the project and a workshop by Dr. Laura Goe of the National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality.

2.4d District Goals Update: Superintendent Heckenlively provided the Board with a District Goals Update for their review.

2.4e Policy Planning: Board Policy #8211 Graduation Requirements will be updated to reflect current NDE Rule 10 recommendations and current Falls City Public Schools graduation requirements. The High School Handbook also reflects the update and current practice.

2.4f Monsanto Grant Fund: We have scheduled a celebratory event with Monsanto for our district, students, Monsanto representatives and farmers to attend, on Friday, October 19, at halftime of the varsity football game. Monsanto likes to do the check presentation in conjunction with larger events where many students and community members are in attendance. Monsanto will also be providing rally towels to be passed out to Tiger fans before the game against Lincoln Christian. ZNEZ

2.4g Falls City Public School Foundation Meeting Update: The Foundation met on September 18 in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Agenda items included the approval of board appointments, and a review and approval of the 2011 tax statements and financial compilation report. The meeting minutes were provided to the Board members for their review.

2.4h Superintendent evaluation documents: The Superintendent evaluation documents were distributed to each Board member to complete individually prior to the November regular board meeting.

2.4i Superintendent Meetings: NASB Area Membership Meeting, Beatrice, October 10; NRCSA District Meeting, October 17, Lincoln; AASA Region 1, October 17, Milligan; NASB/NASA State Education Conference, La Vista, Nov. 14-16;

2.4j Board Member Meetings: NASB Area Membership Meeting, Beatrice, October 10; NASB/NASA State Education Conference, La Vista, Nov. 14-16;

2.4k Other Items: None.

2.5 Reports by Board members and/or Board Committees: Board Member Kathy Bartek stated that she attended the "Bring a Friend to Lunch" and enjoyed it. She also attended a recent Cross Country meet and thought it was a very good meet.

Board Member Scott Hollens stated that he has attended various athletic events and likes seeing the good sportsmanship shown by the athletes. He also stated that he has heard some positive comments made about the students of District 56.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 First reading on Policy Revision: 1) Policy 8211 Graduation Requirements: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Kathy Bartek to approve on first reading Policy #8211 Graduation Requirements. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Kathy Bartek to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.



City of Falls City

SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 17th day of September, 2012, at 7 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Hersh called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. Absent: Oliver. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda as printed: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the September 4, 2012 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the Sept. 10, 2012 special meeting is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for September 17, 2012 is hereby accepted. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Police Report for August 2012 is hereby accepted. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for August 2012 is hereby accepted. 6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that Cassey Whalen be appointed to the Housing Advisory Board. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

FINAL READING – ORDINANCE #2012-105; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; HOURS OF SALE

A motion was made by Council person Sutter and seconded by Council person Wisdom to approve the final reading of Ordinance #2012-105 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Moore, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Robidoux. Motion carried.

TOWLE ADDITION – RECOMMENDATION – PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Council person Wisdom and seconded by Council person Moore to approve the Towle Addition as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CGB ADDITION – RECOMMENDATION – PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Council person Moore and seconded by Council person Sutter to approve the CGB Addition as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CGB ADDITION – ZONING CHANGE – AGRICULTURE TO INDUSTRIAL

Mayor Hersh declared a public hearing open at 7:08 P.M. for the purpose of obtaining input on the CGB Addition zoning change from Agriculture to Industrial as recommended by the Planning Commission. Mayor Hersh then asked if there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said zoning change. City Attorney Mike Dunn, Dave Erwin, Tami Erwin and Stacey Bailey all spoke. Since no one else wished to be recognized, Mayor Hersh then declared the public hearing closed at 7:20 P.M. A motion was made by Council person Sutter and seconded by Council person Moore to approve the CGB Addition zoning change from Agriculture to Industrial. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST - 2012-2013 BUDGET

Mayor Hersh declared a public

hearing open at 7:22 P.M. for the purpose of obtaining input on the setting of the property tax request and levy for the City of Falls City as submitted in the 2012-2013 City of Falls City Budget. Mayor Hersh then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said property tax request of \$565,164.00 for the City of Falls City Budget and setting the tax levy at .466772. Since no one wished to be recognized, Mayor Hersh then declared the public hearing closed at 7:24 P.M. A motion was made by Council member Moore and seconded by Council member Wisdom to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year of purposed of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Falls City passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Falls City that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year. NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Falls City, by a majority vote, resolves that: 1. The 2012-2013 property tax request be set at \$565,164.00; 2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk prior to Oct. 13, 2012. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION – ERIC BARR, CHAMBER/MAIN STREET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tony Brunette, from Main Street introduce Eric Barr as the new Chamber/Main Street Executive Director.

MAIN STREET FALLS CITY – QUARTERLY REPORT – 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER 2012

Tony Brunette from Main Street gave a verbal Quarterly Report for the 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2012 and updated them on the Main Street Construction Project.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE A 2013 DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK

A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Scholl to purchase a 2013 Digger Derrick truck as recommended by the BOPW for \$178,666.00 from Dueco, Inc. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE A 2013 ONE TON TRUCK

A motion was made by Council person Murphy and seconded by Council person Moore to purchase a 2013 One-ton truck as recommended by the BOPW for \$35,763.00 from Hullman's Ford. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

ACCEPT BID – MILLER MONROE FARRELL

A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Scholl to accept the bid from Miller Monroe Farwell for insurance coverage for \$228,334.00. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

ALLOW TIME WARNER – DROP BOX

The Council discussed the possibility of Time Warner placing a drop box on City owned property. No property was identified.

USE OF STREETS – JINGLE BELL RIDE – NOV. 4, 2012

A motion was made by Council person Scholl and seconded by Council person Robidoux to approve the request to use streets for the Jingle Bell ride on Nov. 4, 2012. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION

A motion was made by Council person Moore and seconded by Council person Sutter to recess from regular session and convene to Executive Session at 7:24 P.M. to discuss Litigation with Deputy City Clerk – Carol Bentley, Utility Superintendent, Alan Romine and Police Chief – John Caverzagie. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY @ None. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Wisdom to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in regular session at 7:53 P.M. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Moore, Murphy, Robidoux, Scholl, Sutter, Wisdom. ANAY @ None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on Sept. 17, 2012; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and

available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, Clerk
Tim Hersh, Mayor

Village of Stella

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Oct. 1, 2012, 7 P.M.

Present: Henry Sullwold, Andy McMullen, Dan Sullwold, Aaron Davis and Jerry Joy. Absent: None. Guests: Joan Sullwold and Cornette McFadden. Chairman Joy called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act. Motion by McMullen and second by D. Sullwold to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yea. Motion by McMullen and second by Davis to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All voted yea. Motion by McMullen and second by H. Sullwold to pay the claims as presented. All voted yea.

Communications: Ads for bids on the lots in Stella have been posted and published in the Journal. Committees: Streets – OK; Lights – Currently, all are working; Park – Jackie Uhri is working on getting benches fixed and tennis court will be painted next spring; W & S – Written report; Library – Written report; Maintenance Man – Some of the asphalt chips have been hauled in; Planning – None; Tree – None; Health – BP clinics continue monthly; Community Building – None. ZNEZ

Joy is working on 501-3C status for the village. He estimates the cost to be \$350-\$400. SENDD – The Village received a letter from the Department of Economic Development noting that the Village had been approved for \$128,496 of CDBG funds. The funds will be used to provide owner occupied rehab to four households in Stella. 1 & 6 committee had no report at this time.

Snow Removal Plan – Henry Sullwold will help. Maintenance Man and Noha Vice as backup if needed.

Audit Waiver Request – Motion by D. Sullwold and second by McMullen to submit Audit Waiver Request. All voted yea.

McMullen will look over the insurance policy which will be up for renewal next month.

Salary review – Tabled. The number of Planning Committee members was questioned. Currently there are four members and the Board Chairman.

Joan Sullwold was present to ask permission to tear down the house to the north of their home as it is falling in. It was inspected for asbestos and there was none. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by Joy to allow the house to be torn down. All voted yea. Water shut-offs were signed.

Motion by H. Sullwold and second by McMullen to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. All voted yea.

Claims and Payroll

Roger Sullwold, 250; George Ketter, 180.60; George Ketter, 425; Nebraska Rural Water Assoc., 100; OPPD, 515.54; Vicki Owings, 525; Vicki Owings, 14.38; American Recycling and Sanitation, 1040; Elizabeth Ketter, 57.50; Shadow Loveless, 71.88; Elizabeth Ketter, 42.75; Display Sales, 117; NPPD, 1351.70; Dan Sullwold, 115; SE NE Communications, 149.53; Internal Revenue Service, 157.98; Tracy Milke, 180.

VILLAGE OF STELLA Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Beginning Balance
October 1, 2011\$187,097.07
Annual Receipts\$129,262.23
Annual Disbursements ..\$175,554.31
Ending Balance
September 30, 2012\$140,804.99

Vicki Owings, Clerk

School Board No. 70

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 Special Meeting on Aug. 22, 2012 7:00 PM at the Humboldt Board Conference Room

A workshop of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 was held on August 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the 2nd floor math room. Notice of the meeting was advertised in The Humboldt Standard, The Pawnee Republican and The Falls City Journal. A copy of the agenda was kept in the Superintendent's office prior to the meeting.

Board President Steve Schardt called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Board members in attendance by roll call were: Neal Kanel, DeAnn Glathar, Jeremy Leech, Scott Ogle, Sandy Stalder, Joe Standerford, Allen Fankhauser and Ben Steffen. Also in attendance: Superintendent Clinton Kimbrough and Principals Laurie Kimbrough, Kari Cover and Lisa Othmer and Board Recorder Kellie Workman.

President Schardt welcomed guests to the meeting.

Motion by Ogle, seconded by Leech to approve the agenda. Motion carried 9-0.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Stalder to approve the bills for payment as presented for \$34,741.36 and prior approval for final fiscal year bills and transfers up to an additional \$475,000. Motion carried 9-0.

Motion by Fankhauser, seconded by Leech to adopt the recommendation of the building & grounds committee by approving the stairway proposal at the football field, to be erected by McNealy Construction for \$4,346. Motion carried 9-0.

Superintendent Kimbrough gave the board a draft copy of the budget hearing for the September meeting and a listing of the HTRS valuations from all the counties.

Executive session: none. Motion by Steffen, seconded by Ogle to adjourn at 8:24 PM. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Workman, Board Recorder

CLAIMS

AG Partners Cooperative	86.93
Blackboard Inc	55.20
ByteSpeed, LLC	488.00
CDW-G	54.00
Calloway House Inc	23.93
Esu 5	7,493.50
Falls City Journal	40.00
Falls City Mercantile Co.	294.43
Fremont Industries, Inc.	390.00
G Neil Direct Mail Inc	119.98
General Office Checking Acct.	752.05
Houghton Mifflin Co.	2,610.65
Humboldt Electric & Appliance	59.00
Humboldt Implement Co.	57.40
J W Pepper & Son Inc	670.89
Malcolite Corporation	4,695.60
Mellage Truck & Tractor, Inc.	977.97
NPPD	6,102.00
Omaha Truck Center	364.96
Omaha World Herald	60.87
Quill	103.68
Ricoh USA, Inc	1,662.00
Schendel Pest Control	183.00
School Mate	508.75
School Specialty Inc	473.23
Schwarz Paper Company	4,841.29
Security Services	90.00
Shiffner	867.90
Sunrise Publications	5.89
Teacher Created Resources	57.44
Time Warner Cable	119.90
Windstream Nebraska	430.92

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OCTOBER 2, 2012 CALL TO ORDER

At 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, Chairman Sichel called to order a meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization. Those present were Commissioners Ely, Davidson and Sichel; and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION

Motion was made by Ely to approve a motor vehicle tax exemption on a 1999 International School Bus for the Sacred Heart School, Falls City. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sichel to close the Board of Equalization at 8:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

Take extra precautions to prevent wildfires

LINCOLN — The Nebraska Forest Service says farmers, ranchers and homeowners should take extra precautions to prevent fall wildfires. The extremely dry conditions that spurred an unusually active wildfire season, the lack of rain and an increase in the amount of dead and dying foliage could pose a higher risk of wildfires.

"The drought has left much of Nebraska's landscape prone to fires, not only in forested areas but also in farm fields and around homes," said Don Westover, wildland fire protection program director. "We're urging Nebraskans to take steps to prevent dangerous wildfires this fall."

Forestry officials encourage taking extra precautions, since large fires in Nebraska are not limited to the summer months. Last October, 154 wildfires burned more than 6,000 acres; 88 of those fires were related to equipment use.

"It's not unusual for a harvest operation to start wildfires," Westover said. "Corn and soy beans are not harvested until they are dry, which creates dry fuel for a fire."

Farmers are urged to take steps to help prevent wildfires: — Maintain harvest equipment. Make sure it is in good operating condition so that it will operate as cool as possible. — Keep crop residue from accumulating on farm equipment — manifolds, ledges and other areas that become hot.

— Start harvesting on the down-wind side of the field. If a fire breaks out, it will burn the crop stubble rather than the unharvested crop.

— Keep a fire extinguisher on board farm equipment. Fires start small, and many can be stopped before becoming a damaging wildfire.

— Carry a cell phone and keep the local fire department's phone number programmed in your phone. The sooner you notify the fire department, the sooner a fire can be contained.

Homeowners in both urban and rural areas also need to be aware of how drought conditions have affected their landscapes. Emphasis should be placed on creating a defensible space around homes and buildings. Reduce the amount of flammable vegetation surrounding the home by removing dead vegetation, including branches, leaves, needles and twigs that are still attached to plants. Vegetation and other fuels burning near the house produce flames that contact the home and ignite it. Keep plants located near the house healthy, green and irrigated during fire season.

The publication "Living with Fire," a homeowner's guide to reducing the risk of wildfires, is available on the Nebraska Forest Service website. Separate guides are available for eastern and western Nebraska homeowners; each guide is focused on regional areas of concern. The guide includes no-cost ways to make a home fire wise. Visit nfs.unl.edu for more safety tips. The Nebraska Forest Service is an affiliate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bid Notice

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools is looking for bids for Track & Field runways and improvements. Work to entail some dirt excavation and 30-35 yards of concrete flat work. There will be a meeting for those interested on October 31, 2012 at 4:00 PM in the Board Conference room at 810 Central Ave. in Humboldt. Direct questions to Clinton Kimbrough, Superintendent, phone 402-862-2235.

ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ISA - Dreams LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 66082 703 Trail, Rulo, Nebraska 68431. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do all lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska, including the sale of nutritional supplements and skin care products manufactured and marketed by Isagenix. The limited liability company was formed on September 5, 2012, and shall continue perpetually. Its affairs shall be conducted by the Member pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

MEMBER: Rita S. Johansen Neal E. Parsons, #13228 Attorney at Law 217 East 18th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355 2-9-16

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

Estate of Virginia M. Longacre, Deceased. Estate No. PR12-53 Notice is hereby given that on September 25, 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 Frank W. Longacre whose address is Route 4, Box 140, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 74728, and Larry K. Longacre whose address is 1112 Walnut Street, Eudora, Kansas 66025 have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 3, 2012 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT

Richard L. Halbert, #11659 Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C. 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486 2-9-16

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF BLUE ZONE SOLUTION, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a Corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The name of the Corporation is Blue Zone Solution, Inc. The registered office of the Corporation is 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to engage in any lawful business as determined by the Board of Directors. The authorized capital stock of the Corporation is 10,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share. The Corporation commenced existence on September 20, 2012 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted by the Board of Directors, President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.

BLUE ZONE SOLUTION, INC.

Richard Martin, Incorporator WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz #12807 Robert J. Meyer #22281 1719 Stone Street P.O. Box 569 Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-3015 2-9-16

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

CALL ORDER 155 FEDERAL PROJECT NO. PLH-3615(8) LOCATION: ON A COUNTY ROAD, NORTH & SOUTH OF PRESTON COUNTIES: RICHARDSON The Nebraska Department of Roads will receive sealed bids in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Hwy. 2 in Lincoln, until 1:30 P.M. on October 25, 2012. At that time the bids will be opened and read for CONCRETE PAVEMENT BIDDING PROPOSAL FORMS WILL BE ISSUED AND A CONTRACT AWARDED TO A CONTRACTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR: CONCRETE PAVEMENT Length: 3.8 MILES START DATE: 08/26/2013 WORKING DAYS: 35 Price Range \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 Plans and specifications may be seen beginning October 02, 2012 at the Lincoln Central Office and October 09, 2012 at the District Engineer's Office at LINCOLN Additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Roads Web Site at http://www.dor.state.ne.us/letting/ This project is funded under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply.

Kimberly Baker Highway Contracts Supervisor Construction Division Nebraska Dept. of Roads 2-9-16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Re: 446.0085 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the following-described property will be sold by Great Western Bank, a bank chartered under the laws of the State of South Dakota, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder at inside the West door of the Richardson County Courthouse, in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska on November 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 31, Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska commonly known as 1901 McLean St., Falls City, NE.

The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, at the time of the sale, a personal or cashier's check in the amount of \$5,000.00, with the full purchase price, in certified funds, to be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. (If the sale is held after 1:00 P.M., the deposit requirement remains the same, and the full purchase price, in certified funds, shall be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. the following business day.) The purchaser shall be responsible for all prior liens, all applicable fees, and all taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This property is sold "as is" and this sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

Great Western Bank, a bank chartered under the laws of the State of South Dakota, Successor Trustee

By: Camille R. Hawk (#20395) For: Walentine, O'Toole, McQuillan & Gordon, L.L.P. 11240 Davenport Street P.O. Box 540125 Omaha, NE 68154 (402) 330-6300 2-9-16-23-30

INVITATION TO BID ON BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS and DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS FARMS

Marilynn Lee Koelliker, Trustee of the Harold E. Koelliker and Rosalie M. Koelliker Revocable Living Trust, 4625 NE Widigan Road, Topeka, Kansas 66617 will offer farm lands for sale by sealed bids.

The Brown County, Kansas farm with 129.6 crop acres, 22.75 timber and pasture acres, and 7.39 waterway acres will be sold by sealed bids. This farm is located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 1, Range 18, Brown County, Kansas.

The Doniphan County, Kansas farm with 17.70 crop acres and 64.22 timber and pasture acres will be sold by sealed bids. This farm is located in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 19, Doniphan County, Kansas.

The Trustee will accept written sealed bids for a lump sum purchase price on each tract delivered to the Harold E. Koelliker and Rosalie M. Koelliker Revocable Living Trust, c/o Finley, Miller, Cashman, Schmitt & Boye, LLP, 117 South Sixth Street, P.O. Box 240, Hiawatha, Kansas 66434 prior to 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2012. Sale is not contingent on buyer financing.

Submitted bids will be opened and reviewed on October 29, 2012 and closing shall take place on November 30, 2012. The owners reserve the right to accept the best bid, reject all bids, or invite two or more of the bidders to participate in a private auction.

The form to be used for submitting a bid and booklet of information with more sale details may be obtained by contacting the law office of Finley, Miller, Cashman, Schmitt & Boye, LLP at (785) 742-2181 or by fax at (785) 742-3116, or from the Trustee. Booklets are also available at local banks after September 20, 2012. 16-23

STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NOTICE OF APPLICATION A-18970

Richardson County Water Division 1-F On September 25, 2012, John E. and Dorothy A. Beutler and Rist Farm Inc., filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-18970 for a permit to appropriate water.

Summary of Application: Type: Natural flow out-of-stream use Purpose: Irrigation Source: North Fork Big Nemaha River Point of Diversion: SE1/4NW1/4 S33 T2N R15E Location of Use: SW1/4 and SE1/4 S28 T2N R15E & NW1/4 and NE1/4 S33 T2N R15E Amount: 4.4 cubic feet per second (1975 gallons per minute)

Additional project information and procedures to respond to this notice may be obtained by contacting the Surface Water Permits section of the Department at (402) 471-2363 or through the Department's website at www.dnr.ne.gov/legal/SW_NoticeofAppsfiled.html.

Objections must be received by the Department at 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509 by 5:00 P.M. on November 7, 2012.

Date of Notice October 9, 2012. 9-16-23

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that pursuant to a power of sale contained in the deed of trust in the original principal amount of \$41,200.00 executed by Brian L. Eppens and Carmen R. Eppens, husband and wife, which was filed for record on May 20, 2005 in Book 218 at Page 271 of the Mortgage Records in the office of the Register of Deeds of Richardson County, Nebraska, the property described below will be sold by the undersigned at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified or cashier's check, on the first floor, lobby area of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska at 10:00 AM on November 20, 2012:

LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 185, ORIGINAL TOWN OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

The highest bidder is required to deliver cash or certified funds to the undersigned by the close of business on the day of sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

Eric H. Lindquist Successor Trustee 9-16-23-30-6

School Board #70

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 Regular Meeting on Oct. 8, 2012 7 p.m., Math Room in Humboldt

A regular meeting of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 was held on Oct. 8, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Math Room in Humboldt. The meeting was advertised in The Humboldt Standard, The Falls City Journal and The Pawnee Republican. A copy of the agenda was kept in the Superintendent's office prior to the meeting.

Board President Steve Schardt called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Board members in attendance by roll call were: DeAnn Glathar, Scott Ogle, Neal Kanel, Joe Standerford, Ben Steffen, Allen Fankhauser, Jeremy Leech, and Sandy Stalder. Also in attendance were Superintendent Clinton Kimbrough, Principals Lisa Othmer and Karl Cover and Board Recorder Kellie Workman.

President Schardt welcomed many guests to the meeting. Correspondence: Thank you from the Table Rock kitchen staff for a new cooler and air conditioning.

Motion by Ogle, seconded by Standerford to approve the agenda. Motion carried 9-0.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Stalder to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 10, 2012. Motion carried 9-0. Motion by Leech, seconded by Steffen to approve the minutes of the tax request hearing held on September 10, 2012. Motion carried 9-0. Motion by Steffen, seconded by Standerford to approve the minutes of the budget hearing held on September 10, 2012. Motion carried 9-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Steffen to approve bills for payment for a total of \$492,012.90 for general and payroll funds and a transfer from the building fund to the general fund of \$124,001.00. Motion carried 9-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Steffen to approve the treasurer, activity and lunch fund reports. Motion carried 9-0. Patron Comment: Mark Novak.

Discussion items: Presentation from Tina Herr on behalf of the Athletic Booster Club for a proposed fitness center followed by questions from the board to the boosters and then comments from the public that were in attendance.

Trudy Fankhauser gave the board a handout and highlighted a few points concerning assessments and how poverty affects testing.

Staff Presentation: Kara Engles presented information on Project Readers to the board.

Action Items: Micheal Stinman played and sang the new school song he arranged for the Titans. Motion by Standerford, seconded by Stalder to approve the new school song. Motion carried 9-0.

Motion by Fankhauser, seconded by Glathar to commence advertising for bids for track runways and accept the proposed purchase of standards and a pit from Doane College and purchase vault pits and covers. Motion carried 9-0.

Administrator Reports: Principal Cover's report mentioned staff development, mentoring, MAPS testing and magazine sales. Principal Othmer's report listed the Homecoming candidates, the Project Readers team and mentioned the new school website that is under construction. Superintendent Kimbrough and the board made plans for the NASB area membership workshop on Oct. 10, and discussed the fall conference in November.

Motion by Stalder, seconded by Leech to adjourn at 9:14 PM. Motion carried 9-0.

The next regular meeting of the HTRS Board of Education will be Nov. 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the 2nd Floor Math Room at the Humboldt site.

Respectfully submitted, Kellie Workman, Board Recorder

CLAIMS

Table with 2 columns: Claim Name, Amount. Includes ADM Alliance Nutrition (2,400.00), AG Partners Cooperative (78.90), AmSan (1,850.06), Apple Computer Inc (4,193.00), Arden Nitz (1,308.20), Barone Security Systems (561.96), Beatrice Mechanical Service (5,140.00), Best Printing (1,058.84), Binder Brothers (1,605.32), Black Hills Energy (22.26), Blecha's 66 Service (3,412.90), Cardmember Service (1,092.54), Centar Industries (176.00), Clint Kimbrough (343.15), Community Insurance Group (100.00), Den's Country Meats (5,617.22), Esu #4 (30,706.37), Esu #6 (336.94), Falls City Mercantile Co. (17.00), Falls City Sanitation (290.40), Family Medicine (100.00), Farmers Union Coop Supply (339.35), Fastenal (37.46), Flinn Scientific Inc (311.25), Fremont Industries, Inc (390.00), General Office Checking Acct. (751.14), GovConnection, Inc (309.99), H & H Auto Parts (24.98), HTRS Payroll Acct (394,242.46), Harding & Shultz, PC, LLO (2,944.35), Heavy Duty Bus Parts, Inc (198.22), Home Lumber Co. (17.58), Humboldt Auto, Inc (846.80), Humboldt Lumber (694.40), Humboldt Standard (592.36), Joy Wilcock (2,330.76), Konica Minolta (2,491.57), Lewis Implement Company (2.59), Lincoln Journal-star (210.60), Marvin Blecha (140.66), Mary Malcolm (2,246.50), Matheson-Linweld (35.80), Mellage Truck & Tractor, Inc. (198.00), NCSA (335.00), NPPD (7,712.77), NE Safety Center @ UNK (150.00), Nebraska Sports (59.84), Nicholson And Associates (250.00), Noha Vice (1,030.90), Omaha Truck Center (35.70), Okeefe Elevator Co., Inc. (247.19), One Source (135.00)

Table with 2 columns: Company Name, Amount. Includes PRTS, LLC (3,961.95), Pawnee True Value (74.46), Phillips Plumbing (1,160.28), Pratt Audio-Visual (486.71), Quill (256.30), R & D Grocery (62.29), Really Good Stuff (372.92), Region V Systems (117.00), Schendel Pest Control (334.00), Schmitt Music (504.00), Scholastic Inc (163.19), School Specialty Inc (20.89), Seneca Sanitation (100.00), Stanley Security Solutions (19.28), Sunrise Publications (78.30), Sunrise Publications (81.00), Superior Text (327.99), Unite Private Networks (1,818.15), Verizon (77.50), Verizon (199.97), Wentz Hearing & AC (374.25), Wayne Trantham (737.00), Windstream Nebraska (961.19)

ESU No. 4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 8, 2012, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, NE. The following claims were paid for the month of October:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Includes General Fund (\$31,298.94), Payroll (\$355,266.89), NCECBVI (\$25,691.77), Federal Programs (\$68,028.89)

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th St., Auburn, NE. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the ESU 4 Learning Center, 1109 'R' St., Auburn, NE. Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED PLEASE STOP BY OUR OFFICE AT 1810 HARLAN ST. FALLS CITY, OR E-Mail ads to fcjournalads@sentco.net nikkifcjournal@sentco.net fcjournal1@sentco.net DEADLINE IS Noon Friday

NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING BALLOT REQUEST FORM I, _____ am a qualified elector of the State of Nebraska and will not be going to the polls on the day of said election, therefore I request an absentee ballot be mailed to me for the General Election occurring on November 6, 2012. I am a registered voter in Richardson County at: _____ (address) () I request ballots be mailed to the following address: _____ (address, city, st, zip) () I will vote in this office as the Absentee Polling Place. The County Clerk or staff member may reach me at _____ to verify any information, which might be required, prior to sending the ballots to me. VOTER SIGNATURE _____ Agent's Signature (if applicable) _____ EARLY VOTING DEADLINES Request by mail 4:00 pm Wednesday, October 31, 2012 Request in person 5:00 pm Monday, November 5, 2012 Request by agent 7:00 pm ELECTION DAY, Nov. 6, 2012 Mail Application to: RICHARDSON COUNTY CLERK 1700 STONE STREET FALLS CITY, NE 68355 or Fax to: 402-245-2946 For Office Use Only: Ballots Assigned: _____ Page: _____ Line: _____ Staff Initials: _____ Date Sent: _____ Voter ID Number: _____ Date Returned: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

Also included is a Statement of Explanation in Italics Prepared by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council for the Amendments Proposed by the Legislature

PROPOSED BY THE 2012 LEGISLATURE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would authorize impeachment of civil officers for acts that occur in pursuit of the office. Current law only allows for impeachment for acts that occur while in office.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would not authorize impeachment of civil officers for acts that occur while the civil officer is pursuing the office.

A constitutional amendment to provide that any misdemeanor while in pursuit of his or her office is grounds for impeachment of a civil officer.

For
Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2012 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article IV, section 5: IV-5 All civil officers A civil officer of this state shall be liable to impeachment for any misdemeanor in office or for any misdemeanor in pursuit of such office.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language: A constitutional amendment to provide that any misdemeanor while in pursuit of his or her office is grounds for impeachment of a civil officer.

For
Against

PROPOSED BY THE 2012 LEGISLATURE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would set forth a constitutional right to hunt, to fish, and to harvest wildlife and would designate public hunting, fishing, and harvesting of wildlife as a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife. The right set forth by this constitutional amendment would be subject to certain laws, rules, and regulations, and this constitutional amendment would not be construed to modify current laws relating to trespass or property right laws or constitutional provisions pertaining to water.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would result in the right to hunt, to fish, and to harvest wildlife not being added to the Constitution of Nebraska and public hunting, fishing, and harvesting of wildlife not being designated a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

A constitutional amendment to establish the right to hunt, to fish, and to harvest wildlife and to state that public hunting, fishing, and harvesting of wildlife shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

For
Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2012 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 25 to Article XV:

XV-25 The citizens of Nebraska have the right to hunt, to fish, and to harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods, subject only to laws, rules, and regulations regarding participation and that promote wildlife conservation and management and that preserve the future of hunting, fishing, and harvesting of wildlife. Public hunting, fishing, and harvesting of wildlife shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife. This section shall not be construed to modify any provision of law relating to trespass or property rights. This section shall not be construed to modify any provision of law relating to Article XV, section 4, Article XV, section 5, Article XV, section 6, or Article XV, section 7 of this constitution.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to establish the right to hunt, to fish, and to harvest wildlife and to state that public hunting, fishing, and harvesting of wildlife shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

For
Against

PROPOSED BY THE 2012 LEGISLATURE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would change the number of terms a member of the Legislature may serve from two consecutive four year terms to three consecutive four year terms.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would retain two consecutive four year terms as the number of terms a member of the Legislature may serve.

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms to three consecutive terms.

For
Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2012 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be

submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 12: III-12 (1) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for four years next after the expiration of two three consecutive terms regardless of the district represented.

(2) Service prior to January 1, 2001, as a member of the Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating consecutive terms in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) (2) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms to three consecutive terms.

For
Against

PROPOSED BY THE 2012 LEGISLATURE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4

A vote FOR this constitutional amendment would increase the salary for members of the Legislature from twelve thousand dollars per year to twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars per year, beginning January 2013.

A vote AGAINST this constitutional amendment would result in no change in the salary for members of the Legislature.

A constitutional amendment to change the salary of members of the Legislature to twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

For
Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2012 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 7:

III-7 At the general election to be held in November 1964, one-half the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years and the remainder for a term of two years, and thereafter all members shall be elected for a term of four years, with the manner of such election to be determined by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted, the members elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law providing for such redistricting shall where necessary specify the newly established district which they shall represent for the balance of their term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated with or endorsed by any political party or organization. Each Until January 9, 2013, each member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to exceed one thousand dollars per month during the term of his or her office. Beginning January 9, 2013, each member of the Legislature shall receive an annual salary during his or her term of office equal to twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars. In addition to his or her salary, each member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual expenses in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from each regular or special session of the Legislature. Members of the Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than his or her salary and expenses, and employees of the Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or per diem.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the salary of members of the Legislature to twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

For
Against

Respectfully submitted,

John Gale

Secretary of State

(Publish three times, weeks of Oct. 15, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29)

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 2, 2012 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickle at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. Roll call was answered by Ely, Davidson and Sickle. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickle and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Ely. Chairman Sickle announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sickle to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2012, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-abstain, Sickle-aye. Motion carried. ZNEZ

Motion was made by Ely to approve the agenda with a change in meeting with Dan Schinstock of ETI to 11:15 a.m. due to the absence of Jim Gerweck who is unable to meet with the Board this week and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickle. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-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

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPT.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges. He reported that the armor coat project on the county's hard surfaced roads has been completed.

SHERIFF HOUSER

Sheriff Houser was unable to meet with the Board this week.

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

JIM GERWECK, EMA DIRECTOR

Jim Gerweck, EMA Director was scheduled to meet with the Board in an executive session but due to conflicts in scheduling was unable to attend the meeting.

DAN SCHINSTOCK, Engineering Technologies, Inc.

Dan Schinstock, of Engineering Technologies, Inc. met with the Board to review a proposal for engineering services for the replacement of the air conditioning system in the Courthouse.

Motion was made by Ely to accept the proposal for the engineering services for the Richardson County Courthouse Water Chiller Replacement at a fee of 9% of the mechanical/electrical construction costs associated with the project. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Monthly Operating Statement The Board reviewed the September, 2012 monthly operating statement.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of September, 2012:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk\$833.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds\$10,011.25
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court.....\$777.00

Agreement with OPPD

Motion was made by Ely to approve an agreement with OPPD for the use of county road right-of-way on 704 Road, 1 mile south and 2.5 miles west of Falls City. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 4)

NACO Lease Agreement for Truck

Motion was made by Ely to approve the NACO Lease Purchase Agreement with Ameritas for the financing of a 2013 International truck with specialized equipment for \$152,700.00 and to adopt Resolution 2012-2013-11. Motion seconded by Sickle. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 3)

Agreement for Cost Allocation Plan

Motion was made by Sickle to approve an engagement letter with Robert W. Aitken, CPA, PC to develop a cost allocation plan for the fiscal year end June 30, 2011 for a fee of \$4,200.00 which will be recovered from an indirect cost payment from federal and state funding. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried.

Other

The Sheriff submitted to the Board a report on the 2010 distress warrants that were issued in which \$19,810.52 were collected and \$5,794.78 were uncollectible and/or reissued. The report was received by the County Clerk on September 5, 2012.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Alamar Uniforms, serv.....601.79
Ameritas, retiree2,395.33
Automated Systems, serv...8,020.00
Behavioral interventions, serv164.61
Lindsay Chichester, reimb119.02
James Cockerham, drill495.00
Culligan Water, serv222.41
Douglas County Treasurer, serv250.00
FC Sanitation, serv126.00
FC Utility Dept., serv4,071.76
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey, fee975.00
Kathy Habben, fee355.00
Hullmans Ford, serv2,617.58
Charles James, DDS, serv185.00
Kawres, serv/supp1,007.76
Kochs Auto Serv., serv707.94
John Koso, drill450.00
Linsali, serv5760.00
Leona McKim, drill490.00
Roland Merwin, reimb7.73
Robert Meyer, fee50.00
RR Donnelley, supp88.00
Physicians Lab, fee900.00
Postmaster, postage907.00
Quality Inn, serv254.85
Ram Exterminators, serv45.00
Richardson County Sheriff, costs711.42
Richardson County Vendor, FICA2,779.92
Blaine Roffman, fee900.00
Jacqueline Smith, serv & reimb1,877.77
SE NE Communications, serv514.56
US Cellular, serv470.08
Verizon Wireless, serv431.04
Payroll Expense7,207.20
Total General Fund\$46,158.77

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

CAT Financial Services, equip30,054.53
CAT Access Account, equip9,820.85
Norris Quarries, rock443.52
OPPD, serv18.85
Omaha Slings, Inc., supp161.04
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb41.64
County Clerk, plat books48.00
Rockmount/Nassau, supp...1,536.93
Village of Verdon, serv21.14
Payroll Expense29,454.22
Total Road/Bridge Fund \$71,600.72

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Ed Connolly, rent162.50
FC Family Practice, serv45.07
Shopko Pharmacy, presc44.49
Total General Assistance Fund\$252.06
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND
CCC Campus Accounts, reg fee.....120.00
TOTAL NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND\$120.00
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickle to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

ELECTION PREVIEW

EDITOR'S NOTE

Nebraskans will be voting on four issues when they go to the General Election polls on November 6. So that voters can better understand these important proposed changes to the state Constitution, the Nebraska Press Association in cooperation with this newspaper has prepared this report. This report briefly defines each issue, explaining its purpose.

AMENDMENT 1

Candidates for office who commit a misdemeanor in pursuit of the elected position would be subject to impeachment if voters adopt this proposed amendment to the Nebraska Constitution. Lawmakers approved LR19CA to bring this matter to the voters in the aftermath of a highly controversial University of Nebraska Board of Regents race eight years ago. Current law allows for the impeachment of an elected official only for misdemeanors performed while in office. After newly elected Regent David Hergert was seated in 2004, it was discovered that he violated campaign finance laws by not reporting his spending in time to trigger automatic public funding for his opponent, incumbent Don Blank of McCook. A vote for this amendment would allow for impeachment for acts committed in pursuit of the office. A vote against would not authorize such impeachment.

AMENDMENT 2

Hunting, fishing and trapping would become protected rights for Nebraskans if voters approve this proposed amendment to the state Constitution. The Legislature passed LR40CA to place the matter on the ballot. Proponents said it would help preserve the heritage of such activity for Nebraskans and serve as a viable means of managing and controlling wildlife. To answer critics, they pointed out that the measure would not modify any provisions of law dealing with property rights or trespass and would also be subject to other restrictions as prescribed by existing law. A vote for Proposed Amendment 2 would set forth a constitutional right to hunt, to fish and to harvest wildlife as a management tool. A vote against the proposal would result in the activities not being recognized in the Constitution of Nebraska.

AMENDMENT 3

State Senators would be allowed to serve three terms instead of two if voters approve this proposed amendment to the Nebraska Constitution. Term limits were adopted under Initiative 415 in 2000, a move that limited senators to two terms in office. Proponents of that measure clearly indicated a desire to remove controversial Omaha Senator Ernie Chambers who served longer than any other state senator (38 years). In the 2012 session, lawmakers approved LR358CA to allow for the third term to be added. This is the same Legislature that saw five committee chairs and a popular Speaker of the Legislature ineligible to run again under the current two-term limit. A vote for Proposed Amendment 3 would change the number of terms a member of the Legislature may serve from two to three. A vote against the amendment would leave the limit at two consecutive four-year terms.

AMENDMENT 4

The last time voters agreed to increase the salary of Nebraska State Senators was 24 years ago. That was 1988, and lawmakers saw their salary increase to \$1,000 a month, or \$12,000 a year with the beginning of the legislative session in 1989. That increase tripled the \$4,000 annual salary that senators had received for years. Proponents of the new measure say that nearly a quarter century of economic change is long enough and senators should receive a raise. The Legislature passed LR373CA to increase the salary to \$22,500 a year, beginning January 9, 2013, if voters approve. Sponsors of the bill had sought a \$32,000 annual salary, but a committee amendment lowered the amount and lawmakers approved. A vote for the amendment would increase the salary for members of the Legislature. A vote against the constitutional amendment would result in no change in the salary.

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WORK WANTED

45 YEARS sewing experience, do sewing alternations, bridal and draperies, and machine quilting. 801-5003. 18-1f

Any Odd Jobs, reasonable. Yard clean-up, Call 402-245-1120. 33-43P

MISC.

BANKRUPTCY: Low Rates, No charge for initial office conference. Contact Wm. VonSeggern Attorney at 105 East 17th St. Falls City, or call 402-245-3815. I help people file bankruptcy petitions under the United States Bankruptcy Code. 40-45

STEVE'S QUICK LUBE: For excellent service on: Oil Changes, Alignments, 4 Wheel Tire Rotation & Balance, Complete Brake Service, Trans & Raid Flushes, Fuel Systems, Complete Exhaust System. See us at Steve's Quick Lube, 97 Sioux Ave in Hiawatha. 785-742-3500. 34-TF

Bridal Registry — The unconventional but so useful wedding gifts! Whether the couple is registered here or not, we are glad to help you find the perfect gift. We, of course, have gift certificates and we gift wrap! Farm & City, Ace Hardware. 59-tf

PREGNANT—Give life a chance. We care for you and your unborn child. Birthright — 402-477-8021. T-1st-e-3rd-tf

Anniversary, birthday, shower, wedding — Chaney Furniture Gift Certificates are always a great idea. 34-co-Tf

Nemaha Rescue Squad will be holding their 28th Annual Soup Supper on November 3, 2012. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. @ the Community Building in Nemaha. Serving Chili & Chicken Noodle Soups with "homemade" desserts. All for the cost of a FREE WILL DONATION. 41-42

WANTED

WANTED: Recycling aluminum cans, M-W-Sat., 9:30-2:30. Old N. Hwy 73 south of swimming pool, Falls City, NE. 31-tf

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I would like to thank everyone for the visits, cards and flowers during my hospitalization for knee replacement. Thanks to Dr. Samani and all the nurses and CNA's for such care, Special thanks to Dr. Jennings for helping me through the procedure. As always she is there for me. Special thanks to my wonderful husband Dennis. The roses he sent were so beautiful. He has been there for me every step of the way and has taken very good care of me since I came home. The lovely plant and gifts from Dennis, Sherry Bennett and boys, Tom and Lana Bangert and Rob and Tutti Baker were very much appreciated. Special thanks to my brother, Bob Walton who came from Louisville, KY bringing wonderful pies and cinnamon rolls from Kansas City. Thanks also to Mrs. Doug Merz (Betty) for sitting with Dennis during my surgery. Last but certainly not least, thanks to the girls in the Physical Dept. They are doing a great job in getting my new knee working. Thank you to Pastor Chavanak for the visit. I appreciated everything everyone has done for me. Betty L. Merz 41P

There isn't enough words to express the gratitude I feel for everyone who helped in any way with the benefit given for me. Thank you, Jeremy & Melanie, Shannon & Wendy for getting it all started and from keeping it from me until it was underway. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your long hard hours of work. Thank you to all who cooked the food and who donated food, sold raffle tickets, bought raffle tickets, sold candle orders, and bought the candles. Thank you to all the business' that donated items. Thank you - Wild Bill's - Bill & Jet for holding the Bike Show and all the business' holding the Poker Run and Buck's Roadhouse - Vernon & Toni for holding the benefit dinner. Auction and dance. I would love to mention everyone's name who helped in any way but, I'd still be afraid I would leave someone out. Thank you everyone. God Bless each and everyone. David & Pat Cromer 41P

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I would like to thank Mandy Morehead, Pam Holle, Terri Jo Ansel and Bill & Jet Schulerberg of Wild Bill's Bar and Grill for all the work organizing the benefit held for me on Sept. 30. I would also like to thank Brian Polaski for donating his time to auctioneer at the benefit, and to all of the people who donated food, auction items and money. I feel so blessed for living in such a loving and generous community and I would like to eventually thank everyone in person very soon. Thank you all very much for your love, support and care during my battle with leukemia. Love, Barb & Jayme Clark 41P

The family of Mary Burton would like to thank the nurses and staff of Falls City Community Medical Center for their exceptional care and comfort in helping us go through this difficult time. We would also like to thank Sandy Catlin and Pastor Fay Ann Blaylock for their visits and prayers. Thank you to Ben Hall and Pastor Blaylock for the wonderful service. We would also like to thank our friends who helped with the funeral dinner, sent cards, and brought food. We sincerely appreciated all the expressions of love through your thoughts, words and prayers. God Bless You, Tom, Cindy, Cece, Tom, Bob, and Tim and families. 41P

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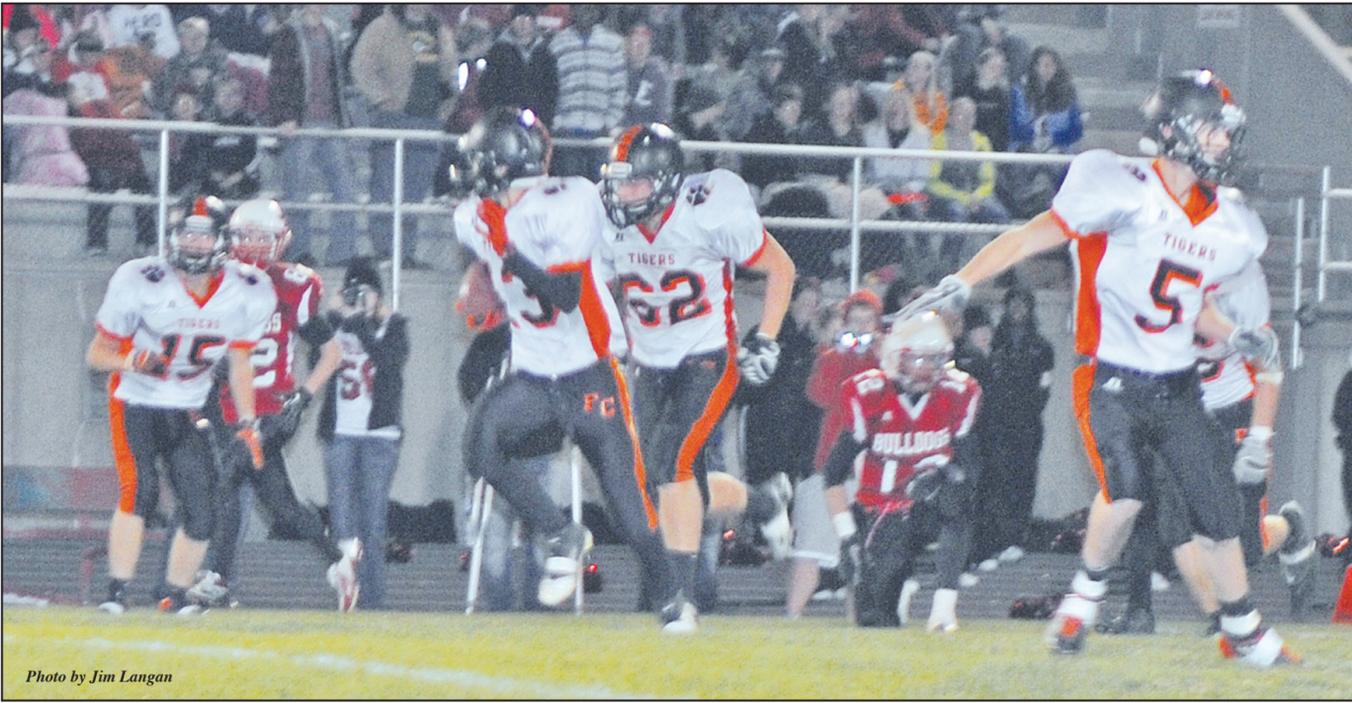


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Falls City High junior Mitchell Harling breaks free on a 71-yard punt return for a touchdown late in the first half of the Tigers' 35-0 win at Auburn Friday. Harling finished the game with 187 all-purpose yards and two scores. The Tigers have won five in a row since opening the season with two losses and host 5-2 Lincoln Christian Friday at Jug Brown Stadium for

the district championship. Both teams are playoff-bound, but the winner opens at home Oct. 25. The Tigers have qualified for the football playoffs five times and still seek the program's first victory. FCHS has hosted the state playoffs twice - in 1990 and 2007. Other Tigers photographed here, from left: Codie Witt (15), Wade Witt (62) and Jack Hartman (5).

1,497 yards in 1990, but considering Huettner has gone over the 300-yard mark once and the 200-yard mark three times, it's not out of the question.

But, I'm betting Huettner would trade it all for a deep run in the playoffs, which for all intents and purposes start this Friday night at Jug Brown Stadium when Lincoln Christian (5-2) comes to town. The game will be for the district title and most likely a first round playoff game next Thursday in Falls City, which hasn't happened since 2007. FC last appeared in the playoffs in 2009 at Wahoo Neumann.

6-foot-4, 245-pound Austin Powell, a senior who anchors both the offensive and defensive lines, leads Lincoln Christian. Logan Power, a 6-5, 210-pound junior is the signal caller on offense and is a very capable thrower, so expect to see the Crusaders air it out.

"Lincoln Christian is big and talented," Coach Fritz said. "They have a potent offense and we will have to play our best game all year to come out on top."

Coach Fritz said he, his staff and his players are aware of what's at stake and said they are excited to have this opportunity.

"There is no getting around the fact that it is a big game. It will be hard not to talk about it this week."

Fritz made it clear about what the Tigers will be focused on come Friday night against the Crusaders, "We want that district title."

If that doesn't get your juices going, then you had better check your pulse.

Play Ball?

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sex. This prong of the test is satisfied when an institution has a history and continuing practice of program expansion that is responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex (typically female)."

And, "Accommodating the interest and ability of underrepresented sex. This prong of the test is satisfied when an institution is meeting the interests and abilities of its female students even where there are disproportionately fewer females than males participating in sports."

Currently, FCPS offers six sports for boys and six for girls — 131 boys participate and 81 girls. Tiger Baseball proponents say adding the sport would not jeopardize Falls City's compliance with Title IX because the NE School Activities Association in 2008 ruled that girls be allowed to compete in baseball, making it a "co-curricular" activity.

"Title IX can be complicated," District 56 Superintendent Tim Heckenlively said. "There's a lot more to it than just how many sports are offered."

After the fall seasons are completed, Heckenlively said, the district expects to survey high school and possibly middle school students to gauge interest.

The proposal was presented by Craig, an active baseball coach in both Legion and FC Recreation programs the past 20 years, and Campbell, but the effort is spearheaded by Huppert, the current Legion base-

ball coach. Huppert, who also helps coach FCMS football and the FCHS basketball team, said the some \$2 million ballpark renovation project makes the time right for high school baseball in Falls City.

"It's going to happen, so why not get ahead of the curve," he said. "In my mind, it's coming. It's a great opportunity for the kids — why wouldn't we want to do this?"

Patrons in Auburn recently failed in an attempt to add high school baseball, but that fight isn't over, Huppert said. Louisville, too, may add baseball. Nebraska high school baseball is growing at a rate of nearly three schools per year and 20 schools with similar or smaller enrollments than FCPS already offer baseball in the spring. There are two Nebraska classifications — Class B started in 2008 with 16 schools and has since increased to 27. Since 2001, Nebraska high school baseball participation has increased by 52 percent.

Falls City, at least initially, like the Legion teams, would play a schedule heavy with NE Kansas competition. Three different schools in Doniphan County (KS) have baseball, as does Atchison and Holton. FC would likely face teams from St. Joseph (MO), as well as Beatrice, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth, to name a few.

"We need to look at it from all perspectives and do what's right for the district," BOE member Kathy Bartek said.

She said she was neither for it nor against it, but said she was a huge fan of baseball. However, "I love the sport. My husband has been a coach and my sons played, but I'll put my personal feelings aside and

make the best decision for the district."

On some potential obstacles: "It's hard to predict what kids will want to participate in the future. We don't want to spread ourselves too thin. It's going to be a tough process and could be a slow process."

"I hope everyone's open-minded about it," Bartek said.

Cost will unquestionably be another hot topic addressed by the committee. According to Huppert, the likely cost of FCHS baseball, it would cost \$15,000 to get started and approximately \$12,000 annually to maintain. He said he came to those figures by researching the FCHS softball program, the NE City High School baseball program and from Falls City AL Baseball.

"The thing is we have to research it and make sure we can afford it," Board member Scott Hollens said. "If it's something that can fit into the budget, and the kids want to do it, then I'd probably be for it. We have to do our research and we've got plenty of time to look into it."

"They (Robbie Craig, Bobby Campbell, Kory) had a nice presentation. It was legit and we'll figure it out," Hollens said. "I think everybody (the board members) was really open-minded about it. Everyone's willing to listen and we work well together."

A third conversation would be centered around baseball's impact on the other sports offered in the spring: track and golf. According to the proposal, total spring participation has increased more than seven percent over the last 10 years and growth in baseball has helped allow additional opportunities without negatively impacting the other spring sports.

Opportunity is the emphasis, Huppert said, and the ballpark renovation enables that opportunity. Since baseball has never been affiliated with a school in Falls City, the sport has inarguably suffered. That fact is illustrated in participation numbers in the FC Rec Pee Wee League of 11- and 12-year-old boys (approximately 75) compared to that for high school boys who play Legion ball (often fewer than 20).

"Since it's not a high school sport, it's not considered a priority. If this doesn't happen, we'll still scratch and claw each year," he said. "But never before has baseball been so popular."

Huppert said its not only an opportunity for players (the proposal emphasizes potential college scholarships) and the school, it would also be good for the community. "With the new renovation, the Legion teams are hosting four tournaments next summer, including the Senior District Tournament.

"Our community has built it, now it's time for baseball to come," Huppert said.

Jim Langan contributed to this report

Tiger Football

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by Huettner.

Hartman had another solid game at corner for the Tigers and led the team with four pass break-ups to go along with five tackles. Opposite of Hartman at the other corner position is Stoller, who had his hands full guarding Tyler Collin for most of the night. Auburn's top big-play threat, Collin had a huge game three weeks ago against Lincoln Christian when he caught eight passes for 286 yards and two touchdowns, while also returning a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown. Stoller held Collin to three catches for 15 yards.

Offensively, Huettner again led the Tigers in the stat book and his 19 carries and 204 yards wore down the Bulldog defense, which then led to the big plays from Stoller and Harling.

Huettner's remarkable season has put him within striking distance of the career rushing record held by Dakota Schulenberg, who piled up 2,256 yards from 2007 to 2009. Huettner currently sits in a dead tie for second place with Thunder Dan Werner (2005-06) with 2,191 yards and is now one of only four Tiger running backs to get to the 2,000-yard mark. The other is Cameron McNabb, who rushed for 2,170 yards in the 1989 and 1990 seasons.

Huettner's 1,206 yards this season is still 291 yards shy of McNabb's single-season mark of

INDIVIDUAL STATS

- Rushing**
- Aub — Nelson, 9-49; Harmon, 7-14; Arban, 4-9.
- FC — Huettner, 19-204, TD; Harling 8-102, TD; Stoller, 2-32, TD; Maddox, 4-26.
- Passing**
- Aub — Nelson, 6-28-2, 41 yds.
- FC — Huettner, 2-3-0, 58 yds., TD.
- Receiving**
- Aub — Collin, 3-15; Garcia, 2-14; Wynn, 1-12.
- FC — C. Witt, 2-58, TD.
- Punting**
- Aub — Collin, 4-108 yds.
- FC — None.
- Punt Returns**
- Aub — None.
- FC — Harling, 2-85, TD; Hartman, 1-1.
- Kicking**
- Aub — Collin, 1-39 yds.
- FC — Huettner, 6-246, 41.0 avg., 1 TB.
- PAT Kicks**
- Aub — None.
- FC — Vice, 1-2.
- Kick Returns**
- Aub — Collin, 2-56; Garcia, 1-12; Wynn, 1-12.
- FC — Bennett, 1-16.
- Tackles (solo-assists)**
- FC — Huettner, 2-9; Wade Witt, 1-5; Stoller, 1-0; J. Butrick, 0-2; C. Witt, 0-2; M. Campbell, 1-4; Merz, 2-2; Thompson, 0-6; Arnold, 1-1; Harling, 0-2; Hartman, 1-4; Hogue, 0-1; Huettner, 0-1; Maddox, 1-2; DiGiacomo, 0-1; Weston Witt, 0-1.
- Tackles For Losses**
- FC — Wade Witt, 0-5; Thompson, 0-5; M. Campbell, 1; Maddox, 1.
- Interceptions-Return yds.**
- FC — Huettner, 1-0; Hartman, 1-40
- Pass Breakups
- FC — M. Campbell, 2; Hartman, 4; Merz, 1; Harling, 2; Stoller, 2.

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