

The more we read, the more grateful we are to Santa for coming early and dropping Mike Riley off at Memorial Stadium.

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## City Council seat expected to be filled at Jan. 5 meeting

The City Council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2015 in Chambers at 2307 Barada St.

The Council is expected to appoint Anthony Nussbaum to represent the vacant 4<sup>th</sup> Ward seat. Nussbaum was recommended by Mayor Jerry Oliver at the Dec. 15 meeting.

Nussbaum was expected to be appointed at that meeting, but his voter registration was not up to date. He will join Council President Judy Murphy, Jim Wisdom, Don Ferguson, Steve Scholl, John Vaughn, Angie Nolte and Mike Dougherty on the Council.

The Council will also discuss and act on: the appointment of Mayor Oliver as Trustee of the City 457 Deferred Compensation Plan; special designated liquor license applications by Rick Lemerond of Lem's Northvue Cafe for wedding receptions to be held at Prichard Auditorium on March 7, April 18, May 23 and June 13, 2015; contract for Exchange of Real Estate for the purpose of constructing a Horizon-

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## Letters To Santa

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 six decades. Here's a look at "letters to Santa" that have been published in the Falls City Journal over the years.



### 1968

DECEMBER 18, 1968

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll stroller and some toys. My little brother, Mike would like some toys too. The east door will be open because you can't get down the chimney. There will be cookies and milk on the table.

Cathy Bierman

PS: I live on Route 2, Falls City

### 1992

DECEMBER 23, 1992

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. For Christmas I would like: A B-B gun; A water gun; A Boy Bike, A Wheel radio control.

Thank you, Love Orrin

### 1970

DECEMBER 21, 1970

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a baby go by by. And a record player. If my brother ask to have a record player do not give him one. Because we have to share it because my mother and father do not want us to have two.

From Dena Bogle

### 2001

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a crib with a mobile and s stroller with two seats. I hope you can bring me that for Christmas because I love you Santa.

Sincerely, Madison Mae Olberding.

### 1984

DECEMBER 20, 1984

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a rifle, and I would like a chopper, and I would like a chopper wagon and I would like a new tractor that has duals to take off and put back on.

Thank you, Jeremy

### 2014

DECEMBER 23, 2014

Dear Santa,

I have been doing good at school and at home. I have been good at school. How are you? I am doing well. I hope the reindeer like the apples.

Gabby, Room 2B

(Please turn to page 16 for more "Letters to Santa" over the years)

## Want a voice in downtown plan? Better attend Jan. 13 meeting

By Jason Schock

The Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development has earmarked \$350,000 in grant monies to be utilized for Falls City's "Phase II" of its Downtown Revitalization Project and City leaders want your help in spending that cash.

Let's rephrase that: They want to hear your opinion.

Lisa Beethe, Community Development Specialist with Southeast Nebraska Development District, last Tuesday night at City Hall presented information concerning the grant and distributed a survey to the 25 people in attendance. It is important to get input from the public now, she said, as a public vote will be taken in less than three weeks.

The public is invited to the meeting, which has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 at the Grand Weaver Hotel. Those in attendance will be voting to prioritize how the money is spent. Those unable to attend the Dec. 16 meeting

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## Humboldt property owner allegedly witnesses theft in progress, gives chase

A rural Humboldt man allegedly witnessed a theft in progress last Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 16, gave chase, called authorities and provided play-by-play coverage as he tailed the trio along county roads for some 25 miles throughout Richardson County.

The pursuit came to a peaceful end on Highway 73, two miles south of Falls City near Breezy Hill Cafe, when authorities arrested the three suspects on foot along the highway. They had apparently tried to hide the vehicle, a 1998 Dodge Ram extended cab pickup, among a cluster of trees near 703 Road, just north of the Nebraska-Kansas state line.

Jason Brownell, 24, the alleged driver of the truck, Everette Loper, 26, and David McPherson, 50, all of Falls City, were each arrested and cited for misdemeanor theft. Brownell was placed in Richardson County Jail on suspicion of driving an unlicensed and uninsured vehicle, as well as driving under suspension - third offense. He later posted bond and was released.

The unidentified property owner initially tried to use his vehicle to block the suspects in their truck,



Photo by Nikki McKim

Authorities arrested three men last Tuesday afternoon on Highway 73, two miles south of Falls City near Breezy Hill Cafe, after an unidentified rural Humboldt property owner allegedly saw a theft in progress and gave chase to the three suspects who were in a pickup. The chase covered approximately 25 miles of county roads. The truck was parked under some trees and the suspects were arrested walking along the highway.

but they managed to get around him by driving through a grader ditch. He made the 911 call at about 1 p.m. and maintained contact with members of the Richardson County Sheriff's Office as he followed the fleeing pickup, keeping authorities up to date on location and direction

of travel.

In addition to the RC Sheriff's Office, Sac & Fox Tribe and Falls City Police Departments aided with the case, as did members of the Pawnee and Brown County (KS) Sheriff's Departments.

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Dear Fellow Nebraskans:

It's the holiday season and Sally and I want to wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The opportunity to spend time with family and friends is what makes this one of the most wonderful times of the year.

The holidays are a time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Every holiday is a special opportunity to acknowledge and thank the members of our Armed Services and their families for their continued sacrifices. Throughout history, many holidays have come and gone where thousands of our brave men and women are serving our county overseas. This year, we thank these individuals who are unable to be home for Christmas with their friends and family because of their commitment to the preservation of democracy and freedom around the world.



While many families across this great state are preparing to celebrate, it is important to remember the less fortunate among us. We are taught from an early age that the holidays are about giving and not receiving. Nebraskans have taken that old adage to heart. Nebraskans are very generous. We care deeply about our neighbors, friends and communities. Every day, Nebraskans share their talents, time and resources to make our state a better place.

Volunteerism is one community activity that sets Nebraska apart. We know we can always count on our neighbors to come forward and lend a hand when it is needed.

For example, Sally and I annually serve food at a homeless shelter during the holidays. Sally also serves as the Honorary Chair of ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission that coordinates and supports community involvement by Nebraskans. Last year, Sally and I had the honor of kicking-off the annual ServeNebraska Week of Service, an annual statewide initiative that works to promote volunteerism and inspire Nebraskans to seek out creative ways to serve their communities.

During the holiday season, Nebraskans have a variety of volunteering options, including helping out at a community center or shelter, looking in on a sick or elderly neighbor or signing up to help at a local food bank or homeless shelter.

Recently, Nebraska was named the 5th most charitable state by the national personal finance outlet WalletHub. In the spirit of inspiring more Americans to increase their charitable giving this holiday season, WalletHub shined a spotlight on the most generous of the 50 states in the nation. The study analyzed eight key metrics including volunteer rates, the percentage of taxpayers who donated to charity and growth in charitable giving.

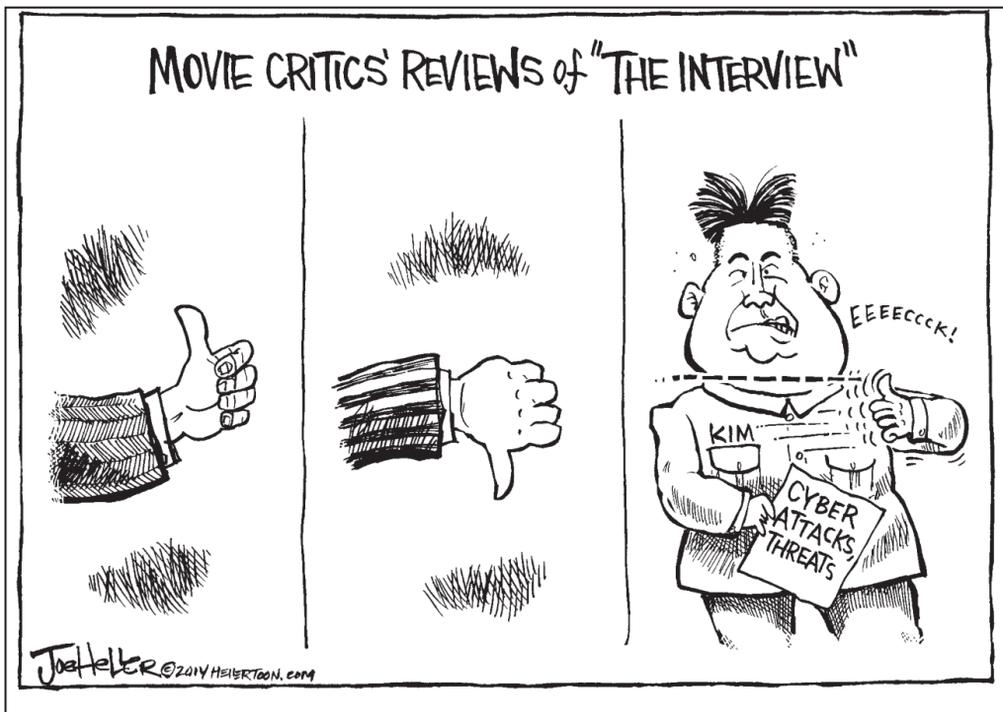
According to the study, Nebraska ranked 5th in volunteerism, 5th in percentage of population who have donated time and 16th in percentage of donated income.

Since 2013, Nebraska has ranked 5th in volunteerism among the 50 states, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that helps Americans engage in volunteer activities in their community.

On behalf of my family, I want to send best wishes to all Nebraskans with the hope that the holiday season will provide an opportunity to spend time with friends and family. I encourage everyone to keep others in mind by sharing with those who might benefit from a generous heart and a helping hand this winter.

In Nebraska, service to others is a way of life. I encourage each and every Nebraskan, during this holiday season, to consider reaching out to those in need throughout your community. It is my hope that this holiday season will be one of happiness for all Nebraskans.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.



## A Letter to Santa Claus 2014 From Nebraskans

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

Dear Santa:

We have been nice this year. The Governor's Office keeps telling us that we have ranked nation- ally as a great place to live and do business, and most recently, that we have one of the top five best-run governments in the whole United States.

The tourism department has adopted a new slogan, "Nebraska Nice." So, that gets us off the naughty list, right? But, we have to admit that there have been some naughty things that happened and we need to get those out front before we ask for anything. Here goes:

The Governor has been naughty in failing to control some of his cabinet members. The two who have been really bad are the heads of Corrections and Health and Human Services. The Corrections director failed to oversee his legal staff, who let hundreds of inmates out of prison before they were supposed to. He also failed to visit with the mental health people about an inmate who wanted treatment instead of being released. Instead, he was let out of prison and killed four people.

Over at Health and Human Services, the director and some staff failed to protect some residents of the state development center in Beatrice and also managed to lose a couple million dollars in federal funds because of their inattention to details.

The Legislature failed to pass a bill that would have increased the minimum wage so the people petitioned to get it on the ballot and voters approved it. Nice for some people, maybe not so nice for others. Lawmakers also opted for the status quo when it comes to reforming the way the state levies and collects taxes.

All this while the governor kept saying he wanted to provide property tax relief, which, by the way, comes basically from local government.

So that's the naughty stuff. The nice stuff is that the Legislature put a committee on finding out what happened at Corrections and another looked at the Beatrice center problems and another committee held a number of statewide hearings on tax issues. Even though they didn't do anything, at least they got out there and listened to the people.

And the new Governor is looking nationwide for new directors of Corrections and Health and Human Services and the Department of Economic Development. Maybe bringing in the best and the brightest will result in an influx of new ideas.

The University of Nebraska got a nice new football coach even though a lot of people thought it wasn't nice to get rid of the old one. And the University system is looking nationwide for a new President. Four nice people have interviewed for the job.

So here's hoping for a few things from your bag, Santa.

Please give us a new Corrections director (and the accompanying new faces on the Legislature's Judiciary Committee) who will look at alternative sentencing and treatment programs to reduce inmate population instead of leaning on the Parole Board to solve the overcrowding situation.

Please give us a new HHS director (and the changed attitude in the Legislature) who will be willing to provide health care to even the least of those in Nebraska while making sure that every available federal dollar (hey, it's our money

to begin with) makes its way back to the state.

Please give us a new Economic Development director who wants to build the economy from the local level by supporting established small businesses, manufacturers and downtowns instead of chasing smokestacks to relocate to Nebraska.

Please give us a truly nonpartisan Legislature and let the 35 Republicans, 13 Democrats and one Independent get along like Nebraskans instead of towing the party line.

And above all else, give us a Merry Christmas!

Thank You,  
 The Nebraska People

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: ANCIENT MYTHS

### ACROSS

- Greek letter and ancient symbol of death
- First prime number
- \_\_\_\_\_ of March
- Curvaceous, as in a woman
- Common furniture wood
- "\_\_\_\_\_ and beyond"
- September stone
- E in BCE
- Downy duck
- \*Remus' twin
- \*The first woman, Greek mythology
- \*Chinese zodiac animal
- Engage
- Adherent of Taoism
- Additionally
- Central vein of a leaf
- \*Viracocha worshipper
- Smidge or scintilla
- \*Roman goddess of the hunt
- South American monkey
- Lowest Hindu caste
- Give the cold shoulder
- Improve or rectify
- Theater section
- At this point
- \*Hegemone and Chloris were \_\_\_\_\_ deities
- Clinton's #2
- Moray, e.g.
- \*"The \_\_\_\_\_ have it"
- Foe of illegal aliens
- \*"With a rumble in his tumbly, but not even a \_\_\_\_\_ of honey..."
- \*Half man, half horse
- Leisurely walk
- \*Pandora's box was actually this
- High wave caused by tidal flow
- "Home Improvement" star
- Exclamation of surprise
- Tapestry
- Not to be confused with "want"
- Small dog's bark
- Doled out, as in cards

### DOWN

- Kind of ski lift
- Designer Boss
- Test
- Add
- Female aviation pioneer
- Little piggies?
- \*The Trojan \_\_\_\_\_
- Giraffe's cousin
- In the same place, when citing a reference
- Popular symbol of extinction
- \_\_\_\_\_ after
- Plural of serum
- \*An epic by Virgil
- a.k.a. tangelos
- \*Greek mythology tells that humans originally had four of this
- Ballpark staples
- \*Cronus or Oceanus
- True inner self
- The kids in "Eight is Enough," e.g.
- \*Psyche, Greek goddess of the \_\_\_\_\_
- DIRECTV competitor
- Hindu queen
- Habituate
- Confusion of voices
- Hokkaido native
- \*Jason's vessel
- Eagle's home
- \*To be slayed by a knight
- \*On Cyclops' forehead
- \*Group of nine deities in Egyptian mythology
- Relish
- Don't take one's eyes off
- Bridge, e.g.
- Stag
- A small island
- Act
- Weather may affect its yield
- City of Taj Mahal
- Caspian basin river
- One R in R&R
- "Bingo!"

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Top three finishers of the National Geographic Bee held at Falls City Middle School last week: Hunter Arnold, Champion Keegan Hunzeker and Nathaniel Hogue. FCMS social studies teacher Jack Munford will administer the written qualifying state test to Hunzeker. The top 100 students (selected based on qualifying test scores) qualify to represent their schools and compete at the state level.

## Keegan Hunzeker crowned champ of FCMS National Geography Bee

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geography Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography. Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge.

This is the fifth annual National Geography Bee Competition for Falls City Middle School students. A preliminary written qualifying test was given to all Middle School Social Studies students to find the top students to participate in the school bee and determine a school champion.

The FCMS Bee was held last Tuesday, Dec. 16, with 36 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the final school competition round. Those competing in the school-level Bee were: Grayson Hayes, Zach Beaver, Jackson Findlay, Trey McAfee, Alex Rathje, Hanaah Kirkend-

all, Samantha Wissman, Jacob Joy, Maggie McNeely, Chaydyn Butler, Chloe Gorrell, Justin Fee, Bryanna Bruxellas, Jonathan Jones, Isaiah Florea, Cade Schawang, Keegan Hunzeker, Braden Oliver, Jaiden Waggoner, Trevor Watts, Hannah Feighner, Hunter Arnold, Gabrielle Holcomb, Halen Farmer, Bryan Bassett, Mason Crawford, Jessica Burns, Caden Simon, Brett Foster, Elise Nycum, David Kuker, Gracie Frederick, Jacob Crane, Nathaniel Hogue, Tyler Uhri and Jace Heck-nelively.

"This year's cut score to qualify for the semifinals was 74; the highest in the five years that we have been participating in this program," social studies teacher and Bee Administrator Jack Munford said.

The top three winners were: Keegan Hunzeker, Hunter Arnold, second, and Nathaniel Hogue, third.

Mr. Munford will administer the written qualifying state test to Hunzeker, the FCMS Champion. In early March, Munford said he will be notified by mail if Keegan qualified to represent FCMS at the state level. The top 100 students (selected based on qualifying test scores) qualify to represent their schools and compete at the state level.

State qualifiers compete in an oral competition at the state level, which is usually held in late March or early April. State winners are invited to National Geographic headquarters in late May to compete in the national finals for scholarships in the amount of U.S. \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000.

## Vote is Jan. 13 Downtown

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can pick up a survey at the Falls City Chamber of Commerce Office in the 1700 block of Stone Street.

"It's very important that we get feedback on what the people want to do," City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Jorn said. "The more input we get, the better the plan will be."

Whatever the choice — curbs and sidewalks, architectural barriers, facade improvements, or pretty street lights — a 25-percent match is required (which could potentially make it a \$440,000 project). The match can come from a variety of sources, such as The City and/or business owners.

Beethe must submit Falls City's plan to the DED by March 1.

"Phase I" of the plan, which focused on the 1700 block of Stone, the intersections of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and Stone Streets, as well as the south side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Stone and Harlan, included traffic flow changes on Stone and Chase, new streetscapes (including) "bump outs," and replacing traffic lights with stop signs, among other elements, was completed two years ago.

The changes, as is generally the case, were welcomed by some, accosted by others. Long-time downtown business owner Mary Whitehouse, for instance, at the Dec. 16 meeting implied the next grant money be used to either undo or fix certain aspects of "Phase I," in particular, reducing the size of aforementioned "bump outs."

Beethe said that not only can the grant funds not be used to "fix" any aspects of "Phase I," but the DED has said the money should address altogether different needs, hence would be totally unrelated to "Phase I." That came as a surprise to some, like A&G Restaurant Owner Costas Haralabidis, who said he believed the word "Phase," in this case, related to a portion of Stone Street, e.g. "Phase 1" involved the 1700 block of Stone Street; "Phase 2" will move south, to the 1600 block.

But that's not the case, according to Beethe.

"All we can do is propose that, but the feedback we're getting is that they don't want to do the same thing again," she said.

Business owners from the 1800 block of Stone Street — namely

Ted Godemann, of the SE Nebraska Insurance Agency, and Eric Froeschl of The Would Eye Bar & Grill — were on hand to lobby for a new sidewalk in front of their places of businesses. Beethe said the Jan. 13 meeting is the one to urge one plan or another.

"Go door to door in the business district and talk with everybody and bring these ideas back to the next meeting," she said. "That's when your input is most important."

Your opinion matters, but certainly so does cost.

"Everyone's top project may not be feasible," Beethe said. "Not all ideas can be funded for \$350,000. We have to take that into consideration, too."

"Phase I" of the Downtown Revitalization Plan cost in the neighborhood of \$650,000.

## SEZ I

### 'Inspiring experience'

If you didn't attend the annual Community Carol Sing Sunday you missed a wonderful, inspiring experience.

We'd like to thank the Falls City School System for the use of their auditorium, a big thank you to Doug Kirkendall for organizing the whole event, all those who participated and for your generous donations. Your reward will be knowing you have aided in sending our local youths to church camps.

Thank you.

Falls City Area Fellowship of Churches

## There is room at this inn for you!

Over 2,000 years ago there was no room at the inn. However, there is room in this inn for you.

Join us for the meaning of Christmas! First United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Services at 3 and 8 p.m. at 1700 Harlan St. The Trinity United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service is at 5:30 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Rulo.

The 3 p.m. service will be recorded and broadcast over the radio at 8.

**Please join us for our CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION Falls City Elks Club 1417 Stone St. Open from 4-? BYOD (Bring your own dish)**

Please help **Evelyn Medlar Burns** celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, January 3, 2015, 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. at First United Methodist Church (Fireside Room), 1700 Harlan St., Falls City, NE. Cards may be sent to: 1606 Fulton St., Falls City, NE 68355

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## City Council

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tal Collector Well.

Last week, the Council voted unanimously to continue contributing monetary support to Economic Development and Growth Enterprises, Inc., with monthly payments "not to exceed \$120,000 annually." The agreement is in effect through December 2017.

The following Board appointments by Mayor Oliver were unanimously approved:

Fire Retirement Committee: Kenny Simpson (replacing Ralph Gilkerson).

Planning Commission: Lillian Cromer, John Martin.

CRA — Charlie Radatz, Kevin Malone.

Citizens Advisory Committee: John Nixon

Board of Adjustment: Gary Nelson, Neal Parsons, Sandy Hartman, Dennis Hullman.

Board of Electrical Examiners: Gary Jorn, Ken Arnold, Pat Stampfer, Alan Romine.

Board of Health: Police Chief Duane Armbruster, Mayor Jerry Oliver, Council President Judy Murphy, City Attorney Mike Dunn, Gayle Keller.

Board of Plumbing Examiner: Marc Ramsey, Doug Wheeler.

Cemetery Board: Karla Capps, Karl Steel (replacing Rod Knaup).

Park Board: Denise Daake (replacing Mike Moore), Jeromie Brown.

Police & Fire Employment Selection Board: John Nixon (replacing Paul Weinert).

Tree Board: Eleanor Last.

Housing Board: Ed Harris, Karla Capps, Eleanor Last (replacing Cassie Whalen), Kenny Simpson (replacing Adam Morris).

Animal Control Review Board: Duane Armbruster, Danielle Cromer and Julie Phroper.

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Original Poem - M. Bauer 2002

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Wilde Tool has announced its Employee of the Quarter Bobby Ewing, who has worked at Wilde for just under two years in the machine shop. His absenteeism is below 1 percent and productivity is almost perfect. "Bobby always has a good attitude and always asking questions to learn new processes," Wilde President Matt Froeschl said. "He volunteers to help out when needed whether it is weekend work or learning new jobs." Froeschl presented the award, gift certificates and other gifts.

## Role of a lifetime for many actors

First published on Dec. 19, 1843, Charles Dickens' novella "A Christmas Carol" tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a bitter miser whose Christmas Eve encounters with the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Yet to Come spark a transformation from a penny-pinching near-recluse into a benevolent do-gooder.

The tale of Ebenezer Scrooge has endured for nearly 175 years, and figures to remain a staple of the holiday season for years to come. But as much as audiences enjoy the tale of Mr. Scrooge, so, too, do actors enjoy giving their take on this memorable miser.

Nary a year has passed since the classic tale was first adapted for the stage in 1844 that an actor, be it amateur or professional, has not portrayed Ebenezer Scrooge, and such portrayals have taken place on the stage, the small screen, the silver screen, and even the radio. Some manifestations of the old miser have been true to Dickens' version, while others are modernizations of the legendary writer's original story. The following are some of the more memorable performances from actors tasked with playing Ebenezer Scrooge.

· **Alastair Sim:** Considered by many film critics to be the best version of Scrooge to ever grace the stage, screen or airwaves, Sim's 1951 performance is still celebrated to this day.

· **Albert Finney:** The England-born Finney won the role of Scrooge despite being just 34 years old at the time the 1970 musical adaptation was made. Finney would win a Golden Globe Award for his performance in the film.

· **Tom Ricketts:** Though not as renowned a performance as some others who would follow in his footsteps as Scrooge, Ricketts' efforts are memorable because his 1908 performance came during the silent film era.

· **Reginald Owen:** Like Ricketts, Owen's performance marked the first American feature length attempt at telling the Dickens story. The role went to Owen after the legendary Lionel Barrymore, who holiday film fans may know as "Mr. Potter" from "It's a Wonderful Life," was forced to drop out of the film due to a medical condition.

· **George C. Scott:** Scott's 1984 turn is memorable for all the right reasons, as the made-for-TV tale starring this Oscar winner is widely considered one of the best adaptations of the story ever made.

· **Bill Murray:** Though his character was not named "Ebenezer Scrooge," Murray played a Scrooge-like character in 1988's "Scrooged," a hilarious modernization of the classic tale. Murray plays a heartless TV executive who undergoes a Scrooge-like transformation while planning a live adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" for his station.

"A Christmas Carol" has endured for nearly 200 years. That endurance can be credited to both Dickens' unique storytelling and the numerous actors who have memorably brought Ebenezer Scrooge to life.



Aaron Kurpgeweit, left, has been selected as Falls City High School's representative at the annual Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference this summer, while Sydney Brewer was chosen to be the alternate.

## Aaron Kurpgeweit to '15 HOBY Conference

Aaron Kurpgeweit, son of Lee and Denise Kurpgeweit, was selected to represent Falls City High School this summer at the annual Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference. Sydney Brewer, daughter of Mark and Becky Brewer, was selected as an alternate.

Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) is a non-profit organization that seeks to motivate and empower young people throughout the world to make a positive difference through understanding and action

based on effective and compassionate leadership. HOBY's mission is to provide lifelong leadership opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential.

HOBY was founded in 1958 by veteran actor Hugh O'Brien after a visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his clinic in Africa. Motivated by Dr. Schweitzer O'Brien established HOBY. Since its beginning, more than 355,000 young people have participated in HOBY's programs throughout the world. Annually, over 20,000 public and private high schools are invited to select an outstanding tenth grader to attend HOBY leadership development seminars that are run principally by a dedicated group of over 4000 volunteers.

### ART CONTEST DEADLINE

Artwork for the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council Art Contest will be accepted from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 3, and from 4-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at the FCLAC.

All media will be accepted and the pieces will be juried, and the selected works will hang in the Stalder Gallery of the FC Library from Jan. 8-Feb. 7.

The entry fee for the contest is \$10 per entry, or \$25 for three (limit three). For more info, call Christina Wertemberger at 402-245-6034.

### MILLER-MONROE & FALLS CITY TRAVEL

will be closing early on Christmas Eve at 3:00 p.m. and Closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25 & Fri., Dec. 26

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**Humane Society Raffle**  
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Thanks to Wolfes and all who participated!

### Christmas Musical and Candlelight Service

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## Society

### Parish Circle

The Parish Circle met Monday, Dec. 15, at the home of the hostess, Jan Deckinger, who was assisted by Susan Leafy and Cathy Palmer.

Deb Rieger had the devotions. Monies were dispersed to local charities and kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) were assembled. Prayer pals were revealed and new ones drawn for the new year.

The next meeting will be Jan. 19 with Joyce Jones as hostess.

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**Verdon Christian Church is having a Candlelight Service on Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm.**  
Enjoy cookies, coffee & hot chocolate after the service.



**Gruber** — Adam and Jessica (McQueen) Gruber, of Otis, CO, are the proud parents of a daughter born Nov. 19, 2014. Aryss Hope weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sister, Raelynn (3). Grandparents are Dan and Helen Gruber, of Morrill, KS, and Jon and Teresa McQueen, of Falls City. Great-Grandparents are Ruth Gruber, of Falls City, and Gary and Linda Gerdes, of Humboldt. Great-Great Grandmother is Nedra Stevicks, of Falls City.

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## Second Annual Three-State Beef Conference to be held in January

Area beef producers should make plans to attend the second annual Three-State Beef Conference on January 13, 14 and 15, 2015 with locations in Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Topics and speakers for the conference include: "Evaluating Supplementation Strategies", Dr. Rick Rasby, Extension Beef Specialist, University of Nebraska; "Rethinking our Forage Systems", Dr. Bruce Anderson, Extension Forage Specialist, University of Nebraska; and "Financial Impacts of Fertility and Infertility in the Current Cattle Market", Dr. Patrick Gunn, Extension Cow-Calf Specialist, Iowa State University.

The first conference session is in Creston, Iowa at Southwestern Community College on Tuesday, January 13 with registration at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6:00 p.m. The Missouri session will be held on Wednesday, January 14 in Albany at the University of Missouri Hundley-Whaley Learning Discovery Center with registration at 5:30 p.m. and program at 6:00 p.m.

On January 15, there will be two different sessions held in Ne-

braska. The first session will be held at the Gage County UNL Extension Center in Beatrice, Nebraska. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with the program at 11:00 a.m. An evening session will be at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Ag Research and Development Center (ARDC) near Mead, Nebraska with registration at 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. program.

The Three-State Beef Conference (formerly the Four-State Beef Conference) is designed to provide regular updates on current cow-calf and stocker topics to beef cattle producers and others in the beef industry in Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska. The conference provides a forum of specialists from three of the United States' leading beef cattle land grant universities as well as other industry experts.

Registration fee is \$25 per person and it includes a meal and copy of the conference proceedings. Pre-registration is due January 9, 2015 to assist with meal planning and material preparation.

If you need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform us by December 31, 2014.

For more information or to register, contact Paul Hay (Beatrice location), phay1@unl.edu, 402-223-1384 or Lindsay Chichester (Mead location), lchichester2@unl.edu, 402-624-8030 or visit on the web at <http://extension.iastate.edu/feci/3StBeef/>.

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## Students

Kelsee Sharpe, of Table Rock, graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney Saturday, Dec. 19, with a master of business administration, business administration-generalist degree.

Graduate and undergraduate degrees were conferred for 427 students at University of Nebraska at Kearney commencement at the UNK Health and Sports Center.

Andrea Kay Huettner, of Dawson, was named to the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Washburn University in Topeka, KS.

To be named to the list, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 graded semester credit hours and attain a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Matthew K. Goff, of Falls City, was one of nearly 1,500 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in ceremonies held Dec. 19 and 20.

Goff earned a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Daniel G. Linzell, Voelte-Keegan Professor and Chair of the UNL Department of Civil Engineering, gave the address at the Dec. 19 graduate degree ceremony at Pinnacle Bank Arena; Pete Ricketts, governor-elect of Nebraska, delivered the address at the bachelor's degrees ceremony on Dec. 20 at Pinnacle Bank Arena; and John M. Gerrard, judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska, addressed law graduates Dec. 20 in a ceremony at the College of Law.

For a complete list of Dec. 19-20 graduates, go to <http://go.unl.edu/of44>

Wayne State College held commencement for graduate and undergraduate student on Dec. 12 in Rice Auditorium. A total of 195 degrees -- 151 undergraduate and 44 graduate -- were conferred at the ceremony by Wayne State President Curt Frye.

Russell Lee Plager, of Table Rock, graduated with a Master of Science in Education degree in School Administration PK-8 (B.S.E., University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 2005)

## Society

**Shubert American Legion 222**  
The Shubert American Legion Unit 222 met at the Legion Building Dec. 9. President Tana Brown called the meeting to order with seven members present. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the ALA Preamble, a candle-light reading was done by Mrs. Brown, all sang "Joy to the World" and the opening prayer was given by Chaplain Eleanor Last.

Secretary Elizabeth Ketner read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer's report was given and approved by the members

A thank you was read from the Barada Methodist Church for a donation to help with the Dean Palmer dinner. Information was presented that the District #13 convention will be Feb. 21, 2015 in Tecumseh. A thank you will be sent to Steve Williams for a furnace donated to the Legion building.

The unit sent boxes to two of our servicemen. The secretary sent Christmas cards to Legion members, veterans and servicemen in active duty. Members brought their food items for the SENCA food pantry.

The Christmas Tour of Homes held Dec. 7 report was given by chairman Linda Patchen. A total of 63 tickets were sold and everyone enjoyed the four homes on the tour, along with the Shubert Library Building and the Legion Building with its tree decorating display.

The group set a date of Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015 for a sausage/pancake benefit for the Legion building fund.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Last.

The next meeting will at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Legion building.



Malika Orifjanova presented a program while Cara and Anna Knapp played music during the last DAR meeting.

### Reavis-Ashley DAR

Reavis-Ashley chapter DAR met Saturday, Dec. 13, for lunch at the home of Anne Moser. Members present: Leota Uhri, Carolyn Rottman, Beverly Droge, Dawn and Kayce Feldkamp, Anne Moser, Beverly Kimmel and Glenda Nelson. Guests were Donna Edelman, Milika Orifjampva, and Cara and Ann Knapp. Regent Leota Uhri opened the meeting with the chapter opening. The Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed were recited by all.

President General's message was read by Anne Moser. Leota read the national defense highlights. Sue Rottman read the flag minutes. Beverly Droge displayed the new Indian calendar. Constitutional minutes were read by Beverly Droge. Glenda Nelson read the

minutes of the November meeting. Treasurer's report was given by Dawn Feldkamp. Bills were approved by membership. Christmas cards were signed by the members for recovering soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital. Essays were turned in from the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at Falls City Public Schools.

The program was presented by the the exchange student Malika Orifjanova, a senior at Nemaha Central High School. She is from Jazikistan, and living with host family Earl and Donna Edelman. She gave an informative talk regarding her country, their culture, religion, government, and food that they eat. Cara and Anna Knapp played music after dinner.

The next meeting will be Jan. 9, 2015 at Buzz Cafe in Sabetha, with Dawn Feldkamp as hostess.

**T'was the night after Christmas, all relaxed in his house. Santa reading a book, a gift from his spouse. The book was the Bible, the story was old. Now Christ, came at Christmas; as the Prophets foretold. "I can hardly believe it," said Jolly St. Nick, as he pondered God's message, it cut to the quick. "I thought I was Christmas!" I made presents each fall. But! God sent the world the best gift of all. He sent his son, "Jesus," to die for my sins. I'm really not Christmas -- for Christmas -- is -- "Him."**

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# Public Record

## CIVIL COURT

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Brandon Pierce, of Falls City, in the amount of \$155.89, plus prejudgment interest of \$3.46, attorney fees of \$20.59 and Court costs of \$51.70. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Chelsea Parker, of Falls City, in the amount of \$314.00, plus prejudgment interest of \$17.65, attorney fees of \$36.40 and Court costs of \$76.20. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Rachel Fritz, of Falls City, in the amount of \$564.14, prejudgment interest of \$43.20, attorney fees of \$61.41 and Court costs of \$63.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Merchants Credit Adjusters, Inc., and against Chad R. and Heather Lendermon, of Salem, in the amount of \$361.57, plus prejudgment interest of \$27.64, attorney fees of \$41.16 and Court costs of \$80.28. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Bureau Services, Inc., and against Jason A. and Rebecca A. Lunsford, of Falls City, in the amount of \$3.42, plus attorney fees of \$10 and Court costs of \$72.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Donald Kafer, of Falls City, in the amount of \$527.00, plus prejudgment interest of \$20.41, attorney fees of \$57.70 and Court costs of \$51.70. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Branson and Patricia Dougherty, of Falls City, in the amount of \$159.90, plus prejudgment interest of \$4.71, attorney fees of \$20.99 and Court costs of \$94.84. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

Judgment entered in favor of Cara L. Cavaness, of Falls City, and against Jeffrey A. Morley, of Falls City, in the amount of \$2,400, plus Court costs of \$44.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent. Defendant may satisfy judgment by transferring title to 2005 Ford Focus to the plaintiff within 14 days.

Judgment entered in favor of Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, LLC, of Falls City, and against Dennis Andrew, of Verdon, in the amount of \$420, plus Court costs of \$37.75. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, LLC, of Falls City, and against Brad Harris, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$2,990.68, plus Court costs of \$37.76. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Hullman's Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, of Falls City, and against Rachel Fritz, of Falls City, in the amount of \$141.67, plus Court costs of \$44.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 12.0 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Hullman's Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, of Falls City, and against David and Amy Sanderson, of Hickman, in the amount of \$211.20, plus Court costs of \$32.70. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 12.0 percent.

## COUNTY COURT

Timothy A. Scheele, of Falls City, sentencing for DUI - first offense. Driver's license revoked for 60 days (ignition interlock device restriction ordered); fined \$500, plus Court costs of \$49; placed on eight months probation and ordered to pay probation fees of \$250.

Enrique Ramirez, of Sabetha, KS, sentencing for DUI - first offense. Driver's license revoked for 60 days (ignition interlock device restriction ordered); fined \$500, plus Court costs of \$49; placed on eight months probation and ordered to pay probation fees of \$250.

Donald E. Wilhide, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension; count two, no valid registration. Sentencing hearing held. Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 7, 2015.

David R. "Ryan" Davis, 31, of Falls City (1016 McLean St.), domestic assault in the third degree. Show cause hearing held regarding failure to pay fines and costs scheduled for March 23, 2015.

David R. "Ryan" Davis, 31, of Falls City (1016 McLean St.), count one, violation of protection order; count two, domestic assault in the third degree. Pretrial hearing held; jury trial scheduled for Feb. 13, 2015.

David R. "Ryan" Davis, 31, of Falls City (1016 McLean St.), sentencing for violation of protection order; ordered to serve 30 days in Richardson County Jail and pay Court costs of \$57.50.

Chester E. McConnell, of Falls City, theft of services. Case dismissed.

Bobby R. Birdsell Jr., of Falls City, two counts of sexual assault of a child, Class III Felonies. Preliminary hearing set for Jan. 14, 2015.

Ian Malcolm, of Seneca, KS, arraignment for theft by receiving stolen property (less than \$200).

John M. Hall, of Shubert, count one, speeding (6-10); count two, driving under suspension. Count one dismissed with prejudice (**ED Note** - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge); pled guilty to count two. Sentencing set for Jan. 26, 2015.

William A. Roberts, of Falls City, sentencing for count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no valid registration; count three, unlawful or fictitious license plates; count four, driving under suspension. Fined \$100 on count one, \$25 on count two, \$25 on count three and \$125 on count four, plus Court costs of \$49. Placed on probation for one year.

Albert L. Smith, of Falls City, sentencing for no operator's license; placed on probation for six months and fined \$250, plus Court costs of \$49.

## COUNTY COURT WAIVERS (Court costs not included)

Ryan A. Kriegschauer, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Jarod L. Stirling, speeding (21-35), \$200.

Joshua A. Brummett, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Kristen L. Springer, speeding (6-10), \$25.

Billy J. Marrs, driving without obtaining CDL, \$100; no registration in vehicle, \$25; CMV-marking, \$50.

Scott M. Ternes, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Thomas C. Mendoza, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Patrick L. Reichert, speeding (6-10), \$25; failure to use seat belt, \$25; Dustin L. Willey, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Nicholas Koso, speeding (16-35), \$125.

David Winters, stop sign violation, \$75.

Ronnie D. Young, speeding (6-10), \$25.

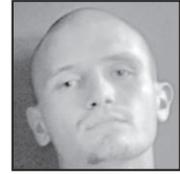
Casey Jackson, traffic control violation, \$75.

Jeremy C. Kearney, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Eugene D. Ramer Jr., failure to show hunting license, \$150.

# Attack at Burbank nets probation

A 22-year-old Falls City man last week was sentenced to three years probation for terrorizing a woman and her infant daughter at their apartment last summer.



Ethen Bentley

Ethen M. Bentley, 22, of Falls City, after previously reaching a plea agreement with the Richardson County Attorney's Office, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, was placed on probation after pleading guilty to a felony charge of making terroristic threats and misdemeanor criminal mischief. Judge Daniel Bryan also ordered Bentley to pay costs and fees adding up to \$1,273.

If Bentley violates the terms of his probation, he faces a 30-day

jail sentence every three months (the first beginning March 16, 2015) through December 2017.

The now twice-convicted felon was arrested on July 12 and accused of throwing a brick through the Burbank Apartment (2704 Chase St.) window of Heidi Jones and entering and ransacking the residence while Jones and her infant daughter barricaded themselves in a bedroom. Jones told police Bentley threatened to shoot her and "make her stop breathing."

One count of felony burglary was dismissed in exchange for the two guilty pleas. Bentley was convicted of felony burglary in 2012.

# Trial scheduled in child pornography case

Local radio broadcaster Matthew Leaf last week in District Court pled not guilty to four felony counts of possessing child pornography. A jury trial for the 41-year-old Falls City man was scheduled for March 11, 2015.



Matthew Leaf

Leaf was arrested at the KTNC radio station and jailed the afternoon of Oct. 23. He was later released on \$5,000 bond.

Investigators with the Nebraska Dept. of Justice, Office of the Attorney General's Office, along with members of the FC Police Dept.,

served a search warrant at Leaf's 1702 Fulton St. apartment, seizing a computer that allegedly contained graphic pornographic videos depicting juvenile males as young as eight years old.

Class III Felonies in Nebraska carry sentences of 1 to 20 years in prison or a fine of up to \$25,000, or both.

The arrest came almost exactly one year to the day after the investigation by Kerry Crosby of the Attorney General's Office began.

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## Bedeviled Tigers no longer perfect

Plattsmouth's Jamie Pellan poured in a game-high 24 points and teammate Travis Sabatka added 18 as the Class B No. 8 Blue Devils ended Class C1 No. 9 Falls City High's perfect 5-0 start with a 61-46 win over the Tigers Saturday in Plattsmouth.

FCHS senior Jack Hartman was held to 10 points under his 14 ppg. average as the Tigers shot an abysmal 16-of-48 from the floor. Sophomore Kyle Leafy hit 6-of-10 shots and scored 14 points with six boards - four offensive - to lead the Tigers, while senior guard Jordy Stoller added 10 points and four team-high steals. Senior Weston Witt, coming off an 18-point Tuesday performance at Leblond, was an ice-cold 1-of-11 from the floor, including 0-for-6 from three-point land, where he entered the game having hit 9-of-23 (39 percent) over the previous five games.

The Tigers aren't playing in a traditional holiday tournament this season, but rather are playing in Missouri's 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Holiday Hoops," event and are one of 101 teams from Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska traveling to North Central Missouri College in Trenton, MO, to play a single basketball game between Dec. 19 and Jan. 3.

The FCHS girls will face Lawson, MO, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, followed by the FC boys and Lawson at noon.

Then, on Jan. 3, Falls City and Class C1 6-0 Milford will meet up on a neutral court in Auburn.

Holiday Hoops is managed by a 14-member steering committee and hundreds of volunteers from the community. The event is sponsored by the NCMC Foundation and sanctioned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association. Trenton High School serves as the liaison between the college foundation and MSHSAA for sanctioning purposes.

Trenton is about 75 minutes east of St. Joseph or 25 miles north of Chillicothe.

Hopefully, FC's next trip to Missouri will resemble the last one - FC last Tuesday came from behind to steal a 51-48 win at Leblond. FC used a 20-point fourth quarter to sneak past the hosts, hitting 10-of-14 at the line. Witt was 4-for-4 at the stripe and scored six of his game-high 18 in the final period. He was 3-for-5 from downtown in the game.

In the end, FC made 17-of-27 free throws.

"We played terrible," FC Coach Don Hogue said, "but free throws saved us. We need to find our defense and decide to play it. Weston came ready to compete and played well, even though he was sick."

Hogue, who called a 7:30 a.m. Monday practice to kickoff the holidays, noted that FC this year is surrendering seven more points per game than it did at this point a year ago.

Hartman added eight points and six rebounds, while Leafy grabbed seven rebounds to go with six points.

### SCORING vs. LEBLOND

FC — Witt, 18; Hartman, 8; Stoller, 6; Leafy, 6; Heckenlively, 5; Gibson, 3; Stutheit, 3; Jordening, 2.

Leblond — Obermeyer, 15; Modlin, 9; Haynes, 8; Olinger, 7; Loehrig, 6; Schanze, 3.

### SCORING vs. PLATTSMOUTH

FC — Leafy, 14; Stoller, 10; Gibson, 6; Witt, 6; Jordening, 6; Hartman, 4.

Leblond — Pellan, 24; Sabatka, 18; Neumann, 6; Dukes, 5; Hasty, 3; Nielsen, 3; Santee, 2.

FROM LEFT: Senior Abby Magdanz made 5-of-6 three-point goals and scored 21 points last Tuesday in the Lady Irish's home-opening 54-12 win over Lewiston at Prichard Auditorium. It was the beginning of a sensational week for both Abby, her twin sister, Elizabeth, and the entire team, which went 3-0 with wins over the Tigers, HTRS and St. Joseph (MO) Leblond. Abby was an almost unheard of 11-of-16 shooting from three-point range - that's 69 percent! - and averaged 18 points in the three victories. Sara Wertenberger is one of three freshmen who are first off the bench for head coach Luke Santo - the other two are Lauren Parrish and Abby Fiegenger. Senior All-Stater Maggie Goltz has been hindered by a yet-undiagnosable condition that causes pain and cramping in both legs for much of the past calendar year. She's only playing two- or three-minute spans at a time, which is severely limiting her and her team. "It's very tough for her," Santo said. Nearly every single one of Santo's players is suffering from a nagging injury, yet the D2 No. 1 Irish improved to 5-1 last week with three wins. The team gets a much-needed break until the Freeman Holiday Invite Dec. 30-31, where they open with a tough Class C2 Sutton team.

## Lady Irish getting it done behind the arc

FC Sacred Heart Lady Irish Head Girls' Basketball Coach Luke Santo can't explain it and said he's never seen anything like it before, but he has accepted the discouraging reality that injuries will more than likely constrain his team the remainder of the season.

The 2014-15 season has been one eagerly anticipated for the FCSH girls for years, with senior guards Abby and Elizabeth in the lineup for a fourth year, junior Maggie Goltz coming off an All-State sophomore campaign and sophomore Haylee Heits returning from an All-Conference freshman season in which she emerged as one of the dominant and athletic frontcourt players in the area. But a serious knee injury wiped out Heits' entire sophomore volleyball and basketball seasons, Goltz continues to suffer from a yet-undiagnosable condition that causes pain, cramping and fatigue in both

legs, one twin (Abby) battles constant back pain and the other (Elizabeth) still suffers ill-effects from a two-year-old stress fracture in one leg, senior Kelsi Fouraker (knee) hasn't seen the floor yet, and sophomores Alexis Barnes and Jade Hill, both experienced players, fight through a chronic ankle sprain and tendonitis in a knee, respectively. FCSH has become MASH.

"Everybody has something," Santo said. "I've really never seen anything like it. And everybody says this holiday break will be great for everybody, but I really think we'll battle these things all year."

Despite all that, the D2 No. 1 Lady Irish got tremendous perimeter shooting from the Magdanz twins and earned a trio of wins last week, improving to 5-1 on the season. FCSH beat Lewiston 54-12 Tuesday (Dec. 16) in its first appearance at Prichard Auditorium; beat

HTRS 60-36 Friday; and Saturday returned home and earned a hard-fought 42-37 win over St. Joseph (MO) Leblond, a Class C1-sized school. In that one, Elizabeth outscored Leblond 15-6 by herself in the second quarter, while Abby, held to a pair of free throws in the first half, made 3-of-4 from long range and scored 13 after intermission. In each of the three wins, the twins were the only Irish players to score in double figures. Abby, with 142 career three-pointers, has eclipsed Katie Simon's nearly two decades-old record of 138. She had one of the best weeks in school history, too, hitting 11-of-16 from three-point land (nearly 69 percent) and averaging 18 ppg. in the three wins. Elizabeth made "only" 40 percent, going 6-of-15 from the arc.

The twins carried their team all week, as Goltz' minutes continue to wane. She scored 14 all week, or fewer than half of the 30 she recorded in her first high school state tournament game.

"They've run all kinds of tests and can't find any answers," Santo said. "They've tried changing her diet, different stretches, different workouts, rest, everything. We're trying to play her two or three minutes at a time, then she sits for three to recover."

"She's seen everybody and they can't pinpoint anything. It's tough for her and she's frustrated. I don't think she'd say she's even at 50 percent right now," Santo said.

What was seen as a potentially unbeatable team with size, speed, shoot-

ers, depth and experience galore is suddenly susceptible and living off the superb shooting of its twin guards.

"At times we look really good," Santo said. "At others we just don't. We haven't come close to putting four quarters of basketball together and with the girls dealing with all these injuries, it's going to be tough for us to be consistent."

The Lady Irish are off until the Dec. 30-31 Freeman Holiday Tournament, where solid C2 competition awaits in first-round opponent Sutton, now 5-2, and the once-beaten hosts.

### SCORING vs. LEWISTON

FCSH — A. Magdanz, 21; E. Magdanz, 13; Goltz, 2; A. Fiegenger, 1; Wertenberger, 2; Barnes, 5; Hill, 4; Parrish, 6.

Lew — Arena, 3; Howell, 2; Wehrbein, 7.

### SCORING vs. HTRS

FCSH — A. Magdanz, 18; E. Magdanz, 4; Goltz, 9; A. Fiegenger, 4; B. Coonce, 2; Schulenberg, 1; Wertenberger, 5; Barnes, 8; Hill, 8; T. Coonce, 1.

HTRS — Binder, 5; Reyes, 20; Werts, 2; Fink, 6; Blank, 3.

### SCORING vs. ST. JOE LEBLOND

FCSH — A. Magdanz, 15; E. Magdanz, 15; A. Fiegenger, 1; Wertenberger, 2; Barnes, 1; Hill, 3.

Leblond — Thomas, 2; Danbury, 2; Dawkins, 16; Lierz, 2; Reid, 11.

### LADY IRISH JV

The FCSH junior varsity beat Lewiston 22-10 in two quarters. Wertenberger scored 12 to lead all scorers.

The FCSH JV beat HTRS 21-18 in two quarters Friday in Humboldt, as Wertenberger scored nine and Lauren Parrish added six for the Irish.

Rhylie Niedzielski scored seven points and Kendall Werts added six for FCSH.

## Irish 4-1 after Saturday night loss

Seniors Austin Malone poured in 21 and Logan Scheitel 17, but the rest of the Irish combined for 15 points and FC Sacred Heart fell for the first time this season, 65-53 Saturday night to St. Joseph (MO) Leblond at Prichard Auditorium. Nine different Eagles scored in the game, led by Quinten Obermeier's 15. Leblond used a 17-point second quarter to take a nine point lead into halftime and then stretched that lead to 13, 46-33, entering the fourth quarter.

Malone and Scheitel combined for 39 Friday in a 60-50 win over HTRS. Malone took one shot and was scoreless the first eight minutes, but erupted for 22 game-high points thereafter. He spurred a 21-13 Irish run in the second

quarter to give FCSH a lead they never surrendered in improving to 4-0 on the year. The Titans, 4-3 after a Saturday night win over Southern, got 18 points from Eli Herr and 10 from Nolan Schaffer. Herr drained four threes in the game.

### SCORING vs. HTRS

FCSH — Witt, 8; Malone, 22; Kean, 2; Scheitel, 17; Mullins, 7; Rohrer, 4.

HTRS — Knudson, 3; Kuhlmann, 6; Schafer, 10; Herr, 18; Hain, 2; Sherman, 4; Bredemeier, 7.

### SCORING vs. LEBLOND

FCSH — Leblond — Patrick, 7; Schanze, 2; Dominguez, 3; Obermeier, 15; Loehrig, 7; Haynes, 11; Modlin, 9; Lilly, 3; Olinger, 8.

### IRISH vs. TITAN JV

Hunter Sherman scored 13 and Chase Hain hit two big fourth quarter shots and scored seven in a 36-20 win over the Irish JV Friday.

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### READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week our photo was submitted by JoLana Randall of Falls City, NE. The topic was "Christmas Trees"



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Dawson-Verdon graduate Adam Lippold is shown here running with his four-year-old son, Carter.

## Record-breaking DV graduate still runs like the wind

Adam Lippold, the most decorated runner to walk the halls of Dawson-Verdon HS, still moves his feet as if he's in a hurry.

Lippold, now 30 years old and living in Elko, MN, with a wife and two children, in October won the "10-Mile Monster Dash" in St. Paul, MN, proving that nearly a dozen years after his 2003 high school graduation, the record-breaking runner still has some gas left in the tank.

Indeed. He was first out of 3,433 runners and averaged a 5:31 mile, finishing in 55 minutes.

Lippold is the fastest man to run in the red, white and blue of DV. His 800-, 1600- and 3200-meter school records (2:01.2, 4:29.08, 9:54.00) will never be broken. He was DV's only cross country state champ and led them to a state track title in '02 and runner-up finish the following year. He won the Class D two-mile three straight years.

BUT...is he the best runner in his own house?

Adam, who attended Doane College and graduated from Hamline University in St. Paul, is married to the former Lisa Dingman, a nine-time NAIA All-American CC runner and Doane College Athletic Hall of Famer. She coached at Doane before the family moved to Minnesota, where both Lisa and Adam now teach and coach track and cross country at Farmington HS.

They have a daughter, Mackenzy 8, and a son, Carter, 4. Carter, believe it or not, has competed in two races already.

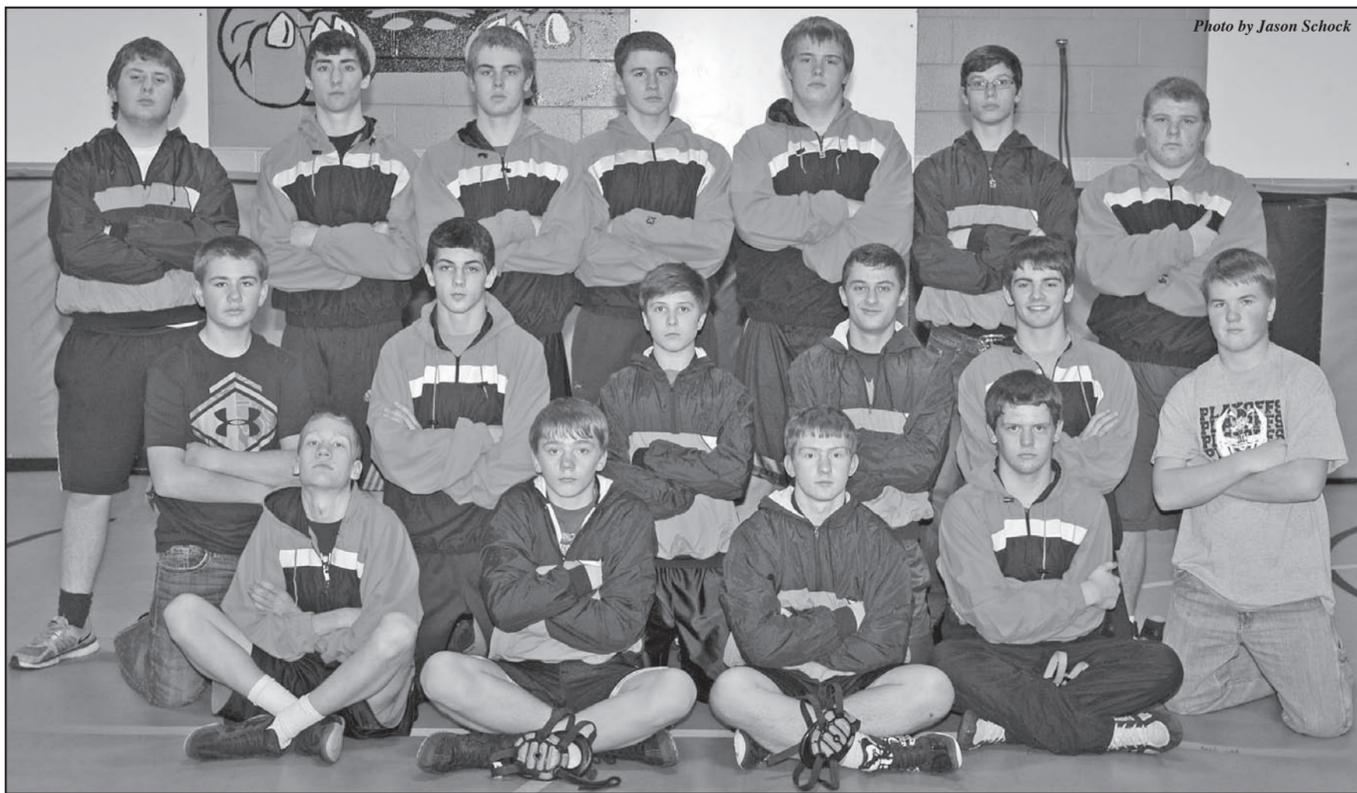


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2014-15 Falls City High School Wrestling Team, front row, from left: Nate Richey, Geoffrey Zimmerman, Dylan Sutton and Brandon Banks; second row, student manager Keegan Hunzeker, Deven Nycum, Parker Thompson, Brody Smith, Brett Black and student manager Dylan Freder-

ick; back row, Isaac Hogue, Justin Ernst, Blake Black, Carter Hunzeker, Jeremy Zimmerman, Matthew Rathje and Dalton Kennel. Not pictured: Tommy Palm and statistician Elizabeth Oliver. The Tigers are coached by Nick Kraft, who is assisted by Roger Windle and Troy Nelson.

## Zimmerman's gold one of five medals earned by FCHS Saturday

Falls City High School senior heavyweight Jeremy Zimmerman finished the 2014 portion of the Tiger wrestling season on a high note Saturday at the Auburn Invitational, capturing first place with a trio of pin victories. He provided 24 of his team's 62 points.

FCHS finished seventh out of nine teams. Bellevue West won the title with 186.5 points, followed by Norris (152) and Fairbury (145). Following the Tigers was Thayer Central (48) and Omaha Roncalli (8.5).

The returning state medalist at 285 (he finished fifth in Class B last February) pinned Joseph Simpson of Conestoga in 2:55 to win the championship and improve to 9-2 on the year. It was Simpson's second loss of the season and Zimmerman's 50<sup>th</sup> win since the start of his 41-11 junior campaign.

Prior to sticking Simpson, he pinned Thayer Central's Colton Fangmeier (5-5) in 3:42 in the semifinal; he opened the day by

pinning Tyler Ciurej of Bellevue West in 3:11.

Two other Tiger wrestlers - 145-pound Justin Ernst and 195-pound Brandon Banks - placed third at Auburn.

The Tiger wrestling program is under the direction of first-year coach Nick Kraft, who is trying to rebuild a program with just three upperclassmen on a roster of 16.

"We are a very young team and of these guys don't have a lot of experience under their belt, so they are kind of getting their eyes opened to how much harder it is to compete at this varsity level," Kraft said.

"We are definitely in the rebuilding stages of the program. I know with 13 guys being underclassmen that we aren't going to be competing for many team trophies. We're focused on getting the kids back to perfecting the basics in their wrestling and technique. A lot of them struggled at the beginning of the season putting things together once

they got on the mat. We're about halfway through and are now starting to see some lightbulbs click in their heads, when they do something we have been teaching in the practice room."

Kraft's "day job" is physical education teacher at FC Middle School after his predecessor - Tiger boys' basketball coach Don Hogue - took the athletic director's chair. Hogue, in case you hadn't heard, has resurrected the basketball program, earning more coaching victories than anyone before him, including the legendary Jug Brown. Basketball is big at FCHS - 34 boys, a modern-day record, are out this winter - and the effect of that is not lost on the new wrestling coach.

"Coach Hogue has done such a great job building the basketball program up to a prestigious level. It's no secret that kids and athletes are going to want to be a part of success and winning. Coach Hogue didn't get the basketball team to where they are now overnight. I know we won't have much success right away, but my goal is to start putting in the time and building blocks to get our wrestling program back to where we once were."

Kraft, a graduate of FCHS, played basketball for two years and wrestled for two, which gives him a unique perspective.

"I can relate a little more to some kids who are on the fence about what they should do in high school," he said.

Though Zimmerman's title was the biggest highlight for FC Saturday, Ernst's performance earned props from his coach. Ernst won four consecutive matches after losing his first of the day (7-3 to eventual runner-up Damian Green of Fairbury). He then pinned Nash Sorensen of Council Bluffs SA in 1:43 and Ethan Dedic of Auburn in 2:23. In the consolation semis, he earned a 9-3 decision over Norris' Drew Freehling, advancing to the third-place match, where he beat Jayden Dightman of Thayer Central 7-2. That capped a good day for Ernst, as both Freehling and Dightman have winning records.

Banks, now 4-5, won two matches and scored 11 team points. Banks was pinned in 1:10 by eventual champion Brook Wagner of Conestoga, who pinned all four of his Saturday opponents and improved to 10-3 on the year. Banks, though, came back and pinned Fairbury's Brett Sutton in 2:59. He was pinned by Hank Harris of Thayer Central in 2:59, and won by forfeit over Norris' Brandon Garza.

Dylan Sutton, at 160, and Dalton Kennel, 220, each finished fifth. Sutton, 1-4, was pinned in four matches before finishing on a good note with a 1:40 pin win over Conestoga's Andy Eden. The day went opposite for Kennel, now 3-7, who won his opener before losing four in a row. He pinned Judd Holtzclaw of Thayer Central in 3:29 before losing in 3:00 to eventual champion and still unbeaten (12-0) Nate Moran of Auburn. Kennel also lost to the runner-up (Hunter

Bond, Norris, 2:56), and third- and fourth-place finishers (Nigel Moss, Bellevue West, 10-2MD; and Javier Huerta, CBSA, 5:34, respectively).

Carter Hunzeker (182 pounds, now 3-4 on the year), Geoffrey Zimmerman (152, 0-7), Parker Thompson (126, 1-6) and Nate Richey (120, 1-6) each went 0-2 for the Tiger varsity at the Auburn Invite.

The FCHS wrestlers return to the mat on Jan. 15, as they host Sabetha, KS, and Maryville, MO, for a triangular at the high school. It's also Parent's Night.

It was the team's one home date on the schedule, but a Jan. 26 dual with Hiawatha, KS, has been added. Kraft said he hopes more home events can be scheduled in the future, but much of that is out of his, and the administration's, hands.

"When you have such low numbers out for the program, it is tough to get home duals," Kraft said. "Teams don't want to travel down to Falls City already, especially if they are only going to wrestle six or seven matches."

Kraft said there has been preliminary discussions about putting together a holiday tournament, noting that past district wrestling meets held at Prichard Auditorium were well-received.

"We have so many members of our community and in our school system that are willing to help get this thing going," he added.

Home or away, Kraft said he's thoroughly enjoying his first year on the job.

"It has been a great semester; I've always wanted to come back to Falls City to teach and coach, and the timing couldn't have been better."



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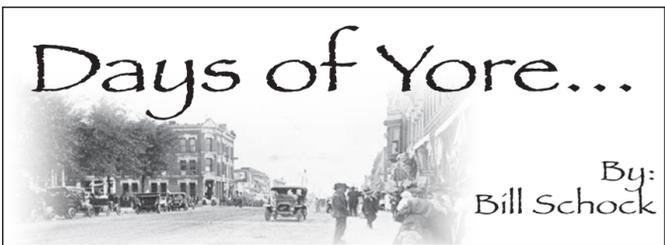
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The stork report: daughter Dec. 24 to Mr./Mrs. Ronald Wissman, FC; daughter Dec. 24 to Mr./Mrs. Vernon Bletscher, Route 1; son Dec. 26 to Mr./Mrs. Jerry Mount, FC.

Cadets Steve Sperry and Chick James, FC, were home from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, for the Christmas holidays.

The FC National Guard basketball team lost to Powhattan 115-106, playing the last seven minutes with only two guys, Lonnie Wing and Tom Castle. Everybody else had fouled out.

Pat McDermott was chairman of the county March of Dimes drive.

In its Christmas greeting ad, Sidles Co. listed its employees: Stan Sailors, Glen Stitzer, Charles Marx, Floyd Radley, Bert King, Walt Joy and Dave Tubach.

The FC Meat Co. entertained its employees at Hotel Stephenson with 58 attending.

An item from United Press:

New York--It was the 60th anniversary of the hot dog. It all began at the St. Louis Expedition of 1904 when a concessionaire put a wiener in a bun. In 1963 Americans consumed an estimated 13.6 billion hot dogs.

25 Years Ago

It was estimated that 4,500 luminarias were lighted Christmas Eve at FC residences. That included 270 at the beautifully decorated Mini Park. Jim Heineman was elected president of the FC Rotary Club.

Keith Feek, Verdon, graduated from Army basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

Noel Lights winners were the residences of David Burns, 1606 Fulton Street, and Norman Alexander, Shubert.

Airman Daniel W. Clark, FC, graduated from an Air Force aircraft maintenance course at Sheppard AFB, TX.

Buck Sells, Sacred Heart, was the Journal's County Athlete of the Week.

Six countyans graduated from UNL: Kelly Ann Broadstone, Mary Elizabeth Knobbe, Steven Ray Kruse, all FC; Brenda Jean Dutcher, Humboldt, and Darla Gene Yoesel, Stella. Amy Schock, FC, received a master's degree.

John Sailors was the week's top bowler with lines of 203, 266 and 216 for a 685.

A daughter was born Dec. 21 to Mr./Mrs. Doug Wheeler, FC.

15 Years Ago

FCHS defeated Plattsmouth 48-44 for Coach Don Hogue's first career victory.

Marvin Gerdes, president of the Volunteer Ambulance Squad, said new members were badly needed if the Squad was to keep operating. It had made over 500 runs in the current year. The Squad was formed 25 years earlier with 52 members; now it had 25.

Kenna Nixon was honored as Drove 56's Doe of the Year.

In the drawing at the Christmas raffle for Humboldt's Bruun Memorial Library Everett King won a handiwork basket made by Liz Hilgenfeld. The raffle netted \$980.

Sherry Prater was honored as FC Care Center's Employee of the Year.

Gerald Hopp, the county's Extension Educator, was elected a director of the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Assn.

The Journal's County Athletes of the Week were Kristal Howe, Southeast Consolidated, and Jeff Druba, FCHS.

Sports Illustrated created a list of Top 50 Nebraska Athletic Figures. Gil Dodds, FC, was No. 25 and Lloyd Hahn, FC, No. 30. Both were world class distance runners. Bob Gibson, Omaha, a major league's Hall of Fame pitcher, was No. 1.

## Martin E. Kelsay

Martin Earl Kelsay, 64, of Auburn, one of five children of Tennyson Earl and Fern Irene (Maxwell) Kelsay, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014. He was born Jan. 25, 1950 in Sabetha, KS.

He attended elementary school at Dawson and graduated from Southeast Nebraska Consolidated Schools in Stella in 1968. Martin then attended Peru State College graduating in 1972 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Industrial Technology.

On Sept. 27, 1969 Martin married Gail Stover at St. John Lutheran (Stone) Church near Auburn. They made their home in southeast Nebraska and were blessed with two sons, Joel and Andrew. The couple later divorced.

After college Martin enlisted in the U.S. Army. After his two year enlistment was over he reenlisted, spending a part of his tour overseas in Germany. Martin received his honorable discharge in December 1978 and returned to southeast Nebraska to begin farming.

Martin sold his farm equipment in 1989, and moved to New Mexico to serve as a hunting guide with Cougar Mountain Guide Service. From 1990 to 1993, he worked for Drake Construction back in Nebraska. It was September of 1993 when Martin opened Hunters Headquarters in Auburn. During his over 21 years as owner/operator of the business he helped many customers locally and in many other states with their hunting, fishing and trapping needs.

On Jan. 3, 1998 Martin was united in marriage to Dorothy (Leiby) Stepongzi at their home in Auburn. His family grew at that time by two more children, Michael and Stephanie. Martin and Dot made their home in Auburn until moving to a new home they built on his parents' home place near Stella early in 2006.

Martin was an avid outdoorsman and a dedicated conservationist. He was a staunch supporter of the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National Bowhunters' Association and the Pioneer Long Rifles. With the help of his family, he had planted over 3,000 trees on the property around their home. Martin was a proud member of American Legion Post #330 of Johnson, and belonged to the Stella Community Church.

On the morning of Thursday, Dec. 11, Martin was rushed to the Nemaha County Hospital in Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Michael Berger.

Martin is survived by his wife, Dot, of rural Stella; sons and daughters-in-law, Joel and Trisha Kelsay, of Auburn; Andrew and Tiffany Kelsay, of Junction City, KS; daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Mike Gerdes, of Auburn; grandchildren, Megan Gerdes, Dustin Gerdes, Alex Gonsalves, Garrett Kelsay, Gracelyn Kelsay; sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Jim Merrill, of Conroe, TX; brothers and sisters-in-law Dan Kelsay, of Raymond; Steve and Jackie Kelsay, of Auburn; Jim and Shirley Kelsay, of Falls City; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014 at Hemmingsen Funeral Home in Auburn, officiated by Rev. Kyle Paustian. Susie Hogrefe accompanied solos performed by Allyn Remmers. Casket bearers were Alex Gonsalves, Dustin Gerdes, Garrett Kelsay, Tony Hector, Jim Biaggi, and Joseph Erramouspe. Megan Gerdes, Gracelyn Kelsay, and Les Gossman were honorary bearers.

Military honors were provided by American Legion Post #330 of Johnson and the Nebraska National Guard Honor Guard. Martin's body was cremated following the service and scattering of ashes will be at a later date.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1987, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, serving a life sentence for attempted assassination of President Gerald R Ford escapes from Alderson Prison.

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## Thomas J. 'Tom' Brown

Thomas J. "Tom" Brown, 74, of Omaha, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2014. He was born Jan. 28, 1940 at Falls City, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. "Jug" Brown.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sharon A. (Donlan) Brown; daughters, Lisa (Tarek) Saad and Angela Brown; grandsons, Mateo Brown and Alonso Villegas; sister, Sue (Mike) Morfeld; brother, Robert (Loretta) Brown; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

The family will receive friends

from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, with a Vigil Service at 4, all at the West Center Chapel of Heafey Hoffmann Dworak Cutler Mortuaries, Omaha. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 9602 "Q" St., in Omaha. Private Interment at Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be directed to the Falls City High School John J. "Jug" Brown Memorial Scholarship.

## Susan (Mitchell) Eisenthal

Susan (Mitchell) Eisenthal, 77, of Sharon, MA, died on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born Aug. 11, 1937 in Fremont, the daughter of the late Miriam (Ringer) Mitchell and the late Jack C. Mitchell, and stepdaughter of the late Jane (Schaible) Mitchell.

Susan grew up in Falls City, and graduated Salutatorian of the FC High Class of 1955. She attended Cotley College in Nevada, MO, and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. She also received a certificate in Communications from Simmons College in Boston.

For many years, Susan taught English at Bridgewater (MA) State College and the University of Massachusetts at Boston. She retired from UMass-Boston in 2002.

Susan loved reading, playing the cello, and spending time with

her family and many friends. She was a member of Temple Kol Tikvah and Temple Sinai of Sharon.

She leaves her husband of 54 years, Sherman; sons, David (and partner, Sandra Dickerson, and former wives, Talya Westbrook and Tobi Goldberg), Jonathan (Kathleen), and Joshua (Karen); six grandchildren, Lily, Alexander, Abram, Jack, Sophie and Madeleine; sister, Mary Jane (Bill) Nelson; brother-in-law, Kenneth Eisenthal; sister-in-law, Beatrice Aden; and many friends and a grieving community.

Susan fought pancreatic cancer with courage and grace. One of her last hopes was that what was learned during her battle will help others who suffer from this dreadful disease.

Funeral services were held at Temple Sinai of Sharon on Friday, Dec. 19. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park. Donations in Susan's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the charity of your choice.

## John B. Williams

John B. Williams, Lt. Col., USAF, ret., 70, of El Paso, TX, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Dec. 15, 2014. He was born February 22, 1944

to the late John Edward Williams and Zelma Blanche (Spicer) Williams.

He was a career officer and pilot in the U.S. Air Force, served in Vietnam, and retired in 1988. After a two year stint with Continental Airlines, he launched his career in education. He taught math and was instructional specialist at Parkland High School, retiring as principal in 2005. After his retirement he volunteered at Kelly Food Pantry and enjoyed playing golf.

John served in many capacities as a faithful member and deacon at First Baptist Church. He was a lov-

ing and caring friend who enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy; two daughters and sons-in-law Michelle and Timothy King and Robin and David Edwards. John was the proud grandfather of Paul, Megan, Rachael, John William, Judah and Samuel King, and Mattea and Samuel John Edwards; he's also survived by two sisters, Jerilee Pooteet and Alice Stump; and a brother, Richard and wife Jo. He was blessed with many loving nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2014 at Steele Cemetery, with Military Graveside Honors by the United States Air Force Honor Guard assisted by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

## Richard H. Church

Richard H. Church, 76, of Falls City, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014 at Falls City. He was born Sept. 13, 1938 at Pawnee City, the son of the late Rufus and Ella (Burgett) Church.

He married Barbara Ogle in 1958 at Dawson and they were later divorced. On May 15, 1979 he married Linda Wenz at Humboldt. She passed away Jan. 21, 2008.

Richard was raised at Dawson and graduated from Honey Creek High School in 1956. He worked on the family farm following graduation and when married to Barbara they established their home on the family farm near Dawson. In 1977 he moved his farming operation to the current farm. He continued farming until his death. In addition to farming he worked for Wittwer Implement at Humboldt,

Seid Implement at Falls City, Wibusch Implement at Tecumseh, and for Hiawatha (KS) Implement at Hiawatha and Mound City, MO, as a salesman. He appreciated all his loyal customers throughout the years.

Richard is survived by his son, Randy (Ramona) Church, of Granger, IA; daughter, Sharee (Bryan) Valencia, of The Woodlands, TX; six grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Linda; sister, Irene Schmid; and a grandchild, Joshua Valencia.

A memorial celebration of life service will be held at noon Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 at Dickey's BBQ, 17th and Harlan Sts.

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FC Middle School Students of the Month of November, from left: Abby Harms, Bailey Furrow, Faith Zimmerman

## FCMS Students of the Month of November

The students of the month for November at the Falls City Middle School were: Bailey Furrow, eighth grade, Faith Zimmerman, seventh grade, and Abby Harms, sixth grade. Each student received a T-shirt printed with the Student of the Month logo. The shirts are compliments of Stripes and Signs. The Elks Club will sponsor a complimentary meal during Youth Week for all of this year's Student of the Month recipients and their parents.

To receive student of the month, students must first be nominated by one of their teachers, who are looking for the students who demonstrate extra effort and those who internalize the truth that is "Not enough to be good when you have the ability to be BETTER!"

Each month the teachers choose an individual from each grade who met the following criteria: Turns work in on time, exemplary behavior everywhere, goes out of their way to help peers, earns good grades and/or improvement; always shows effort, is active in the community, shows leadership, academic, athletic, or in the community, school attendance, positive attitude toward others, honest and trustworthy, cooperative and dependable, helpful to teachers, positive attitude toward school is and considerate of others.

Teachers vote by private balloting. Those students who don't win are given honorable mention and are eligible in future months.

Abby is the daughter of Thad Harms and Susie Kreifels. She is a

responsible student that is attentive in class and helpful to teachers and classmates. Abby is a regular on the honor roll and ABBIT lists, is a member of Clown Troupe, Circle of Friends, and participates in chorus. She was also a student manager for FCMS volleyball. She is busy with church activities, volleyball and basketball and competitive skiing.

Faith, the daughter of Geoff and Kim Zimmerman, is a responsible and a respectful student who strives to do her best every day. She has received recognition for honor roll and ABBIT and participates in chorus and volleyball. Faith is active

with the CC All-Star Cheer Squad.

Bailey, the daughter of Deidre Hall, is a wonderful, responsible and respectful member of the class who works hard. She is recognized on the honor roll and ABBIT lists and anticipates in Clown Troupe.

The students who received honorable mention include: Eryn Snethen, Brenna Leyden, Ashlyn Strauss, Courtney Rumbaugh, Brenton McQueen, James Eickhoff, Braden Oliver, Hunter Arnold, Brianna Pfohl, Cade Schawang, Isaiiah Florea, Elise Nycum, Gabrielle Holcomb and Cerial Corral.

## Titans win JCC Invite

Three Humboldt-TR-S/Pawnee City Titan wrestlers — Jacob Wilhelm, Nick Novak and Ben Railsback — won championships and the team overall captured eight medals and won the 10-team Johnson County Central Thunderbird Invite Saturday in Tecumseh.

The Titans scored 120 points, edging Freeman (108) for the overall title. Red Cloud/Blue Hill (103), Elkhorn Mt. Michael (95), Palmyra (94) and Lincoln Christian (88) were all contenders bunched up in the middle.

Railsback improved to an impressive 16-1 at 160 pounds, never working past the first period. The returning state qualifier needed, literally, five minutes to beat five guys: Zach Hytrek, EMM, :57; Jaden Jung, Palmyra, 1:35; Max Melvin, Freeman, :59; Tristan Niles, RC/BH, :47; and, in the championship, Joey Henne, of JCC, in all of 43 seconds.

Wilhelm, at 120, needed even less time to capture the gold and improve to 7-2 on the year. None of his four matches saw seconds turn to minutes: Tarkio's Daniel Ripley in :47; John Kury of EMM, :29; Kyle Otto of Freeman, :54; and, for the title, 8-5 Syracuse's Luke Wilkinson, in all of 42 seconds.

Novak, now 13-6 at 132 pounds, beat Garrett Vogler of Red Cloud/Blue Hill for a second time in the tournament and by an 11-7 decision in the title match, but otherwise he, too, ripped through the bracket like a buzzsaw. He beat Erich Kenow of Lincoln Lutheran in 1:20, pinned Gage Rogman of Freeman in 34 seconds and, in their first meeting,

pinned Vogler in 3:41 to advance to the semis of the championship bracket. There, Novak pinned Noah Brooks of Tarkio in 53 seconds to set up the rematch with Vogler.

HTRS/PC earned five other medals, as Austin Vaughan made finals at 195 and finished runner-up, Jesse Hickey (170) finished third, Alexander Fairchild-Flynn (145), heavyweight Kaje Faulks came away with a pair of fourth-place finishes, and Michael Otto was fifth at 126.

Vaughan improved to 3-8 on the year, going 2-1. He started by pinning Colton Beebe of Freeman in 38 seconds; he was then pinned in :31 by eventual champion Colt Morgan of Freeman. Vaughan pinned teammate Jordyn Evans in 50 seconds to finish second to Morgan.

Hickey, at 15-4, is second to Railsback in wins thus far in 14-15 and Saturday started with a pair of pins over teammate John Bruns (2:29) and Brannon Renken of Freeman (1:17). He lost to a pair of once-beaten finalists: Eventual champ Dylan Buschow, of RC/BH, took an 8-1 decision over Hickey, and Nathaniel Sauberan, who would go on to lose to Buschow for his first defeat of the year, pinned Hickey in 4:38. The Titan wrestler, though, pinned Palmyra's Tyson Martens in 4:34 to capture third.

The Titan wrestlers are off until a Jan. 6 triangular at Friend.

## HTRS names Kimbrough's replacement

The Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer School Board extended a contract offer to Sherri Edmundson to replace the retiring Clint Kimbrough as superintendent of School District No. 70, and Edmundson agreed, accepting a two-year contract.

She is currently the Assistant Superintendent at the Clay County (KS) School District in Clay Center, KS. She has 14 years of experience in administration.

At the administrative level, Edmundson has experience being a middle school and high school principal at Clay County for three years, and superintendent and K-12 principal in Brewster, KS, for eight years prior returning to Clay County in 2009.

HTRS Board President Scott Ogle said there were 16 applicants for the job, which was narrowed to four with the help of a Nebraska Association of School Boards search group.

Kimbrough will retire as HTRS Superintendent in June after 15 years on the job.

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### Janet S. McKinsey

Janet S. McKinsey, 79, of Verdon, passed away Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014 at Falls City. She was born Feb. 23, 1935 at Lincoln, to the late Wiley and Helen (Schafer) Miner.

She married Gene Scherneck in 1962; he passed away in 1964. She married Dean McKinsey on Aug. 14, 1982 at Verdon.

Janet was raised in the Verdon area and graduated from Verdon High School in 1952. She attended Wesleyan University at Lincoln and transferred to Kansas State University, graduating in 1956. Following graduation, she worked for Sears in Kansas City and then moved to Topeka. She moved to New Jersey and worked for an insurance company before joining her father in the

turf business, becoming manager of Princeton Turf Farms.

She returned to Verdon in 1982 and when married the couple established their home in Verdon, where she helped on the farm and raised a large garden.

Janet was a lifetime member of the Richardson County Humane Society.

She's survived by her husband.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband.

A private family graveside service will be held on Tuesday. No viewing or visitation.

Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, of Falls City, is in charge of arrangements.

### Wanda L. Coupe

Wanda L. Coupe, 82, of Falls City, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 at Falls City. She was born March 14, 1932 at Hopkins, MO, to the late Raymond L. and Pauline L. (Grimes) Spiegel.

On Aug. 2, 1953 she married Stephen Coupe, Jr. at Hopkins. He passed away April 3, 1971.

Wanda was raised at Forest City, MO, and graduated from Forest City High School in 1950. She attended Business College at St. Joseph, MO. When married the couple established their home at Falls City. She graduated from cosmetology school and owned and operated Wanda's Beauty Shop for 55 years at Falls City.

She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at Falls City and Falls City Does Drove #56.

Wanda is survived by a son, Stanley D. (MarShell) Coupe, of St. Joseph; daughter, Denise (Lee) Kurpogweit, of Falls City; brother, Merrill (Liz) Spiegel, of Overland Park, KS; two grandsons; three great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at Sts. Peter and Paul

Catholic Church. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with family receiving friends after the rosary. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be made to Richardson County Cancer Fund.

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Each tract will be leased for a term of three (3) years, which shall begin March 1, 2015, and terminate without notice on December 31, 2017. Cash rental rate is per acre based on the crop acres as certified by the USDA Farm Service Agency Office in Falls City, Nebraska.

Bids should be mailed to St. Paul EV Lutheran Church, PO Box 544, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, and delivered on or before December 31, 2014, which is the last day bids will be received.

Bids will be opened and reviewed, with the best bid/s to be submitted to the Church Council for final consideration. Successful bidder/s will be notified by January 31, 2015, subject to terms of written lease. Owner reserves the right to accept or to reject, any or all bids.

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# Christmas tidbits to put you in the holiday spirit

The holiday season has arrived, and millions of people across the globe will be celebrating Christmas with their families and friends. The following are some interesting tidbits to share with your loved ones this holiday season.

Each year, more than three billion Christmas cards are sent in the United States alone.

In 350 AD, Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25 the official celebration date for the birth of Jesus Christ. Many historians and theologians have surmised that Christ really wasn't born this time of year, thanks to imagery and information from the Bible.

Christmas carols began as an English custom called "wassailing." Individuals toasted neighbors to a long and healthy life.

Despite the common tale that three wise men paid homage to baby Jesus, the Bible never specifically calls out a number. Similarly, there's no specific indication that they visited the infant Jesus. Their visit may have occurred when Jesus was older.

Santa Claus' modern look was inspired by writings from The Knickerbockers of New York and imagery from Clement Clarke Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Moore denied authoring the famous poem for 15 years after it was published anonymously, feeling the poem was beneath his talents.

Santa has his own official postal code. It's HO HO HO.

The song "Jingle Bells" was originally written for Thanksgiving and not Christmas. People loved it so much that the lyrics were changed to fit Christmas.

Christmas trees typically grow for 15 years before they're cut and sold. This means the trees sold today were likely planted in 1999.

Christmas was not declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870.

Before turkey, the traditional Christmas meal served in England was a pig's head and mustard.

Male reindeer tend to shed their antlers in the winter. This means Santa's reindeer are likely female.

Christ may have been born in a cave rather than a manger. According to the gospel of Luke, the shepherds that helped find shelter for Mary to give birth kept their flock in a cave. The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is built over a cave called the Grotto of the Nativity, where Jesus is believed to have been born.

Many people may be less inclined to stand under mistletoe waiting for a kiss if they knew what "mistletoe" means in the ancient Germanic language. It literally means "dung on a twig," for the bird who eats the berries and then leaves seeds in droppings to propagate new plants.

Each holiday season, PNC Wealth Management calculates the costs of the gifts in the song, "The 12 Days of Christmas." The price index for the gifts went from \$12.673 in 1984 to more than \$24,000 in 2011. The most expensive gift is the swimming swans.

We've written up a list of things to...  ...improve upon during the new year!

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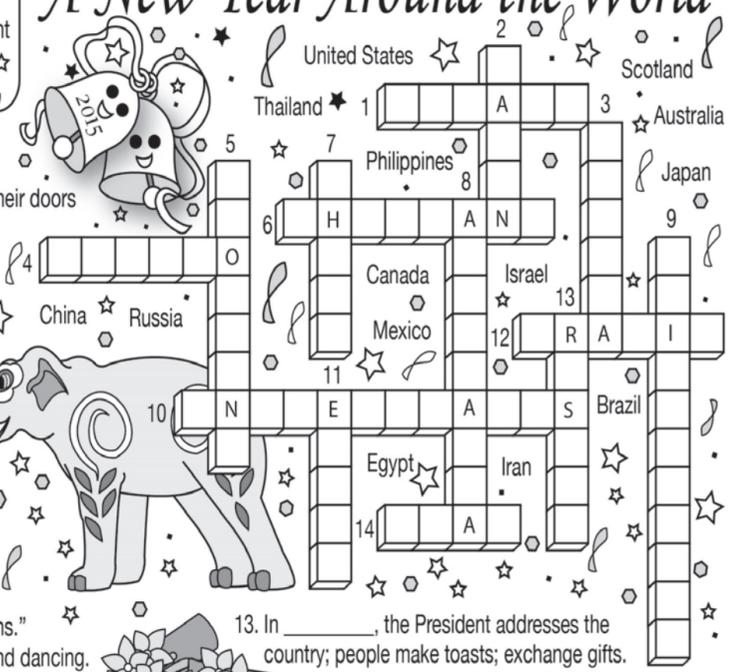
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Kids: color stuff in!

## A New Year Around the World

Many people all over the world ring in the New Year on the 31st of December at midnight. Some ring in their new year in a different season. Read my clues to learn about new year celebrations. Fill in the puzzle!

- In \_\_\_\_\_ it is a time to pray, think about the old year and forgive (in the fall).
- People in \_\_\_\_\_ hang straw rope on their doors to ward off evil spirits; eat tasty rice cakes.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, schools are closed. People use New Year's Day to rest from the parties and fireworks they went to the night before!
- In \_\_\_\_\_, people decorate with colors: yellow for happiness, red for love, white for health!
- In \_\_\_\_\_, the "first footer" - the first person to come through your door in the new year - brings good luck!
- In \_\_\_\_\_, during the festival of Songkran, people splash water on each other for fun. Some even use elephants to spray water (April).
- In \_\_\_\_\_, parades are held with fireworks and dancing "dragons."
- In \_\_\_\_\_, people celebrate for 6 days with parties, fireworks and dancing.
- In the \_\_\_\_\_, people wear polka dots and eat round fruits for good luck; streets are lined with bright lanterns.
- In the \_\_\_\_\_ people watch a giant crystal ball drop at the stroke of midnight. People promise to better themselves in the new year.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, heads of households go door to door to wish neighbors well. Kids get sweets wrapped in colorful paper.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, people release a flower-filled boat for the ocean goddess, Lemanja.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, the President addresses the country; people make toasts; exchange gifts.
- In \_\_\_\_\_ it is a joyful time, lasting about 12 days. There is a reading of the Koran at home. There are lighted candles. A leaf for each family member shows life and growth (March).



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### Where in the World?

If I plan my trip right, I might be able to celebrate the New Year in many countries and try many foods!

Fill in the name of the country where some New Year foods include:

- fresh apples dipped in honey, challah bread, chicken soup  
\_ \_ R \_ \_ L
- fish (to increase riches), white cabbage (silver money), carrots (gold)  
G \_ \_ M \_ \_ Y
- boiled eggs, caviar, smoked meats, soup, tea  
R \_ S S \_ \_
- boiled beef, venison, corn soup, doughnuts, cookies, breads  
C \_ N \_ D \_
- wheat noodles, thick vegetable soup, fish, white rice with red beans  
\_ A \_ A \_

My New Year's resolution is to sign up for the reading club.

### Midnight Sights!

Fit the words into our poem:

When clocks strike midnight  
oh, what a \_\_\_\_\_!

On New Year's Eve  
Father Time will \_\_\_\_\_,

People will sing,  
church bells will \_\_\_\_\_,

The party hosts,  
will all give \_\_\_\_\_,

We think how fast  
the year has \_\_\_\_\_,

Time's on the wing,  
watch what the future will \_\_\_\_\_,

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Holy Communion celebrated 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Sunday: Divine service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
First Tuesday Care & Outreach - 6:30 PM. LLL - 7:30 PM  
Wednesday: Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. (after Ash Wednesday, 6 p.m.); 5 p.m., Midweek.  
Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 7:00 p.m.  
Dan Gifford, pastor

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
LCMS  
(6 miles North)  
402-245-4643  
[www.stpaulsfallscity.org](http://www.stpaulsfallscity.org)  
Holy Communion celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Adult Bible Study every Wednesday, 5 p.m.  
Sunday: Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Second Tuesday of the month, Dorcas Circle.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m., Sew 'n Sews; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML; 10 a.m., Ladies' Bible Study, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.  
Wednesday Evening, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Class. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Christ Lutheran.  
Dan Gifford, pastor

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA**  
(12 miles NE)  
Sunday: Worship service, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Communion first Sunday each month.  
Healing Services every 3rd Sunday of the month.  
First Tuesday each month, WELCA, 1:30 p.m.; third Tuesday each month, Church Council, 7:30 p.m.  
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Pastor John Sipp

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA**  
(20th and Towle Streets)  
402-245-3828.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School (pre-school thru adult, during school year);  
10 a.m. Worship; Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month;  
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Men's coffee; 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. choir practice.  
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. Communion Worship before the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month;  
Call for youth, Bible studies and women's group schedules.  
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Pastor Andrew Chavanak

**St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA**  
(64725 710 RD, Verdon)  
402-883-2513  
Sunday: Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Communion first Sunday each month; Healing Services every 3rd Sunday of the month.  
Church Council, 7:30 p.m., second Tuesday each month; WELCA, 1:00 p.m., second Thursday each month.  
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Pastor John Sipp

**First United Methodist Church**  
(1700 Harlan Street)  
fume@sentco.net  
402-245-3281  
Sunday: Summer schedule, worship service, 10:30 a.m., listen live on KTNC AM 1230.  
Tuesday: Girl Scouts every other Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m.  
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Rev. John Hogue,

**First United Presbyterian Church**  
(20th and Harlan)  
Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m., Cookies and Fellowship 10:15 a.m., first Sunday of the month. Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Second Monday of month: Women's Circle, 7 p.m.  
Rev. Roxie Sullivan, pastor  
402-245-2650  
[fallscity.homestead.com](http://fallscity.homestead.com)

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
(1618 Wilson)  
Saturday: Meet on the 3rd Sabbath. Sabbath School, worship service, 3 p.m.; services can be viewed on satellite 24/7, Dish Network channel 3ABN 9393.  
<http://fallscity22.adventistchurchconnect.org>  
Dean Carlisle, pastor

**Catholic Churches**  
**Sts. Peter and Paul**  
(1820 Fulton)  
Weekend Mass Times: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m.  
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, 30 minutes before Sunday Masses, weekdays, before each Mass daily or by appointment.  
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Monsignor Robert A. Roh, pastor - 245-3002

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(Shubert)  
Sunday Mass: First, third and fifth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; confessions before Mass.  
Fr. Kenneth F. Hoelsing pastor

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Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; first, third and fifth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Schedule varies, call rectory; confessions before Mass.  
Fr. Kenneth F. Hoelsing pastor

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(Rulo)  
Sunday Confessions, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.  
Fr. David Oldham, pastor

**Good News Assembly of God**  
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(1812 Wilson)  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; children's church and morning worship, 10:40 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.; teens and children's program.  
Stephen Floyd, pastor  
402-245-3755

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
(70654 656 AVE)  
(1/2 mile N of Preston Corner)  
Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday choir, 6:30 p.m.  
Karla Shafer, pastor

**Barada United Methodist Church**  
(717 Road and 652 Blvd.)  
883-2485  
Worship, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Sunday School/Bible Study, 10:45-11:30 a.m.  
Jerry Yount, pastor

**Prairie Union Baptist Church**  
(Rural Shubert)  
Sunday: Morning Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
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Rhonda Boeckman, pastor

**Trinity United Methodist Church (Rulo)**  
fume@sentco.net  
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Sunday: Worship service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School for children held during worship.  
Rev. John Hogue,

**Verdon Christian Church**  
(Verdon)  
Sunday: Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school.  
Frank and Myrna Willey, pastor

**River of Hope Fellowship**  
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Mound City, MO 64470  
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Monday: Second Monday of each month, Church Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
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Wednesday: Bible study for all ages, 6 p.m.  
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Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, nursery (or pre-school), adult, 10:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hour, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.  
Victor Haworth, pastor  
245-5287  
Don Shafer, moderator  
245-5209

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
(16th and Harlan)  
402-245-2868  
sthomas@sentco.net  
[www.stthomasfallscity.org](http://www.stthomasfallscity.org)  
Sunday: 9 a.m., Worship, Holy Eucharist, coffee, tea and conversation follow worship.  
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m., Service of Evening Prayer.  
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Wednesday: Children's, Youth and Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.  
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Gene Rowell Pastor

**First Christian Church**  
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Office Phone, 245-2398 or Parsonage, 245-2397  
Sunday: Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.  
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Office: 883-2110  
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City of Falls City

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Dec. 4, 2014; 2307 Barada St., Falls City, NE**  
 A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, NE, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada St., in said City on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. Absent: Murphy, Alan Romine recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the minutes for the November 20, 2014 meeting as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bartek to approve the Dec. 4, 2014 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the Superintendent's report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

NEBRASKA WARN

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to authorize the Utility Superintendent to sign mutual aid agreement for WARN Nebraska. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

GAS SUPPLY BIDS

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to table until the next meeting to check references and prepare a presentation on the gas supply bids. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE RFP ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR

ADDITIONAL GENERATION

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Albu to authorize the Utility Superintendent to prepare a request for proposal for engineering services for additional generation. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CUSTOMER #5 - SEWER REPAIR

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Albu to split the invoice from Meyer Home Center of \$993.42 (pay \$496.71) with Customer #5. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the claims for November, 2014 as follows: Electric Dept. - \$164,820.19, Water Dept. - \$67,889.54; Mechanic Shop - \$6,503.81; Gas Dept. - \$220,482.82; Sewer - \$181,100.01. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, NE, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on Dec. 4, 2014; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk  
 Marshall Nelson, Secretary  
 Merle Veigel, Chairman

DECEMBER 1, 2014

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, NE, was held in said City on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014, at 7 p.m. Council met in

regular session. Mayor Hersh called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Davis, Dougherty, Murphy, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. Absent: Nolte. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Hersh publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Davis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for Dec. 1, 2014 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Claims for November 2014 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for Dec. 1, 2014 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Davis, Dougherty, Murphy, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hersh addressed the council for the last time, by saying the last four years had went quickly. He said he has seen this community do wonderful things to grow, prosper and everyone of you took part in it, it takes everyone's involvement to grow a community. Mayor Hersh said he was proud of this change and he was proud to be part of this community. He said this city is on its way up and if you keep pushing harder then you have, there is no end to the possibilities. He went on to say if you think things are good now just wait the best is yet to come. He said there are several people that have given their all to our community. He said he would like to take this opportunity to mention three people, Gary Jorn, Beckie Cromer and Jerry Oliver all of which spent countless hours to make the necessary improvements to this community to operate smoothly. He went on to thank each, individually. He said he could not thank everyone as he did not have time. He told Jerry Oliver he is going to make a great mayor. He went on to mention how important the council was and explained the countless hours they spend volunteering. He thanked everyone on committees and the time they spend volunteering. He finished his speech addressing the citizens of Falls City to never let their voice be silent and to stand up for what you know is right. He went on to say keep growing the community and never settle for good when best is in front of you. He said thank you for your confidence and faith in him and the council before you. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned - Sine Die

2010 ELECTION - CERTIFICATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

City Clerk Jorn presented the election results as certified by Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, Richardson County, and reported that the following individuals had been elected in the November, 2014 election: Mayor - Jerry Oliver; First Ward Council Person - Don Ferguson; Second Ward Council Person - Judy Murphy; Third Ward Council Person - John Vaughn. City Clerk Jorn then reported that all bonds for the newly elected officials were on file in the Office of the City Clerk as required by State statute and City Ordinance and certified that Jerry Oliver, Don Ferguson, Judy Murphy and John Vaughn met the residency requirements for their individual wards as required by City Ordinance. City Clerk Jorn then declared that the following individuals were qualified for the City Council as follows: Jerry Oliver - Mayor; Don Ferguson - First Ward Council Person; Judy Murphy - Second Ward Council Person and John Vaughn - Third Ward Council Person. Jerry Oliver, Don Ferguson, Judy Murphy and John Vaughn then came forward and the City Clerk administered the oath of office for their respective positions as Council Persons and Mayor.

DECEMBER 1, 2014

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014, at 7 p.m. Council met in regular session. Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Vaughn, Wisdom. Absent: Nolte. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the



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AGENDA

A motion was made by Council member Murphy and seconded by Council member Scholl to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Oliver thanked everyone who encouraged him during his campaign and who voted for him during the election. He went on to thank his family and wife for their support. He mentioned that we have two capital improvement projects the City is working on, the water well at Rulo, generator at the Power Plant and financing of both. He said the water well will probably be constructed in the next year and the generator within the next two years. Mayor Oliver said we are planning on some changes in the parks with some improvements at Stanton Lake and Legion Park. He finished his speech by thanking everyone for their support.

ELECTION - PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL - JUDY MURPHY

Mayor Oliver asked if there were any nominations for the position of President of the City Council. Council person Scholl nominated Council person Murphy. Mayor Oliver asked if there were any other nominations. Since there were no other nominations, Mayor Oliver stated that all nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Council person Judy Murphy as President of the City Council. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. "Abstain" Motion carried.

ELECTION - ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL - DON FERGUSON

Mayor Oliver asked if there were any nominations for the position of Acting President of the City Council. Council person Dougherty nominated Council person Don Ferguson. Mayor Oliver then asked if there were any other nominations. Since there were no other nominations, a motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Vaughn that all nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Council person Don Ferguson as Acting President of the City Council. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. "Abstain" Ferguson. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO THE EDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Dougherty to approve the appointment of the Mayor, Council President and City Administrator to the Economic Development Growth Enterprises, Inc., Board of Directors. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE CITY AND SE REGION 911

A motion was made by Council member Wisdom and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve the Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement Addendum between the City and Southeast Region 911. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT - GARY JORN OF CITY CLERK/TREASURER/ADMINISTRATOR

A motion was made by Council member Vaughn and seconded by Council member Murphy to approve the appointment of Gary Jorn as City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator as recommended by Mayor Oliver. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT - DUANE ARMBRUSTER - CHIEF OF POLICE

A motion was made by Council member Scholl and seconded by Council member Dougherty to approve the appointment of Duane Armbruster as Chief of Police as recommended by Mayor Oliver. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT - MICHAEL DUNN - CITY ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Council member Murphy and seconded by Council member Scholl to approve the appointment of Michael Dunn from Halbert Dunn & Halbert as City Attorney as recommended by Mayor Oliver. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT - JONATHAN KIRKENDALL - POLICE OFFICER

A motion was made by Council member Dougherty and seconded by Council member Ferguson to approve the appointment of Jonathan Kirkendall as Police Officer as recommended by Mayor Oliver. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Murphy, Scholl, Wisdom, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL & POLICY/PROCEDURES REVISIONS

A motion was made by Council member

Dougherty and seconded by Council member Scholl to approve the revisions to the Employee Manual and Policy/Procedures. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Davis, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, NE, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on Dec. 1, 2014; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA COUNTY OF RICHARDSON, A Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, Plaintiff, vs. Jule Robinson, et al., Defendants.

Case No. C114-79 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of and pursuant to the Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the 1st Judicial District of Nebraska within and for said County of Richardson on November 25, 2014, in an action to foreclose delinquent real estate taxes wherein the County of Richardson, a Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, is Plaintiff and Jule Robinson, et al. are Defendants, I will at 1:15 o'clock P.M. on the 2nd day of January, 2015 at the corridor inside the west front door of the Courthouse in the city of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, the following-described tract of land in Richardson County, Nebraska, to-wit:

Lot Six in Block Two, Original Town, Village of Verdon, Richardson County, Nebraska.

Said sale to be held open for one hour. Purchasers will be subject to real estate taxes for 2015 and all subsequent years.

Terms of said sale are one hundred percent down on date of sale and Sheriff's Deed delivered to purchasers on confirmation of sale by the District Court, subject to the right of redemption of the United States, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2410.

Given my hand and seal this 26th day of November, 2014.

Randy Houser Sheriff of Richardson County, Nebraska

Douglas E. Merz County Attorney of Richardson County, Nebraska

STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

In the Matter of Application MT-47 for a Municipal and Rural Domestic NOTICE Ground Water Transfer Permit.)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Humboldt (Applicant) has filed an application for a permit under the provisions of the Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfers Permit Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 46-638 through 46-650, Application MT-47 requests a permit to withdraw 78,110,000 gallons (approximately 240 acre-feet) per year from the City's four existing production wells, identified in the Department's records as follows: G-027713 and G-070736, located in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County; and G-163338 and G-163343, located in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. in Pawnee County, Nebraska. The water will be transported for municipal and rural domestic use in the service areas of the City of Humboldt and the Richardson County Rural Water District #1. The Application may be viewed at the Department's office in Lincoln. Contact Tracy Zayac at 402-471-2363 to arrange a time to see the Application.

The criteria that the Department must consider in determining whether to grant or deny a permit under the Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfers Permit Act are specified in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-613.01, subdivisions (1) through (7), and listed below:

- (1) The nature of the proposed use and whether it is a beneficial use of ground water;
(2) The availability to the applicant of alternative sources of surface or ground water;
(3) Any negative effect of the proposed withdrawal on ground water supplies needed to meet present or reasonable future demands for water in the area of the proposed withdrawal, to comply with any interstate compact or decree, or to fulfill the provisions of any other formal state contract or agreement;
(4) Any negative effect of the proposed withdrawal on surface water supplies needed to meet present or reasonable future demands within the state, to comply with any interstate compact or decree, or to fulfill the provisions of any other formal state contract or agreement;
(5) Any adverse environmental effect of the proposed withdrawal or transportation of ground water;
(6) The cumulative effect of the proposed withdrawal and transfer relative to the matters listed in subdivisions (3) through (6) of this section when considered in conjunction with all other transfers subject to this section; and
(7) Any other factors consistent with the purposes of this section that the director deems relevant to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the state and its citizens.

Any person with a legal interest in the subject matter may object to the Application and request a hearing by filing a formal written objection and request for hearing, accompanied by a \$10 filing fee, with the Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676. Attention: Tracy Zayac, by January 7, 2015. Objections may be filed by the interested person or by an attorney on behalf of the interested person. The objection must include the following:

- 1. Your name, address, and contact information, and the same information for the attorney;
2. Identification number of the Application to which you are objecting;
3. A description of your qualifying legal or equitable interest in the subject matter; and
4. A specifically stated basis for your objection, referring to one or more of the criteria listed above.

If you also want a hearing, you must state that you want a hearing. If the objection does not contain a request for a hearing, then none will be held, and the objection will be placed in the Application file and considered by the Department when making the decision whether or not to issue the permit. Additional information on responding to a notice of application may be found at http://dnr.nebraska.gov/opportunities-for-participation-in-the-permitting-process.

9-16-23

NOTICE OF DIVORCE PROCEEDING CASE NUMBER: C114-177

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO: Chelsea Porter, whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, and is the defendant in said proceedings:

You are notified that on November 25, 2014, Plaintiff, Daniel Worton filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, at Case No. C114-177, the object of which is to obtain a dissolution of marriage on the ground that the marriage is irretrievably broken, to obtain an equitable division of the property, and to determine custody and child support, among other things.

You are required to answer said Complaint on or before January 27, 2015, or said Complaint against you will be taken as true.

Pamela Scott Clerk of District Court

Daniel Worton Fairbury, NE 68352 9-16-23

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Notice is Hereby Given that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust filed on August 5, 2010, in Book 241, Page 059, in the Office of Richardson County Register of Deeds will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 5th day of February, 2015.

Lots 21, 22, and 23, Block 1, Hillcrest Addition; Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska

DATED: December 9, 2014

William VonSeggern, #14341, Attorney for Richardson County Bank & Trust Co., Trustee and Beneficiary 16-23-30-6-13

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF MARY'S APPLIANCE, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Mary's Appliance, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on October 7, 2014 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Kenneth W. Strathman.

Kenneth W. Strathman, Manager

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Martin Elwonger, Manager

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Notice of Public Hearing for Zoning Change

The Planning Commission of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, will meet on January 7, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, to hold a public hearing at which time interested parties and citizens have an opportunity to be heard concerning the request for the re-zoning of the following described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land in the Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 16 East, in Richardson County, Nebraska, being more fully described as follows: Lot 5 in the Falls City Bared Subdivision containing 1.54 acres more or less.

This Application is made by Steven R. Hollens and Carol L. Hollens (Husband and Wife) for the re-zoning of the above real estate from (C-3) Highway Commercial District to (I-1) General Industrial District as provided in Article 5.06, 5.14, 5.15, 12.02, 12.03 and 12.04 of the Falls City Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

The City of Falls City, A Municipal Corporation Gary Jom, City Clerk 23

PUBLIC HEARING

The Nemaha Natural Resources District will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015, at 6 p.m. at the District office to receive written and oral testimony concerning the adoption of changes to the District's Chemigation Program Rules & Regulations.

A recent change to state law requires all natural resources districts to establish chemigation permit application fees that are sufficient to cover ongoing administrative costs and the cost of the annual inspection program. The NNRD is considering adoption of proposed Chemigation Rules to comply with this requirement and establish District-wide policies by rule.

A brief description of the proposed rules & regulations are described below.

- A person wishing to use chemigation must obtain a permit from the NNRD.
• Permits expire on June 1 of each year.
• Chemigation permit application fees are \$50 for a new permit, \$20 for a renewal permit, \$50 for a special permit, and \$100 for an emergency permit.
• The NNRD will inspect chemigation safety equipment as required by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's Title 195 to ensure proper installation and function.
• Applicants must possess a valid chemigation applicators certification.
• The NNRD may approve, deny, suspend, or revoke a permit if the chemigation system does not comply with the Nebraska Chemigation Act Title 195 or the District's Chemigation Rules and Regulations.

A complete copy may be obtained at the District office at 62161 HWY 136, Tecumseh, Nebraska, (402) 335-3325, M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or on the NNRD website at www.nemahand.org. Those persons unable to appear or with lengthy testimony may wish to provide written testimony by Wednesday, January 14, 2015, by 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of William Junior Fankhauser, Deceased Estate No. PR14-49

Notice is hereby given that on December 17, 2014, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Stuart L. Fankhauser, whose address is 3121 South Vista Dr, Chandler, AZ 85248, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 23, 2015 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz County Court Clerk Magistrate 1700 Stone Street, Rm 205 Falls City, NE 68355

Kelly J. Werts, #20509 FANKHAUSER, NELSEN, WERTS, ZISKY & MERWIN, PC 713 4th Street Humboldt, NE 68376 (402)862-2321 23-30-6

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of LORENE M. BECKER, Deceased, Case #pr14-50

Notice is hereby given that on December 19, 2014, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Duane Witt, whose address is 65737 710 RD, Falls City, NE 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of this estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 23, 2015, or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk of the County Court 1700 Stone, Room 205 Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-2812

Randall R. Ritnour Ritnour & Associates PC LLO 2026 A Street Lincoln, NE 68502 (402) 802-1540 ritnourlaw@gmail.com 23-30-6

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEC. 9, 2014 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickle at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sickle. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickle and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sickle announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room. ZNEZ

Motion was made by Sickle to approve the minutes of the Nov. 25, 2014, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Nov. 25, 2014, Board of Equalization meeting. Motion seconded by Sickle. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Discussion was held regarding the engineering services needed for a bridge replacement between Sections 30 and 31, Township 2, Range 18. No action was taken.

DAVID BRANCH, MAIN STREET

David Branch representing the Falls City Main Street met with the Board to offer a cost-sharing for the renovation of the sidewalk on the west side of the Courthouse. The Board will be reviewing the proposed project.

SENCA

Melissa Hardenberger of the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Falls City Outreach Office gave a brief update to the Board on the activity that is taking place within the organization and which affects the residents of Falls City and the surrounding communities. A total of 96 persons have been assisted with the programs and services offered through the Falls City Outreach Office.

SPYGLASS

Josh Gensler of Spyglass Group, LLC met with the Board via a teleconference to further review the services that Spyglass Group offers.

Motion was made by Standerford to enter into an agreement with Spyglass for an audit of the County's telecommunication charges to determine if there are fees and/or taxes that are being wrongfully charged by the carriers. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A review continued with the request for the change in the job descriptions and proposed salary increases for the EMA staff. No action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Quotes for Geothermal Test Well

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the quote for the Geothermal test well and thermal conductivity test for the renovation of the Armory for a Jail/Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$6,605.55 to Rieschick Drilling Co., Inc. of Falls City. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried.

OPPD Agreement

Motion was made by Sickle to approve an agreement with OPPD for the use of county road right-of-way at 715 Road and 653 Avenue. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 21, Page 10)

Subdivision

Motion was made by Sickle to approve a subdivision for Robert E. Berger in Section 6, Township 3, Range 13 and to adopt Resolution 2014-2015-20. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 21, Page 11)

Prochaska & Assoc Agreement for Architectural Services

An agreement with Prochaska & Associates that has been under review was considered once again with no action taken.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Jury Fees

Table listing various expenses and amounts for the General Fund, including Jury Fees, Claims, Road & Bridge Fund, and Chromatograph Fund.

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Table listing inheritance tax fund amounts: General Fund, transfer 300,000.00; Historical Society, match fund 10,000.00; Total Inheritance Tax Fund 310,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickle-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

Village of Salem

Village of Salem

The Salem village board met Dec. 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. Kean, Rowley, and Wessel answered roll.

Fred Reimers reported on the water system. He told the board that several meters have been seized for the winter months. These meters will be estimated during the winter. He also reported that one connection was turned off.

Wessel moved to ask Warren Voge to fill the vacant seat on the Village Board. Motion was seconded by Rowley, motion carried, all voting yes.

Jon Kean and Kenneth Strauch were re-elected in the November election. They both took the oath of office for the four-year terms.

The Board re-organizes at the December meeting each year. Rowley moved to retain all positions. Strauch chairman, Fred Reimers water operator, Evan Wickersham street superintendent, Wessel water, Rowley Community Building, Kean streets, and Strauch fire department. Motion seconded by Wessel. Motion passed with all voting yes.

The board updated information about the recent insurance audit. A fire extinguisher has been purchased for the Community Building, and the area behind the fire department building has been cleared so the propane tank been moved.

The board received a complaint about trash accumulating on property. The owner will be notified.

Claims were presented for payment. Rowley moved to pay claims, seconded by Strauch. Motion carried.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:50, seconded by Kean. Motion carried. ZNEZ

Carolyn Glathar, Village Clerk

CLAIMS: OPPD, 540.65; Fred Reimers, 533.69; Salem Water Fund, 400.00; RWD, 1426.36; FC Journal, 36.72; DHHS, water testing, 15.00; Pest Control, 28.00; Stataline Propane, 575.25; Glathar, 350.00; Postage, 20.40; Grimms Gardens, 15726.34; KT's, 53.71.

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S.E.N.D.S. has an opening for a full-time on call substitute Community Support Associate providing services to individuals with disabilities. This is a 64-hour a week position with overnights required and also must be/become Medication Aide Certified. An annual salary of \$35,000 is possible. Closing date is January 9, 2015. If interested please call Bea at 274-4996. EOE 51-1

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S.E.N.D.S. has an opening for a part-time, non-overnight Community Support Professional position available providing services to individuals with disabilities. They must be/become Medication Aide Certified. This position has a total of 15 hours over the time period of Saturday and Sunday. The salary is \$12.76 an hour. Closing date is January 9, 2015. If interested, please call Bea at SENDS in Auburn, 274-4996. 51-1

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## Cards of Thanks

I want to thank Bryan (LGH) West Campus Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska for the wonderful care you gave my husband, Elmer Eugene Shaw while he was a patient in your hospital. Your doctors and nurses helped Eugene get back on his feet. Eugene was a real sick man when he entered your hospital on 12-5-2014. Sincerely, Mrs. Madeline (Larsen) Dodge Shaw - Eugene's wife of 45 years! P.S. Eugene is now at Community Medical Center, 3307 Barada St. Falls City, Nebraska 68355, room #205 51P

The family of Earl Dallas would like to thank everybody who sent cards and flowers and paid their respects. We thank you so much, and his precious former students for being pallbearers. We would also like to thank all the staff at (Humboldt\_ Colonial Acres for taking such good care of Earl. Thank you, The Dallas Family 51P

## Misc.

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The Christmas Spirit was alive and well at North Ridge Church, 1820 Morton St., Sunday night at the Living Nativity event out in front of the church. A large number of church members came out to celebrate a recreation of the birth of Jesus, when Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem and Mary gave birth to Jesus in a common stable and laid him in a manger. In addition to the Living Nativity, a church choir sang Christmas carols and hot

chocolate and cookies - were served. Young North Ridge members who played out the Living Nativity, from left: Dakota Huddleston, Isaiah Florea, Mason Crawford, Alex Vollan, Nathaniel Tollefson, James Hersh, Emma Clark, (back) Rachel Tollefson, Emery Hersh, Jordyn Curtis, Jensen Coonce, Front Left to Right Jackson Coonce, Jaelin Coonce (Mary) and Dallas Huddleston.

# Letters To Santa

(Continued from Page 1)

**DECEMBER 18, 1968**

Dear Santa,  
I would like child's tran talk 500 page 544, Structo Construction set page 268. John Deere planter page 434, Make treats with burger and shake set page 280, Highly detailed copy gun page 352, Jet ready for takeoff page 424.  
Kevin Taft, 8

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like snowcone maker and a colored TV for Christmas. I want Mommy to have a mink coat and a diamond neckless with earrings too. For Daddy I want a diamond coat and a diamond necktie. For Cherie

I want some perform and a mink coat. For Dianne I want a teppy and a ball and a baby bed. For Pero our dog I want a mouse a ball a bone and a dog coat by Santa.

Your friend, Susan Ann Hollens

**DECEMBER 21, 1970**

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that drinks and wet or baby fender love. And a burnet wig. How is Mrs. Santa and the elves? Hope fine. I have to brothers and 4 sisters counting me. Ill do down the line from oldest Linda, Marcell, Diana, Cindy, Fred, Ed. That all I got to say.  
Cindy Ann Cavanaugh

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wanta pool table and two pool stick and it coust 588. Your friend, Kirby Oliver

Dear Santa,  
Billy and me have been pretty good. Heres what we would like for Christmas. Billy would like a train and some racing cars. And I want rings and things and another nice thing. Bobby would like a stuffed toy. Daddy needs some shirts. Mommy wants some new sheets. And we all would like a record player if you have one.  
Our Friend, Brenda Rahe

**DECEMBER 20, 1984**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a loader tractor and a chopper wagon. I have been a good boy most of the time. I am 4 years old.  
Thank you, Zachery

**DECEMBER 23, 1992**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Matt. I am in first grade. I want a Red Ryder BB Gun. I have been good this year.  
Your friend, Matt

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Barbie house and a Barbie Van. Some snow boots New colors and color boos and a Rocking Chair, and for Daddy to be OK in his big truck.  
Love Jessica

**DECEMBER 19, 1995**

Dear Santa,  
I want a game called Dream Phone, seecret Dairy, and a Doodle

Bear.  
Love, Cheyenne Hoy, 9

Dear Santa,  
I want a Smart Street Computer toy for Christmas. I have been good, (I only followed the cows and got lost One time this year.)  
Love, Misty Skirmont, Shubert

**DEC. 21, 2001**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a real puppy and a CD player to play music on. Can I just tell you my list please Santa? Puppy, CD Player, some CD's, and a beautiful necklace, ring and earrings too.  
Sincerely, Skylar Olberding  
Thank you Santa!

Dear Santa:  
How have you been? I have been a good girl this year! These are some of the things that I would like to have if you can, if youre not too busy? "Here's my list."  
Nutcacker Barbie drops necklace in your hand, Lots of big girl bows for my hair. Claim in Jam Barbie, Big doll house and people. Lots of coloring books. Lots of bubble gum, and candy. Table and Chairs. Lipsticks. Hope you can find my house. Dad has lights on his chimney so you know where to stop!! P.S. We will leave cookies and milk on the table for you Santa!  
Love Bailey

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the caney cane and coloring book and the crans. Youre friend,  
Emily and Wade and Chelsea  
PS: I hope your doing find. Please send me a letter Santa.

**DECEMBER 23, 2014**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good at school. Are you excited about Christmas? I AM!  
Katelynn, Room 2B

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I am making a lot of cookies, what kind do you like? I hope you like the kind I make. How are you? I am doing well. I have been good at school and at home.  
Taylor, Room 2B

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