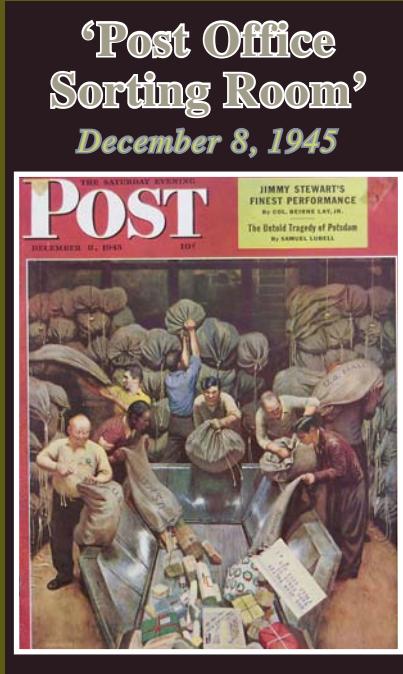




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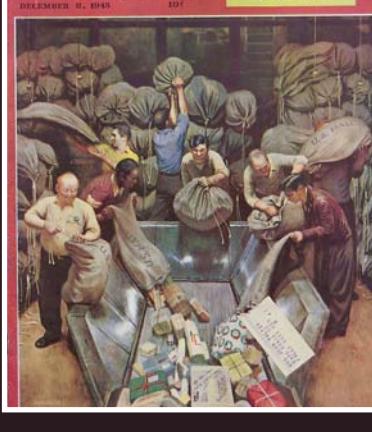
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**'Post Office Sorting Room'**  
*December 8, 1945*

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When Artist John Falter set out to paint a picture of the Christmas-mail rush, he made his sketches in the busiest post office in the world, the one properly known as the New York, New York, Post Office, at 33rd Street and 8th Avenue. In spite of all the urging to mail early--did you?--the rush never gets fully under way until about this date. Then it's a torrent. In the first nineteen days of last December, this post office handled more than 12 million parcels. The biggest day for mailing is Dec. 19, ordinarily the mailman's worst day, for deliveries, is Dec. 23. Postmaster Albert Goldman and his brother postmasters would appreciate it if you would mail early this year--but they don't expect it.

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*Project will include new Family Medicine Clinic*  
**Board approves  
\$8 million expansion**

*By Jason Schock*

Community Medical Center in Falls City recently celebrated just its sixth birthday, yet it has already outgrown 68,000 square feet of living space.

CMC's Board of Directors recently gave its stamp of approval on a multi-million dollar upgrade that will include a new Family Medicine Clinic, additional surgery space, imaging enhancements, and renovations designed to improve the hospital's orthopedic and specialty clinics. Ground will break next spring, CMC Administrator Ryan Larsen said.

"We spent a lot of time evaluating whether new construction was needed and what our focus areas should be," he said. "We just moved into our building six years ago, and this was not something we wanted to rush into, but we've had enough growth that we need to expand. This will also give us the space to ensure we have room for the

doctors and practitioners our community needs."

The CMC Board approved a project budget of \$8 million, about two-thirds of which will be spent on construction. Omaha-based Altus Architectural Studios has been hired to design the project and a committee comprised of board members, hospital administration, medical staff and other community members will later this month select a construction management firm.



Ryan Larsen

The \$21 million facility opened in November 2009 with 160 employees. That number has grown to 200.

According to the administrator, the clinic addition will be designed to accommodate additional practitioners moving into the community. Dr. Justin Westengaard will begin his practice at Family Medicine next spring or summer. The recently graduated family physician is a native of Red Cloud and earned his bachelor's degree from Hastings College. He took pre-med at Kearney before graduating to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. He's currently in his final year of residency at a family clinic in Kearney.

The existing clinic was created to handle three to five primary care physicians. With the addition of MidAmerican Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, and the anticipated arrival of Dr. Westengaard and other docs in coming years, demand is exceeding available space. The new Family Medicine Clinic and orthopedics will be housed separately, and a

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*Third area call of the week*

Saturday a.m. fire destroys Salem home

Firefighters in and around Falls City had a busy week, responding to three separate house fires, beginning in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Hiland Avenue home of John and Alison Roland.

The two-story house, located in the 2600 block of Hiland, caught fire as the couple slept, though they awoke to the smell of smoke and exited the residence to safety. The call was made at 4:30 a.m. and 15 members of the FC Volunteer Fire Dept., driving three fire trucks, and six members of the FC Rural Fire Dept., were on the scene for more than five hours.

The home, which was being remodeled, suffered severe water damage.

Another fire in the middle of the night - just after 3 a.m. Saturday, to be exact, claimed the two-story Salem home owned by Jody and Marlene Schuetz and rented by the

**'A Merrie Olde England Christmas'**



*Photo by Deena Beer*

Vocal Music Instructor Alisha Sutton and the Falls City High School Choral Dept. presented the Christmas Madrigal Feast both Saturday and Sunday at the high school. The annual dinner theatre serves as a toast to the "ancient traditions of 'Merrie Olde England.'" In 16<sup>th</sup> Century England, Madrigal singing was imported with the Italian ladies and the festival of Christmas lasted a fortnight (two weeks), as nobody worked and school was suspended.

In 21<sup>st</sup> Century U.S.A., we cram a fortnight into a weekend and get back to work. Sorry, kids.

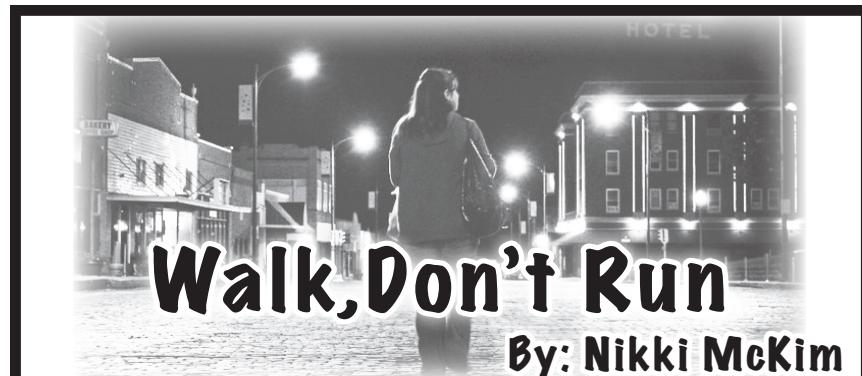
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Last week I was browsing through some Royals shirts online and came across a large sale. I always try to keep from buying for myself this close to Christmas, but I found a shirt that I couldn't pass up. It was a really cute and unique Alex Gordon shirt. It's dark blue with a powder blue heart on the front and inside the heart it says Alex. I bought the shirt as fast as I could and proceeded to jump up and find Brian and Alex to show them. I beamed with pride as I told Alex I would be wearing this shirt to all of his baseball games, concerts, graduations and probably even on his wedding day.

Embarrassment immediately washed over Alex as Brian snickered behind him. "You can't buy that it's so embarrassing mom!" Alex said as he stomped away. I looked at Brian and kind of laughed, but I was pretty much dying inside. My only child turns 10 next week and he is already impossibly embarrassed by his mom. I thought I had a good few years left before he decided I was un-cool. Boy was I wrong.

Most days I consider myself a cool mom. I cheer passionately for baseball, stay up late with him on the weekends watching TV and occasionally indulge in a bowl of cereal with him for dinner. I'm a super cool mom, right?

I seems like only yesterday our child adored us. He would want to go everywhere with us or declare every night to be a family game night where we would sit down and play a game together. But those days have slowly been fading. Now it's all video games and friends.

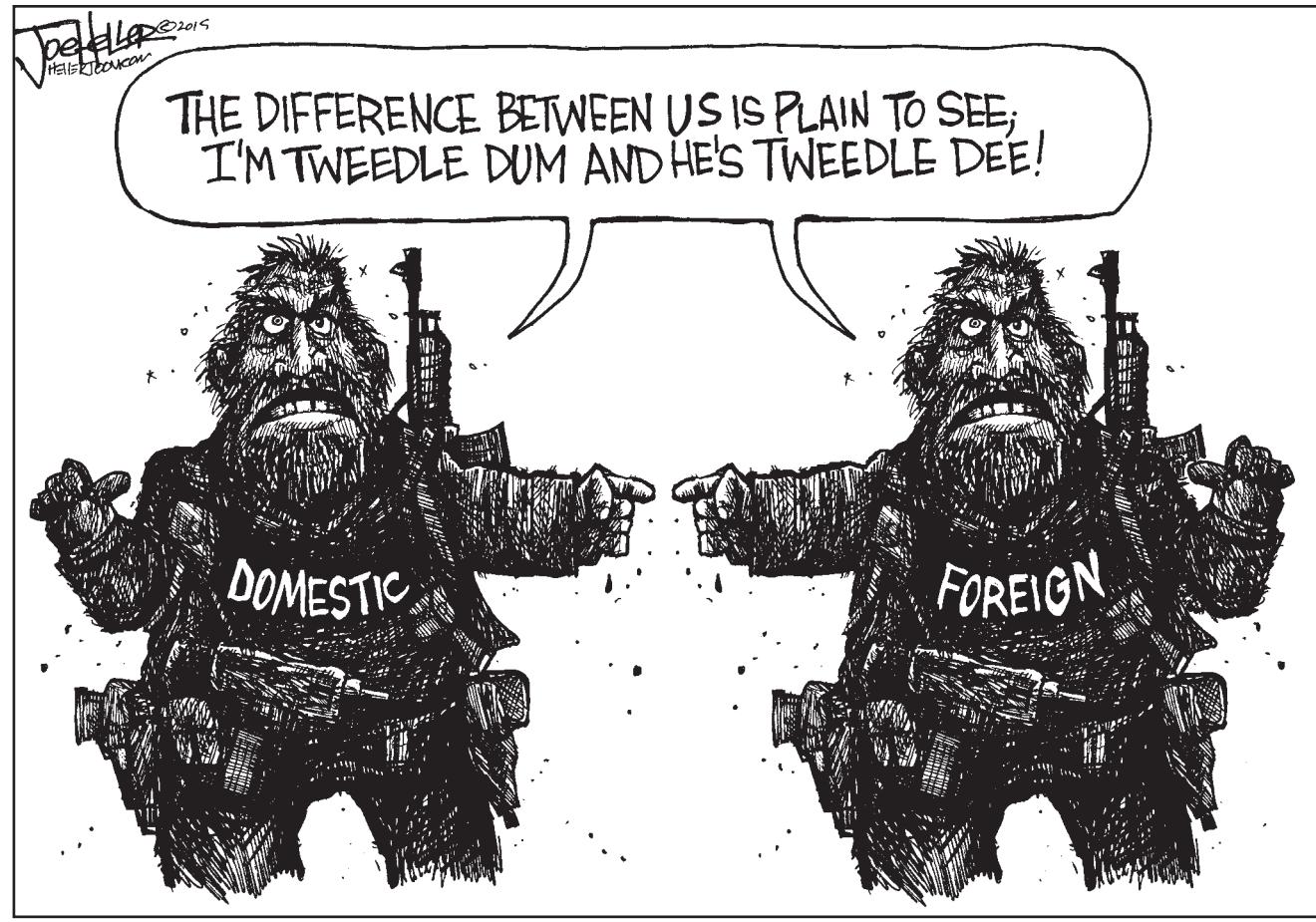
I realized that sadly, my son is outgrowing me. I should have known because all the signs were there. A week ago, he told me that all he wanted for his birthday was a "guys night." He had a guys night last year and apparently is was the most fun he's ever had. He called his uncles, our cousin Rex and a few other guys over to play games, eat junk food and in my mind, play football in my living room full of breakables. Last year his special guy's night was while I was in Omaha for the weekend celebrating my mom's birthday. I wasn't home to complain about all the video games, loud yelling and playing ball in the house. This year I had no plans to speak of on the night they chose. I told him I could go shopping all day, then come home and hang out upstairs. Apparently this wouldn't do. He wanted me gone and completely out of town. He first offered up Brian's credit card as a way to book me a hotel room in Lincoln or St. Joe. When Brian promptly told him that was not happening, he decided he would start saving his own paper route money and book me a hotel room himself. The point was, he wanted me as far away as possible.

Alex isn't just mortified of his mom, he is a bit embarrassed of his dad too. When Brian mentioned he wanted an electric scooter for Christmas, Alex had a meltdown. He cornered me and said "Mom, we can't get dad a scooter, it will be so embarrassing." My heart broke a little because at one time, this kid would have ridden down the street in a clown cart pulled by cats wearing people clothes as long as he was with his dad. Naturally my instinct is to go the complete opposite of what the kid wants and be the parent he thinks I am. I want to put lipstick on my teeth, tease my hair as high as I can and pick him up at school wearing my least attractive pajamas. Our parenting style has always been to show Alex that being different is a gift. We beg him to be himself and we try to lead by example. If I want to tap dance on the front porch in my bed pants, I will. If Brian wants to sing Christmas carols as we walk through Target, he will. We laugh at each other and want to make life fun. We want to embrace life, not hide in it. Now what we love about each other is causing our son to "die of embarrassment."

When I was a kid, I argued and fought with my parents but I was never embarrassed by them. I, luckily for my parents, missed that phase. I don't recall Brian ever talking about being embarrassed by his parents either. In any movie you watch about teenagers or tweens, the kid is so mortified by their loving parent dropping them off at school or a party. Maybe it was my sheer laziness but I was thrilled when my parents drove me to school and I didn't have to walk those three blocks.

The days have started to move a bit quicker and I know that nights at home with my little boy are coming to an end. Soon he will be going out with his friends and counting down the days until he moves out. About two years ago Alex came to me and asked that I stop posting photos of him on Facebook without his permission. I was so floored but I respected his decision and any photo I post, he approves of it first. I know the day will come where he comes to me and asks me to stop writing about him in my column. I'm not quite sure how I will handle that request. I am a proud mom and want to share stories of the child I love with my entire being.

The only thing that keeps me going is the hope that many years from now, our son will sit with his young family and tell them stories about his 'odd' parents. He will recount all the ways we managed to embarrass him and that Alex Gordon shirt will surely come up, but he will smile and laugh and appreciate that he had parents like us.



## No rest for lawmakers during the interim

### Capitol View

By J.L. Schmidt

#### Statehouse Correspondent

Nebraska Press Association

Sometime in the last 20 years I met a Sandhills school board member named Al Davis. It was during an interim study hearing statewide tour by the Legislature's Education Committee during a stop in Hyannis.

I visited with Davis, now a state senator, in another Sandhills community on a recent Saturday. He was attending a Nebraska Main Street Network training on rural downtown revitalization on his way west after two days of meetings in Lincoln. He returned to Lincoln two days later.

Such is life for the senator who represents District 43 -- Nebraska's most sparsely populated. The district covers more than one-fifth of the state. The 17,008 square miles of rolling Sandhills stretches from Crawford to the west to the Calamus Reservoir near Burwell, close to the state's geographic center. The district is larger than any of eight East Coast states and Hawaii.

Davis said he put 1,300 miles on his car in one week. Such is the duty of meeting with 38,000 constituents in an area where cattle really do outnumber people. It has ever been thus. Former State Sen. Deb Fischer, now a U.S. Senator and the late Senator Howard Lamb both experienced it.

I remember flying over the district after the blizzard of 1979 with Lamb and members of the Nebraska National Guard. It was the best way the senator could get a handle on constituent complaints that deer were feeding on haystacks intended for the cattle in fields that were inaccessible because of the storm. The trip was followed by a massive air-drop of feed for the cattle.

Davis and his 48 colleagues have all been busy with interim study hearings before the 104th Legislature Second Session convenes next month. Interim study reports help senators determine the feasibility and direction of new legislation. They also serve to provide continuing accountability for laws already on the books and the agencies that administer and enforce them.

Davis was the introducer of at least seven of the 128 interim study resolutions. Such studies often reflect the wishes of constituents. His LR325 called on the Revenue Committee to examine the current method of using adjusted property valuation as the primary measurement of local resources in Nebraska's public education funding formula. Not surprising from Davis the former school board member and rancher who represents a number of people who care about the same things.

Among other study topics: LR339 -- Bellevue Sen. Tommy Garrett has asked the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee to examine the current statutory requirements governing the removal of roadside vegetation. One wonders if the senator, a proponent of legalizing medical marijuana, has some thoughts about incorporating "ditch weed" into that package.

LR295 -- Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz has asked the Judiciary Committee to examine how to improve behavioral health and mental health services in Nebraska in order to prevent crime and reduce costs associated with the incarceration of people who have heightened behavioral and mental health needs. This is a hot topic following the celebrated case involving Nikko Jenkins of Omaha who repeatedly asked for mental health care before he was released from prison. Within days of his release he was

charged with killing four people.

LR154 -- Sen. John Stinner of Gering has asked the Natural Resources Committee to investigate the authority of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and its role in decisions regarding the disposal of salt waste water into dry wells. Others have suggested the commission be dissolved in the wake of its decision to OK such activity in Stinner's district.

LR38 -- Hastings Sen. Les Seiler has asked the Judiciary Committee to examine statutes governing prisons and parole to ensure the Board of Parole is independent from the Dept. of Correctional Services.

This is another matter spawned by a special legislative committee studying the DOCS and comes on the heels

of comments by the former Parole Board chairwoman that the board felt bullied by the previous administration into releasing inmates to ease overcrowding.

LR278 -- Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks of Lincoln asked the Urban Affairs Committee to examine existing resources and the need for additional tools for municipalities to further encourage revitalization of neighborhoods.

LR155 -- The Urban Affairs Committee also agreed to examine current and potential economic development tools available to municipalities in Nebraska.

There is no doubt that the interim studies will shape future legislation. It is a great way to engage citizen participation in the legislative process and keep senators accountable to their constituents, even when they aren't in session.

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: THE HOLIDAYS

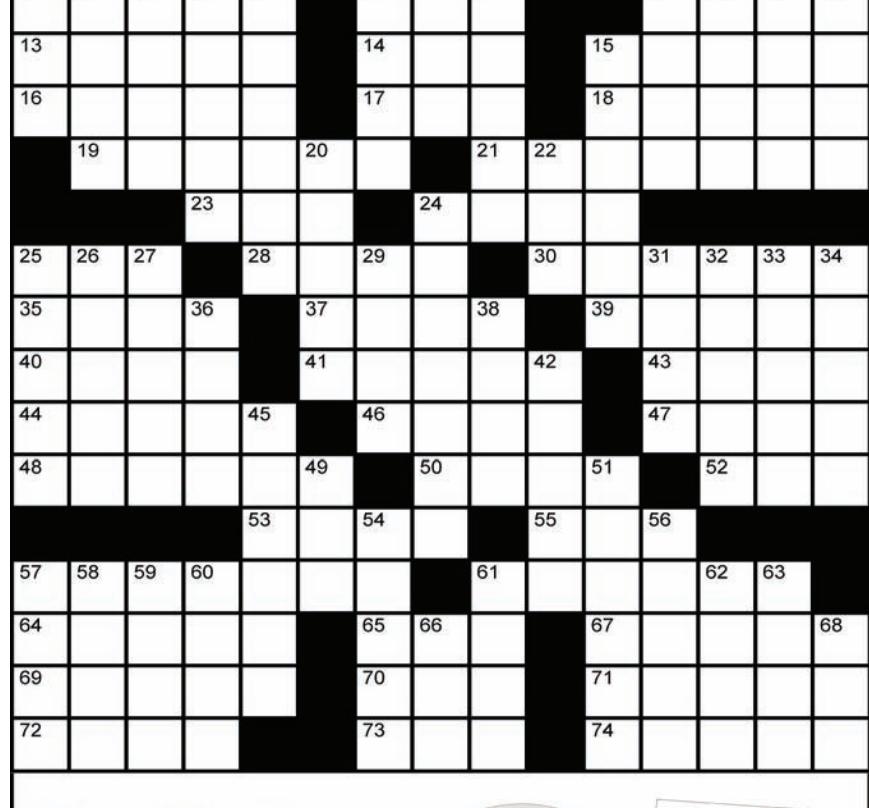
### ACROSS

- 1. Post-employment insurance
- 6. T-cell killer
- 9. Many focuses
- 13. FInno\_\_\_\_\_ language
- 14. Cassius Clay
- 15. Noted Impressionist
- 16. Russian pancakes
- 17. And not
- 18. Oxygen-containing compound
- 19. \*Spiked holiday libation
- 21. \*a.k.a. Timothy Cratchit
- 23. Not a regular teacher
- 24. Animal waste
- 25. \_\_\_\_\_ y pimienta
- 28. \*Hanukkah dreidel has Hebrew letter on each one
- 30. 1/100th of a ruble
- 35. \_\_\_\_\_ to perfection
- 37. Habitual twitches
- 39. Wood turning device
- 40. Back of neck
- 41. Like the north face?
- 43. Inmate's weapon
- 44. Nashville player
- 46. Edible tubes
- 47. Prima donna's numbers
- 48. Not digital
- 50. Wide river valley
- 52. Break a commandment
- 53. No parking
- 55. \*Done during Christmas dinner
- 57. \*Pan-African celebration
- 61. \*Festival of \_\_\_\_\_
- 64. Relating to birth
- 65. Knot-tying words
- 67. Shoelace bunny ears
- 69. Skip the big wedding
- 70. Jean-Claude Damme
- 71. Bar, legally
- 72. Familiar deciduous trees
- 73. Hurricane center
- 74. Easily irritated

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- 1. Chicago baseballer
- 2. Check out
- 3. Place for mutinous sailor
- 4. Saturn's feature, pl.
- 5. Just one of acini
- 6. \*Done to ornaments
- 7. International Labor Organization
- 8. Taste for fine objects of art
- 9. Like Jimi Hendrix' Lady
- 10. "Put a lid \_\_\_\_!"
- 11. Ghana monetary unit
- 12. Found on a list
- 15. Golden Horde member
- 20. Newspaper notices
- 22. Octopus' fluid
- 24. Do like Pinocchio
- 25. \*One "chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf"
- 26. "Encore!"
- 27. Former Greek coin
- 29. Flighty person
- 31. Aaron Rodgers' move
- 32. Community spirit
- 33. Popular cook-off dish
- 34. \*Macaulay Culkin's character
- 36. "Look for a good one on Black Friday
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_ good example"
- 42. Mushroom caps
- 45. Hose attachment
- 49. India's smallest state
- 51. Aerie baby
- 54. Like Forrest Gump or C-3PO?
- 56. Not these
- 57. Wounded \_\_\_\_\_ Massacre
- 58. Hit this when tired?
- 59. Tiny piece of anything
- 60. Takes a siesta
- 61. Like TV's famous ranger
- 62. \*Marines' holiday donees
- 63. Dick and Jane's dog
- 66. \*Boxing
- 68. Melissa McCarthy's 2015 role

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**SQUAW CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** celebrated Eagle Days on Dec. 5 and 6 with live eagle programs, displays, viewing station and auto tour. Bald eagles migrate to the refuge by late fall and early winter. As many as 300 immature and adult bald eagles and an occasional golden eagle may be seen during the migration peak, usually by the first of December. A record 476 bald eagles were counted during a 2001 survey. A few bald eagles may spend the winter and summer on the refuge. Migrating eagles leave the refuge in spring and summer returning to lakes and streams in the northern forests. On Dec. 1, the Refuge estimated there were 994 Greater White-fronted Geese; 320,000 Snow Geese; 1,922 Canada Geese; 37,671 Mallard Ducks and 20 Bald Eagles on the refuge.

## State unemployment taxes decline for 5<sup>th</sup> straight year

The Nebraska Department of Labor announced that the state's average unemployment insurance tax rate for employers will decline for the fifth straight year. The average rate for 2016 will be 1.00 percent, a decrease of 0.17 percentage points from the 2015 tax rate and a decrease of 2.33 percentage points from 2011. The Nebraska unemployment rate has been lower throughout '15 than in the corresponding months of '14, which has resulted in less unemployment benefits being paid. Under the statutory formula, the reduction in unemployment benefit payments and the healthy balance in the Nebraska

Unemployment Trust Fund will result in Nebraska employers paying almost \$20 million less in taxes in '16 than they paid in '15.

"Nebraska employers continue to benefit from a stable Trust Fund and the decline in benefit payouts resulting from a strong economy and a decrease in unemployment claims," said Commissioner of Labor John H. Albin.

The Tax Foundation ranked Nebraska's unemployment insurance tax system as second best in the nation in their 2016 State Business Tax Climate Index. The report names Nebraska as one of the states having "simpler experience formulas and charging methods," and among states who "have not complicated their systems with benefit add-ons and surtaxes."

Nebraska's average unemployment insurance tax rate is based on the revenue target for the Trust Fund, the state's total taxable wages and the amount of unemployment benefits paid in the previous fiscal year.

Tax rate notices for 2016 will be mailed to employers Dec. 2 and are available online at dol.nebraska.gov/uiconnect

### GIFT WRAPPING

Do you hate wrapping gifts for Christmas? Well the Richardson County 4-H Teen Leaders have a great opportunity for you! The organization will be wrapping gifts for a free will donation from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Grand Weaver Hotel.

All the proceeds will go to help the 4-H Teen Leaders group develop and implement community service projects.

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## University plans \$400 million in renovations at UNL, Omaha and Kearney over next 12 years

The University of Nebraska and the state would continue a long and successful partnership to maintain the quality and functionality of NU buildings under a 12-year capital plan announced last week by President Hank Bounds.

The proposal, endorsed unanimously by the Board of Regents at its meeting today, will be brought to the Legislature and Governor for consideration in the 2016 session. It extends an NU-state partnership that began almost two decades ago to address deferred maintenance needs across the four campuses. The mutual investments made by the university and state in that time have allowed the university to continue to provide students and faculty with quality classrooms, labs and offices, ensure an outstanding educational experience, and remain competitive for top talent.

Bounds noted that university facilities, valued at \$4 billion, represent more than 70 percent of the state's total building assets. That means the state has a stake in continuing to partner with the university in making investments that advance shared goals for academic excellence and competitiveness.

Today's historically low interest rates, combined with a need to protect shared state assets, present an opportunity to build on current momentum, Bounds said.

"We are operating in the most competitive higher education marketplace of our lifetimes," he said. "The University of Nebraska has ambitious goals for attracting the best students and faculty who can contribute to Nebraska's workforce and economic needs. If we are to be successful, it's vital that we provide safe, updated and functional facilities that are suited to 21<sup>st</sup>-century learning and research. We look forward to working with the Legislature and Governor to continue a strategic, proactive and proven approach to maintaining high-quality university facilities."

The NU-state partnership to address deferred maintenance needs began in 1998 with the passage of LB1100, which called for annual investments of \$5.5 million each that yielded \$79 million worth of renovation projects. The partnership continued with LB605, passed in 2006, which increased the annual investments by the university and state to \$11 million each. That legislation has resulted in \$163 million worth of projects.

Under the 2016 proposal, the university and state would each increase their annual investments by \$11 million to finance a \$400 million bond. The bond funds would be available for renovation and renewal projects on the four campuses.

While short of the \$1.1 billion needed to bring all university buildings to "like new" condition, investments at that level would allow the university to remain competitive, according to Bounds.

### Fire Calls

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Clayton Hardenberger family.

No injuries were reported, though about a dozen members of the Salem and FC Rural departments fought the blaze, which was determined to be a result of faulty wiring, into the early afternoon hours Sunday.

Members of the FC Police Dept. and Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a Friday night fire call at 3423 McLean St. residence of Trisha Butler, though were only on the scene for a matter of minutes. A remote control car, plugged into a wall-charger, caught fire and melted. Police were able to douse the flames with a fire extinguisher before much damage was sustained inside the home. No injuries were reported.

"We recognize the state cannot fund every need," Bounds said. "We're taking a strategic and conservative approach to capital planning that aligns with our priorities,

in both previous deferred maintenance initiatives. Bounds said the increases, which would begin in 2016-17 and amount to approximately \$2 more per credit hour each year for a Nebraska undergraduate, represent an investment in current and future students. Tuition costs across the campuses currently are about 25 percent below the peer averages.

-Jeffrey Gold, M.D., Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center

## University of Nebraska \$400 million 'Renovation & Renewal'

### University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Arts & Sciences Hall renovation
- Durham Science Center renovation
- Strauss Performing Arts Center renovation & addition
- Strategic expansion or new building

### University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Otto Olsen Vocational Arts Building demo, replacement
- Fine Arts Building renovation

### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Nebraska Hall/Scott Engineering Complex renovation
- College of Business Administration renovation
- Mabel Lee Hall/Henzlik Hall renovation
- Food Industry Complex renovation
- Hamilton Hall renovation

### University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Wittson Hall renovation
- College of Pharmacy renovation
- College of Nursing renovation
- Eppley Science Hall renovation
- Administration Building renovation

"One of the highest priorities of the Board of Regents is to provide students with an excellent education that prepares them to be successful. Our plan to invest in facilities that are vital to student learning advances that goal," said Bob Phares, Chairman of the Board.

"The capital plan represents continued good stewardship of valuable state assets. We are grateful to state policymakers for their history of partnering with the university to maintain our facilities and hope to continue that partnership going forward."

To determine priority renovation projects, the university worked with an external consultant to conduct a comprehensive, data-driven analysis of the condition, capacity and use of its state-supported buildings. Housing, athletic, parking, union and other self-supporting facilities were not included. The data demonstrate that while many NU facilities are in good condition, a number of them are in need of significant renewal, including those that are heavily used for student learning and research.

The resulting projects would not only enhance facilities that are critical to student and faculty success, but advance key priorities of the Board of Regents, including undergraduate education and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs – areas important to Nebraska's competitiveness.

## SNC warns of email scam

Southeast Nebraska Communications is warning customers of email scam attempts. An email was sent out early on Monday morning asking customers to verify their accounts, or they will be closed. SNC warns this is a scam and is asking all customers to not click on the "verification link" and give out any personal information.

Several customers have stated they verified their email through the scam link. If you are a customer and have done so, contact SNC. They will provide customers with a new password.

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## A Branson Christmas-in Falls City

By: Rachel Busenitz

Since The Sound of Music took the nation by storm, there has been a fascination with large, musical families. Factor in an array of musical instruments, a tour bus, an audience in the heartland of entertainment -- Branson, Missouri -- and you have the Wissmann family.

Eleven members of the Loren Wissmann family will be bringing their Christmas show from the lights and stage of Branson to the Falls City High School Auditorium this Saturday night at 7:00pm.

When the curtain opens on the two-hour production, the auditorium will be filled with a holiday celebration as the family blends their instrumental mastery with tight family harmonies. Their music ranges from bluegrass to celtic, classical to folk and involves an impressive range of instruments, including: guitars, mandolin, mandola, dobro, banjo, violins, cello,

keyboard, flute, hammered dulcimer, concertina, and more.

Woven into the musical core of the show is the delightful humor, costumes, and tender moments which are trademarks of this festive season.

The Branson Tourism Center describes the Wissmann Family Christmas Show as a, "joyous family celebration of love, faith, and fun, [performing] impeccable vocal harmonies, fancy bluegrass pickin', and undeniable charm for this holiest of holidays."

Showcasing their fifth season in Branson, the family decided it was time to take the production on the road for a few, select performances. Falls City was a natural choice, with dad, Loren, being raised north of town on the family farm.

The Falls City High School graduate explains, "It will be very special to bring this Christmas show back to my home town community. I have many fond memories of being in multiple high school musicals." Loren is once again looking forward to taking the stage -- only this time with his wife, Gloria, and nine of their thirteen children.

Loren states: "Over the years our family has been blessed by the many people who have generously sown into our lives. Hopefully this is one way that we can "give back" to this community -- where, for me, it all started."

And giving back is a theme of this Branson Christmas tour. The family is waiving Branson's \$30 ticket fee and sharing the Falls City performance on a free-will offering basis. No tickets needed. In addition, a portion of the proceeds will be used to help a family friend and missionary, Don Shire, to provide housing, education, and skill training to widows and orphans in India. [www.donshire.com](http://www.donshire.com)

## LIBRARY EVENTS

**Project Response:** Helping families in crisis. Answers questions, gives assistance to those in need, Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call 800-456-5764 on days when closed.

**Technology Tuesdays:** Come for an hour with Pat, our IT expert, who will teach the basics or help. 10:30-11:30 or 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Stalder Gallery:** Local Artists, Nov. 6 thru Dec. 31 Tootie and Pat Steinman.

**No Yoga in December:** Resumes in January.

**Toddler Story Time!** Babies up to three years old. Thursdays, 10:30 A.M. 30 minutes of music, stories, songs, movement & snacks! No meeting Thurs. Dec. 24 and 31.

**Ladies' Creative Night** Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6:00 P.M. Holiday Cookie Decorating. Bring your favorite holiday recipe.

**Film:** The Family Man Thurs., Dec. 10, at 6 P.M. A fast-lane investment broker, offered the opportunity to see how the other half lives, wakes up to find his sports car and girlfriend have become a minivan and wife.

**Star Wars Marathon!** Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. We will have an all day marathon of the original three classics to get geared up for the new movie coming out this month. Wear your costumes (if the force is with you) and bring your pillows/sleeping bags to get comfy. Lunch will be provided, so you must register in advance by texting Mrs. Emerson or calling the library.

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

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

**Santa Paws**, Thurs., Dec. 17, 4:00-5:30 P.M., rated G. Come have a laugh and a good time!

**Enchanted**, Monday, Dec. 28, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., rated PG. This is such a great movie! Please come and watch it with us!

**Kids!** Come to our New Year's Eve Party at Noon! Thurs., Dec. 31 at 11:00-12:30 p.m. We'll have games and prizes and fun!

For more information on events coming up, please visit the Falls City Library website at <http://www.fallscitylibrary.org/>

## SENCER seeking Christmas donations

With the Christmas season upon us, SENCA and its dedicated volunteers are diligently working to help provide a brighter holiday for those less fortunate. They do their best to provide not only several gifts for each of the children, but also a substantial meal for the entire family. Every year is tough providing gifts for the older kiddos, as they are sometimes forgotten in regular donations. So, if anyone would like to donate some gifts for the older kids or gift cards to local merchants so they can shop for what they would like, that would be greatly appreciated.

This year in particular they need donations of meat for the Christmas dinners or gift cards to purchase the meat themselves. There are also several families left to be adopted. When adopting a family you are able to provide gifts (and food, if you chose to do so) for an entire family. There is no donation too small. Everyone can make a difference. Anyone interested in helping on any level, please contact Sherry Huddleston at 402-801-1811. All donations need to be in on or before Dec. 15. Thank you all for your support and for helping make this Christmas extra special for these families.

## SOCIETY



Nora Barker

## Sacred Heart junior scales the charts

By: Madison Huppert

Junior Nora Barker was chosen to play violin in the Nebraska All-State Orchestra. This was a great honor and privilege for Barker.

The orchestra was held on Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lied Center in Lincoln. Barker spent three days at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus and rehearsed with the other 128 students from all over Nebraska who also got accepted to the orchestra.

Barker auditioned last year for the orchestra and was an alternate. For her auditions this year she played rigorous scales, arpeggios, and excerpts from two pieces in the orchestra repertoire.

Barker has been playing violin since kindergarten, when her grandma initially taught her how to play. Barker now takes lessons in Omaha from Lisa Nielsen at the Omaha Conservatory of Music. Barker also plays piano, flute, oboe, guitar, and keytar.

"I was born into a family of musicians, so I was surrounded by enthusiasm for music. I wanted to play the violin because I wanted to be more like my dad and because people did not think I could play it," Barker said.

Barker has played at numerous events including nursing homes, the library, Mass, weddings, concerts, recitals, a musical, funerals, and competitions. Barker's favorite piece to play is Deberiot's Concerto #9 in A Minor.

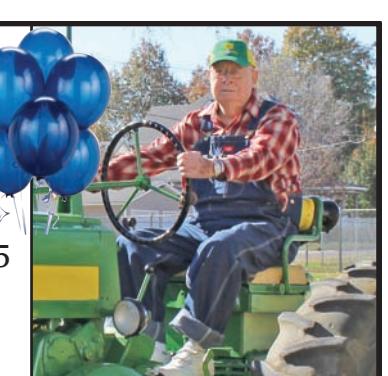
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## Annual Wreath Laying ceremony this weekend at Steele Cemetery

The Ladies VFW Auxiliary will be holding its annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Steele Cemetery.

The mission — “Remember, Honor, Teach — is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veteran’s cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. The VFW Auxiliary also organizes a week of events, including international veteran’s tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long “Veteran’s Parade” between Maine and Virginia where they stop along the way to spread the message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and

teaching children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

This week of events is made possible by thousands of volunteers who organize local ceremonies, raise funds to sponsor wreaths, and participate in the events. The VFW Auxiliary receives no government funding. The cost of its programs is paid by individual wreaths sponsors, corporate donors and volunteer truckers.

The Auxiliary also coordinates veteran services and recognition through a variety of programs, and provide schools with teaching aides for projects throughout the year.

See more at [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org)

## Flu vaccinations encouraged during National Influenza Vaccination Week

National Influenza Vaccination Week is Dec. 6-12 and Southeast District Health Department encourages people of all ages to be immunized against Influenza (Flu).

“Flu viruses are constantly changing. Each flu season different flu viruses can spread and they can affect people differently based on differences in their immune systems. The first and most important step in protecting against the flu is to get the flu vaccine,” advises Chris Eltiste, Immunization Nurse. It is recommended that everyone over six months old should get the flu vaccine each year, with rare exceptions. Vaccination can reduce illnesses, doctors’ visits, missed work and school, and prevent hospitalizations.

The flu can be a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Anyone can get sick from the flu and certain people are at greater risk for serious complications from the flu. These people include:

- Children younger than five, but especially children younger than two.
- Adults 65 years of age and older.
- Pregnant women.
- People who are considered “high risk” due to medical conditions.

Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea. It is common for someone to have no symptoms or have many symptoms.

In addition to getting vaccinated, it’s important to practice good hand washing and other good health habits. People who are ill should take actions to stop the spread of germs such as:

- While sick, stay home and limit contact with others.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based rub.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Visit your healthcare provider or a Southeast District Health Department Immunization Clinic to get immunized. Call the Southeast District Health Department at 877-777-0424 or visit our website, [www.sedhd.org](http://www.sedhd.org), to find clinic dates and locations and more information.

## Santa in Stella

Santa will make a pre-Christmas stop in Stella on Saturday, Dec. 12. He is set to arrive at 10 a.m. at the Stella Community Building.

Santa’s visit is sponsored by the Stella Research Club and the Village of Stella.

## Rhythm and Rifts performing at FUMC

The Rhythm and Rifts will perform at First United Methodist Church, 1700 Harlan St. in Falls City at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

This group of four amazing young men from Doane University will be singing contemporary and traditional music.

First United Methodist Church in Falls City is also holding a Blue Christmas Service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. This is a special service to help in the comfort and healing for people who have lost loved ones.

On Christmas eve, services will be held at 3 and 8 p.m. in Falls City. The Trinity United Methodist Church will be holding Christmas Eve services at 5:30 p.m. in Rulo.

## Bow-hunting ed course offered in FC

A bow hunter education course, sponsored by the Falls City Fire Dept., will take place from 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.

Dennis Chandler, Brian Kirkendall, Ralph Gilkerson and Jerry Clark will be instructing the course at the old Falls City Hall conference room.

Online registration is required; please go to [www.HuntSafeNebraska.org](http://www.HuntSafeNebraska.org). Students must be 11 years old and attend all classes to receive a card and are asked to bring a highlighter and snacks for themselves.

For more info, contact Chandler at 402-245-4961 or Kirkendall at 402-245-5879.



FCMS Geography Bee top three finishers, from left: Champion David Kuker, runner-up Jace Heckenlively, and Ella Heineman, third place.

## David Kuker to National Geography Bee

Each year thousands of schools participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to inspire students to be curious about the world. Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging competition and FC Middle School recently participated for the sixth year.

Students were given a quiz and the top scores (70 percent cut score) moved 31 into the finals - Hunter Arnold, Jacob Craine, Garriden Brandt, Jace Heckenlively, Sebastian Hernandez, Thayer Armbruster, John Britz, Grace Holys, Zach Beaver, Jackson Findlay, Jaden Nolte, Abby Fritz, Nathaniel Hogue, Courtney Rumbaugh, Lindsey McNeely, Trey McAfee, David Kuker, Gracie Frederick, Samantha Wissmann, Alexis Sutton, Caden Simon, Gracie Walle, Tessa Gilfillan, Sarah Gifford, Ava Morgan, Cole Kirkendall, Dakota Huddleston, Tyler Uhri, Ella Heineman, Dalton Helmick and Brady Gilfillan.

The final competition was held last Wednesday, Dec. 2. There were three rounds and students were eliminated from each round if they missed two questions. This year’s finalist competed for 30-minutes before any student was eliminated. In the final Championship round, two finalists, David Kuker and Jace Heckenlively, competed. This is a head-to-head competition began with three questions. The student answering the most questions wins the competition. At the end of the championship round both students were tied. A tiebreaker round ensued. The first student to miss a question would place second and the student that answered the question right would be the school champion. This year’s FCMS champion is David Kuker; Jace Heckenlively placed second; and Ella Heineman finished third.

David advances to the next round by taking the on-line quiz to qualify for the National Geography Bee at the state level. The school champion must take the online qualifying test, which is proctored by the FCMS Bee Coordinator Jack Munford, by Feb. 5, 2016. The top 100 ranked students in each state qualify to represent their school in the state Bee, held April 1, 2016. The state champions attend the national championship in Washington, D.C., from May 23-25, 2016.

## 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Wide Carol Sing

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, you are invited to attend a community-wide carol sing to be held at the Falls City High School Auditorium.

The FC Area Fellowship of Churches, for 51 years has presented this concert in an effort to bring the Christmas spirit to the community.

Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend this hour of special music of the season. A free will offering will be collected and all monies are used to help area youth attend summer camps.

Questions about the concert may be directed to Doug Kirkendall at 402-245-3108. Come and celebrate the Christmas season.

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## Public Record

### DISTRICT COURT

-Dawn M. Bokelman, of Kansas, has been granted dissolution of her marriage to Kevin A. Bokelman, of Falls City.

-Rachael R. Griess, of Falls City, has been granted dissolution of her marriage to Erik A. Carlson, of Cortland, NE.

-Amanda Joan Fritz Norris, of Dawson, has been granted dissolution of her marriage to Patrick Allen Norris, of Auburn.

-Derek McCann, 18, of Falls City, count one, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (marijuana), a Class III Felony; count two, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (marijuana), a Class III Felony; count three, possession of a firearm on school property, a Class IV Felony. Pled no contest to count one; counts two and three dismissed. Sentencing set for Jan. 5, 2015.

### CIVIL COURT

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Radiology Associates and Advanced Medical Imagery, LLC, and against Katherine and Merlyn Last, of Shubert, in the amount of \$249.85, plus prejudgment interest of \$18.58, attorney fees of \$29.98 and Court costs of \$91.36. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Community Medical Center, and against John Vonderschmidt, of Salem, in the amount of \$61.68 in Court costs.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Community Medical Center, and against John and Stacy Ramer, of Shubert, in the amount of \$474.82, plus prejudgment interest of \$26.23, attorney fees of \$52.48 and Court costs of \$188.16. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of N.I.S., Inc., dba Paycheck Advance, and against Jonas Feighner, of Lincoln, in the amount of \$352.50, plus prejudgment inter-

est of \$26.42 and Court costs of \$63.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Radiology Associates, and against Sereena Sims, of Falls City, in the amount of \$149.04, plus prejudgment interest of \$9.42, attorney fees of \$20.90, and Court costs of \$70.46. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Radiology Associates, Falls City Utility Dept., and Community Medical Center, and against James Scarberry, of Falls City, in the amount of \$1,681.87, plus prejudgment interest of \$91.49, attorney fees of \$173.18 and Court costs of \$70.46. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Veridian Credit Union, on behalf of Woodhouse Ford South, of Plattsmouth, and against Clinton E. Stonebarger and William McKinsey, both of Verdon, in the amount of \$1,096.89. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

### COUNTY COURT

-Richard O. Farber, 44, of Pawnee City, count one, carrying a concealed weapon - first offense; count two, DUI - second offense; count three, refusal to submit to test - first offense; count four, unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle - first offense; count five, possess/consume open alcohol container. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 4, 2016.

-Brian L. Martins, 27, of Falls City, unauthorized use of a transaction device (\$500-\$1,500). Case continued to Dec. 14 for entry of plea.

-Lisa Bottom-Finch, 44, of Falls City, domestic assault in the third degree. Case continued to Dec. 14 for entry of plea.

-Carla L. Dodd, 47, of Banning, CA, count one, driving under suspension; count two, failure to use turn signal; count three, failure to use seat belt; count four, failure to use child passenger restraint. Case continued to Dec. 21 for entry of plea.

-Renee M. Ely, 22, of Falls City, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to furnish information, amended to careless driving.

Waivable fine of \$100, plus Court costs, to be paid by Dec. 31 or appear in Court on Jan. 6, 2016.

-Jeri K. Wilson, 48, of Rock Port, MO, issuing a bad check (less than \$200); pled guilty. Fined \$25, plus Court costs of \$31 and Sheriff's fees of \$8.50, and ordered to pay restitution of \$20 to the Falls City Police Dept.

-Michael D. Pilcher, 53, of Reserve, KS, criminal mischief (less than \$500). Fined \$200, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Paul M. Harmon, 20, of Hiawatha, KS, count one, misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor; count two, misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor; count three, misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor; count four, misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Pled no contest to count one; counts two, three and four dismissed with prejudice (**Editor's Note** - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge). Sentencing Dec. 16.

-Scott A. Delome, 35, of Morrell, KS, count one, DUI - first offense; count two, refusal to submit to test - first offense; count three, no proof of insurance; count four, no operator's license; count five, operating a motor vehicle without proof of ownership; count six, no valid registration; count seven, refusal to submit to pretest; count eight, possess/consume open alcohol container; count nine, possess K2 or marijuana (one ounce or less); count 10, possess or use drug paraphernalia; count 11, failure to use seat belt. Pled no contest to counts one, seven, eight, nine, 10 and 11. Counts two, three, four, five and six dismissed with prejudice. Sentencing set for Jan. 6, 2016.

-Bryan S. Wiles, 30, of Lincoln, sentencing for assault in the third degree. Placed on one year probation, ordered to pay fines and costs of \$202.92, serve two days in Richardson County Jail (88 days beginning Aug. 1, 2016 unless waived by the Court) and successfully complete batterers intervention program within 270 days (enrollment to be documented by Dec. 31).

-Clint W. Schriner, 50, of Humboldt, count one, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (marijuana), a Class IIIA Felony; count two, misdemeanor possession of marijuana; count three, unlawful display of plates; count four, possession of drug paraphernalia; count five, failure to use seat belt. Count one bound over to District Court for arraignment on Dec. 8. Counts two, three, four and five dismissed without prejudice (**Editor's Note** - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

### COUNTY COURT WAIVERS

Tickets written by State Patrolman  
C.A. Zost

-Becky J. Littrel, speeding (6-10), \$25.

Tickets written by State Patrolman  
William Rowell

-Kami S. Donahoo, no opera-

tor's license, \$75; violate stop or yield sign, \$75.

-Stephen T. Buller, failure to use child passenger restraint, \$25.

Tickets written by State Patrolman  
Kent Kavan

-Michael L. Seager, speeding (11-15), \$75; failure to use seat belt, \$25.

-William E. Messinger Jr., failure to use seat belt, \$25; speeding (6-10), \$25.

Tickets written by FCPD Officer  
Jonathan Kirkendall

-Meghan R. Quist, speeding (16-20), \$125.

-Marshall R. Crawford, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Charles R. Smith, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Chance P. Huppert, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Michael L. Seager, no license on person, \$25; improper/defective vehicle lighting, \$10.

-Connie S. Feek, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by FCPD Officer  
Jeremy Goldsberry

-Devin Handley, no valid registration, \$25.

Tickets written by State Patrolman  
Kaleb Bruggeman

-Daniel Barron Ortiz, no operator's license, \$75; speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by State Patrolman  
Eric Jones

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

Tickets written by Sheriff's Deputy  
Clinton Stonebarger

-Dustin J. Teeter, speeding

(6-10), \$25.

Tickets written by Sheriff's Deputy  
Jeff Frederick

-Nwinye I. Clemenza, speeding (21-35), \$200.

Tickets written by State Patrolman  
Timothy Baumann

-Jeffrey D. Moyer, speeding (16-20), \$125.

Tickets written by State Patrolman  
Thomas Giffey

-Denise L. Costello, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Bouathong Keophimhone, speeding (16-20), \$125.

## CANDIDATE FILING

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## Tigers shot down by Rocket guard

But FC girls  
1-0 as trio hits  
double figures

The fresh-faced — yet preseason Class C1 No. 10 — Falls City High boys' basketball team suffered its first season-opening loss to Syracuse since 2010 Friday night, falling 56-38 to a veteran Rockets team.

Syracuse senior guard Tanner Harsin, as he did a year ago in Falls City, drained six three-pointers — five during a 17-point third quarter outburst in which he alone out-scored the Tigers by four and collectively the Rockets nearly tripled its five-point halftime lead. Harsin scored a game-high 25 points and Saturday the team improved to 2-0 with a 54-53 overtime victory at Ft. Calhoun.

The Lady Tigers, meanwhile, saw three girls score in double figures, dominated the glass and opened their season with a solid 45-36 victory over Syracuse. Meredith Poppe hit 4-of-6 free throws and a big three-pointer in the final quarter to help seal the deal for FC. She finished with a game-high 14 points and pulled down eight rebounds as FC held a commanding 29-14 rebounding edge. Molly Brown caught fire in the second quarter, scoring eight of her 13 in the frame, and Alyssa Frederick made 3-of-6 three-point goals and scored 12.

Anybody would be happy with 50 percent shooting from the arc — anybody but Rocket guard Tanner Harsin.

Harsin hit nearly 70 threes a season ago, yet FC effectively clamped down on the Rocket bomber for 16 minutes, holding him to just one field goal and three points the entire first half. The eight minutes following halftime were another matter entirely; he was a perfect 5-for-5 from downtown in the third quarter, single-handedly blew the game wide open. The 5-11 senior averaged about 13 points per game a season ago and headlines a Syracuse outfit that boasts three returning starters and seven letterwinners.

Coach Don Hogue's Tigers, by contrast, are a raw version of a rebuild in its earliest stage. Just four seniors — Trent Pentecost, Anthony Baker and twins Bryan and Bradly Rose — are on the roster and big men Kyle Leafy, a 6-4 junior, and 6-5 sophomore Brandt Chapple are the lone returnees who played significant minutes during the 2014-15 state tournament run.

A jaw-dropping 10 seniors graduated, some with numbers that rank among the best ever at FC High School. Not the least of which: 69 wins



Photos by Deena Beer



(TOP) FCHS senior Bradly Rose pressures Syracuse's Monty Roberts during the Tigers' 56-38 Friday night road loss to open the 2015-16 season. FC last lost the season opener in 2010. Senior Trent Pentecost (14) is in the background. (BELOW) FC senior Libby Bauman returned to the hardwood after sitting out a year and made an immediate difference, grabbing eight rebounds in the Lady Tigers' 45-36 season-opening victory at Syracuse Friday. Both FC teams travel to Atchison, KS, tonight and host home-openers Friday against Auburn.

(against 11 losses) over the course of three seasons.

Hogue must find replacements for three-year starters Jack Hartman (13.8 ppg., 6 rpg.) and Jordy Stoller (9.5 ppg., 65 steals), not to mention Weston Witt, who broke a decades-old assist record (125), scored nearly 13 ppg. and willed FC to District titles the past two years. The Tigers averaged 58.8 points

last season and all but 12.1 of them left the building.

That leaves two big men with experience: 6-4 junior and returning starter Kyle Leafy, who had a tremendous sophomore year, averaging nearly 10 points and six boards per game, and sophomore Brandt Chapple, a 6-5, 210-pound athletic specimen with shoulders broad enough to carry a team. He emerged down the stretch last spring and was the main reason the Tigers advanced through the sub-district.

Leafy was most definitely FC's go-to guy Friday, scoring 17 points and grabbing more than half of his team's rebounds. Though Leafy and Chapple should make the frontcourt the team's strength, Syracuse dominated the paint, owing a 29-19 rebounding advantage. Chapple had a cold start to his sopho-

## Big Red Recruiting Report

By Sean Stevens

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

Nebraska's regular season has come to a merciful end after a frustrating, winnable loss to Iowa. Turnovers, primarily related to decision making from the quarterback position, doomed NU to a 5-7 record that was not really indicative of the talent on this squad. Seven losses by a total of 31 points with four — BYU, Miami, Illinois and Wisconsin — coming on the last play of the game. Now it's off to Santa Clara, CA, for the Foster Farms Bowl the day after Christmas to face a talented but inconsistent UCLA team. Between now and then Nebraska will have roughly 10 bowl practices and the coaches will continue to scour the nation for new talent and additional depth.

There have been some adjustments to the recruiting class recently, as NU added RB Tre Bryant (5-10/198) of St. Louis, MO, and punter Caleb Lightbourn (6-3/215) of Camas, WA, and said goodbye to RB Aphonso Thomas (6-0/190) of Van, TX, and LB Will Johnson (6-3/226) of Arizona Western CC.

Bryant is a two-year starter at powerhouse Christian Brothers College HS, leading his team to the state championship game both years in Missouri's largest class. This year he averaged 10.4 yards per carry and scored 25 total touchdowns. Initially Bryant committed to Kansas State, but upon visiting Lincoln changed his pledge to NU. He will compete for playing time immediately next fall. Lightbourn is the nation's No. 1 punting prospect and rated a 5-star prospect by kicking guru Chris Sailor. He's expected to redshirt and learn behind senior-to-be Sam Foltz next year. Shortly after announcing their respective de-commits, Thomas pledged to SMU and Johnson to UAB. The quick switches seem to indicate that NU had withdrawn their offers, and helped them find new schools before announcing things publicly. This is a common practice that helps a recruit "save face."

The Huskers also briefly added safety Brandon Drayton (6-2/172) of Largo, FL, who announced his pledge Nov. 28 following an official visit to Lincoln only to withdraw that pledge a few days later. There is some doubt to the validity of Drayton's commitment, as the Husker staff usually celebrates a new pledge on Twitter. That didn't happen after Drayton's announcement, so he may not have a committable offer from NU yet pending other prospects' decisions.

Nebraska currently has 15 pledges with room to take at least 25 and possibly more depending on roster attrition. Who's out there to complete the class? There are a number of highly-ranked prospects remaining, some of whom could make immediate impacts next fall.

A group that visited together during the Michigan State game are all still considering NU and are staying in touch regularly. That includes DB Lamar Jackson (6-2/206) of Elk Grove, CA, WR Desmond Fitzpatrick (6-2/189) of Waterford, MI, and LB David Reece, Jr. (6-1/238) of Farmington, MI.

Jackson is rated as a safety, but NU has told him they like him as a cornerback which has him intrigued. This is really a two-team race between NU and USC, and there are some family connections between Jackson and both DB coach Brian Stewart and WR coach Keith Williams which will keep the Huskers in it until signing day. USC's coaching staff changes also help Nebraska here. Fitzpatrick de-committed from Louisville after his trip to Lincoln and is now planning a second "unofficial" visit in January. NU sent three coaches to his home — HC Mike Riley, OL coach Mike Cavanaugh and Williams. He also plans official visits to Arizona and Indiana, but NU is sitting very good shape here. Reece and Fitzpatrick are good friends whose fathers are also good friends. Reece is a Januay enrollee and plans to announce his choice on Dec. 16. He remains committed to Michigan, but visited Florida Nov. 28, TCU Dec. 5 and will trip to Texas Dec. 12. Nebraska sent three coaches to visit him as well in DC Mark Bunker, LB coach Trent Bray and Riley.

Another prospect who has been informed about NU by this group is DB Tony Butler (6-2/197) of Lakewood, OH. Butler is down to NU, Arizona State and West Virginia and will be visiting Lincoln Dec. 12. Butler is tight with Fitzpatrick, and is also expecting coach Stewart for an in-home visit. He could fit into any defensive backfield position.

Two other defensive backs who are close to choosing NU are Markell Simmons (6-1/200) of Pima (AZ) CC and Isaiah Simmons (6-3/215) of Olathe, KS. They are not related.

Markell Simmons hosted Riley, Stewart, Bunker and Bray at his family's home in Phoenix early in the contact period. He has narrowed things down to Nebraska and TCU with Oregon State slightly outside of the picture. Isaiah Simmons visited Illinois Dec. 5 and will trip to Lincoln Jan. 16. He is also considering visits to Arizona State, Louisville and Missouri. He plans to commit during the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl Jan. 3. Riley visited Simmons Dec. 7. Another consideration is that Simmons could be a receiver target instead of playing defense. That may swing things in NU's favor given Keith Williams' reputation for putting receivers into the NFL.

Offensive tackle is another "need" position for NU, and the top target on their board all year has been Matt Farniok (6-7/319) of Sioux Falls, SD. Farniok is down to Nebraska and Iowa, and it may be a good sign for NU that he was officially visiting Lincoln this past weekend while Iowa was playing in the Big Ten Championship game. He will announce his decision at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in January.

Another top tackle target who only recently emerged for NU is Royce Newman (6-7/260) of Nashville, IL. Newman has been committed to Missouri since June, but with head coach Gary Pinkel retiring he has scheduled a trip to Lin-

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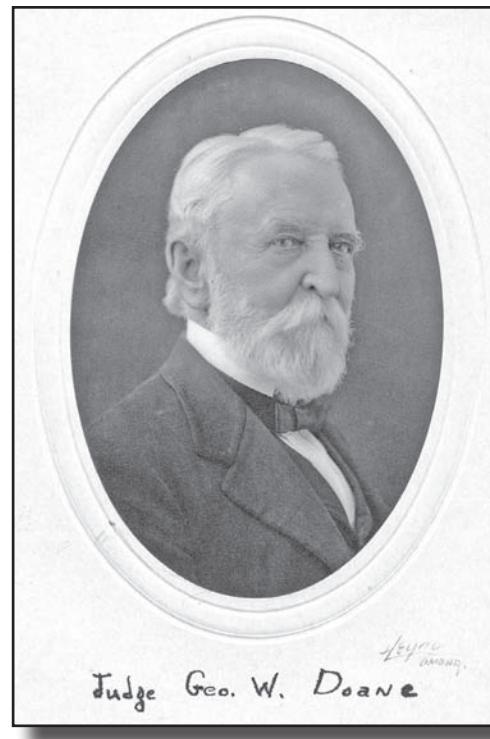
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"Two well-known lawyers, G.[eorge] W. Doane and W.[illiam] O. Bartholomew, opposed to each other in the U.S. District Court, had a slight difference of opinion and tried their case *vi et armis* [with force and arms] last evening on upper Douglas Street. It appears that Mr. Bartholomew had accused Mr. Doane of willfully retaining certain papers which ought to be on file, and had made a motion to compel Mr. Doane to return the papers. They afterwards met on the street, when Mr. Doane told Bartholomew



Judge Geo. W. Doane

George W. Doane, later in life.

he would like to have him say to his face what he had said elsewhere, or words to that effect. The aforesaid Bartholomew put in a demur to the petition of said Doane stating, among other things, that what he had said was true and that he would repeat such statements, everything to the contrary notwithstanding; in fact he admitted the allegations and defied the allegator. The demur being overruled the said Doane put in his answer to the effect that the said Bartholomew labored under a mistake, or words to that effect, namely, in plain United States English, that he lied....

"The said Bartholomew made reply to the answer, when the issue was joined. The case was then argued in a manner more forcible than polite. The said Doane 'opened' on the said Bartholomew, in other words, assaulted him, when the said Bartholomew responded by launching out his right 'duke,' which, when doubled up equals in size and weight a volume of Blackstone. We understand that he made an impression on his opponent. Thus it went back and forth, the hats of the combatants flying in the air, and their arms swinging wildly like the wings of a dilapidated wind-mill under a stiff breeze. When finally they clinched, Judge [Erwin] Dudley and General [Sillas] Strickland entertained a motion to quash the proceedings on account of informalities contrary to the prize ring statutes in such cases made and provided. They sustained the motion by falling on the combatants, thus separating them. The affair created considerable excitement and intense amusement for any of the large crowd of spectators who witnessed the sport.

"The verdict of the jury was to the effect that the said Bartholomew and the said Doane have shown by their new departure in practice that they know less about fisticuffs than they do about law, and we advise them to go into training if they anticipate a second collision."

The alteration on the street apparently did no harm to George Doane's career. In 1880 he was elected to a term in the state senate, and from 1888 to 1892 was judge for Nebraska's Fourth Judicial District. He died in 1912 at age eighty-eight.

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## SOCIETY

### NEB-KAN PARISH

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## Irish sweep home openers; defending D2 champion girls to Lourdes tonight

The FC Sacred Heart girls and boys basketball teams captured home victories over Sterling Friday to kick off their respective 2015-16 basketball campaigns.

The Lady Irish ushered in the defense of their '15 D2 title and saw the triumphant return of junior Haylee Heits with a commanding 50-39 win over the 10th-ranked Lady Jets.

Heits, who missed all of 2014-15 with a serious knee injury, got up and down the floor and owned the paint for the preseason D2 2<sup>nd</sup>-ranked Lady Irish (D1 Champion St. Mary's dropped a class and is currently rated ahead of FCSH). The 5-11 junior wasted no time getting back in the swing of it, either, scoring all her team's 12 first-quarter points en route to an 18-point, eight-rebound night. Junior Jade Hill, one of seven Sacred Heart girls listed at 5-10 or taller, finished with a double-double, scoring 12 points on 6-of-8 shooting and leading the team with 10 boards.

Senior All-Stater Maggie Goltz, running the point, distributed the basketball for most of the first 16 minutes, attempting just a single field goal the first half, but started looking at the bucket after halftime and finished with 11 points, to go with four assists.

The Irish girls, rated No. 6 in D2, got a 42-36 win over Sterling, and that's what counts. Because it wasn't going to win any style points - neither team made 40 per-

cent from the floor or 45 percent from the foul line. Sacred Heart did get a strong outing from junior Bryant Jorn, who spotted up from 22 feet and hit 4-of-5 three-point shots. He finished with 16 points, eight rebounds and five blocks. Theo Rohrer added 10 points, senior Bailey Witt led the team with nine rebounds and freshman Drew Bippes dished out four assists, had two steals and didn't turn it over once in a solid varsity debut.

The Lady Irish travel to Nebraska City Lourdes tonight, while the guys are off until Friday, as both teams host Friend at Prichard Auditorium. Lewiston comes to town Tuesday.

### GIRLS SCORING

FCSH — Goltz, 11; Fiegener, 1; Wertenberger, 4; Barnes, 2; Hill, 12; Parrish, 2; Heits, 18.

Sterl — Goracke, 4; Wenzl, 8; Kohler, 8; Cockerill, 15; Boldt, 2; Jasa, 2.

### BOYS SCORING

FCSH — Witt, 5; Bippes, 2; H. Arnold, 7; Hoy, 2; Jorn, 16; Rohrer, 10.

Sterl — Benson, 4; Masur, 5; Wenzl, 6; Tucker, 3; Erickson, 18.

### IRISH JV

The Irish guys, who played at Roh Activity Center, took a 48-32 win, as Nathan Bird scored 12 points and Austin Ahern added 10.

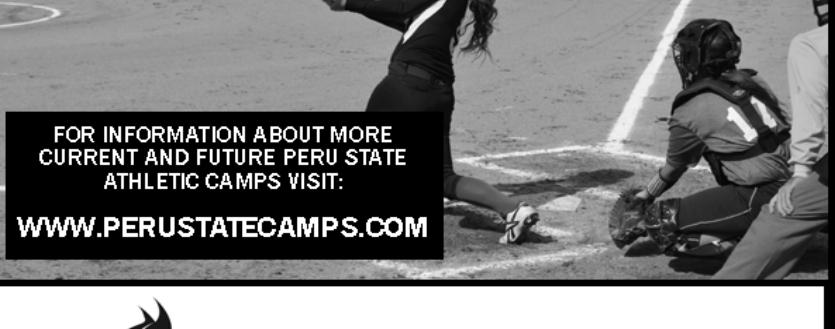
The Lady Irish, in a three-quarter game held at the auditorium, battled from behind for a 22-18 win. Randee Witt scored eight and Maddie Huppert added five for FCSH.

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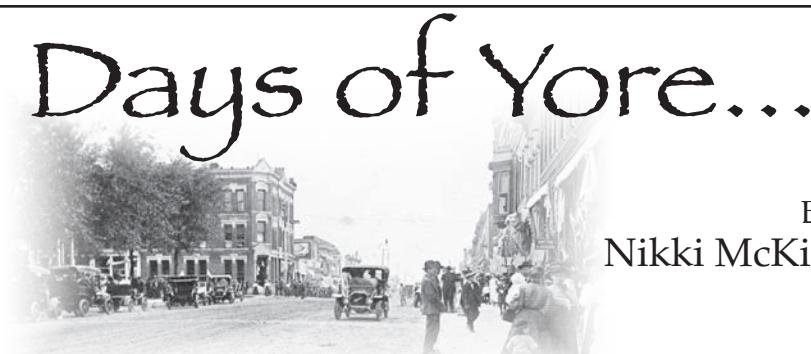
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**50 Years Ago**  
**(Dec. 8 - Dec. 14, 1965)**

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A car belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Orus Kelly parked in their garage at 2118 Stone St. was destroyed by a fire caused by what was believed to be short circuit wiring in their 1960 Chevrolet.

The last three B-47 stratojet bombers, determined obsolete by the defense department, flew out of Lincoln, signaling an end to a great era in military aviation.

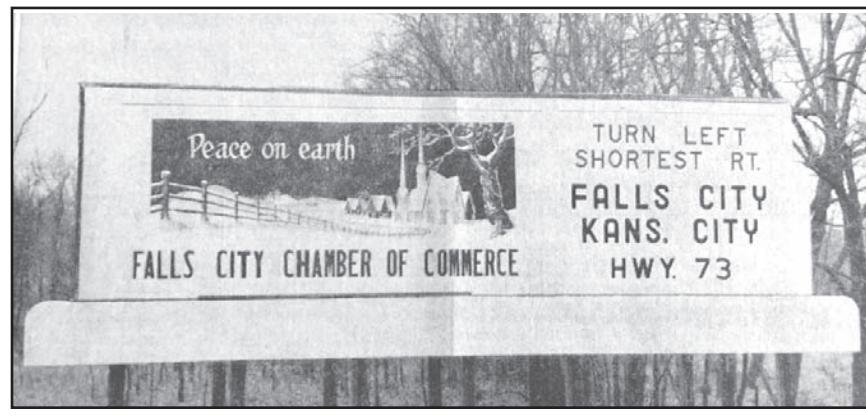
War hero, Paul Kovacs, a much decorated World War II bomber pilot who helped found the American Prisoners of War association, died following a brief illness.

Check-In Motel, planned to add six new units. The rooms were said to be individually heat-controlled, completely carpeted and the bathrooms would have ceramic tile.

Fleskoskis' Food Basket was advertising Pillsbury Slice 'N Bake cookies for ten cents a tube.

The *Journal* reported that Falls City was experiencing spring-like weather with the high being near 58 degrees.

**A beautiful Christmas scene adorned the refurbished Chamber of Commerce sign north of the Dawson corner on Highway 73-75.**



Excitement was at a fever pitch when the Rivoli Theater advertised the opening of the full color film, "Old Yeller."

The patrons of Reserve voted to close the high school and send students to Hiawatha. The school had 34 students at the time, 14 of which came from Nebraska.

An item from U.P.I. – The first major snowfall of the season blanketed portions of Nebraska. Accumulations of one to four inches were expected.

Two Lincoln ministers were at odds over the literary value of a Pulitzer prize-winning novel in eighth grade classrooms. The controversy centered on "To Kill A Mockingbird," Harper Lee's novel about racial tension in a small southern town.

**Children were encouraged to go into Richardson County Bank in Falls City and enter a drawing for a free eight-foot Christmas Stocking.**

#### 25 Years Ago

Ed Hartman, owner and operator of the Falls City Fertilizer Services, announced his firm had been sold to Sur Gro Plant Foods Co. FC Fertilizer was formed in 1973 by Ed and his mother, Ester Hartman.

*Journal* Publisher Bill Schock's "ear" in the top right corner of the paper stated "Donald Trump is an eligible bachelor again. But now that his financial empire has dwindled, will the girls find him as appealing?"

A Richardson County employee was killed in an accident that took place at the county shop on west 21st Street. 38-year old Leonard Wallace Dungan Jr. passed away from injuries he suffered on the job.

Aaron Sullivan of Falls City High School was named *Journal* Athlete of the Week when he pinned his first opponent in 2:48, won by a technical fall, 22-4 in the second round and won 17-3 in the championship match during the Crete Invitational wrestling championship.

The county basketball teams had a rough week when the Tiger girls fell at Johnson-Brock, the Cardinals lost to Table Rock, the Mustangs lost to Rock Port and The Jets split a twin bill at Sterling when the girls won 49-46.

Families and Friends of Sacred Heart High School accumulated the necessary \$100,000 in cash register receipts at Howells' Jack and Jill Food Center to receive a check for \$1,500 to buy an Apple computer for the school.

Northvue Café was advertising Barbecued Ribs on Saturdays for only \$3.50. a plate.

Thanks to the first grade class at North School, shoppers at Hinky Dinky were surprised when some of their paper grocery sacks were decorated with original Christmas art by class members.

#### 15 Years Ago

The D1 No. 3 Irish boy's basketball team were off to a 0-2 start when they lost a 4th quarter lead to Rock Port, while the girl's basketball team dominated the Rock Port girls, 68-14.

Kris Glathar scored 25 points in a Dawson-Verdon loss to Pawnee City, giving the Jet's a 0-4 start to the season. The ladies' team fell to 1-3 on the after a 42-31 home-opening loss.

Falls City High School was making great progress on the new south addition to the school building. The south (classroom) and north (cafeteria/commons) additions were to be completed the following May.

The use of wireless phones jumped significantly from 394,045 to 527,057 users in a one-year period, stunning major phone companies Alltel and Qwest.

Snow, wind and bitter cold temperatures dominated Falls City. Blowing snow made driving conditions impossible, closing all county schools for a day.

## Obituaries

### Melvin Zentner

Melvin Zentner, 75, of Rulo, passed away Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at Rulo. He was born on May 31, 1940 at Falls City to Margaret (Sailors) Zentner and the late Herbert Zentner.

Melvin was raised north of Falls City and graduated from Shubert High School in 1957. He then took employment at Harmon's OK Tire shop. Melvin married Jane Smith on June 5, 1960 in Falls City. In 1966, he began working for Kenneth Hunzeker and worked for him until the time of his passing.

He attended Trinity Methodist Church in Rulo.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Jane Zentner, of Rulo; son, Les Zentner (and his girlfriend, Stephanie Farley), of Falls City; mother, Margaret Zentner, of Falls City; and sister, Madalyn (Elden) Vonderschmidt, of Falls City.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, Falls City, with Rev. John Hogue officiating. Interment at Steele Cemetery. Open visitation began Sunday at the funeral home.

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### Great Plains Growers Conference Jan. 7-9

If anyone is interested in learning more about growing fruit and vegetables, the Great Plains Growers Conference held in St. Joseph, MO, Jan. 7-9 is an excellent conference to attend.

Similar to 2015, the Great Plains Vegetable Growers Conference will address topics of both growing and marketing fruit and vegetables. It is especially informative if you are currently growing fruit and/or vegetables for sale commercially on a part-time or full-time basis. This is an excellent opportunity to learn many of the skills that have made several of the producers, successful growers and marketers of their produce. This conference is sponsored by UNL, the University of Missouri, Lincoln University, K-State, Iowa State and South Dakota State.

On Thursday, Jan. 7, there is the opportunity to attend one of six individual workshops with a focus on: greenhouse and hydroponic production, honeybees, soil health, mushrooms, tree fruit and scaling up. These are workshops for beginning and experienced growers.

Friday features Anthony Flaccavento as the keynote speaker. Anthony is an organic farmer near Abingdon, VA, in the heart of Central Appalachia. He has been working on community environmental and economic development in the region for the past 27 years. In 1995, he founded Appalachian Sustainable Development, which became a regional and national leader in sustainable economic development. Anthony left ASD in December 2009 to found SCALE, Inc., a private consulting business dedicated to catalyzing and supporting ecologically healthy regional economies and food systems. Anthony speaks and writes about sustainable development, economics, food systems and rural development issues extensively.

Following the keynote address, there will be five concurrent tracks to choose from. Topics for this year's tracks include Market Ready, Tree Fruit, Beginning Organic, Vegetable IPM, and a "mixed bag" track covering technology, equipment, and irrigation. On Saturday, concurrent sessions will include Small Fruit, Advanced Organic, Vegetable Production, Cut Flowers, and Food Safety/GAPS.

There will be many exhibitors available to provide information about seeds, irrigation, horticulture equipment, chemicals, and other topics. Meals, break refreshments, and handouts will be included in the registration fee for the main conference, which will be held on the campus of Missouri Western State University. For more information, call the Buchanan County Extension office at (816) 279-1691, go to [www.greatplainsgrowers.org](http://www.greatplainsgrowers.org), or contact the Nemaha County Extension office at (402) 274-4755.



*Project will include new Family Medicine Clinic*

**Board approves  
\$8 million expansion**

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new entrance to the physical therapy room will be constructed, as well. The surgical expansion is driven by an ever-growing demand for orthopedic procedures. Such procedures, incidentally, are driving a healthy bottom line. At the annual meeting last spring, Larsen reported 2014 gross revenues at more than \$23 million, against \$22 million in expenses. The hospital brought in some \$5 million more in '14 than it did in 2011, and for three consecutive years it has operated with net annual gains of about \$1.5 million each fiscal year.

All news, it seems, is good news surrounding CMC these days.

Last spring, based on customer service, the hospital earned a perfect Five Star Quality Rating for 2014, one of just eight Nebraska facilities to do so. An estimated seven percent of the 5,000 or so hospitals in the U.S. are members of the exclusive "Five Star Club."

"By and large, we seem to be doing pretty well," Larsen said. "And I appreciate that our patients say so."

"We're very grateful to the patients and also our staff. It's really their efforts - they create the environment and have a real love for the people."

And that environment will only get bigger and better. "We built a nice surgical department around our traditional surgery needs," Larsen said, "but while we built surgical rooms that could handle orthopedic cases, the department must be expanded if we want to function as a true orthopedic center. We need an additional surgical room and much more space to process, sterilize and store the large amount of specialized items involved in orthopedic cases. This is in addition to the other cases we will continue to do, such as obstetrics, gynecology, ear/nose/throat, cataracts, other ophthalmology, podiatry, gastroenterology and epidural pain relief treatments."



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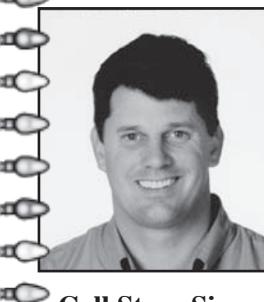
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Wednesday: 9 a.m., Sew 'n Sews; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML.  
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## Christmas tree varieties and care

An evergreen tree decked out in lights and ornaments is one of the universal symbols of the holiday season. The Christmas tree tradition is believed to have originated in Germany in the 15th or 16th centuries, when trees were decorated with edibles, such as nuts and fruits. They were later decorated with candles and eventually lights.

Through the centuries, people have trekked to forests, Christmas tree farms and commercial lots to pick the perfect trees for their holiday displays. The National Christmas Tree Association says more than 33 million real trees are purchased each year, making the tree business a billion-dollar industry. While there are scores of evergreen varieties, certain tree types are more popular than others and thus more available for purchase. The following are some of the more popular trees come Christmastime.

- Eastern Redcedar: Branches of the tree are compact and form a pyramid-shaped crown. The trees should be a dark, shiny green color. The eastern redcedar is not a true cedar tree, but a member of the juniper family. This tree can make a great cut tree with a homespun look and a pungent fragrance.

- Leyland Cypress: This cypress is one of the more popular Christmas trees in the southeastern United States. The tree will be very dark green to almost gray in color. It has little aroma. Some people choose the Leyland because it does not produce sap, which is great for those with sap allergies.

- Colorado Blue Spruce: An attractive blue-green foliage and a good symmetrical form is what attracts many people to the blue spruce. The Colorado Blue Spruce has an excellent natural shape and requires little pruning to look like the perfect Christmas tree. It's not very fragrant, but the tree needles may give off an unpleasant odor when crushed.

- Scotch Pine: A classic conical shape and very good needle retention help make the Scotch pine a popular tree to cut for the holidays. Scotch pines also are quite prevalent thanks to the tree's adaptability to a wide range of climates.

- Eastern White Pine: A delicate green color and long needles are found on this tree. Another popular pine, the rich fragrance of the white pine may make it preferable to those who like their homes to smell of evergreen.

- Douglas Fir: The Douglas fir is one of the foremost Christmas tree species in the United States. It has soft needles that are dark green in color. Those needles radiate in all directions from the branches to give the tree a full look. The needles, when crushed, have a sweet fragrance. Douglas firs tend to live long when cut.

- Fraser Fir: Another popular fir for Christmas is the Fraser fir. The needles are bicolored, with dark green on top and silver on the bottom. More fragrant than its cousin, the Douglas, the Fraser also boasts a slender profile, which makes it suitable for smaller rooms.

**Christmas tree maintenance:** Nothing can guarantee the health and appearance of a tree after it is brought into a home. But choosing a recently cut tree that has good needle retention can help. Here are other tips for a long-lasting tree.

- Use a sharp saw to cut an inch off of the trunk base to remove the sappy covering that forms from cutting. This will improve water intake.

- Fill a tree stand reservoir with warm water. Expect the tree to drink heavily in the beginning.

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Follow the dots to see what Pinch put in his windows.

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Wow! There's so much to do at holiday time. Read the clues to fill in the puzzle and see what families are doing:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and tasting Christmas cookies  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for the perfect gift until your feet hurt  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in long lines to take photos with Santa  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and hanging wreaths and garlands  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ through the woods to find and cut down the perfect Christmas tree  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ ornaments and stockings  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ and hiding gifts  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ up outdoor lights and putting Santa and Reindeer in the yard  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ a giant ham and baking it  
10. \_\_\_\_\_ plane tickets and packing suitcases  
11. \_\_\_\_\_ greetings and sending Christmas Cards  
12. \_\_\_\_\_ carols and sipping hot chocolate

clues: writing, tromping, wrapping, singing, standing, hanging, buying

**Crossword Clues:**

1. making  
2. baking  
3. stringing  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
**CALL ORDER: 105**  
 FEDERAL PROJECT NO. STP-67-1(119)  
 LOCATION: N-67, N-62 NORTH IN COUNTIES: RICHARDSON, NEMAHA

The Nebraska Department of Roads will receive sealed bids in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Hwy. 2 in Lincoln, until 1:30 PM on Dec. 17, 2015. At that time the bids will be opened and read for GRAD GDRL BIT

**BIDDING PROPOSAL FORMS WILL BE ISSUED AND A CONTRACT AWARDED TO A CONTRACTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR: BITUMINOUS**

LENGTH: 6.1 MILES  
 START DATE: 08/15/2016  
 WORKING DAYS: 40  
 PRICE RANGE: \$2-\$4 Million

This project contains a DBE goal of 3%.

Plans and specifications may be seen beginning Nov. 24, 2015 at the Lincoln Central Office and Nov. 30, 2015 at the District Engineer's Office at LINCOLN.

Additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Roads Web Site at <http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/letting/>

This project is funded under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

To be eligible for the award of this contract, bidders shall submit a completed bidding proposal for Call Order No. 105, {Project No. STP-67-1(119)}, Call Order No. 115,{Project No. M-8-7(1018)}, and Call Order No. 120,{Project No. M-105-1(1008)}. Award of Contract, if awarded, will be made on the combined bid for these call order nos. Separate contracts will be awarded for each Call Order Number. 24-1-8

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

**CALL ORDER: 120**  
 STATE PROJECT NO. M-105-1(1008)  
 LOCATION: N-105, N-8 - HUMBOLDT IN COUNTY: RICHARDSON

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**BIDDING PROPOSAL FORMS WILL BE ISSUED AND A CONTRACT AWARDED TO A CONTRACTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR: BITUMINOUS**

LENGTH: 7.0 MILES  
 START DATE: 10/16/2017  
 WORKING DAYS: 10  
 PRICE RANGE: \$250,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

**CALL ORDER: 135**  
 FEDERAL PROJECT NO. STP-105-1(107)  
 LOCATION: N-105, BIG NEMAHAN RIVER IN HUMBOLDT IN COUNTY: RICHARDSON

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**BIDDING PROPOSAL FORMS WILL BE ISSUED AND A CONTRACT AWARDED TO A CONTRACTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR: BRIDGES**

START DATE: 06/13/2016  
 WORKING DAYS: 100  
 PRICE RANGE: \$500,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00

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This project is funded under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply. 24-1-8

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

**CALL ORDER: 115**  
 STATE PROJECT NO. M-8-7(1018) LOCATION: N-8, E. JCT. N-50 - SALEM IN COUNTIES: PAWNEE, RICHARDSON

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**BIDDING PROPOSAL FORMS WILL BE ISSUED AND A CONTRACT AWARDED TO A CONTRACTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR: BITUMINOUS**

LENGTH: 19.3 MILES  
 START DATE: 09/25/2017  
 WORKING DAYS: 20  
 PRICE RANGE: \$500,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00

Plans and specifications may be seen beginning Nov. 24, 2015 at the Lincoln Central Office and Nov. 30, 2015 at the District Engineer's Office at LINCOLN.

Additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Roads Web Site at <http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/letting/>

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**REQUEST FOR QUOTE**  
**NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**

**RFQ NO. 15120**

Quotes to provide cleaning services for Nebraska Public Power District's Sheridan Training Facility, Emergency Operations Facility and the Joint Information Center will be received in accordance with the Request for Quote (RFQ) No. 15120 until 5 p.m., CST, on Dec. 10, 2015.

RFQ documents are available by accessing our website at [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com) under View Bids & Contracts. For more information regarding access to the quote documents, contact Sarah Hopwood by phone at (402) 563-5405, or e-mail [shhopwo@nppd.com](mailto:shhopwo@nppd.com).

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA CASE NO. CI15-183****NOTICE TO TERMINATE SEVERED MINERAL RIGHTS**

TO: W.A. GUINN and THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF SLATON, TEXAS and All Persons having or claiming any interest in 25% of the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the W<sup>1/2</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 16 East 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, with Exceptions, real names unknown, Defendants.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued Dennis L. Hullman and Cheryl A. Hullman, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, in the above entitled Court for termination of any and all severed mineral rights that you may have in the following described real estate, to-wit:

W<sup>1/2</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 16 East 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska,

EXCEPT, a strip 60 feet wide of f East side of NW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> Section 8, and,

EXCEPT, that part of SW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> Section 8, Township 1 North, lying South of CB&Q right-of-way containing a fractional part of an acre, and,

EXCEPT that part deeded for highway purposes, and,

EXCEPT that part described as follows Commencing at the Northwest corner of NW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 16 East of 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, running thence 88°37'39"E for 604.17 feet on the North line of the said NW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> thence South 54.97 feet to a point on the State of Nebraska right-of-way, said point being the true point of beginning thence 501027'21NW 16 feet thence N89022'231'E 292.07 feet thence N02038'20"E 180.07 feet to a point on the said ROW thence N89025'05" W 286.61 feet along the said ROW thence N0022'211"E 10.00 feet along the said ROW thence N89025'52N 88.33 feet along said ROW to point of beginning, containing 1.24 acres, more or less, and

EXCEPT, that part of NW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> conveyed in Book 188 of Deeds at Page 487, containing 1.47 acres more or less.

together with equitable relief. You are required to answer said Petition on or before the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016, or a Decree will be entered against you.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

DENNIS L. HULLMAN  
 and CHERYL A. HULLMAN, Plaintiffs

By Neal E. Parsons, #13228  
 Attorney for Plaintiffs  
 217 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Falls City, NE 68355  
 (402)245-3088

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**NOTICE**  
**In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska****Estate No. PR15-51**

Notice is hereby given that, on Oct. 21, 2015, in the County Court of Richardson County, NE, Ann M. Severin, whose address is 70457 653 Ave., Falls City, NE 68355, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 1, 2016 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz  
 Clerk of the County Court  
 1700 Stone St., Room 205,  
 Falls City, NE 68355

Dylan L. Handley (24152)

Handley Law Office

217 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Falls City, NE 68355

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Fax: (402)245-2664

Email: [dylanhandley@hotmail.com](mailto:dylanhandley@hotmail.com)

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City will hold a public hearing pursuant to subdivision regulation Article 3 for the proposed to approve the final plat of Helena Subdivision Lot 1, as the described real estate, to-wit: A tract of land being part of the SW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 14, Township 1 North, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 14, thence N03°17' 30"W (assumed bearing) on the West line of the SW<sup>1/4</sup> of said Section 14, 407.25 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N03°17'30" W on said West line, 376.90 feet; thence S65°21'43"E, 742.54 feet; thence S24°38'17"W, 333.00 feet; thence N65°21'43"W, 566.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 5.00 acres.

The hearing will be held in the Falls City Council meeting room at City Hall 2307 Barada St. in Falls City, Nebraska, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2015 at the hour of 7 p.m. All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views respecting the final plat of Helena Subdivision Lot 1.

The City of Falls City  
 A Municipal Corporation  
 Gary Jorn, City Clerk

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Falls City will hold a public hearing pursuant to subdivision regulation Article 3 for the proposed to approve the final plat of Helena Subdivision Lot 1, as the described real estate, to-wit: A tract of land being part of the SW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 14, Township 1 North, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

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The hearing will be held in the Falls City Council meeting room at City Hall 2307 Barada St. in Falls City, Nebraska, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2015 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views respecting the final plat of Helena Subdivision Lot 1.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

The Planning Commission of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, will meet on December 21, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, to hold a public hearing at which time interested parties and citizens have an opportunity to be heard concerning the request for a conditional use permit of the following described real estate, to-wit: A tract of land being part of the SW<sup>1/4</sup> SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 14, Township 1 North, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

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The application is made by Benjamin Scholl, Delmer and Ruth Gruber for a conditional use permit for the above real estate located in the (TA) Transitional Agriculture Zoning District of the City of Falls City, as provided in Article 6 of the Falls City Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

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**Big Red****Recruiting Report**

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coln Dec. 12. Riley and Cavanaugh also visited his family and stressed the coaching stability at NU.

A couple of other tackles to keep an eye on are **Stewart Reese** (6-6/330) of Fort Pierce, FL, and **Alaric Jackson** (6-7/285) of Detroit. Neither has taken nor scheduled an official visit yet.

**Reese** is a teammate of NU LB pledge **Greg Simmons** (6-2/225) and is also considering Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Florida State and Georgia. **Jackson** also lists Iowa, Michigan State and Wisconsin high on his list.

Defensive end is the other big need for the Huskers, and they are pressing for players like **Amir Watts** (6-3/260), of Chicago, and **Jordan Bonner** (6-6/230) of NE Oklahoma CC.

**Watts** is also visiting Minnesota and Pittsburgh before his Jan. 30 trip to Lincoln. Another Semper Fidelis All-American, **Watts** hosted NU DL coach **Hank Hughes** Dec. 4. Listed as a defensive tackle, **Watts** may be explosive enough to swing out to the end spot as well.

**Bonner** has visited South Alabama and Tennessee, will visit Kentucky Dec. 12, and plans a trip to Lincoln in January. He's also considering UCF, Louisville, Memphis and Virginia Tech. NU sent **Riley** and **Hughes** to visit him, stressing their need at his position. While he's loosely considering all of those schools, he's really focused on Tennessee, Kentucky and NU. He plans to commit in late January.

With so many spots open in this class and only about eight weeks until Signing Day, things will be moving fast and furious in January after the NCAA-mandated dead period ends. NU's class could legitimately double in size between now and then.

1:30 p.m. Dec. 24.

**Holiday Programming**

"National Christmas Tree Lighting" -- 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15; 10 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21.

"Christmas on the Trail" -- 11 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15; 7 p.m., Dec. 24.

"Casting Call to Curtain Call" -- 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

"Lidia Celebrates America: Home for the Holidays" -- 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

"Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir featuring Santino Fontana and Muppets from Sesame Street" -- 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21.

"Christmas at Belmont" -- 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21; 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 25.

"The American St. Nick" -- 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22.

"A Grand Mercer Christmas" -- 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24.

"Christmas Carol: The Concert" -- 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24.

"Christmas on the Danube" -- 10:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24.

"Christmas in Norway with the St. Olaf Choir" -- 11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24.

"Call the Midwife Holiday Special" -- 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25; 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 27.

"Vicious Holiday Special" -- 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25.

"A Chef's Life Holiday Special" -- 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25.

"Live from Lincoln Center: New York Philharmonic New Year's Eve" -- 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31; Midnight, Jan. 1.

"Michael Feinstein New Year's Eve at the Rainbow Room" -- 9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 31 and 2 a.m., Jan. 1.

**NET**

With Christmas fast approaching, NET is offering a wide variety of television programming to keep Nebraskans in the spirit of the season.

From new PBS Kids' programming, including "Wild Kratts Creature Christmas," to the NET Television production "Casting Call to Curtain Call," a behind-the-scenes look at the Omaha Community Playhouse production of "A Christmas Carol," NET offers new classics and old favorites.

Complete schedules below:

**PBS Kids Holiday**

7 a.m./5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18; 7 a.m./5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24; 7 a.m./5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25.

"Peg + Cat The Christmas Problem" -- 10:30 a.m./1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16; 10:30 a.m./1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25.

"Thomas and Friends Christmas Cheer!" -- 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14.

"Arthur's Perfect Christmas" -- 6 a.m./3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 25.

"Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas" -- 7 a.m. Sunday Dec. 20; 8 a.m./2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24; 8 a.m./2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25.

"Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood: Daniel's Winter Adventure/Neighborhood Nutcracker" -- 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21; 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 24; 9 a.m., Friday, Dec. 25.

"Peg + Cat + Holidays" -- 10:30 a.m./12:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24.

"Super Why! Judith's Happy Chanukah" -- Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 9.

"Thomas and Friends Winter Delights" -- 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

"Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas!" -- 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 16; and

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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**READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK**

This week our photo was submitted by Marcy Saalfeld of Falls City. The topic was Christmas Lights.



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

Next week.....

**What did your Elf on the Shelf do?**



Falls City Sacred Heart placed third in the D2-1 District One Act Play competition at Johnson-Brock last Wednesday, Dec. 2, presenting "Soapy Smith's Winter Wish." The Irish actors finished just seven points behind champion McCool Junction and five points behind runner-up Johnson-Brock. The entire cast and crew received a Superior Performance Award and Outstanding Actor Awards went to Joshua Froeschl, Reggie Johansen, Cameron Jordan, Natalie Kreifels, Nora Barker, Libby Dunn and Bryant Jorn. The cast and crew, photographed, front row, from left: Nate Finck, Abby Fiegener, Brady Keller, Libby Dunn (Sandra), Thea Schulenberg,

Bryant Jorn (Soapy Smith), Aly Bangert, Cameron Jordan (Cross-Eye), Austin Ahern, Natalie Kreifels (Gimpy Peg), Libby Schwang, Bob Heresch (Cop), Noah Keller, Joshua Froeschl (Tabby), Andrew Neddreniep, Madison Huppert, Sara Wertemberger, Ciara Catlin, Emerson Keithley and Lauren Parrish; back row, Rachael Keithley, Louise Hamilton, Logan Mattan, Nora Barker (Woman on the Bench), Jade Hill (Elsie), Ryker Hoy (Hobbs), Haylee Heits (Mrs. Soames), Reggie Johansen (Old Timer), Teresa Morehead (Urchin), Elizabeth Keithley (Urchin), Maggie Goltz and Henry Arnold.

## Postal Service expects to deliver nearly 600 million packages this holiday season

This holiday season the Postal Service expects to deliver not only holiday cheer, but also a whopping 591 million packages between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. That's a 10 percent increase over the 537 million packages delivered during this period last year. Each day the USPS delivers to more than 150 million delivery points across the country and processes nearly as much volume in a single week as Federal Express or UPS does in an entire year.

This year, the Postal Service offers 12 Secure Shipping Tips to help brighten everyone's holiday season:

• **Avoid sending cash by mail.** Checks and money orders are safer than cash, and may be cancelled or reissued in the event of theft.

• **Don't leave your mail or parcels unattended**—especially overnight. You wouldn't leave your wallet or purse on the front seat of your unlocked car in the driveway at night. Neither should you leave your mail or parcels unprotected for any length of time. Remember—your mailbox is not your backup file cabinet. If you have a stay-at-home neighbor, enlist their help. Ask to schedule your package deliveries to their address, increasing the likelihood someone will be home to receive your package.

• **Consider an alternate shipping address.** Some employers will allow you to ship small amounts of personal items to your work location. Inquire whether your employer will allow you to do so, and plan your shipment accordingly.

• **It's 3 p.m.; do you know where your package is?** You could. The Postal Service provides real-time tracking for a wide-range

of products. You can monitor your package's status from tender to final delivery. Registered users of USPS.com can also receive status updates via text alerts delivered to their mobile devices.

• **Change of plans?** Change your package's delivery address—while it's in transit! If you'll be away when your package is being delivered, try USPS Package Intercept. Prior to delivery, you can redirect most domestic package shipments to the sender, a new address, or the Post Office to be held for pickup. The service is fee-based, but you are only charged if the package is successfully re-directed.

• **Customize your delivery.** Provide the Postal Service personalized instructions. If your package doesn't fit in your mail box and you won't be home to receive it, you can provide delivery instructions online and authorize your carrier to leave it in a specified location. Visit USPS.com, track your package, and select Delivery Instructions. You can also request your package be left with a neighbor or held at a Post Office for pickup.

• **Your package on demand.** Ship using "Hold for Pickup" to your local Post Office. Priority Mail Express Hold for Pickup service lets customers claim packages on their schedule, at more than 30,000 USPS locations, where their packages await safely and securely. Automatic notifications via e-mail or SMS text messaging are also available.

• **Keep thieves at bay while you're away.** Hold your mail. If you're going away for a few days, and don't want to risk leaving your package unattended, take advantage of Request Hold Mail service. Your

letters and packages will be held securely at your local Post Office until you're back.

• **Secure your shipment using USPS Signature Services.** Ensure your package ends up in the right hands by requiring a signature at time of delivery. Choose from a variety of offerings including Signature Confirmation, Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery, Adult Signature Required, and Adult Signature Restricted Delivery. Also available—Signature Confirmation, which provides you the date and time an item was delivered or attempted, and includes a record maintained by USPS and available electronically or by email, upon request.

• **Protect your package every step of the way, and insure its valuable contents.** Opt for Registered Mail service—the Postal Service's most secure form of mail delivery. Registered Mail receives special-handling from tender to delivery, documenting the chain of custody of your important item. Electronic verification of delivery or attempted delivery is available upon request. Insurance may also be available to protect against loss or damage.

• **Control your package's delivery date using Priority Mail Express.** Now, you can choose your delivery date, using Priority Mail Express. It's the Postal Service's fastest domestic service (with limited exceptions), available 365 days a year. It offers a money-back guarantee and overnight scheduled delivery to most U.S. addresses—including PO Boxes. You'll also get proof of delivery signature record, tracking services, and \$100 insurance (most shipments).

• **Upgrade the security for all your mail, not just your parcels.** Consider renting a Post Office Box. Your mail remains secure within the Post Office, accessible only when using the right key or combination. Many USPS lobbies are open 24/7, allowing you to retrieve your mail on your schedule.

If you believe your mail was stolen, report it immediately to your local postmaster or nearest Postal Inspector. You'll be asked to file a formal complaint using PS Form 2016, Mail Theft and Vandalism Complaint. By analyzing information collected from the form, Postal Inspectors may determine whether your problem is isolated or part of a larger mail theft problem in your neighborhood—and it may help apprehend the thieves.

Consult with your local postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes. If you feel that you are a victim of a crime involving the mail, you may also submit an online complaint, by visiting [www.USPS.com](http://www.USPS.com).

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