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(Below) Cooper cries 'Uncle!'

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'Falls City, Nebraska at Christmas'
December 21, 1946



As a setting for his picture of the last-minute Christmas rush, John Falter chose the town where he spent his boyhood, Falls City, Nebraska. The finished job is a mixture of paint and recollection. That water tower in the distance, for example, was a favored roost for Falls City boys on hot summer nights. They liked to sleep there. City authorities met in some alarm--the surrounding platform is seventy-five feet above ground--and forbade it. Falter had no trouble recalling the Christmas rush. As a boy, he worked in his father's clothing store on this street. A good many customers bought new outfits for the holidays, and young Falter was the pants runner--he ran trousers from the store to the tailor's, to get them shortened. Only customers appear in this painting. But the artist's sympathies doubtless are with those on the selling side of the counter.

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GO NNA FIND OUT WHO'S NAUGHTY OR NICE

By Nikki McKim



Santa Claus, who once upon a time delivered the mail in FC before relocating north, made a special stop Saturday by Merz Farm Equipment to in some cases delight (top, left, Treyden) the little ones, perplex (bottom, left, Molly) a few others and permanently scar (right, Cooper) the one he undoubtedly holds closest to his heart. Clockwise, from top left: **Treyden Marx**, son of Jordan Marx and Alisha Hoppe; **Cooper Merz**, son of Mitch and Amanda Merz; **Tenley Babb**, daughter of Jake Babb and Sheena Heineman, and **Jonah Babb**, son of Nate Babb and Josalyn Morehead; and **Molly Merz**, daughter of Austin and Abby Merz.

Council considers residency restrictions for registered sex offenders

But can the City even enforce them?

The City Council next Monday, Dec. 21, will consider passing an ordinance that would restrict the distance a registered sexual predator can live in proximity to a school or licensed day care facility.

On Dec. 7, Joan Stoller approached the Council and requested the passage of an ordinance, after recently learning that a registered sex offender had moved into her family's neighborhood.

Currently Falls City doesn't have such an ordinance in effect. The Nebraska Legislature in 2006 passed the Sexual Predator Residency Act as part of the Sexual Offender Registration Act and essentially enacted guidelines for those cities who chose to adopt a living restriction ordinance. It is not a statewide law. Therefore, it only applies to those cities or designated entities that pass such an ordinance and also only applies to schools and day cares; furthermore, it will be up to local agencies to enforce the restrictions, if adopted.

The Nebraska State Patrol does not track which cities choose to enact or enforce the respective ordinances.

If a restriction were to go into effect in Falls City, it would pertain to sexual "predators," not sex "offenders." A sex offender has been convicted of a crime and is required to register as a sex offender, while a sexual predator has committed an aggravated offense and victimized a person 18 years of age or younger. It once was the State Patrol's job

to differentiate the two and make a determination based on risk of recidivism. The law was amended in 2009;

The restriction cannot exceed 500 feet from a school or day care and sexual predators who established their residences before July 1, 2006 are excluded from restrictions. Furthermore, if the registered offender was living in an area be-

fore a licensed facility opened, they too would be excluded.

"I'm asking that due diligence is done and the children of our city are protected," Mrs. Stoller said, noting that other cities in Nebraska had passed such an ordinance, including McCook and Nebraska City.

Falls City Police Chief Duane Armbruster said that about half the

dwelling in Falls City are located within 500 feet of a school. Most cities that have passed such ordinances are larger, and as a second class city, Administrator Gary Jorn explained, Falls City would have the authority to impose a \$500 fine for breaking the ordinance, but couldn't jail the offender or force

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FALLS CITY SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY

Do You Hear the Christmas Bells?

Photo by Nikki McKim



Falls City Sacred Heart Elementary School students celebrated the sounds of Christmas last Wednesday evening at the new Rich Activity Center. The second graders were all, or mostly all, business while performing under the direction of Wesley Farewell, left.

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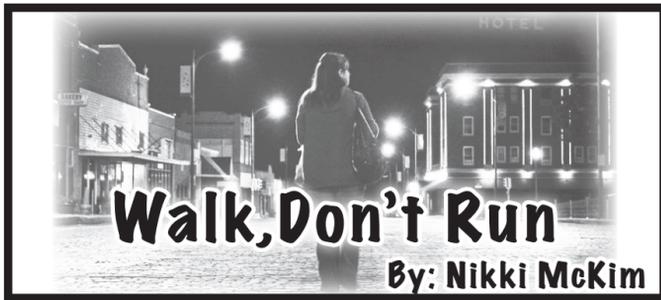
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I was talking to my sister's mother-in-law the other day and she mentioned that Santa was going to be coming to Verdon and he would be arriving by fire truck. Just the mere mention of Santa arriving by fire truck took me back 15 years. When Santa came to Dawson, it was quite an event. When he arrived from the North Pole, he would load up in the fire truck north of town and the fire whistle would ring. We knew that was our cue to run to the window and watch him ride down the street where he would meet us at the fire hall with a brown bag filled with peanuts, oranges and other goodies.

My mom, sister and I would walk the block and a half to get our chance to tell Santa how good we were and what we wanted for Christmas. I don't recall being scared of Santa but chances were pretty good there would be a few of our friends who would rather not talk to him. I always wanted that Barbie enough to be brave.

Alex was always pretty good about seeing Santa. His first visit a few weeks shy of turning one, he was such a happy guy that his picture ended up on the front page of the *Falls City Journal*, long before I worked here. He has always been confident when it came to Santa. He knew it was serious business and treated it as such. Unfortunately for Brian and I, business has been bad this year. Our only "baby" has shown no interest in talking to Santa. It's funny how everyone tells you how fast kids grow up but nobody ever talks about how heart wrenching it is to reach this point in your child's life. The point where Santa loses a bit of his magic. There is no way to prepare yourself for that.

Everything that I fell in love with about Christmas is fading. The excitement of telling your child to get to bed because you hear sleigh bells going up the other side of the street and the rush of wrapping gifts until 2 a.m. I never knew how much I would love stuff like that and the empty feeling I would have thinking about the year it all stops.

Luckily I have tiny nieces and nephews to see get excited. My niece Olive or Ollie as I call her, got so excited hearing that Santa would be only blocks from her grandparents house that she yelled "Aunt Kiki, Santa coming to town!" I laughed and fell in love with her all over again. Her face was so sweet and happy as she realized that she was going to see Santa the following day. After a few moments she happily announced again, "KIKI, SANTA COMING TO TOWN!" Then she turned to Alex and said, "Alex, Santa coming to town!" He smiled at her and sweetly said "yes Ollie, Santa is coming to town to see you." I told Alex it would be fun for him to go see Santa with Ollie, and he told it would be nice but he would pass on it. Ouch, that one hurt. A year ago he would never have passed up a chance to see the big man. He would have planned exactly what he would say and be all business as he walked up to Santa, shook his hand and laid out the reasons he deserved his desired gift and what that gift was.

This weekend Brian and I went out to Merz Farm Equipment to take some photos of children visiting Santa. We both enjoy watching the different reactions you get from kids. I love the children who just try to figure Santa out. They have a very serious look as they study his face, and decide whether or not they enjoy this stranger. As I was taking some photos, Brian got a phone call. Alex, who was with his grandma just thought he would check in. When Brian told him we were in fact in the presence of Santa, Alex half heartily told Brian that he could fill Santa in on what he wanted. It wasn't important enough for him to tell Santa himself and Brian and I realized that his mild interest was probably only to please us. I think we both stood watching parents bring their babies in with a bit of a broken heart.

Our life is changing, we're getting older and as much as we dislike it, there is nothing we can do about it. My foot hurts for weeks after I wear heels, my roots are gray and in certain lighting you can really see the deep lines in my forehead. Brian fell as he does, and tore up his knee leaving him with a noticeable limp this week which has become the norm these days. We both still get excited to see Santa, love having our house stick out like a sore thumb with a tacky mix of Christmas lights and we enjoy watching the same Christmas films night after night. We feel young for the most part and we act young. I guess I just expected Alex to stay young with us. We work so hard to make each Christmas as magical as the last but while I was working on trying to give him the best memories, time passed and it passed far too quickly. Now all we have are our memories. The excitement he had over seeing Santa will always be etched in my mind, but is it too much to ask for just a few more years? Just one more year of seeing his eyes widen as he tried to process the sheer magic of it all. I wish I would have taken time to process it. I would have put my camera down and watched, I would have taken him to see Santa twenty times and felt my heart swell each time. I would have stopped trying to make everything so memorable and just lived in the moment. I can handle aging but watching Alex get older is both a blessing and incredibly brutal. I'm just glad to know that Santa will always visit my house, spoil Alex as much as he can and Brian and I will always hear the bell ring because we believe, and Alex, well he'll come back around and appreciate it again, someday.



Corrections Director knows the challenge, forges ahead

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

Corrections Director Scott Frakes has his work cut out for him. He inherited a mess. He inherited an employee base operating under a culture of fear. He was tested with a costly Mother's Day uprising that left two inmates dead at the state's most secure facility.

A special investigative committee of the Legislature examined him with hours of questions about a number of things that happened in his department under a previous administration and before he was even hired.

His boss and the attorney general involved him in ordering death penalty drugs which have yet to be approved by the FDA and have not been shipped even though \$54,000 was paid up front to a dealer who some have called unscrupulous.

Now he says he wants to turn an inverted pyramid right-side-up. It's right there in a chart on the wall of his office. The broad base shows 31 percent of the 5,400 inmate population is in maximum security. Another 30 percent is in medium security and 28 percent in minimum. The pointy peak of the pyramid is the 11 percent (about 579 inmates) in community corrections facilities.

Frakes would like to see the broad base contain those in community corrections with the other numbers tapering to a peak that would be the maximum-security inmates. The pyramid right-side-up as intended. He admits it will take time and is simply one of many things on his plate. But the desire is there and the strategic plan is a step in the right direction.

It will take a shift in thinking about alternative sentencing. It will require prosecutors and judges to change the way they categorize various offenses. It will have to appease those who worry that anything less than the status quo means going soft on crime. That is perhaps the biggest challenge, changing the minds of some lawmakers, the governor and the attorney general.

The Director acknowledges that Nebraska's prisons are over capacity. But, he is adamant that prisons are more than just warehouses for criminals. Inmates have to sleep and eat and attend classes and have some place for physical activity. They have to do that in a place that offers a good quality of life and is a safe place to operate and safe for both inmates and staff. One of the lessons from Mother's Day in Tecumseh.

Among the points of the strategic plan is Frakes' desire to retain employees, listen to them and train them to remain safe. He envisions an employee council of representatives from each facility meeting with him to discuss concerns. He'd like to similarly engage inmates sometime in the future.

The plan calls for data driven performance through measurable goals to improve operations and a culture of transparency and accountability. That includes welcoming oversight from the Legislature as well as the media and is obviously aimed at preventing some of the past mistakes, which have plagued the system and made headlines.

A bold move calls for creation of collaborative community relationships by focusing resources on com-

munity corrections, encouraging staff to engage their community through volunteerism, and fully understanding the role of the NDCS within the criminal justice system. This could be a hard sell with the "get tough on crime" bunch as well as the "not in my back yard" folks. But Frakes is the new guy and it's worth another shot.

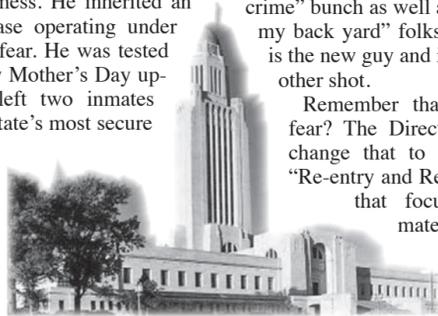
Remember that culture of fear? The Director hopes to change that to a culture of "Re-entry and Rehabilitation" that focuses on inmates re-entering their communities. A big part of that, he said, is creating an individual re-entry pro-

gram as soon as the inmate begins his incarceration. It is important to make sure that needs are met to that end.

Putting the plan in action will require key activities such as improving core services offered at existing facilities and expanding community custody resources by adding beds and repurposing existing beds.

Frakes also proposes a risk-needs assessment that measures the individual inmate's risk to reoffend, history of violence, and specific needs to determine what programming the person needs. He also wants to work with staff to measure and improve their performance.

I like this guy's vision and goals. I hope he can survive the politics of it all and truly change the culture and future of corrections in Nebraska.



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18. English county
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21. *Apres-ski site
23. Goose egg
24. *Snow ___
25. Olden-day aerosol can propellant
28. Post WWII military alliance
30. Lorraine's neighbor
35. Word of mouth
37. Drug smuggler
39. "___ a high note"
40. Orange traffic controller
41. Parting words
43. Bookie's quote
44. Like draft beer
46. Apiece
47. 7 days
48. Made amends
50. Clarified butter
52. Like martini or humor
53. Justice's garb
55. A late time of life
57. *He stole Christmas
60. *Frosty, e.g.
64. ___ profundo
65. Tropical American cuckoo
67. Index and middle fingers extended
68. Furiously angry
69. Container for liquids
70. Island off Manhattan
71. "Lights out" signal
72. Weary traveler's destination
73. *Toboggans

DOWN

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3. A meal order for takeout
4. Pierrot or Harlequin, e.g.
5. ___, as in breath
6. Be obedient
7. "For ___ a jolly..."
8. Subway in Paris
9. Japanese soup
10. Brezhnev's country
11. Track event
12. Half dozen
15. Get cozy
20. Remember this battle site!
22. Baseball stat
24. Autumn attraction
25. *Popular hot winter beverage
26. Can be hot or cold, according to meteorologists
27. Ann Patchett's novel "Bel ___"
29. *Donut-shaped sled
31. *Chionophobia is fear or dislike of this
32. Supplemented
33. Computer programmer
34. Glorify
36. With little fat
38. Make a sketch
42. "Two and a Half Men" star
45. Popular anise-flavored liqueur
49. *He's busy during cold and flu season
51. Runs off
54. Indian vegetable fritter
56. Inhabit
57. Greek personification of Earth
58. Invitation request
59. a.k.a. The Islamic State
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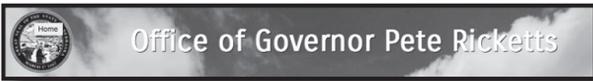
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THE STATE OF NEBRASKA AG

By Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts

Over the past few weeks, I have joined Nebraska Cattlemen and Farm Bureau members at their annual conferences. These events are always great opportunities to reflect on the year's successes and challenges while also sharing ideas on how we can work together to continue to grow agriculture which accounts for one in four jobs in Nebraska. While our state's farmers and ranchers have faced challenges ranging from lower commodity prices to avian influenza this year, Nebraska agriculture continues to find new ways to grow. Let's review some of the events of the past year that positively impacted our state's number one industry.



In January, I recommended dramatically increasing property tax relief provided through the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund. Working with the Legislature, we were able to successfully deliver \$408 million in property tax relief over the next two years – an over 45 percent increase over previous budgets. While this

is significant progress, there is more work to be done to improve Nebraska's tax climate.

In March, I hosted the 27th Annual Governor's Ag Conference in Kearney. At the conference, we discussed the future of international trade, expansions of value-added agriculture, farm transitions to the next generation, and federal regulatory and policy issues impacting Nebraska farms and ranches.

In April, the Department of Agriculture and I led a delegation of Nebraska beef producers to New York City to visit four venues to promote Nebraska beef. At these venues, we met with food journalists, nutritionists, and culinary experts to highlight Nebraska's quality beef products and educate them on what makes Nebraska's beef the best in the world. Promotion and education are critical components of ensuring that today's consumers understand how our Nebraska family farms operate.

This year, my administration also led international trade missions to the European Union and Asia. In Europe, we visited the 2015 World Food Expo in Milan and Bologna to meet with key executive and organization representatives to tout Nebraska as an ideal location for food processing. This fall, Lt. Governor Foley and Ag Director Greg Ibach led a delegation of ag producers on a trade mission to Japan, our state's third largest trading partner. Shortly following, a delegation traveled with me to Tokyo to meet with Marubeni, Itochu, and Kewpie, Japanese commodity and food processing companies that invest in Nebraska. Additionally, Director Ibach traveled to Africa to explore other trade opportunities.

In June, Congress passed legislation authorizing Trade Promotion Authority, a policy which my administration supported because it opens up a path for additional opportunities for Nebraska to increase our exports and grow our economy. TPA has helped move forward the successful conclusion of the negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. TPP will lower trade tariffs imposed by countries such as Japan and Malaysia.

Throughout the year, we added eight counties to our Livestock Friendly County program. In September, Hayes County became the 35th county in our state designated as "livestock friendly."

In October, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit blocked President Obama's Waters of the U.S. rule, also known as WOTUS. This rule would have given the Environmental Protection Agency expansive new authority over Nebraska's waterways that are the lifeblood of agriculture in our state. Thanks to the leadership of NE Attorney General Doug Peterson, our state did not have to comply with WOTUS this year, and we will continue to fight its implementation.

These are just a few of the highlights from the past several months. As we enter 2016, my administration remains committed to helping our ag producers take advantage of new opportunities and confront whatever challenges lie ahead for agriculture in our state. Working together, we can ensure that the industry continues to grow. If you have ideas on how we can continue to grow agriculture in our state, I hope you will take a moment to share them with me by emailing pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or calling 402-471-2244.



Katie Stoller, daughter of Mike and Joleen Stoller, was selected to represent FC High next summer at the annual Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference. HOBY seeks to motivate young people to make a positive difference through understanding and action based on effective and compassionate leadership. HOBY's mission is to provide lifelong leadership opportunities and help students achieve their highest potential.

City considers ordinance for sexual predators

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the person to move.

Arnbruster said there are currently 11 sexual offenders living inside city limits and fewer than half - five - would be classified as sexual predators.

"You're going to find that if you make a statute, sometimes its good and sometimes it's bad because you put more pressure on the sex offender and sometimes it drives them harder to re-offend," Arnbruster said.

"It would be a major thing to monitor, measure, keep an eye on it. Very time consuming," he added.

The Council motioned to table the issue until next Monday's meeting.

"It's not something we can act on tonight," Mayor Jerry Oliver said. "It's something we need to make sure we have all the information first."

Mayor Oliver thanked Mrs. Stoller and invited her to the 7 p.m. Monday meeting at City Hall, 2307 Barada St.

In other news:

—The Council entered into an interlocal agreement with Richardson County for an aerial photo project. The project, recommended by the Board of Public Works, will cost the City nearly \$10,000 over three years.

—Also approved was a \$5.3 million loan with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to improve and repair the public water supply system. The 20-year loan comes with a 2-percent interest rate. More than \$1 million is eligible for loan forgiveness.

—Ken Simpson will continue as the Falls City Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief, Matt Beer will serve as First Assistant Chief and J. R. Wisdom will be Second Assistant Fire Chief.

Sheriff's Dept. promises to crack down on drunk drivers

The Richardson County Sheriff's Department will be participating in the National "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" grant beginning this weekend, Dec. 18, and through Jan. 3, 2016.

The department will increase traffic enforcement with a focus on impaired drivers. Sheriff Don Pounds reminded all drivers to drive sober, buckle up, and have a safe holiday.

The Sheriff's Dept. participated in the Click-It or Ticket Mobilization from Nov. 23-29. During that

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Jack and May Gose to celebrate 60th

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THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Public pressure may make hospitals safer

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Medicare has just announced it is penalizing more than 700 of the nation's hospitals because they have higher rates of patient safety mishaps, which the government and patient advocacy groups have been trying for years to prevent.

What are those incidents that have resulted in a one percent cut in a hospital's Medicare payments over the year? They are mistakes you wouldn't want to have happen to you or a family member, things like infections caused by incisions made during colon surgeries and hysterectomies, by urinary catheters and by central lines inserted into a large vein to draw blood and administer fluids and medicines.

Those infections cause thousands of deaths each year. Most are preventable and they account for three-fourths of Medicare's safety score. The rest of the assessment is based on eight other complications such as collapsed lungs, broken hips, surgical tears, and wounds that opened.

What's significant is not that so many hospitals apparently are still not taking steps to prevent these common and well-documented harms to patients, but that so many of the hospitals are stars in their communities advertising for local patients. Others are marquee names that advertise their medical prowess nationally.

As I read down the state-by-state roster and data table of the 758 hospitals penalized for patient safety last year, I found hospitals well-known in their regions: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles; the Denver Health Medical Center; Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago; Indiana University Health in Indianapolis; and the **Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha**.

Medicare also penalized the Cleveland Clinic and a couple of hospitals in the Mayo Clinic system in Minnesota. Both the Clinic and Mayo are heavy promoters of their brand in an effort to build a national patient base. Some big advertisers in my home state of New York also showed up on the government's list.

But as government data show, spending big bucks to promote the hospital brand doesn't necessarily mean the hospital has a better safety profile.

This is the second year the government has released safety penalties that were authorized by the Affordable Care Act. As you browse through the list of hospitals, you'll see that more than half of those penalized this year also were penalized last year. The ACA requires that one-quarter of the hospitals that can be penalized (VA, children's and critical access hospitals cannot be) will receive some penalty even if all the hospitals improve. Penalizing those in the bottom quarter is a way to encourage continuous quality improvement, explained Jordan Rau who reports on the topic for Kaiser Health News.

And that, of course, brings up the obvious question: Why are so many hospitals this year making the same medical mistakes they made last year especially since the errors are preventable?

The answer is complicated and calls into question a hospital's commitment to safety, a subject I have explored several times with Ashish Jha, professor of public health at the Harvard School of Public Health and one of the country's experts on patient safety.

He told me there has been "clear progress" with reductions in surgical site infections and central line infections, which are down 40 to 50 percent nationally. Yet he said that as many as half all hospitals are not using a simple checklist that calls for four steps including hand washing and wearing sterile gloves to cut down on infections.

"The field of patient safety is full of stories about amazing interventions that can save patients' lives but do not end up getting widely adopted," he explained.

"Why?" I asked.

"It really isn't anyone's priority except maybe the patient's," Jha said. "How many times have you heard stories about hospital CEOs getting fired because of the hospital's infection rates? I haven't." He added there's also no evidence that high infection rates or high mortality rates have any effect on CEO salaries.

So what does affect hospital CEO salaries? Is it all those advertising dollars that bring in gobs of new patients and brand recognition? I have no evidence one way or other, but I do know I've interviewed enough families whose relatives suffered harm in a hospital to know that someone should be paying closer attention to preventing preventable infections.

The government's list opens a window into the world of hospital safety. If the public looks through that window, takes notice of the penalties and asks what their local hospitals are doing to correct their deficiencies, that's a start at cleaning up the problem.

What has been your experience with hospital-acquired infections? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com

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LIBRARY EVENTS

Project Response: Helping families in crisis. Answers questions, gives assistance to those in need, Thursdays, 10-noon. Call 800-456-5764 on days when closed.

Technology Tuesdays: Come for an hour with Pat, our IT expert, who will teach the basics or help. 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 6-7 p.m.

Stalder Gallery: Local Artists Tootie Hoy and Pat Steinman, Nov. 6 through Dec. 31.

No Yoga in December: Resumes in January.

Toddler Story Time! Babies up to three years old. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.; 30 minutes of music, stories, songs, movement and snacks! No meeting Thursdays, Dec. 24 or 31.

Film and Lit Club (high school book club): 5:45-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16. It's John Green Month! We'll discuss Let it Snow and watch Paper Towns!

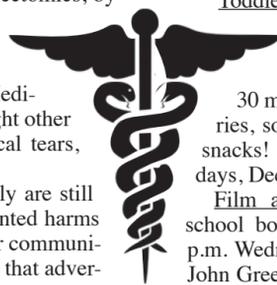
Matinee: Secondhand Lions, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16. A coming-of-age story about a shy, young boy sent by his irresponsible mother to spend the summer with his wealthy, eccentric uncles in Texas.

Santa Paws: 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Rated G. Come have a laugh and a good time!

Enchanted: 1-2:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28. Rated PG. This is such a great movie! Please come and watch it with us!

Kids New Year's Eve Party at Noon! From 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, we'll have games and prizes and fun!

For more info, visit www.fallscitylibrary.org



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STUDENTS

Students of Glenda von Behren's Little Lambs Christian Preschool presented Christmas programs entitled "Twas the Night Before Christmas in Old Bethlehem" at Christ Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Preschoolers performing were Liviana Buckminster, Charlotte Coetzee, Michael Coetzee, Gavin Dean, Dierks Foster, Hadlee Georges, Tessa Gossman, Alaina Jackson, Seth Jackson, Isabel Janky, Ayva Jean, Kendall Johansen, Maddie Johansen, Sawyer Kafer, Aliza Keller, Brogan Kreifels, Nolan Nicholson, Kole Ogden, Ashlyn Pfohl, Kole Schawang, Bryndlie Schulenberg, Beckett Shafer and Karson Simpson.

John von Behren was narrator and delivered the Christmas message.

A Card Shower is being held for Martha Snethen's 95th Birthday on Dec. 29th
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SOCIETY

St. Peter's ELCA
 The members of WELCA of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church met Monday, Dec. 7, with five members present. President Roxann Stitzer was at the piano and the ladies sang Christmas songs.

Lesson leader Lois Cameron led the lesson period with two chapters from the book "Morning Splendor" by Marcia Schwartz. The lesson closed with Missionary Benediction and the Lord's Prayer.

President Stitzer opened the business meeting and Lois called role. Linda Duerfeldt, who served refreshments, reported on flower funk. Old business: A "thank you" to the ladies for lunch served for a church member. The Winter Retreat in Grand Island will be held on Jan. 23, 2016. Registration is \$18 and can be submitted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The Grace Gathering will be held in New Orleans from Aug. 10-13, 2016; the Christmas Eve program at St. Peter's is set for 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 24.
 Altar Committee, December: Joni Milam.
 The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 with lesson leader Linda Duerfeldt and Norma Lee Duerfeldt as hostess.

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The staff and administration of Falls City High School have announced the selections for November High School Students of the Month. The honors go to the following students, from left: Ryan Chab, senior son of Rhonda Chab and the late Jerry Chab; Haley Liberty, senior daughter of Matthew and Lynette Liberty; Leslie Vitosh, sophomore daughter of Jason and Stacey Vitosh; and Rudy Vrtiska, sophomore son of Kim and Kris Vrtiska. The students were nominated by high school staff and are being recognized for being innovative, responsible, resilient, and resourceful. 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.

Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer Mock Trial team finishes 8th at state

The Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Mock Trial team finished 8th in the state of Nebraska at the conclusion of the NE Bar Foundation sponsored Mock Trial Competition Dec. 8-9 in Omaha's Roman L. Husker Federal Courthouse.

Duschesne Academy, the defending National Champion, was again crowned state champ by defeating Skutt Catholic in the finals.

HTRS competed in three rounds and compiled a record of one win and two losses. Each round is judged by three judges. The team faced Skutt in the first round and lost a close decision by two or three points on the judges' respective score sheets. The second round was a split decision victory over Platteview and the last round was a split decision loss to Scottsbluff.

The team members were Jackalyn Fink, Emily Gonnella, John Kanel, Tanner Merwin, Lauren Patzel, Trenton Plager, Kendall Werts, and Chloe Workman. The team is

coached by Carl Linnerson and the Honorable Curt Maschman, Judge of County Court, 1st Judicial District, of Nebraska.

A Card Shower is being held for **John & Nancy Fischer** who are celebrating their **40th Wedding Anniversary on December 20**. Cards may be sent to 1895 Raccoon Rd. Robinson, KS 66532

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STUDENTS

UNK Graduation

Graduate and undergraduate degrees for 494 students will be conferred at commencement exercises Friday at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

University President Hank M. Bounds will be the honored guest and commencement speaker for the exercises, with UNK Chancellor Douglas A. Kristensen presiding.

Bounds was appointed seventh president of the University of Nebraska in January 2015 and began his tenure as president April 13. Bounds grew up on a small farm in rural Mississippi. His service in

the Army National Guard helped him pay for college, and he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

Bounds' 25-year career in education began as a high school teacher. He then rose to principal, superintendent and state superintendent before becoming Mississippi's commissioner of higher education in 2009. In that role, he oversaw a complex system of eight public universities including research universities, regional universities, an academic health science center, historically black institutions, a law center, a school of veterinary medicine and 200 institutes and centers. Together the system enrolled 85,000 students, employed 26,000 faculty and staff, and operated with a combined annual budget of \$4.5 billion.

Jessica Scott, of Salem, will be among those earning a diploma. She will graduate with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Organizational & Recreational Communication. Jessica is the daughter of Laura (Hersh) Bowe, of Walla Walla, WA, formerly of Falls City, and is married to Jason Scott.

Wayne State College will host commencement for graduate and undergraduate students on campus Friday, Dec. 18. Degrees will be conferred at the ceremonies by Wayne State College President Marysz Rames.

Earning her Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instructional Leadership is Brandi Jo (Ramer) Knapp, a graduate of SE Consolidated and Peru State College. She actually completed her graduate work in August.

Brandi, a first grade teacher at Lewiston, and her husband, Jared, live in Beatrice and have two young sons.

SOCIETY

Order of Eastern Star

Humboldt Chapter 234, Order of the Eastern Star, met Dec. 3, with 15 members and one guest enjoying a potluck supper to open the evening. Sarah Nims, Worthy Matron, called the business meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. "Silent Night" was sung for an Opening Ode. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed, minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the treasurer's report was given and the secretary presented correspondence.

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, sent information of 24 children celebrating Christmas at the Home, which will host its 100th Christmas at its current location in Fremont. The Chapter sent gifts for each child.

The Hour Glass, publication of the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, told of the coming retirement of Mary C. Stapp, who has worked in various positions there for 42 years. She has served as Executive Director for many years and recently had an additional wing of the Home named in her honor. A retirement celebration will be held honoring her at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 at the Home. The Chapter voted to send a donation in her honor.

Nebraska Chapters are invited to the Wyoming OES Fun Weekend from Jan. 29-31 at Cheyenne, WY.

The 22nd Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp is scheduled for May 31-June 4, 2016 at Kearney. High school band students may apply with their band instructor at the Nebraska Grand Lodge office before March 18.

Installation of officers for 2016 will be held at the Jan. 7 OES meeting. Annual reports are due at the same meeting.

Claudia Zbytniuk of Fort Worth, TX, is a new 50-year member of the Humboldt Chapter. A pin and certificate from the Grand OES Chapter will be mailed to her. Colleen Morehead, of Falls City, will receive the same recognition in January or February.

The meeting closed with prayer and singing of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." All enjoyed a gift exchange and refreshments of cookies and cider.

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Public Record

DISTRICT COURT

-Crystal E. Johansen, of Falls City, has filed for dissolution of her marriage to Cody L. Johansen, of Falls City.

-Dennis J. McAndrew, of Verdon, has been granted dissolution of his marriage to Tammy A. McAndrew, of Wilcox, AZ.

-Justin R. Feighner, 22, of Lincoln, count one, attempted possession of a controlled substance (methadone), a misdemeanor; count two, possession of marijuana or K2 (less than one ounce); count three, possession of drug paraphernalia. Pled no contest to count one; counts two and three dismissed. Sentencing set for Feb. 2, 2016.

-Clint W. Schriener, 50, of Humboldt, count one, possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) with intent to deliver, a Class IIA Felony; count two, possession of marijuana; count three, unlawful/fictitious display of plates; count four, possession of drug paraphernalia; count five, failure to use seat belt. Pled not guilty to all counts. Jury trial scheduled for Feb. 10, 2016.

COUNTY COURT

-Jeffrey W. McClafferty, 30, of Sabetha, KS, DUI - first offense; fined \$500, plus Court costs of \$194.65, driver's license revoked for 60 days (ignition interlock permit), placed on eight months probation and pay probation fees of \$250.

-Robert S. Sanders, 28, of Falls City, criminal trespass in the second degree. Show cause hearing regarding fines and costs; defendant allowed to use remaining jail term toward laying out fines and costs.

-Robert S. Sanders, 28, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, careless driving. Pled guilty to both counts; ordered to serve three days in Richardson County Jail (with three days credit served), and fined \$40, plus Court costs of \$47.50.

-Julian M. Cooper, 24, of Humboldt, DUI (.15-plus), amended to DUI (first offense). Pled no contest to amended charge; sentencing set for Jan. 13, 2016.

-Rosendo R. Cortinas, 32, of Dawson, domestic assault in the

third degree, amended to assault in the third degree. Pled no contest to amended charge; sentencing set for Dec. 21.

-Matthew D. Duncan, 25, of Humboldt, DUI (first offense), amended to willful reckless driving, first offense. Pled no contest to amended charge; fined \$500, plus Court costs of \$193.01, placed on six months probation and must attend alcohol education class within 90 days.

-Candace Mortorff, 28, of Sabetha, KS, count one, issuing a bad check (more than \$1,500), a Class III Felony; count two, issuing a bad check (\$500-\$1,500), a Class IV Felony. Preliminary hearing set for Jan. 4, 2016.

Mortorff is accused of passing two bad checks at F&M Bank in Richardson County in April 2015 - for \$5,643 and \$775, respectively, on an account with the Division of Armed Forces Bank, N.A.

-Samuel L. Phillips, 24, of Dawson, count one, littering - first offense; count two, possession of K2 or marijuana (one ounce or less); count three, possess/use drug paraphernalia. Pled guilty to all counts; fined \$50 on count one, \$300 on count two and \$50 on count three, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Jordan C. Keller, 32, of Rulo, driving under suspension. Pled guilty, fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Jordan A. Lunsford, 24, of Falls City, criminal mischief (\$500 or more), a Class IV Felony. Preliminary hearing set for Jan. 4, 2016.

Lunsford is accused of vandalizing a 2006 Ford Mustang belonging to Scott Huppert on Nov. 9. He allegedly struck the vehicle with a baseball bat as it was parked in the driveway at 2624 Barada St.

-Tia L. Hall, 31, of Falls City, count one, DUI (.15-plus); count two, leaving the scene of an accident. Pled not guilty to both counts. Pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 4, 2016.

-Bethany J. Dean, 20, of Pawnee City, count one, no proof of insurance, amended to licensing a vehicle without proof of liability insurance; count two, no valid registration. Pled guilty to amended count one and count two; fined \$100 on count one, \$25 on count two, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Hailey N. Moyer, 18, of Falls

City, assault in the third degree. Violation of probation hearing held and allegations of probation violations denied; pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 4, 2016.

-Jeffrey A. Morley, 26, of Falls City, theft by receiving stolen property (less than \$200). Pled no contest; sentencing scheduled for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Jeffrey A. Morley, 26, of Falls City, count one, assault in the third degree; count two, disturbing the peace. Count one dismissed with prejudice (**Editor's Note** - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge); pled no contest to count two. Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Jeffrey A. Morley, 26, of Falls City, count one, criminal trespass in the second degree; count two, criminal mischief (less than \$500); count three, disturbing the peace. Scheduling conference set for Jan. 27, 2016.

-Jeffrey A. Morley, 26, of Falls City, criminal mischief. Pled no contest. Sentencing set for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Jonathan M. Barber, 27, of Hiawatha, KS, DUI - first offense. September 2013 conviction set aside to allow the firefighter for White Cloud, KS, and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska to operate the fire truck.

-Michael D. Heideman, 36, of Stella, count one, leaving the scene of an accident (failure to furnish information); count two, disturbing the peace. Count one dismissed with prejudice; pled no contest to count two. Ordered to pay Court costs of \$49.

-Thomas A. Light, 45, of Plattsmouth, driving under suspension. Pled guilty; fined \$125, plus Court costs of \$55 and placed on 12 months probation. Ordered to obtain a valid Nebraska driver's license and show proof of reinstatement by March 28.

-Jordan A. Lunsford, 24, of Falls City, sentencing for driving under suspension; fined \$150, plus Court costs of \$49, and placed on 12 months probation.

-John M. Hall, 19, of Falls City, count one, tampering with physical evidence, a Class IV Felony; count two, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony. Bound over to District Court for arraignment on Jan. 5, 2016.

-Jason M. Brownell, 35, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension; count two, improper/detractive vehicle lighting. Pled not guilty to both counts. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 4, 2016.

COUNTY COURT WAIVERS

Tickets written by State Patrolman Eric Jones

-Angelene J. Miller, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by N/A
-Charles R. Olson III, speeding (6-10), \$25.

Tickets written by State Patrolman Kent Kavan

-Matthew D. Sherman, speeding (11-15), \$75; failure to use seat

Natural Resources Conservation Service taking applications for ACEP until Jan. 15

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is now accepting applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. This program, created under the 2014 Farm Bill, provides funding for the purchase of conservation easements to help productive farm and ranch land remain in agriculture and protect critical wetlands and grasslands.

"Conservation easements are a good tool to ensure natural resources are conserved and protected for all Nebraskans," conservationist Craig Derickson said. "We encourage state and local governments, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations and private landowners to contact their local NRCS office to apply."

The main goal of ACEP is to prevent productive agriculture land from being converted to non-agricultural uses and protect land devoted to food production and wildlife habitat. Cropland, range-

belt, \$25.
-Allyson E. Vonderschmidt, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by State Patrolman Kaleb Bruggeman

-Lehman D. Vickers, careless driving, \$100.

Tickets written by State Patrolman C.A. Zost

-Marvin S. Coombs, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Richard O. Blobaum, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Shawn P. Schulenberg, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Jay P. Albin, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Richard P. Gilkerson, failure to use seat belt, \$25; failure to use turn signal, \$25.

-Cynthia K. Stevens, speeding (16-20), \$125.

Tickets written by Sheriff's Deputy Lew Barker

-Norman I. Shafer, speeding (6-10), \$25.

Tickets written by FCPD Officer Michael Dougherty

-Edwin T. Kraemer, speeding (6-10), \$25.

Tickets written by FCPD Officer Jonathan Kirkendall

-Sarah A. Carter, speeding (11-15), \$75.

land, grassland, pastureland and nonindustrial private forestland are eligible.

Applications can be submitted at any time, but to be considered for 2016 funding opportunities, applications in Nebraska must be received by Jan. 15. Applications are currently being accepted for both ag land and wetlands reserve easements.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance directly to private and tribal landowners to restore, protect and enhance wetlands through the purchase of conservation easements. Eligible landowners can choose to enroll in a permanent or 30-year easement. Tribal landowners also have the option of enrolling in 30-year contracts.

A key change under the agricultural land easement component is the new "grasslands of special environmental significance" that will protect high-quality grasslands that are under threat of conversion to cropping, urban development and other non-grazing uses.

All applications will be rated according to the easement's potential for protecting and enhancing habitat for migratory birds, fish and other wildlife. Eligible applicants will be compensated with a payment rate comparable to the local land use value.

Applicants will need to provide accurate records of ownership and ensure they have established a record of ownership with USDA's Farm Service Agency. Application information is available at your local USDA Service Center and at www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted

"NRCS staff will work with all interested applicants to help them through the application process and provide one-on-one assistance to create the conservation easement that works best for their farming or ranching operation," Derickson said.

For more information about the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the programs and services it provides, visit your local USDA Service Center or www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov

BUILDING PERMITS

-Steve and Linda France, 2209 Hiland Ave.; demo of residence, \$5,000.

-Lonnie Bahr, 70427 652 Ave.; house and garage, \$247,500.

-Lesia Crofford, 909 E. 14th St.; water heater, \$500.

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(LEFT) Falls City High junior Bailey Armbruster clamps down on Southern's Emily Zvolanek Monday night during the Lady Tigers' 36-18 victory. FCHS, now 3-1, held the now 3-2 Raiders to five points the entire first half. Through four games, Max Milam's team is holding the opposition to fewer than 30 points per game. FC goes to Nebraska City Friday to face Lourdes Central Catholic. **(RIGHT)** Junior Josie Nolte pushed the ball up the floor in the waning seconds of the first quarter Monday, looking to add to a 5-0 lead. The Tigers never trailed and won going away.

FC girls get defensive, bounce back from Friday loss

The Falls City High Lady Tigers' basketball team improved to 3-1 last night with a one-sided home blowout victory over Southern, spitting out the bitter taste of Friday's disappointing home-opening loss to Auburn by doubling up the visiting Raiders, 36-18.

Southern is now 3-2 after starting the season with three straight wins.

The Tigers again played exceptional defense, holding Southern to just five points before intermission. Thus far, FC is holding its opponents to fewer than 30 points per game.

Offensively (statistical information

from Monday's win was not available at press time), the Lady Tigers have shot the ball fairly well, particularly in the early going of games. In a 40-38 road win at Atchison, KS, last Thursday, juniors Alyssa Frederick and Molly Brown spurred a 15-point opening quarter rally by draining long-range jumpers. Frederick hit two right away and three on the night, finishing with 11 points (to go with eight boards, five assists and she also drew a charge); Brown also hit a pair of treys in a 10-point first half and finished with a team-high 12 points. In addition,

Brown hauled in eight boards, as FC owned a lopsided 51-22 edge on the glass. Sophomore Meredith Poppe and senior Libby Bauman (three blocks) each led FC with nine rebounds, three of which for each came on the offensive end, junior Bailey Armbruster had seven boards, five offensive, and four of sophomore Rylee Scholl's five rebounds came on FC's end of the court. The Tigers' 19 offensive rebounds helped negate 23 turnovers.

The team has not protected the basketball very well to this point and the fumbles ruined FC's chances Friday in a 44-27 loss to a quick Auburn team that applied full-court defensive pressure. Led by former Tigers Maggy and Meg Rieschick, the Bulldogs forced 25 Tiger turnovers - 18 in the second half. FC managed seven field goal attempts after halftime and saw a four-point deficit balloon in a hurry. The fouls mounted, too, and Auburn, now 2-2 after a Saturday loss to Elmwood-Murdock, sealed the deal at the line. Maggy Rieschick, a senior, scored seven of her eight in the final stanza. Meg Rieschick, a sophomore, scored nine, as did Ashley Teten, a 5-10 freshman. Senior Taylor Petersen scored 10 team-high points in the Auburn win.

In the end, Auburn had 30 free throw attempts to FC's seven. Brown fouled out of the game and Frederick and Scholl each played with four.

The Lady Tigers tip it up again Friday in Nebraska City against 2-2 Lourdes Central Catholic. They host 2-1 Class B Plattsmouth Saturday.

SCORING vs. Atchison

FC — Poppe, 2; Frederick, 11; Brown, 12; Armbruster, 4; Bletscher, 2; Scholl, 2; Bauman, 7.

SCORING vs. Auburn

FC — Poppe, 4; Frederick, 10; Brown, 2; Armbruster, 2; Bletscher, 1; Scholl, 4; Bauman, 4.

Aub — Me. Rieschick, 9; Wynn, 6; Ma. Rieschick, 8; Gyhra, 2; Teten, 9.



Journal file photo

Armbruster, 10 other PSC freshmen, prepare for '16 spring softball season

Falls City High School graduate Syd Armbruster is one of 11 Peru State College freshmen softball players preparing for the 2016 season.

Bobcat head coach Mark Mathews noted the 11 newcomers have worked hard this fall on the field and in the weight room.

In addition to Armbruster, Mathews welcomes Madison Bowman, of Fillmore Central, Hailey Davis, of Lincoln Southeast, Alexandra Kenney, of Milford, Kallie Legband, of Council Bluffs, Hannah Mitchel, of Nebraska City, Taylor Moya, of Keenesburg, CO, Morgand Ritchie, of Lincoln Southeast, Erin Snyder, of Omaha Mercy, Sara Trojan, of Milford, and Sandy Van Ert, of Strasburg, CO.

Armbruster is the daughter of Duane and Theresa Armbruster and is a biochemical science major. It is anticipated that Armbruster will be playing shortstop.

Bowman is the daughter of Craig and Tammie Bowman and is an undeclared major. Bowman will be playing at first base.

Davis is the daughter of Jerrod and Dawn Davis and is an undeclared major. Davis is expected to be a catcher.

Kenney is the daughter of Justin and Rose Kenney and is a biochemical science major. Kenney is expected to compete at second base.

Legband is the daughter of Tom

Legband and Sue Bowen-Legband and is a management major. Legband is expected to be a utility player.

Moya is the daughter of Mike and Jodi Stonner and is a criminal justice and psychology major. Moya will be a pitcher and outfielder.

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BRANDT'S RANT. Falls City High sophomore Brandt Chapple came up big in the Tigers' 47-30 home-opening victory over Auburn Friday, scoring 19 career-high points on 9-of-13 shooting from the floor. The 6-foot-5 athletic post man was scoreless through one period but FC, starting at an 0-3 start to a basketball season for the first time since December 2004, saw its budding star take off and take over in the second quarter, outscoring the visiting Bulldogs 11-5 all by himself. He missed all of one shot during a 30-15 FC run in the middle two quarters. Chapple and FC held Auburn to just two field goals in the third period and four the entire second half to win going away. FC hosts St. Joseph (MO) Leblond tonight and stays home for a Saturday meeting with Plattsmouth. No. 21 for the Bulldogs is senior Dallas Yates.

Blowout win over Auburn just what doctor ordered

Rebuilding or otherwise, the FC High boys' basketball program is not and will not soon be OK with 0-2 starts and, unfortunately for Auburn, a ticked-off Tiger team let out its aggressions on the Bulldogs Friday in front of a rowdy home crowd that last congregated en masse last March at the Devaney Center.

FC's sophomore Brandt Chapple, held scoreless during a first quarter that saw the Tigers fall behind yet again in this young 15-16 basketball season, got energized in the second and powered his team to a 47-30 blowout victory. Chapple scored 11 in the quarter, six more than Auburn's team, and FC used a 30-15 run in the middle periods to negate any thoughts of an Bulldog upset or, worse, an 0-3 start to the season. Chapple missed two shots that entire stretch and finished with a game- and career-high 19 points on 9-of-13 shooting from the floor. He chipped in seven team-best rebounds, a steal and a block - and his numbers could've been even better, but three foul calls after halftime sent the youngster to the bench.

It was a good win - Auburn was 2-1 entering, having beaten Plattsmouth in the opener and losing by just one point to Marysville, KS - and the Tigers certainly needed it after road losses of 18 (Syracuse) and 26 points (Atchison) to start the year. If the opener was a nightmare, the trip to Atchison was a night terror, with the home team

forcing 21 Tiger turnovers and hitting 28 of its 45 shots. The Redmen play-making ability was on display, as they recorded 14 assists and FC managed three steals. It was a 10-point game after one quarter and that lead grew to 21 - 39-18 - by halftime.

Chapple scored 15 and made 5-of-7 from the stripe, while Leafy had nine points and eight rebounds. The Tigers were 0-for-10 from downtown and 12-of-35 overall from the floor.

After that Tuesday trip, with Auburn, St. Joseph (MO) Leblond and Plattsmouth - all at home - remaining before the break, a blue Christmas was a very real possibility for the two-time defending district champions. Auburn is much improved, Leblond is generally solid and the Devils, though they've been better, are still a Class B-sized school, playing a Class B-sized scheduled.

As it stands, though, if FC can keep firing and sweep what remains of the homestand, the Tigers will enter the holiday with a winning record and riding a winning streak. That's the kind of holiday cheer everybody's used to.

In addition to Chapple, junior Kyle Leafy scored 10 points and hauled in six rebounds as the Tiger frontcourt flexed its muscles. Sophomore guard Rudy Vrtiska drained 3-of-4 free throws in the final quarter and made 4-for-5 in the second half, finishing with eight points. Senior guard Trent Pentecost drained his lone three-point attempt and led the team with four assists and two steals.

Auburn was limited to a pair of

field goals apiece in the third and fourth quarters and finished with 9-of-39 shooting from the floor, including 2-for-12 from three-point land. Skyler Hopper was just 3-of-16 from the field, but made 7-of-8 free throws and led Auburn with 15 points.

SCORING vs. Auburn
 FC - Chapple, 19; Leafy, 10; Vrtiska, 8; Pentecost, 5; Br. Rose, 2; Hogue, 2; Heckenlively, 1.

Aub. - Hopper, 15; Darnell, 6; Neiman, 4; Yates, 3; Wredt, 2.

SCORING vs. Atchison
 FC - Chapple, 15; Leafy, 9; Br. Rose, 4; Pentecost, 2; Heckenlively, 2; Milam, 1; Hogue, 1.

Atch - Gill Jr., 18; Bateman, 15; DeSilva, 11; Smith, 9; Helms, 8; Holly, 4; Birch, 3.

TIGER RESERVES

The Falls City Tigers Reserve boys basketball team opened its season at home with a 48-24 win over the Auburn Bulldogs. Sophomore Jake Craig dominated the paint by scoring 15 points and hauling in seven rebounds. He also added two blocked shots, three steals and two assists. Freshman Collin Cook added 12 points, four rebounds and four assists for the Tigers.

Falls City jumped out to a 14-0 lead by the end of the first quarter and never looked back.

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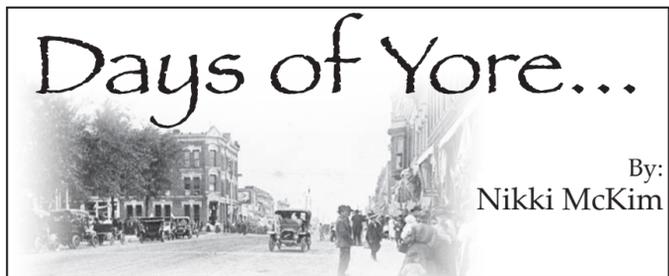
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50 Years Ago
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Patrice Peck was the lucky child who won the Richardson County Bank eight-foot Christmas stocking when her name was drawn.



Kansas City Chief Mack Lee Hill, died following routine surgery on his knee. The fullback has torn the ligaments in his knee the week before against Buffalo.

The Falls City Elks Lodge was offering free French fries for those who attended the Lodge initiation.

Ten new Tenderfoot scouts were received into Troop 392 at a Court of Honor at the Methodist Church.

Icy roads were blamed for two Richardson County accidents. Richard Vonderschmidt slid into Mrs. Darrel Koso on an icy surface of a bridge, and Mrs. Ronald Hoffman skid into a ditch.

Three marriage licenses were issued in one day by county judge Albert Maust in Falls City.

It was a big day at the Post Office with 508 parcels being delivered. The Christmas card onslaught was also in full progress averaging 12,000 a day. Falls City postal employees were selling up to 6,000 stamps a day at five cents per.

Editors top news stories of the years were the war in Vietnam, Civil Rights, and rioting in Los Angeles.

Vandals pulled down lights and decorations at 22nd and Barada Sts. and strewed them around the neighborhood. Several Falls City residents also reported hav-

ing their lights pulled down and decorations stolen.

Harvey Wiar said, "They're going to think I'm crazy" after he reported shooting at some type of "cat" that wasn't a pet cat on his brother-in-law's property. Several county residents claimed to have seen large "cats" roaming around.

Safeway was advertising three cans of oyster stew for a dollar, one pound of butter for 69 cents and oranges were also going for 10 cents a pound.

Winter debuted in southeast Nebraska with highs in the 50's.

The Rivoli Theater hosted a Christmas party for the youngsters that offered a free hour-long cartoon show.

The Falls City Cable Co. was offering new subscribers a free dressed turkey until Christmas Eve.

Breezy Hill Steak House was advertising a \$1 fried chicken dinner with all the fixins.

25 Years Ago

Becky Simon was named Director of Nursing at FC Care Center.

Thomas Olberding joined the Pawnee City Sheriff Dept. as a deputy sheriff.

The Dawson Verdon girl's basketball team defeated the Falls City Tigers, 54-42. Angie McLaughlin led the DV offense with 18 points.

U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey commented that he was not eyeing a future run for the Presidency.

The City Council rejected the Falls City Area Jaycees request to consume liquor at Prichard Auditorium.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Santo of Verdon. He was named Jonah Antone.

Ed Loubey just missed bowling a perfect game with a 299.

Falls City High boys basketball game against Savannah was postponed due to an illness that decimated the Falls City team.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harmon hosted an open house at Triple 'H' Tractor Repair in Dawson.

The Salem Post Office shared some very special letters to Santa with The Journal. Tiffin Schuetz asked Santa for a Rub-a-Dub-dolly; Ronnie Timothy asked for an airplane; Lucas Morehead requested a Batman suit and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Pizza Thrower; Shannon Alexander asked for a New Kids on the Block "Danny" doll; and Arica Alexander asked for some tapes of New Kids on the Block.

15 Years Ago

Richard Halbert was appointed to the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees by Governor Mike Johanns.

Dakota Pentecost was pictured visiting Santa at his house south of the County Courthouse in Falls City.

Chicago transfer student Shelby Jordan scored 34 points and led Sacred Heart to a 90-81 win over Lewiston.

Falls City senior point guard Jim Langan and Humboldt sophomore forward Melanie Stauffer were named Falls City Journal Athletes of the Week.

The USD #415 school board at Hiawatha voted 4-3 to retire the Native American high school mascot, the Redskins.

The City Council approved the re-appointment of Jim Hall as fire chief.

Letters to Santa were published in the Journal: Anthony Baker asked Santa for Pikachu and puzzles; Sawyer Kean asked for a remote control helicopter and a fire truck; Ashli Jordan said she wanted a "Jessie" outfit and a Barbie. All children mentioned how much help they had been giving their mom at home.

Karlus 'Corky' Moore

Karlus "Corky" Moore, 73, of Nebraska City, passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lincoln. He was born on Aug. 23, 1942 in Falls City to the late Raymond A. and Catherine (Brazau) Moore.

He graduated from the Falls City High School with the Class of 1960. Corky worked in the grocery store business beginning when he was 12 years old and continued in the industry until his retirement. More recently, Corky was manager of the former Food Pride Grocery Store in Nebraska City.

Corky married Patricia Kerl on June 19, 1965 in Falls City; and to this union two sons were born: Loren and Daniel.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Moore, of NE City; sons, Loren R. "Lonnie" (Cathy) Moore, of NE City, and Daniel J. Moore, of Minden; two grandchildren, Ashley and Derek Moore; sisters, Retta Sue (Merlin) Wenger, of Sabetha, KS, and Joetta Shaw, of Falls City; sister-in-law, Janice Moore, of Falls City; other family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Moore, and a niece, Cheryl Moore.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in NE City with Fr. Michael McCabe officiating. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in NE City. Memorials to the American Heart Assn. or Lourdes Central Catholic School in Nebraska City. Remembrances to www.gudfuneralhomes.com.

Gude Mortuary, NE City, was in charge of the arrangements.

Robert 'Doug' Booe

Robert "Doug" Booe, 58, of White Cloud, KS, died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12, 2015 at the Hiawatha Community Hospital. The son of Galen and Teresa (Robidoux) Booe, he was born in Hiawatha on Nov. 15, 1957.

Doug grew up and attended schools in Hiawatha, eventually earning his GED. He went to school in Beloit, KS, and received his Heavy Equipment Operator License. Later, he attended Vatterot and studied Heating and Air Conditioning. He more recently had worked at the White Cloud Casino as manager of the maintenance department.

Doug was a member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska. He served on the Tribal Color Guard and Pow Wow Committee. Doug also served in the Kansas Army National Guard. He enjoyed riding horses and was a member of the Butterfield Trail ride Association.

He is survived by his life companion, Kathy "Jingles" Mings, of the home; four daughters; brothers, John (Jennifer) Kreitzer, of Leavenworth, KS, and Richard (Jill) Kreitzer, of Kansas City, MO, sisters, Dorothy (Ace) Cheek, and Nina (Ron) Merchant, all of Hiawatha; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dan Kreitzer; infant brother, Theodore Booe; and sister, Mary Alice Cottam.

Funeral Services are planned for 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015 at the George Ogden Building in White Cloud. Interment will follow at the Tesson Cemetery.

Friends may call the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday; the family will receive friends after 6 p.m. at the Ogden Building. A Drum Service will be performed followed by a Wake Service.

Memorials are suggested in Doug's name to be designated at a later date and may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks, 124 S. 7th St. Hiawatha, KS 66434.

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Obituaries

Ronald 'Ron' Sander

Ronald "Ron" James Sander, 71, of St. Joseph, MO, passed away Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 at Mosaic Life Care. He was born Oct. 26, 1944 in Falls City, the son of W.T. "Ted" and Selma (Reynolds) Sander.

He graduated from Falls City High School and Northwest Missouri State University. Ron retired from a career in sales in 2006. He enjoyed photography and bird-watching, and was an avid fan of the Chiefs, Royals and NASCAR. Ron was a life-long Methodist.

He married Patricia (Thrasher) in 1969. He was a loving father and grandfather and will be dearly missed.

Ron is preceded in death by his

parents. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Sander, of St. Joseph; sons, Michael (Bridgette) and Mark Sander, both of St. Joseph; daughter, Michelle Sander, of Salt Lake City, UT; grandchildren, Wade and Madlin Sander; sister, Carolee (Donald) Gerdes, of Harlingen, TX (formerly of Falls City); nieces, Cindy Mallonee, and Kristin (Frank) Hayes, of Harlingen; and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, at the Rupp Funeral Home in St. Joseph, MO. Memorials are suggested to Second Harvest.



Geneva Marie 'Sue' Burnside

Geneva Marie "Sue" Burnside, 86, of Falls City, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at Falls City. She was born June 29, 1929 at Oregon, MO to the late William and Nellie (Harper) Muse.

Sue was raised at Oregon and attended Union Country School. Following her schooling she trained to become a Certified Nursing Assistant and later earned a certificate in Health Nutrition.

She worked at nursing homes in Oregon, St. Joseph and after 20 plus years she retired from Laverna Village Nursing Home at Savannah, MO and then moved to Falls City. She was a farm girl at heart and also did farm work throughout her life. She was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church at Rulo

She is survived by her daughter: Cheryl (Ronald) Prater of Falls City, brothers: Thomas (Mary) Muse of St. Joseph; Donald (Rayne) Muse of Louisiana; sister: Toynette "Jane" Haskins of Tyler, TX. Grandchildren: Tamara Black, Dustin Prater, Brandon Prater and Brandon Muse. She is also survived by her 11 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Gary Muse; brothers, Lin, Roy and Bob Muse and sister, Della Bowland.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Rev. John Hogue officiating. Interment at Steele Cemetery.

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Holiday travel tips

The holiday season is rife with tradition, and traveling to visit family and friends is a tradition shared by many people. Holiday travel can be hectic, as millions of people take to the airways, highways and railroads in the days before and after Christmas.

But travelers whose patience is annually tried by airport security checkpoints and holiday traffic jams can employ several strategies to make holiday travel more palatable.

- Let apps do your legwork. Technology has made life easier in many ways, and smartphone apps can even help travelers make holiday travel less stressful. A free app such as Flight-View provides smartphone and tablet users with real-time flight information and even provides travelers with flight status alerts. Travelers or men and women trusted with picking up family and friends at the airport can check gate assignments, delays and cancellations and even follow the flight's progress while it's in the air.

And it's not just air travelers who can put their apps to work for them. Drivers who are on a budget can download the free GasBuddy app, which finds the cheapest gas in a given city or postal code. Traveling apps are quite popular, and many are free, saving travelers money while making holiday travel that much easier.

- Bring along your own sustenance. Hunger pangs are sure to arise during your holiday travels. Airports and roadside truck stops are not exactly known for their healthy fare, so pack your own nourishing foods that can help you maintain your energy and stay healthy. Packing your own meals and snacks also saves you money and, if you're driving, time.

- Ship gifts. Shipping holiday gifts is another way to simplify holiday travel and save money. The lighter air travelers can pack, the more quickly they can make it through the airport. Shipping gifts saves you from paying excessive bag fees, and it also saves you the trouble of checking bags and waiting in baggage claim. Drivers also may benefit from shipping gifts, which can give everyone in the car more room to relax and also save the driver some money on gas.

- Switch up your travel schedule. If possible, take an extra day or two off during the holidays so you aren't forced to travel on the busiest travel days, which tend to be the days that immediately precede and follow the major holidays. If you must travel on busy holidays, hit the road or the friendly skies as early as possible. Book an early morning flight so you beat the crowds at security checkpoints or begin your drive an hour or so before sunrise when many of your fellow travelers are still asleep.

Travel is a holiday tradition for many people. While airports and highways are especially congested during the holiday season, there are many ways for travelers to make their trips less hectic this year.

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- ice _____
- _____ to Santa
- _____ bell
- gingerbread _____
- tin _____
- _____ over a fireplace
- long wooden _____
- Sugar Plum _____
- Model _____ under the tree
- _____ ballet
- _____ on the shelf
- holiday _____
- _____ pull Santa's sleigh
- _____ for naughty kids
- striped candy _____
- rocking hobby _____
- steaming hot _____
- _____ hat: red with white fur
- crunchy _____ for reindeer
- singing _____
- _____ gliding downhill
- Santa's _____
- spinning _____
- North _____
- holiday drink, _____
- Sugary _____ with fun shapes
- _____, Santa's favorite drink
- _____ cubes for the reindeer
- _____ on the top of the tree
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Estate No. PR15-51

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1-8-15

NOTICE

A total of 135 cases will be heard by the Board in December, 2015. The following cases sentenced in Richardson County will be seen by the Board of Parole.

8:30 a.m. December 29, 2015, Lincoln Correctional Center, Lincoln, Nebraska
Ethen M. Bentley, #82712 (Criminal Mischief Over \$1,500.00)

ROSALYN COTTON, CHAIR
NEBRASKA BOARD OF PAROLE

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following-described property will be sold by GREGORY L. GALLES, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska, on January 26, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.:

LOTS 17 AND 18, BLOCK 3, WEAVER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

The successful bidder shall submit payment in cash or certified funds of the winning bid in full on the day and time of the sale, January 26, 2016, at the offices of Locher Pavelka Dostal Braddy & Hammes, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the Beneficiary.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2015.

GREGORY L. GALLES, Successor Trustee

For: LOCHER PAVELKA DOSTAL
BRADY & HAMMES LLC
200 The Omaha Club
2002 Douglas Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
Phone: (402) 898-7000
Fax: (402) 898-7130
ggalles@lpdbnlaw.com
Gregory L. Galles, #21748

15-22-29-5-12

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of an order of sale issued by the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, and pursuant to a decree of said Court in an action therein indexed at Case No. CI 15-100, wherein Live Well Financial, Inc., is the plaintiff, and the Estate of Joseph W. Martin, the heirs, legatees, devisees, personal representatives, and all other persons interested in the Estate of Joseph W. Martin, deceased, real names unknown, Spouse of Joseph W. Martin, real name unknown, Senior Official with Responsibility for Single Family Mortgage Insurance Programs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Field Office with Jurisdiction over the Property described below, or a Designee of the Official, Trustee, the United States of America, by and through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Beneficiary, John Doe and Jane Doe, real names and marital status unknown, are the defendants, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property at 10:30 a.m., on the 19th day of January, 2016, on the first floor, lobby area of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, to-wit:

ALL OF BLOCK 10 WEST OF HIGHWAY NO. 8 RIGHT OF WAY, TISDEL'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF SALEM, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

ALSO KNOWN AS FOR TAX PURPOSES: Salem Tisdals Blk 10 PT Blk All W of Hwy (.36A).

to satisfy the liens and encumbrances therein set forth; and to satisfy the accruing court costs, all as provided by said order and decree. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. The purchaser will deposit with the Master Commissioner, at the time of sale, a nonrefundable 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 plaintiff's attorney immediately upon confirmation of the sale by the Court. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

DATED this 11th day of December, 2015.

Diane L. Merwin
Master Commissioner 15-22-29-5

Notice of Trustee's Sale

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on Jan. 25, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the 1st floor corridor at the West door of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355:

LOTS 10, 11 AND 12, BLOCK 2, FORNEY'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

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

By: Kerry Feld, Trustee, NSBA# 24614
Kozyen & McCubbin, LC
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 991-0255

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County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEC. 1, 2015
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Nov. 24, 2015, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

Highway Supt. Scott Huppert updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

A notice to proceed for the Verdon NW bridge project has been received and Mr. Huppert reported that preparations are being made to begin preliminary work on the site. He also reported that a Safety Meeting will be held on Dec. 4 with the Road Department employees.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CLOSE ROAD

At 10 a.m. Chairman Sichel declared that a public hearing be opened for the purpose of receiving comment in support of or opposition to the closing of a road located beginning at a point approximately 33 feet south of the northwest corner of Section 27, Township 1, Range 16 East or approximately thirty-three (33) feet south of the Northeast corner of Section 28, Township 1, North, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska and running south approximately two thousand seven hundred and eleven (2,711) feet to the north bank of "Pony Creek", also known as a portion of 651 Avenue running south of 704 Road to the north bank of "Pony Creek".

Huppert was present for the hearing along with one person from the public. No one was in attendance that was against the closing.

Chairman Sichel declared the public hearing closed at 10:05 a.m.

A resolution to consider the closing of the road will be introduced at next week's meeting.

RUNNING FOXES PETROLEUM, CST OIL & Gas

Darel Zimmerman, Land Department Division of Running Foxes Petroleum, CST Oil and Gas requested to meet with the Board regarding the possibility of using county road right-of-way for the exploration of nine-square mile seismic grid surrounding their lease. The project is scheduled to be done during the second or third week of January, weather permitting. The project site is in the Liberty Township surrounding sections 23-25 and 35-36, Ohio Township surrounding sections 19, 30 and 31. ZNEZ

Terms to be included in an agreement for this project were discussed. An agreement will be prepared and presented to the Board for consideration at a later meeting.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

James Cain, fee JV14-17, JV14-18, JV14-19, JV14-20, JV14-21375.00
D&D Communications, serv3,401.50
Datamx, supp20.07
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey, fee
CR15-119 J. Fritts225.00
Farm & City Supply, supp159.67
GIS Workshop, program4,500.00
Kollasch Law Office, fee JV14-21, JV14-17, JV14-18, JV14-19 and JV14-201,120.00
Midtown Service Center, serv77.00
Quill Corp., supp498.75
Santo Lawn Service, serv125.00
Thomson-Reuters West, serv884.44
Tylene Windle, reimb82.23
Wolfes, supp505.80
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$11,974.46

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bennett Heating, Cooling & Ref., serv ..328.00
OPPD, serv19.98
Sapp Bros., fuel15,888.08
Ultra-Chem, Inc., supp342.35
Unifirst Corp., serv79.95
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND...\$16,658.36

CHROMATOGRAPH FUND

Community Medical Center, serv41.60
TOTAL CHROMATOGRAPH FUND ..\$41.60
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND
Maxine Schatz, serv342.00
TOTAL JUVENILE SERV GRANT FUND.....\$342.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at noon. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

Village of Verdon

VERDON MINUTES
CHANGE IN OFFICE MEETING

DEC. 2, 2015 - 7:30 P.M., VILLAGE HALL
Chairperson pro-temper James Cockerham informed the room at large that the revised Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson pro-temper Cockerham at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Gary Cochran, James Cockerham, Denise Koso, Brenda Streit and Shannon Weimann. Clerk Brenda Daniels was present.

Absent: None.
GUESTS: None.
BUSINESS ON HAND: Motion by Wein-

mann with a second by Streit to elect Denise Koso as Chairperson for 2016. No other nominations were made. On roll call vote: Cochran: YEA, Cockerham: Yea, Koso: Abstain. Streit: YEA, Weimann: YEA: Denise Koso is the new chairperson for 2016.

Chairperson Koso then appointed the following: Clerk/Treasurer: Brenda Daniels, Attorney: Neal Parsons, Street Supt. Julie Vollmer.

Committee heads: General: Denise Koso, Streets: James Cockerham, Water: Shannon Weimann, Sewer: Brenda Streit, Cemetery and Parks: Gary Cochran.

Nominations for chairperson protemper was then made: Gary Cochran and James Cockerham were nominated. On paper ballot vote, James Cockerham was voted to be the chairperson protemper for 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Cockerham, second by Koso to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. All the Trustees present voted YEA. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Brenda Daniels,
Verdon Clerk/Treasurer

VILLAGE OF VERDON NOVEMBER, 2015 CLAIMS

EFTPS, EX\$647.83
Tammie Bents, RE\$36.81
Petty Cash, SE & SU\$134.78
Brenda Daniels, MI\$38.64
Verdon Library EX\$25.00
Gift Certificates, EX\$375.00
US Postal Service, SU\$35.00
R.C.R.W.D. # 2, SU\$608.51
Seneca Sanitation Serv, INC, SE\$1,148.00
SNC, SE\$91.82
Farm & City Supply, SU\$155.36
American Legal Publishing, SE\$650.00
NE Public Health Laboratory, FE\$15.00
Lorna Feek, FE\$599.00
Lewis Implement Co., SU\$39.76
J.T. Farm Service, Inc, SU\$18.90
Handley Law Office, FE\$327.50
Wolfe Printing, SU\$20.79
Midwest Labs., Inc, FE\$292.00
N.P.P.D., SE\$966.23
O.P.P.D., SE\$84.72
Brenda Daniels, SA\$480.00
Tammie Bents, SA\$742.15
Tammie Bents, MI\$52.33
Tammie Bents, RE\$97.90
Brenda Daniels, RE\$270.12
Tammie Bents, RE\$213.92
Tammie Bents, RE\$57.50
Animal Health Center, FE\$50.00
Brenda Daniels, SA\$480.00
Tammie Bents, SA\$812.83
Tammie Bents, MI\$80.50
VERDON LIBRARY
LEOTA SPECHT, RE\$70.00

EX, EXPENSE; FE, FEE; MI, MILEAGE; RE, REIMBURSEMENT; SA, SALARY; SE, SERVICE; SU, SUPPLIES
Brenda Daniels, Verdon Clerk/Treasurer

VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

DEC. 2, 2015 - 7:45 P.M., VILLAGE HALL
Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the revised Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Gary Cochran, James Cockerham, Denise Koso, Brenda Streit and Shannon Weimann. Clerk Brenda Daniels was present.

Absent: None.
GUESTS: None.
MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Streit to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Koso, second by Cochran to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Cockerham, second by Weimann to approve, with all the Trustees present voted YEA.

DECEMBER 2015 CLAIMS: Motion by Streit, second by Weimann to approve paying the claims. All the trustees voting YEA.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1. The December, 2015 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board and all were paid.

2. Time cards and daily work sheets for November 2015 were reviewed by the Trustees and initialed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1. Copies of the written update reports for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Bents were passed out to each Board member. Different items were discussed, regarding FEMA and other projects.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Clerk is to send NPPD a thank you for putting up the Christmas lights for the Village.

2. Motion by Koso, second by Cochran to give the two employees extra holiday pay of \$150.00 each, voting YEA: Cochran, Cockerham, Koso and Streit. Abstain: Weimann.

Motion carried.
2. A request from Verdon Fire Dept. Chief, Philip Hitchcock about having wifi for use in the Library was deferred to the Library Board for permission.

ORDINANCES: Ordinance 2015-104* AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES* came up for the 2nd reading. Cochran motioned to pass the 2nd reading with a second made by Koso. All five members of the Board voted YEA. Second reading passed and approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Koso, second by Weimann to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. All the Trustees present voted YEA. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting for the Village of Verdon will be on Jan. 6, 2016 at the Verdon Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.
Brenda Daniels, Verdon Clerk/Treasurer.

Village of Stella

VILLAGE OF STELLA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, DEC. 7, 2015
AT 7 P.M. AT THE STELLA COMMUNITY BUILDING

Present: Chastity Davis, Adam Stanley, Heath Stanley, Jim Owings and Jerry Joy. Absent: None. Guests: Tracy Milke, Andy McMullen and Ann Gerdes.

Chairman Joy called the regular board meeting to order, roll call was taken and Joy noted the posting of the open meeting act, which has been updated. Motion by H. Stanley and second by J. Owings to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yea.

Motion by A Stanley and second by C Davis to approve the treasurers report as presented. All voted yea. Motion by J. Owings and second by H. Stanley to pay the claims and payroll. All voted yea.

Ann Gerdes was present to explain the coverage and answer questions about the Village insurance policy.

Communications: Letter from State of NE Dept. of Economic Development certifying requirements for closeout of grant were completed by the Village. Certification of Street Superintendent signed by Chairman. Thank you to NPPD, Jim Owings and Jim Donahoe for help with getting Christmas lights up on poles and tree. Owings has visited with Commissioner Standerford about the trimming of trees along the east side of Clark Street by Mr. Reynolds.

Committees: Streets - The hole at the end of main has been filled and a hole on Elm Street by the county barn needs filled. Lights - OK. Park - OK. W&S- Written report by Milke. Layne Western tested two north wells. No report yet. Two south wells cannot be tested until a valve is installed. Milke will have this done. Library - Written report by James. Maintenance Man - None. Planning - None. Tree - None. Health - None. Community Building - Santa will be here Dec. 12. Main Street Improvement - None. Snow Removal - Noah Vice will be in charge of removal at \$35 per hour on a motion by Joy and second by J. Owings. All voted yea. Sidewalk Repair - Nelson/Lockard sidewalk broken up by removal of building by Georges has been partially replaced. The area in front of Greg Lockard will be completed in the spring. Committee lists were handed out for additions or deletions.

Library Committee met with discussion of the

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CARDS OF THANKS

The 9th Annual Jingle Bell Ride was a great success! There were over 100 families that generously donated gifts for children in need in Richardson County. On behalf of the Jingle Bell Ride Committee, we would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help make this event a success. A special thanks to Bev Chestnut, Cathy Davis and Annie Youde for helping to coordinate this event. Thank You to all the riders who brought in your horses and went on the routes with us, Thank you to Dave and Sandy Gantz and Gary Jorn for bringing in your miniature horses and giving rides, Thank you to everyone that drove a truck and pulled trailers, to those that drove golf carts to clean up behind and direct traffic. Thanks to all of you who loaned us trucks, trailers, golf carts, four wheelers etc., to the Girl Scouts and Christs Church of Falls City for riding and caroling, thanks to those who helped serve food, Thank you Natisha Radley and Larry Burlingame for face painting and a Huge thank you to SANTA for making an appearance! Thank you to every single person that came out and went around to collect gifts.

We apologize if we overlooked anyone, there are so many people that help make this event a success and we could not do it without each and everyone of you! A huge THANK YOU to everyone that donated gifts and to the community for their continued support! Without your support and generosity this event would not be possible. 50

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and support during John's illness and passing. From the prayers, cards, hugs, phone calls, offer of help, food, work coverage, memorials, flowers, visits, and everything done to help ease our burden and loss. Our family, neighbors, and friends, AseraCare for their wonderful care during his final days, the Gideon's for their words of faith at the service, the church Elders support, my work friends at PCMH and all they have done, Wherry's and Todd Dierberger for easing the burden, Creative Thoughts for beautiful roses, Karen for her music and Howard for his memorial words that were such a tribute to John's life. The services at the cemetery with the Harvey Mann Legion unit and Army Honor Guard and 'Taps by the Phillips' were all in such honor to his life. The luncheon afterward was so appreciated and allowed time to visit with family and friends. We are very humble by the response of the community and do so appreciate all the support to our family. Thank you for everything.
Nancy Moyer
Josh & Alison Moyer,
Drew, Emily, Taryn
Luke & Brandy Moyer,
Brogan, Graham
Kelly and Matt Godfrey

Thank you to all who donated or helped in any way with the 7th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner held at St. Paul's Lutheran, 20th & Towle St. This wonderful community service event was again a HUGE success thanks to volunteers from St. Paul's, other area churches, and the surrounding community. You put the "giving" in Thanksgiving! Many thanks and blessings!
Ann Smith & Sharon Walker
Committee Chairs & Katie Café Group

Thank you to all of our family and friends for the prayers, cards, memorials, flowers and traveling to Arizona for our beloved Phyl's memorial service. The outpouring of love and support has been amazing and has made a very difficult time somewhat easier. Love to all,
The Family of Phyllis Fisher 50

reading contest, open house, purchasing a laptop and doing away with old computers and a salary increase.

Motion by Joy and second by J. Owings to appoint JEO Consulting Group, Inc., as the Village Engineer for the year of 2016. All voted yea.

Motion by A. Stanley and second by H. Stanley to appoint Evan B. Wickersham from JEO Consulting Group, Inc., as Street Superintendent for 2016. All voted yea. ZNEZ

Water shut-offs were signed.
Motion by A Stanley and second by C Davis to adjourn at 8 p.m. All voted yea.
Vicki Owings, Clerk

The family of Carl Romine would like to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of sympathy in our recent loss. Thank you to the Falls City Ambulance squad and the emergency room staff for their rapid response, help and dedicated service. To our friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness and acts of kindness. To Brian Daake and staff at Dorr & Clark for the arrangements and service. To the ladies and gentlemen of the First Christian Church for the wonderful dinner and hospitality. A special thanks to Pastor Fay Ann Blaylock for her spiritual guidance and comfort and wonderful service. 50

Thank you for all the prayers, food, memorials, flowers, cards, help and comfort to us at the time of John's passing. During a time like this we realize how much our friends and family really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. The family of John H. Coonce
Edna
Jimmy, Melissa, Kraig, Jami, Jesse,
John R., Cathy, Bailey and Taylor 50

Heartfelt thank you to my family and friends for the cards, flowers, food and prayers while I was in St. Elizabeth's hospital and Colonial Acres Nursing Home, also for the remembrances on my birthday and our 65th wedding anniversary. May God bless you.
Marion Wittrock 50P

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Application Procedure

Submit a standard Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri application for employment and/or resume to the Tribal Council Secretary, 305 North Main St., Reserve, KS 66434, Phone: 785-742-0053 ext. 24, Fax: 785-742-7146 and/or e-mail gbahr@sacandfoxcasino.com.

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (SENCA) is now accepting applications for the position of Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer is responsible for providing accounting and bookkeeping services for SENCA. This includes preparation of financial reports, journals, and ledgers; assisting with program operating budgets, monitoring payroll, disbursements, and vendor checks. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's Degree or minimum of two years study in Accounting. Experience in accounting and management highly desirable. Position is full-time, 12 months per year. SENCA offers a competitive wage and benefits package. To receive a complete job description or application, visit www.senca.org, or contact Becky Littrel at 402-862-2411, ext. 119. Position will remain open until filled. Position is 80% federally funded. EOE

Employment Opportunity

Native American Family Services, White Cloud, KS has an opening for a part-time Child Development Center Assistant. Minimum Qualifications: Applicant shall possess a CPR and First Aid training or be willing to obtain certification. Have a genuine interest and enjoyment of small children/infants and the ability to stay calm in all situations and to respond to children in a quiet, reassuring manner. Must possess a valid driver's license and pass an extensive background and character check. Native American preference given. To apply send resume with three personal references to Native American Family Services, 3303 Thrasher Rd; White Cloud, KS 66094 or fax to 785-595-3260. Closing date is 12/18/2015.

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska in White Cloud, Kansas is currently accepting applications for a full-time Resource Specialist for an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program. Minimum qualifications include a valid driver's license, a high school diploma or GED, knowledge of community resources and tribal culture, strong interpersonal skills along with excellent oral and written communication skills. Benefits will include paid health and dental insurance, life insurance, vision insurance, paid time off, and holiday pay. Wage is dependent on experience Native American preference is given. Applications will be accepted until December 21, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Contact Brenda Lunsford if you have any questions regarding this position at 785-595-3258 50

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska in White Cloud, Kansas is currently accepting applications for a full-time Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor. Minimum qualifications include a Graduate or Post Graduate degree in Social Work or related field with a certificate in drug and alcohol abuse counseling and a license to practice as a substance abuse counselor and a valid driver's license. Applicants must be able to work flexible hours. This may include nights, weekends and holidays. Benefits will include paid health and dental insurance, life insurance, vision insurance, paid time off, and holiday pay. Wage is negotiable depending on experience. Native American preference is given. Resumes will be accepted until December 21, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Contact Brenda Lunsford if you have any questions regarding this position at 785-595-3258. 50

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FCSH youngsters spread Christmas cheer for all TO HEAR!

The Falls City Sacred Heart Elementary Christmas Concert was staged Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the new Roh Activity Center, under the direction of Preschool Director Alicia Schock and FCSH Music Director Wesley Farewell. Mrs. Joyce Hundley was Accompanist.

The Preschool students sang seven numbers, with the finale of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" bringing the crowd to its feet, as usual.

The entire elementary sang "Love Came Down at Christmas" in unison.

The fifth grade band performed "Good King Wenceslas," "Jolly

Old Saint Nicholas," "Crusader's March," and "Jingle Bells."

The sixth grade band presented "Joyeux Noel," "Shenandoah," "Greensleeves" and "We Three Kings."

The Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Chorus sang "Advent Song" and "Twinkle Wink."

Third Grade: "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" and "Il Est Ne'."

Fourth Grade: "Children Run Joyfully" and "I Saw Three Ships."

Fifth Grade: "Who Shall come to Worship Him" and "Ringing, Ringing."

Sixth Grade: "By The Star," and "This Holiday."

Sixth Graders Erison Vonderschmidt Elizabeth Selleck, Brogan Nachtigal and Zach Keithley performed "A Candle For Peace."

The concert concluded with all the elementary students singing "Love Came Down at Christmas."

Cast Members

Preschool: Carlee Bailey, Rachel Bauman, Evelyn Chavanak, Creighton Crofford, Knox Davis, Jaxon Emerson, Payten Georges, Blaize Greever, Treyden Hoppe, Ryder Hullman, Kinlee Jackson, Brynlie Jones, Corbyn Kuker, Kinley Lechtenberg, Bailey Lemerond, Kaylie Lewis, Lorelei Lowe, Tannar Maddoz, Wyatt Nussbaum, Oakley O'Grady, Keylee Olberding, Caroline Powell, Owen Santo, Aiden Scheitel, Aaron Selleck, Gavin Shubert, Kemper Sipple, Macy Taft, Andrea Vollmer, Elin Vonderschmidt, Stella Waller, Zachery Wendtlandt, Cash Witt, Nataley Witt and Treydon Witt.

Kindergarten: Austin Bangert, Adrian Coetzee, Milayana Crofford, Mya Dougherty, Rylee Littrel, Taytum Maddox, Alvin Sikora, Griffin Sikora and Reid Wustrack.

First Grade: Toby Baxter,

Hayden Clow, Dorothy Crouse, Lathan Deubelbeiss, Renee Drummond, Willa Fritz, Hudsyn Hutfles,

try Lechtenberg, Addison Moon-Boster, Ethan Neddenriep, Connor Nelson, Jocelyn Olberding, Henry Rottinghaus and Cole Schawang.

Fourth Grade: Madison Dougherty, Elle Falk, Leila Frederick, James Froeschl, Saylor Hutfles, Vaughn Lenard, Alex McKim, Joe Simon and Jack Stice.

Fifth Grade: Brandt Barnhill, Kayden Bauman, Kacy Brewer, John Crouse, Mackenzie Dougherty, Madison Jones, Evan Keithley, Macy Keller, Gavin Lechtenberg, Grace Malcolm, London Nachtigal, Matthew Neddenriep, Riley Nelson, Carson Sells, Kamden Sipple, Jessica Wertemberger and DeLanie Witt.

Sixth Grade — Hunter Bauman, Tyler Catlin, Peyton Doerr, Lainey Ebel, Emma Frederick, Taylor Frederick, Jake Froeschl, Jakob Jordan, Jakob Kearney, Nicholas Keithley, Zachary Keithley, Chloe Knobbe, Emma Littrel, Rachel Magdanz, Lauren Malone, Brogan Nachtigal, Kevin Salimo, Derek Schawang, Elizabeth Selleck, Ella Simon, Madison Stamper and Erison Vonderschmidt.



FC Sacred Heart fourth grader Saylor Hutfles lets her voice be heard.

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 7 & 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 25th

CONFESSION SCHEDULE : 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20; 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 (Communal Penance Service); 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23; 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24.

READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week our photo was submitted by Chloe Knobbe of Falls City. The topic was 'What was your Elf on the Shelf. caught doing?'

Readers can enter a new photo every week, one photo per week with the photographers name and location. No logos or copyrighted work. Each week we will give you a new topic.

Submit photos to: journalpotw@gmail.com before Noon on Monday. Each weeks winner can come by the Journal office at 1810 Harlan St., to receive their prize!

Next week.....
Santa Claus

Whooping cough has reportedly made its way to SE Nebraska

The SE District Health Department routinely tracks illness and disease in the district and has observed cases of pertussis in the region. The health department is encouraging people of all ages to be immunized against this highly contagious but preventable respiratory disease.

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a very contagious, bacterial respiratory disease. Although it might be a mild disease in older children and adults, in younger children and infants it can result in hospitalization due to complications including severe respiratory distress and inflammation of the brain. In rare cases, pertussis can cause death, especially in children less than one year of age.

The SDHD is advising people in the community to receive the vaccine as it is the most effective way to prevent the illness. Children and adults who are partially protected by the vaccine can have a milder illness than infants and very young children, however, they can still transmit the disease to others, including infants too young to be immunized. Individuals should contact their health care provider or local health department to determine what vaccines they should receive.

Call the SDHD at 877-777-0424 or visit dhhs.ne.gov/nesiis to review your personal immunization records and recommended vaccines. Uninsured and under-insured adults and children may be eligible for free immunizations through SDHD's immunization clinics, call for eligibility or find clinic dates and locations and more information at www.sedhd.org

T-dap vaccination is especially important for the following groups:

- Women who are pregnant or may become pregnant
- All close contacts of infants under 12 months of age (parents, siblings, grandparents, household contacts, child care providers)
- Anyone with pre-existing, chronic respiratory disease; and
- Healthcare providers For more information on how public health is working for you, visit www.sedhd.org

MERRY Christmas AND A happy NEW YEAR

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The Office of the Falls City Journal will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 23 and remain closed until Monday, Dec. 28

The Journal will publish normally the week of and after Christmas.

The deadline for the Tues. December 29 paper will be Monday, Dec. 28 by 10 a.m.