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THE SATURDAY EVENING POST
STALIN MUST HAVE PEACE BY ERIC NEW
PORTLAND, OREGON BY PHILIP FALTER

If the sunset and the mountains in John Falter's cowboy-laundry picture look familiar to residents of Phoenix, Arizona, that is because Falter made his sketches while in Phoenix last winter. Arizona patriots will be glad to hear that this cover is not merely a good portrait of a cowboy and some bowlegged drawers but is also a pictorial testimonial to Arizona's beneficial and medicinal climate. Falter went to Phoenix because he had contracted neuritis in his right, or painting, arm and couldn't finish a cover he had started. In the desert sunlight he recovered the use of his wing, finished the cover, and found material for this one. He liked Arizona so much that he returned this winter, although the neuritis didn't.

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Photo by Chelsie Alexander

ART SHOW WINNERS, front row, from left: Lauren Parrish, Tayten O'Brien, Madison Huppert and Halee Roseberry; back row, Greg Folsom, Austin Cochran, Brittany Webster, Sarah Thiltges and Sarah Wertenberger.

Record 709 entries in 65th Annual GFWC Art Show

By Lori Gottula

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has been sponsoring an area student art contest in Falls City for 65 years now, and this year's competition soared with entries. According to contest director, Rita Seid, the competition attracted a record number of 709 entries from seven area schools, K - 12. The previous record was just under 600. The schools that participated were: Falls City High School, FC Sacred Heart, Humboldt-TR-S, FC Middle School, South and North Schools, and the Kolbe Academy (home school).

Now in her seventh year as director of the contest, Seid has built the program into a GFWC-recognized powerhouse of student art work. The contest used to average around 200 entries. Obviously, it has grown substantially since she took over.

"I believe that the large increase in entries this year was directly due to the Falls City Public Schools' decision to hire a full-time art teacher for the elementary schools," Seid said. "The submission numbers from North

and South Schools just exploded."

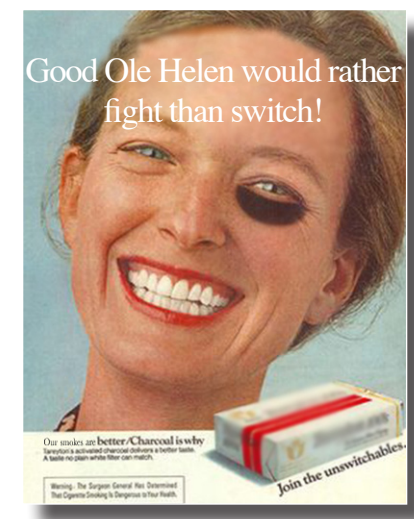
The contest is sponsored by the GFWC, and held at the Falls City Library and Arts Center. On Wednesday evening, a reception was held for the students and their parents, so that everyone could see the entries, and the pieces submitted. Parents and students also wanted to see the works done by the winners!

Sarah Thiltges, a senior with the Kolbe Academy (a Catholic homeschooling program), won "Best of Show" with her pencil drawing depicting pop star Harry Styles. That means that judges Pat Steinman and Diana Rieschick selected her submission as the best out of 709 entries.

The other artists in the high school age group who were named best of category in their divisions were: Madison Huppert, sophomore, FCSH, colored pencils/pastels/crayons; Lauren Parrish, sophomore, FCSH, drawing/pencil; Austin Cochran, junior, FC High, drawing/pen and ink; Brittany Webster, junior, FC High, oil/acrylic; Sara Wertenberger, sophomore, FCSH, watercolor/tempera; Tayten O'Brien, junior, FC High, 2D/mixed

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PD fully staffed after pair of officers graduate from Academy

Falls City Police Officers Millie King and Zachary Ractliffe graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island on Feb. 19 after 17 weeks of training and for the first time in more than two years, the FCPD is operating at full staff.



Ractliffe

Ractliffe graduated second out of more than 50 candidates; King is the first female FCPD officer to graduate from the Academy.



King

In other news regarding the FCPD, recently hired dispatcher Kathy Jordan graduated from the NLETC and Marcy Ankrom and Brandie Kratz have also been added to the staff. Ankrom takes the place of retired dispatcher Ann Shafer.

Officer Jeremy Goldsberry has been transferred to the code enforcement position the City Council approved a few months ago.

Citizens are urged to work with police to get the city cleaned up. This

includes cleaning up trash, debris and any other unsightly locations they are in control of. It also includes trimming trees, keeping grass under 12 inches in height and many other code infractions. Nuisance information can be found in the city code book located at the library or on the city's webpage.

"We would like to have voluntary

compliance and participation from the public," Police Chief Duane Armbruster said. "However the code officer will be working diligently to accomplish the task of making our community free from interference of comfortable enjoyment of life and property. Unfortunately this will include issuance of citations and court appearances."

EM Director Dixon submits resignation

Richardson County Emergency Management Director Brian Dixon recently completed his second full year on the job, but will not go for a third, as he submitted his resignation to County Commissioners last Tuesday during the regular weekly

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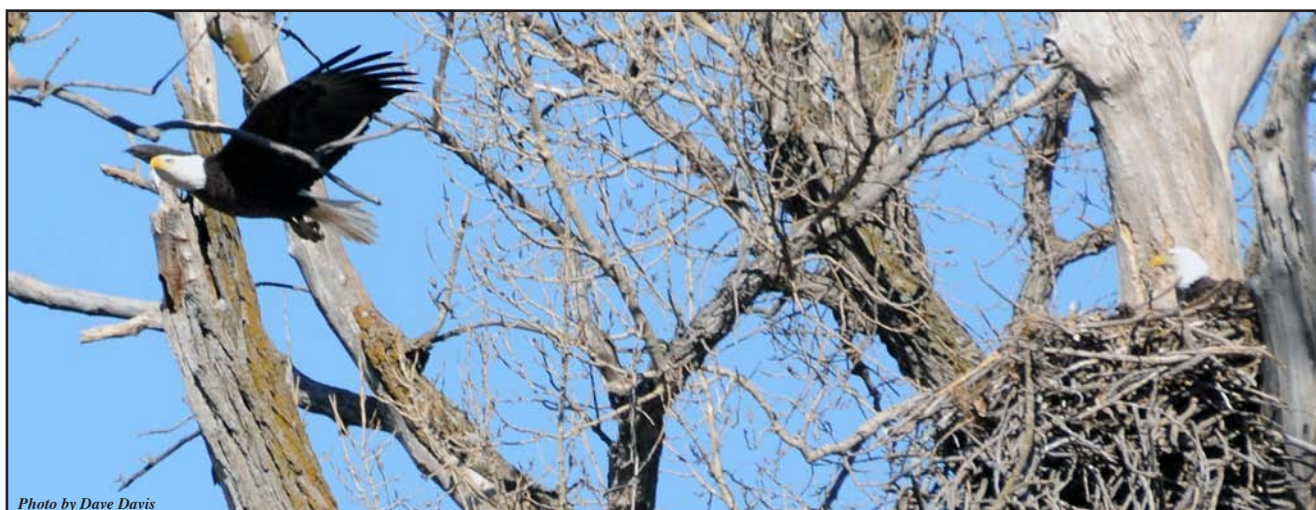


Photo by Dave Davis

Photographer Dave Davis captured visual proof of Salem's thriving Bald Eagle population during one of our recent uncommonly warm winter days. The proud national symbol of our country is staging quite the comeback all over North America, as its no longer on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's endangered species list. This particular family has nested south of Salem along Highway 8 for several years now. Parents typically tend to a pair of eggs each year and youngsters don't mature until they reach the age of five. An eagle's average lifespan is 15-20 years.

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A prescription Nebraska can't afford

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Efforts are underway to expand Medicaid in Nebraska again. To date, the Legislature has wisely rejected three previous attempts. Expanding Medicaid under the federal Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, would cost almost \$1 billion for Nebraska taxpayers. Last week, Senator John McCollister of Omaha brought before the Health and Human Services committee LB1032, which would require Nebraska to significantly expand eligibility for Medicaid.



To determine the cost of this proposal, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) commissioned an actuarial analysis of LB1032. The analysis found this expansion would add nearly 126,000 people to Medicaid or state support by June 2019, including over 60,000 individuals who already have private insurance today. This represents a 50 percent enrollment growth in the program. A similar plan in Arkansas has resulted in 40 percent of their state population now being on Medicaid.

As outlined in the bill, not only would expanding Medicaid require nearly \$1 billion in new state spending in its first 10 years, but those costs could quickly rise to over \$600 million a year in Nebraska state general funds if Congress ever required the state to fund the program at its traditional Medicaid matching rate. Supporters of the bill claim the legislation requires automatic termination of the program should that ever occur. In the past, however, termination of a state-managed entitlement program has resulted in lawsuits and court-ordered reinstatement of state benefits. On two occasions in the early 2000s, the state reduced eligibility for Medicaid in the face of significant budget challenges. These actions resulted in lawsuits that required the state to continue providing services, and the State of Nebraska ultimately reinstated Medicaid for some individuals.

The increased government spending for this expansion of an entitlement program will impact generations of Nebraska taxpayers. Today, every American shares in a national debt of over \$19 trillion—amounting to nearly \$60,000 per person. Our country has an unfortunate history of borrowing from our children to fulfill the promises we do not have the resources to pay for today. We don't do that in Nebraska.

This growth in spending would also threaten our ability to meet the commitments to our current Medicaid enrollees, which primarily include children, pregnant women, elderly, and people with disabilities. The current effort to expand Medicaid would require the state to buy private health insurance for the vast majority of the newly eligible individuals, which promises better access through broader networks and higher reimbursement than Medicaid. Because of better reimbursement rates, there is a built-in incentive for care providers to serve these able-bodied enrollees rather than our truly vulnerable Nebraskans who rely on Medicaid. The state should not prioritize the needs of able-bodied working-age adults over our truly vulnerable, Medicaid-dependent populations.

Supporters of LB1032 claim this is a conservative, or private-market, version of Medicaid expansion. The reality is that this approach will prove costly to taxpayers. The Government Accountability Office has already raised serious concerns over a similar program in Arkansas, estimating that it will cost over \$778 million more than projected in its first few years. Projections are proving true: The Arkansas plan was \$137 million, or 61 percent, over budget in its first six months. Additionally, Iowa has already abandoned a similar plan. Taking a gamble on this unproven model isn't worth the risk for Nebraska taxpayers. It's an especially risky gamble when you consider that Medicaid spending in Nebraska has already doubled since 2000—from \$983 million to over \$2 billion today or from about 12 percent of our budget to nearly 20 percent.

As I've travelled the state I have heard a clear and consistent message: our citizens need tax relief. They are demanding we exercise the highest possible restraint in growing the size and cost of government. We cannot be lured into committing future generations to the cost of expanding Medicaid in return for a fleeting promise of "free" federal money. I urge you to contact your senator and thank them for protecting us from this unreasonable risk or express your concerns that Medicaid expansion is something that Nebraska cannot afford. You can find their contact information by visiting www.NebraskaLegislature.gov.



Can Nebraska afford another assault on Cash Reserve Fund?

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

It would appear that the state's piggy bank, the Cash Reserve Fund, is under assault again.

The Governor and several lawmakers are circling the bank, hammers in hand, with the intent of "borrowing" \$150 million to start a new piggy bank called the Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

As explained in a bill (LB960) to adopt the Transportation Innovation Act, the bank would provide funds for the Nebraska Dept. of Roads relating to the completion of the Nebraska expressway system and allow that agency to implement and utilize alternative contracting methods for the construction of state transportation projects

The Cash Reserve Fund was created in 1983 to provide a source of funds for temporary transfers to the State General Fund when balances are not sufficient to process expenditure transactions. Longtime Appropriations Committee Chairman, the late Senator Jerome Warner of Waverly, called it the rainy day fund.

Just as Joseph warned Potiphar (in the Biblical account in Genesis) to set aside grain in the prosperous years to prepare for the lean years ahead, Warner successfully made the case to lawmakers who were all too familiar with the early 80s farm crisis. He fought subsequent attempts to drain the fund and led the Appropriations Committee to make a conscious decision to keep the Cash Reserve Fund balance at 16 percent of General Fund expenditures.

Warner, who was also very supportive of roads projects — they named an expressway between Lincoln and Nebraska City for him and his late wife Betty -- instilled in his colleagues the understanding that the Cash Reserve Fund should be used to provide protection against forecasting errors by the state's Economic Forecasting Advisory Board and to provide for supplemental funds during a recessionary period, of which there have been a few in the years since it passed into law.

True, there have been several instances in which money was moved to and from the Cash Reserve Fund to accomplish policy initiatives or to finance one-time new capital construction projects. As tweaked over the years, the law now provides that actual General Fund revenues in excess of the certified forecast at the end of the fiscal year are to be transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund.

Additionally, the Cash Reserve Fund receives federal funds received by the state for undesignated general government purposes, federal revenue sharing, or general fiscal relief of the state.

The Government Finance Officers Association recommends that states maintain a savings balance that would cover two months' worth of general fund expenses. The Pew Charitable Trusts says the 50-state median for cash reserves is only 25 days. Only five states have more than 100 days of operating costs in reserve — Alaska, Wyoming, North Dakota, Nebraska and West Virginia.

development think tank founded by Governor Pete Ricketts in 2007*, says while it is vital that cash reserves be maintained to avoid budgetary crises during difficult economic times, overstocked reserves come at a price, too. There is an opportunity cost for taxpayers. Every dollar that sits in the state cash reserve fund is a dollar that cannot be used to help create a job, feed a family, or grow a business. *Ricketts resigned from the Platte Institute to run for governor.

The Transportation Infrastructure Bank is a good idea. As a native of the Panhandle, I know the importance of being able "to get there from here." I looked at the Heartland Expressway as a quick

trip to Denver as well as a conduit for traffic from the Rockies to the Black Hills and beyond.

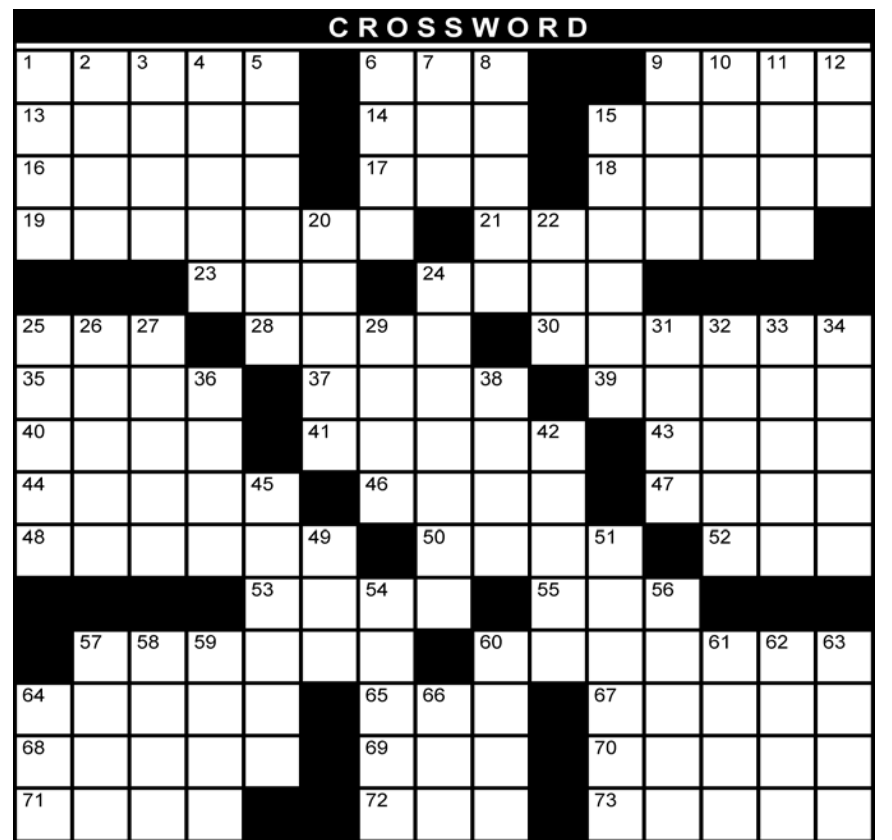
The legislation calls for: an accelerated State Highway Capital Improvement Program, including the designated expressway system; creation of a voluntary county bridge match assistance program on a pilot-test basis; and establishment of an Economic Opportunity Program to assist in the financing of transportation improvements that attract and support new business development and business expansion.

Financing the bank with up to \$150 million of state motor fuel revenue beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2023, just makes sense.

Taking an equal amount from the cash reserve does not.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: MARCH MADNESS

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- Kindergarten disrupters
 - Lending letters
 - Secondary school
 - Balance in the sky
 - Sheepish sound
 - Darlings
 - Continental divide
 - Caustic soda
 - Binary digits code
 - *Requirement to play in March Madness
 - Unhitch
 - Baseball bat wood
 - Fail to mention
 - Bad-mouth
 - "___ and turn"
 - Colonnade
 - "Oh, my!"
 - ___ good example"
 - Socially acceptable behaviors
 - *Major bball outfitter
 - Sea swallows
 - Constricting snakes
 - *___ and shoot, without dribbling
 - Exertion
 - Wise one
 - Newspaper VIP
 - Florida Keys and such
 - *March Madness winner's reward
 - TV's "___ O"
 - Male child
 - *Winningest coach
 - *One region
 - BBQ spot
 - Be in debt
 - Famous ballerina painter
 - Winery process
 - Did a marathon
 - Pack animal
 - Secretary station
 - Armageddon
 - *Senior to freshman
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- Coalition of countries
 - Puerto ___
 - Cain's victim
 - ___ - ___ - la refrain
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 - Up to the task
 - Foot the bill
 - Sleep in one's eye
 - Acapulco money
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 - Huron's neighbor
 - Tire measurement
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 - Uncredited author?
 - Not a thing
 - Emu relative
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 - Response to pain
 - Candidate's concern
 - A useful part
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 - *Show off
 - Beluga yield
 - Equestrian gear
 - Annoy a bedfellow
 - Inhabit
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Drug coupons mask real price of medicines

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What would make your medicines cheaper? That's a question Americans are asking every time they go to the pharmacy and find the price of a maintenance drug they've been taking has doubled or tripled, or that a new medicine, like one of the new diabetes drugs, their doctors have prescribed is beyond their means.

Increasingly the answer from the drug industry, which pretty much can charge whatever it wishes, is more patient assistance programs that come in the form of coupons, co-pay cards, or vouchers to help people buy their drugs. People needing help can also apply directly to a pharmaceutical company, and if their income is low enough, the company simply sends a supply of medicine to their home or doctor's office. How many times have you heard on TV that AstraZeneca can help?

The coupon, co-pay route to helping patients is easiest to understand. The industry calls the coupons "pay-no-more" cards, telling patients they will pay no more than \$50 or \$100 for a prescription. Discounts vary by the type of drug. Some work like airline loyalty programs: Buy so many drugs and get the next one free.

E-vouchers are more complicated and hardly transparent. A pharmacy sends a prescription to a middleman vendor. The vendor works with the drug company to figure out how much of the patient's cost sharing that's required by the insurer it will pay on the patient's behalf. Rules and amounts patients receive vary depending on the kind of drug.

Andrew Pollpeter, a senior principal with the Amundsen Group, an IMS Health Company, told me the company sets the amount of the voucher, and the patient doesn't know much about it. But, he said, "they are happier when they see a lower co-pay."

All this sounds great for patients, right? It may not be in the long-run.

Recently, the Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives held hearings on the high price of pharmaceuticals. It found that one company tried to divert attention from the high price of its drugs by publicizing its patient assistance programs.

Committee member Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) was blunt when she questioned one company executive who was testifying. "In other words, instead of keeping the price so it could be purchased by patients and hospitals, you went to patient assistance programs to try to obscure the price." Holmes Norton got the point: No matter the kind of assistance program, the underlying price of the drug remains high.

Patient assistance programs are nothing new. Several years ago I sat next to a drug company executive at a dinner and asked him why his company made it so hard for poor people to qualify for assistance. (The requirements can be difficult to meet.) He replied that if the company were more generous, it would hurt the bottom line.

The bottom line is still all-important, but today drug makers have a PR problem. They need to appear more benevolent. There's genuine public backlash against their companies' pricing strategies, and Congress is asking questions. By becoming more "patient centric," a word they use to describe their marketing path, they look like good guys while keeping prices high and profits up.

Drug companies have another problem patient assistance programs aim to solve. Large numbers of patients are not taking their medicines as their doctors ordered, either because they can't afford them or because the medicines make them sick. No matter the reason, it translates into lost sales.

Stats from the IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics show that only 25 percent of patients with drug deductibles will most likely still be taking their brand name drugs after six months compared with 40 percent in plans without such deductibles.

The rate at which patients don't pick up with meds at the pharmacy is 60 percent higher for new patients with brand drug prescriptions and drug deductibles than those who don't have drug deductibles. "If patients walk away, they frequently don't come back with an alternative prescription," says Pollpeter. According to Matt Lamkin, an assistant professor at the University of Tulsa College of Law who studies this issue, drug companies believe "they are leaving billions on the table" when patients don't take their pills. Trying to help more people stay on their meds "reframes the goal of boosting sales as a goal of public service," he told the health news site STAT.

Transforming drug companies from bad guys to good guys with the magic of PR will help some patients get cheaper medicines and no doubt boost sales. It will do little to get us out of the big-picture jam. Drug prices are still too high and out of reach for too many Americans.

What strategies do you use to pay for costly prescriptions? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



Seven students will represent Falls City High School at the 2016 Class B All State Band event April 2 in Grand Island. The students will rehearse for two days before performing a concert at 3 p.m. Saturday at Grand Island Northwest High School. Dr. Brian Abler from UNK will be the clinician. The students participating, from left: Jordan Eads, Flute/Piccolo; Zachary Petry, Euphonium; Barbara Wilhide, Bari Sax; Lainey Larsen, Tuba; Luke Gifford, Trombone; Anthony Baker, Trumpet; Brody Bindle, Clarinet.

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'School spending is not the problem'

Virgil Harden, for the *Grand Island Independent* - Feb. 25, 2016

The Nebraska state constitution says all children deserve a free public education. All children are equal and should be treated as such.

However, when it comes to funding education, all are not equal. Not all students have the same educational needs or local resources (wealth) behind them. Therefore, the same additional funding above what is provided by local resources isn't required.

These statements form the basic building blocks of TEEOSA, or Tax Equalization and Education Opportunities Support Act, our current school funding formula: Needs minus resources equals State Aid.

According to Gov. Pete Ricketts, the hue and cry from the agriculture community for property tax relief is reason enough to have Sens. Mike Gloor and Kate Sullivan introduce LB958 and LB959, respectively. A common feeling is since school districts are the largest user of property taxes, they must be where we find the solution to the problem.

We all know property taxes are high, albeit more so in the agriculture community than with residential and commercial property. The question is, are property taxes too high? If so, what can we do about it? School spending is not the cause of increased agriculture valuation. In fact, if there is one component of the school funding landscape school districts cannot control, it is assessed valuation. There's not a single action a locally elected school board can take to affect assessed valuation for any class of property. I find it disingenuous that Gov. Ricketts' LB958 and LB959 purport to "solve" the property tax problem through a

direct attack on spending by school districts and other locally controlled governmental political subdivisions (i.e. cities, counties, natural resource districts).

Some, but not all, of the effects of LB958 and LB959 on school districts are as follows:

- The loss of local control by locally elected members of the public as school board members who are tasked with making informed, thoughtful resource allocation decisions to meet community educational expectations.
- The loss of the ability to spend at a level necessary to meet the ever growing and expanding needs of our students in all areas - especially for those districts with the highest needs.

- The loss of the ability to plan, address and solve local educational issues, like Grand Island Public Schools' Career Pathways Institute. CPI would not have been possible under these bills as written.
- The loss of trust between locally elected schools boards and the State of Nebraska to keep in balance both state and local effort to fund the most important social requirement of a free democratic society: the education of its populace.

Some interesting facts concerning Grand Island Public Schools:

- Agriculture property valuation makes up less than one-half of one-percent our local resources.
- GIPS valuation increases over the last six years amount to an annual increase of 3.41%.
- The maximum local tax levy has been accessed for fifteen years running.
- 6,528 of our pupils qualify for free or reduced priced meals, which is 68

percent of the total enrollment. 5,742 pupils qualify for free priced meals, which is 57 percent.

- We have one of the largest concentrations of high needs pupils in the state.

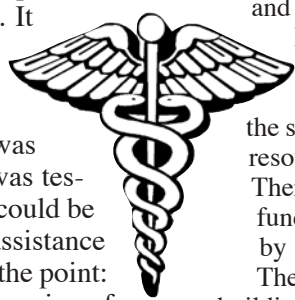
- Sixty cents of every dollar we spend is sourced from a State of Nebraska funding stream.

An interesting fact about all Nebraska school districts: Each receive state support in the form of allocated income tax, special education reimbursement and state apportionment.

Both bills are a solution in search of a problem, since the problem is an imbalance between property, income and sales tax. Moreover, inadequate funding of TEEOSA by the State of Nebraska has only served to exacerbate the problem, not increases in agricultural land valuation. The number one solution to the property tax as determined by the Legislature's own Tax Equalization and Moderation Committee in 2013 was increased state support for schools. Why hasn't the executive branch followed the lead of the legislative branch to solve the problem by looking at income and sales tax along with all other possible revenue generating mechanisms, so the appropriate state support of schools is achieved, thus driving down property taxes as we all wish would occur?

With all due respect to Gov. Ricketts, I simply don't know, much less understand. What I do know is both these bills will benefit agricultural propertyowners and harm the most vulnerable of Nebraska's school-age children in Grand Island and across the great state of Nebraska.

Virgil Harden is the *Grand Island Public Schools* director of finance.



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Weddings



Henry-Miller wedding June 18

Lucinda Lee Henry and Matthew Dillon Miller, of Sidney, NE, are engaged to be married. The bride to be is the daughter of Herman Stroud and Linda Henry, both of Forest City, MO. The groom is the son of Darrell and Beth Miller, of Milford. The couple will exchange vows on June 18, 2016 at the Beth-El Mennonite Church in Milford.

Emergency Management to hold Town Hall in Verdon

Richardson County Emergency Management Agency will be conducting a Town Hall meeting at the

Verdon Fire Hall at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15.

The Emergency Management Team will be discussing severe weather-warning sirens and the difference between a siren and fire whistle.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend; refreshments will be available.

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 Saturday: 9:00-noon



Colonial Acres of Humboldt has received a grant for \$5,000 to support its disaster preparedness efforts. The grant monies are to be used to purchase equipment necessary to assist in providing for the safety of their residents. Colonial Acres staff members, from left: Environmental Supervisor Jill Hatfield, Administrator Mary Kent, SE Nebraska Healthcare Coalition Coordinator Randy Fischer, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Barb Harris, and Activity/Marketing Specialist Karen Richardson.

Colonial Acres granted \$5,000 for disaster preparedness

The Southeast Nebraska Healthcare Coalition has announced that Colonial Acres of Humboldt has received a grant for \$5,000 to support its disaster preparedness efforts.

In order for Colonial Acres to qualify for the grant, the management staff completed National Incident Management Courses. These courses provide a framework which is nationally recognized to deal with any type of situation, including emergencies.

Colonial Acres of Humboldt has also completed ex-

tensive work on their emergency plan to put them in compliance with the Centers for Medicare Services proposed disaster preparedness regulations.

For the last three years, Colonial Acres has participated in preparedness drills and exercises on a community and regional scope.

The grant monies are to be used to purchase equipment which Colonial Acres has identified through annual assessments and exercises as necessary to assist in providing for the safety of their residents.

Society

Falls City Does

Falls City Drove #56 met Monday evening, Feb. 22, at the Elks Lodge. President Pro-Tem Marlene McKim called the meeting to order. Secretary Mary Wiltse read the minutes and they were approved.

Communications included thank you notes from the Ministerial Association, Richardson County Cancer Fund, Sacred Heart After Prom Committee and Southeast Nebraska Communications' Empty Bowls Program for each's generous donations.

Linda Frost gave the treasurer's report.

Sheila Kirkendall announced that member, Zita "Tiny" Buchholz will be celebrating her 99th birthday very soon.

Mary mentioned that members will be getting a note with their "Dues Reminder," asking whether they are still interested in receiving

the *Does Talk* magazine.

The Omaha Drove will be having a Style Show and Luncheon in April. More information will come available.

Installation was performed for Chaplain Phyllis Kreutzer and Attendant No. 2 Molly Kirkendall.

The Coin March was held. Marlene thanked Chairperson Zita Ebel for the evening, with Tiny Buchholz as the absentee hostess.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 14, with Linda Frost Chairman of refreshments and Karrey Jo Weaver as Hostess. March 28, will be the second meeting in March. (Please note: The Drove Yearbook has incorrect dates for March meetings.)

Krumme Arboretum needs community's help with clean-up

Now is a good time to either financially help the Krumme Memorial Arboretum or make a contact to help at the property.

The 2.2-acre arboretum, going into its 22nd year, is located nearby Stanton Lake and features trees, shrubs and grasses native to Nebraska and adjacent states. A financial contribution can be a deductible donation to the extent of each person's tax situation. This property is an asset of The Richardson Foundation and contributions may be sent to: P.O. Box 161, Falls City, NE 68355.

Volunteer labor is needed for tasks like mowing, raking, trimming around shrubs and structures, weeding and other activities.

Upcoming plans for '16 include a large outlay of funds to install interactive displays, organize the second Art and Wine Festival, hold a Bake Sale March 19 at Shopko, more work on the tall fescue turf area, install 21 new ID plates, replace some Christmas décor and on-going maintenance.

For more details, e-mail Gerald Hopp at gkhopp@sentco.net or visit www.fallscitynebraska.org

Travelers sign-up Sunday at FCMS

Falls City Travelers softball sign-up will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at the FC Middle School commons area.

Any girl wanting to play Travelers this summer can sign-up or, if you can't make it, e-mail or call Carl Messner at carlmessner76@hotmail.com or call Carl at home at 402-245-5588 or on his cell at 402-883-7590.

Notice of Meeting

Regular quarterly meeting of the Housing Authority of Falls City will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 12 noon in the office of the Housing Authority, 800 E. 21st.

RULO CATHOLIC CHURCH MEN'S CLUB PORK BARBECUE
Sunday, March 6 — Serving 4:30-7:30 P.M.
MEAL WILL BE SERVED AT STS. PETER AND PAUL'S; O'CONNOR HALL
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COST: \$10.00 Adults
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Rod Christen - Board Member Nebraska Environmental Trust


Craig Romary - Environmental Programs Specialist Pesticide Program, Animal and Plant Health Protection Nebraska Department of Agriculture



Deanna Reichmuth - Otoe County Farm Service Agency


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February F&M award to Randy, Lori Gottula

F&M Bank is excited to announce that their February "You've Got the Hometown Spirit" award goes to Randy and Lori Gottula! On Feb. 18, F&M presented Randy and Lori with an award certificate and \$50 in Chamber bucks.

This dynamic duo is a fixture in our community and it's hard to miss their presence, especially this time of year. They devote countless hours of photography at our sporting and community events. This photography has touched many students and parents in the community, whether they are provided through social media or other avenues. They are committed to recording these memories not just for themselves but for an entire community.

Lori, with many hours of assistance from Randy, continues to organize our Cobblestone Parade and the Grand Marshall selection year after year. Please don't forget that their volunteerism and community contributions extend far beyond the reach of this article but with the chaos of winter sports coming to a close, it's the perfect time to recognize these two special members of our community.



FCMS Students of the Month of February, from left: Ali Ivey, eighth grade; Nia Crawford, sixth; and Courtney Rumbaugh, seventh.

Middle School Students of the Month of February

The students of the month for February at the Falls City Middle School were: Ali Ivey, eighth grade, Courtney Rumbaugh, seventh grade, and Nia Crawford, sixth grade. Each student received a T-shirt printed with the Student of the Month logo. The shirts are compliments of Stripes and Signs. The Elks Club will sponsor a complimentary meal during Youth Week for all of this year's student of the month recipients and their parents.

To receive student of the month, students must first be nominated by one of their teachers. The criteria for nomination this year once again focuses on the 212 degree message. The teachers are continuously looking for the students that give the extra degree. This is a student that

demonstrates extra effort by being an exemplary student. Someone who internalizes the truth that is "Not enough to be good when you have the ability to be BETTER!" Each month the teachers choose an individual from each grade that were identified as a 212 degree student and met the criteria. This includes: turning work in on time, exemplary behavior everywhere, goes out of their way to help peers, good grades and/or improvement; always showing effort, active and/or involved in the community, leadership accomplishments: academic, athletic, or in the community, school attendance, positive attitude toward others, honest and trustworthy, cooperative and dependable, helpful to teachers, positive attitude toward school, and considerate of other's feelings.

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

Nia is the daughter of Chris and Clay Crawford. She is described as a very polite young lady who comes into the classroom ready to work and stays on task. Nia is an excellent role model for all 6th grade students! She is a regular on the honor roll and ABBIT lists, while also participating in chorus and Circle of Friends. Outside of school, Nia is active in church activities, basketball and softball.

Courtney is the daughter of Shelby and Steve Rumbaugh. She does a great job of helping her peers, modeling her work and contributing to class discussions. She is a pleasant and polite student to work with who treats her peers with dignity and respect. Courtney has received recognition for honor roll and ABBIT

and participates in band, chorus, show choir, volleyball, track, and quiz bowl, Clown Troupe, and FCA. Outside of school, she volunteers at the animal shelter for the Richardson County Humane Society and participates in Falls City Rec Soccer.

Ali is the daughter of Meagan Ivy. She continues to step up in class, out of her comfort zone, and models her writing with peers. She works hard in class every day. Ali is a regular on the honor roll and ABBIT lists each quarter. She is also a member of the FCMS Band.

The students who received honorable mention: Brylee Gilkerson, Piper Sutton, Jocelyn O'Grady, Justin Brewer, Abby Fritz, Dalton Helmick, Leighton Vice, Michael Collier, Tyler Uhri, Emma Clark, Kolten Davis, Will Vitosh, Michael Wickham, Cydney Forsyth, Dillon Ebel, Marlana Stalder, Kade Brede-meier, Brianna Pfohl, Mason Crawford, Lane Burns, Hannah Feighner and Trey McAfee.

Society

Annual Heim Cemetery Meeting

The Heim Cemetery held its annual meeting at the Pennsylvania Colony/Community Building on Sunday, Feb. 21, with 10 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President/Sexton Robert Williamson, who presented the memorial moment for the following peo-

ple buried in the cemetery during 2015: Clara Dennis, LeRoy Auxier, Robert Hinks, Marjorie Weber, Gary Daniel Wittwer, Buddy Murphy and Eugene Robinson.

Minutes of the 2015 meeting were read by secretary Marilyn Ogle, followed by the treasurer's report by Dennis Thacker. Both presentations were unanimously approved.

Bob gave the sexton's/president's reports, which included presentations for the mowing contract for 2016, lease contract for 2016, and a discussion of the possibility of hosting a joint meeting with area cemetery boards. The mowing and lease contracts were unanimously approved and all present were in favor of holding the joint meeting. Correspondence received was also shared with those in attendance. Marilyn Ogle was appointed to prepare the schedule and contact persons interested in helping with the Memorial Day weekend hosting in May. Anyone wishing to volunteer with hosting may contact Marilyn or one of the other board members.

Dennis Thacker and Kyle Hilgenfeld were unanimously re-elected to serve two-year terms on the board. Officers for 2016 will remain: Bob Williamson, President/Sexton; Kyle Hilgenfeld, Vice President; Dennis Thacker, Treasurer and Marilyn Ogle, Secretary.

Area Bridge

Nancy Wittwer, Carol Heineman, Leona Knobbe and Marilyn Kentopp won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met Feb. 23. Four tables of bridge were played. The hostesses were Kristi Gerweck and Sheila Kirkendall. Renie Gerweck and Lorna Simon will host the next session on March 8.

F&M Bank to award pair of scholarships

F&M Bank is pleased to announce it will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors — one from FC High School and one from Sacred Heart — who will be attending a college or trade school in any field of study.

F&M offers this scholarship "as we value the importance of secondary education and look forward helping community students as they take the next step in their educational journey," bank personnel expressed in a statement.


Application forms are available through both school's website or at the guidance counselor's offices.

Applications must be returned to their respective schools by April 1.

Falls City Knights of Columbus Council 1336
27TH ANNUAL FALLS CITY TOY SHOW
Sunday, March 6, 9 AM - 3 PM
Falls City Prichard Auditorium
312 West 17th St., Falls City, NE
 Admission: \$2.00 (12 & over)
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Contact Randall Simon (402-274-8956 - Evenings)

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Nemaha Rescue Squad Fish Fry
Friday, March 11th - 5:45pm to 8:15pm
Nemaha Community Building
 To help us purchase advanced medical equipment
 Catfish, Carp, Chicken Strips, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips, Rye bread, various desserts and drinks.
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Golden Coin Drawings to win CASH or Promo Cash!!
\$100 Drawings every ½ hour 11:30am-4:30pm.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 27th \$4,400 Easter Giveaway!!
Easter Egg Drawings to win up to \$400 CASH every ½ hour Noon-8pm. There will be 3 eggs with an extra \$100 in Promo Cash.
SUNDAYS 3X POINTS 9AM - NOON!! "Hot Seat" Drawings to win \$50 in Promo Cash every ½ hour 4pm-7pm. GUYS' Night - \$2 off Dinner Buffet! Guys ONLY "Hot Seat" Drawings every ½ hour 8pm-10:30pm to win \$50 in Promo Cash and \$50 in Promo Cash for April. Guys ONLY \$500 CASH Drawing at 11pm. (Excludes Sunday, March 27th)
MONDAYS 3X POINTS 9AM - NOON!! "Hot Seat" Drawings to win \$50 in Promo Cash every ½ hour 4pm-7pm. LADIES' Night - \$2 off Dinner Buffet! Ladies ONLY "Hot Seat" Drawings every ½ hour 8pm-10:30pm to win \$50 in Promo Cash and \$50 in Promo Cash for April. Ladies ONLY \$500 CASH Drawing at 11pm.
TUESDAYS PRIME TIME TUESDAYS!! PRIME TIMERS \$2 OFF LUNCH & DINNER BUFFET!! (55 & OVER) "Hot Seat Whirl Wind" Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash hourly 2pm-5pm, tickets 6pm-11pm.
WEDNESDAYS "Hot Seat" Drawings to win \$50 in Promo Cash every ½ hour Noon-5pm. Drawings to win a piece of \$1600 in promo cash every hour 6pm-11pm.
THURSDAYS 3X Points 9AM-NOON! "Hot Seat" Drawings to win \$50 in Promo Cash every ½ hour Noon-5pm, tickets 6pm-11pm. (Excludes Thursday, March 17th)
FRIDAYS Drawings every ½ hour 6pm-2am. Each winner will pick an envelope and get the chance to win up to \$300 in Promo Cash. The drawing winner at 2am will get the remaining envelopes and what is left out of \$2500 in Promo Cash.
SATURDAYS Drawings to win up to \$150 in CASH/Promo Cash every ½ hour 6pm-2am. The winner will "Spin the Wheel" and get a number. They receive an envelope that has that number on it which inside will indicate how much they have won. Then they will "Drop the Puck" to see if it is CASH or Promo Cash!!
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65TH ANNUAL GFWC ART SHOW



Madison Huppert, a FCSH sophomore, used colored pencils to make the "Farmall Red" really pop and her picture of the antique tractor was judged best in its category. Farmall became a marketing pioneer when, in the 1930s, the company switched to a the bright distinctive "Farmall Red" on all of its products for branding purposes.



Falls City High School junior Austin Cochran used ink to illustrate the water tower in Verdon. The piece was judged best of the category.



Sarah Thiltges' pencil drawing of pop star Harry Styles was named "Best in Show" out of a tremendous 709 total entries.



Falls City High School junior Tayten O'Brien's artwork was picked "Best of the 2D/Mixed Media."



This pencil drawing by FCSH sophomore Lauren Parrish lost out to Thiltges' for "Best in Show," yet won first place in the category; Teresa Morehead's art was second, followed by Thiltges'.

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junior, FC High, graphic design/2D design/computer-generated; Sara Wertenberger, sophomore, FCSH, print-making.

In the seventh and eighth grade divisions, Dillion Ebel, an eighth grader at FCMS, received the best of category award for his pencil drawing. Jayden Kreifels, of FCMS, submitted a pencil drawing that won best of category for the seventh grade.

The first place winners in the K - 6 divisions were: Kindergarten, Tanner Jackson, North; first grade, Ellery Vonderschmidt, FCSH; second, Kloie Berger, North; third, Kaitlynn Kirkendall, South; fourth, Jessica Jones, South; fifth, Gaby Niedfeldt, South; sixth, Ella Heineman, FCMS.

The rest of the winners are

listed below. Asterisks (*) designate pieces that will advance to the state competition, held during the NFWC State Convention in Omaha April

14-16. Seid will deliver the qualifying pieces.

Seid said she would like to thank June Bowers and Esther Halbert for helping to hang the display, and Patty Kiekhafer for helping collect the artwork. She would also like to thank those who provided cookies and beverages for the reception, and those who donated prizes for the winners. Those donors were: Breezy Hill Café, Lori and Randy Gottula, Frontier Bank, Schulenberg Bakery, Ms. Beasley's Dessert Shoppe, Lem's Northvue Café, Stone Street Arts and Sonic Drive-In.

The art will continue to hang

in the Stalder Gallery through March 17. Drop by during library hours to view the work done by our talented students. For more information, contact Seid at 402-245-7237.

Those who placed in each category are mentioned below, along with their grades and the schools that each represented.

Pencil/ Pastels/ Crayons: Best of Category, Madison Huppert*, 10, FCSH; 1st, Jonny Jones*, 9, FC; 2nd, Abby Fiegner, 10, FCSH; 3rd, Keith Salimo, 11, FCSH; Honorable Mention: Rande Witt, 9, FCSH; Ciara Catlin, 9, FCSH; Austin Sells, 9, FCSH.

Drawing/Pencil: Best of Category, Lauren Parrish*, 10, FCSH; 1st, Teresa Morehead*, 9, FCSH; 2nd, Sarah Thiltges, 12, Kolbe Academy; 3rd, Barbara Wilhide*, 11, FC; Honorable Mention: Ahren Ebel, 9, FCSH; Chloe Schock, 9, FCSH; Maggie Goltz, 12, FCSH; and Marina Haralabidis, 10, FCSH.

Drawing/Pen and Ink: Best of Category, Austin Cochran*, 11, FC; 1st, Austin Cochran, 11, FC; 2nd, Louise Hamilton*, 12, FCSH; 3rd, Emmet Kirkendall*, 10, FC; Honorable Mention: Ethan Beckner*, 9, FC.

Oil/Acrylic: Best of Category, Brittany Webster*, 11, FC; 1st, Jade Hill, 11, FCSH; 2nd, Taylor Bachman, 11, FC; 3rd, Kayelee Mosiman*, 10, FC; Honorable Mention: Leslie Vitosh, 10, FC; Haylee Vice, 10, FC.

Watercolor / Tempera: Best of Category, Sara Wertenberger*, 10, FCSH; 1st, Taylor Bachman*, 11, FC; 2nd, Emily Gonnella*, 12, HTRS; 3rd, Lauren Bierman, 12, FC.

2D/Mixed Media: Best of Category, Tayten O'Brien*, 11, FC; 1st, Bailey Gilkerson*, 11, FC; Peyton Campbell, 11, FC; Savannah Davis, 11, FC; Honorable Mention: Josie Nolte*, 11, FC; Kayly Leafy*, 12, FC.

3D/Mixed Media: Best of category, Greg Folsom*, 12, FC; 1st, Avery Scott, 12, FC; 2nd, Greg Folsom, 12, FC; 3rd, Bailey Coonce*, 11, FCSH; Honorable Mention: Thea Schulenberg, 11, FCSH.

Graphic Design / 2D Design / Computer Generated: Best of Category, Halee Roseberry*, 11, FC; 1st, Mercedes Koosier*, 9, FC; 2nd, Savannah Davis, 11, FC; 3rd, Jonny Jones, 9, FC; Honorable Mention: Jordyn Curtis, 9, FC; Cece Coral, 9, FC.

Print Making: Best of Category, Sara Wertenberger*, 10, FCSH; 1st, Katie Crofford*, 12, FC; 2nd, Tanner Cromer*, 9, FCSH; 3rd, Taylor Ruskamp, 9, HTRS; Honorable Mention: Brookelyne Patnode, 9, FC; Catie Cooper, 12, FCSH.

Eighth Grade: Best of Category, Dillon Ebel*, FCMS; 1st, Trey Drake*, HTRS; 2nd, Ian Mahs, HTRS; 3rd, Paige Stamper*, FCSH; Honorable Mention: Hannah Feighner*, FCMS; Trey McAffee, FCMS; Allyssa Mez, FCMS; Kailyn Frederick, FCMS.

Seventh Grade: Best of Category, Jayden Kreifels*, FCMS; 1st, Lukas Butler*, FCMS; 2nd, Paige McCartney*, FCMS; 3rd, Zoe Ebel,

FCMS; Honorable Mention: Dylan Vice, FCMS; Brenna Leyden, FCMS.

Sixth Grade: 1st, Ella Heineman*, FCMS; 2nd, Abigail Boatright, FCMS; 3rd, Hunter Bauman, FCSH; Honorable Mention: Taryn Coronado, FCMS.

Fifth Grade: 1st, Gaby Niedfeldt*, South; 2nd, Brooke Simon, FC South; 3rd, Caleb Hamilton, South, Honorable Mention: Emily Thrash, South, Madison Jones, FCSH.

Fourth Grade: First place, Jessica Jones*, South; 2nd, Remington Frank,



FC High School junior Brittany Webster's Great Pumpkin...Best of Oil/Acrylic Category

South; 3rd, Hannah Berger, South; Honorable Mention: Nevada West, South; Zane Ebel, South; Mikaela Hawley, South; Grace Morris, South.

Third Grade: 1st, Kaitlynn Kirkendall*, South; 2nd, Robert Gilkerson, South; 3rd, Jentry Lechtenberg, FCSH; Honorable Mentions: Henry Rottinghaus, FCSH; Olivia Frederick, South; Brayden Hatchcock, South.


Second Grade: 1st, Kloie Berger*, North; 2nd, Brock Niedfeldt, North; 3rd, Ella Glathar, North; Honorable mention: Brooklyn Denton, North; Brock Niedfeldt, North; Tyler Sipple, FCSH; Chaelee Schmidt, FCSH.

First Grade: 1st, Ellery Vonderschmidt*, FCSH; 2nd, Harley Sutton, North; 3rd, Gabi Young, North; Honorable Mention: Hallie Jones, FCSH.

Kindergarten: 1st, Tanner Jackson*, North; 2nd, Isabella Johansen, North; 3rd, Reagan McNeely, North; Honorable Mention: Madalynn Hawley, North; Emma Frederick, North; Farrah Wissler, North.

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-French artist Paul Cezanne (1839-1906)



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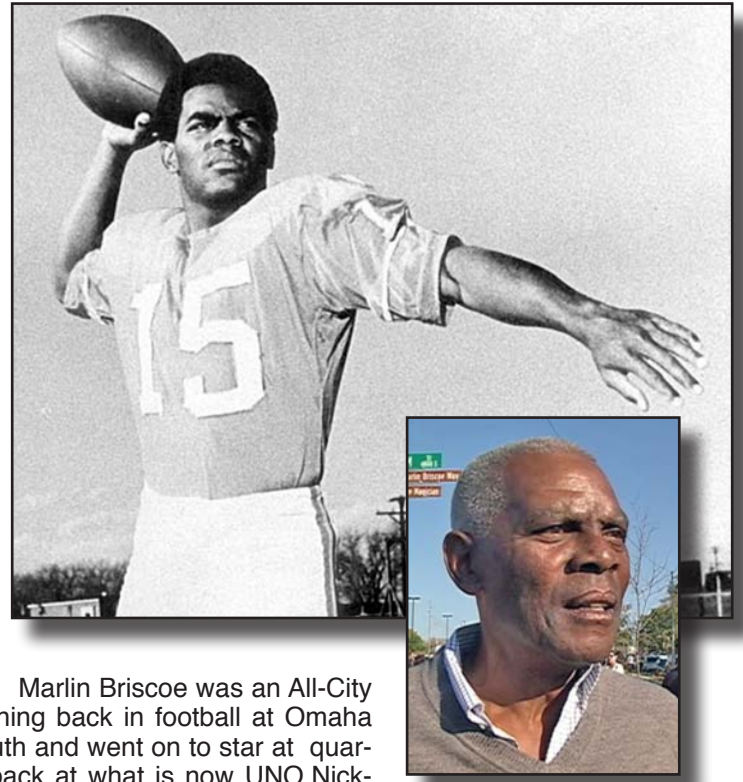
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#5 Wynot (21-5) 45.6538 Game 2 – Lincoln Southwest Mar 3 – 10:45 AM		#4 CWC (21-4) 45.8400 Game 8 4:30 PM Mar 5 Pinnacle Bank
#3 Sandhills/Theford (22-4) 46.1154 Game 3 – Lincoln North Star Mar 3 – 7:00 PM	Champion	#6 Lyons-Decatur NE (16-7) 44.1739 Game 6 Mar 4 – 3:45 PM Sports Center
#7 Hyannis (18-5) 43.3913 Game 4 – Lincoln North Star Mar 3 – 8:45 PM	Third Place	#2 St. Mary's (21-4) 46.3200 Game 7 Mar 5 – 9:00 AM Lincoln North Star



Marlin Briscoe was an All-City running back in football at Omaha South and went on to star at quarterback at what is now UNO. Nicknamed "The Magician," Briscoe became the first African-American starting quarterback in modern NFL history in 1968 for the Denver Broncos. He was later an all-pro wide

receiver with the Buffalo Bills and earned two Super Bowl rings with the Miami Dolphins, including the undefeated 1972 team.

Marlin Briscoe: From UNO to NFL to Hall 'The Magician' was pro football's first black QB

Steve Spurrier, a three-sport standout at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, TN, before his highly successful collegiate career as a player and coach, and Marlin Briscoe, an outstanding football and basketball player at Omaha South High School prior to becoming the first African-American starting quarterback in the NFL, are among 12 individuals selected for the 2016 class of the National High School Hall of Fame administered by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The 34th Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held July 2 in Reno, NV. The National High School Hall of Fame was started in 1982 by the NFHS to honor players, coaches and other contributors for their extraordinary achievements and accomplishments in high school sports and performing arts programs. This year's class increases the number of individuals in the Hall of Fame to 447.

Briscoe was an All-City running back in football as a junior and senior at Omaha South in 1962 and 1963. He also played QB at times and led South to the Intercity Football Championship during his senior season, and then directed the South team to a victory in the Shrine All-Star Game. Two weeks later, he was named MVP of Omaha's All-City Basketball Classic.

Briscoe was a standout quarterback at Omaha University (now UNO), where he set 22 school records and passed for 5,114 yards and 53 TDs, and earned NAIA first-team All-American honors. Nicknamed "The Magician," Briscoe became the first African-American starting quarterback in modern NFL history in 1968 for the Denver Broncos. He was later an all-pro wide receiver with the Buffalo Bills and earned two Super Bowl rings with the Miami Dolphins, including the undefeated 1972 team.

After directing the Boys and Girls Club in southern California for many years, he continues to serve the organization today as a volunteer.

No. 1 Seed — FC Sacred Heart Irish 2015-16 Record: 24-1

Coach: Luke Santo

Assistant Coach: Adam Santo

Name	GR	HT	Points	PPG	RPG	Asts	Stls	Blcks
Madison Huppert	10	5'4"	9	0.4	0.4	6	3	0
Elizabeth Keithley	9	6'0"	20	0.8	0.8	1	1	1
Ahren Ebel	9	5'5"	12	0.5	0.7	21	10	0
Maggie Goltz	12	6'1"	267	10.7	5.6	79	36	35
Abby Fiegenger	10	5'7"	47	1.9	2.8	35	16	3
Randee Witt	9	5'7"	14	0.6	0.5	1	1	0
Sara Wertemberger	10	6'0"	127	5.1	3.5	7	11	18
Lexi Barnes	11	5'6"	237	9.5	2.8	56	17	5
Jade Hill	11	5'10"	146	5.8	4.6	31	38	4
Lauren Parrish	10	6'0"	87	3.5	4.0	43	12	12
Rachael Keithley	12	5'10"	15	0.6	0.8	5	3	2
Haylee Heits	11	5'11"	230	10.0	6.5	24	17	30

Offensive Ave.: 48.6

Defensive Ave.: 27.7

Enrollment: 53

Conference: Pioneer & Mudecas

State Tournament Appearances: 20

Most Recent State Tournament: 2015

State Champions: D1/1998, D1/1999, D1/2000, D2/2015

State Runner-Up: D1/2002, D1/2003, D1/2007

2015-16 (24-1)

Sterling	W/50-39
NC Lourdes CC	W/45-17
Friend	W/45-24
Lewiston	W/63-20
Humboldt-TR-S	W/52-28
St. Joseph (MO) LeBlond	W/43-27
Elmwood-Murdock	W/52-28
Freeman	W/32-22
Sutton	W/39-24
Mound City	L/37-45
Diller-Odell	W/34-22
Humboldt-TRS	W/52-30
BDS	W/37-25
Sterling	W/43-29
Pawnee City	W/56-30
Southern	W/67-29
Johnson-Brock	W/48-20
Humboldt-TR-S	W/50-21
NC Lourdes CC	W/56-27
Friend	W/50-44
North Andrew (MO)	W/43-40
Doniphan West (KS)	W/46-16
Lincoln PC	W/68-17
Sterling	W/46-28
Hampton	W/61-41

The defending D2 champs didn't necessarily need to take care of business, not on paper or in any other tangible way, but got the formalities out the way just the same last week, whipping Hampton 61-41 in the Class D2-1 District Final at DeWitt.

The 24-1 Lady Irish, D2's No. 1 seed since, oh, Thanksgiving, previously beat Sterling 46-28 to win the D2-1 Subdistrict in Johnson.

FCSH junior guard Lexi Barnes made like Steph Curry, dropping three-point bombs all over the Hawks en route to 25 career- and game-high points. She made half of her 10 three-point attempts and her last eight free throws in the fourth quarter. Classmate Jade Hill completed a double-double with 12 points and 11 boards and senior All-State point guard Maggie Goltz scored 12 and dished out five assists to go with a couple blocks.

It was workmanlike and effective.

Now it gets real. The Lady Irish by and large for two full decades have measured seasons' successes by what transpires in March. The rest can come to resemble a winter-long three-man weave or, on the occasional cold night, the box-out-and-score rebounding drill.

That changes in March. Sacred Heart, the overwhelming favorite to capture a second consecutive D2 trophy, has won 44 games since New Years Day 2015 — and needs just three more to finish what they set out to do.

They open State Thursday morning against 16-9 Wauneta-Palisade at Lincoln Southwest High School. The Broncos are for the most part and two-girl show, with 5-11 sophomore Faith Simpson averaging 21.1 points per game and senior guard Colby Cox another 16.4.

Wauneta find it very difficult to get the ball to Simpson. The roster doesn't have a girl measuring six feet in height; FCSH, by contrast, "unofficially" has seven. That includes Goltz, who three years ago let Lincoln and all would-be contenders know just what the future held in store when she dropped 30 in her first state tournament appearance.

Goltz went over 1,000 career points earlier this semester, but she isn't the prolific scorer that the aforementioned state debut seemed to foreshadow. Running the point, Goltz takes care of the ball (the team turned it over five times in the District Final) and distributes it to Barnes, an absolute deal-breaker

when carrying a hot hand, as she was Friday, and junior Haylee Heits, back in form after a severe and all-encompassing knee injury ended her entire junior year before volleyball matches started. All three girls are averaging about 10 points per game, and Goltz often won't even take 10 shots from the floor.

Sacred Heart's 48-point scoring average is just that, pretty average — until weighed against its defensive numbers. They don't need 48; they don't need 38; no, they don't even need 28. This winter FCSH held its 25 opponents to an average of 27.7 points per game. They extend into the passing lanes and, obviously, dominate the glass. Heits, Goltz, junior Jade Hill and sophomore Lauren Parrish, all 6-footers with basketball shoes on, pulled down more than 100 rebounds this winter. They owned a 35-26 edge over Hampton, a 20-5 team that at one point held a 14-game winning streak. Heits pulled down 11 in that game and blocked three shots.

In Friday's semifinals, barring a fiasco at Southwest, FCSH will face the Wynot-CWC winner at 2 p.m. at the Devaney Center. Saturday's 4:30 p.m. D2 Championship at Pinnacle Bank Arena could feature two defending state champs in the Lady Irish and St. Mary's, the 2015 D1 Champ.

The Cardinals, unlike most, have the size to match up with Sacred Heart. Most notably, 6-foot senior center Sydney Hupp, who averages about 19 points per game.

Not that we'd look ahead or anything.

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March: National Nutrition Month

(StatePoint) Have your healthy New Year's habits already begun to fade? Recharge your resolutions in March during National Nutrition Month and remember the importance of developing and following sound eating habits.

The 2016 National Nutrition Month theme, "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right," encourages you to take time to enjoy food traditions and appreciate the pleasures, great flavors and social experiences that food can add to life.

"Food nourishes the body and provides necessary fuel to help you thrive and fight disease," says registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics spokesperson, Kristen Gradney. "In addition to providing nourishment, food is also a source of pleasure and enjoyment. Take time to enjoy healthy foods and all the happiness they bring to your life."

Gradney offers a few ways you can "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right" this National Nutrition Month:

Enjoy Food Traditions and Social Experiences: There is an obvious social component to food. Whether it's a nightly family dinner, a special occasion or social gathering, food often plays a central role. Enjoy the food at these gatherings while also taking time to appreciate the company around you.

Research indicates that family meals promote healthier eating and strengthens family relationships.

Appreciate Foods' Pleasures and Flavors: Take time to appreciate the flavors, textures and overall eating experience. In today's busy world, we often eat quickly and mindlessly. Instead, savor your food, eating slowly one bite at a time to focus on the different flavors and textures. Stop and take time in between bites.

Eating slowly not only allows you to enjoy your food, but it also can help you eat less by giving your stomach time to tell your brain you are full.

Develop a Mindful Eating Pattern: How, when, why and where you eat, are just as important as what you eat. Think about where you eat the majority of your meals. Do you eat lunch at your desk or dinner in front of the television?

Instead of multitasking through meals, take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to find a nice place to mindfully eat.

Consult a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist: A healthy lifestyle is much more than choosing to eat more fruits and vegetables. It's also essential to make informed food choices based on your individual health and nutrient needs.

A registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) can educate you and guide your food choices while keeping your tastes and preferences in mind. RDNs are able to separate facts from fads and translate nutritional science into information you can use. Find an RDN in your area by visiting the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics site at www.eatright.org. The site also contains articles, recipes, videos and educational resources. Follow National Nutrition Month on Facebook and Twitter using the #NationalNutritionMonth hashtag.

By taking the time to enjoy what you eat, you can develop a healthier relationship with food.

Think "color" and choose servings... ...from a rainbow of fruits and veggies! Kids: color stuff in!

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As Healthy as We Can Be!

Eat from all of the food groups every day!

You've probably heard that goats will eat anything, but we don't. We might check out the smells from a tin can or tear at a piece of cardboard, but those don't give us any **nutrition**. Kids...the human kind...are lucky. They have a helpful "food plate" called "MyPlate" that shows people five basic food groups and the amounts they should try to eat each day to get all the nutrients they need. It helps kids to eat a balanced diet.

Mooo! I mean, drink milk every day!

Do you see the little star after the word "MyPlate" in the speech balloon above? That is called an "asterisk" (as-tuh-risk). It is a symbol used to show that there is information missing or an addition of information somewhere. Look here to see what extra information I needed to tell you.

* from the United States Department of Agriculture

Moderate amounts of fat are good for your brain!

Try half of a frozen banana for a cool treat.

13 Fruits 4 Grains 11 Dairy 10 Protein 12 Vegetables 3 energy 9 cereal 7 apples 15 Grains 14 1 bones 6 Protein 2 cheese 8 heal

A. The drinks and foods in the 1 Group give us vitamin D. They have calcium to help us build strong 2 and teeth. Some foods in this group are milk, yogurt, pudding and 3.

B. The 4 Group is loaded with green, yellow, red and orange foods that you can eat raw or cooked. Many foods from this group, like 5, have vitamin A, which keeps your skin healthy and helps your 6 to see in dim light.

C. Foods from the 7 Group are also a rainbow of color! Many fruits, like oranges, have vitamin C that keeps your body healthy and helps it 8. 9, bananas, berries and other fruits have lots of good fiber too.

D. The foods in the 10 Group have lots of protein, iron and B vitamins. They help to build 11, blood and every cell in your body. Some foods in this group are beef, fish, nuts, seeds, eggs and 12.

E. The 13 Group is made up of foods that have carbohydrates and may have lots of fiber. Carbohydrates help to give you 14. Foods in this group include 15, bread, rice, crackers, noodles and popcorn.

Ten Tips for Tip-Top Health!

Be the best that you can be! If you haven't exactly been sparkling and **energetic** every day, here are my ten tips to get you on your way!

I make sure to **stretch** every morning.

Did you know that goats like to climb trees? They will go high on a tree's branches if they can!

Read each health tip. Draw a line from each to the word that would make sense in the blank. Next, look for the 18 words in bold print. Find and circle them in the puzzle below:

- Start each day by eating that famous first meal of the day called _____. It will kick you into high gear!
- Plan healthy meals and snacks. Then, shop for **vegetables** and **fruits** that you like. Help to _____ healthy meals at home.
- Keep a good _____! Your family **doctor** can help you decide what is healthy for your size and activities.
- _____ for at least 60 minutes each day - ride a bike, walk, shoot hoops, exercise to dance DVDs.
- Take care of yourself: **bathe** or shower, _____ your hands, face and hair as often as needed.
- Choose **healthier** snacks - ones with less _____ or lower fat.
- _____ your teeth at least 2 times a day and after sugary snacks.
- _____ appropriately for the **weather** and temperature.
- Get enough _____ every night.
- Talk to and have fun with your family and _____ every day.

A. friends
B. wash
C. sleep
D. exercise
E. sugar
F. brush
G. cook
H. dress
I. weight
J. breakfast

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Julius Meyer's second "Indian Wigwam" store, where he moved after the 1875 fire.

Julius Meyer's "Indian Wigwam" goes up in smoke

Fires were the bane of nineteenth-century towns, where many buildings were made of wood, heated with coal-burning stoves, and illuminated with open-flame lamps. What's more, fire-fighting equipment was primitive by today's standards. Such was the case in Omaha in December 1875 when a

downtown fire destroyed several businesses including Julius Meyer's famed "Indian Wigwam" curio store. The Dec. 17 issue of the Omaha Daily Bee told the story.

The fire broke out at two in the morning and Meyer, who was sleeping in the back of his store, "had a very narrow escape from being burned up." He had time only to grab his clothes and run barefooted into the street, "where he hastily dressed."

Problems with Omaha's fire-fighting apparatus doomed several buildings. Not only had the fire gained a foothold before the firemen arrived, "Engine No. 3 bursted its cylinder after playing [on the fire] for only twenty minutes. No. 1 didn't throw any water at all, as its flues gave out just after getting on a good head of steam, and No. 2, for some reason, had to shut down for ten minutes." The fire chief asked for help from the Union Pacific Railroad's engine company, but the railroad firemen did not come because they had no orders from the master mechanic. The mayor of Omaha finally ran to the railroad shops himself and after considerable pleading, "succeeded in getting them out, and they did excellent work after arriving" at the fire.

The next morning, the mayor had a meeting with U. P. Superintendent S. H. Clark, "and this red tape way of doing business and such trouble in like emergencies will hereafter most probably be remedied by the mayor issuing an order. This is the first time in two or three years that the Durants [the U.P. fire company] have been called on to help the city department. We don't believe the city department would stand on any red tape if the Union Pacific shops should take fire. The action should be reciprocal."

Julius Meyer "lost a very valuable stock of Japanese, Chinese, and Indian and natural curiosities worth from \$4,000 to \$5,000 on which he had but \$500 insurance." The "Indian Wigwam" had long been a popular Omaha attraction and Indians traveling to Washington, D. C., to meet with government officials

often paid it a visit. In May 1875, Red Cloud, Spotted Tail and other prominent leaders from the northwestern Nebraska Indian agencies stopped at the Wigwam and were photographed with Meyer.

Only three days after the fire, the Bee reported with some astonishment, "The Wigwam—Phoenix-like—Rises from its Ashes." Meyer moved a few doors down Farnham Street from his previous establishment and reopened. He had saved a few things from the old store and, fortunately, a large lot of Japanese and Chinese goods he had recently ordered was still in the Omaha customs house. "He, therefore, will be able to catch his share of the Christmas trade after all."

It's not known how long Meyer remained in the curio business. By the time of his death in 1909, he was employed by an insurance company and was also prominent in the affairs of the Omaha musicians union and the Metropolitan Club. His suicide with a revolver at age 58 on May 10 shocked Omaha, where Meyer had lived for some forty years.

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PSC gives blood after winter storm Kayla.

Peru State College hosted the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Feb. 9, and students, faculty and staff donated 64 pints, including 56 pints of whole blood and eight pints of double red blood cells.

Peru's blood drive came following winter storm Kayla. Several media outlets reported at the time that the Red Cross was in urgent need of blood donors due to weather-related injuries and regular donor inability to travel.

"I was so excited to see students supporting the blood drive to help us reach our goal," PSC student Brenna Parry, of Schuyler, said. "How wonderful it is to see so many caring people on our campus who made time to give blood and help save lives."

"From major surgery or serious injuries like car accidents, to treatments for illnesses such as sickle cell disease or leukemia—someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion every two seconds," a spokesperson for the Red Cross said.

"Not all blood types are compatible with each other, which is why every single donor plays a critical and lifesaving part. You may never meet the person you helped, but they'll always be grateful for your compassion and kindness. Show some real love this Valentine's Day."

A pint of whole blood can save up to three lives when the blood is separated into red cells, platelets, plasma and/or cryoprecipitate. Most pints are processed into two or three of these products.

Double red cell donation uses a special machine to allow you to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation while returning your plasma and platelets to you in order to keep your blood volume high. Red blood cells are the most frequently used blood component and are needed by almost every type of patient requiring transfusion.

Nebraska Brain Injury Awareness Month activities

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month and the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska (BIA-NE) is working to bring brain injury education and awareness to Nebraskans.

Traumatic Brain Injury is a serious public health problem in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports approximately 1.7 million people sustain a traumatic brain injury annually.

An estimated 36,000 Nebraskans live with a disability due to brain injury. In 2013, 10,672 Nebraskans visited the emergency department due to traumatic brain injury. Additionally there were 1,701 hospitalizations and 344 deaths due to traumatic brain injury in our state. Based on estimates there is a total cost of over \$800 million associated with traumatic brain injury sustained in 2013. (*These costs were not all accrued in 2013).

"An injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavior challenges. Early, equal and adequate access to care will greatly increase the overall quality of life," said Peggy Reisher, executive director of the association. "Our goal is to prevent brain injuries when possible, assist those who have incurred an injury and educate health care professionals who serve those with brain injury."

Governor Pete Ricketts will sign a Brain Injury Awareness proclamation at the state capitol on Wednesday, March 9. Persons with brain injury, their families, and community members are invited to the ceremony and a short reception. We will assemble in Room 1126 at 9 a.m. Attendees will also learn about brain injury legislation and be encouraged to visit with their state senator about the needs of Nebraskans who experience brain injury.

In addition, during March, the focus will be on veterans and service members who return with invisible wounds of war - brain injury & PTSD. The "No Wrong Door," a one day training, will be held on March 16, at Bellevue University. This training provides information about the multiple and unique needs of veterans and service members who are returning with brain injury, PTSD and reintegration challenges. Health care professionals, employers, educators, pastors or other interested members of the community who support veterans and service members and their families are encouraged to attend this training. Eight hours of CEUs will be offered. To register, go to <http://nalhd.org/nwd.html>.

March 31-April 1, 2016 the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska will hold the Nebraska Brain Injury Conference at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. This conference brings persons with brain injury, their families, and health care professionals the latest brain injury information and an opportunity to network. This two-day conference provides 11.9 CEUs. To register, go to www.biane.org

Brain Injury Awareness Activities: Wednesday, March 9, Brain Injury Awareness Day at the Nebraska State Capitol. Persons with brain injury and their families are invited to the proclamation signing ceremony with the governor at the state capitol. Please meet in Room 1126 from 9-11 a.m. For more information, contact Diana at 402-677-6248.

March 16, "No Wrong Door" training at Bellevue University. This one-day training will inform community members of the multiple and unique needs of veterans and service members returning with brain injury, PTSD and reintegration challenges. For more information and to register, go to <http://nalhd.org/nwd.html>.

March 31-April 1, Nebraska Brain Injury Conference at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. This conference will provide an opportunity for persons with brain injury, their families and professionals to hear important information about brain injury and a chance to network. Persons with brain injury, their family and health care professionals should attend. To register by March 24, 2016, go to www.biane.org/events/conference

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Julie Strathman last week (Feb. 23) was initiated into the Iota Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Education Honorary Society. Photographed, from left: Corresponding Secretary Trudy Fankhauser, Initiation Committee member Noala Fritz, Strathman, President Sherry Maddox, Treasurer Norma Thompson and Secretary Cece Simon.

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ORDINANCE 2016-01

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE FOURTH STREET FROM THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET WEST TO THE EAST SIDE OF RUSSELL STREET, TO VACATE RUSSELL STREET FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF FOURTH STREET NORTH TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THIRD STREET AND TO VACATE THE ALLEYS IN BLOCK 10, 11, 12 AND 14 OF SHELLY'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF PRESTON, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA; FOR SAID VACATED STREETS AND ALLEYS TO REVERT TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE LOTS OR LAND ABUTTING THE SAME; FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA; FOR A REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF PRESTON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Fourth Street from the West side of Main Street West to the East side of Russell Street is hereby vacated.

Section 2. That Russell Street from the North side of Fourth Street North to the South side of Third Street is hereby vacated.

Section 3. That the Alleys in Block 10, 11, 12 and 14 of Shelly's Addition to the Village or Preston, Richardson County, Nebraska be, and hereby are, vacated.

Section 4. That the above streets and alleys shall revert to the owner or owners of the lots or land abutting the same in proportion to the respective ownership of such lots or lands abutting thereto.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be recorded in the Register of Deeds.

Section 6. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances passed and approved prior to the passage and approval of this ordinance and in conflict thereof are hereby repealed.

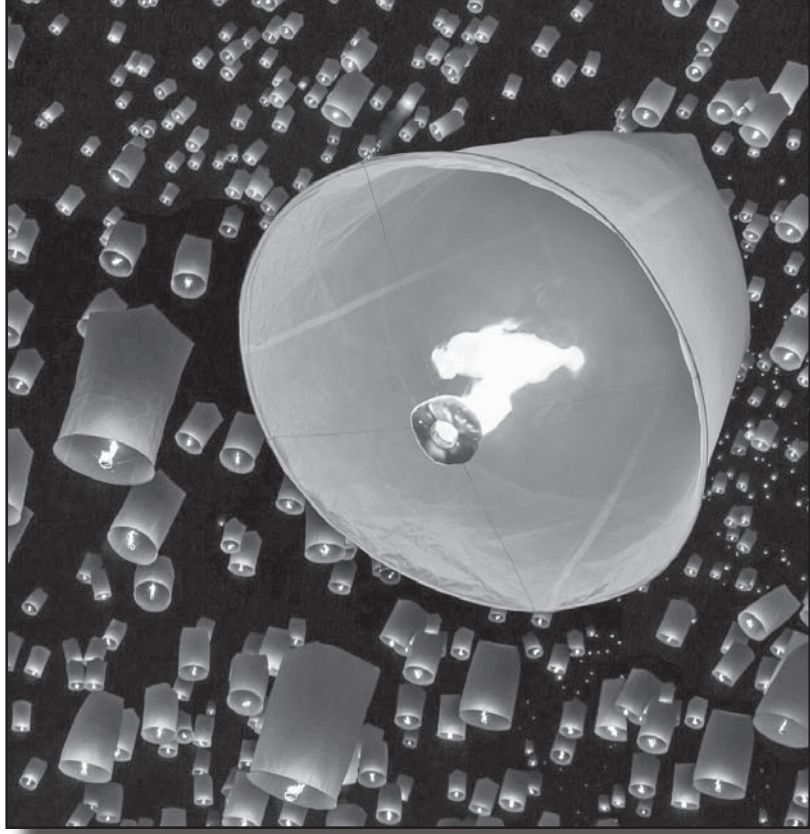
Section 7. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 24 day of February, 2016.

VILLAGE OF PRESTON

By: Joseph A. Buckminster, Chairman

ATTESTED:
Warren Schuetz, VILLAGE CLERK



Flying lanterns prohibited

LB 136, prohibiting the sale, possession or use of flying lantern-type devices, was signed into law by Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts last week. It amends Nebraska Revised Statute 28-101 and is a Class V misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100.

As defined in the state statute, "flying lantern-type devices means devices that require a flame which produces heated air trapped in a balloon-type covering allowing the device to float in the air." Hot-air balloons used for transporting per-

sons are not covered by the definition.

The bill was brought because of concerns regarding fires which were being started by items identified as flying lantern-type devices, sometimes referred to as "sky lanterns". At the hearing many fire departments around Nebraska came to speak about the fires that were being started by these devices in their communities.

The National Fire Protection Association released the following information on "sky lantern" hazards.

Once lit and airborne, it can travel over a mile in distance. Wind can affect the sky lantern, blowing the sides, forcing the hot air out and sending the flaming lantern back to the ground. These lanterns have the potential to cause fires. A flaming lantern can drop onto a rooftop, field, trees or power lines before the flame is fully extinguished. A destructive fire can result when a flaming lantern reaches the ground during dry conditions. Sky lanterns should not be used under any circumstances.

The statute takes effect immediately because of the Emergency Clause that was added.

Hunter Education Classes in Hiawatha

There will be a Kansas Hunter Education Class held in Hiawatha, KS, on March 8, 10 and 12. The classes on March 8 and 10 will be from 6-10 p.m. at the Fisher Center, 201 E. Iowa; and the Saturday Field Day will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stonypoint Farm, 2561 Horned Owl Road (a map will be provided). These classes will run from 6-10 p.m. nightly.

The field day will include up to 10 stations, ranging from .22 rifle and pistol, black power rifle, shotgun, archery, tree stand safety, CPR and basic first aid, bait casting, and others depending upon the number of instructors available.

There is no pre enrollment for the class and no charge. To enroll in the class, just be at the Fisher Center on Tuesday, March 8.

In order to be certified, a person must be at least 11 years old on or before March 12 and must attend all three days of the course.

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Falls City Recreation has the following positions available for the 2016 summer baseball/softball season

- Overall Baseball/Softball Director
- League Directors
- Umpires

For more information please contact Angie Hunzeker 245-7558 or hunzeker@sentco.net 7-9

EMPLOYMENT
Colonial Acres Nursing Home of Humboldt is now accepting applications for the following positions:
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 Call Jill Hatfield or Mary Kent
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Technology Director: Falls City Public Schools is accepting applications for qualified candidates for the position of Technology Director for the 2016-17 school year. Knowledge of networking, software and hardware, multiple device support, administration with an emphasis on organization, efficiency, and effective communication required.

To Apply: Send a Letter of Application, Resume, District Classified Application (online at <http://www.fctigers.org>), and References to the following address:
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NOTICE AQUATIC PARK JOB OPENINGS
 Applications will be received at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska until 4:00 P.M., March 16, 2016 for the positions of Manager, Assistant Manager, Lifeguards and Concession Workers for the City of Falls City Aquatic Park, Falls City, Nebraska. **Please bring valid I.D. and Social Security card when returning your application.** Pre-employment drug testing is mandatory. The job descriptions and qualifications for the positions are at city Hall or on the web at www.dol.nebraska.gov. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 8-9

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POSITION AVAILABLE
 Applications will be received in the Office of the Richardson County Clerk for the Richardson County Board of Commissioners to consider to fill the vacancy as the appointed Richardson County Emergency Management Agency Director.
 The duties of the Emergency Management Director are set forth by the Nebraska State Statutes and the Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations. Applicants must have good communication and public relation skills.
 The salary for the position will be established by the County Board of Commissioners based upon the successful applicants' education, qualifications and experience.
 Applications and/or resumes will be accepted through Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk.
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Vacancy for a System Manager Pawnee County, Nebraska
 The Rural Water District of Pawnee County will be accepting applications for a system manager. Need to be motivated and self starter.
Applications due by March 2, 2016.
 Applications may be picked up at the Rural Water Office, 606 G Street, Pawnee City 7-8



Falls City native and three-sport Auburn High School standout Maggy Rieschick signed a National Letter of Intent on Jan. 16 in Neosho, MO, to play softball at Crowder College. She's photographed with her father, Ryan, and sister, Macy, as well as Crowder coaches John Sisemore and Samantha Juarez. Her mom and Auburn HS Basketball Coach Holly Rieschick and sister Meg were competing on the hardwood and were unable to attend the signing.

FC native taking her game to collegiate level

Falls City native Maggy Rieschick, who has played all four years of high school for the Auburn Bulldog softball team, signed her National Letter of Intent on Jan. 16 in Neosho, MO, on the Crowder College Campus. The Crowder team made a full day of the event with a meet and greet for all of the new recruits and current players, a luncheon, and a presentation of the new facilities that are being planned for the Crowder softball and baseball teams.

Maggy, the eldest daughter of Ryan and Holly Rieschick, will be playing for the Lady Riders and going to school on a full ride schol-

arship for the 2016-17 academic year.

"I am glad to finally know where I will be next year. I had verbally committed to Arkansas and when Coach Larabee resigned I had to change my plans.

Larabee had offered her a full to his new school, Central Washington, but it was too far from home.

"I am excited to work with Coach Sisemore and Coach Juarez, along with some of teammates from my summer team," she said.

During high school, Maggy caught all four years and compiled many accomplishments, including all-class state records in career

triples (28), triples in a season (12) and season batting average (.719). She is second to current Husker Kaylan Jablonski for all-class career batting average (.543). She was an all-conference first team selection in 2014, and second team last fall as the final part of her senior campaign was lost due to injury. Still, Maggy was All-State Second Team selection by the Omaha World-Herald her senior year, after earning Honorable Mention the previous three. She was a four-time Honorable Mention All-Stater in the Lincoln Journal-Star.

Maggy will say behind the plate for Crowder, however Coach Sisemore indicated the track-and-field standout has the athleticism to contribute in the outfield, too.

As a freshman, she was a member of the Class B State Championship team, placing third in the 300m hurdles at state her freshman year. The three-year qualifier finished runner-up in the 300s as a junior and broke her own school record with a time of :45.9.

She plans to major in secondary education at Crowder, with plans to be a history teacher and coach.



Photo by Abby Merz

JOHANSEN — Aaron and Tiffany Johansen are proud to announce the birth of their third daughter, Cammie Anne, who was born on Dec. 29, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sisters Kendall (4) and Hattie (2). Grandparents are Tom and Cathy Bullock, Tony and Bethany Foster, and Chris Pokorny and the late Larry Johansen. Great-grandparents are Gary and Carol Bierman, Ed and Shirley Bivans, Larry Foster and Ben and Sandy Bachman.

Isolation a concern for seniors' families

Feelings of loneliness and isolation are common among the senior population. This is due, in part, to the large percentage of seniors who end up living alone later in life. U.S. Census Bureau information from 2010 indicated around 28 percent of people ages 65 and older lived alone at the time the data was collected. As people get older, their likelihood of living alone only increases, as many have fewer family members or friends around to provide company and care. Despite the large numbers of Baby Boomers living throughout North America, senior isolation is still a concern. According to the senior housing resource A Place for Mom, the following situations can result from senior isolation.

- Studies from the National Center on Elder Abuse show a con-

nection between social isolation and higher rates of elder abuse.

- Feelings of loneliness can be linked to poor cognitive performance.

- Loneliness is associated with more depressive symptoms among seniors.

- A 2010 study published in Psychology and Aging indicated a direct relationship between loneliness in older adults and increases in systolic blood pressure over a four-year period.

Visiting with seniors and promoting social connections can help them avoid feelings of isolation.

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County seeking Dixon's successor

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meeting of the Board.

Dixon is a native of the Pacific Northwest and has accepted a job as an emergency manager in Washington State.

His resignation is effective March 18. Prior to exiting the office, Dixon was asked to complete the cyclical budgetary request for funds from Cooper Nuclear Station. He may also help commissioners interview candidates for the position.

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