

Merry Christmas

Many Nebraska school districts, including FCPS, does not get appropriated a single penny from the Legislature, though our leaders have already budgeted a \$19.9 million increase for the prison system. The Inappropriate Appropriation Committee is a powerful force, but one worth reckoning with.

'Christmas Morning'
December 24, 1955

The Saturday Evening POST
What Happened In the White House
ARTHUR GODFREY TELLS ABOUT HIS PRIVATE LIFE



'Tis the dawn before Christmas, and all through the house little creatures are stirring, still as a mouse. And that, you'll agree, is enough of trying to say this is rhyme. Well, at 6:11 a.m. by John Falter's clock this house will rock with cries that Saint Nick had been here. And mother and dad, who stayed up awfully late helping him come, will stagger blurry-eyed downstairs, looking as if they had indeed just settled down for a long winter's nap. Their eyes will clear, though, catching the bright glow from their children's eyes. For this mystic moment at Christmas sunrise is so joyfully animating with its bright feeling that the world is made for love. As the Jolly Old Elf didn't quite say when he flew up the chimney: Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good morning!

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Before they were sent to the North Pole, the Journal was able (thanks to Falls City North School and some digging in the archives) to intercept some interesting "letters to Santa," over the last five decades. Here's a look at "letters to Santa" that have been published in the Falls City Journal over the years.



1971

DECEMBER 21, 1971

Dear Santa,
My brother wants ever thing he see. But do not bring him ever thing he wants. I want a Sleep 'n' Keep case and talking P.M. and Cinderella puppet and a Korosel Kitchen and I want a gun ball bank and chalk for chalk board. Our dog P.J. needs bone. Good bye.
Love, Lisa Keller PS: I want boots.

1993

DECEMBER 22, 1993

Dear Santa,
I'm 3 yrs. old and would like to get a toy gun, truck and bike for Christmas. I've been good sometimes this year.
Merry Christmas Santa, Thanks, Trevor Bennett

1980

DECEMBER 23, 1980

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl but its been hard. Please try to bring me a new dolly, a toy camera, some snow books and anything else I would like. Please bring my baby sister Joni something for her bed. You will have to come in the front door or a window since we don't have a fireplace.
Love and Kisses, Kristy Fischer

2003

DECEMBER 23, 2003

Dear Santa,
Will you give me your antlers if you have a deer horn? Can you please give me a ramp? I would like a bulldog puppy!

2015

DECEMBER 22, 2015

Dear Santa,
I would like a cooking set because I like to cook with grandpa. Beata

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The Lady Irish nearly have it all: the best player, top ranking, the tallest lineup, shiniest trophy and best pedigree: they have shooters, rebounders and a defense that looks like a spider's web of arms and legs controlling the airspace formerly known as passing lanes. All they need, really, is three more wins. That would make 2015 a perfect calendar year for the SH girls. Literally. Perfect. 29 wins, no losses.

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FCPS State of the Schools

Strong attendance numbers correlate with good marks in reading, writing, math

A recent State of the Schools Report suggests Falls City Public School students are in attendance nearly 96 percent of the time and are indeed learning their reading, writing and arithmetic.

Under AQuESTT, *Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow*, FCPS earned the top (out of four) classification of "Excellent" in writing, as 78 percent of local youngsters meet or exceed the state standard requirement, which is four percent above the state average. Likewise, 78 percent of FCPS kids meet or exceed reading standards, though AQuESTT rated District 56 as merely "Great" (the second classification). "Good" and "Needs Improvement" round out the rubric.

Other notable results include:

- 72 percent meet or exceed the state math standards, compared to 76 percent in 2014. The district AQuESTT math status is "Good."
- 76 percent of FCPS students meet or exceed the state science standards; again, AQuESTT gives a grade of "Good."
- Overall, FCPS' AQuESTT classification status of "Good" is determined based on the average NeSA score in the district for the

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Special Delivery



The Falls City Special Olympic Bowling Team, front row, from left: Alex Vollan, Sidney Prichard and Mary Bieker; back row, Michael Hamilton, Ken Rider, Gina Hamilton and Megan Vice.

Win or lose, all Special Olympians get medals for bravery

There has been extra laughter and cheering coming from Falls City Lanes on Monday nights this fall. The source of this excitement is the Falls City Special Olympic Bowling Team and their coaches and supporters. This group of bowlers meets weekly for practice and will be participating in their first competition in January in Lincoln. The athletes enjoy getting together and improving their skills as well as learning the etiquette of the game.

The seven athletes have learned the Special Olympics oath written by Eunice Kennedy Shriver for the first Special Olympics in 1968: "Let me win. But if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Katy Gifford shares, "The athletes know they don't have to be the best to be winners, but they do need to be brave and try. This is true in bowling, academics, vocational endeavors, and leisure activities. It is a joy to see them celebrating their accomplishments with family and friends."

The team is coached by Terri Hogue and Kris Simon. Sue Bieker and Katy Gifford serve as team managers. Family members and friends drop in to watch and cheer the team on.

"I love my friends and to get the pins down," shares Sidney Prichard said.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Justice and Education

By Craig R. Christiansen, NSEA Executive Director

In 2007, the Nebraska State Supreme Court made a decision on a lawsuit challenging the adequacy of funding for a quality education for students in public schools. The Court determined that schools have a duty in "providing free instruction," but rejected the idea that there is any judicially enforceable standard of quality education. Local critics protested the decision that education in Nebraska didn't have to be good, it just had to be free. The court could require education to be free, but could not require it to be of high quality? Is that justice?



Christiansen

Peter Marcuse, editor and contributor to the book, "Searching for the Just City" (2009), proposes a simple definition of justice. The application of law requires "equality, equity, and fairness." Justice is not only a product of the legal system. Justice is also dependent on our political system. Is it enough that students are guaranteed access to our schools by the law, or should there also be a positive recognition — as in a "Just City" — that access to a school is not enough for educational success? Consider an obvious example. In 1954, the US Supreme Court declared that segregated schools were unconstitutional. Nearly a decade later, a significant number of schools had not yet accepted black students. In fact, in 1963, nearly 99 percent of black students in southern states were still in segregated schools. Court decisions and law enforcement officers were not sufficient for desegregation. Social and political support — and change — were equally necessary.

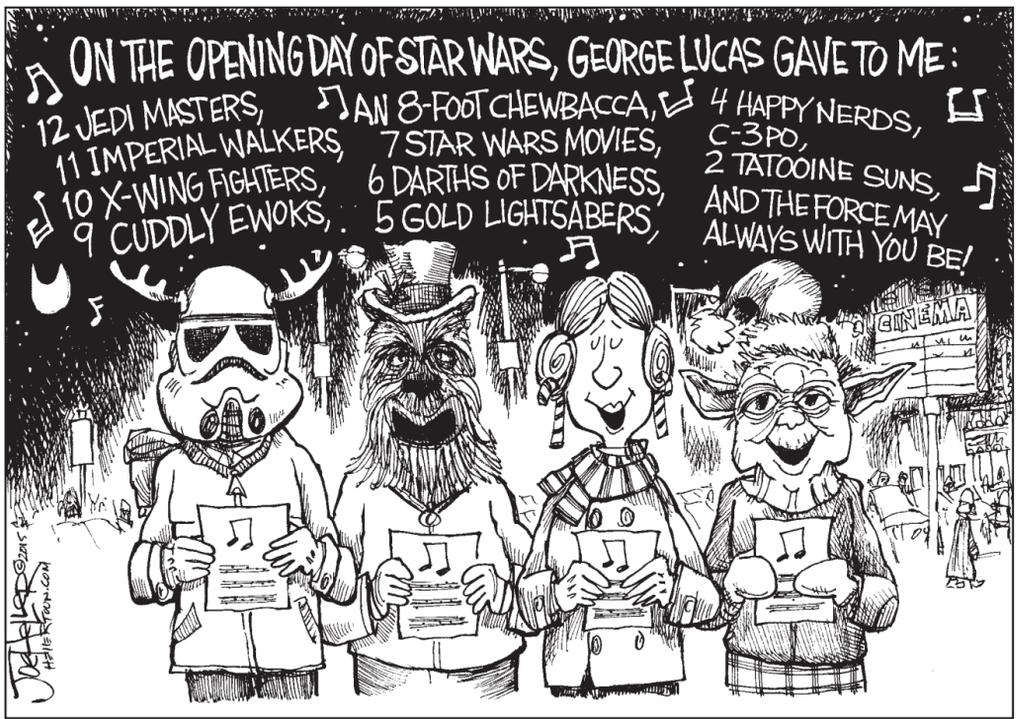
Significant Dividing Point

The idea that there are other actions — political decisions — that really determine whether citizens in fact have access to the fair treatment promised under the law challenges us to think far beyond the legal system. In the example of education, equitable treatment includes more than establishing the legal right to access. The 1954 Supreme Court did its part. Are we doing ours? Some would argue that the legal right to attend a public school is the great equalizing element for students. It is necessary, but not enough. Justice requires that students attending our schools have an equal opportunity for education. This concept may be the most significant dividing point between the elite 1 percent and the other 99 percent in America. Justice in public education means that every student needs a network — a community — of services and opportunities to grow and develop as a student prepared to take full advantage of what schools offer. Do all students in our communities have the benefit of quality pre-schools, health providers, public transportation, safe communities, computers, libraries, museums and art galleries? Do their parents have access to good jobs and affordable housing? If justice is not found in the social, economic, and political structures of daily life for both adults and children, it has little chance anywhere else.

The Toughest Opponent

The metaphor of the Just City is not only about cities. It should challenge us to reflect on our own community schools. How would our schools be different if they were politically structured as sites of economic and social equity? The fact is that students in Nebraska do not have equity in resources or in educational opportunity. The structural system of funding schools is determined politically. The economic inequity for students across Nebraska — and the resulting educational disparity — is a result of political and social forces.

This is about fair and adequate distribution of public resources. Look carefully at your community schools. The hard fact is that being fair to all students — giving more resources to some students or some schools — takes tax money. Tax decisions are the toughest opponent of the aspirations of courts and the law. The politics of taxation and resource allocation are concrete examples of the opportunity for substantive justice for our children. Do the children in your community go to school in a 'Just City'?



Where's the peace & joy in border closings and gun-free zones?

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

Whatever happened to peace on earth, good will to men?

Is it just me, or has the world gone crazy? Are we really talking about closing the borders to keep folks from other countries out? Stop, consider your ancestry. If the border had been closed in 1902, I wouldn't be living in America right now. We all came from immigrant stock.

Yes, we ARE operating in a new era of fear. It's difficult to accept people who don't look like us, talk like us, dress like us or act like us. In the wake of the San Bernardino shootings, there's a renewed call for more vetting. There has to be a way to reduce the risk.

I don't mind the airport scanning and the TSA bag checks. I had to fly to the East Coast a few weeks after 9-11. Seasoned travelers said to avoid the Boston Airport "because it's a crime scene." The airline routed me from Minneapolis to Boston to get to my destination in Providence. They gave me a voucher to take a taxi from Boston to Providence.

No, I didn't hail the cab that was driven by the guy with the beard and the turban. And there were a couple other "suspect" looking drivers that I didn't stop. I finally found a guy that looked like me, the poor devil.

So, I'm guilty. I've been there. I will also admit that I befriended Jim Brady before he was announced as President Reagan's White House Press Secretary and was in frequent contact with him. After he was wounded in the assassination attempt on Reagan, I supported the Brady Campaign against gun violence.

I grew up with a dad and other family members who liked to hunt. I spent many an early Saturday or Sunday morning hunkered in a duck blind on the North Platte River east of Gering. My wife has advanced bars on her marksman award. We know and respect guns because we grew up that way.

I am concerned now about some of the gun talk I hear. "The gun-free zones are what's killing us," says state Senator Tommy Garrett. Nebraska law prohibits concealed guns in a wide range of places: colleges; churches; schools; sporting events; hospitals; banks and bars. Garrett's staff is drafting legislation that would eliminate most of those gun-free zones, allowing people with concealed-carry permits to take their firearms almost anywhere in the state, while retaining exceptions for police stations, courthouses, jails and prisons.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Faculty Senate has approved a resolution supporting a continued ban of weapons on campus. That is seen as a formal response to Garrett's proposal. Faculty Senate President John Bender says they prefer the status quo when it comes to weapons on campus. They want the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to have the authority to restrict weapons on campus.

Garrett says the state already takes steps to ensure concealed-carry permit holders are responsible, through required background checks and firearms training. He claims that these folks are not criminals, wackos or mentally unstable people. He characterizes them as law-abiding, God-

fearing American citizens.

Good for them. But how many criminals, wackos or mentally unstable people have we heard about who still manage to get their hands on guns and wreak havoc on others similarly situated as well as those law-abiding, God-fearing American citizens?

Supporters of less restrictive gun control laws say that recent college shootings could have had different outcomes if some of the students had been armed and could have fired back at the perpetrators. The University of Nebraska has historically opposed efforts to allow concealed weapons on campus.

Speaking on his own behalf, UNL

Police Chief Owen Yardley says allowing concealed guns on campus would complicate things for police and potentially endanger more people. Reports of armed people on campus always put officers on alert and it would be confusing and difficult to sort out the good from the bad. To say nothing of the alcoholism and mental health issues among students. Neither one of those situations mix well with gunpowder.

Never say it can't happen here. The robbery of a US Bank branch in Norfolk in 2002 and the assault on Von Maur at Omaha's Westroads Mall in 2007 claimed multiple victims.

The whole thing, Garrett says, is a sad commentary on our times. I agree. But as we discuss the issues, let's be rational and reasonable and be sure we aren't making things worse.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: FINISH THE LYRICS

ACROSS

- Southern cuisine pie
- French lake
- H or O in H2O, e.g.
- "Tell ____ I love her"
- "A long, long time ____ I can still remember how that music..."
- Cast somebody there
- Misbehave
- St. Louis player
- First American-born saint, Elizabeth Ann ____
- "Blue jean baby, L.A. lady, seamstress for ____"
- "On a dark desert highway, cool wind in ____"
- Draft pick
- \$10,000, to a judge, e.g.
- "You ____ again"
- "You ____ me what I am today"
- Inventor's right
- Burden
- Color of a bruise
- "____ is a sound salvation... cleaning up the nation"
- Bumpkin
- "Get ____" (1965-1970)
- "Isn't it a _____. Isn't it a shame"
- What a taster does
- 41st or 43rd president
- 1970s hairdo
- Fireplace
- One-pot meal
- "I wanna be loved by you, just ____"
- "May the road ____ with you"
- Use a Singer
- "Get this party started on a Saturday night, everybody's waiting for me to ____"
- "Just a city boy born and raised in South ____"
- Killed, as in dragon
- Go a-courting
- Dome-shaped dessert
- "I'm sitting here, doing nothing but ____"
- Another word for Tokyo
- Did not go out to eat
- Radio genre
- "Losing My Religion" band
- Tears violently

DOWN

- Surveyor's creation
- Apiece
- Pleasingly pretty
- Dutch island in the Caribbean
- "I love the smell of ____ in the morning"
- Porcine fat
- American Gas Association
- Found in written series
- Between ports
- South American monkey
- Carbon monoxide doesn't have this
- "It's raining ____ Hallelujah"
- Finely cut masonry block
- Certain tides
- Chihuahua's cry
- "Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth, ____ I'm happy"
- "Cause, baby, you're a firework, come on, shoot 'em what you're ____"
- Accustom
- Historic region in northeastern Africa
- "Your lips are movin', tell me do you think I'm ____"
- Spanish snack
- Enlighten
- TV's "____ Circus"
- "Cause uptown funk gon' give it ____"
- Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex", e.g.
- Formerly, formerly
- "So take ____ broken wings"
- "I've got the world on a ____"
- Charlie Sheen's diagnosis
- Man cave's necessity
- Waste water pipe
- What did Jessica Fletcher do?
- Aquarium organism
- "Iron horse" track
- Yamaguchi's court
- Accompanied by "gloom"?
- Bad sign
- Used when citing a reference
- Two equal a twenty
- Scholastic aptitude test
- "____ to Joy"

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Sacred Heart students performed a pair of projects to help the poor during this Advent season. Each class from grades 7-12 adopted a needy family and bought presents or gift cards for the parents and children. Students used their own money and helped buy the gifts, then wrapped the items. These were sent to families registered through Catholic Social Services in Lincoln. At the same time, coats were collected to be delivered to

needy families through Catholic Relief Services. Over 100 coats, blankets, hats, and gloves were delivered to families through this drive. Students pictured, from left: Jack Fiegenger, Tristan Keithley, McKenzie Witt, Chloe Schock, Jena Reeves, Elle Froeschl, Libby Dunn, Teresa Morehead, Natalie Kriefels, Maggie Goltz, Abby Fiegenger and Noah Keller.

SEZ-I

'The God Invasion'

I know, we hear the story every year of Christmas. It is a great story, but let's face it, we have heard it so many times it can get a little routine, or at least, not very dramatic. But, this year, really think about what happened in that dirty animal stable in Bethlehem about 2,015 years ago.

Think about it in these terms: God Invaded the World! God, I mean God, the creator and sustainer of the entire universe, came down to be with us. There are two great truths we learn about God at Christmas.

The first truth is God is with us, always. Immanuel means God with us. He is not just present with us, he also dwells within us (1 Corinthians 6:19). He is not just present, but also he is active in our lives. Plus, he promises to never, never, leave us (Hebrews 13:5).

The second thing we learn about God at Christmas is that God saves! He saves us from the penalty of our sin. He saves us from the power of sin over our lives, and he saves us from ultimate separation to a future eternal home with him (John 14:1-6). God invaded the world on that very first Christmas. This Christmas let him invade your life.

Pastor Brian Voos, NorthRidge Nebraska



Eighteen FCSH students participated in an evening of fun Dec. 16 with the residents of Falls City Healthcare Community. The students played Jingo (Christmas Bingo) with the residents and then enjoyed spending some time visiting. Hot chocolate, cinnamon rolls and a gift exchange followed at the Roh Activity Center.

Small Business Q&A

By Zach Zimmerman

Q: I have a few employees within my business and I think they could be more productive in their jobs. How should I handle this conversation? - Crete, NE

A: It appears like a conversation definitely needs to occur, but you should be clear on what you want and how you are going to communicate it. If you have reservations about productivity concerning employees, communicating a clear and consistent message is essential. Do these employees know your vision specifically? Do they know the specific activities they need to contribute too within the organization to help achieve that vision? Do you know the metrics that contribute to this vision? Do they know these metrics and why they are important? Are you holding them accountable to these metrics? I would suspect your employees want to be "productive" in their jobs but might be unclear on the specific activities they need to achieve to help the business. If you have any high productive employees, I would highly recommend recognizing these employees within the business. Sometimes just recognizing positive behavior, helps with other employees to achieve more. As a business owner, you should be clear on what you want from employees and how their actions are important within the business. Be clear and consistent with what you want. If it gets achieved, recognize it and reward it in public and let everyone know it in the business. If it consistently doesn't get achieved, recognize it in private and allow the employees who don't agree with your vision to move on to something that is a better fit.

Q: I want to expand my business, but my funder is asking for projections or forecasts for my business. How do I accurately predict or "project" what is going to happen in my business? -York, NE

A: Many times funders want to get a better idea of what you plan on achieving with the change in the business. In this case, you feel expansion is necessary to achieve your business's goals. I would suspect your funders want to better understand these goals and how the expansion will help in achieving them. Usually providing financial projections allows funders to better understand specifically how these goals translate to their return on funding the expansion. Most of time the business owner is the expert concerning the market, the customers, pricing, marketing, costs, and the internal operations of the business. Will this expansion allow the business to increase sales through volume or pricing? Will the expansion increase or decrease costs? Do you need to hire more employees? How much time do you anticipate this hiring and training will take? Will the expansion involve increase rent? By how much? Obviously many of these questions are important to the success of the expansion and the funder is trying to get a better idea of how these factors will affect its success. Remember you are the expert in your business, not the funder. Explaining these factors to the funder will allow them to better understand how your business works and how it will function in the future. Although accurately predicting these factors is a challenge, you are essentially translating your expectations of the expansion in financial terms. I would suggest first listing your unit volume on a month to month basis after the expansion occurs. For example, let's say in month one you expect to sell 150 units of your product or service. I would then list the price at which you are sell-

ing. If you expect to sell 150 units for \$10 per unit, your projected revenue will be \$1500. I would then list the costs associated with month one operations. If, after the expansion, your month one costs are \$3000, you will have negative cash flow of \$1500 in month one. This might be a concern for a funder depending on how many months of negative cash flow your business plans on incurring compared how long it will take to "break even" of the initial investment of the expansion. I know this may seem like a guess or predicting the future on your part, but this will allow the funder to better understand your expectations as compared to their expectations of funding the expansion.

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Christmas Eve Services at First United Methodist Church
3:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
Trinity UMC 5:50 p.m. at Rulo, NE
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Falls City Christmas Eve Communion
4:30 P.M.
Hiawatha Christmas Eve Communion
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6:30 P.M.
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Tax Season Begins Jan. 19
 Following a review of the tax extenders legislation signed into law last week, the IRS announced Monday that the nation's tax season will begin as scheduled on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016.
 The IRS will begin accepting individual electronic and paper returns that day. The IRS expects to receive more than 150 million individual returns in 2016, with more than four out of five being prepared using tax return preparation software and e-filed.
 The IRS urges all taxpayers to make sure they have all their year-end statements in hand before filing, including Forms W-2 from employers, Forms 1099 from banks and other payers, and Form 1095-A from the Marketplace for those claiming the premium tax credit.
 Although the IRS begins accepting returns on Jan. 19, many tax software companies will take them earlier in January and submit them to the IRS when processing systems open.

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Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 - 10 a.m.
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 Thurs, Dec. 31st- CLOSE at 3:00PM
 Fri, Jan. 1st- CLOSED
 Sat, Jan. 2nd- CLOSED



The Falls City FFA recently assisted and matched donations for a Sixpence drive at the high school. Students and faculty collected items such as diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, wipes, shampoo, baby shampoo and gift cards. In all, several full boxes on goods were delivered to the Sixpence program for distribution to families in need this holiday season. Pictured, from left: Students Jake Brewer and Amber Ramer and Sixpence teacher Susan Witt.

Ricketts names Auburn native Fulton Tax Commissioner for Dept. of Revenue

Monday, Governor Pete Ricketts named former State Senator and Auburn native Tony Fulton as Tax Commissioner for the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

"Tony brings a wide variety of talents and experiences that will aid my administration in crafting a pro-business tax climate to grow our state," Ricketts said. "He's been a successful entrepreneur, policymaker, and respected community leader, and each of these roles informs his approach."



Monday, Governor Pete Ricketts named former State Senator and Auburn native Tony Fulton as Tax Commissioner for the Nebraska Department of Revenue. Fulton is also President of the Board of Directors for EC3 Academy, a non-profit preparing youth for college STEM courses. He is also a member of the community boards for CHI Health NE Heart Institute & Heart Hospital and CHI Health St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center.

"It is an honor to serve the people of Nebraska as tax commissioner," said Tony Fulton. "I look forward to working with Governor Ricketts and his team to advocate for tax policy that encourages business to grow the good-paying jobs Nebraskans need."

Fulton starts Jan. 4, 2016 and his salary will be \$160,000.

A Card Shower is being held for Martha Snethen's 95th Birthday on Dec. 29th
Cards may be sent to: **Martha Snethen 623 East 25th St. Falls City, NE 68355**

Candlelight Service "One Silent Night"
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Thurs., Dec. 24 6:30 P.M.

ESU #4
The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 at the ESU 4 in Auburn. The following claims were paid for the month of December:
General Fund -- \$43,482.94
Payroll -- \$376,624.33
NCECBVI -- \$29,515.03
Federal Programs -- \$2,969.48
The Board of ESU 4 will meet in regular session at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 in the conference room at the ESU office, 919 16th St., Auburn. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016 at the ESU 4 Learning Center, 1109 'R' St., Auburn. Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

STUDENTS
Brent Scott Maze, of Falls City, **Jacob James McNeely**, of Humboldt, and **Andrew C. Kennedy**, of Brownville, were three of the nearly 1,400 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in ceremonies last week.
Maze earned a bachelor of fine arts degree with distinction from the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts; McNeely earned a bachelor of science in civil engineering from the College of Engineering; and Kennedy earned a bachelor of science in agronomy from the College of Ag Sciences and Natural Resources.

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EDGE website revamped
Falls City EDGE has launched a new website that is designed to be responsive on all electronic devices.
"We worked with Golden Shovel Agency over the last several months to bring you this new and improved look and we hope you take the time to check out all the updates," EDGE Director Beckie Cromer said. "We would also appreciate any feedback you may have."
The site is new, the URL is not: www.fallscityedge.com

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SOCIETY

Stella Community Circle

Stella Community Church Circle met Tuesday, Dec. 15, with 10 members present. President Carolyn Bredemeier opened the meeting with devotions, "The Baby Grew Up" and "I Am Not Poor At All."

Roll call was answered by telling about a favorite Christmas card received. Minutes from the November meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given.

The bake sale at the bank on Nov. 17 was a great success, filling many needs for SENCA families. An anonymous monetary gift was given to Circle and it was decided to distribute gift cards to two families in the community. The Missionary fund will also receive a donation.

A schedule for helping with bingo at Colonial Acres was received. Members will help the months of January, April and July. Family Night will be Feb. 28, 2016. The program may be a Christian movie, followed by a potluck supper.

Circle officers presented the program, "Sweet Christmas." Refreshments of Christmas cookies and coffee/tea were served, followed by the preparation and delivery of the cookie/fruit plates in the community.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016. Jan Mason will present the lesson; Marian James and Judy Bahr will be the hostesses.

'Kids These Days'

In a 2008 survey of British teens, 58 percent believed Sherlock Holmes was a real guy, while 20 percent thought Winston Churchill was not.

Photo by: Chelsie Alexander



DARE graduates: 5th grade students in Pam Smith's FC Sacred Heart classroom successfully completed the 10-week Drug Abuse Resistance Education course, which was instructed by Deputy Sheriff Lewis Barker (back, far right). Photographed, front row, from left: Matthew Neddenriep, Carson Sells, Evan Keithley, Brandt Barnhill, Gavin Lechtenberg, Grace

Malcolm and Riley Nelson; back row, Calvin Crouse, Kamden Sipple, Jessica Wertenberger, Kacy Brewer, Kayden Bauman, Delanie Witt, London Nachtigal, Macy Keller, Madison Jones and Deputy Barker. Not pictured: Mackenzie Dougherty and teacher, Pam Smith.

FCSH 5th graders 'Keep it Real,' pass DARE class

Drug Abuse Resistance Education instructor and Richardson County Sheriff's Deputy Lewis Barker is proud to announce the 2015-16 DARE graduates.

Seventeen fifth graders in Pam Smith's Falls City Sacred Heart classroom successfully completed the 10-week program, which culminates with an essay. Students are to include their feelings about DARE, specific lessons they learned to help them stay drug-free and avoid violence, and write why it is important in their lives. Finally, at the end of the report, the students are to include a pledge statement vowing to make wise decisions

about staying drug-free and avoiding violence. The winning essay this year was written by Delanie Witt, daughter of Travis Witt and Jamie Sopoci. Delanie received a plush stuffed "Daren the Lion," DARE's mascot.

DARE is a law enforcement-led series of classroom lessons geared toward students entering the middle grades and was designed from 20 years of research. It is more than just drug prevention; the DARE "Keepin' It Real" program aims to teach students good decision-making skills to help them avoid high-risk behavior and grow up to live healthy, safe and secure lives.

SOCIETY

Shubert AL Auxiliary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Legion building. President Tana Brown called the meeting to order, which was followed with prayer. Everyone pledged to the flag, sang "God Bless America" and repeated the "Preamble." Roll call was taken by secretary Elizabeth Ketner, with six members present. Treasurer Lana Willman gave her report and it was approved.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Project Response: Helping families in crisis. Answers questions, gives assistance to those in need, Thursdays 10 a.m.-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, through Dec. 31, Tootie and Pat Steinman.

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.

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

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!

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FRIDAYS
 Drawings every 1/2 hour 6pm-2am to win a Bundle Package, which consists of a 2-buffets, \$50 in Promo Cash, \$50 in Promo Cash for the month of February and an entry form for the 4-\$1,000 CASH Giveaways on Saturday, January 30th. Drawings will be every 1/2 hour 11pm-12:30am.
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Everyone was again encouraged to attend the Mid-Year Conference in Nebraska City on Jan. 15-17, 2016. All year-ending reports are being worked on to send to the appropriate chairmen. Richardson County President Linda Patchen reported County Government Day went very well. Several cookie trays were delivered to the Humboldt and Table Rock schools in honor of American Education Nov. 20. The community luncheon together held at the Legion building Dec. 8 was hosted by Patsy Wing. The next one will be Tuesday, Jan. 5 with by Linda Patchen as hostess. The craft fair and bake sale were both again successful. Raffle tickets purchased at this event were drawn at the meeting for Tupperware and two pillows. Christmas Tour of Homes chairman Mrs. Patchen said everyone was pleased with the results. She gave a big "thank you" to all the hostesses and anyone who helped in any way. All monies from the event will be given to county veterans to help those this winter with items such as food, clothing and personal hygiene. Mrs. Brown read a Christmas story and everyone sang a Christmas song, followed by a closing prayer. The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Legion building.

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Public Record

DISTRICT COURT

-Brenda J. Alexander, has been granted dissolution of her marriage to Charles P. Alexander, of Falls City.

CIVIL COURT

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad and Radiology Associates, and against Emily Tackett, of Falls City, in the amount of \$309.97, plus prejudgment interest of \$43.95, attorney fees of \$35.99 and Court costs of \$51.96. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of National Collegiate Student Loan Trust and against Sara M. Pfaff and Kathryn P. Pfaff, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$6,944.90, plus prejudgment interest of \$930.47 and Court costs of \$109.51. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Midland Funding LLC, as successor in interest to Credit One Bank, N.A., and against Christina Sipple, of Falls City, in the amount of \$545, plus Court costs of \$63.50.

-Judgment entered in favor of Professional Choice Recovery, on behalf of Pathology Q, and against Tim and Kassandra Barber, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$220, plus attorney fees of \$27 and Court costs of \$139.76. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Community Medical Center, and against Loren and Priscilla Gates, of Falls City, in the amount of \$4,396.48, plus Court costs of \$82.89. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Community Medical Center, and against Lindsay Frederick, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$1,084.09, plus prejudgment interest of \$237.92, attorney fees of \$113.40 and Court costs of \$51.96. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on

behalf of Elsie Pagnano, of Dawson, in the amount of \$1,408, plus prejudgment interest of \$131.03, attorney fees of \$145.80 and Court costs of \$51.96. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Collection Associates, on behalf of Hullman's Ford, of Falls City, and against Kristien McNett, of Falls City, in the amount of \$209.07, plus prejudgment interest of \$16.83, attorney fees of \$25.91 and Court costs of \$64. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 6.0 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Collection Associates, on behalf of Pawnee Memorial Hospital, and against Fawn M. and Dennis Rader, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$324.66, plus prejudgment interest of \$10.31, attorney fees of \$37.47 and Court costs of \$105.88.

COUNTY COURT

-John M. Hall, 29, of Falls City, count one, tampering with physical evidence, a Class IV Felony; count two, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony. Case bound over to District Court for arraignment on Jan. 5, 2016.

-John M. Hall, 29, of Falls City, count one, abandon/cruelly neglect an animal; count two, cruelly mistreat an animal, first offense; count three, dog with no rabies vaccination. Hearing held - defendant waived trial by jury.

-Ty A. Larson, 18, of Falls City, sentencing for minor in possession of alcohol (under 19 years of age), second offense; fined \$250, plus Court costs of \$49, placed on six months probation, ordered to pay an additional \$70 in probation fees, and ordered to serve seven days in Richardson County Jail beginning April 1, 2016 (unless waived by the Court). Ordered to successfully complete outpatient treatment for chemical dependency, including aftercare, though any counseling costs incurred within the next 60 days may be credited against fines owed the Court.

-Joseph M. Koso, 21, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, speeding (6-10). Case continued to Dec. 21 for entry of plea.

-Blake M. Westcott, 20, of Falls City, disturbing the peace. Case continued to Dec. 21 for entry of plea.

-Chelsea Yocum, 18, of Bern, KS, disturbing the peace; pled not guilty. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Paul Harmon (CR15 372), 21, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace; count two, assault. Pled no contest to both charge; fined \$25 on count one, \$125 on count two, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Jason N. Berger, 30, of Falls City, count one, assault; count two, disorderly conduct. Pled not guilty. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Kyle S. Embretson, 60, of Falls City, DUI - second offense. Pled no contest. Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 20, 2016 (alcohol assessment ordered).

-Dakota C. Watson, 17, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no operator's license; count three, unlawful/fictitious display of plates. Fined \$100 on count one, \$75 on count two and \$50 on count three, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Robert S. Hillard (CR15-359), 44, of Lewiston, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no operator's license (non-waiverable). Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 4.

-Jason M. Brownell, 35, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 4.

-James Bassett, 57, of Falls City, disorderly conduct. Pled guilty. Hearing set for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Lisa Bottom-Finch, 44, of Falls City, domestic assault in the third degree, amended to assault in the third degree. Pled no contest to amended charge. Sentencing set for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Lisa Bottom-Finch, 44, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace; count two, assault; count three, criminal mischief. Show cause hearing regarding failure to pay fines/costs scheduled for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Lucas M. Morehead, 31, of Falls City, count one, domestic assault in the third degree; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Case continued to Jan. 4, 2016 for entry of plea.

-Brian L. Martins, 27, of Falls City, unauthorized use of a financial transaction device (\$500-\$1,500), amended to attempt of a Class I Misdemeanor. Pled no contest to amended charge. Sentencing set for Jan. 20, 2016.

-Robert S. Hillard (CR15 344), 44, of Lewiston, no proof of insurance. State filed motion to dismiss.

-Paul M. Harmon (CR15 232), 21, of Falls City, sentencing for contributing to the delinquency of a child. Fined \$150, plus Court costs of \$49, and ordered to serve 10 days in Richardson County Jail, with credit for two days served (suspended until Dec. 28).

-Robert S. Hillard (CR15 316), 44, of Lewiston, count one, no operator's license (non-waiverable); count two, speeding (11-15); count three, failure to use seat belt. Pled no contest to count one, count two dismissed and pled guilty to count three. Sentencing Jan. 6, 2016.

Judge hands down lengthy probation term, 21-year-old Verdon man avoids prison term

A 21-year-old Verdon man found guilty in November of three Class II Felonies last week was sentenced to four years probation and ordered to pay fines and costs of more than \$4,000.

Phillip A. Doerr avoided a potential prison term after a jury found him guilty of assault in the first degree, use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony stemming from a June 26, 2013 vehicle collision in Falls City. He was accused of intentionally causing a two-pickup accident near 14th and Fulton Streets by ramming, at a speed of up to 55 miles per hour, the vehicle of 36-year-old Timothy Wittwer, of Falls City, in what prosecutors described as a case of "road rage." Doerr was driving a Ford F-350 Super Duty truck when it collided with Wittwer's Chevy S-10, causing it to roll twice; Doerr's truck rolled onto its top and struck a light pole. Doerr exited the rear cab window largely unharmed; Wittwer was treated for possible spinal and neck injuries.

It was previously reported in error that Class II Felony convictions are punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of one year in prison without eligibility for probation. State Statute 28-105 reads that felonies are "divided into nine classes...distinguished from one another by the following penalties which are authorized upon conviction" and names the minimum for Class II Felonies to be one year imprisonment. Furthermore, "a person convicted of a felony for which a mandatory minimum sentence is prescribed shall not be eligible for parole."

But the State Supreme Court

several times has ruled the Legislature's "Criminal Code" serves as a guideline and does not supersede the Court's discretion. A 1972 (State v. Cottone) judgment made it most clear: "This section lists grounds to be considered by the sentencing court, but specifically provides it is not to control his discretion." And most recently, in 2001's *State v. Swails* ruling: The section "does not impose a mandatory minimum term of incarceration for persons convicted of a Class II Felony."

District Court Judge Daniel E. Bryan handed down a lengthy probation term that will include 150 hours of community service (minimum of five hours per month) and the successful completion of a victim impact panel and anger management classes. Doerr was fined \$2,000, plus Court costs of \$536.22, and must pay an additional \$1,470 in probation fees.

Doerr, who operates a local contracting business and also performs tree and snow removal, initially was not issued a citation at the scene, but later that fall was charged with felony assault in the second degree. That was dismissed, but an arrest warrant for Doerr was issued more than six months later, again for felony assault in the second degree. That was amended, and the two others added, later in 2014.

BUILDING PERMITS

-Aaron Dorste, 318 W. 15th St.; removal of and replacement of garage, \$18,000.

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SWEEP YEAR?

Lady Irish 26-0 thus far in 2015

FCSH senior Maggie Goltz scored 20 and eclipsed 1,000 career points Saturday afternoon, leading the top-ranked Class D2 defending champions to a 43-27 victory at St. Joseph (MO) Leblond. Junior Haylee Heits was completely dominate inside, grabbing eight offensive boards and a dozen overall, while blocking four shots.

Goltz becomes the ninth member of the 1,000-point club at Sacred Heart, joining '15 FCSH graduates and four-year starters Abby and Elizabeth Magdanz as the newest initiates. Katelyn Wheeler owns the all-time school record with 1,408 points and Goltz could feasibly catch her, though the point guard would have to practically double her shot attempts and average 20 points per game.

It likely means little, as long as each game is a victory. And that's the way it's been for going on 12 months now. FCSH lost to Sutton in the first round of the Freeman Holiday Tournament on Dec. 30, 2014 and since then, they've run off 26 consecutive wins and need one win tonight and a championship at Freeman to post an 29-0 banner 2015.

"We're very good defensively," FCSH Coach Luke Santo said, "that's a big part of it. We have four starters that are six-feet tall - and our sixth is, too - it's just unbelievable for a Class D2 school. They're so long that teams can't shoot over us and they get frustrated."

That may be putting it mildly; FCSH is off to a 6-0 start in its title defense and its last five opponents haven't even put 30 points on the board. Over the course of the entire last year, only three of the 26 opponents reached 40. Those are crushing defensive numbers.

The team lost the four-year starting Magdanz twins, both 1,000-point career scorers, but regained Heits, who missed all of last year with a knee injury, and are much improved in the frontcourt with her hitting the boards.

"She's very strong - it's great to have her back," Santo said. "Haylee has real strong hands and has good footwork, too."

Elmwood-Murdock, a Class C2 school, was a 19-win team a year ago and is traditionally a pretty tough out, but they aren't bringing a very experi-



FCSH junior Haylee Heits was an integral part of the Lady Irish's 25-2 D2 third-place finish in 2013-14 as a freshman and she's returned with a vengeance after missing her entire sophomore year with a knee injury. She owned the paint in St. Joe Saturday, hauling in eight offensive boards, 12 total, with four blocks.

Irish suffer first loss of season, host 7-0 Elmwood-Murdock this evening

The Falls City Sacred Heart basketball team improved to 4-0 last week with big home wins over Humboldt-TR-S (53-35) Friday and Lewiston (45-41) Tuesday at Prichard Auditorium, but then lost at St. Joseph (MO) Leblond the following afternoon, 53-43, and are currently 4-1 with 7-0 Elmwood-Murdock coming to town tonight.

Senior Bailey Witt scored 16 and recorded four steals, while Henry Arnold added 14 points in Sacred Heart's win over Lewiston. Noah Keller dished out six assists.

Scoring vs. Lewiston

FCSH — N. Keller, 2; Witt, 16; Bippes, 3; S. Arnold, 2; H. Arnold, 14; Jorn, 4; Rohrer, 4.

Lew — D. Anderson, 16; Gonzalez, 6; Husa, 3; Hunt, 3; Meybrunn, 5; L. Anderson, 1; Olson, 7.

Scoring vs. HTRS

FCSH — Keller, 5; Witt, 14; Bippes, 10; S. Arnold, 6; H. Arnold, 2; R. Hoy, 2; Jorn, 10; Rohrer, 4.

HTRS — Nanninga, 8; Knudson, 3; Schaefer, 7; Bredemeier, 2; Herr, 6; Hain, 6; Taiclet, 6; Sherman, 1; Bredemeier, 2.

SCORING vs. St. Joe Leblond

FCSH — Keller, 7; Witt, 9; Bippes, 3; S. Arnold, 5; H. Arnold, 4; Jorn, 12.

SJL — Davis, 2; Schanze, 17; Modlin, 9; Loehning, 13; Smith, 3; Lilly, 3; Olinger, 6.

rienced team to Prichard tonight. Besides, the Irish held them to 28 points a year ago.

Scoring vs. St. Joseph Leblond

FCSH — Goltz, 20; Fiegenger, 2; Wertemberger, 2; Barnes, 7; Hill, 5; Keithley, 2; Heits, 5.

Scoring vs. Humboldt-TR-S

FCSH — Huppert, 4; Ebel, 2; Goltz, 11; Fiegenger, 2; Witt, 2; Wertemberger, 3; Barnes, 9; Hill, 4; Parrish, 4; R. Keithley, 3; Heits, 8.

HTRS — Binder, 4; Blank, 2; Stalder, 3; Jena Fink, 4; Svoboda, 6; Reyes, 7; Ja. Fink, 2.

Scoring vs. Lewiston

FCSH — Ebel, 6; Goltz, 16; Fiegenger, 4; B. Coonce, 2; Wertemberger, 10; Barnes, 6; Hill, 9; Parrish, 2; Heits, 8.

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FCSH senior Maggie Goltz has made A LOT of shots during her basketball career — 1,000 points worth — but it's hard to fathom any single bucket having had a higher degree of difficulty than this particular shot she willed through the net during the second half of the Lady Irish's 43-27 win at St. Joseph (MO) Leblond Saturday afternoon. After taking Emily Madden, a 5-4 senior, on the baseline, the 6-1 point guard picked up her dribble with her back facing the glass, and was buried under the obstruction by what seemed to be a good two feet. With a nine-inch height advantage on her defender, the only thing, really, in Goltz' way was the wrong side of the glass. A drop step left and some amazing hang time somehow gave her an unobstructed view of the iron, which is generally all she needs. The All-Stater who scored 30 in her first state tournament game as a freshman, finished with 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting and pulled down eight rebounds, recording three steals and two assists in her team's victory. She becomes the ninth Lady Irish player to go over 1,000 points in her career, following directly behind the Magdanz twins. Katelyn Wheeler's school record of 1,408 career points scored appears to be safe, for the moment.

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Just days after undergoing surgery to remove kidney stones (and missing his team's 63-20 Dec. 15 win over Lewiston at Prichard Auditorium), Lady Irish Coach Luke Santo was back on his feet and back on the sidelines last weekend to lead FCSH to victories Friday at home over Humboldt-TR-S (52-28) and Saturday in St. Joseph (MO) over Leblond (43-27). Last year's Huskerland Prep Coach of the Year battled through discomfort all weekend, but, as he often does, celebrated another big victory Saturday with a few of his sizzling trademark Brazilian Samba dance steps.

Santo's 6-0 team hosts 5-3 Elmwood-Murdock tonight at Prichard Auditorium and Dec. 29 and 30 competes at the four-team Freeman Holiday Tournament in Adams. If Sacred Heart can get three more wins the next eight days, the team will have run the table throughout the entire 2015 calendar year: 29-0. Their last loss was to Sutton in the first round of the 2014 Freeman Tournament. During the current 26-game winning streak, just three opponents scored more than 40 points on the Irish and nobody has done it thus far in 15-16. As a matter of fact, only Sterling in the season opener eclipsed 30.

School Board

(Continued from Page 1)

current year. Scores from all four NeSA subjects (reading, mathematics, science, and writing) are combined.

• Attendance rate for FCPS ranks above the state average at nearly 96 percent, largely as a result of parental support and student responsibility, District 56 Supt. Tim Heckenlively said.

"The particular academic strengths, reading and writing, can be attributed to key instructional strategies being implemented that include the implementation of proven teaching strategies, data-driven decision-making and parental support, and key instructional strategies impacting the achievement gains," Heckenlively said.

"The subject areas that did not show a marked overall improvement from last year were math and science. An emphasis on math and science will continue to be a focus area for improvement gains. Our district demands strong skills in these areas. Academic proficiency is essential in life, the workplace

and at college. The BOE, administration, faculty and staff, combined with overwhelming parental and community support, will continue on our mission to ensure our students graduate with strong skills that will help them become innovative, resourceful, resilient, and responsible citizens," Heckenlively said, in summary.

In other news from the Dec. 14 meeting of the District 56 BOE:

-Second grade teacher Kim Oliver, accompanied by students Ella Glathar, Jack Holys, Emma Dean, Braxton Harmon and Blakely Sells, entertained those in attendance at the meeting with an engaging demonstration the iPad accessory, OSMO, and how it can be implemented into the classroom or home environment. Children can practice math, language arts, and writing concepts through an iPad and the interactive OSMO accessory. FCPS classrooms have access to this modern technology and teachers will have the opportunity to learn more about the application of OSMO during one of the select sessions at the Jan. 4, 2016 teacher in-service day. OSMO has been showcased at the New York Museum of Modern Art. OSMO was named Scholastic Teachers' Pick in 2015.

-Heckenlively reported unwellcome news regarding dual credit courses offered in Nebraska high schools. The Higher Learning Commission, which accredits four-year colleges and universities in 19 states, has adopted a regulation that only college teachers may teach dual credit courses offered in high schools. While this regulation is on hold, allowing for their members to appeal, the NE Rural Commu-



North School second grader Braxton Harmon shows school board member Ed Harris what OSMO gaming is all about.

nity Schools Assoc., led by Dr. Jon Habben, Heckenlively's predecessor at FCPS, has expressed concerns and has alerted NDE and the state college representative that this threatens to reduce many courses taught by appropriately qualified high school teachers (online or classroom), ultimately raising costs and reducing options for students. An appeal is in the works.

the Unicameral this year delivered \$408 million in property tax relief to landowners over the next two years. Still, when the next session reconvenes Jan. 6, Ricketts and other Legislative leaders have said they will aim for broad-based property tax relief, even though the state faces a projected \$110 million revenue shortfall.

Major funding requests, meanwhile, will come from places such as the Dept. of Correctional

Services. In August, the Legislature budgeted an 11 percent increase (\$19.9 million) in fiscal year 2015-16, about half of which is related to inmates' medical costs.

FC Public Schools, on the other hand, and some 170 other districts located outside of Omaha and Lincoln won't see a dime.

| Nebraska State Accountability: FCPS District NeSA Proficiency | | | |
|---|------|------|------|
| SUBJECT | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| Reading 3-8, 11 | 75% | 78% | 78% |
| Math 3-8, 11 | 70% | 76% | 72% |
| Science 5,8,11 | 80% | 79% | 76% |
| Writing 4,8,11 | 69% | 65% | 78% |

-FCPS saw it's state aid cut to \$0 for 2015-16, so there's no mathematical chance it gets cut further next year, but other rural districts in the state who were fortunate last year to get money via state aid, shouldn't expect the same next year.

More than 158 school districts are currently non-equalized or receiving no state aid for 2015-16 and that number is estimated to grow to 170 next year (and about 20 minimally equalized districts). On the other side of the debate are the largest 20 school districts that continue to lobby for no change in a state aid formula that increasingly brings more equalization aid to them, getting what out-state schools lose, plus nearly all of any new funds the state has added over the last six years.

"As we approach the 2016 legislative session, all of the options to address property taxation must recognize that it will take a combination of factors over time to bring some degree of stability and fairness to taxation while ensuring that local school districts and other local entities have adequate and appropriate resources to meet the expectations and mandates," Heckenlively said.

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Days of Yore...

By:
Nikki McKim

50 Years Ago
(Dec. 22 - Dec. 28, 1965)

Approximately 600 people attended the Falls City High School Choir's presentation of "The Sweetest Time of the Year."

Morehead Auto Company advertised a 1958 Fiat for only \$225. First Lady "Lady Bird" Johnson celebrated her 53rd birthday at the LBJ Ranch in Austin, TX.

It was announced that the '66 car license plates would include a letter. It was reported that Nebraska farmers produced their fifth largest field crop in state history, valued at \$711 million.

The Rivoli Theater was charging 75 cents for adult admission for adults and 25 cents for children to attend a show.

FC Elks distributed 72 Christmas food packages to local families.

The Roads Department said the state's roads were 50 to 100 percent ice or snow covered.

The residents of Burton Davidson at 718 E. 16th St. were named the overall winners of the Jaycees Christmas lighting contest.

The social security office reminded Nebraskans that their social security taxes would be going up with their first paycheck of the year. The tax was to be raised to 4.2 percent. It was estimated to be up to 5.65 percent by the year 1987.

All 35 employees and 19 carriers of *The Falls City Journal* offered their best wishes for a happy holiday.

Christmas shoppers hurried through downtown streets in Falls City with snow flurries and biting wind to get their last minute shopping done.

It was reported that shoppers spent more than \$15 million at retail for sales and service in Falls City in one year based on an estimate of retail sales and service by sales management.

The Ray Engle family of Humboldt survived what could have been a fatal bout with carbon monoxide gas poisoning. Mr. Engle became ill and lost consciousness and was taken to the hospital. His daughter also became ill and a doctor was called to the home. The doctor detected the odor upon his arrival and both the father and daughter recovered.

Russell Dorr, funeral director and longtime civic leader, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

25 Years Ago

U.S. Forces in the Persian Gulf were put on high alert against Christmas Eve terrorist attacks.

The Mini Park at 15th and Stone Streets was the focal point for the ultimate in beautiful Christmas scenes when 260 luminaries were placed throughout the park along with Christmas lights and a manger scene.

The honor of Richardson County Athlete of the Week went to FC High School wrestler Jim Bauman.

A new trophy case was donated to Sacred Heart School in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Schulenberg, who had five great grandsons on that year's championship football team.

The Rotary Club elected Dr. Nicholas Couse as its new President.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Fritz of Verdon were the winners of the out of town Noel Lights Contest. The family donated its \$25 prize money to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

Community Hospital and local merchants planned to shower the first baby of the year with gift certificates to 12 local business.

The Nebraska Governor's race was voted the No. 1 story of the year in the state.

Steve Simon returned to Sacred Heart's basketball lineup after missing several games due to an injury.

For the 2nd year in a row, the county did not have a traffic fatality.

15 Years Ago

Cliff Fink and his younger brother Clay, posed for a photo in front of their dad's creation of a large Santa snow sculpture.



Betty Slagle was honored as Drove #56's Doe of the Year during a presentation at the Elk's Club.

FC High cheerleaders placed first in their respective division and won the All-American Award at the Regional Americheer Competition.

Sacred Heart sophomore Shelby Jordan and senior Sally Witt were named *Falls City Journal* Athletes of the Week.

Dr. Jon Habben was named Falls City Superintendent.

Community Medical Center announced it was no longer allowing latex balloons in the building to help alleviate allergic reactions.

Obituaries

Jean M. Brownell

Jean Marilyn (Cassidy) Brownell, 83, of Council Bluffs, IA, passed away Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015. The only child of George William Cassidy and Helen Lorraine (Geith) Cassidy, she was born on July 2, 1932 in Logan, IA.



Jean spent the first three months of her life in a hospital in Omaha, requiring several surgeries to correct a cleft palate. She graduated from Logan High School in 1950.

On Aug. 31, 1952 Jean was married to Hugh Leroy Brownell, Jr. at the Christian Church in Logan and they moved to Ames, Iowa where Hugh attended ISU. After Hugh's military service, they returned to Logan.

Jean worked for many years at Mutual of Omaha and was a member of Broadway Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 62 years; special friends Margeurite Powell and Betty Betterman, who was a best friend as well as a cousin.

She is survived by daughters, Debbie (Scott) Marcum, of Blockton, IA, Kim Brownell, of Council Bluffs, Cyndi (Jerry) Cavaness, of Falls City, and Robin Brownell, of Sioux City, IA; nine grandchildren, Tracy Cavaness, of Fort Walton Beach, FL, Joseph (Ann) Brownell, of Lakeland, GA, Jason (Marissa) Brownell, of Omaha, Chris Brownell, of Amite, LA, Cassidy Cavaness, of Falls City, Sarah Marcum (Kyle Yoder), of Rutledge, MO, Andrew (Rebecca) Marcum, of State College, PA, Cara Cavaness, of Falls City, and Hannah Marcum, of Blockton, IA; 10 great grandchildren, Alec Smith, Allysa Aldrege, Tatum Kile, Gabe, Aiden and E.J. Brownell, Kaydence, Kason and Keyleigh Brownell, and Nora Marcum; sisters-in-law, Sharon O'Hara and Cathy Danielson; brother-in-law, Monte O'Hara; many nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors and other relatives.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 at Broadway Christian Church in Logan. Interment at Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home, Bayliss Park Chapel, in Council Bluffs. Memorials are suggested to Broadway Christian Church, 2658 Avenue 'A,' Council Bluffs, IA 51501.

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V. 'LeRoy' Uglow

Vernon "LeRoy" Uglow, of Lincoln, departed this earthly world on Dec. 3, 2015 at 59 years young, after a brief illness. He was born April 4, 1956 in Kimball to Vernon Lee and Phyllis Ann (White) Uglow.

LeRoy worked for the City of Lincoln Street Maintenance Division for 38 years, retiring as the northeast district manager. He enjoyed the years fishing, camping, boating and tubing with the kids and living on the acreage with Angie, "hobby-farming" their chickens, ducks, turkeys, pigs and a big garden.

LeRoy is survived by his mother, of Hickman; wife, Angela Chesnut; son, Christopher Uglow; daughter, Kelli Uglow; step-son, Chad Ring (all of Lincoln); step-son, Andrew Dean, of Falls City; grandchildren, Korynn and Hadley Uglow; step-grandchildren Carson Ring, Gavin and Owen Dean; brothers, Craig and Rick Uglow; sister, Renita Worrell; and countless other family and dear friends.

A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 at the Denton Community Center, 7115 Lancaster Avenue Memorials to the family for future designation.

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Rev. Darwin Garton

The Rev. Darwin Dan Garton, 61, died on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 at Eastmont Towers in Lincoln. He was born Sept. 22, 1954 at Odell to Daniel F. and Jennie E. (Lottman) Garton.



He was baptized Dec. 30, 1955 at home. On Oct. 29, 1976, Darwin married Vicki Sue Blanton of Lincoln. They had three children: Robert, Randall and Renea.

Over the years, Darwin worked as a welder, metal fabricator, shop foreman, and design engineer. His interests included fishing, hunting, playing cards and bowling.

Darwin was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on Oct. 17, 2008. He served Edensburg Lutheran Church of Malmo, NE, Salem Lutheran Church of Wakefield, NE, St. Mark's Lutheran Church of rural Verdon, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church of rural Falls City.

Darwin is survived by his wife, of Lincoln; sons, Robert (Chrissy) Garton, of Wymore, and Randy (Amy) Garton, of Lincoln; daughter, Renea (Greg) Hastings, of Lincoln; granddaughters, Lydia and Lily Hastings, of Lincoln, Bridget

and Clara Garton, of Wymore, and Gracie Garton, of Lincoln; sisters,

Virginia (Jerry) Beckmann, of Lincoln, and Maxine (Kurt) Davidson, of Syracuse; brother, Virgil (Judy) Garton, of Diller; aunts, Gladys Moore, of Apple Valley, CA, Harriet Garton, of Beatrice, and Opal Garton, of Auburn, CA; sisters-in-law: Sherri (Bill) Berg, of Lincoln,

Penny Tangney, of Overland Park, KS, and Patty Essink, of Grand Island; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Darwin was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Donna Ross.

The funeral service was held Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 at Evangelical United Lutheran Church in Lincoln, with the Rev. Neal Anthony, PhD, presiding and the Rev. Brian Maas, Bishop of the Nebraska Synod, ELCA assisting. Burial followed lunch at Prairie Home Cemetery, rural Diller. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, the Seminarian Support Fund of the Nebraska Synod, ELCA, or to family choice in care of the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel, Beatrice.

Rosella 'Rosie' Weddle

Rosella "Rosie" Weddle, 72, of David City, died Dec. 14, 2015 at the Butler County Health Care Center in David City. She was born on Oct. 25, 1943 at Falls City to Charles and Rosamond (Johnson) Portrey.



She married Donald Weddle and they had six children.

Rosie was an active member of St. Mary's Church in David City, was a member of the PCCW, Catholic Daughters of America, and a past choir member of St. Mary's adult choir.

She is survived by children, Maria, of Lincoln, Donny (Jamie), of Salem, Danny, of Lincoln, Ann, of Octavia, Elizabeth, of Lincoln, and David, of Winterhaven, FL;

brothers, John (Judy) Portrey, of Meridian, ID, and Leon (Kathy) Portrey, of Glenwood, IA; sisters, Clara (Ralph) Stutheit, of Humboldt, Barbara Shields, of St. Paul, MN, and Helen Fox, of Denver; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Friday at St. Francis Parish, rural David City. A Rosary was read prior to the funeral and visitation was held Thursday at Chermok Funeral Home. Burial was Friday afternoon at St. Mary's Cemetery, Dawson.

Memorials may be made in care of the family.

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Kenneth P. Wittrock

Kenneth P. Wittrock, 87, of Falls City, passed away Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at Falls City.

He was born on Sept. 28, 1928 at Falls City to the late Reuben and Johanna (Krueger) Wittrock.

Kenneth was raised at Falls City and graduated from FC High School in 1946. He was then drafted into U. S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Following his discharge, he returned to Falls City and farmed. He also was employed in various fields within the agriculture community his entire life.

He married Elaine Fisher at Hiawatha, KS, on April 1, 1982.

Kenneth was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 20th and Towle Streets.

He is survived by his wife, of FC; son, Roger Wittrock, of Milford; step-children, Robert (Joni) Bruhn, Bill (Joan) Bruhn, all of Beatrice, and Kate (Donnie) Sells, of Rulo; brother, Fred (Marian) Wittrock, of Humboldt; sister, Kathryn Thomas, of Falls City; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with Rev. Andrew Chavanak officiating. Interment at Steele Cemetery, with military graveside honors by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

Open visitation started Monday afternoon at the funeral home.

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The history behind beloved Christmas songs

Holiday traditions vary from family to family, but one component of the holidays that seems to be universally enjoyed is a good Christmas song. Music is piped throughout malls and stores to entertain shoppers, and favorite tunes may be on the radio or streamed through a digital music service as families decorate their homes.

Many people may love Christmas songs and carols, but not everyone shares the same favorites. Thankfully, there's no shortage of material when it comes to Christmas songs.

In 2014, Time magazine researched records at the U.S. Copyright Office to determine the most popular and most recorded Christmas songs since 1978, when copyright registrations were digitized. The following are some of the more beloved holiday tunes and a bit of history about each song.

• **"Silent Night":** One of the most rerecorded songs in history (733 versions since 1978), "Silent Night" was composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber and put to lyrics by Joseph Mohr. It was first performed on Christmas Eve at St. Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, a village in Austria. Today's version is a slow lullaby, but it's believed the original was a dance-like tune in 6/8 time.

• **"Silver Bells":** Now a Christmas classic, "Silver Bells" originally was written for the Bob Hope film, "The Lemon Drop Kid." Songwriter Jay Livingston wanted to title the song "Tinkle Bell," but his wife dissuaded him from using the word "tinkle."

• **"White Christmas":** Irving Berlin believed his song "White Christmas" would be an instant hit. His prediction was correct, especially after singer Bing Crosby recorded it.

• **"Jingle Bells":** Although it has become one of the more popular Christmas songs, "Jingle Bells" really was written for Thanksgiving. It's also one of the oldest holiday songs of American origin. James Lord Pierpont, the song's author, was inspired by the famous sleigh races of Medford, Massachusetts.

• **"The Christmas Song":** This classic Christmas song was written in 1944 by Bob Wells and Mel Tormé. It's usually subtitled "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire." The song was written during a heat wave as a way to think cool thoughts. It only took 40 minutes to write the music and some of the lyrics. Nat King Cole's rendition of the song is among the more popular versions. Christmas songs are enjoyed and performed year after year. Popular songs continue to endure and attract new fans.

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I *really* like the New Year celebration. It comes around and gives me a new chance **every** year to do a little better or start doing something in a new way. What do you know about the celebration of the new year? **Read these clues to help you fill in this New Year puzzle:**

A happy, healthy New Year to you and your family.

1. In Ancient Rome, the new year started in _____ because the month of January did not exist yet
2. to represent the birth of a New Year we use a newborn _____ dressed in a top hat and a sash
3. by the end of the year the child grows into a wrinkled _____
4. _____ time is used to represent the passage of years; he usually carries an hourglass
5. to celebrate the new year many people gather to eat, drink and dance at a _____; the biggest is in New York City in Times Square
6. _____ light up the sky in celebration; they can be seen behind the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower and the Forbidden City in China
7. the new year officially begins when the clock strikes _____
8. everyone's favorite New Year's _____ is "Auld Lang Syne," which means 'old long since'
9. after the parties of New Year's eve, many people relax by watching the big _____ game, "The Rose Bowl"
10. after the game people line the streets to watch the "Rose _____," which takes place in California
11. friends wish each other a happy, _____ New Year
12. people use the start of a new year as a way to better themselves through New Year's _____

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I promise to... **What's a New Year's Resolution?**

Have you ever heard of a **New Year's resolution**? It is a promise you make to yourself to change something or add something to your life. My New Year's resolution is to do my chores without being reminded by my Mom. What will be *your* New Year's resolution?

This 2-part puzzle has ideas that **you** might like to try. **First, read the clues and fill in the crossword puzzle. Next, match each resolution to its 2nd part that would "kick it up" a bit.**

1. get more fresh air and _____
2. finish all your _____
3. spend less time talking on the _____
4. try out a new _____ or sport
5. clean your _____
6. watch less _____
7. develop a new, special _____ (singing, dancing, juggling)
8. feed your _____
9. think about how to make yourself healthy _____
10. do your _____ well before it is due
11. save up your _____
12. get to _____ on time

A. and invite friends and family over instead
B. and help your brother and sister with theirs
C. and put on a show for your family to enjoy
D. and take on a few extra little jobs without being asked
E. and choose an exciting book to read instead
F. and spend it on someone else
G. and make a chart of your progress
H. with clean clothes and a clean you!
I. and help your parents shop and pick out fruits you like
J. and help with the rest of the house too
K. and play with it every day, and keep it clean too
L. and become the best you can at it

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Identified as Stella West Bridges, the proposed project would reconstruct the bridge over Little Muddy Creek, approximately 0.50 miles east of the junction of U.S. Highway 75 (US-75) and Nebraska Highway 62 (N-62) at mile marker (MM) 21+70. The proposed project would also reconstruct the bridge over Muddy Creek, also located on N-62 in Richardson County, approximately 0.19 miles west of the west Stella corporate limits at MM 24+29.

The purpose of this proposed project is to preserve the N-62 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is based on the current condition of the bridges.

The planned construction would consist of removing and reconstructing the two bridges (Structure No. S062 02170 and Structure No. S062 02429). The adjacent pavement would be removed and reconstructed as necessary to accommodate the bridge construction. Additional improvements would include grading, culvert extension and removal and replacement of guardrail at both structure locations, with surfacing underneath.

This project would require the acquisition of additional property rights including new right-of-way (ROW), and temporary easements (TE) for construction throughout the project area. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated, as necessary.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2017 and be complete by the fall of the same year. The proposed bridge replacements would require detouring N-62 traffic. A designated detour would be provided, utilizing Nebraska Highway 67

(N-67), U.S. Highway 73 (US-73), and US-75. Details of detour routes will be made available upon request.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Materials can be provided in alternative languages or formats. Comments will be collected through Jan. 6, 2016. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Kugler, Public Involvement Coordinator, Nebraska Dept. of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871; fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website at www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "Stella West Bridges" link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOR Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Thomas Goodbarn, NDOR District One Engineer, (402) 471-0850, thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov

8-e-22

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 St., in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, to-wit:

ALL OF BLOCK 10 WEST OF HIGHWAY NO. 8 RIGHT OF WAY, ITSDDEL'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 PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Falls City, Nebraska proposes to hold a public hearing on Jan. 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. Local Time at the City Council Chambers located in the City Building at 2307 Barada St. to consider the adoption of a long range plan for a one-year and six-year street improvement program for the City of Falls City, Nebraska. Any interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and to present pertinent information, data or views or to request additional information or background regarding said street improvements plans. The purpose of the hearing is to afford full and complete public knowledge and discussion of said street improvements plans prior to adoption according to law and as provided in Legislative Bill No. 1302 passed by the 1969 Nebraska State Legislature and approved by the Governor. 22

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF HERBSTER ANGUS FARMS, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a Corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The name of the Corporation is Herbster Angus Farms, Inc. The registered office of the Corporation is 5555 South St., Lincoln, NE 68506. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to engage in any lawful business as determined by the Board of Directors. The authorized capital stock of the Corporation is 100,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share. The Corporation commenced existence on Aug. 11, 2015 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted by the Board of Directors, President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.
HERBSTER ANGUS FARMS, INC.
Charles W. Herbster, Incorporator
WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz #12807
Zachary L. Blackman #24921
1719 Stone Street
P.O. Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-3015 8-15-22

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 St., 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
Kozeny & McCubbin, LC
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 991-0255

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15-22-29-5-12

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 St., 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, Jan. 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 BRADDY & HAMMES LLC
200 The Omaha Club
2002 Douglas Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
Phone: (402) 898-7000
Fax: (402) 898-7130
ggalles@lpdnhlaw.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 15-92, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, is the plaintiff, and Jeremy S. Olson, Lisa M. Olson a/k/a Lisa Popham a/k/a Lisa Anderson, Spouse of Jeremy S. Olson, real name unknown, Spouse of Lisa Olson, real name unknown, Collection Associates, Inc., 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 10:00 a.m., on the 27th day of January, 2016, on the first floor, lobby area of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone St., in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, to-wit:

Commencing 160 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot Five (5), Block Thirty-seven (37), Luther Nim's Addition, City of Humboldt, Nebraska, running thence North 76 feet, more or less, thence West 132 feet, thence South 76 feet, more or less, thence East 132 feet to the place of beginning. City of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska.

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 15th day of December, 2015.
Dylan L. Handley
Master Commissioner 22-29-5-12

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION Cinch Cattle Company LLC

64995 706 Trl
Falls City, Nebraska 68355
Telephone: (402) 245-2485

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Limited Liability Company Act.

- The name of the limited liability company is Cinch Cattle Company LLC.
- The address of the registered office is 64995 706 Trail, Falls City, NE 68355, and its registered agent is Brian Witt.
- The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State, on Oct. 15, 2015. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

Brian Witt
64995 706 Trail
Falls City, NE 68355
Registered Agent

Handley Law Office
Dylan L. Handley
217 E. 18th St.
Falls City, NE 68355
Telephone: (402) 245-3088 22-29-5

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF THE TESTAMENTARY TRUST CREATED BY THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SYBIL G. HAMPTON, Deceased, being the SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST Case No. PR96-060

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith, Co-Trustees, have filed an accounting and Petition for Review and Settlement of Nineteenth Annual Accounting From October 28, 2014 to and Including October 27, 2015. Hearing has been set to consider the accounting, petition and fees on January 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., Richardson County Court, in Falls City, Nebraska.
Dated: December 16, 2015

SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST
Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith
Co-Trustees

Richard L. Halbert, #11659
Michael R. Dunn, #1685
Christopher C. Halbert, #22609
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486 22-29-5

Request for Pickup Bids
Bids will be received at the Nemaha Natural Resources District office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450, until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016, for a new 2015 or 2016 pickup. For more information or to obtain a bid packet, contact the NNRD at (402) 335-3325.

Jane Kuhl
Administrative Assistant
Nemaha Natural Resources District
62161 Hwy 136
Tecumseh NE 68450
(402) 335-3325; Fax (402) 335-3265 22

County Board

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DEC. 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER
The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Standerford, Davidson and Sichel and Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff.

Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room. ZNEZ

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

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION

Motion was made by Sichel to approve a motor vehicle tax exemption application for the Good News Assembly of God Church. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Davidson. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.
David D. Sichel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEC. 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Sichel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Davidson. 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 Dec. 1, 2015 meeting as read. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. ZNEZ

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 at 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.

The Stella SE Bridge is near completion with weather permitting to be anticipated for opening by the end of December. The Verdon NW bridge pre-construction meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Huppert also gave an update on the projects involved with the FEMA funding that is available from the summer storms. A report was also given on the Road Department safety meeting.

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2015-2016-28 regarding 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, NE 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." Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 22, Page 86)

COUNTY CLERK, MARY L. EICKHOFF

County Clerk Mary L. Eickhoff updated the Board on the application that is being submitted to the NE Secretary of State for approval of the Arago/Barada precinct to be considered a "Mail Only Precinct" for the 2016 elections. A survey was done in the rural voting precincts and Arago/Barada's voters responded with 63% in favor of becoming a Mail Only Precinct. This is going to done for the 2016 elections as a trial for Richardson County.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Sub-division
Motion was made by Sichel to approve a sub-division for Voltmer Family Farms Corp. in S32, T1, R18 and to adopt Resolution 2015-2016-29. Motion seconded by Davidson. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 22, Page 87)

NEOC Claim

Notice was received from the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission regarding the claim that has been filed by Denise Cook against Richardson County with a charge of discrimination.

Road Department Union

A formal proposal was compiled and remitted to the Road Dept. Union for the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 contract which includes the following: Article 9.1: 2% raise on July 1, 2015 and 2% on July 1, 2016; Article 9.4: When payroll changes make electronic deposit possible, the Employer will disperse paychecks electronically on the Friday Thursday following the end of the two week pay period. Pay periods will be every two weeks; Article 11: will remain as stated in previous contract.

Official County Newspaper for 2016

Motion was made by Davidson to designate the Falls City Journal as the official newspaper for the legal notices of Richardson County for the calendar year 2016. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for November 2015.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees they collected during the month of November 2015:

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| Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk | \$332.25 |
| Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds | \$8,555.75 |
| Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court | \$452.00 |

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Sichel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

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| Armburster Motor Co., serv. | 69.95 |
| AS Central Services, serv. | 448.00 |
| Atlantic Safety Products, supp. | 218.05 |
| Beers Shop, serv. | 285.50 |
| Clerk of Dist Court, costs. | 276.00 |
| County Treasurer, Drainage Dist #7 | 1,619.37 |
| Culligan, serv. | 102.37 |
| DeLage Landen, serv. | 138.59 |
| FC Mercantile, supp. | 446.04 |
| FC Sanitation, serv. | 126.00 |
| FC Utility Dept., serv. | 2,857.02 |
| Galls LLC, supp. | 225.36 |
| Kex RX Pharmacy, jail presc. | 85.69 |
| Microfilm Imaging, serv. | 75.00 |
| Midwest Mobile Radio, serv. | 273.93 |
| MIPS, serv. | 1,125.58 |
| O'Keefe, serv. | 322.18 |
| Don Pounds, reimb. | 20.05 |
| Quill, supp. | 300.90 |
| Eugene Ramer, reimb. | 19.55 |
| Ameritas, retire. | 6,507.32 |
| EMA Petty cash, reimb. | 808.38 |
| Richardson County Vendor, FICA | 7,022.19 |
| SE, NE Communications, serv. | 1,652.42 |
| Stripes & Signs, supp. | 88.50 |

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| Terri Jo's, jail meals | 1,099.00 |
| Weaver & Merz, rent/reimb. | 886.74 |
| Robert White, reimb. | 104.08 |
| Windstream, serv. | 111.14 |
| Wolfe, supp. | 261.46 |
| Payroll Expense | 58,562.33 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | \$86,138.69 |

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

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| Contech Engineered Solutions, serv. | 13,573.16 |
| Datamax, serv. | 32.20 |
| FC Sanitation, serv. | 55.00 |
| FC Utility Dept., serv. | 294.56 |
| Harmons OK Tire, tires | 5,934.00 |
| Hullmans Ford Linc Merc, serv. | 43.90 |
| Inland Truck Parts, parts | 476.80 |
| Wyatt Martin, reimb. | 200.00 |
| Midwest Service & Sales, supp. | 326.70 |
| NPPD, serv. | 33.06 |
| NE State Fire Marshal, fee. | 240.00 |
| Nicholson & Associates, fee. | 290.00 |
| Norris Quarries, rock | 5,121.82 |
| Operation & Expense Acct., reimb. | 37.90 |
| RDO Truck Center, parts | 237.43 |
| Safety Kleen, supp. | 256.04 |
| Village of Salem, serv. | 22.91 |
| Sioux City Truck Sales, parts | 1,314.79 |
| SE NE Communications, serv. | 156.68 |
| TriState Truck & Tractor, parts | 4.15 |
| Village of Verdon, serv. | 22.73 |
| Windstream, serv. | 53.01 |
| Payroll Expense | 37,623.58 |
| TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND | \$66,350.42 |

REG OF DEEDS PRESERV & MODERN FUND

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| MIPS, serv. | 144.36 |
| TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND | \$144.36 |

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

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| Auburn Family Health Center, serv. | 123.35 |
| Eastview Housing, rent | 53.00 |
| Maria Oliver, rent | 131.00 |
| FC Housing Authority, rent | 25.00 |
| GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND | \$332.35 |

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Sichel. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 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 Shubert

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DEC. 7, 2015 - SHUBERT LIBRARY

The Village Board of Shubert held the monthly board meeting on Dec. 7, 2015 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Shafer opened the regular meeting at 7 p.m. with the following board members present: Peggy Oliver, Linda Patchen and Gina Steele. Nathan Handley was absent. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Shafer announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. Chairman asked visitors if they had any comments. Jerry and Sue Kennedy were present to discuss water usage at Well No. 3. There was discussion about contract from 2002 that gives them free use of the well up to 50,000 gallons. The cost for more than that was not in the contract. Motion and Second (Oliver/Shafer) to charge \$ 3.50 per 1,000 gallons after 50,000 gallons is used. Roll call vote was all "Ayes;" motion carried. Brief discussion about well road and brush pile. After visitor comments, Chairman moved to regular business. There was a motion and second (Shafer/Oliver) to approve the Nov. 2 meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Ayes;" motion carried. There was a motion and second (Steele/Shafer) to approve the Nov. 16 emergency meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Ayes;" motion carried. There was a motion and second (Shafer/Steele) to approve the balance and claims sheet. Roll call vote was all "Ayes;" motion carried. General: Board Re-organization for 2016. There was a motion and second (Steele/Oliver) to keep the following appointments the same. Roll call vote was: Shafer, "Yes," Patchen, "No;" Motion carried.

Chairman (Zeb Shafer); Chairman Pro-tempore (Peggy Oliver); Water/Wastewater Operator (Tracy Milke, Aaron Davis); Clerk/Treasurer (Jennifer Buchner); Streets (Nathan Handley); Buildings/Park (Peggy Oliver); Wood/Brush Pile; Fire Chief (Scott Shubert); Attorney (Mike Dunn); Street Supt. (Evan B. Wickersham, JEC Consulting Group); Budget Advisor (Peggy Kuser); Bonded Plumber/Electrician (Davis PHE); Richardson County Sheriff for law enforcement as needed.

Water/Sewer: Board reviewed delinquent water accounts. Board reviewed water report.

Board reviewed report in regards to Well No. 3. Layne's findings are that the village well is performing fine. Chairman received a letter from NRD summarizing their meeting. They have agreed to purchase and install "continuous water level recorders" to monitor both well water levels. Wood/Brush pile: Kennedy will do some work. Buildings/Park: Community Building: There was a motion and second (Shafer/Oliver) to waive rental fee for Dec. 19 "Shubert 4Kids Movie Night." Roll call vote was all "Ayes;" motion carried. Park: Bathrooms have been winterized. Library: None. Building next door: Jeff Barker is interested in purchasing the building. Motion and second (Steele/Shafer) to sell building, known as the Shubert Alumni Museum, to Jeff Barker. Roll call vote was all "Ayes;" motion carried. Resolution will be posted in three public places for seven days before sale will take place. Streets: Motion and second (Oliver/Steele) to approve first reading of Ordinance to vacate 7th Street from west side of Elm west to village limit. Property is no longer being maintained as a road and will belong to Montana Vice. Roll call vote was all "Ayes;" motion carried. Snow removal will be taken care of by Shafer and Handley. Fire: The fire department would like to purchase a new table for the community building as a "Thank You" for waiving rental fees for past fund raisers.

The next board meeting will be Jan. 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Shubert Library.

Motion and second (Shafer/Oliver) to adjourn meeting at 8:32 p.m. Roll call votes all "Ayes;" motion carried.

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| Jennifer Buchner, Village Clerk | 0.00 |
| NPPD - Fire Barn | 0.00 |
| NPPD - Fire Siren | |

HELP WANTED

Wanted: Experienced cook, apply in person, Swingin Doors, Rulo. 51-52

***HTRS Public School #70** is currently looking for persons to substitute for aides. There are no minimum requirements; please contact person below if interested.

****HTRS** is also looking for substitute teachers. A minimum of 60 credit hours in educational preparation including Human Relations Course are the basic requirements to apply for a local substitute teaching certificate per Nebraska Department of Education. Please contact NDE to apply for a certificate. After applying, Local substitute letters can be obtained by Sherri Edmundson, Superintendent, 810 Central Ave, Humboldt, NE 68376. Phone 402-862-2235. 51



Applicator/Operations Job Opening

Locations in Bern & Home, KS

Applicator/Operations – Operate application equipment. Perform daily equipment inspections. Clean, maintain, and assist with mechanical items. Tending application equipment. Requires attention to detail, passion to do quality work, knowledge of mechanical equipment and computers. Excellent interpersonal, teamwork and customer relation skills. Able to work long or odd hours during season. Farm experience preferred. Have, or have the ability to obtain a CDL.

Benefit Package Includes:
Competitive Pay, BCBS Health & Dental Ins., Vision Ins., 401K, Life Ins., Paid Holidays & Vacations, Clothing & Training with Advancement.

Pre-Employment Drug Screening & Physical Capacity Profile

Applications may be dropped off at the Bern Seed office or mailed to PO Box 124 Bern, KS 66408 or email: hr@bernseed.com (785)336-6189 (800)874-2376 ext. 218 Fax: (785) 336-6096 Applications are available on our website: www.bernseed.com EOE 51-52

NURSES – RN's & LPN's Are you looking for an opportunity to use your nursing skills to improve the lives of elders in our community? Maple Heights has an opening for 3 twelve hour shifts weekly, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., every other weekend with consistent days worked. Apply in person at 302 East Iowa Street, Hiawatha, KS or call Lori Rieger, Director of Nursing at 785-742-7465. EOE 49-51

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership Inc. (SENCA) is now accepting applications for a Cook at our Head Start program located in Falls City. This position is full-time, 40 hours per week, and runs nine months out of the year. Minimum qualifications include: must possess a high school diploma or equivalent, and be at least 18 years of age. Qualified applicants should be familiar with acceptable food storage, and have the ability to read and perform basic math. Previous experience working with children or cooking for large groups is highly desirable. SENCA offers a competitive benefit package. Positions will remain open until filled. For a complete job description or to obtain an application visit www.senca.org or for more information contact: Becky Littrel, at (402) 862-2411, ext. 119. Position is 80% federally funded. EOE 50-51

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 50-51



HIAWATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

HCH is accepting applications for the following positions:

RN - Emergency Room – Night Shift: Provide care to patients of all age ranges in the emergency room. Applicants must be strong communicators, team players, able to work under pressure, and have or be able to obtain a Kansas registered nursing license. TNCC, ACLS, and PALS certifications necessary or able to obtain soon after hire. Positions consist of full time hours. Weekend rotation shifts required. Prior experience preferred.

RN – OB Department –Weekend Night Shifts: Provide care for patients while predominantly working in the field of obstetrics providing care in labor, delivery, postpartum and nursery. Applicants must be strong communicators, team players, able to work under pressure, and have or be able to obtain a Kansas registered nursing license. Prior OB experience preferred. Full time weekend shifts consist of two weekends on and one weekend off rotation. On-call responsibilities required.

RN – Medical Surgical – Weekend Night Shifts: Provide professional, direct nursing care to patients of all age groups admitted to the Med-Surg unit by following physician-prescribed regimen and hospital policies and procedures. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a Kansas registered nursing license. Full time weekend shifts consist of two weekends on and on weekend off rotation.

LPN - Family Practice Clinic – Full Time Day Shift: Assists the Physician by providing practical nursing care to patients ranging in age from neonates, children, adolescents, adults, geriatrics and pregnant mothers within an assigned area. Applicants must be team players with strong communication skills. Prior experience working in a clinic setting is preferred.

Admissions Clerk – Full Time Day Shift: This position is the registration point where both patient data and billing information is initially gathered and entered into the hospital's automated patient data base. Strong customer service and computer skills are a must.

Receptionist – Home Health – Full Time Day Shift: Assists the Home Health Agency by performing receptionist and clerical duties to insure the successful operation of the Home Health Agency. Strong customer service and computer skills are desired.

HCH offers competitive pay and an excellent benefit package. For further details or to apply, please visit the Careers section of our website at www.hch-ks.org. Resumes may be submitted to akerl@hch-ks.org. For questions, please contact HR at 785-742-6258. 50-51

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FIELD REPORTER

The Richardson County Farm Service Agency is currently accepting applications for a Part Time Field Reporter. Candidates will work on an as-needed basis to perform duties such as measuring fields, including staking and referencing, using GPS and conducting spot-checks to verify producer compliance with program requirements. Knowledge of farming practices and terminology is preferred, however technical training will be provided.

Applications may be picked up at the Richardson County Farm Service Agency, 502 E 14th St, Falls City, NE. Applications must be returned no later than December 30, 2015. For more information, contact Richardson County Office at (402) 245-2401, extension 2. USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider. 51

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JOB OPENING

Nemaha County Hospital has an opening for a full-time Medical Coder. Responsibilities for this position include reviewing claims for completeness and correct coding, with an understanding of CPT and ICD-10 coding. 3 years of experience and credentialing in Medical coding preferred. Transcription experience is a PLUS! Full-benefit package.

For an application go to www.nemahacountyhospital.com or call 402-274-6121.

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DEC. 21, 1971

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Jets and Raiders football game \$8.99. A company Commander 8-pc. set \$5.97. Set of four cars \$3.99. Dune buggy and boat \$4.99. Please bring my three sisters and two brothes something nice for Christmas and my mom and dad to.
Love, Douglas Butrick

Dear Santa,
I would like a clock radio alarm for Christmas. And that's all I want. I would like that very much. I thought I heard you last year. But I didn't get up! I was afraid I would scare you so I didn't. Thank you for my gifts. I liked the grain wagon. It is nice but I can't get anything through it. Everything is too big. I like it anyway. I can't remember what else you gave me last year. I had so many things I can't remember.
Love, Terry Fritz, Verdon

Dear Santa,
My brothers Jeff and Jason and me would like you to come to our house in Nortonville this Christmas. We would like for you to bring us a football game, a pool table and some other toys and mom said some clothes too. Please bring our littel bother some thing sot play with cause he breaks all of our stuff.
Love, Jamie, Jeff and Jason Campbell

DEC. 23, 1980

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a G.I. Joe doll and Rock M Sock M robots. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Your Friend, Clarence Lindgren

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big baby dolly, a game, records, Barbie doll, snow books, some snow pants. If you can't bring me all of those just bring whatever you think I would like. We will leave you a snack on the TV and we'll leave your birds some popcorn outside. Also some oats for your deer.
Love, Stacy Ann Fischer

PS: We moved since last year and we have a new baby sister. Please bring her something too! Our new address is RR 1, Hiawatha Kansas.

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Misty. I am 10. I would like to have a sled if you got one. I would like to have lots of things like a snowsuit, family fued game, the hungry hungry hippo, and a long coat. Do you have eight reindeers?
Your Rulo friend, Misty Kelley

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Teecia. I like you very much! for christmas I want a Strawberry Short cakes doll and her set, hungry hungry hippo, and a vest, and most of all I want a sled, and a colored TV but I want you to write me a letter. I am 8 years old. It do not care what you bringing me for you dear Santa you would no best. I want a fur coat it does not care what color it is. I want a shirt and a pair of jeans and a par of shoes, record player with a milkprhone. I like you very much.

DEC. 22, 1993

Dear Santa,
Detachable speakers, criss cross crash set, radio-controlled 9.6V turbo, Eliminator, Game Boy, Super Bowl Game, Street figher 2 game, Jurassic Park game, Sonic 2 game, Thunderstrike Duble refill, dart set, football tea, CD player, Wan's World CD.
from Jeremiah

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is John Michael Hall and I'm writing this letter to ask you why you only come once a year and to ask you for a new tools set and a new pool taddle.
Your friend, John Michael Hall

Dear Santa,
I've been really good this year But sometimes I fight with my brothers, Dylan and Levi. I want some presents for Christmas. A pen, a Barbie doll, red shoes, a house with doors, windows and a roof and everything and that's all.
Love, Morgan Handley

DEC. 23, 2003

Dear Santa,
Christmas is my favorite! Santa is my favorite too! Santa, please give me presents. I gave you milk, cookies and apples. Have your found your reindeer? Have you found Ruldoph? I gave an angel and my mom a ring, and Travis a flashlight.

Dear Santa,
all I want for Christmas is moose horns and 45 packs of pokemon cards bigs ones a turtle, bunny, hamster, snake, my own uno attack game and animal games also I would like one boy German Shepard and a girl one. I love you!

Dear Santa,
I have deen a good girl. I go to my grandmas house every morning, I would like you to bring me a glow in the dark basketball and Bratzdolls and a new born baby and a meccial baby and carrier for baby.

DEC. 22, 2015

Dear Santa,
I hope you know where all of us live. Do you have a globe of the earth to find us or do you use a map? We have been working hard to learn so we can pass to other grades. We will leave cookies, milk and carrots (ranch if the reindeers want it). Some of us will leave a trail of glitter that will lead you to the food. We thank you for the presents and Merry Christmas!!!!
From, Mrs. Kirkendall's 2nd Grade Class, Falls City

Dear Santa,
Here is our wish list and why we would like to have these things.
Minecraft Steve costume so I can play a prank on my sister and scare her, Josh.
A trampoline because my other one broke, Molly.
Ipad so we can play games, Shiree and Clara.
Lego Batman since I like Batman and Legos I would just combine the two of them, Cade.
Drone with a camera so I can sneak on my sister. Chloe
iPad because my sister has one, MyKayla.
Legos since I like to build,



Honk if you're Corny!



Nebraska is known as the Corn-husker State—so it only makes sense that Nebraskans would want to adorn their vehicles with a metal postcard depicting a large golden ear of corn standing against a brilliant blue summer day. And they can, as the new specialty license plate, developed by the Nebraska Corn Growers Association, is available to the public.

“You don’t have to be a member of NeCGA to purchase one of these attractive license plates,” NeCGA President Larry Mussack, of Decatur, said. “Anyone who grows corn, does business with corn farmers, grew up on a corn farm, or simply wants to show their support for Nebraska’s corn industry can apply. Corn is Nebraska’s number one commodity, so we expect to see a lot of these plates on vehicles all across the state.”

Cost for the Nebraska Corn specialty license plate is \$70, which is in addition to the standard fees for licens- ing one’s vehicle in Nebraska. This additional fee is due with the initial application and is subject to annual renewal. Credit cards will be charged an additional five

percent processing fee. The Nebraska Corn license plates can be used on a wide range of vehicles and equipment including passenger vehicles, pick-ups, farm trucks, semi-trailers, motorcycles, trailers and mobile homes. Customized “vanity” plate messages are not available, and the plates will not carry a county designation. The Nebraska Dept. of Motor Vehicles will assign plate numbers as applications are submitted. There is no limit to the number of Nebraska Corn specialty plates one can order.

NeCGA must gather a minimum of 500 applications with payment before the plates will be manufactured through the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

For more information, contact NeCGA at 1111 Lincoln Mall, Suite 308, Lincoln, NE 68508. You can also call 402-438-6459 or email mwrch@necga.org

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) is a grassroots commodity organization that works to enhance the profitability of corn producers. NeCGA has more than 2,400 dues paying members in Nebraska. NeCGA is affiliated with the National Corn Growers Association, which has more than 36,000 dues paying members nationwide.

Computers, related technology to be a ‘qualified higher education expense’

Just in time for holiday giving, Congress last week approved legislation that includes computer equipment and related technology and services as “qualified higher education expenses” for beneficiaries of state-sponsored 529 college savings plans like the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust, State Treasurer Don Stenberg said Monday.

The new tax law, “Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015,” which was passed Friday by Congress, is expected to be signed by President Obama.

Among other provisions, the new tax law makes the purchase of laptops, computers and related technology and services a “qualified higher education expense” when purchased for use primarily by the beneficiary of a state-sponsored 529 college savings plan like NEST at an institution of higher education, Treasurer Stenberg said.

The change is retroactive for NEST account owners who purchased these kinds of items from Jan. 1, 2015, on, Stenberg said. NEST accounts can be used at four-year colleges, community colleges, technical schools and graduate programs.

“We thank Congress for providing greater flexibility and recog-

nizing that laptops, computers and related technology should be considered qualified expenses, just like tuition, fees, textbooks, supplies and equipment, and, in some cases, room and board,” Stenberg said.

Treasurer Stenberg also reminded account owners that contributions to NEST accounts must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to qualify for the 2015 tax year state income tax deduction. The maximum deduction is \$10,000 for a couple filing jointly or for a single tax filer.

Account owners who contribute to their accounts electronically have until 10:59 p.m., CT, on Dec. 31 to make their contributions.

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