



'A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY'

Bill Schock remembers Dec. 7, 1941

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Guilty verdict returned in 2015 shooting death

Murder conviction could land FC man in prison for life

It took a jury little more than an hour Friday afternoon to find 35-year-old Desiderio Hernandez guilty of first-degree murder in the shooting death of his cousin, Joseph Debella, in early August 2015.

After hearing testimony from Monday afternoon through Friday morning, the jury got the case at 1:45 p.m. and returned just after 3. They also found Hernandez guilty of use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. He will be sentenced Jan. 31, 2017. While voters in November opted to repeal a bill that was set to abolish the death penalty, the murder case against Hernandez didn't possess the "aggravating circumstances" necessary to make it eligible for capital punishment. Those circum-

stances usually apply when multiple murders are committed at once, or if a murder was exceptionally brutal. All 10 of Nebraska's current death row prisoners either have multiple first-degree murder convictions, or killed a child.

Hernandez faces a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The jury believed witness testimony and forensic evidence presented by prosecutors with the Attorney General's Office that pointed at Hernandez for the shooting death of his 31-year-old cousin in the basement of a Falls City residence.

The prosecution argued that Hernandez intentionally fired the gunshot that struck Debella in the head and ultimately resulted in his death in a Lincoln hospital more than a week later. Witnesses inside the home at the time of the shooting said they "heard a loud noise come from the basement area" and a short time later observed Hernandez emerge from the basement.

Debella was located on the floor, unresponsive and with labored breathing.

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!

An art competition of works created locally will be held by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council at the beginning of the new year, and the pieces will be on display inside the Stalder Gallery at the Falls City Library & Arts Center from Jan. 12-Feb. 11, 2017.

Area artists are invited to showcase their talents and promote the strong art community existing in southeastern Nebraska and surrounding areas. Artwork will be accepted from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, and from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 7 (other arrangements to enter work can be made by contacting Curator Christina Wertenberger at 402-245-6034). An opening exhibition reception and juror remarks will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Stalder Gallery.

All media are accepted and works will be juried across the mediums. Cost is \$10 per entry or three for \$25 (limit of three) and monetary prizes will be awarded, based on the number of entries received. Artists will release the right of their work to be printed for a solo run of postcards to be sold during the exhibition in Lydia's: Gifts Beyond the Books Gift Store. Standard 2D entries must not exceed 48 inches in either direction; 3D works must not exceed 50 pounds and the base must not exceed 12 inches in either direction unless intended for floor presentation.



'Love poured out'

By: Lori Gottula

A few weeks ago, I was in the parking lot of Christ's Place, the church that I attend in Lincoln, when a young woman raced excitedly to my car, pointed at the back seat, and said with a Russian accent, "Where did you get those?"

I looked in and saw several shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, one of many programs founded and sponsored by the non-profit organization, Samaritan's Purse. Operation Christmas Child provides shoeboxes to donors who fill them with toys, small clothing items, pajamas, toothbrushes, and just about anything else that will fit in a shoebox. Then Samaritan's Purse ships them at Christmas time to needy children all around the world.

The woman asked if she could have four of the boxes so that each of her children could fill one. I reached into the back seat, and pulled out four. She clutched them to her chest.

"I've been looking all over for these," she said. "My family came from Ukraine nine years ago. When we lived there, my son received one of these boxes. I can't tell you what it meant to us."

I watched with curiosity as her eyes welled with memories. Her voice cracked as she looked at me and said softly, "When we opened the box, love poured out."

That was all it took. I knew that her story was one I wanted to hear, and to share. Two weeks later, I sat in her kitchen in Lincoln, and drank hot tea from delicate china, while we talked about her life.

When Luda Smyshliaiev, 35, was a young child, she was reared by Christian parents in the Ukrainian republic of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which had been ruled for

decades with the iron fists of the communist party, and the KGB.

"We had no freedoms whatsoever," Luda said. "The government told us that God was a lie, so we weren't allowed to worship. The KGB could burst through the door at any time and arrest people for anything. My grandparents were arrested many times for hosting Christian meetings. We had no idea if or when they would come home. No one could speak out against the government, gather in groups, or even listen to Christian music!"

"In school, we had to sit with our arms crossed. There was no laughing. No fun. Yet the government told us that the U.S.S.R. was the most powerful nation in the world, and that things were much worse in other countries. We had no way of knowing that this wasn't true.

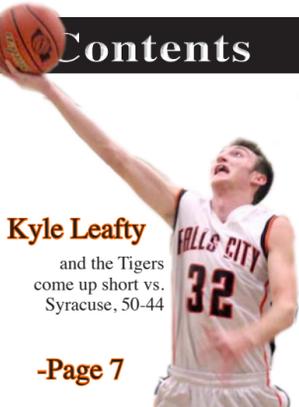
"This was during the time of the cold war, and the stores only sold one or two choices of everything. We had one choice of laundry detergent and one choice for soap, maybe two choices of dresses or pants. The government wanted everyone to be the same. But people didn't want to be the same, so my parents made a good living making clothes for people. They worked hard, and were very respected."

When Mikhail Gorbachev was elected leader of the Soviet Union (his name was the only one on the ballot), life for everyone in the USSR changed. Even though Gorbachev was an official in the communist party, he basically brought about the dissolution of the party and the USSR and gave basic freedoms back to the people.

"Grocery stores and clothing stores popped up all over then," Luda said. "People

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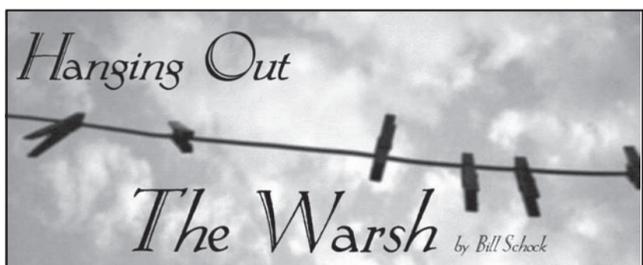


The holidays are certainly brighter than they used to be along Harlan Street, with the striking addition of 27 LED snowflakes, each measuring six feet tall, hanging from the street lights. Falls City Chamber/Main Street Director David Branch solicited some \$45,000 in donations and purchased the ornaments early, at a 40 percent discount. The Richardson County Visitor's Committee, F&M Bank and the City were among the largest contributors, Branch said. He also praised the work of the City line crew, who had to upgrade the wiring on each pole. In addition to the snowflakes, new wreaths and garland now hang proudly around the Courthouse, and three new entrance signs welcome visitors to Falls City.

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You're invited to come along with me to 75 years ago on mid-afternoon of Dec. 7, 1941.

Five of us Falls City youngbloods are in a Little Rock, Arkansas, theater for the movie, "Sgt. York," of World War I fame.

"I want to announce that Pearl Harbor has been attacked by the Japanese! All Camp Robinson personnel are to report back to camp immediately!" He repeats his bad news.

The five of us are members of Falls City's Company B, 134th Infantry, which had been federalized when war clouds were forming.

We leave the theater asking each other, "Where the hell is Pearl Harbor?" The sidewalk is filled with excited people asking the same question.

We are very familiar with the Army's mode of "hurry up, then wait," so we decided to take our sweet time getting back to camp.

Force of War Now Felt Here. Many Falls City and Richardson County Boys in Armed Service In Affected Areas. Japan's sudden and treacherous attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands...

Company B includes over 100 Richardson Countyans, and when we show up most all of them are milling around on the company street, excited as all get out.

On Monday, as Company clerk, I am on duty in regimental headquarters. The radio is blaring out President Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech.

The Pearl Harbor attack has already begun to change our lives.

At noon I return to the Company area. 1st Sgt. George H. Smedly had called a company formation.

"Men," he said with plenty of rasp in his voice, "we are at war with the Japanese." There were no smiles.

He had been there, he had done that. Bad memories don't fade. He tells us to make plans for what lay ahead.

On Tuesday the word is out that we will be moving. Anyone who has been in the service knows all about latrine rumors.

Sunday is the day.

With our barracks bags full of all our possessions and our rifles at our side, we climb aboard railroad cars which certainly had hauled Civil War Troops.

Our destination is unknown to us, but we know we are headed west, and slowly. Every three of us occupy two seats facing each other.

At some cities or towns we get off the train in full uniform and march up and down the street. I guess to show worried taxpayers that the good guys are going to slam the bad guys.

Finally, we detrain at Ft. Ord, CA, where honest to goodness beds with sheets and showers with hot water are available.

On Christmas Eve, we are on the beach with our Garand rifles and 30-caliber machine guns to stop what the high brass thought that after their success at Pearl Harbor, there might be a Japanese invasion on the California coast.

After Christmas, we leave Ft. Ord for guard duty at Army air bases and aircraft factories. I leave the company on guard duty at the Douglas Aircraft plant at Santa Monica, to enter pilot training.

Company B continues its guard duty until going into intensive combat training in California and Alabama before going to England to prepare for the historic D Day invasion of Normandy on June 6th, 1944.

Finally it's all over in Germany and eventually the guys get back to Richardson County four years of misery after that Sunday Dec. 7, 1941.

Remember Pearl Harbor? How could any of them ever forget how it changed their lives.



State's projected revenue shortfall nears \$1 billion

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

Can there be anything more important to Nebraskans than a 30-point football loss to Iowa and a 9-3 season?

Yes, yes there can. Start with a projected \$895 million revenue shortfall by the end of the next two-year state budget cycle in 2019.

While the state's Tax Rate Review Committee acknowledged the looming shortfall during a recent meeting, lawmakers stopped short of recommending a special session to deal with the issue.

Both Omaha lawmakers said planning should begin now. Given that 17 freshmen Senators and 18 with two years of experience will constitute the majority of the 49-member body, a plan is not only a great - but essential - idea.

The opening days of the session can be messy business, with Senators jockeying for committee leadership positions and some pushing for open elections to those seats - it is currently done by secret ballot.

Then there's the threat of budget cuts - dangling like some legendary Sword of Damocles - and the desires of the Governor and some of his minions to provide continuing property tax relief.

The veteran director of the Legislative Fiscal Office, Mike Calvert, told that special committee of senators and Revenue Department personnel that the federal match rate for Medicaid - health care for low income people - will rise for the first time in about six years.

Krist cautions against the state cutting its way out of the shortfall and points to that approach in the 2009 session and its negative impact on needed programs such as the Department of Corrections.

Recently re-elected Sen. Dan Wattermeier of Syracuse said property tax reforms - a major concern for fellow farm and ranch landowners - may have to wait until future years.

Term-limited Mello said the current fiscal situation was caused by a downturn in revenues. Tax Commissioner Tony Fulton agreed that a slowdown in the state's agricultural sector was a primary cause.

He explained that commodity prices have hurt farm incomes creating a drag on the state's largest

industry. That has a ripple effect on the rest of the economy when farmers reduce their spending.

Calvert said the less-favorable strength of the dollar for all exports and underperforming corporate income tax revenues add to the problem.

Gov. Pete Ricketts has placed a ban on nonessential out-of-state travel and instituted a hiring freeze in state agencies for all positions that aren't critical.

Fulton said state agencies, including his own, are already taking steps to tighten their belts and watch their pennies.

Stinner of Gering, who hopes to succeed Mello as Appropriations Chair, has cautioned that any legislation that costs a lot of money probably won't pass next year.

Stinner and other colleagues say they are reluctant to tap the now-healthy cash reserve fund - the constitutionally mandated rainy day money that has kept Nebraska from suffering the financial woes of other states for 30 years or more.

There you have it. Kinda makes that football score seem inconsequential now, doesn't it?

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Out-of-network ER docs charging patients big bucks

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Surprise medical bills spell big trouble for consumers, especially those who find themselves in an emergency room. Such "surprises" have surfaced as a major patient problem, but because of entrenched health care interests, a solution is not likely any time soon.

Here's what happens. Patients arrive at the emergency room of a hospital that is in their insurer's provider network. However, the physician who treats them is out of network.

Because ER docs are usually assured a steady stream of patients, many believe they don't need to accept potentially lower fees from insurers in exchange for any new patients they might attract by belonging to a network. That's not the case for other specialists who may rely on insurer networks for more business.

Whatever the reason, emergency room patients may be stuck with huge bills their insurance company may not cover, or it will pay less than if patients had used in-network doctors.

If you think this is unfair, it is.

A study by Yale researchers of more than 2 million emergency room visits across the country was just published in the New England Journal of Medicine. It found that out-of-network doctors treated 22 percent of the patients who visited emergency departments; the departments themselves were part of their insurers' networks. The average bill patients incurred was \$623. The highest bill was more than \$19,000. To put that number in perspective, this year the Federal Reserve reported that 46 percent of Americans were unable to pay a \$400 expense without running up credit card debt or selling assets.

Not surprisingly, researchers found out-of-network ER doctors ended up getting paid a lot more than those who were part of a network. "The fact this type of price gouging has become routine operating procedure in so many emergency departments is shameful and appalling," says Chuck Bell, programs director for Consumers Union. A recent study in Texas by the Center for Public Policy Priorities shows how prevalent out-of-network ER doctors are. Using a 2013 report from the Texas Department of Insurance, the Center found that 45 percent of in-network hospitals in the state used by United Healthcare had no in-network ER doctors. Fifty-six percent of Humana's hospitals had none. "Consumers would be astonished to see how poor the odds are of getting an in-network doctor in the emergency room," Bell added. The odds of getting redress are also low. Too many consumers don't contest their bills. Only about 25 percent of those getting surprise bills do, Bell told me. Of those who do protest to their insurer, only half get their bill forgiven or reduced.

Surprise bills are a variation of what's called balance billing, the gap between what insurance, including Medicare, pays and what a doctor charges. It's been around for decades, but in the late 1980s, the outcry from Medicare beneficiaries became so loud that Congress did something about it.

For doctors who accept Medicare's payment in full, there is no balance billing - called "excess charges" in Medicare speak. Doctors, including ER physicians who don't accept that payment, can sock beneficiaries with excess charges. But Medicare limits what they can charge.

Beneficiaries can protect themselves from these excess charges should they use a doctor who doesn't accept Medicare's fee schedule by buying Medigap policies Plan F and Plan G. For those with Medicare Advantage plans, there's no protection until the beneficiary reaches the plan's out-of-pocket spending limit. After that, the doctor can't balance bill separately.

There's no similar help for those not on Medicare. Many consumers are unaware that an out-of-network doctor is treating them. The standard advice - to ask if your doctor is in the network - is silly when it comes to care in the ER. What patient having a heart attack is going to look up and say, "Hey doc, are you with Aetna?" A few states - New York, California, Illinois, Connecticut, and Florida - hold patients harmless if they find themselves with a surprise bill or require outside arbitration to decide a case. But Bell says it will take an act of Congress to solve this problem. Public outrage will have to get much louder if that's to happen. Because chances are high you'll find yourself with such a bill, think twice before you choose to go to the ER for a problem that can wait until you see your regular doctor. Although Obamacare was supposed to cut down on emergency room use, that hasn't happened. People are still going to ERs for less serious conditions, many being enticed by hospitals themselves that advertise their ER wait times on billboards. Our health care system is all about making money. And balance billing, its causes and consequences, is another sorry example.

What is your experience with surprise billing? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



'Love Poured Out'

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didn't want hand-made clothing anymore, so my parents went out of business. We were allowed to worship openly then, too, so my parents started a new church in Kershon, our city. They rented a movie theater and started inviting people. Twenty people showed up to the first service. My family and I walked throughout Kershon and handed out pamphlets. The church grew quickly."

But the culture was about 20 years behind the law. Even though the Ukrainian people were allowed to worship freely, those who were unchurched made fun of those who believed.

"The kids at school were cruel," Luda said. "Being a Christian wasn't cool. Even adults considered us 'stupid,' for believing such 'nonsense.'"

Luda sought solace in her church. And that is where she met her future husband, Michael. Both were just 16. They dated throughout school, and both went on to college; she in education, and he in maritime navigation. They married shortly after graduating, and Michael went to work for a store that was much like a United States' Best Buy. Luda began teaching kindergarten while pursuing her master's degree in speech pathology. (At the time, her pay as a kindergarten teacher was equivalent to \$14 per MONTH in America).

A year after they married, they had their first son, Elijah. They lived in a one-bedroom apartment in a nine-story building, and like most of the people in the Ukraine, had no hope of ever owning a home or getting ahead.

"Only the wealthy lived in houses," Luda said. "And only the wealthy got ahead."

And then the Christmas box changed everything.

When Elijah was just two years old, the family attended a Christmas event at its church. At the front of the room was a large stack of bright, colorful shoeboxes—gifts for the children from people in the United States. The program was Operation Christmas Child. Elijah received one of the shoeboxes and his eyes lit up. He was a toddler, and was fascinated by the bright reds and greens. But it was Luda who was speechless.

"People in my country didn't give to one another," Luda said. "The idea of donating to someone less fortunate, or volunteering for a cause was completely foreign to us, so to receive gifts from people who didn't even know us was breathtaking."

When they received the box, Luda tried to contain her anticipation, but her chest was bursting. She held the

box and ran her fingers along the sides. Then she, Elijah, and Michael drove home. On the way, Luda tried to imagine the mother, father, and children who had packed the box.

"Someone in the United States is thinking of us," Luda said to Michael and Elijah.

When they got home, Michael held Elijah while Luda opened the box. She lifted the lid carefully, and looked inside. And love poured out. "Everything was so colorful!" Luda said. "I just couldn't believe how beautiful everything was! And the contents were so personal. There was a picture of the family, and another picture of the father and his son—a UPS driver in his uniform, standing by his truck with his little boy. It took my breath away."

There was a deflated soccer ball with a small pump, a toothbrush with toothpaste, little watches for Elijah, and Luda's favorite thing of all, a bar of soap.

"Our soap in the Ukraine smelled awful," Luda said. "And there in my hand was this beautiful bar of soap that smelled like flowers. I can still remember it to this day."

Luda and Michael were overcome by the kindness of complete strangers. Their hearts were filled with joy. And with hope. Two of Luda's brothers had immigrated to the U.S. at that point, and lived in Lincoln. Michael told Luda that he thought their family would have better opportunities in America, too, so they applied for green cards through a program called Family Connection. And then they started praying. One year later, they were accepted. When they reached Lincoln, they carried three suitcases filled with everything they owned.

They stayed with one of Luda's brothers for the first three months. Neither Michael nor Luda spoke a word of English then, but both learned quickly. And both landed jobs—she as a nanny/housekeeper during the day, and he as an employee for Lincoln Lighting at night. When Elijah was four, they moved into a duplex in the Air Park section of Lincoln, and started saving for their future.

Today, they own their own semi, and Michael drives cross-country while Luda stays home to take care of their four busy children: Elijah (12), Elizabeth (seven), and four-year-old twins,

Rachel and Ryan. They live in their own three-bedroom ranch-style home that is bursting at the seams with activity. All four kids speak English as their first language, but Russian is spoken in their home. All six members of the family are American citizens, but Luda and Michael work hard to teach the kids about their Ukrainian heritage. The couple also make sure that their children give back for the blessings that they have received.

Every two months, the family ships 20 to 30 boxes of gently-used clothing and a variety of other items (including soap) to the Ukraine. The country is currently at war—a war that has ravaged Luda's homeland—so everything she sends is desperately needed. She spends two months gathering items from Goodwill stores and donors, including her own children. With each shipment, each must pick a toy or clothing item of his or her own to send along for a needy child.

"We are so blessed here in the United States," Luda said. "And our children need to know what it feels like to sacrifice for others."

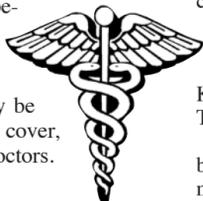
She paused then, and reflected on where she was, and how far her family has come.

"I have lived without freedom," she said softly. "There is no greater gift than to be free. Nothing can replace it. My family loves this country, and we thank God every day for our lives here. We also thank our soldiers because many died so that we can be free."

Spoken like a true, very grateful American.

When we wrapped up our interview, I climbed into my car and thanked God for the gift that I had received that day—the gift of Luda. Bright and colorful, she had filled my heart with joy. She had also given me hope; hope that personal relationships like the one she and I had just formed would someday bring peace to our world. Yes, I will cherish the gift of Luda forever, for when I opened this gift, love... poured...out.

(Writer's note: During this Christmas season, if you would like to help the needy, please give locally first. You can donate clothing to the Falls City High School closet or to the Brethren Church. For other donations, contact SENCA. If you would like to add to or support Luda's shipments to Ukraine, please call me at (402) 245-8145.)



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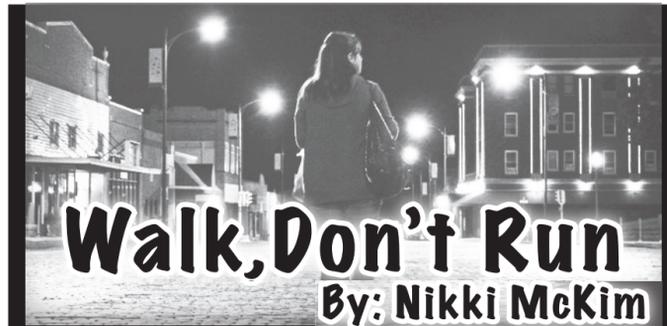
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At one time I was a television junkie. I had something to watch every single night and made no apologies about it. It was a schedule that I stuck to and never tampered with. I know there were several times that I would skip an event so I wouldn't miss a certain show. Those days are long gone and most nights are now reserved for movies or family time. My love of television is still there and its as trashy as ever. I may have mentioned it before, but I am a devout fan of 'The Real Housewives' franchise. I'm not extremely proud of my intense passion for these horrible women, but I will own up to it.

If you don't know anything about the show, there are several cities (area) across the United States, and Australia, that are featured in this series. There is Dallas, Beverly Hills, The O.C., New Jersey, New York, Atlanta and Potomac. I'm faithful to Beverly Hills, O.C., Jersey and New York. I will watch the others, but I'm not a total monster, I know my limits. Each city has a handful of women who live their lives with a camera following them around-you know the usual stuff.

These horrible women have been there for me through the good times and the bad. When I was laid up in bed sick, Vicki was taking care of Brooks during his cancer battle. When I was worried about money issues, Teresa was paying the Government back millions of dollars so she could keep her house. These women have a way of putting my small problems into perspective.

I have prided myself on not falling into the reality television trap. I've never seen a 'Survivor', 'The Voice', 'American Idol' or 'Dancing with the Stars' program, but I cried with Shannon when her husband cheated on her and laughed until I cried during Sonja's SXSWS burlesque show. What is wrong with me?

My passion and love runs deep with each of these women and their incredibly insane story lines. I know it's 90 percent staged and 10 percent real-well that's what Brian keeps telling me, but I refuse to believe it.

Last year Beverly Hills introduced a new woman into the mix. Her name is Erika Girardi and Mrs. Girardi is a fierce, amazing and strong woman. At 45 years old, Erika is a singer-songwriter, dancer, actress and all around powerful presence. In my younger years, I looked up to Jackie Kennedy, Betty Cooper (*Archie Comics*), and Jo March (*Little Women*). These women were strong and lived life on their own terms. As I have gotten older I've identified more with a woman like Liz Lemon, who works hard, eats a lot and lives life as it comes and doesn't expect too much. There is nothing wrong with identifying with someone like that, but when Erika Girardi came on the scene, I realized that I had 'settled' for Liz Lemon.

It was funny that I had the same hair as Liz Lemon, enjoyed my food a bit too much and devoted far too much of myself to my job. My eyes have opened in the last year as to who I am and who I want to be. It's not as funny to be a slobby klutz at 33 as it was at 25. I want to be an Erika Girardi. I want to work hard, but also be a strong and independent woman. I want to have a powerful presence. I often find myself apologizing for things that aren't my fault. Its always been easier for me to say I'm sorry, take the blame and defuse the situation. The years of doing this have left me a very different person than I used to be. It's beat me down and made me a pushover. I find myself getting used and telling myself that it's okay to be used, as long as someone likes me.

It's so incredibly sad that I have allowed myself to get to this point. I'm so glad I don't have daughters, because I probably would have raised them the last ten years to be pushovers. I would have told them it's easier to be liked than to argue. I'm so embarrassed that a terrible, yet wonderful reality television show has gotten me to this point. I want to be an Erika. I want to stand up for myself more, say no to things I don't like or don't want to do, and call people out when they are wrong. I want to be the strong and fierce woman that I wanted to be as a kid. I'm going to work on being an Erika-a Joan Crawford-a Bette Davis. I want to be a woman who gets things done and can stand side by side with the fellas while doing it. I want to be respected as well as liked. Maybe I can get there by 35-maybe 40.

I also want to send some good wishes to my friend Larry N. A guy who pushes me to be the best version of myself that I can be. We all need a Larry in our lives.

FC Lutheran Women's Mission donates variety of items to SENCA

SENCA recently received a nice variety of donated items from the Falls City Zone of the Lutheran Women's Mission League.

Eileen Zentner, former Falls City Zone president and newly elected district Vice President of Gospel Outreach, delivered items to the SENCA Central office in Humboldt that included: socks, underwear, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, soap and school supplies.

Zentner, along with current FC Zone President Joyce Rathe, attended the Nebraska South District of LWML Convention Sept. 16-18 in Kearney.

"As part of our convention we gathered health care items, underwear, socks, school supplies and quilts," Zentner said. "Some of the items were donated to the Orphan Grain Train to be sent to people in need in the United States and around the world. We also brought donations back to share in our local

communities."

SENCA programs provide a variety of services to help economically challenged families working toward a goal of self-sufficiency. Donations from community partners such as the LWML help strengthen these programs and provide additional support for local families.

Individuals or households residing in Richardson County who are in need of assistance are asked to contact Melissa Hardenberger, SENCA Family Development Specialist, at 402-245-5284. Residents living in Pawnee, Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe, and Cass counties are asked to contact the SENCA outreach office in their county or call the SENCA Central office in Humboldt, 402-862-2411.

For more information visit www.senca.org or "like" them on Facebook.



Cherry Day at the Watson Ranch

In 1888, H. D. Watson established the historic Watson Ranch, at one time containing 8,000 acres, reaching from the fertile Platte Valley on the south to the rolling hills on the north and from downtown Kearney to a point five miles west. During its existence, the ranching operations were devoted to grains, poultry, vegetables, and a 250-acre

fruit orchard, primarily of cherry, peach, plum, and apple trees.

An annual cherry-picking day at the ranch attracted hundreds of harvesters, many in a gala mood, from Kearney and the surrounding area. Ranch foreman N. C. Dunlap reported in the Kearney Daily Hub, on June 20, 1908, that the "Watson's Ranch Cherry Day," held on June 18, had been an unqualified success.

Dunlap had carefully organized the event "so that it could be done with little inconvenience to our guests and without great cost to us. By six o'clock in the morning the people were pulling in, and by 6:15 they were pulling the cherries. . . . Registering clerks were kept busy the greater part of the forenoon, until 189 families, averaging four pickers in each family, and no one less than fifteen years of age, were all as busy as so many bees, filling baskets with vegetable rubies. By five o'clock in the afternoon the work was completed, and 623 bushels of cherries were in the baskets, the property of 189 different families. I drew a long breath and counted the cash: \$517.00 in currency, \$278.55 in silver; \$138.86 in checks, some of which were written on shipping tags; one penny and a bad quarter."

In addition to those registered, the State Industrial School at Kearney sent a group of thirty-five boys, "none of whom covered themselves with glory as cherry picking champions, but they all covered their faces with cherry juice and broke all previous cherry eating records for boys between the ages of twelve and fourteen." A group of schoolteachers "came in wagons, on foot, in buggies and automobiles, then like the warriors of old who came, who saw, who conquered, they came, they saw, they ate cherries and then they ate some more. When I suggested they pick enough to make a pie, one damsel replied that she had already eaten the good ones and was ashamed to look a cherry in the face." Also present at the Watson Ranch that day was photographer Solomon D. Butcher "not picking cherries, but picturing pickers."

Dunlap concluded: "It was an orderly crowd of intelligent, honest people, consisting of farmers, bankers, butchers, doctors, druggists and undertakers. All were represented; all were happy and all were satisfied. They were careful with our trees, paid their bills promptly and all are cordially invited to come again when next we have a crop of cherries."

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Technology Tuesdays: Come meet with Pat, our IT expert for one hour, starting at 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. She'll help you with your iPad, Kindle, etc.

Stalder Art Gallery Santa Fe Southwest: Alice Clever, now through December 31.

Classic movies for the whole family! We have them! Come check them out during holiday times!

Book Discussion: Thursday, January 12 at 2 pm. *The Lost Wife*, By Alyson Richman. Come get your copy for next month's book discussion! No Book discussion in December.

Kids Rock! (K-5th!): Come to the Library on Tuesdays at 3:30-4:45 for our after school programs!

Star Wars Game Night: Thursday, Dec. 13, 6-7:30 p.m. Brush up on your Jedi knowledge before the new movie hits theaters! Star Wars Catch Phrase, trivia, charades, and Kablooney are in store!

For the Little Ones: Tuesday, December 13: We will be making ornaments for the city tree from recycled items!

Tuesday, December 20: Let's bring holiday cheer for others! We're going to make cards, write in them and give them out to family, friends or random people you see!

Wednesday, December 28: 1:00-2:30 pm: Come for Board games, fun programs, and neat treats! We look forward to seeing you!

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YALA Book Club: *Sorta Like a Rock Star*, By Matthew Quick. Monday, Dec. 19, 6-7:30 pm. It's the last meeting of 2016, but don't worry, there's more to come in 2017! Let's end the year with this feel good novel that will make you believe there are some pretty awesome humans in this world.

All I want for Christmas is... books! You've seen your classmates walking around with brand new copies of awe-some novels and whispering excitedly about them to each other. Now is your chance to be a part of the book club too! YALA Book Club is open to all 6th-12th graders and meets once a month to discuss and play games centered around monthly novels which are all yours to keep! Stop by the public or school library for a second semester permission slip and turn it in by December 15 to have your first book in time for Christmas!

We are starting 1000 Books Before Kindergarten again! It's a wonderful opportunity to have your child read to everyday, or as much as possible. The American Medical Association said reading aloud to children.

Hot potatoes as Irish host Lewiston teams

What's better on a chilly evening than a steaming hot baked potato? Especially one with your favorite toppings.

Southeast Nebraska Communications (SNC) is hosting its second Baked Potato Bar on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 13, when the Sacred Heart Irish play basketball vs. Lewiston at Prichard Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit the Sacred Heart Home & School Association.

Previously, SNC hosted a successful "Potato Bar" when Falls City High opened their hoops seasons on Dec. 3.

For a \$5 donation, folks will get one of those hot potatoes and can choose from all sorts of toppings, including broccoli/cheese, chili, shredded cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, butter, onions and more. Homemade desserts and a drink will also be served. Serving will be from 5-7:30 p.m.

Each donation will enter your name in a drawing for a contest. The contests, at halftime of both varsity games, will be set up in two divisions: junior high and younger; and high school and adults.

Students

Bryan College of Health Sciences announces the graduating class of December 2016. Three will be graduating with a Master of Science in Nursing, sixty-two with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, ten with a Bachelor of Science in Health Professions, and two with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences. Graduation commencement speaker is Marilyn Moore, EdD, recently retired president of Bryan College of Health Sciences, a role she assumed in 2012, following a career in K-12 education as teacher and administrator for more than 40 years. Graduation will be held on Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

Sarah Marie Magdanz, of Falls City, will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science-Nursing.

Bryan College of Health Sciences offers a Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, Doctorate of Education, a Master of Science in Nursing degree, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences, and Bachelor of Science degrees in Health Professions with majors in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Cardiovascular Technology. Two areas of specialization in Cardiovascular Technology offered are Adult Cardiac Sonography and Vascular Sonography. Also offered are Graduate Certificate in Simulation Education, Post-Undergraduate Certificate in Healthcare Management, and Post-Masters of Science in Nursing Certificate with emphasis in Nursing Education or Nursing Leadership.

Free food available for seniors

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) distribution clinic will be held in Humboldt at 624 3rd Street on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 and Thursday, December 22, 2016. An appointment is suggested.

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Foods given through CSFP include canned fruits and vegetables; bottled juice; 1% liquid and non-fat dry milk; hot and cold cereals; canned meat; peanut butter and dried beans; cheese; pasta or rice.

To schedule an appointment or obtain information on how to qualify for CSFP, please call Blue Valley Community Action at 402-729-2278.



Winners of the 5K Turkey Trot Held Saturday, Nov. 26 are (L-R) Bill Finner, third place; Madelynn Hill, first place and Natalie Hill second place. The event was hosted by Community Medical Center. Over 30 people registered for the One Mile or 5K Walk or Run. Winners of the one mile were; Dr. Chick James, first place and Beth Yoesel, second place. All winners received turkey hats. Merz Farm Equipment supplied the four wheel "pace car" and heater. Proceeds will go to the CMC Expansion/Renovation fundraising campaign.

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DISTRICT COURT

-Scott D. Hayes, of Lincoln, has been granted dissolution of his marriage to Jessica L. Hayes, of Falls City.

-Melinda J. Vollan, of Falls City, has filed for dissolution of her marriage to Russell E. Vollan, of Falls City.

-Keith A. Ferris, of Lincoln, has filed for dissolution of his marriage to Andrea L. Ferris, of Falls City.

CIVIL COURT

-Judgment entered in favor of AR Solutions, Inc., and against Joseph L. Jarred, of Verdon, in the amount of \$211.84, plus attorney fees of \$26 and Court costs of \$77.68. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Collection Associates, Inc., and against Tauna Carmichael, of Falls City, in the amount of \$194, plus prejudgment interest of \$14.71, attorney fees of \$19.40 and Court costs of \$71. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 6.0 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against James and Melissa Coonce, of Rulo, in the amount of \$548.60, plus prejudgment interest of \$13.26, attorney fees of \$59.86 and Court costs of \$58.94. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.498 percent.

COUNTY COURT

-Chance P. Huppert, 21, of Falls City, sentencing for driving under suspension; fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Amy J. Buckminster, 45, of Falls City, sentencing for DUI, first offense; driver's license revoked for 60 days (ignition interlock permit), placed on probation for eight months, ordered to obtain evaluation for chemical dependency within 30 days and comply with recommendation of assessment - at a minimum, complete an alcohol education program, and fined \$500, plus probation fees of \$250, Court costs of \$50, and lab fees of

\$145.49.

-Ryan E. Simmonds, 37, of Falls City, count one, criminal trespass - second degree; count two, disturbing the peace; pled no contest to both counts; fined \$175, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Jeremy M. Patnode, 27, of Falls City, possess or use drug paraphernalia; pled guilty; fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$48.

-Scott E. Burgett, 34, of Humboldt, sentencing for count one, DUI, first offense; count two, possess or consume open alcohol container; on count one, placed on probation for eight months, ordered to complete alcohol education program within 90 days, and fined \$500, plus probation fees of \$250; on count two, fined \$50, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Paul C. Schawang, 48, of Falls City, assault in the third degree; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing scheduled for Dec. 12.

-Richard A. Strecker, 32, of Verdon, domestic assault in the third degree; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing scheduled for Dec. 12.

-Christopher K. Jones, 52, of Humboldt, assault in the third degree; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing scheduled for Dec. 12.

-Rebecca A. Lunsford, 45, of Falls City, assault in the third degree; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing scheduled for Dec. 12.

-Devin W. Handley, 20, of Falls City, driving under suspension; pled no contest; sentencing set for Dec. 21.

-Jeremy Vice, 31, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension; count two, no proof of insurance; pled guilty to both counts; Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 4, 2017.

-Leo C. Moore, 31, of Falls City, count one, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Count one bound over to District Court.

ACCIDENTS

-Monday morning, Nov. 28, 10th Street alley between Fulton and Pacific. Driver: Christopher L. Furnas, 37, of Falls City. Estimated damage when Furnas, driving a 2008 Ford F-250 pickup registered to Time Warner Cable, Fairbury, allegedly struck a gas meter owned

Photo by Nikki McKim



The home of Tom and Mary Lunsford at 920 McLean St. in Falls City, was destroyed by Wednesday morning, Nov. 30. The State Fire Marshall determined that an overloaded outlet, with a space heater and several other devices behind a television, caused a short that led to the blaze. The fire started behind the TV, spread up a wall and throughout the living room before moving into the kitchen, where it was extinguished. Ten members of the Falls City Volunteer Fire Dept. and eight members of the FC Rural Dept. responded to the call just after 9 a.m. They remained on the scene until about 1:30 p.m. that afternoon.

No one was injured, but the family ultimately lost all of its belongings. First United Methodist Church Pastor John Hogue reported a benefit fund has been set up for the Lunsfords at Frontier Bank in Falls City, or people can also make monetary donations at the Methodist Church.

Health Dept. will no longer travel to FC for immunizations

December will be the last month that Southeast District Health Dept. will travel to communities in southeast Nebraska for the Immunization Outreach Program as the department no longer has funding for the service.

Starting Jan. 1, 2017 SDHD will no longer be available at Outreach Clinics in Falls City, Humboldt, Nebraska City, Pawnee City, Syracuse and Tecumseh.

SDHD will continue to provide immunizations to anyone residing in Johnson, Otoe, Pawnee, Nemaha and Richardson Counties at the health department's office in Auburn. Chris Eltiste, Immunization Nurse, emphasizes that the health department, "continues to utilize Vaccines for Children immunizations for children and adults at the health department's clinic in Auburn. The health department also encourages you to continue to utilize your primary care providers for immunizations."

by the City of Falls City: \$150 to the Time Warner truck; \$150 to City property. The accident was investigated by FCPD officer Jeremy Goldsberry, who issued Furnas a citation for leaving the scene of an accident; no injuries reported.

-Friday afternoon, Dec. 2, Casey's General Store parking lot, 1221 Harlan St. Driver: Billy J. Patrick, 44, of Lincoln. Owner of parked 2010 Dodge Ram pickup: William P. Schulenberg, of Rulo. Estimated damage when Patrick backed 2005 Chevy pickup from parking stall and into Schulenberg truck, which was positioned at the gas pumps: \$800 to Schulenberg vehicle. The accident was investigated by FCPD officer Patrick Stamper; no injuries were reported nor citations issued.

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Irish teams open season with sweep

Noah Keller scored a career-high 19 points, going a perfect 9-for-9 at the free throw line, and the FC Sacred Heart Irish opened the 2016-17 basketball season with a 50-36 win at Sterling last Friday.

SH jumped out to a 25-10 half-time lead and held it the rest of the way.

It was a physical game in which neither team shot well (combined 4-for-28 from three-point land), but FCSH owned the glass to the tune of 36-25, with Theo Rohrer hauling down 11 rebounds and Nathan Bird pulling in eight.

Sacred Heart travels to 1-2 Friend Friday and Lewiston next Tuesday.

LADY IRISH

Senior Jade Hill scored 12 points and Abby Fiegenger 11 in a 65-28 Lady Irish win at Sterling Friday. It was 22-6 after a single period.

Guard Alexis Barnes aided in the fast start, going 3-for-3 from the floor with seven of her nine points. Haylee Heits also scored nine and Sara Wertenberger added eight for the Lady Irish.

The Sacred Heart girls host NC Lourdes tonight at Prichard Auditorium and travel to Friend Friday.



Photos by Lori Gottula

(TOP) FCHS senior Kyle Leafy scored 13 points and pulled down 10 boards, but it wasn't quite enough, as the Tiger basketball team opened the 2016-17 season with a 50-44 home loss to Syracuse. (RIGHT) Senior Jessi Dean didn't miss a shot attempt and scored nine points in the opener.

FC owned the glass (33-23), but frigid 2-for-15 shooting from three-point land, 14 Rocket steals and a cold night for junior big man Brandt Chapple (1-for-9, 2 points) helped Syracuse escape with the victory.



Northvue SPORTS BAR BLAST FROM THE PAST



This FCHS outfielder led the team in hits, total bases and RBI through six games. She opened the season with a 3-for-4 performance against Savannah scoring twice and driving in five runs.

Can you identify this Blast from the Past? (Last Week's Blast from the Past was Buck Sells)

Falls City Journal

READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week our photo was submitted by Julie Phroper of Falls City. The topic was "Kittens"



Readers can enter a new photo every week, one photo per week with the photographers name and location. No logo's or copyrighted work. Each week we will give you a new topic. Submit photos to: journalpotw@gmail.com ONLY PHOTOS SUBMITTED TO THIS ADDRESS WILL BE CONSIDERED. Submit photos before Noon on Monday. Each weeks winner can come by the Journal office at 1810 Harlan St., to receive their prize! Next week... **Christmas Lights**

SNC Teaming Up with Sacred Heart for a Tailgate Party!

We're teaming up with the Sacred Heart Home & School Association!

FOR A

BAKED POTATO BAR

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
5:00 - 7:30 pm Prichard Auditorium

Serving Baked Potato Bar with all the toppings! Broccoli/Cheese, Chili, shredded cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, butter, onions & more. Homemade desserts & drink.

\$5 donation - Proceeds go to SH Home & School Association. Each donation gets your name in a drawing for a contest.

Two divisions - Jr. High & Younger, High School & Adults.

The Irish take on Lewiston. Watch for halftime games at both Varsity Matches!!



Falls City High senior guard Alyssa Frederick drained a three-pointer early Friday, but Syracuse held her without a field goal the rest of the way in the Lady Tigers' 46-35 season-opening home loss. Bailey Armbruster scored 13 points, Molly Brown hit a pair of threes in the second half and scored eight, and Rylee Scholl led in the paint with eight rebounds.

Rocket sophomore Brooklyn Nordhues led all scorers with 16 points, while classmate Meredith Clark added 13 and junior Payton Beckmann chipped in 11.

Friday night's season opener was FC's lone home appearance of the 2016 portion of the schedule. They go to Auburn Thursday, Wymore next Tuesday and Plattsmouth on Saturday, Dec. 17. FC doesn't appear at home again until Jan. 3 (Marysville, KS).

Big Red RECRUITING REPORT

By Sean Stevens

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

Nebraska's regular season ended with a thud, as Iowa boat-raced NU 40-10 and the Huskers finished 9-3. After a once-promising 7-0 start, injuries combined with a lack of depth doomed this team following the overtime loss at Wisconsin. With practices for the Dec. 30 Music City Bowl vs. Tennessee not starting until Dec. 9, the team has some time to heal and the coaches have hit the road recruiting before the NCAA's dead period begins.

The first stops for NU's staff were wide-ranging. Coach Mike Riley and LB coach Trent Bray started in Delaware, visiting NU's top-ranked commit, **LB Avery Roberts** (6-1/213). A January enrollee, Roberts remains fully-committed and excited to get to Lincoln despite efforts from Penn State to sway him.

Riley, Bray and WR coach Keith Williams then went to Covington, GA, to see **LB Jaquan Henderson** (6-1/210) and **WR Jeremiah Holloman** (6-3/190). Holloman subsequently pledged to Georgia, as expected, but Henderson is still considering NU along with Michigan State, Georgia Tech and Tennessee.

DB coach Brian Stewart headed to Florida where he visited with Rivals 100 **DE Robert Beal** (6-3/217) of Bradenton, FL. Beal committed to Georgia last summer, but is open to looking at other schools. There seems to be some fire to the smoke around Beal and NU, and he's rumored to be considering a visit. Stewart also met with **LB commit Willie Hampton** (6-2/220) and stopped in on Miami **DB Antwan Collier** (6-2/185), who is considering a January visit to Lincoln as well.

Stewart and Riley then met in Oklahoma for a visit with **DB Kamren Curl** (6-2/180) who was in Lincoln for the Minnesota game. The in-state Sooners offered Curl shortly thereafter, but he has yet to set a trip to Norman and continues to show interest in NU.

Stewart went on to California to visit Florida pledged **DB Elijah Blades** (6-3/170) who has had to postpone two planned trips to Lincoln due to his team's schedule and NU's game times conflicting. Blades is still trying to make it to town before Signing Day.

DL coach John Parella also headed to Florida where he visited committed **DEs Robert Porcher** (6-3/250) and **Guy Thomas** (6-3/205). Porcher committed to NU in June, and has not wavered. He does plan to visit Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech in December, but said that unless one of those schools blows him away, he'll be signing with NU in February. Thomas remains committed to NU despite not yet taking any official visits. He doesn't talk much, but he did tweet out two pictures of himself and Parella with Thomas' family after the visit with the tag "Had nice home visits... wen't great...and all the other was great as well".

Parella and Riley then teamed up in Texas to see committed **DT Deontae Watts** (6-3/305) along with targets **DT Damion Daniels** (6-2/310) and **CB Chevin Calloway** (5-10/180), before going to Oklahoma to visit commitments **DT Deontre Thomas** (6-2/260) and **TE Reese Leitao** (6-4/236).

Grad assistant Tavita Thompson started in Beatrice with 2018 **TE commit Cameron Jurgens** (6-3/235) before joining OL coach Mike Cavanaugh in Aledo, TX to see four-star **tackle Chuck Filiaga** (6-6/335). The Rivals top 250 prospect, who is also considering Oklahoma, Oregon, Michigan, Texas and USC, immediately set an official visit to Lincoln for Dec. 9.

Cavanaugh then headed to Ohio to visit committed **OL Matt Sichterman** (6-5/266) and 2018 **OL Jackson Carmen** (6-6/305) who already holds an NU offer along with Alabama, Florida, LSU, Michigan and Ohio State. From there he went to Phoenix for **OT Austin Jackson** (6-6/270) and then Portland for Oregon committed **OT Alex Forsyth** (6-5/290). Forsyth has stated his intention to stay with the Ducks, but it never hurts to kick the tires. Jackson has visited Oregon, USC and Arizona State, and the USC trip impressed him. NU is looking to secure an official visit from Jackson, but their top prospect remains Graham, WA **tackle Foster Sarrell** (6-6/311), who Cavanaugh also stopped in on this week.

Williams went from Georgia to Texas and offered former Iowa **WR pledge Gavin Holmes** (5-11/180) during an in-home visit. Holmes scheduled a Dec. 9 official visit to Lincoln and will also trip to Oklahoma, UCLA and Arizona State.

From there, Williams went to Los Angeles to see multiple prospects including 4-star **WR Jamire Calvin** (5-10/165), 5-star **WR Joseph Lewis** (6-2/197) and 4-star athlete **Greg Johnson** (5-11/183).

Early in the week DC Mark Banker made the trek to Hawaii to visit **LB Isaac Slade-Matautia** (6-1/225) of Honolulu. The four-star prospect also scheduled a Dec. 9 visit to Lincoln, and told Husker Online that he was excited to see NU's facilities and standards via a virtual tour and can't wait to see them in person.

Banker went next to Arizona for Scottsdale **DB K.J. Jarrell** (6-3/175). Jarrell announced a top 3 of USC, Arizona State and Cal on Nov. 11, but NU isn't giving up trying to secure an official visit.

RB coach Reggie Davis started his week in Los Angeles, visiting Rivals' No. 1 overall recruit, **RB Najee Harris** (6-2/222), who is pledged to Alabama. Although there's very little chance to flip his commitment, the fact that Davis was able to do an in-home visit with Harris speaks to the cache that NU currently carries in California. Davis then visited committed **FB Ben Miles** (6-1/215) in Louisiana.

OC Danny Langsdorf went first to Columbia, MO, to visit early enrollee **WR Javeon McQuitty** (6-2/190) then on to Georgia with Riley and Williams before heading to Idaho to see 2018 offered **QB Colson Yankoff** (6-4/195). The Rivals top 250 prospect picked Oregon over NU and Tennessee a while back, but with the Ducks' coaching changes he is open to considering others.

By the end of the week Riley, Langsdorf, Banker, Williams, Davis, Stewart, and Thompson were all in California, and many of them were seen at the Calabasas CIF Southern Section Championship game watching NU committed **QB Tristan Gebbia** (6-3/180) and **WR Keyshawn Johnson, Jr.** (6-1/195). Five-star teammate **DB Darnay Holmes** (5-10/190) missed the game with a stomach virus, but Riley, Langsdorf, and Williams all made their presence known to him as well as 2018 **DB Brendan Radley-Hiles** (5-10/175) and 2020 **WR Johnny Wilson** (6-3/180). Holmes is rumored to be strongly interested in NU again and may be making an official visit Dec. 9 as well.

Before the coaches left town, Mike Riley fired special teams coordinator Bruce Read. The group's play, aside from kicker Drew Brown, was inconsistent this year at best. Read was also not known as a great communicator with players and recruits, but he had been with Riley for 15-plus years so the decision couldn't have been easy for the head coach.

NU replaced Read with Tavita Thompson on the recruiting trail, and although Thompson has not been offered a full time position yet he remains on the short list to join the staff if the NCAA passes a proposal to increase the number of full-time coaches to ten.

Mid-day Friday, news broke that NU was finalizing a contract to add Arizona cornerbacks coach Donte Williams. Riley said that he will not hire a special teams coordinator and instead will split the duties up among the staff. Williams is an ace recruiter who was directly responsible for nine of Arizona's 26 verbal commitments. Prior to Arizona, he coached at San Jose State and stole multiple prospects from USC and UCLA in his three years there.

Williams was the lead recruiter for the Wildcats on a number of key Husker targets, including **RB Nathan Tilford** (6-1/201) of Ontario, CA, and the aforementioned **Darnay Holmes, Joseph Lewis, Elijah Blades, K.J. Jarrell, Greg Johnson, and Jamire Calvin**. His addition is a key to Holmes and Blades renewed interest in NU, and could be the final piece to seal the deal with Lewis and Johnson. Johnson announced on Twitter Sunday evening that he had officially reopened his recruitment.

If things fall the way they're leaning now, it's likely this NU class will end up ranked in the top 15 and could reach the top 10 by Signing Day.



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City Council

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 7th day of November, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jorm recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. Absent: Dougherty. 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 when the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Oliver 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Oliver started his mayor's report by informing the council and people in attendance that the city line crew has been installing the new Christmas lights in the downtown business district. He told the council that the reason why the decorations are being installed this early is that there needs to be electrical hook ups installed for the decorations along Harlan Street and this will be time consuming.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 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 October 17, 2016 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for November 7, 2016 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Claims for October 2016 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for November 7, 2016 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" (from the minutes) Murphy, Wisdom. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - PRESENTATION & REVIEW OF TIF APPLICATION - COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR ARMBRUSTER

MOTORS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Mayor Oliver declared a public hearing open at 6:06 P.M. for the purpose of obtaining input on the Cost-Benefit Analysis and review of the Redevelopment Plan Amendment for the Armbruster Motors Redevelopment Project. Andrew Willis, CRA Attorney spoke. Mayor Oliver then asked if there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said Cost-Benefit Analysis and review of the Redevelopment Plan Amendment for the Armbruster Motors Redevelopment Project. Since no one wished to be recognized, Mayor Oliver then declared the public hearing closed at 6:26 P.M. A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve Resolution FC100 approving the Redevelopment Plan Amendment for Armbruster Motors Redevelopment Project. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Council person Vaughn and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve Resolution FC101 approving the Redevelopment Agreement for Armbruster Motors Redevelopment Project. Andrew Willis, CRA Attorney spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING - ORDINANCE 2016-110 TO ALLOW PET GROOMING AND PET TRAINING AS A PERMITTED USES IN THE II DISTRICT

Mayor Oliver declared a public hearing open at 6:35 P.M. for the purpose of obtaining input on Ordinance 2016-110 to allow pet grooming and pet training as a permitted uses in the II District. Mayor Oliver then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said Ordinance 2016-110 to allow pet grooming and pet training as a permitted uses in the II District. Randy Coulter spoke. Since no one else wished to be recognized, Mayor Oliver then declared the public hearing closed at 6:38 P.M. A motion was made by Council person Nussbaum and seconded by Council person Vaughn to approve the first reading on Ordinance 2016-110 as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5.06 OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PET GROOMING AND PET TRAINING AS PERMITTED USES IN THE II DISTRICT AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn. "NAY" Wisdom. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST FOR THE RE-ZONING OF LAND DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 228 ORIGINAL TOWN FROM R2 TO II DISTRICT - PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION WAS TO DENY CHANGE IN ZONING

Mayor Oliver declared a public hearing open at 6:40 P.M. for the purpose of obtaining input for the re-zoning of land described as Block 228 Original Town from R2 to II District. Mayor Oliver then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said re-zoning. Kylie Volland, Colton Volland, LeAnn Bek, Tyler Bek, Charles Hayes, Laura Coulter, Randy Coulter, Duane Armbruster and Beckie Cromer all spoke. Since no one else wished to be recognized, Mayor Oliver then declared the public hearing closed at 6:53 P.M.

A motion was made by Council person Vaughn and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the request to re-zone Block 228 Original Town from R2 to II. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Robidoux, Vaughn. "NAY" Murphy, Nussbaum, Wisdom. "ABSTAIN" Nolte. Due to a split vote Mayor Oliver voted "YEA". Motion carried.

REQUEST - USE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS - REHAB BATH HOUSE AT STANTON LAKE - \$9,552.00

A motion was made by Council member Nolte and seconded by Council member Robidoux to approve the request to use Capital Improvement Funds to rehab the bath house at Stanton Lake for \$9,552.00. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AND RICHARDSON COUNTY

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Murphy to approve the Electrical Improvement Agreement between the City of Falls City and Richardson County. Utility Superintendent Alan Romine spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Robidoux. Motion carried.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER - GENERATION PROJECT FOR A SWITCH GEAR BUILDING NOT TO EXCEED \$283,728

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Vaughn to approve the change order on the Generation Project for a switch Gear Building not to exceed \$283,728 as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Utility Superintendent Alan Romine spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE #2016-112 - TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2016-103 - TO RESTATE CURRENT ELECTRICAL RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Murphy to suspend the 1st and 2nd readings of Ordinance #2016-112 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Council person Nussbaum to approve the final reading of Ordinance #2016-112 as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2016-103, AND TO SET FORTH BASE COST FOR POWER PRODUCTION COST ADJUSTMENTS, TO RESTATE THE CURRENT ELECTRICAL RATES, FEES AND CHARGES, AND COLLECTIONS FOR ELECTRICITY FROM AND IN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FROM AND PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. Utility Superintendent Alan Romine spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Vaughn to recess from regular session and convene to Executive Session at 7:39 P.M. to discuss land acquisition. Present were: Assistant City Clerk Sandra Ferris and Utility Superintendent Alan Romine. Mayor Oliver restated why in executive session for discussion of land acquisition. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried. Mayor Oliver stated a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation has been adopted. A motion was then made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Nussbaum to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in regular session at 7:40 P.M. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on November 7, 2016; 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 twenty-four 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 ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorm, City Clerk
Jerry Oliver, Mayor

District #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, December 12, 2016 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School

The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

1.0 Business Items:
1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and

- Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Approval of Absences
- 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda
- 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
- 1.6 Audiences
- 1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 1.8 Approval of Claims
- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
 - 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report:
 - 2.2 Principal's Reports:
 - 2.3 Board President's Report:
 - 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
 - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
 - 2.4b Building and Grounds Update
 - 2.4c Continuous School Improvement & District Goals
 - 2.4d Negotiations Planning
 - 2.4e Policy Planning
 - 2.4f Superintendent Meetings
 - 2.4g Board Member Meetings
 - 2.4h Other
 - 2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports:

- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
 - 3.1 First Reading on Policy Revisions
 - 3.2 Second Reading on Policy Revisions
 - 3.3 Other

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

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for the second Monday of the month, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.



"Whistlin" Wally Baker is turning 80 on Dec. 6th. His family is having a card shower for him. You can send a card to him at: 307 Linden St., Verdon, NE 68457. Happy Birthday Dad and Grandpa Baker. (all the kids, grands and great grands.)

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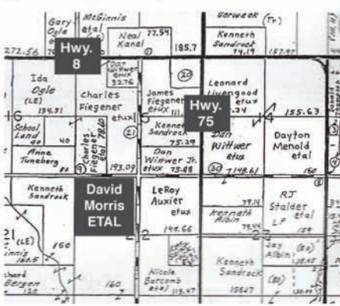
Thursday, December 15, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

at the Richardson County Fairgrounds Ag Building - Humboldt, Nebraska



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty-two, Township One North, Range Fourteen, East of the Sixth P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska.

LOCATION: The property is located at the junction of U.S. Highway 75 and Nebraska Highway 8 - 1/2 mile West on Highway 8 then 1 mile South on 639 Blvd. to the Northeast corner of the farm.



GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This is an excellent opportunity to purchase a quarter section of southeast Nebraska land with a high percentage of CRP only 1/2 mile from U.S. Highway 75. This farm has the advantage of excellent accessibility with a steady income stream from the Conservation Reserve Program. There are currently 126 acres bid into the CRP program with an annual contract payment \$17,367.00. The balance of the farm is in grass with some tree lined waterways and a watershed dam. The CRP contract expires on September 30, 2020. The 2015 real estate taxes amounted to \$6,801.14. The current assessed valuation on the farm is \$541,837.00. The FSA records show in addition to the CRP acres there are 5.72 acres of Effective DCP Cropland with a 1.2 acre Corn Base and a 4.5 acre Sorghum Base. There is a CRP reduction of the Wheat Base amounting to 19.8 acres.

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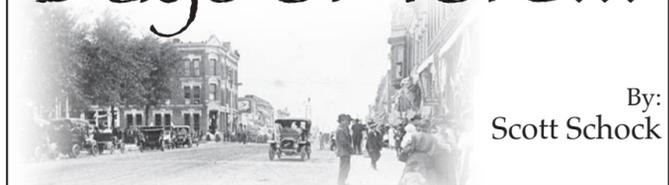


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Days of Yore...

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Scott Schock



50 Years Ago
Dec. 7-13, 1966

Local voters overwhelmingly approved the creation of a Falls City Housing Authority with the power to enter into agreements for the construction and operation of public housing. The vote was 797 in favor and 120 opposed.

Bill Schock was in Omaha covering the hearing into the Aug. 6 Braniff Airline crash NW of Falls City. He provided a detailed report from testimony given by five local eyewitnesses. Turbulence was a major point in the hearing.

Reno, NV (UPI) — A housewife, swearing out a complaint of assault and battery against her husband, told police she planned to stay married to him, although she didn't love him. "I intend to make the next six years as miserable for him as the past six have been for me," she said.

Headline: "Pearl Harbor Attack Still Awfully Vivid."

SH Student Body President John Simon presented a check for \$150 for the renovation of Tiehen Gym. Students had raised the money during a morning of competitive corn picking.

Tuberculin tests were to be given to first and ninth grade students in Richardson County.

Garry B. Watzke of Falls City was one of seven UNL seniors honored for Especially High Academic Achievement and named to Phi Beta Kappa.

Frontier Homes workers completed the manufacturer's first new travel trailer — the "Sunset Traveler."

A reward was offered for the apprehension of those who desecrated a grave while stealing two evergreen trees at the FC Catholic Cemetery.

Leading the cheers at FCHS were Jean Linscott, Pam Tubach, Laurie Schock, Linda Harkendorff, Karen Scribner and Becky Schatz.

The *Journal* published a full-page ad urging shoppers to patronize local merchants and shop at home.

Chathan, England (UPI) — The following advertisement appeared in the local paper: "Mini-skirts dry cleaned at half price."

The coldest temperature of the season was recorded in the county — 1 above at FC early on Sunday morning, Dec. 11.

Vandals were busy stealing and damaging outdoor Christmas lights in town. FCPD was after them. This was not a new phenomenon.

More than 1,000 attended the Christmas Carol Sing at Prichard Auditorium.

At least two Richardson Countyans reported a "flaming object" hurtle toward Earth the evening of Saturday, Dec. 10. Officials checked and determined it was a large meteorite.

Bob Glenn hit a long jumper in the second overtime to give the FCHS Tigers their first win of the season as they outlasted Auburn, 67-65.

Turkey fries and turkey — \$1 plate at R & C Bar in Rulo.

Earl May Garden & Nursery Center announced its "fabulous Christmas Center," with the finest Christmas trees in town from \$1.25 and up.

Saigon (UPI) — Maj. Douglas D. Benner of Falls City completed his 100th mission over the flak-strewn skies over North Vietnam. He was in the U.S. checking out the F106 aircraft. Maj. Brenner had been a member of the famed USAF Thunderbirds.

Tom Weinert was the host when Cub Scouts of Den 2, Pack 391, met and worked on Christmas gifts for their parents.

The *Journal* published a photo of a new beaver dam across the Muddy Creek about a half-mile east of the bridge just south of Verdon.

Four full pages of ads were published in the *Journal* for the upcoming "Tri-State Day."

25 Years Ago

The *Journal* published a special two-page spread entitled "Remembering Pearl Harbor." Bill Schock included feature stories about county veterans' WWII experiences, including at Pearl Harbor.

Bredeaux Pisa was taking applications for pizza delivery drivers.

The Falls City Cooperative Handbell Choir, directed by the Rev. Dr. Richard Don, was pictured performing at the Community Carol Sing at the auditorium.

Headline: "Violence for the 'shear fun' of it." The AP story recounted random acts of violence — most involving guns. One 19 year-old, who shot a woman as she drove on a freeway in Washington, DC, told friends he "just felt like killing someone."

A photo of the new Nebraska license plate (to be issued in 1993) was published. No controversy ensued.

Richardson County Hwy. Supt. Tim Baxter issued a public thank you for the patience residents showed during construction of the "Bin Site" road west and north of Humboldt.

School District 56 board members continued to discuss needed renovations at FCHS. After a productive session with the audience, the board voted to contract with an architectural firm to complete a preliminary study.

Polly Fisher in "Polly's Pointers": to find a sweet pineapple, sniff it! The more fragrant, the better.

Davies Jewelry Co. advertised a "Quitting Business" sale. Everything was discounted, including store fixtures.

Large crowds attended Eagle Days at the Squaw Creek Refuge near Mound City, MO. The weather was excellent.

Headline: "Report forecasts loss of small towns." (In Nebraska)

The Stone Street building housing Falter's and The Falls City Shoe Store was getting a facelift. The building was owned by Towle Realty.

Dr. Gott: "Alcohol and medication don't mix."

Two ads noted the 40th birthday of "Jean Ann."

Southeast Consolidated School said goodbye to a teacher and friend and her family from Australia. Helen Walsh and her family had completed their stay at SE and were to depart for their home. SE teacher Nancy McKibbin and her family were to make the opposite journey — part of a teacher exchange.

Don Baldwin reached the eight gallon mark at the most recent Red Cross Bloodmobile stop at the auditorium.

Bubba Chapple was named FCHS Wrestler of the Week by coach Larry Munn.

An advertiser was offering reward for a lost or stolen brown leather bomber jacket. He really wanted it back!

Area residents were reminded of the "Mitten Tree" at the library for the holiday season. It was an annual project of the FC Girl Scouts.

Keith Richey of FCHS was selected as a coach for the Shrine Bowl football game to be played the next season in Lincoln.

15 Years Ago

The Richardson County Commissioners voted unanimously to participate in a four-county road numbering/signing system.

As a community service project, several German II students from FCHS decorated for Christmas a room at the Richardson County Historical Society's Bell-Jenne House. Their teacher: Wanda Biel.

Dearra Johnson, a FC student, accepted an academic scholarship to attend the "Law & Justice in a Democracy" program in Washington, D.C.

District 56 board members voted unanimously to "recognize Mr. Gary Grady's contribution to the Falls City Public School students." Gary had died after suffering a heart attack at school.

The newly formed Sycamore Springs Foundation purchased at auction the historic Brown County, KS, property.

Journal Sportswriter Jason Schock published a photo titled "Crowd Control." It included Chuck Simon and his nephew, Bill Simon. Two peas from the same pod!

OBITUARIES

James D. Hillyard

James Duane Hillyard, 73, of Montrose, CO, passed away at San Juan Living Center on Oct. 20, 2016. He was born in Kansas City, MO, to James Monroe Hillyard and Edna Pearl Barnette.

There he met the love of his life, Judith. They were married on Dec. 14, 1962, then they later moved to Denver, where he worked at Acutronics as a welder and retired in 2003. Then they moved to Montrose. Jim had a love for his pets, fishing, camping, hunting and riding his Goldwing. He enjoyed walking around the neighborhood getting to know all the neighbors. He was a big Denver Broncos fan and enjoyed watching or listening to the games.

He is survived by his wife, Judith, of Montrose; daughter, Connie; two grandchildren; aunt, Connie (Hillyard) Shafer, of Auburn; and cousins, Steve, Rick, Tom and Mark Hillyard and Garland, Garth, and Gerry Shafer.

Jim was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tom and Grace Hillyard, of Shubert, and his parents.

In Lieu of flowers, get outdoors and spend some time with your family and your pets.

Diana Wendtlandt

Diana L. Wendtlandt, 67, of Falls City, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2016. She was born Jan. 23, 1949 at Falls City to the late Leonard and Lucille (Aue) Shefferd.

Diana grew up in the Stella, area and attended school there up to the sixth grade then moved to Falls City and attended school there; and later received her GED. She worked at Aztec Woodcraft, Southside Bar, Hotel Stephenson and Oasis Restaurant, bartended at various bars, and was also a nurse's aid at Falls City Health Care Community.

Diana married Ronald Dishong Sept. 7, 1966 at Falls City. He passed away on Aug. 29, 1996. She then married Henry Wendtlandt, Sr., on Sept. 6, 2001. She was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Wendtlandt, Sr., of Falls City; daughter: Sherry (Paul) Baumgartner, of Falls City; son, Michael (Ramona) Dishong, of Falls City; step-son, Henry (Angie) Wendtlandt, Jr., of Falls City; brothers, Gary (Karen) Shefferd, of Hiawatha, KS, Ronald Shefferd, of Falls City, Dennis (Pam) Shefferd, of House Springs, MO, Richard (Barb) Shefferd, of Hiawatha, and David (Debbie) Shefferd, of Fairview, KS; sisters, Patricia (Ronald) Karst, of Salem, Judy Bradley, and Sue (Marvin) Buckminster, all of Falls City; grandchildren, Derik (Maggie) Wisdom, Jared (Michelle) Dishong, Kyle Dishong, Alicia Holstein and Joshua Fritz; six great-grandchildren.

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

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with Pastor Ben Moore officiating. Interment will be at Steele Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

www.dorrandclark.com

James McGinnis

James McGinnis, 83, of Omaha (formerly of Dawson), passed away on Nov. 21, 2016 at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha.



James was born Sept. 6, 1933 at Dawson to Ernest and Anna McGinnis.

He graduated from Dawson High School in 1951. He served in the Navy from 1952 to 1956 aboard the USS Walton. He was a teacher and coach for 27 years, serving at Stapleton Public School from 1961-1965, at Gothenburg Public School from 1965 to 1970, Curtis Medicine Valley High from 1970 to 1977, and Roncalli Catholic High School from 1977 to 1988.

Jim is survived by sons, Douglas (Carrie) and Allen (Michelle), both of North Platte; daughters, Kathy Erickson of Aloha, OR, Mary (Eric) Linville, of Humboldt, Kar-

en (Greg) McCarty, of Clarksville, MO, Paula (Bill) Wakefield, of Lincoln, and Lisa, of Omaha; brothers, Tom, of Falls City, Carl (Jean), of Lincoln, and Mike (Shirley), of Council Bluffs; sister, Margaret Weagel, of Falls City.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Edna June (Russell); parents, Ernest and Anna McGinnis; brothers, Qualls, Joseph and John; sisters, Anna Farnsworth and Rosemary Inglis.

Services were held at St. James Catholic Church in Omaha on Saturday, Nov. 26. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Dawson, with Military Graveside Honors. Memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church, 9025 Larimore St., Omaha, NE or to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dawson.

Roeder Mortuary, Omaha, is in charge of arrangements.

www.RoederMortuary.com

Dorothy Marie Fisher

Heaven gained the most beautiful flower, Dorothy Marie Fisher; she joined her family in heaven on Dec. 3, 2016 at the age of 86. Dorothy was born Aug. 9, 1930, on a farm west of Rulo, one of 10 children born to the late Antone and Dora (Schulenberg) Gerweck.

She attended the Red Brick School in Rulo and later graduated from Falls City High School with the Class of 1947.

On May 4, 1949, Dorothy was united in marriage to Lester Fisher at Immaculate Conception Church in Rulo. She lived her married life on the farm west of Rulo where they farmed and raised livestock. Lester passed away on Aug. 21, 1986. After his death, Dorothy moved to Falls City in 1989.

She worked at the Mini Mall for five years and retired in 1992. She then spent her time tending her beautiful flower garden for which she won Yard of the Week. Dorothy was an extremely gifted seamstress, gardener and crafter. She enjoyed spending her time with her family and watching the grandkids play baseball.

Dorothy was a member of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Falls City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lester Fisher; brothers, Vernon, Leslie, Dale, Jerry and Leonard Gerweck; and sisters, Donna Faller, Marjorie Wittrock, Gertrude Gatz and Jeanne Ger-

weck.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Gary (Margaret) Fisher, of Rulo; daughters, Kathy Mumm of Rulo, and Pat (Dave) Bauman, of Verdon; grandchildren, Gary (Staci) Fisher, of Wilber, Angela Cooce, Jennifer Mumm and Jason (Tiffin) Bauman, all of Falls City, and Brian Bauman, of Lincoln; great-grandchildren, Christopher and Wyatt Cooce, Karsen Fisher and Jessica Sells; step-great-grandchildren, Trayce Stutheit, Arielle Young, Justin Cooce; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A private family graveside inurnment will be held at a later date at the Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be given to the Falls City Recreational Fund or to Richardson County Cancer Fund.

Hall Funeral Chapel, of Falls City, is in charge of arrangements.

www.hallfuneral.net

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1969, some 300,000 rock music fans attended the infamous Altamont, CA, rock concert featuring the Rolling Stones, as well as Santana, Jefferson Airplane and the Greatful Dead. Several dozen members of the Hells Angels motorcycle gain acted as informal security. An 18-year-old was stabbed to death and three other fans died accidentally.

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Infuse your holiday traditions with a touch of sweetness

(StatePoint) As the holidays approach, you're probably starting to think about ways to make the season a little bit sweeter for friends and family. After all, it's the perfect time of year to indulge your sweet tooth.

Here are some fun, festive and tasty ideas to sweeten your holiday traditions and make them unforgettable, from the holiday experts at See's Candies.

Candy Bar: Dedicate a section of your holiday party buffet to sweet treats, chocolates, candy and hot chocolate. Don't forget to have small goodie bags available so guests can take some of the sweetness home with them.

Stocking Stuffers: While you will most likely purchase personalized gifts for each member of your family, you can also amp up their stockings with candy full of holiday cheer. One delicious seasonal choice is See's Candies North Pole Delights Gift Box, which includes milk chocolate balls, molasses chips and rich dark chocolate.

Hostess Gifts: You will likely be attending many gatherings and parties this holiday season. Make sure you don't arrive empty-handed. A box of chocolates in a keepsake holiday-themed tin makes for a convenient and wonderful host or hostess gift. In fact, having several on hand in your home is a great idea for easy gift-giving all season long, especially for last-minute gifts when you realize you've forgotten something for the mailman, your babysitter or your child's teacher.

Goodies for Santa: A favorite holiday tradition for many is leaving something sweet for Santa. This year, make Santa's night by leaving him something extra yummy, such as See's Candies Christmas Peanut Brittle. Don't forget the milk!

See's Candies offers a variety of over 100 different candies and chocolates, which are made using only the best ingredients. You can find See's at holiday gift center locations in major malls nationwide or at www.Sees.com.

For more holiday ideas, visit @SeesCandies on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest or Instagram.

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We're going to bake holiday treats...  ...and bring them to the Senior Center. Kids: color stuff in!

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Holiday Family Fun

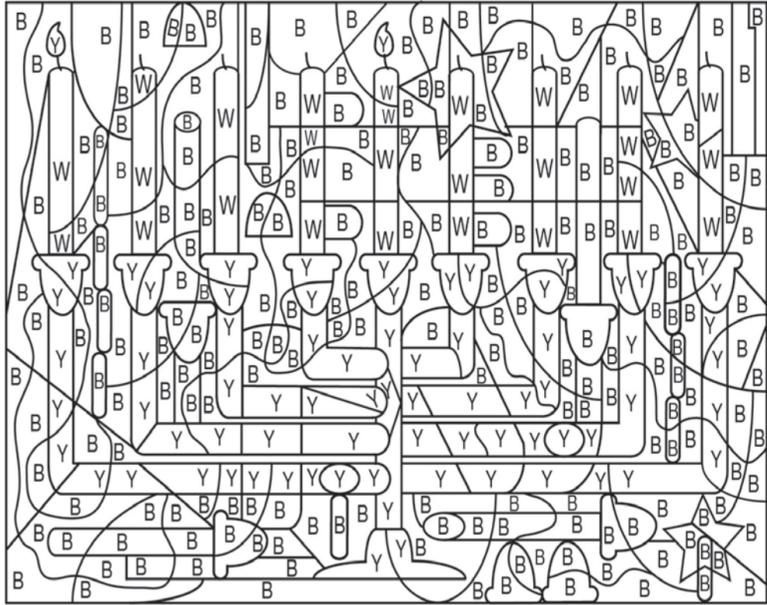
December is here! Okay, okay the word is out. I love the holidays! I love the hustle and bustle. I'm only half crabby at this time of year.

Everyone is busy, busy, busy! They are getting ready for the holidays. Each family has its own customs and traditions. What is your family doing? **Finish the puzzles on this page to find out what people are doing at this time of year.**

Festival of Lights

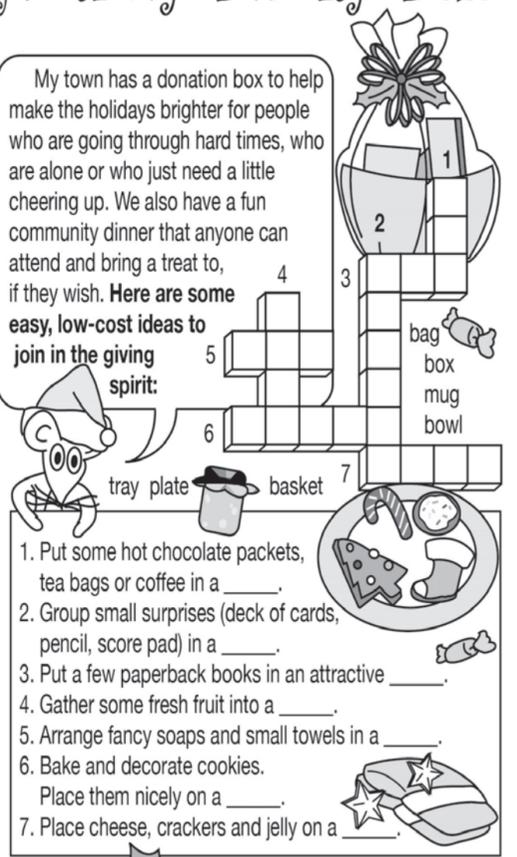
Color Key: Y = yellow B = blue W = white

This family is taking out a family heirloom. It will help them remember the miracle of Hanukkah. Find your colored pencils and follow the color key to find out what it is.



My town has a donation box to help make the holidays brighter for people who are going through hard times, who are alone or who just need a little cheering up. We also have a fun community dinner that anyone can attend and bring a treat to, if they wish. Here are some easy, low-cost ideas to join in the giving spirit:

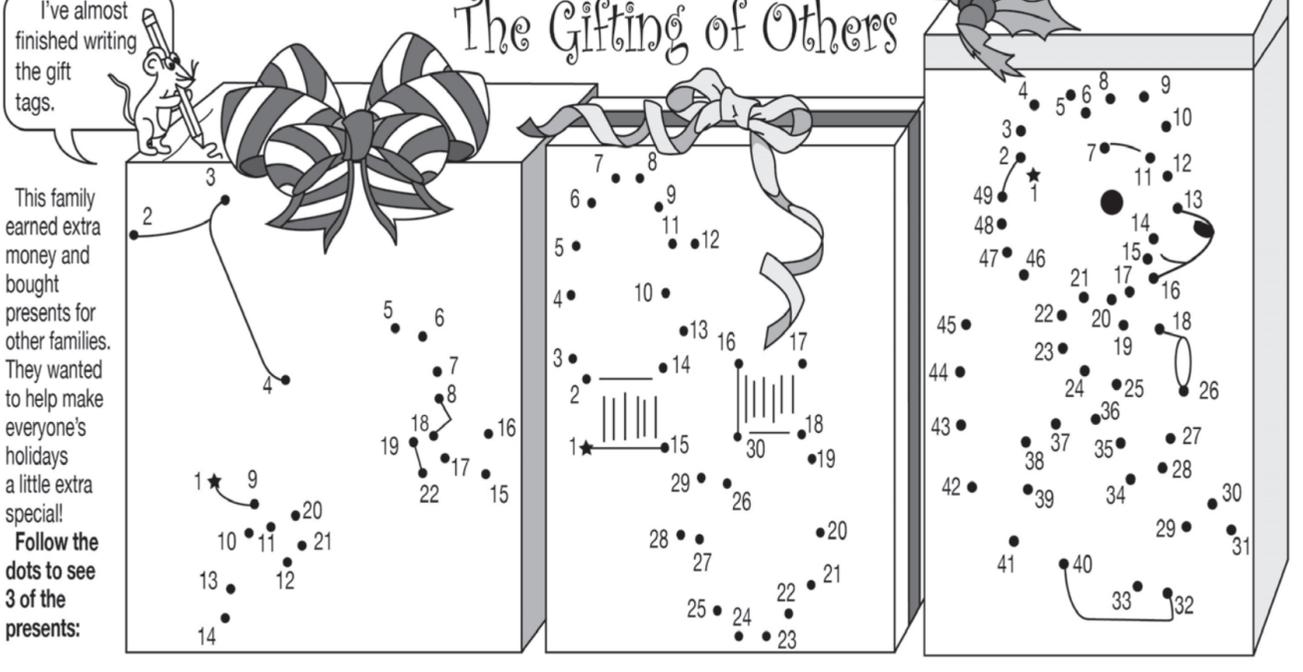
- Put some hot chocolate packets, tea bags or coffee in a .
- Group small surprises (deck of cards, pencil, score pad) in a .
- Put a few paperback books in an attractive .
- Gather some fresh fruit into a .
- Arrange fancy soaps and small towels in a .
- Bake and decorate cookies. Place them nicely on a .
- Place cheese, crackers and jelly on a .



The Gifting of Others

I've almost finished writing the gift tags.

This family earned extra money and bought presents for other families. They wanted to help make everyone's holidays a little extra special! Follow the dots to see 3 of the presents:



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF DELPHIA L. VICE, DECEASED PR16-49

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of November, 2016, in the County Court of Richardson County, NE, Ricky J. Vice, whose address is 70830 660 Ave., Rulo, NE 68431, 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 Jan. 23, 2017 or be forever barred.

Nancy D. DeKlotz Clerk-Magistrate

Neal E. Parsons, #13228 Attorney at Law 217 East 18th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355 22-29-6

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF ROBERT D. McAFEE, DECEASED PR16-50

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of November 2016, in the County Court of Richardson County, NE, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Michael D. McAfee, whose address is 1501 E. 14th St., Falls City, NE 68355, and Misti D. Lehmkuhl, whose address is 914 S. 2nd, Hiawatha, KS 66434, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before Jan. 23, 2017 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk-Magistrate

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CLASSIC CLUB 8, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Classic Club 8, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on November 17, 2016 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- 1. The name of the company is Classic Club 8, LLC.
2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 111 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the company's initial registered agent for service of process in Nebraska is Richard L. Halbert, 111 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355.

4. The general nature of its business is 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 the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorneys: Richard L. Halbert, #11659 Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 Ryan C. Dorecy, #25748 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C. 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486

29-6-13

Falls City Housing Authority East View Concrete Block Cover-2016 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Proposals from contractors will be received by the Board of Commissioners, Falls City Housing Authority, Falls City, NE 68355 until 9:00 a.m., CST, on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 for the installation of a covering for the exposed concrete block wall in the lower level. The work is to take place at the Falls City Housing Authority, East View Apartments, located at 800 E. 2111 Street Falls City, Nebraska. The contractor is required to visit the site and familiarize themselves with the work area and all of the elements involved. The work is to be done in accordance with the plans and or specifications as prepared by Architecture Incorporated, Lincoln, Nebraska. All bids received from the contractors will be reviewed at a following Falls City Housing Authority Board of Directors meeting, a contractor will be selected and all contractors will then be notified of the board's decision.

A single prime bid is requested for this work.

All sealed proposals shall be delivered to Ms. Linda K. Ebel, Executive Director, of the Falls City Housing Authority, 800 E. 21st Street Falls City, Nebraska.

Specifications may be examined at and obtained from the office of the Executive Director, of the Falls City Housing Authority, 800 E. 21st Street Falls City, Nebraska.

This project is open to receive proposals from HUD Section 3 individuals/businesses. HUD Section 3 requirements and submittal forms are available at the office of the Housing Authority Director.

All proposals shall be submitted on forms issued by the Architect and any other form of proposals will not be considered.

The successful contractor will be required to furnish corporate surety, performance bonds in a sum equal to 100 percent of the contract price as proposed, in accordance with H.U.D. requirements.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid.

No bidder may withdraw for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

The construction shall be based on the equipment and materials as specified. Any and all requests for change in materials, systems, etc. shall require prior approval from the Architect.

The housing authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities in any proposal and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The Housing Authority Board will vote on the acceptance of a contractor's bid at a later time from the bid opening and the bidding contractors will be notified of their bid's status thereafter.

Board of Commissioners Falls City Housing Authority

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF WENZ FAMILY FARMS, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Wenz Family Farms, L.L.C., 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 November 16, 2016 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 Leon Wenz.

Leon Wenz, Manager

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29-6-13

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF THE TESTAMENTARY TRUST CREATED BY THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SYBIL G. HAMPTON, Deceased, being the SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST Case No. PR96-060 NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR REVIEW AND SETTLEMENT OF TWENTIETH ANNUAL ACCOUNTING FROM OCTOBER 28, 2015 TO AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 27, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith, Co-Trustees, have filed an accounting and Petition for Review and Settlement of Twentieth Annual Accounting From October 28, 2015 to and Including October 27, 2016. Hearing has been set to consider the accounting, petition and fees on January 4, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., Richardson County Court, in Falls City, Nebraska.

Dated November 28, 2016

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

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6-13-20

NOTICE In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret E. Schaible, Deceased. Case No. PR16-51

Notice is hereby given that on November 28, 2016, 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 Michael C. Schaible, whose address is 1923 Towle Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 6, 2017 or be forever barred.

Curtis L. Maschman County Judge

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6-13-20

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 22, 2016 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

SHERIFF, DON POUNDS

Sheriff Don Pounds updated the Board on the business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail this week. Maintenance items within the Jail were also reviewed.

Motion was made by Standerford to approve the Humboldt Law Enforcement Agreement for a term of 3 years from September 1, 2016 at a contracted price of \$202,988.28, payable monthly to the County. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 71)

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPT.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent met with the Board to update them on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Equipment maintenance and future equipment purchases were reviewed.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director was also present for this meeting to review with the Board the possibility of purchasing a map scanner. Informal quotes were also presented on a map scanner/printer. Motion was made by Davidson to approve the purchase of a Cannon image PROGRAF iPF830 MFP at \$10,220.00. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agreement with the State of NE HRRR-STWD (116) Advanced Railroad Signing Program Agreement which is federally funded for \$6,008.52 with no cost to Richardson County. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 72)

MONA GODEMANN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Mona Godemann, Veterans Service Officer met with the Board to request the move of the Veterans Service Office to the office currently occupied by the Probation Office which is mov-

ing to another area of the Courthouse. Motion was made by Davidson to approve the moving of the Veterans Service Office to Room #106. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

WEATHERCRAFT CO., CHRIS MCCLINTOCK

Chris McClintock of Weathercraft Company presented to the Board a quote for the roof repair to the Courthouse which should at the completion of the project be a watertight roof membrane that should be reasonably expected to successfully function for

November 22, 2016 up to another 10 years. The proposal is at \$11,367.00 and should be completed within 30 days after starting.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the proposal as presented from Weathercraft Company. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

At 11:30 a.m. Chairman Sichel called to order the quarterly safety committee meeting. Those present were Commissioners Standerford, Davidson and Sichel; Courthouse Maintenance, Tammie Beckner; Maintenance Technician, Tyler Cooper; Sheriff Don Pounds; EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall; Road & Bridge Dept representative, Steve Darveau and Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent.

Sheriff Pounds reported that some holes outside the north door in the grass need to be filled so no one would trip in them. He also reported that the driveway area at the Jail/Law Enforcement Center appears to be undermining in a certain area and requested that the Road Dept. look at the area and make repairs as needed.

Tyler Cooper, Maintenance Technician reported no problems.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent reported that the building at the County Shop in Humboldt is in very bad condition and needs to be replaced. He also commented on the motorists that pass by the motor graders and that additional lights need to be added to the equipment to help with seeing through dust.

Steve Darveau, Jr. reported that when maintenance operators are blading roads that motorists are not being cautious and requested to have a deputy patrol the main roads from time to time to check speed. More lighting on the equipment was also discussed.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reported no problems.

Tammie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance reported no problems. A discussion was also held regarding the water leaks through the basement of the Courthouse coming from the lawn sprinkler system on the north side of the Courthouse.

Chairman Sichel declared the quarterly safety committee meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Resolution 2016-2017-22

Motion was made by Sichel to approve a subdivision for Stalder Cattle Co. located in S30, T1, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2016-2017-22. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 73)

OPPD Agreement

Motion was made by Sichel to approve and agreement with OPPD for the use of county road right-of-way located 4 miles South and 3 miles East of Humboldt on 635 Avenue. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 74)

Designate Newspaper for County Legal Notices

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the FC Journal as the official county newspaper for 2017 for legal notices of Richardson County. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

County Visitor Committee

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the request from the County Visitor Committee to approve the change to the by-laws to meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing Notice

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the advertisement of a notice for a budget hearing for the addition of funds to the Jail Building Fund from the proceeds of the issuance of 2016 bonds. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Other

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the installation of a designated line to the elevator emergency phone. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

A fee report was approved for Sheriff Pounds for fees collected during the month of October, 2016 totaling \$2,046.84.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: All Access Technologies, serv/equip1724.00, Patricia Brown, reimb.....30.78, Datamax, supp.....189.56, Mary L. Eickhoff, reimb.....38.88, FC Journal, adv.....64.00, Farm & City Supply, supp.....19.99, First Concord Benefits, med reimb.....5332.86, Frontier Bank, supp.....57.03, Good News Assembly of God, rent.....150.00, Humboldt Standard, adv.....55.20, Jones Air Conditioning, serv.....570.00, Frances Kuker, serv.....800.00, Madison Nat'l Life, insurance.....20.03, Meeting Place, rent.....75.00, MIPS, serv.....424.79, NE Assoc of Co. Officials, reg fee.....750.00, Nemaha County Hospital, serv.....70.00, Ameritas, retire.....7055.91, County Sheriff, fees.....749.42, Richardson County Vendor, FICA.....7464.43, Kim Riggs, reimb.....233.28, Rulo Library, rent.....75.00, Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv.....545.00, Max Shafer, serv.....720.00, Spectra Assoc., supp.....824.50, St. Mary's Parrish Hall, rent.....75.00, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, rent.....75.00, TransAmerica, insur.....65.83, William VonSeggern, contract.....4000.00, Wolfes Printing, supp.....690.24, Payroll Expense.....66082.23, TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$99,027.96

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: Black Hills Utility Holdings, serv.....33.97, Concrete Industries, supp.....655.75, Hammons OK Tire, serv.....5164.00, Kochs Auto Service, serv/parts.....2704.62, MINK, fee.....60.00, NPPD, serv.....56.93, Norris Quarries, rock.....947.93, OPPD, serv.....19.80, Operation & Expense Acct., reimb.....124.96, Quill, supp.....117.99, Village of Rulo, serv.....55.00, Unifirst Corp., serv.....94.80, Windstream, serv.....52.46, Payroll Expense.....37262.33, TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND...\$47,350.54

COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMO FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: County Treasurer, exp.....25.00, FC Chamber of Com., promo Christmas.....500.00, FC Sixpence, adv/promo Lemonade Days.....1700.00, Pam Scott, contract.....125.00, TOTAL CO. VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.....\$2,350.00

COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: FC Chamber of Commerce, billboard.....500.00, TOTAL CO. VISITOR'S IMPROV FUND.....\$500.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: Shopko Pharmacy, prese.....6.27, TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND.....\$6.27

STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: NE Dept of HHS, serv.....1095.38, TOTAL STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND.....\$1,095.38

JUVENILE SERV GRANT FUND Coles Consulting Serv., fee3600.00, Laura Osborne, reimb.....87.24, TOTAL JUVENILE SERV GRANT FUND.....\$3,687.24

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 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. Sichel, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

City Council

OCTOBER 17, 2016

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 17th day of October, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jorm recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn. Absent: Murphy, Wisdom. 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 Oliver 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Oliver told the city council that the Gas Department has completely moved into their new building. He said that next, we were ready to start working on a new office for the line crew foreman and breakroom for the line crew. Mayor Oliver asked City Administrator Jorm if he had anything to report. City Administrator Jorm told the council that each supervisor had filled out a self-evaluation for their positions. He said management was in the process of interviewing each supervisor. Once interviews are complete City Administrator Jorm told the council that he would bring back a report to the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 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 October 3, 2016 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the agenda for October 17, 2016 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Police Report for September 2016 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Treasurer Report for September 2016 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Consent Resolution for October 17, 2016 is hereby approved. Roll was

called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST - JINGLE BELL RIDE NOVEMBER 13, 2016

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Vaughn to approve the request for the Jingle Bell Ride on November 13, 2016. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND KIRKHAM MICHAEL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT ON VALLEY STREET

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Nolte to approve the contract between the City and Kirkham Michael for engineering services for the water main replacement on Valley Street for \$31,500.00 as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Utility Superintendent Alan Romine spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND RS ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICES FOR 4.16 KV NORTH AND COURTHOUSE FEEDER IMPROVEMENTS FOR \$377,500

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Nussbaum to approve the contract between the City and RS Electric for 4.16KV North and Courthouse feeder improvements for \$377,500 as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Utility Superintendent Alan Romine spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO USE STONE STREET FROM 20TH STREET TO 14TH STREET FOR VETERAN'S DAY PARADE - NOVEMBER 11, 2016 STARTING AT 1:00PM

A motion was made by Council person Nolte and seconded by Council person Vaughn to approve the request to use Stone Street from 20th to 14th Street for Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2016. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Ferguson, Nolte, Nussbaum, Robidoux, Vaughn. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:17PM.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on October 17, 2016; 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 twenty-four 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 ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorm, City Clerk Jerry Oliver, Mayor

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CITY CLERK 47-48

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ENTRY LEVEL Police Officer job opening in Ogallala, NE. Application requests, contact Ogallala Civil Service Secretary, Christina Sigwing at 410 E. 2nd Street, or call 308-284-2024. Request via e-mail, christina.sigwing@ogallala-ne.gov. Application deadline 12/08/16 @ 4:00 p.m. (MT) EOC.

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you for the many cards, memorials, food, flowers, plants, prayers, hugs and love shown to the family of Julia Aerts. Thank you to the entire staff of the Falls City Healthcare Community for their loving care and for making this past year as pleasant and as comfortable as possible for our mother. Thank you to Dr. Borg and the staff of In Home Healthcare for their diligent hospice care. Thank you to Monsr. Robert Roh, Father Thomas Dunavan and Father David Oldham for your many visits, blessings and prayers. And thanks to the staff of Dorr and Clark Funeral Home for their kindness and guidance in the handling of Mom's final wishes and her funeral service in David City. Sincerely the family of Julia Aerts David Aerts and family Carol Heineman and family Kathleen and John Davis and family Dr. Richard and Linden Aerts and family 48

Thanks to everyone at Community Medical Center and the Nebraska Heart Institute for the excellent care I received during all of my tests and surgery. Special thanks to Celeste Jones and staff at the Falls City Family Practice. I always receive excellent care from Celeste and staff. Thanks to David and Thelma Lunsford and Dennis and Sherry Bennett and family for the beautiful flowers. Also thanks to Elizabeth Merz for the wonderful lunch she prepared for us on Wednesday. My brother and wife from Louisville, KY appreciated it as well. Thanks to Tutti Baker and Tracy O'Brien for the roses. I appreciated the cards and phone calls wishing me well. A very special thanks to my wonderful husband for taking such good care of me after surgery. Special thanks as well to our daughter, Sherry, who sat with Dennis during my surgery and with both of us after and to our son David for all of his phone calls to check on me. They are always there for us and we appreciate it very much. If I have missed anyone I am sorry. God Bless you all, Betty L. Merz 48

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Samani, Dr. Tramp, and all the staff at Community Medical Center for the excellent care I received during my recent hospital stay. A special thank you to Holly, my nurse anesthetist, for all her professional care as well. Thanks to my family for supporting me both at the hospital and at home. Thanks to my friend, Linda, for her visit and kind words. I was so pleased to be able to receive such wonderful care in our community hospital. Thanks again. Sincerely, Sherry Gatz 48

The Falls City Housing Authority is seeking an Executive Director who will be responsible for overall management of 108 Public Housing and Section 8 New Construction Units and a Congregate Housing Services grant.

The Director is responsible to a six member Board of Commissioners. Must have experience with preparing budgets, reports, payroll, public relations, personnel management, computer programs and planning. Must possess strong administrative, organizational, leadership and communicative skills. Must be bondable. Background check will be required. Degree in business administration preferred and/or 3 years housing or regulatory experience but not required. Qualified candidate must submit resume, cover letter and two letters of reference with salary requirements to the Falls City Housing Authority, 800 East 21st St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355 by December 14, 2016. 48

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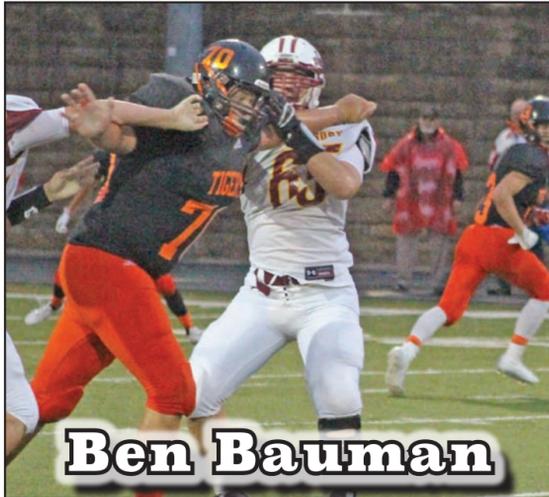


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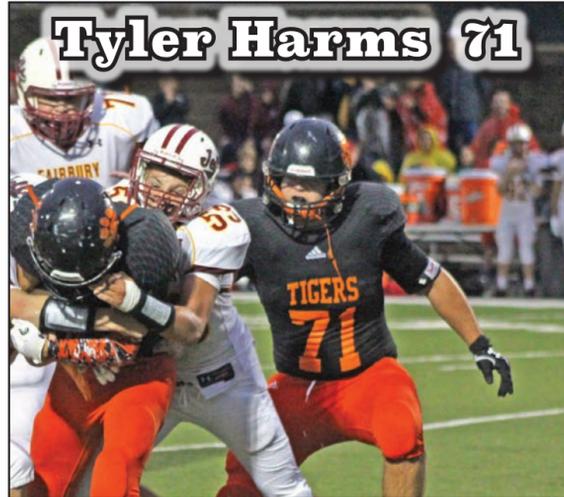


Ed Fritz

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Ben Bauman



Tyler Harms 71



Rudy Vrtiska

2016 Class C1 District 2 All-District Football Team

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger football team was represented very well in the newly released Class C-1 All District 2 team. Coach Darin Fritz's Tigers landed six total players on the 24 player team, five seniors and one junior.

First off is Zayne Heckenlively.

Zayne put up 1386 yards on 195 carries for an average of 173 yards per game and 7.1 yards per attempt. In his senior season Heckenlively became the Tigers all time leading rusher. Zayne also added 12 touchdowns on the ground to go with two more receiving. Through the air Zayne completed five of 22 passes

for one touchdown. On defense he had 55 total tackles and two interceptions. Seven and a half of those tackles were for losses with two being sacks.

The next selection was Dalton Kennel. On the defensive side of the ball Kennel led all Tiger tacklers with 77 total stops, 21 of those unassisted. He also has 1.5 sacks to go with 11 stops behind the line for 42 yards of loss.

Senior Ed Fritz was next on the team. Fritz finished his campaign with 302 yards on 53 carries for an average of 5.3 yards per touch with seven touchdowns. On defense Fritz

added 57 total stops with 16 of those unassisted. He also added seven tackles for 21 yards of loss.

Big man Ben Bauman is the next Tiger on the list. Bauman had 21 total stops on the season from his line position with 10 of those being solo tackles. He had .5 sack and 3.5 tackles for loss resulting in eight yards of loss.

Tyler Harms is the fifth and final senior to make the all district team. Harms finished the season with 19 total stops. He added two stops behind the line of scrimmage and .5 sacks. Along with Bauman and Kennel, Harms also anchored the

Tigers offensive line. The ball carriers for the Tigers will be the first to tell you how good of job these young men did on the line.

The only non senior to make the team for the Tigers is Rudy Vrtiska. The junior had 89 carries on the season for 468 yards and four touchdowns for an average of 5.3 yards per carry. Vrtiska also added 146 yards through the air and two touchdowns. On the other side of the ball Rudy had 35 total tackles with three of those resulting in loss.

Along with the six players to make the team the Tigers also landed seven more players on the Honorable Mention squad. Trevis Keller, Konor Hogue, Bryan Sickle, Emmitt Kirkendall, Carter Hunzeker, Noah Milan and Colton Hayworth were all chosen as honorable mentions players.

FALLS CITY JOURNAL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOURS

The Journal will publish & be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 28. The office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 23. The deadline for the Dec. 28 paper will be noon. The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26. The Journal will publish & be delivered on Wednesday, Jan. 4. The office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 30. The deadline for the Jan. 4 paper will be noon. The office will be closed on Monday, January 3.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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•Events •Club Meetings •School & Chamber Activities						
4 	5 FC City Council 6PM VFW Auxiliary 6:30 Wellness Brunch at FC PC 10:30 AM	6 SH Basketball 5PM at RAC-Parents Night-Girls vs. NCL Blood Pressure Clinic at Sr. Center 12-1PM	7 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FCFC 5PM SH Elem. Christmas Program 7PM	8 Rotary Noon FC Jaycees 6:30 at CMC	9	10 Knights of Columbus SH Boys BB Tourney at RAC
11 SH 7th-12th - 7PM Christmas Program Christmas Carol Sing at Prichard Aud. 2PM	12 BPO Does 7PM FC Vol. Fire Dept. 7PM	13 Am. Legion 7PM SH BB vs. Lewiston 4:45 FCHS Wrestling vs. Conestoga 7PM FC Chamber BofD-Noon	14 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FC FC 5PM	15 FC South School Christmas Program at Prichard Aud. 7PM Rotary Noon	16	17 SH Boys BB vs. LeBlond 1PM SH Freshman Christmas Cookie and Candy Sales at Parish Hall
18 SH Freshman Christmas Cookie and Candy Sales at Parish Hall	19 FC City Council 6PM FCHS Christmas vocal concert 7PM	20 SH BB vs. Tri-County 4PM Humane Society at Sun Mart 7:30PM Am. Legion Aux. 6:30PM	21 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FCFC 5PM	22 Take Shape for Life at FCFC 6:40PM FC Schools-No School SH Christmas dismissal at 1:15 PM Rotary Noon	23	24
25 	26 BPO Does 7PM	27 VFW 7PM	28 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FC FC 5PM	29 Rotary Noon	30 	31

'St. Patrick's Cathedral at Christmas' December 3, 1949

John Falter chose a Christmas shopping scene which New Yorkers could enjoy to the full, but are apt to miss while endeavoring not to fall downstairs. As you look at the Gothic architecture of St. Patrick's Cathedral framed to the contrasting modern character of Rockefeller Center's principal Fifth Avenue building, you are standing in imagination of the edge of the mezzanine floor. But you'd better watch your step or you'll go down faster than the moving stairs do. The Christmas trees are by courtesy of Falter, who had to sweat while erecting them on his canvas, because he did the painting in steaming weather last summer. And did that whee him up to do his Christmas shopping early? The last we heard, he hadn't bought a thing.

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