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## NPPD: Cooper plant 'operating safely for the protection of the public'

The ongoing nuclear power plant crisis in Japan has been the focus of the world for the past week, and has raised the question of whether or not United States nuclear reactors are operating safely. A total of 104 reactors operate in the United States and the Nebraska Public Power District operates the Cooper Nuclear Station in Brownville.

While there has been a vast amount of reporting regarding the safety of nuclear power plants, officials with NPPD are confident that Cooper is a safe operation. "We absolutely believe that Cooper is operating safely for the protection of the public and workers," said NPPD's interim CEO and President John McClure. "We understand the anxiety that some people have over this, but if they listen to the experts, they should feel comfortable with nuclear operations in this country."

McClure added that the situation in Japan is being watched closely by all nuclear power plant operators. Details have thus far been limited, but when available will be an asset to the industry. "Once we get a better understanding of what has hap-

pened in Japan and the lessons learned from this unfortunate situation, it should enhance the existing high level of safety of the nuclear operations in our country," he added.

### What happened in Japan

The crisis in Japan began on March 11 when a 9.0 earthquake was recorded along the northeastern coast of Japan. Once the earthquake was detected, the operating reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi and Fukushima Daiini nuclear plants shut down automatically, as they are designed. Offsite alternating current (AC) power, which powers some of the safety systems, was subsequently lost. The station's backup diesel generators and other related equipment were also damaged when the tsunami struck the coastline.

The Tokyo Electric Power Company was unable to pump cooling water into the reactors and used fuel pools as designed due to the loss of AC power and damage to emergency equipment. Injections of seawater were done as a method to cool the fuel. Venting of hydrogen gas build up was done that led

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## Council endorses ballpark idea

By Scott Schock

After a detailed report from members of the Falls City Ballpark Improvement Committee, the city council Monday night unanimously voted to support the project and fund-raising effort.

The motion by Councilman Jerry Oliver did not commit any city funds to the major renovation project, but did allow for that discussion to take place at a later time.

Former Mayor Rod Vandenberg, who is heading the fund-raising effort, addressed Mayor Tim Hersh and the council members, describing the baseball/softball complex as "key and very important city assets." Noting the near constant summer activity at the ball fields, Vandenberg said they are in "serious need of considerable renovation."

Eleven summer leagues involving nearly 600 young players populate the Dallas Jones Park fields, Vandenberg said. He described those fields as "very run down and poorly drained diamonds."

Better facilities, he said, would translate into more visiting teams, more tournaments and thus more business for local merchants.

The Ballpark Executive Committee, made up of Vandenberg, Brian Poppe, Cindy Scott, Kory Huppert and Kevin Malone, previously met with the Park Board and that group recommended an appearance before the council.

cost would be slightly more than \$2.5 million.

Vandenberg said a community-wide meeting (at Prichard Auditorium) to explain the project and the need is in the planning stages. Should the community attitude be positive, a "carefully orchestrated fund-raising campaign" would follow, he said. Any organized fund-raising would include The Richardson Foundation.

In the past two to three years, \$60,421.23 has been raised for the project.

Landscapes Unlimited, Lincoln, the firm that designed and coordinated the improvements at Jug Brown Stadium, has completed a study and recommended a project scope and estimated costs. As recommended, the

Vandenberg said the committee is open minded about trimming the project in case the costs are "more than this community wants to spend."

He said the committee plans to raise as much as possible from private sources, including grants.

Poppe and Huppert then gave a power point presentation that provided project specifics. Journal reporter Jim Langan provided details about the presentation in the March 10 Journal.

Poppe noted that Falls City's Recreation program is unique. Renovating the ballpark com-

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## Lotter appeal rejected

A U.S. District Judge dismissed John Lotter's most recent appeal of his conviction in the 1993 Teena Brandon murder case.

Judge Richard Kopf refused to hear the appeal, saying the conviction had been reviewed numerous times and that Lotter had been well represented by his attorneys.

Lotter was convicted of the murders of Brandon, 21, Phillip DeVine, 22, and Lisa Lambert, 24, in a Humboldt-area farmhouse. Brandon, who represented herself as a male while in Richardson County, had accused Lotter and Thomas Nissen of raping her.

Authorities alleged that Lotter and Nissen drove to the farmhouse to confront Brandon, who was stabbed and shot. Lambert and DeVine also died of gunshot wounds.

Nissen testified against Lotter and was sentenced to life in prison. Four years ago, Nissen changed his story and said that he, not Lotter, had fired the gun.

In his decision, Judge Kopf found that Nebraska would be justified in carrying out Lotter's death sentence.

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## Students earn nearly \$5,338 for Heart Association

Students who participated in the recent Hoops and Jump Rope for Heart event raised \$5,337.84.

A total of 105 envelopes were turned in resulting in the huge donation for the American Heart Association.

The event was held Feb. 13 at the Falls City Middle School. Joe Dunn served as coordinator, while Stacey Hollens was the PIE chairperson.

Notes were sent home with children in grades K-5. Those who returned the permission slips were allowed to take envelopes home for either Hoops or Jump Rope and some collected money for both.

PIE donated the drinks and snacks that were provided to each participant the day of the event. PIE members helped with games and collecting packets on that day. Prizes were awarded to students for first place in games and a drawing was also held. Prizes were donated by PIE, Subway and Sonic.

SUPERIOR Musicians

The annual Nebraska Federation of Music Clubs Festival was held Saturday, March 19, at the First Central Congregational Church in Omaha.

Participants are required to sing or play two memorized solos for judges who rate the performance superior, excellent, good or fair. For their outstanding work, Kari Kreifels (far right), Rachel Stevens (left) and David von Behren (middle) were awarded superior in voice and David was also awarded a superior in piano.

By virtue of having four or more consecutive superiors, all are eligible for the State Honors Recital to be held in Bellevue in April.

In the 35 plus years that Falls City students have been competing in the festival, Kreifels now has the distinction of 10 years of participation, three National Gold Cups and the most cumulative points of any voice or piano entrant from Falls City during that time.

von Behren, vocal soloist, has performed for six years and now has earned his sixth consecutive superior and two Gold Cups. This marked his third year as a piano soloist with all superiors and Gold Cup. As previously announced, David will also perform in the State Honors Recital some of the pieces that led him to a scholarship and first place award in the Nebraska Federation Piano Competition last month at UNO.

Rachel has participated for five years in the vocal competition and has earned a Gold Cup and the honor of appearing on the State Recital. She previously earned Gold Cups for piano and theory.

Accompanist for the students was Glenda von Behren. Vocal soloists are the students of Mildred Appleoff-Marsh and David's piano instructor is Dr. Ediger of Peru State College.

# Off the Cuff

By Scott Schock

After weeks of study and keen observation, I have determined why University of Nebraska men's head basketball coach Doc Sadler has had such a tough time getting over the hump and into the NCAA Tournament. When I send this column to Doc, he's going to slap himself upside the head as the epiphany sinks in. The solution is that simple. It's nothing he's actually doing wrong. By all accounts, Doc is an excellent coach who prepares his teams well. But attracting basketball talent to Lincoln is not easy and it shows. The Huskers, with no real basketball tradition (with the exception of losing), simply get out-manned. Really good teams have at least a couple of guys who can jump out of the gym, and dunk while they're at it. Nebraska has three or four players who are close to 7-footers — that's standing flat-footed OR jumping. One of them lost a bunch of weight and still tips the scales at over 300 pounds. Unfortunately, the round mound of rebound he is not.

My answer to Doc's problem has nothing to do with X's and O's — obviously, because I have no X-O knowledge. Rather, I've realized what's missing. Actually, a couple of things.

While there are exceptions to the rule — Bill Self at KU is one — many successful basketball coaches on both the college and pro levels, share a few characteristics. In order to join this fraternity, Doc must do the following:

- One: buy a hairpiece.
- Two: apply lots of slick stuff to the hairpiece.
- Three: comb the sleek, slippery hair straight back.

This simple grooming tool has worked for coaches at the top of their profession, from Rick Pitino at Louisville to John Calipari at Kentucky. Rick's hair let him down this year and his team was eliminated early. But all was not lost. He got a studio gig last weekend, giving viewers an insight into the value of dribbling.

Slicked-back hair will get Doc into living rooms across the country because he'll have that basketball coach look. He already talks with a southern accent, which can be another key in convincing super athletes to join your program for a year or two before turning pro.

Just one other suggestion. Lose the sideline suit and tie, Doc, and go with the Bob Huggins look — a very nice, loose-fitting sweat suit, supplied by a shoe and athletic wear company. This would eliminate the end-of-the-game, droopy dress suit problem.

I'm being facetious here. I like Doc a lot and hope he can get the NU program turned around. He is an honest guy and a good coach who, so far, hasn't had the quality of players to compete with the elite of college basketball.

Actually, I don't pay that much attention to basketball until the NCAA Tournament rolls around. With every game now on TV, a viewer could spend an awful lot of time in his recliner watching as 3-pointers are launched and the Madness of March unfolds. I'm not exactly in that glued-to-the-TV, can't miss a shot category, preferring to pick and choose the games I'm really interested in watching. And I don't really care who wins, although I'll be pulling for Kansas.

One of the reasons I like Doc is that he doesn't act like many of the sideline dandies — coaches who prance along the bench, shouting instructions to guys who are trying to play a game, stepping onto the court while the clock is moving, "working" the referees. They make a spectacle of themselves because they believe college basketball is all about them. They crouch, they gyrate, they dramatically remove their suit coats and loosen their ties, they're on their hands and knees. It's ridiculous.

## Council backs Ballpark plan

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plex is so important, he said, "because of the number of youth we can impact."

The largest hurdle to climb in renovating the ball diamonds is elevation, Poppe said. This adds to drainage problems that make the fields unplayable after small amounts of rain. The area would

be leveled and a fourth diamond would be created in a new alignment. Fewer games would be played at Grandview Park.

Poppe estimated the project could be completed in eight to nine months after funding is established.



## Venous lakes aren't for swimming

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past seven or eight years, I have what has been identified as a venous lake. When it first appeared, I went to my dermatologist, and he cut it to let it bleed out. After that, my lip was swollen and uncomfortable for several weeks, but it seemed to disappear. Within six months, it was back again. I then went to a skin specialist. A few years later, he explained that tiny blood vessels slowly leaked blood into my lip. He recommended my lip be lasered, which he did three times in a row. This procedure did seem like a miracle, but again, within a short period of time, my lip pooled with blood. At that time, he told me that if the laser treatment didn't work and it came back, my lip could not be lasered again. Well, it came back even larger than before. I no longer can conceal my lower lip with lipstick, and at this point I don't know what to do. Do you have any recommendations?

DEAR READER: Venous lakes are rather common lesions caused by dilation of small blood vessels that present on the ears and lip, occurring in adults older than 50 who have had long-term exposure to the sun. Men are more prone to them than are women. They are dark blue to purple, soft, smooth and

have well-defined edges. Compression of the lesion will often empty the blood contained within. To some degree, they can be compared to a varicose vein, a condition that seems easier to understand.

Diagnosis can often be made by visual examination, but surgical biopsy may be performed as well to differentiate between a benign lesion and a cancerous one. If treatment is accomplished, it is either for cosmetic reasons or because of recurrent bleeding. Medication cannot remove the lesions.

Surgical procedures include excision, electrosurgery, sclerotherapy and cryosurgery. Laser lights such as a flashlamp pulsed-dye process have been used with success. This treatment may require several procedures before removal is successful. Another procedure utilizes a cool gel that protects the epidermis. Reports are few, but this approach is similar to light lasers yet doesn't require anesthesia and there is no crusting or bleeding under the skin; nor is there scarring.

If your lesion bleeds frequently or is bothersome because of its size, you may wish to proceed with further corrective attempts. If there is a cosmetic issue, you may wish to experiment with a foundation concealing product that can be covered with lipstick.

Complaints from patients who have had undergone surgical

excision include a post-surgical lumpy area, discoloration of the surrounding tissue and a wish they never had the procedure done in the first place. Others, however, have experienced good results. I guess the bottom line here is, if you are going to have anything done, choose a person you have confidence in, whom you know will do the best job possible. I'm not sure what the proper procedure for you really is. If you are dissatisfied with your past experiences, seek the services of yet another professional. Present your case, and express your dissatisfaction and the previous lack of progress. Perhaps a plastic surgeon is the answer.

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## Humboldt Springfest

The Humboldt Chamber of Commerce's second annual Springfest will be held from 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, in and around the town square.

Many things are being planned for this exciting evening. Businesses are welcome to stay open late and offer spring specials. There are already enough vendors to fill the fire hall and community building around the square. Presenters/booth occupants will be found in the south room of the Legion Club. Thirty vendors are expected to participate.

Once again, the ever-popular petting zoo will be brought back by the Avery family, and, thanks to area business sponsors, "The Little Apple Express," train will be available around the square offering free rides from 5-7:30p.m. The train will hold adult and kid passengers.

The Rebekah Lodge will sell hot dogs, drink and dessert out of the fire hall for a great price and the softball teams will sell pizza, sno-cones and a drink on the northeast side of the square from 5-7. The softball teams will also sponsor an egg toss.

### ACROSS

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- 5 Consomme
- 10 Perm kit item
- 12 Mountain chain
- 13 Infer
- 14 Cream puff
- 15 Astonish
- 16 TV knob
- 18 Chop off
- 19 Gift for Dad (2 wds.)
- 23 Chromosome material
- 26 Make lace
- 27 9 to 5, commonly
- 30 Type of tire
- 32 Dainty
- 34 Thread purchases
- 35 Spoke hoarsely
- 36 — spumante
- 37 Cartoonist Keane
- 38 911 responder
- 39 Leading lady
- 42 Club for GIs
- 45 Pause fillers
- 46 Popeye's greeting
- 50 Kitchen whistler
- 53 Be a bandit
- 55 Dines at home (2 wds.)
- 56 Morose
- 57 Feeds the pigs
- 58 Cable channel

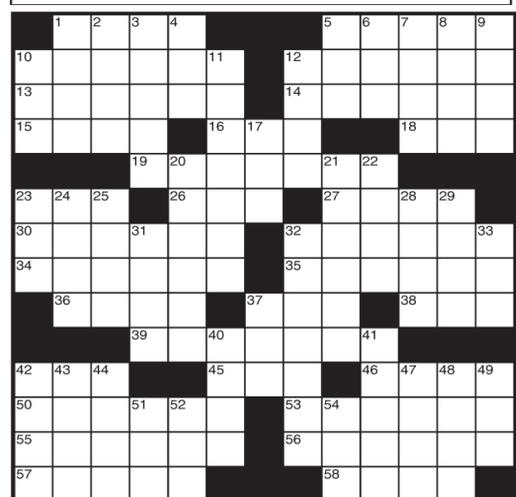
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- 1 Recital offering
- 2 Lahore language
- 3 Dull
- 4 Wine category
- 5 Pen brand
- 6 Shinto or Zen (abbr.)
- 7 Taken through the mouth
- 8 Small band
- 9 Orchestra member
- 10 LP successors

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 11 Unveils
- 12 Bear's advice
- 17 Autumn mo.
- 20 Slanted type
- 21 Standards of excellence
- 22 Reassures Rover
- 23 AMA members
- 24 Bay Area valley
- 25 Fusses
- 28 Holy cow!
- 29 Stop the flow of
- 31 Kappa preceder
- 32 Druids and shamans
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- 41 Navigates
- 42 Luau strings
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- 48 Stove part
- 49 Hankering
- 51 Salt meas.
- 52 Fleur-de- —
- 54 Coloration

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# Average land value has doubled since '05

By Dan Moser

IANR News Service

High commodity prices and farm income levels drove Nebraska agricultural land values to record heights in the last year, according to preliminary findings of an annual University of Nebraska-Lincoln survey.

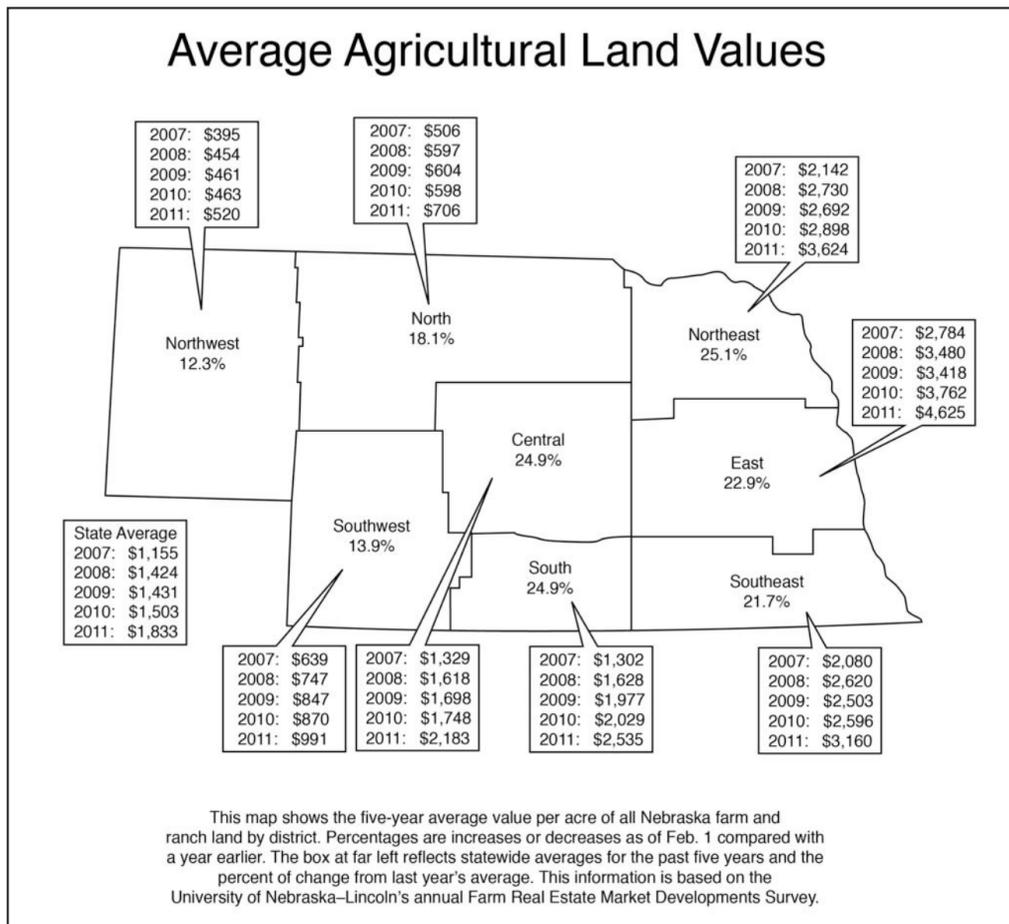
The average statewide all-land average value of \$1,833 as of Feb. 1 represents a 22 percent increase in the last 12 months over last year's average of \$1,530 and a doubling since 2005, according to the annual UNL Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments Survey.

While all classes of farmland posted large gains, the cropland categories led the way.

"That's a clear reflection of high income conditions for the state's crop sector over the past few years," said Bruce Johnson, the UNL agricultural economist who conducts the survey.

Johnson noted that the Northeast, Central and South districts all saw overall gains of 25 percent. Preliminary values in the Northwest and Southwest districts show more modest increases, with all-land gains of 12.3 and 13.9 percent, respectively. It's likely the smaller gains in those districts reflect the fact both have relatively large grazing land components.

This year marks the first time a land class in a district moved into the \$6,000 range, as center pivot land in the East District was estimated at \$6,175 per acre, up nearly 27 percent from 2010.



As in past years, reports from a panel of agricultural land experts were compiled for the survey. Those experts said 2011 "is a very unique time in agricultural land markets," Johnson said.

"They see higher income flows contributing greatly in the short run to dramatic upward advances," Johnson added. "They

also note that while buyer demand is high, the availability for sale is very limited.

"Moreover, market participants, both current buyers and existing owners, are financially strong and not vulnerable at this point," he said. "Still, a general tone set by our reporters is that risk levels are moving upward, and it is a time to be very cau-

tious."

Cash-rental rates also surged in the last year. Preliminary estimates show dramatic increases, including 15 to 25 percent generally in cropland. Pasture-rental rates are generally stable to slightly higher across most of the state.

## Extension, beef producers sponsor contest

Would you like to treat your loved ones to a great beef meal? Well here is your chance. The National Beef Check-off Program created the "I Heart Beef" campaign, which is a promotion to increase beef sales and consumption throughout the winter months.

The Richardson County Extension office has teamed up with local beef producers and meat lockers to sponsor a contest to win FREE BEEF! All a person has to do is take their favorite recipes (limit of five per person) to the Richardson County Extension Office. Each recipe will equal a ticket to win FREE BEEF.

The recipes will be compiled into a cookbook, the cookbook will be sold, and all proceeds will be used to allow Richardson County youth opportunities to attend agricultural functions. Recipes will be accepted through March 31, 2011.

Six gift certificates will be given away, two each in the amounts of \$75, \$50, and \$25,

respectively. Winners will be notified on March 31 by phone or email. Winning gift certificates will allow the purchase of meat at Den's Country Meats in Table Rock and JP's Butcher Block in Rulo.

"Not only does beef taste great, but it is an excellent source of protein, zinc, and vitamin B12," says Lindsay Chichester, Extension Educator. In addition, 29 cuts of beef meet the government labeling guidelines for lean beef; a 3-oz. serving of lean beef provides 10 nutrients the body needs such as protein, iron, zinc and B-vitamins for an average of 154 calories. It takes two to three times more calories to get the same amount of protein from many plant-based alternatives. Lean beef truly offers weight-loss solutions, and more than 95% of Americans enjoy this power-packed protein source.

This promotion is made possible by: Animal Health Center, Den's Country Meats, Diamond S Simmentals, Finck Family, Goff and Sons, Hill's Chian-

gus, JP's Butcher Block, Scheitel Feed and Seed Company, Stalder Cattle Company, and 3-State Stockyards.

For more information call the Richardson County Extension Office at 402-245-4324 or online at [www.richardson-county@unl.edu](http://www.richardson-county@unl.edu)



**THE MOSAIC WORKSHOP** conducted by artist Marcia Joffe-Bouska Saturday, March 19, at the Falls City Library & Arts Center "was the most enjoyable event I have attended in a long time," said Marian Leatherman of Dawson. It was sponsored by the Library & Arts Center and the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council. Mrs. Leatherman displays her "accomplishment" at the workshop.

## 'Love Your Neighbor' benefit Saturday

Local talent and more will entertain at the State Theatre in Mound City, MO, in a fund-raiser for Holt County victims of disastrous flooding last spring and summer.

The "Love Your Neighbor" benefit show will be held Saturday, March 26, at 7 p.m. Theatre doors will open at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the show, which will include music and comedy, are available at Heritage Falls Candles & Gifts, 1614 Stone Street in Falls City. They are also available at Holt County banks.

Last year's flooding was described as the worst ever. In fact, a home northwest of Craig, MO, built in 1887, experienced 18 inches of water. The home had not flooded since it was built.

Farmers were hit especially

hard, with flooded fields and bins of stored corn destroyed.

FEMA was unable to provide as much assistance as in previous years. Other sources of assistance were also hard to come by.

In September 2010, a group made up of ministers, county officials and local residents began to meet to try to find solutions to the funding problem. Frustrating at first, the movement began to grow, with help from the American Red Cross, Congressman Sam Graves, the Salvation Army (Kansas City) and the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

**Verdon Volunteer Firemen SOUP SUPPER**  
**Sunday, March 27 - 3-7 P.M.**  
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**Gossman** — David and Becky Gossman, Falls City are the proud parents of a daughter born at 1:59 p.m. on Feb. 7, 2011, at Bryan East Hospital in Lincoln. Tessa Joanna weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 3/4 in. long. Maternal grandparents are Toni and Vernon Buckminster, of Rulo, and Jerry and Linda Duerfeldt of Barada. Paternal grandparents are Les and Robin Gossman of Stella. Maternal great-grandparents are Cecil and Jean Bennett and Lester Duerfeldt, all of Falls City, and the late Anna Duerfeldt. Paternal great-grandparent is Mary Howard of Barada.

## Business topic

With the development of new technology and high-performance systems for John Deere equipment, it is critically important that customers receive exceptional service from highly trained product experts, technicians and aftermarket support personnel. Hiawatha Implement in Mound City, MO, participates in a comprehensive training program with John Deere to help its employees reach certain standards of expertise.

Recently, James Chandler achieved Advanced level recognition for the position of Sales Representative. Also, Timothy Bailey achieved Advanced level recognition for the position of Service Technician. This level of achievement was accomplished by completing extensive training in the John Deere University program. They each received a special plaque of recognition to honor their achievement.

John Deere University credits are earned in various categories to ensure expertise in the sales, service, or parts departments of John Deere dealerships. The structure for this recognition is similar to achieving credit hours in a university. This ongoing training program is just one of the tools used by Hiawatha Implement to improve overall support and service to customers in its trade area.

## Society

### Fairview Club

The Fairview Club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Darrell Rannebeck.

Mrs. Victor Karst, president, conducted the business meeting. The secretary called roll with all members responding by showing off their "green attire." Dorothy Vollmer received the most votes with her St. Patrick's green. The quilt that was completed at the February meeting will be given to the Beatrice Development Center and the baby quilt to Project Response in Auburn.

The project for the month of March will be a monetary gift to the Heart Fund. Members will go to the Falls City Care Center Wednesday, March 23, for bingo and refreshments. Mrs. Rannebeck was in charge of several word games with Anita Pickard the winner.

Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be April 21 at the home of Mrs. Vollmer.

### China Painters

The Humboldt Forget-me-not China Painters held their first meeting of the year at Chris Joy's home in Stella on March 16. There were seven members present along with one guest, Jan Mason.

Roll call was answered with members showing pieces of their hand-painted china. No minutes were read; the treasurer's report was given by Janice Phillips. President Carol Wilhelm discussed the state convention which will be held in Grand Island April 26 to 28.

After a demonstration on painting strawberries by Diana Rieschick, Chris Joy showed pictures and discussed a recent trip she had taken.

The next meeting will be on May 18 with Jo Ann Leech as hostess. Mary Kay Osterhaus will give the demonstration.

Chris served dessert and coffee and the meeting adjourned.

### Humboldt Eastern Star

Mrs. Gloria Guern of Gretna, District 1 grand supervisor, conducted a school of instruction for members of Humboldt Eastern Star chapter #234 on March 12 at the Humboldt chapter room. She was accompanied by her husband, who also took a part.

Mrs. Guern met with secretary Donna Monnette and treasurer JoAnn Koso at 8:30 a.m. to go over their books. She later instructed each officer individually or in groups.

At 11:15 a.m. the chapter opened in short form. The opening ode, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," was sung by all, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Various parts of business and ceremonies were reviewed before breaking for a salad luncheon which was enjoyed at noon.

Seventeen were in attendance as the meeting began at 1 p.m. The initiation ceremony was exemplified with JoAnn Koso acting as the candidate. General instructions followed and the district grand supervisor complimented the members for their work and thanked them for the courtesies shown her and her husband. Mrs. Phyllis Kreutzer, worthy matron, presented Mrs. Guern with a monetary gift which she will be donating to the worthy grand matron's special project, ESTARL. The meeting closed with the Closing Ode and the retiring march. The Humboldt chapter will meet for their next stated meeting on Thursday, April 7.

### Missionary Circle

Twelve members of the Christ Lutheran Missionary Circle met Thursday evening, March 17, at Christ Lutheran Church.

Ruth Groothuis led a Bible Study, "To Dust You Shall Return." She opened with prayer. The program was closed with members reading Psalm 46 and singing the hymn, "Life Is a Gift from God."

Elaine Schwartz called the business meeting to order. Mites and the Love Offering were collected. Bonnie Zentner reported on the afternoon's quilting. Joann Baldwin had sent several sympathy and get-well cards since the February meeting. A letter was received from the Circle's missionary family, the Tim Beckendorffs, telling of their return to their mission home in Botswana. Members were reminded of the Spring Workshop being held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, six miles north, on Saturday, April 2. Registration will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Pastor Dan Gifford has been appointed the Falls City Zone Counselor to fill the vacancy of the Rev. Elmer Smith, who resigned due to his health. A cash donation was made to the Rosenberger Spaghetti dinner benefit fund scheduled for Sunday, March 27, at the church. Marjorie Eames, Christian Growth chairman, read a message on abandonment based on Psalms 69:29, followed by prayer. Ruth Groothuis led a prayer for the



## Elwonger-Lampsa

Stephanie Elwonger of Falls City and Stephen Lampsa of Las Vegas, NV, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Stephanie is the daughter of Martin and Jerri Elwonger, Falls City. She graduated from Falls City High School in 2008 and currently attends the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where she is a pre-pharmacy student. She is employed at Build A Bear in Omaha.

The future groom is the son of Jay and Liz Lampsa, Las Vegas. He graduated from Sierra Vista High School, Las Vegas, in 2005 and currently attends the University of Nebraska at Omaha, studying business administration. Stephen is a route supervisor for Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group in Omaha.

Stephanie and Stephen are planning a June 18, 2011, wedding at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Falls City.

Japanese people. Mrs. Schwartz closed the meeting and led the table prayer prior to refreshments. Bonnie Zentner served refreshments in the St. Patrick's motif.

The next meeting will be April 28 at the church with Adeline Clark serving as the hostess and Doris Schimke, the program leader.

### VFW Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1765 met March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Legion Club with Darleen Tisdell, Ruth Marrs and Diane Sefried as hostesses.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem. Chaplain Sharon Sells gave the opening prayer and also read the ritual. Treasurer Charlotte Gentry reported membership of 18 life and 120 continuous memberships. Paid membership is 81.6 percent. Any dues should be mailed to Charlotte. Reports of the other committees was given. There was one cancer request.

The district meeting will be held April 3 in Peru and members should meet at the club at noon to car pool. It is hoped that the Auxiliary would have a good turnout as this is the closest meeting in the district. President Vickie Zeigler stated that Geisla Ahern is making scarves to send to the troops and could use some more yarn. The members voted to buy more yarn. The possibility of having a meeting at the nursing home where Donna Lape is a resident will be looked into. The election of officers will be held at the April meeting. The charter was draped in honor of deceased members Rita Neville and Lillian Jones. The birthday of Marilyn Capps was recognized.

The meeting closed with prayer to reconvene April 4 at

7 p.m. with light refreshments. Marilyn Capps will be the hostess.

### St. Paul's LWML

The St. Paul's, six miles north, LWML met on Wednesday, March 2, at 2 p.m. in the church social room. Sandy Eickhoff, Christian Life leader, led the Bible Study, "Celebrating Life in the Midst of Life's Storms." She closed the study with prayer.

Ramona Ebel, president, opened the business meeting with 12 members answering roll call and Pastor Dan Gifford attending as a guest. Reports were given and approved. The ladies were reminded of the FC Zone 10 LWML Spring Workshop to be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, April 2. Members are encouraged to bring their Bible and to wear a meaningful piece of jewelry with a cross in it. Pastor Gifford will finish the term as Zone 10 Pastoral Advisor.

Nine ladies are planning to go to the convention in Peoria and members are encouraged to attend. Dorothy Vollmer and Sandy Eickhoff are on the Workshop committee. Ramona Ebel will ask other members to help. Thank yous were read and a newsletter from Stephen Wilke of Mission Year was read. The group voted to give \$100 to the Community Food Pantry. A motion for the kitchen committee to buy stackable drawers was approved.

Sandy reminded members of the LWML retreat at Immanuel Lutheran Church in York. It will be a one-day gathering and more information will follow. The National Mite goal has not been met and members were encouraged to help. The birthday song was sung for Muriel Docker and Kathy Niedfeldt. Janice Boden and Judy Fritz served a spring dessert.



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# Speak Easy: FCSH wins district speech

The Falls City Sacred Heart Speech Team last Thursday captured first place at the Class D2-1 District Contest in Hampton and this weekend have 14 (out of 18 team members) students representing the Irish at the state contest at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

At Hampton, the team scored 128 points, edging runner-up Leigh by four points. Bruning-Davenport was a distant third, with 89 points.

"Every team member contributed valuable preliminary and final round points to that final total, and every Sacred Heart team member won a medal at districts!" decorated speech coach Diana Eickhoff said.

"I have never before (in over 30 years) had every team member win a medal at Districts. What a testament to the talent these students have," she said.

Prior to working at Sacred Heart, Eickhoff for decades earned sterling success coaching speech at both Dawson-Verdon and Auburn High Schools. Since 1986, all but one of Mrs. Eickhoff's speech teams have either won districts or finished second. Her Auburn speakers were Class B Runners-up in 1998 and State Champs in 2000. Her first FCSH team, in 2009, was state runner-up, as well.

Fifteen of Sacred Heart's 18 events advanced to the district finals and seven finished in the top three, qualifying for state in Kearney.

Eight events won fourth place.

"Many students in those events tied for third but were awarded fourth place on the basis of tie breakers," Eickhoff said. "For example, Matt Mullins tied for third in informative in rank, tied in reciprocal points, tied in rating points, and was awarded fourth place on the basis of scores in the preliminary rounds."

Sacred Heart students qualifying for state:

**Chaz Dunn** — First place, Entertainment Speaking;

**Tyler Sells** — Second place, Humorous

**Rachel Aitken** — Tied for first place in Informative Public Speaking; awarded second place based on fourth step of tie breaker procedure;

**Janey Malcolm, Matt Mullins** — Tied for first in Duet Acting; awarded second place based on fourth step of tie breaker procedure;

**Colin Niemeyer, David Bangert** — Third place, Duet Acting;

**Alex Keithley, Molly Chap-**



Class D2-1 District Speech Champion Falls City Sacred Heart, front row, from left: Rachel Aitken, Amy Froeschl, Molly Chapple, Sam Voyles; middle row, Tyler Sells, Sandy Bangert, Shelby Stice, Tami Rethman, Emma Schock, Chaz Dunn; back row, Alex Keithley, Matt Mullins, David Bangert, Sara Landis, Colin Niemeyer, Jarod Fiegenger and Janey Malcolm.

**ple, Tami Rethman, Tyler Sells, Shelby Stice** — Second place OID;  
**Emma Schock, Chaz Dunn, Colin Niemeyer, Sara Landis, Sandy Bangert** — Third place OID.

"I'm proud of our team because we didn't think that many would go to state," Tyler Sells said.

"After going through such a tough district and having everyone on the team do such a great job, we will hopefully be able to finish the speech season by placing at state," Rachel Aitken said.

Medalists were: Amy Froeschl - Fourth place Persuasive; Samantha Voyles - Fourth place Serious; David Bangert - Fourth place Humorous; Shelby Stice - Fourth place Poetry; Molly Chapple - Fourth place Entertainment Speaking; Matt Mullins - Fourth place Informative; Jarod Fiegenger - Fourth place Extemporaneous; Kathryn Bieker - Fourth place Extemporaneous.

Tami Rethman (Serious Prose), Janey Malcolm (Poetry) and Sara Landis (Persuasive) didn't advance to finals, but earned Sweepstakes points in the preliminary rounds, helping the team score.

Prior to districts, FCSH competed in the Crete Invitational, placed fourth at MUDECAS, won first at the Auburn Invita-



make new friends," Eickhoff said. "It also often allows the performers to find talent within themselves that they may never have known they possessed."

"The dedication, determination, and just plain hard work that goes into being successful in this arena foster many of the attitudes and the work ethic that will promote success in other arenas in the future," she said.

Competition in Kearney begins Thursday morning and runs through Friday.

The Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Speech Team finished third at the Class C1-1 District Speech Contest March 15 at Filmore Central.

The hosts won the district with 128 points, while runner-up was Tri County with 101 points,

followed by HTRS with 92.

The HTRS team qualified two events for state competition at Kearney. Cassie Herring placed first in Persuasive and second in Extemporaneous Speaking to earn those state spots.

Also medaling but not qualifying for state were Liz Railsback, fourth in Extemporaneous and fifth in Persuasive, Jamie Stalder, fourth in Entertainment, Shelby Werts, fifth in Informative, Taylor Schafer, sixth in Poetry and sixth in Serious Prose, and Joel Svoboda, sixth in Humorous Prose.

tional, earned runner-up honors at both the Pioneer Conference meet and the HTRS Invitational, and competed at the Waverly Invitational, finishing eighth out of 39 schools, which included some Class A schools.

"The competitive speech season not only lets the students grow in their speaking skills, their poise, and their confidence, it also provides a unique social setting for them to meet and

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### County Court

Kalem M. Bennett, Falls City, issue bad check - less than \$200, pleaded guilty, found guilty; fined \$40, plus costs of \$56.50.

Marilyn K. Cassey, FC, unlicensed animal, continued to Mar. 28 for arraignment.

Wesley C. Hullman, White Cloud, KS, count one, willful reckless driving - 1st offense, pleaded not guilty; count two, negligent driving, pleaded not guilty, continued to Apr. 11 for pretrial.

Daryl F. Gabbard, Bethel, OH, speeding (6-10), defendant fails to appear, failure to comply to proceed.

Jacob M. Rogers, FC, count one, criminal trespass - 1st deg.; count two, theft - unlawful taking \$0-200; continued to Apr. 4 for entry of plea.

Matthew S. Manley, Dawson, count one, DUI - +.15, pleaded not guilty; count two, possess/consume open alcohol container, pleaded not guilty; continued to Apr. 11 for pretrial.

Joshua E. Nissen, FC, domestic assault - 3rd deg., continued to Mar. 28 for entry of plea.

Jeffrey A. Morley, FC, count one, disturbing the peace, pleaded not guilty; count two, trespass - 2nd deg.; continued to Apr. 11 for pretrial.

Thomas J. Galvin III, FC, count one, leave accident - fail to furnish info, pleaded guilty, found guilty; count two, drive under suspension, pleaded guilty, found guilty; continued to Apr. 11 for pretrial.

Crystal Milke, Stella, issue bad check - less than \$200, pleaded not guilty, continued to Apr. 11 for pretrial.

### Civil Court

Credit Management Services vs. Robyn Batterman, Shubert, judgment entered against defendant in amount of \$321.00, pre-judgment interest of \$14.67, fees of \$37.10, costs of \$80.28, with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Credit Management Services vs. Teah Harris, FC, judgment entered against defendant in amount of \$139.00, pre-judgment interest of \$3.15, fees of \$18.90, costs of \$50.71, with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Credit Management Services vs. Shirley Waters, FC, and Sam Waters, FC, judgment entered against defendants in amount of \$902.00, pre-judgment interest of \$65.92, fees of \$95.20, costs of \$72.50, with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Citibank, N.A. vs. Keith L.

Zimmerman, FC, judgment entered against defendant in amount of \$19,191.62, costs of \$63.50, with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Discover Bank vs. Wanda L. Matthes, FC, judgment entered against defendant in amount of \$4,345.98, costs of \$63.50, with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

### County Court Waivers

#### (Court costs not included)

Suzanne D. Luke, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Royal A. Pochula, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Karen R. West, speeding (21-35), fined \$200.

Linne R. Schliefer, no valid registration, fined \$25.

Dennis L. Kirkendall, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Gary J. Pinneo, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Tobias H. Cowdin, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Thomas D. Acton, unlawful burning, fined \$25.

Kenneth C. Kaster, unlicensed animal, fined \$25.

Daniel W. Mayall, speeding (6-10), fined \$25.

Paul M. Harmon, no operator's license, fined \$50.

### Accidents

#### Investigated by FCPD

Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 15, 16th and Harlan streets. Drivers: Kathleen Duey, FC, driver of Lincoln car; Gilbert B. Kent Jr., White Cloud, KS, driver of Chevy pickup. Kent Jr. was southbound in the inside lane of Harlan. Duey was also southbound on Harlan but in the outside lane. Duey signaled to change lanes and did not see Kent Jr. and struck him. Estimated damage: \$3,500 to Duey car; \$1,000 to Kent Jr. pickup. No one was cited.

Wednesday morning, Mar. 16, Morton St. Drivers: Rita J. Bahr, FC, driver of Ford van; Marcia K. Feighner, FC, owner of parked Mercury car. Bahr was backing from driveway and hit Feighner vehicle which was parked facing north on Morton St. Estimated damage: \$1000 to Feighner car; \$1000 to Bahr van. No one was cited.

*On this day in 1991, Hulk Hogan pinned Sgt. Slaughter, by then an Iraqi sympathizer, in Wrestlemania VII in Los Angeles for Slaughter's WWF belt. Shortly thereafter, Slaughter returned from the dark side, proclaiming "I want my country back." And the modern-day Tea Party was born.*

# Donor effort aims for 80,000 names

The Nebraska Hospital Association is pleased to announce the launch of Donor Drive 2011, a statewide collaborative with Nebraska Organ Recovery System to add 80,000 names to the Donor Registry of Nebraska.

Efforts to sign up new donors in 2011 are aimed to help bolster the pool of potential organ and tissue donors in Nebraska.

"This initiative was created to help improve and extend the lives of Nebraskans by increasing public and professional participation in organ and tissue donation for transplantation," stated Laura J.

Redoutey, FACHE, president of the Nebraska Hospital Association.

Redoutey announced the launch of Donor Drive 2011 on March 22, 2011 during Nebraska Organ Recovery System's program "A Flight Plan for Donation Success: A Collaborative Learning Session," held at the Strategic Air & Space Museum in Ashland. The launch also aligns with National Donate Life Month in April.

As part of this campaign, Nebraska hospitals are being asked to achieve a goal of adding one

name to the registry for every two employees. Hospitals are encouraged to recruit employees, family members, neighbors, friends and colleagues. Statewide, the NHA and NORS have set a goal of 80,000 new registrants from the collective efforts of Nebraska hospitals.

There's no age limit for signing up, and all major religions support this act of charity and love. The NHA encourages individuals to help the 927 residents of Nebraska waiting for a transplant by adding their name to the Donor Registry of Nebraska

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Richardson County Historical Society

At the previous meeting of the historical Jam Session at the Richardson County Historical Museum an item was about the Lark monoplane.

The manufacturers were three young Humboldt men: Brooks Harding, A. D. Zook and Errold Bahl. Harding and Zook had been university students and Bahl was in the Army training men to be pilots. They were members of the new Lincoln Air Club.

In March of 1919 Harding bought the first plane built in Lincoln by the Hebb Motors Co. They gave rides and would teach persons how to fly. In April of 1919, two of the team left to go back East to make arrangements to ship their larger plane which replaced the one that was recently destroyed by fire on the test field and to tour different factories. They also were looking for a high-speed stunt machine.

In 1920 they came to Falls City seeking investors in their aeroplane company. At the same time they were part of the grand opening of Brecht Motor Company at 19th and Stone.

The Lark took off right there on Stone Street in front of the store.

The company unfortunately was bankrupt by 1923. Harding went to Hollywood and became president of a casting company, then had a toy factory and then went to Washington, DC, where he made the flag for the United Nations. Errold Bahl was a pilot working in South America and then in St. Louis flying for an electric power company. In 1930 he was killed in a car wreck when he ran a Stop sign. He was at the arrival of Charles Lindbergh when Lindy returned from his record-breaking flight across the Atlantic. Bahl had taught Lindbergh how to fly and employed him in Lincoln. They barnstormed at fairs, etc.

An 1895 map of Falls City has been reproduced. It names the owners of homes in the town and an enlarged section of the business district was made. Many interesting features were pointed out, such as the early street numbers (they were reversed in 1910).

Also discussed was the Climax windmill factory and the hotels across from the depot.

The next session will be at 7:30 Monday evening, March 28, at the Museum. The public is invited.

*On this day in 1989, Exxon's Valdez spilled 11.3 million gallons of oil in Prince William Sound, Alaska. The oil eventually covered 1,300 miles of coastline, and 11,000 square miles of ocean.*

## Falls City Journal Weather Report

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### Seven-day Forecast for Falls City

TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Overcast with a shower Low: 34°	Chance of a shower 51° 35°	Rain and snow 48° 30°	Cloudy and windy 45° 28°	Cloudy 46° 29°	Cloudy, flurries; warmer 52° 31°	Sunshine 47° 37°

### Almanac Data

Falls City for the week ending Monday

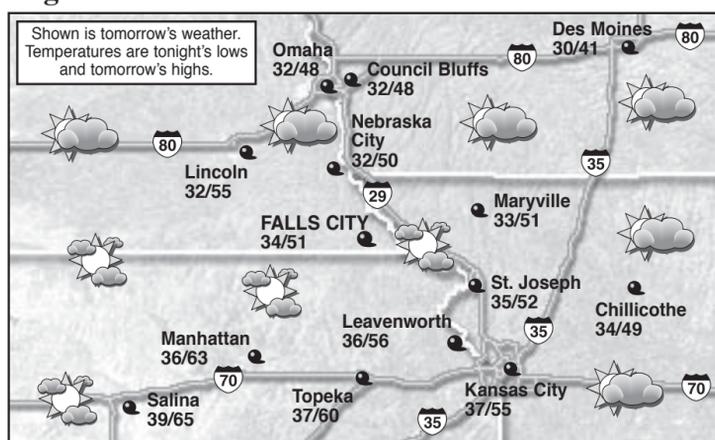
**Temperature**

High for the week	82°
Low for the week	21°
Normal high	54°
Normal low	29°
Average temperature	53.4°

**Precipitation**

Total for the week	0.02"
Total for the month	0.28"
Total for the year	1.72"
Normal for the month	1.55"
Normal for the year	3.37"

### Regional Forecast Tomorrow



### RealFeel Temperature

The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. Shown are the highest values of each day.

Friday	47°
Saturday	39°
Sunday	33°
Monday	31°
Tuesday	45°
Wednesday	48°
Thursday	53°

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### River Stages Yesterday

Big Nemaha River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr. change	Missouri River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr. change
Falls City	23'	4.48'	-0.03'	Rulo	17'	11.92'	+0.60'

### Sun and Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:18 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m.	7:41 p.m.
Monday	7:14 a.m.	7:42 p.m.
Tuesday	7:12 a.m.	7:43 p.m.
Wednesday	7:10 a.m.	7:44 p.m.
Thursday	7:09 a.m.	7:45 p.m.

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	1:56 a.m.	11:22 a.m.
Saturday	2:47 a.m.	12:23 p.m.
Sunday	3:30 a.m.	1:24 p.m.
Monday	4:06 a.m.	2:26 p.m.
Tuesday	4:37 a.m.	3:26 p.m.
Wednesday	5:05 a.m.	4:25 p.m.
Thursday	5:30 a.m.	5:23 p.m.

### Pollen count

Yesterday's main offender: Various Trees ..... High  
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### Weather Trivia

Q: What is the cause of the 4 seasons?

A: The tilt of the Earth's axis and the sun

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## Of dogs and men

I'm a dog lover and am ever learning from my miniature dachshunds. Recently, this article, by Steve Klein got my attention. I hope you appreciate it as well.

—David Clark, Falls City Church of Christ

While pigs may see people as equals, dogs truly look up to us. Our dog, Feisty, is a good example. Mind you, she is a pretty intelligent dog. She comes when she's called, obeys when she's told to go to her pen, and skillfully hunts the rats and rabbits living in the field behind our house. She barks very little, and never without reason. With all of this going for her, why would she look up to me?

Feisty has observed me from the time she was a puppy and has concluded that I am a superior being. What other conclusion could she reach? I built her house. I give her food. I drive away in a car to what she must think is the great beyond, and come back with bags of food and all sorts of

interesting smells on the car and me. I make cold water appear magically from the garden hose (this really fascinates her). In her eyes, I'm virtually supernatural.

I'm told that the reason a dog will lie on its back and expose its underside, inviting you to rub its belly, is to signal that it is submitting to you. You are the top dog. Similar canine behavior is seen in packs of

wolves, coyotes and wild dogs, and reveals the hierarchy within the pack and which animal is the leader of the pack. Now the thing about Feisty is that she wants every human she meets to rub her belly. She thinks all humans are better than she is!

Feisty looks up to me. But I'm not sure that she should. She is a better dog than I am a human being.

I do not always come when the Master calls. But I should. "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

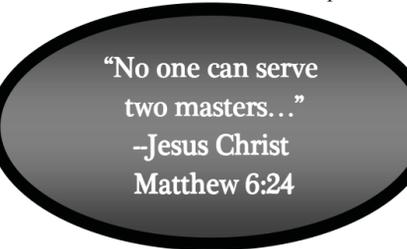
I bark for no good reason. But I shouldn't. "Do all things without complaining" (Philippians 2:14). "Let your gentleness be known to all men" (Philippians 4:5).

I do not always obey the Master. But I ought to. "You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice" (Deuteronomy 13:4).

I do not always show submissiveness to my Master and others. "All of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility" (1 Peter 5:5).

Yes, dogs look up to us. But each of us could probably learn a lot from a faithful dog.

-- Steve Klein



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Sunday: Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Second Tuesday of the month, Dorcas Circle.  
Wednesday: Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML.  
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**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church-ELCA**  
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Sunday: Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Communion first Sunday each month.  
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Communion: Second and fourth Sundays each month.  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.; Communion Worship. Wednesday: 9:30 a.m., Men's coffee; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation; 7:30 p.m., choir practice.  
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Church website:  
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Rev. Roxie Sullivan, pastor  
402-245-2650

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# Days of Yore...



By:  
Bill Schock

## 50 Years ago (March 20-25, 1961)

Full houses were taking in the classic "Ben Hur" with Charleton Heston, showing all week at the Rivoli. At the Oil City it was Jack Lemmon in "The Wackiest Ship in the Army."

Harriett Hunker, a Falls City High junior, was selected as a member of the demonstration class at the Summer Institute for high school and college teachers of math at Kansas University.

School District #4, northeast of Shubert, sold its school building to Harvey Vollmer for \$315 and its land to L. G. Handley for \$160.

The stork report: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Miller, Rulo, were the parents of a son born March 19; a daughter was born March 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goltz, Rulo; a son was born March 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bangert, Route 3, and he was their 12th child; a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glendonald (Bud) Runyan, Route 2, on March 23; a son was born March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler, Falls City.

Northvue Service won the Paris League Bowling Tourney. Team members were: Lydia Obert, Jim Stone, Fr. Dennis Hotovy and Ken Voegel.

Tom Kotouc of Humboldt, a UNL freshman, was one of only three undergraduates to earn a perfect 9.00 grade average.

David Martin, a junior at Falls City High, was selected by the I.O.O.F. Lodge and the Rebekahs to participate in the UN Pilgrimage in the summer.

If you paid \$499.95 for a Philco-Bender washer/dryer at the Firestone Store, you got a free electric sewing machine.

William P. Maher, 31, Lincoln, was named the new F.C. Chamber of Commerce manager.

Judy Hunzeker, Rulo, received the Cap of the School at St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Lincoln.

In the photo of an Easter egg tree at North School were Pamela Harkendorff, Teenie Charbonneau and Wesley Gatz.

The County Conference All-Star basketball team included: Roger Crook and Larry Lanning, Dawson-Verdon; Bill Ely and Ron Lockard, Stella; Jack Darveau, Sacred Heart; Larry Goings, Bratton Union.

Bruce Smith, Falls City High, received a scholarship to play football for the Cornhuskers. Then he sure did, first team.

Elaine Murray was elected president of the City Association of Women Bowlers.

The Sacred Heart volleyball team coached by Mrs. Marvin Schulenberg won the Peru State Tourney. Singled out for praise from the coach were Lois and Janice May, Ellen Nusbaum and Nancy Simon.

Guess who was No. 1 on the music charts--Elvis and his "Surrender" and he stayed there two weeks.

Class A winners for Falls City High in the Peru State scholastic contest were: geometry, Betty Klaus; American history and literature, Richard Law; typing, Bill Bullock; Spanish, Richard Baker; health, Merlyn Witt; algebra, Chick James; American government, Bill Glenn; biology, Gary Watzke; spelling, Kathy Magor; chemistry, Richard Gibson; Latin, Judy Huebner; French, Carol Hall.

Items from the United Press:

Canterbury, England: Notice on the window of pet shop: "Those guinea pigs are not rats, but hamsters."

In Springfield, IL, the Illinois Senate was considering a bill preventing highway employees who operated snow removal equipment from being fired during the winter.

Cleveland, Ohio: Audrey Wendt was flabbergasted when she asked a postal clerk for an unusual stamp to place on her wedding invitations. The clerk suggested the stamp dedicated to Patrick Henry which quoted his words: "Give me liberty or give me death."

## 25 Years Ago

In 1985, Richardson County oil wells produced 63,718 barrels of oil.

Library Week opened with an art show by Luella Weddle and a slide and tape presentation by Lucia Ahern of her book, "The Ballads of Barada."

Awarded special honors at Southeast Consolidated's athletic banquet were: Susie McMullen, volleyball; Julie Findley and Angie Kuker, basketball; Brett Dunn, football; Michal Romba, basketball.

Kelly Palmer was selected by F.C. American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State and Laurie Groothuis was the alternate. The Shubert Auxiliary selected Tina Bright.

A Chamber of Commerce coffee was held to introduce Dr. David Dorr, who had joined Dr. Kenny Brown in his veterinary practice.

Bill Milam's greenhouse had nursed 2,600 lilies for the Easter trade.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bartek were the parents of a daughter born March 24; a son was born March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wamsley, Nemaha; a son was born March 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Franzen, Falls City.

At Superfoods, John Morrell's fully cooked bone-in smoked ham was selling for 99 cents a pound, and eight 16-ounce bottles of Coke or Sprite cost \$1.49.

A photo of elementary students helping to shelve the Community Food Pantry included Katie Merz, Glenn Schawang, Pat McInteer, Kelly Schawang and Molly Matthes.

Melissa Scholl, a FCHS track team standout, was the County Athlete of the Week.

The American Wind Energy Association reported there were over 6,000 wind farms in the U.S., California being No 1.

Advertising farm auctions were Kenneth Voegel, northwest of Falls City; Lynn Whitten, southeast of Dawson, and Clark Percival, north of Falls City.

Mildred Van Deventer, Humboldt city clerk for 18 years, was one of three Nebraska city clerks presented Outstanding City Clerk awards at a training school in Grand Island.

In this space recently I goofed, so this correction: Bessie Gilfillan of Reserve was the pie champ at the Market Hog Show for the 5th consecutive year.

Denny the DJ was playing everyone's favorites at the Big Red N in Salem while listeners were downing prime rib for \$6.

Jack Fisher of Dawson was president of the Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association.

The Harvey Mann American Legion Post and its Auxiliary at Humboldt selected Derek Horalek and Heidi Koschke for Boys and Girls States.

In fire truck driving training in Falls City were Terry Liberty, Dennis Kirkendall and Jon McQueen. They then became members of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Don Buck was the owner/operator of Buck's Printing Co.

Danny Nee was the new Cornhusker basketball coach.

Mutt & Jeff Drive-In was being operated by Mary Ann Wenz.

Glenda Nelson's 3rd grade class at South School earned a Pizza Hut party for books they had read. Troy Harmon and Lorisa Cave were pictured with Mrs. Nelson.

# Obituaries

## Lela E. Peck

Lela E. Peck, 99, Hastings, died Thursday, March 17, 2011, at Mary Lanning Memorial HealthCare, Hastings.

Lela was born to Josephine and Elmo McCann on Oct. 8, 1911, at their farm home, northeast of Falls City. When she was five her parents bought a farm near Shubert. She graduated from Shubert High School, then attended Peru State Normal School, receiving a teaching degree. She taught rural schools in Nemaha and Richardson Counties.

In 1935 she married Dr. Eugene Peck Sr. and moved to Auburn where her husband set up his veterinarian practice. He passed away on March 10, 1984.

Lela was a long-time active member of the Auburn Community. She was a member of the Methodist Church for over 50 years. She also was a member of Kiwanis, Auburn and Nemaha County Women's Association, Library Association, Christian Women's Association, Nemaha County Museum board, YWCA and Senior Fellowship Group. She was an active Camp Fire leader. In 1988 she moved to Hastings to be closer to her family. Lela was honored with a Special Mission Recognition Award.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Eugene W. Peck Jr. and his wife Barbara, Hastings; a daughter, Dorothy L. Carnes and her husband Kenneth, Lincoln; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Hastings, with the Rev. Alan Davis officiating. Burial was Wednesday in Silver Creek Cemetery, north of Falls City.

Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to [www.lbvfh.com](http://www.lbvfh.com).

## Maxine D. Gormley

Maxine D. Gormley, 92, Falls City, formerly of rural Hiawatha, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Community Medical Center.

Maxine was born in Huron, KS, Jan. 1, 1919, one of nine children of Joseph and Cassie Lowe Fulk and spent her early years in the Huron area. On Feb. 28, 1938, she was married to Gerald W. Gormley, for 71 years, before he passed away Sept. 23, 2009. She was a farmer's wife and homemaker all of her life and did a wonderful job.

Survivors include four children and spouses: Geraldine (John) Majerus, Junction City, KS, Joe (Shirley) Gormley, Hiawatha, Linda (James) Beckner, FC, and Cheryl (Denny) Murphy, Atchison, KS; sister, Ruthanne Tilton, San Antonio, TX; 13 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, a son, a grandson, a great-grandson, three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha with Fr. David Oldham officiating. Interment was in Hiawatha Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Maxine Gormley Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of the funeral home, 1124 S. 7th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434.

A special message may be sent to the family at [www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com).

## Lester F. Ebel



Lester F. Ebel, 91, rural Rulo, passed away Thursday, March 17, 2011, at Sabetha, KS.

The son of Henry and Martha (Schmidt) Ebel, he was born May 17, 1919, at Rulo. Lester was raised north of Rulo. Following his schooling, he started farming with his father.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

On Feb. 23, 1951, he married Helen Johnson at FC. She passed away May 15, 2003. The couple established their home on a farm in the Salem area. In 1982 they moved to the present family home west of Rulo. He farmed and raised livestock his entire life and he also drove hay trucks.

Lester was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He also was a member of American Legion Post #102 and Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post #1765, both of Falls City.

He is survived by three sons, Ron Ebel and Robert Ebel, both of FC, and Lester F. Ebel Jr., Byron, NE; five daughters, Mary Lou Ebel, Lincoln, Dixie Beckner and fiancé, Orville Hoy, Bonnie (Kenny) Lock, Helen (Tony) Hyde and Susie Ebel, all of Hiawatha; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Lester in death were his parents; wife; brother, Raymond; son, Charles; two great-grandchildren; grandson, Justin Swindle; daughter-in-law, Karen Sailors.

Funeral services were held March 22 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Judith Wascher officiating. Interment was in Steele Cemetery. Military graveside services were conducted by the FC Ceremonial Honor Guard.

The family received friends Monday at Dorr & Clark Funeral Home.

## Margaret (Warner) Davis

Margaret (Warner) Davis, 90, Humboldt, passed away at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

The daughter of Chris and Lily (Edward) Warner, she was born June 20, 1920, in Humboldt. She grew up and attended school there.

On May 13, 1939, Margaret was united in marriage to Lester Davis in Seneca, KS. The couple lived all of their married life in Humboldt.

She was a lifetime member of the Humboldt America Legion Auxiliary #269, the Pawnee VFW Auxiliary #5289 and the Humboldt United Methodist Church. Margaret enjoyed embroidery, bowling, making quilts and thinking of projects to keep Lester busy.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; husband in 2007; son, Jerry Davis; brothers, Floyd, Herbert, John and Chris Jr. Warner; daughters-in-law, Darlene Davis and Carol Davis and great-grandson, Tyler Ward.

Margaret is survived by sons, Larry Davis and his wife Marlene, and Richard Davis and his wife Martha, all of Humboldt, Lester Jr. Davis and his wife Naomi, Nebraska City; 12 grandchildren; six-great-grandchildren; five step-grandsons; six step-great-grandchildren.

A graveside Memorial Service was held March 23 at the Humboldt Cemetery with Pastor Matthew Mortenson officiating.

Memorials may be given to the family's choice. Wherry Mortuary, Humboldt, was in charge of arrangements.

## Gilbert A. Thomas



Gilbert A. Thomas, 93, Falls City, passed away Monday, March 21, 2011.

The son of Lewis C. and Mary K. (Rohlmeier) Thomas, he was born Nov. 1, 1917, north of Rulo.

Gilbert was raised on a farm north of Rulo, attended rural school District 27, and later graduated from the National School of Aeronautics in Kansas City, MO. He then worked at the Martin Bomber Plant in Baltimore, MD, as a flight line crew chief, checking out B-26 bombers for delivery to the Army Air Corps.

He served in the U. S. Army in 1946 and 1947.

Following his discharge from the service, he worked as a mechanic for the E. J. Morehead Auto Co., then started farming in 1949.

On Dec. 27, 1951, he married Kathryn L. Wittrock at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, six miles north. The couple established their home northwest of Rulo, retiring in 1983 and moving to their present family home in Falls City.

Gilbert was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, having served on the Church Council for eight years. He served as secretary of District 27 School Board for 14 years, was a member of the Win-

nebago-Bean Watershed District and serving as treasurer from its inception until completion of the project. He also was a member of the FC Elks Lodge #963.

Gilbert is survived by his wife, Kathryn L. Thomas, Falls City; son, Keith (Maryann) Thomas, FC; daughter, Debra (Robert) Killingsworth, Overland Park, KS; four grandchildren and a step-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Harold in infancy and Neal Thomas and sister, Lydia Poitner.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Judith Wascher officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery with graveside honors conducted by the FC Ceremonial Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at Dorr & Clark Funeral Home.

## Harry A. Swenson

Harry A. Swenson, 93, Falls City, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Funeral services are pending. Current service information can be found at [www.dorr-and-clark.com](http://www.dorr-and-clark.com).

Dorr & Clark Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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# FC Library earns '5 Star' rating from Library Journal

By Scott Schock

In her annual report to the city council, Librarian Hope Schawang reported that the Falls City Library and Arts Center has been awarded "Star" status by the Library Journal.

Only 258 of the 7,407 rated public libraries earn the "Star" (three, four or five) designation. Falls City's library was accorded a "Five Star" rating in the latest release (2010). It was one of only 63 new Stars recognized.

"It's quite an honor," Ms. Schawang said.

She said the local library also has achieved "Excellent" accreditation status (through 2012) from the Nebraska Library Commission. Among the benefits of this rating, the Library and Arts Center can apply for grants.

Ms. Schawang described some of the 2011 and five-year goals at the community facility, including pursuing interns from Peru State College, exploring county funding and extending the time the library is open by 10 hours.

The amount of traffic through the library is impressive. For example, in November of 2010, 8,521 patrons used the facility. The latest figures show 4,829 library patrons served by a staff of four, the smallest staff of any comparable library in the state. Circulation last year was 133,313 (compared to Nebraska City's 85,718 and a staff of nine).

Volunteers, Ms. Schawang said, make the difference. In 2010, those donating their time worked 556 hours.

Staff members are Ms. Schawang, director, Kathy Kirkendall, circulation desk, Dianne Hinz, children's librarian, and Pat Deckinger, clerical librarian.

"We appreciate all your



Ray and Ruth Finck of Falls City were selected as winners in the America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM program, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The Monsanto Fund sponsors the program, and winning farmers designate a local nonprofit organization to benefit from the donations. The Fincks designated Sacred Heart School to receive the donation.

Finck said he is very excited to have been selected as the winner for Richardson County. "The Grow Communities program is great for the community," he said.

Monsignor Robert Roh, superintendent of Sacred Heart School,

said, "Sacred Heart School is grateful to the Monsanto Fund for their gift of \$2,500. We will apply the money to help pay for the school's recently installed heating/AC system that replaces a system that had been installed in 1952. We applaud the Monsanto Fund for its interest and support of our school and education in southeast Nebraska."

The \$2,500 donation was awarded at a ceremony held March 18 at the Falls City Auditorium. Photographed, from left: FCSH Principal Doug Goltz, Mr. and Mrs. Finck, School Superintendent Msgr. Robert Roh, and Monsanto representative Jeff Frerichs.

hard work," Mayor Tim Hersh said. Ms. Schawang said the effort would not be possible without the many volunteers.

An agenda item — Pamida's request to discuss the council's vote to deny a liquor license — was struck from the agenda. Manager Barb Sailors said Pamida decided not to move forward with their request. She pointed out that Pamida has been a part of the local business community for 35 years, is well vested in

the community and emphasizes community growth. She said Pamida may pursue the liquor license at a later time.

Mayor Hersh read a statement regarding legal fees stemming from a lawsuit the city filed against the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool and others. The defendants in the 2006 case had requested more than \$80,000 in costs but, after appeal and a Nebraska Supreme Court review, those costs were reduced to slightly less than \$14,000.

In other developments, the council:

—Approved hiring eight part-time summer workers at a wage of \$9 per hour.

—Approved on first reading an ordinance to amend code regarding the disposal of garbage, refuse, waste or rubbish. Basically, the amendment tightens regulations requiring disposal of garbage by legal means and more specifically prohibits allowing garbage to accumulate.

—Passed on second reading an amendment to include the Landlord Tenant Acts in the Housing Board section of Municipal Code.

—Authorized the preparation of an ordinance to vacate Huber Road between 18th and

21st Streets, where a new home is to be built.

—Approved a request from the FCHS senior class to block off Stone Street between 16th and 17th Streets from 8-8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23. A group senior picture will be taken.

—Approved on first reading a Code amendment regarding city representation on the EDGE Board of Directors.

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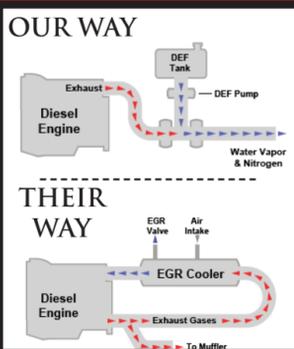
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## BIG RED RECRUITING REPORT

By Sean Stevens

(Falls City native and staff writer for HuskerIllustrated.com and DuckSportsAuthority.com, members of the Rivals.com network)

Spring practice has begun and gone on hiatus as UNL takes a week off for spring break. There are some interesting stories from week one, though.

One of the most talked about changes is sophomore quarterback **Taylor Martinez** stepping into more of a leadership role. Apparently Martinez has improved his relationship with his teammates and impressed his coaches with his efforts to improve his ability to read defenses. Whether that translates into his keeping the starting quarterback position remains to be seen, but it's certainly a positive step for a young man who was aloof at best in 2010.

Running back is a position that will lack depth this spring, as NU waits for freshmen **Aaron Green**, **Ameer Abdullah** and **Braylon Heard** to join the team in the fall. One thing NU lacks is a "big back" after the departure of Dontrayveous Robinson. Junior **Collins Okafor** hopes to fill that bill. At 6-foot-1 and 225 pounds, Okafor might just provide the punch that new running backs coach Ron Brown wants in short-yardage situations.

Starting offensive tackle **Jeremiah Sirls** and starting defensive end **Cameron Meredith** will both miss spring practice while recovering from off-season shoulder surgeries. The absence of Sirls gives young players such as true freshman **Tyler Moore** and redshirt freshmen **Mike Moudy** and **Jake Cotton** (who moved to offensive tackle from defensive tackle) a chance to shine while guys like **Jason Ankrach**, **Eric Martin** and **Josh Williams** will get more opportunities due to Meredith being out.

In my last column I mentioned that NU's staff had been revamped with the addition of Ross Els, Corey Raymond, Rich Fisher and John Garrison. A couple of late additions to the staff include former Husker all-American Brendan Stai as an intern and former NFL tight end Vince Morrow as an graduate assistant working with the offensive line and tight ends.

Morrow is quite a coup, bringing with him a wealth of experience and possibly his son, running back Mike Marrow (6-2/240) who transferred from Alabama to Eastern Michigan after his freshman season due to the deaths of three grandparents in the span of a year. Mike redshirted at Alabama in 2009 and did not play at EMU, so the Marrow family anticipates that the NCAA will grant him a hardship waiver and he would have three years remaining.

Vince Morrow has coached at Toledo University, in NFL Europe and in 2010 with the Omaha Nighthawks of the UFL. He also coached freshman NU defensive tackle Kevin Williams in high school in 2009.

With the 2011 class barely in the books, the NU coaches have hit recruiting hard to work on 2012. One commitment is in the books at this point, linebacker **Michael Rose** (6-0/218) of Kansas City, Mo. who turned down Iowa, Kansas and USC. The Huskers are also in on some heavily sought-after national guys.

Five-star prospects such as wide receiver **Dorial Green-Beckham** (6-6/220) of Springfield, Mo., offensive tackle **Andrus Peat** (6-7/280) of Tempe, Ariz. and defensive tackle **Eddie Goldman** (6-4/307) of Washington, DC are all high on the Huskers' radar.

Green-Beckham and Goldman will be difficult targets, but NU might have a bit of inside track on Goldman as his high school coach is friendly with both Corey Raymond and Ross Els.

Peat's brother Todd was a Signing Day surprise for NU this past February, and Andrus also likes NU but holds offers from Alabama, Arizona State, Florida, Florida State, Oregon, Texas and USC among others. He will consider all options before committing.

Along with Peat, NU has targeted some high profile offensive line prospects like **Evan Boehm** (6-3/290) of Lee's Summit, Mo., **Ronnie Stanley** (6-7/285) of Las Vegas, Nev. and **Mike Shoff** (6-6/280) of Cambridge, Nebr. All three are listed among Rivals.com's top 250 players to watch.

Shoff missed most of his junior season after injuring his knee. He was able to return for the playoffs and compete in wrestling this past winter. Shoff is a freak athlete, boasting an 11.8-second 100-meter dash and 29-inch vertical leap while also bench-pressing 420 pounds. In addition, he has suffered only one career loss as a heavyweight wrestler and is now a two-time state champion. Iowa has offered, but Nebraska wants to see him at camp this summer before deciding. If they offer, expect Shoff to commit on the spot.

"Iowa is my second team behind Nebraska," he told HuskersIllustrated.com. "They are a good school and a good program, but right now I just don't feel that they are Nebraska. Maybe if I didn't get that Nebraska offer Iowa would be another place I'd go."

Boehm lists Auburn, Michigan and Oklahoma among his double-digit offer list. He's been to Lincoln twice, and has a relationship with coaches Pelini and Cotton. He told HuskersIllustrated.com that he's hearing from another Husker coach also.

"Coach (John) Garrison seems like a really fun coach and fun guy to get to know, and I know he's from the Kansas City area and he knows what it's like. I'd know somebody from the Kansas City area if I chose to go up there, that'd be pretty cool."

Stanley plans to attend NU's spring game and will also visit Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Cal, USC and UCLA. All have offered, and Stanley will consider them all along with others. His recruiting has been somewhat slower than others, as he's been playing basketball this winter.

Rose, Peat and Stanley all plan to attend the April 16 Red-White game, as do defensive ends Troy Hinds (6-4/225) of Kaysville, Utah and Greg McMullen (6-5/255) of Akron, Ohio along with offensive lineman **Paul Thurston** (6-5/274) of Arvada, Colo.

Hinds lists Michigan and Oklahoma among his ten-plus offers, but NU has a good shot.

"I've always been a Nebraska fan, for as long as I can remember," Hinds said. "There were a bunch of teams too (I was a fan of), but I know my dad has always liked Nebraska too."

McMullen has NU in his top three along with Ohio State and Notre Dame, while Michigan, Notre Dame and Oregon are among heavy competition for Thurston.

If Bo Pelini and staff can build on the momentum they've built in recruiting with a solid on-field 2011, the 2012 class could be among the best in recent memory.

### ACADEMIC ALL-STATE AWARDS

This NSAA Award Program recognizes students who meet the criteria for nomination by their school in the season their activity takes place.



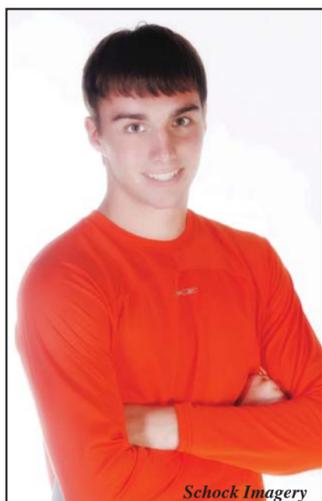
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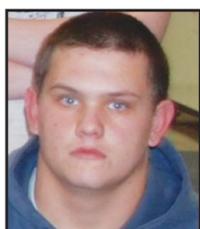
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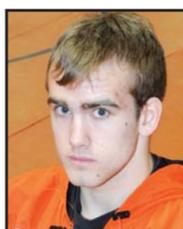
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3. NSAA high schools or their cooperative sponsorship may nominate a maximum of two students per NSAA activity program.

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# What rust?

Freeman opens '11 with one-under 35 in brutal conditions

Calvin Freeman, Humboldt-TR-S' decorated senior golfer, earned first place by grinding out an impressive one-under, 35, Tuesday afternoon at the H-TR-S Triangular held at Kirkman's Lakeview Golf Course.

Wind and a slight threat of thunderstorms made conditions tough for the golfers. Fortunately the thunderstorms stayed away but wind was a different story. Steady winds of 25-30 mph with gusts up to 45 mph blew the entire round. Golfers from Falls City High, Auburn and one from Pawnee City joined the host school.

H-TR-S senior Cody Tasler



2011 Humboldt-TR-S/Pawnee City Golf Team, front row, from left: Tony Knutson, Tate Hanzlicek, Aaron Antholz, Dylan Watkins, Dean Lewis;

back row, from left: Calvin Freeman, Adam Burgett, Josh Bursovsky, Cody Tasler, Justin Judge; not pictured, Austin Nider.

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also broke 40 with his three-over par 39. H-TR-S won the triangular shooting a team score of 166. Other H-TR-S scores: Adam Burgett (44), Josh Busovsky (48) and Justin Judge (48). Falls City sophomore Wade Witt led the Tigers with a solid 43 and senior Jack Munford birdied the holes eight and nine

to card a 44. The Tiger team score of 184 put them second in front of Auburn's 193. Other Tiger scores included Brant Vice (48), Brent Maze (49) and Matt Gilsdorf (50). Both H-TR-S and Falls City will compete in Monday's Auburn Invitational.

## 2011 HTRS/Pawnee City Golf Schedule

Mar. 22	<b>HTRS Triangular</b>	4 p.m.
Mar. 28	Auburn Invite	9 a.m.
Apr. 5	Falls City JV Triangular	4 p.m.
Apr. 6	Lewiston Invite	10 a.m.
Apr. 12	Wymore Southern Invite	9 a.m.
Apr. 18	<b>HTRS Invite</b>	2:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	Falls City JV Invite	9:30 a.m.
Apr. 27	Palmyra Invite @ Woodland Hills GC	8:30 a.m.
Apr. 28	<b>HTRS Dual</b>	4 p.m.
May 3	Elmwood-Murdock Invite @ Grampa's Woods GC	1 p.m.
May 5	Johnson County Central Invite	9 a.m.
May 9	Lincoln Christian Invite @ Hi Mark GC	9 a.m.
May 16-17	Class C Districts @ Crooked Creek GC - Lincoln	TBD
May 23-24	State Golf @ Meadowlark Hills, Kearney	TBD

(Home meets in bold)



**Thursday Night Short-timers (Mar. 17)**  
Ladies' Hi-10 and Hi-30, Terri Jo Ansel, 226-590.  
Men's Hi-10, Paul Rieger, 221; Hi-30, Tom Acton, 599.

**Wednesday Nite Men's (Mar. 16)**  
Hi-10, Greg Duryea, 255; Hi-30, Larry Munn, 622.

**Ladies' Major League (Mar. 15)**  
Hi-10 and Hi-30, Lacey Acton, 169-452.

**Monday Night Mixed (Mar. 21 - Make up from Mar. 14)**  
Ladies' Hi-10, Casey Cochran and Terri Jo Ansel, 200; Hi-30, Casey Cochran, 587.  
Men's Hi-10 and Hi-30, Jim Hoy, 257-659.



Best county high school golfer ever? HTRS' Calvin Freeman may well make that claim - certainly if he ends his senior season like he started it. He shot a 64 in competition as a junior and opened 2011 with a one-under par 35 Tuesday in blustery conditions at Kirkman's.

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### FCHS Cheerleaders at COA nationals this weekend

The Falls City High School Cheerleaders are competing in the COA Nationals this weekend in Kansas City, Mo. The team will give its final performance for the home crowd at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Falls City Area Jaycees held its annual Super Shooters event last Sunday. The event consisted of four age groups and results are as follows: Ages 6 - 7: 1st place, Jon Craig; 2nd, Jackson Feighner; 3rd, Sam Dunn; Ages 8 - 9: 1st, Halen Farmer; 2nd, Caden Smith; 3rd, Braden Oliver; Ages 10 - 11: 1st, Cade Schawang; 2nd, Noah Milam; 3rd, Rudy Vrtiska; Ages 12 - 13: 1st, Brandon Gibson; 2nd, Aaron Kurpgeweit; 3rd, Austin Cochran. Photographed, front row, from left: Jon Craig and Sam Dunn; middle row, Caden Smith, Braden Oliver and Halen Farmer; back row, Noah Milam, Rudy Vrtiska, Austin Cochran, Brandon Gibson, Aaron Kurpgeweit and Cade Schawang.

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### FCMS wrestlers finish season at Gretna

FC Middle School seventh grade wrestler Dylan Feighner finished runner-up at the Gretna Invite, the Tigers' final competition of the spring. Feighner was one of four medalists, but the lone wrestler to advance to the final. At 175 pounds, Feighner went 2-0 before losing in the title match. He finishes the season with a 13-6 record.

Seventh grader Trenton Pentecost (100) and eighth graders Tucker Merz (160) and Jeremy Zimmerman (210) all finished third. Pentecost went 3-1 and finished with a team-best 15 wins (against nine losses) this season. Merz, too, was 3-1 and he finishes with a 10-6 record. Zimmerman was 2-1 at Gretna and went 10-5 in 2011.

Morgan Valentine didn't wrestle at Gretna, but put together the team's best season, as per winning percentage, going 13-3. Other FCMS wrestlers who competed this spring, and their weights and final records: Blake Black, 110, 3-15; Martin Richbourg, 170, 1-11; Coulton McCann, 175, 5-6; Alex Harris, 180, 1-10.

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# 'differences in design' between Cooper, Japanese nuclear plants

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an explosion in a building surrounding the reactor.

## There are differences in Cooper's design

The Japanese units are General Electric boiling water reactors (BWR) with the Mark 1 containment design, as is Cooper. A number of important improvements have been made to the containment system at CNS over the life of the plant. It is unknown if the Japanese units have made these same modifications.

Cooper is one of 35 BWRs operating today in the U.S. The station has been enhanced or modified for operational safety point and into the atmosphere. This eliminates the need to vent hydrogen gas into the reactor building, as was done in Japan.

In the event of a strong earthquake at a pre-determined level at Cooper, the plant would shutdown, and a comprehensive inspection would be made by plant operators before any restart. If offsite power (which supports the plant's safety system) would fail, several backup systems are in place and are tested on a regular basis. The station houses two permanent, redundant safety-related automatic emergency diesel generators capable of powering all safety-related equipment. One unit could run for 20 days with existing fuel oil supply housed in underground bunkers. Installation of a third generator is expected to be completed later this spring.

Cooper's design also includes four, independent sets of batteries (two redundant sets) that provide direct current (DC) power to safety-related equipment. The batteries are designed for a minimum 4-hour operation without any AC power, although calculations show that batteries are capable of providing power greater than eight hours with loss of all AC power.

A portable diesel generator is in place inside a protective structure to power up battery chargers, in the event of a complete loss of offsite power and the failure of the emergency diesel generators to operate. This generator is independent of all plant systems and can power two battery chargers for an indefinite time.

In addition, procedures are in place to use staged diesel-driven, portable, pumps to deliver water into the reactor independent of on-site AC or DC power. In addition, there are staged and portable battery vent the reactor in the event of an emergency to the elevated release point independent of onsite AC or DC power.

## United States nuclear power plants and earthquakes

All nuclear power plants in the U.S. are also designed for seismic events. Nuclear plants are built with a "defense-in-depth" philosophy that uses multiple safety barriers, sophisticated earthquake detection systems, and redundant safety systems to assure that public health and safety. Every U.S. nuclear power plant is designed to withstand the maximum projected earthquake in the site location's geographic area, and reactor operators are trained to safely shut down the plant under these respective criteria.

Like all U.S. nuclear plants, Cooper is designed to withstand earthquakes based on the risk for this area, as required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Cooper is designed to withstand a 6.0 (Richter scale) earthquake for safe shutdown of the reactor. The last earthquake felt at Cooper occurred December 16, 2009, was centered two miles north of Auburn, Nebraska, and recorded a 3.5 on the Richter scale. The strongest earthquakes in the state measured 5.1 and occurred in 1887 and 1964, respectively. Cooper also has a "beyond-design-basis" strategy to mitigate against events like those taking place in Japan.

## NPPD, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commissions' role in safety of the public

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an independent agency by Congress in 1974 to enable the nation to safely use radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes while ensuring that people and the environment are protected. The NRC regulates commercial nuclear power plants and other uses of nuclear materials, such as in nuclear medicine, through licensing, inspection and enforcement of its requirements.

McClure pointed out, "It is NPPD's responsibility to safely operate at Cooper Nuclear Station each and every day, and we have demonstrated that throughout the unit's 37 years of operation. During that time, we have continued to focus on improved safety performance and reliability. Our employees, many who live within the numerous communities of southeast Nebraska and northwest Missouri, are fully aware of the obligation to operate safely and continue the strong trust with the citizens of those communities."

## Operator training extensive

Initial and continuing training programs for plant operators routinely cover procedures for handling events similar to those confronting the operators in Japan. Operators must successfully test and pass an extensive training program to obtain an NRC operator's license. They must also have continuing training to maintain that license.

"Cooper generated electricity 484 consecutive days before starting its planned refueling and maintenance outage, which is currently in progress," McClure explained. "Ongoing training using in-house simulators, which replicate the plant's control rooms, prepare our operators for these types of emergencies and are done on a regular basis. The training prepares personnel to address earthquakes and other natural disasters and prepare to handle complex scenarios."

## Operators are trained to:

- Handle a loss of offsite AC power, both for short and long durations.
- Handle a loss of offsite AC power combined with a loss of onsite emergency backup power supplies (station blackout).
- Maintain core cooling in the event of a loss of normal cooling capabilities.
- Maintain the integrity of the plant's containment structures, even in the event of damage to the reactor core.
- Follow severe accident management guidelines which are procedures that cover accidents beyond the normal design basis of the plant, including complete loss of normal and emergency cooling water systems.
- Maintain the plant in a safe condition even in the event of a loss of control of (or severe damage to) portions of the plant or site.

## Emergency Response Planning

Cooper also adheres to an emergency response plan that includes periodic drills, role-plays of mock scenarios to practice the plan. Events such as earthquakes, floods, and tornados are included in the emergency classification levels of the plan and are frequently a part of drill scenarios.

These exercises occur multiple times throughout the year and often involve Missouri and Nebraska emergency management agencies. More than 300 site employees are members of Cooper's emergency preparedness organization. In addition, the NRC periodically evaluates the effectiveness of Cooper's performance during these exercises. Drills also include scenarios that result in decision-making by state emergency management organizations to determine evacuations inside designated evacuation zones.

All residents who live within the plant's 10-mile evacuation zone are supplied annually with an information guide for use in the event of a major emergency at Cooper. A series of warning sirens, which are tested periodically, have been put into place throughout the community by NPPD to alert residents in the event of an emergency situation.

## Community Questions

NPPD is aware that individuals and groups within proximity to the Cooper Nuclear Station may have questions or concerns that they may want addressed, and several methods have been established to assist in getting those answers.

Individuals can send an e-mail to [mbecke@nppd.com](mailto:mbecke@nppd.com) with their questions.

Civic groups and organizations that would like a speaker to make a presentation about Cooper Nuclear Station should go to NPPD's Speaker's Bureau page at [www.nppd.com/speaker.asp](http://www.nppd.com/speaker.asp).

# County Board addresses tax credit error

County officials met with the commissioners last week to discuss an incorrect rate of the property tax credit allowed by the State of Nebraska being used by the County Assessor when preparing the 2010 tax statements.

Assessor Regina Cummings communicated via teleconference. Attending this portion of the Tuesday, March 15, meeting were Deputy Assessor Michelle Kreifels, County Attorney Bob Meyer and Deputy County Attorney Doug Merz.

Merz recommended that the County Assessor notify each subdivision of the approximate loss each will realize. The approximate amount of the total loss of revenue to all subdivisions within the county is \$23,000.

Jay Spearman of Ameritas Investment Corp. presented information on Highway Allocation Fund Bonds and the possibility of funding bridge projects and other road improvement projects.

Highway Supt. Scott Huppert met with the commissioners for his weekly update. Because of a publishing error, a public hearing about the closing of a portion of 650 Blvd. south of 706 Road was changed to Tuesday, April 12, at 10 a.m.

Huppert was directed to complete a study on the use of a portion of 704 Road, west of 651 Avenue.

Extension Educator Lyndsay Chichester met with the board to ask about the use by her office of a patrol car no longer in service to the Sheriff's Department. The board approved the use, with the Extension Office providing maintenance and fuel.

Sheriff Randy Houser provided an update and a discussion was held on the drafted resolution to provide for a specific salary for non-certified deputy sheriffs until such time that they become certified. No action was taken.

And, Adam Morris and Cassey Whalen made a presentation on the status of Main Street Falls City.

## Birthday party

Charlene Schuetz is about to celebrate a birthday, and members of her family want her friends to join the party.

The celebration is planned for Wednesday, March 30, at the Crosswinds Restaurant at the FC Country Club. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

All friends are invited to attend and wish Charlene a happy birthday.

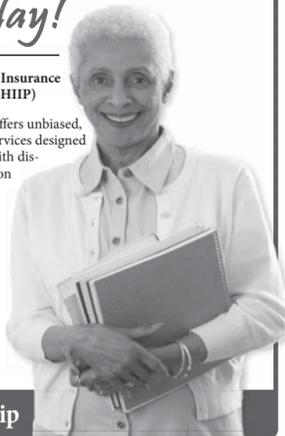
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# From the Governor's Desk

Celebrate the Value of Agriculture  
By Governor Dave Heineman  
March 18, 2011



Dear Fellow Nebraskans:

In March, we are recognizing Nebraska's agriculture industry for its contributions to our state. Nebraska is a strong agricultural state and one of the key reasons Nebraska's economy is stronger than most states.

Recently I traveled to Gering, Ogallala and Hastings with several farm leaders to highlight the importance of agriculture.

While Nebraska ranks 38th by population, we are the nation's fourth largest agriculture state. We are a leading producer of commodities ranging from cattle and hogs, to pinto and Great

Northern beans, popcorn, corn, and soybeans.

In addition to providing food for American households, the products grown and raised in Nebraska are exported to more than 170 countries around the world. Processed foods and raw commodities are Nebraska's top two exports. For many international consumers, their first introduction to our state is through marketing efforts for Nebraska beef, pork and other food products.

The demand for agricultural products at home and abroad has helped our state economy remain relatively stable. In addition, agriculture has contributed to Nebraska's changing economic landscape. Our state is one of the most diverse economies in the U.S. with several emerging sectors connected to agriculture, including: biofuels and renewable energy, transportation, warehousing and logistics, hospitality and tourism, food processing, research and development, and the biosciences.

Nebraska is home to many companies on the forefront of crop and livestock genetics, animal vaccine and pharmaceutical production, DNA analysis, irrigation monitoring, and implement manufacturing. The diversity of our agriculture industry is the reason one in three Nebraska jobs are connected to the work of our farmers and ranchers.

Nebraska farmers and ranchers put a priority on helping ensure a safe food supply and preserving our natural resources. More than 95 percent Nebraska's total land is privately-owned. Whether acres are devoted to crop production, range and pastureland, or used for conservation, the vast majority of land in our state has been cared for over many generations by people who understand the value of good stewardship. It is a tradition that continues to be a priority for producers today.

That's the theme of the 2011 Nebraska Department of Agriculture poster contest held to celebrate ag week. This year, more than 1,500 elementary school students took part in the contest, submitting drawings on the theme "Nebraska Agriculture: caring for animals and the Earth every day." The interpretations of this year's winners are posted online at [www.agr.ne.gov](http://www.agr.ne.gov).

I want to thank the students, families and agriculture organizations who were part of our Nebraska Agriculture Week celebration. Our farmers and ranchers impact every Nebraskan and they produce for our families and families around the world.

This is a time to highlight the pivotal role of our agricultural producers and thank them for what they do.

## FC Sacred Heart School 3rd Quarter Green (94-100%) Honor Roll

7th Grade  
Brewer, Jacob  
Froeschl, Joshua  
Goltz, Maggie  
Hamilton, Louise  
Johansen, Lane  
Keithley, Rachael  
Kreifels, Natalie  
Ward, Haley

8th Grade  
Fiegenger, Nicole  
Fouraker, Kelsi  
Kean, Sawyer  
Magdanz, Abigail  
Magdanz, Elizabeth  
Malone, Austin  
Mullins, Ben  
Neddenriep, Abigail  
Rohrer, Emily

9th Grade  
Bieker, Kathryn  
Dunn, Chaz  
Fiegenger, Jarod  
Goltz, Matthew  
Jordan, Ashli  
Keithley, Daniel  
Niemeyer, Colin  
Parrish, Rachel  
Schock, Emma  
Strasheim, Sean

10th Grade  
Aitken, Rachel  
Finck, Clay  
Kean, Toni  
Malcolm, Janey  
Mullins, Matthew  
Scheitel, Lane

11th Grade  
Chapple, Molly  
Landis, Sara  
Rethman, Tami

12th Grade  
Froeschl, Amy  
Hamilton, Sam  
Hillyard, Mallory  
Keithley, Alexander  
Magdanz, Sarah  
Malcolm, Hannah  
Meyer, Andrew  
Sells, Tyler  
**White (91-93%)  
Honor Roll**

7th Grade  
Strasheim, Megan

8th Grade  
Bangert, Ryan  
Haworth, Jesselyn  
Scheitel, Logan

9th Grade  
Bangert, Cassandra  
Haralabidis, Yianni  
Schawang, Brandon  
Speers, Gabrielle

10th Grade  
Barnhill, Lane  
Cromer, Brady

## Blue Cross/Blue Shield grants

This year Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska will award nonprofit organizations in Greater Nebraska a total of \$100,000 in BlueHealth Advantage Wellness Grants.

The deadline to apply for the grants is fast approaching. Applications are available at [www.bcsne.com](http://www.bcsne.com), and they must arrive at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska by April 1.

Grant winners will be determined based on showing the greatest promise for bettering the health and well-being of community residents outside of the Omaha/Lincoln metropolitan areas.

Since 2008, Blue Cross has awarded \$233,000 in wellness grants to organizations across Nebraska in support of health and wellness programs.

For questions, contact Rob Trebilcock at [rob.trebilcock@bcsne.com](mailto:rob.trebilcock@bcsne.com) or 402.982.8872.

Froeschl, Thomas  
Voyles, Megan

11th Grade  
Bangert, David  
Schawang, Kelly  
Stice, Shelby

12th Grade  
Barnhill, Reed  
Keithley, Jeremy  
Voyles, Samantha

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF FAIR AVENUE INNOVATIONS, INC.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a Corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The name of the Corporation is Fair Avenue Innovations, Inc. The registered office of the Corporation is 3424 North Highway 73, P.O. Box 470, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to engage in any lawful business as determined by the Board of Directors. The authorized capital stock of the Corporation is 10,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share. The Corporation commenced existence on February 4, 2011 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted by the Board of Directors, President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.

FAIR AVENUE INNOVATIONS, INC.

Laura Prosser, Incorporator

WEAVER & MERZ  
Douglas E. Merz #12807  
Robert J. Meyer #22281  
1719 Stone Street  
P.O. Box 569  
Falls City, NE 68355  
402-245-301  
10-17-24

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 2010-2011-48**

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed by 10 or more electors residing within 10 miles of the county road described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the NW corner of the NE quarter and at the NE corner of the NW quarter of Section 16, Township 1, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska running south to a concrete bridge and thence south approximately 2,020 feet to the Nemaha River.

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Statute 39-1722 and 39-1723, the Richardson County Board of Commissioners directed the Richardson County Highway Superintendent to study and submit a report to the Board on the use being made of such public road by December 30, 2010, and

WHEREAS, such report was submitted by Scott Huppert, Richardson County Highway Superintendent to the Board of Commissioners on December 7, 2010, and further study completed and submitted on February 15, 2010, in which he states the following:

1) Closing 650 Blvd south of 706 Road would at a minimum landlock a property owner.

2) Assumption is made that personal easements have been or will be made amongst the landowners to access all property, pursuant to the landowners request for vacation or abandonment.

3) If the personal easements are made, I see no reason why this road, 650 Blvd., could not be vacated or abandoned beginning at a point fifty (50') south of the south track of the BNSF railway running south to the north bank of the Nemaha River, with the adjacent landowners assuming responsibility for Richardson County field entrance bridge FB17 and Richardson County Bridge CO07404110P.

4) Vacation or abandonment would also require the road be gated and the gates maintained.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a Public Hearing be scheduled for the closure and abandonment of said road on April 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202, Courthouse, Falls City, NE.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2011.

David D. Sickel, Chairman  
Bill Ely  
Myron J. (Jim) Davidson

Mary L. Eickhoff  
Richardson County Clerk  
17-24-31

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received at City Hall, 1820 Towle Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 5:00 P.M., March 31, 2011, for the purpose of leasing the concession stand at the Dallas Jones Memorial Park. The lease shall be for the summer of 2011 with an option to renew said lease for the summer of 2012 and 2013, all being subject to the approval of the Park Board.

The City of Falls City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid it feels most advantageous to the City of Falls City. A copy of the current specifications of the lease agreement are on file at the office of the City Clerk.

Gary Jorn, Clerk  
17-24

**ESU 4**

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of March:

General Fund -- \$56,416.34  
Payroll -- \$339,422.98  
NCECBVI -- \$34,627.18  
Federal Programs -- \$7,870.12

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2011, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the ESU 4 Learning Center, 1109 R Street, Auburn, Nebraska.

Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

**Nemaha NRD**

**Nemaha NRD EXPENDITURE LISTING FOR JANUARY, 2011**

Abbreviations for this legal: Sa. Salaries; Se. Service; Su. Supplies; SST. Social Security Tax; Medc. Medicare Tax; SWT. State Withholding Tax; FWT. Federal Withholding Tax; RETX. Real Estate Tax; Re. Repairs; Exp. Expenses; PO. Postage; Per. Permits; Adv. Advertisement; Rt. Rent; CS. Cost Share; Sub. Subscription; Du. Dues; Ref. Refund; EBP. Employee Benefit Program; Eq. Equipment; WC. Well Closing; Reg. Registration; Ut. Utilities; CM. Copier Maintenance; PD. Per Diem; FN. Fencing; Ins. Insurance; Tr. Travel Expense; Cnst. Construction; SR. Structure Repair; Dsgn. Design; Eng. Engineering Fee; FF. File Fee; Au. Auditor; WP. Wetland Project; Est. Easement; EstR. Easement Requirement; LOC. Line of Credit; PS. Professional Services; USP. Urban Special Project/Equip. Environmental Quality Incentives Program; SUT. State Unemployment Taxes; Fu. Fuel; CPP. Conservation Program Payments; GEC. General Election Charges; ST. Sales Tax; KCP. Kirkman's Cove

Project: MCP. Muddy Creek Project; BDC. Buck/Duck Creek Project; USP. Urban Spec. Proj.; PW. Partners for Wildlife; TP. Tree Program; JHP. Iron Horse Project; HMP. Hazard Mitigation Plan

Lynette Young Est. 77,500.00  
Kuhl Trenching, Inc. Cnst. 64,578.70  
Black Hills Energy, Ut. 56.28  
City of Tecumseh, Ut. 9.90  
New Energy Gas Division, Ut. 149.33  
Nemaha Valley Refuse, Se. 50.00  
Gage County Clerk, GEC. 185.32  
Kerner True Value, Exp. 41.40  
Farm Plan, Exp. 140.86  
NE Assoc. of Resources Dist., Reg. 1,225.00  
NE Dept. of Revenue, ST. 2,234.12  
AFLAC, Ins. 133.10  
AS Central Services, Se. 12.93  
Omaha Public Power Dist., Ut. 126.60  
Johnson Co. RWD#1, Ut. 42.38  
Pawnee Co. RWD#1, Ut. 28.62  
Mary Heusman, WC. 266.07  
JEO Consulting Group, Eng. 9,124.50  
JEO Consulting Group, Eng. 4,189.00  
NACD, Du. 1,775.00  
Nebraska Forest Serv., Reg. 20.00  
Nebraska U.C. Fund, Exp. 790.00  
RST Farms Inc., CS. 900.00  
Shanahan Brothers Const., JHP. 26,275.36  
Ron & Mike Wintz, CS. 488.54  
Shanahan Brothers Const., JHP. 16,075.00  
Water Sciences Lab UNL, Se. 2,025.50  
Rou & Mike Wintz, CS. 488.54  
Stock Seed Farms, Exp. 345.00  
Zech Constr., Re. 2,700.00  
AT&T, Se. 124.85  
Auburn Newspapers, Adv. 13.38  
Binary Net, Se. 39.95

Charles Courtney, BDC. 3,643.11  
Falls City Journal, Adv. 6.21  
First National Bank Omaha, Tr. 43.56  
First National Bank Omaha, Fu. 36.50  
First National Bank Omaha, Fu. 109.00  
The Flatwater Group, Eng. 27,000.00  
Gatehouse Media, Adv. 57.89  
Dale Henke, WC. 498.75  
Humboldt Standard, Adv. 68.74  
M & M Supply, Fu. 905.62  
Mid-American Benefits, EBP. 420.00  
Modern Methods, Se. 111.04  
NARD Risk Pool Assoc., EBP. 23,537.50  
NebWorks Inc., Se. 350.00  
Nemaha County Treas., Taxes. 434.70  
Omaha Public Power Dist., Ut. 889.62  
ReliaStar Life Insur. Co., 457. 170.50  
Richardson Co. RWD#1, Ut. 300.00  
Sunrise Publications, Adv. 54.00  
The Voice, Adv. 26.93  
Windstream, Se. 292.60  
Chuck Wingert, Tr. 66.75  
Westside Auto Su., Exp. 381.66  
Arlin Beebe, CS. 500.00  
Bletscher Trucking, JHP. 614.88  
Field Ford Inc., Exp. 170.50  
Gee Family Farms LLC, BDC. 12,167.72  
Richard Groff, BDC. 10,763.41  
Martin Marietta, JHP. 2,037.88  
Nationwide Insurance, EBP. 5,765.26  
NE Dept. of Revenue, SWT. 1,352.95  
Devon Roessner, Clipping, Se. 250.00  
Dennis Rinne, WC. 700.00  
Shanahan Brothers Const., JHP. 25,000.00  
Payroll Taxes. 10,353.60  
January Payroll. 41,051.84

**City of Falls City Annual Water Quality Report For the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2010**

The City of Falls City Utility Department served 2217 customers with approximately 223,000,000 gallons of water in 2010 alone. Customers are provided high quality safe drinking water that surpasses all federal and state standards.

In 1996, the U.S. Congress revised the Safe Drinking Water Act, requiring public water supply systems to send annual water quality reports to all of their customers, beginning with the year 1998.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water.

For more information regarding this report, or public participation opportunities contact: **Alan Romine at Falls City Utility Department. (402) 245-2724** If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the Utility Board regularly scheduled meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 P.M., City Hall, 1820 Towle St., Falls City. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda.

This report is also available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us>, the Website of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**Source of Your Drinking Water**

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of drinking water used by the City of Falls City water system is Groundwater provided by eleven wells located south of Rulo, NE.

The water is lime-softened to remove iron and manganese hardness. It then flows through filters to remove fine particles which may be present in the water. Before entering the distribution system, the water

is disinfected with chlorine and the naturally occurring level of fluoride is raised to aid in the prevention of tooth decay.

**Source Water Assessment Availability**

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment is a Wellhead Protection Area Map, potential contaminant source inventory, vulnerability rating, and source water protection information. The City, with assistance from the Nemaha Natural Resource District is further investigating potential contaminant sources and the possible avenues of mitigation. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the Falls City Utility Offices or NDEQ at (402) 471-6988.

**Contaminants in Drinking Water**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 471-6998.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA

prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection of public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The City of Falls City is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, Dibromochloropropane, Dinosorb, Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothal, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxyamyl (Vydate), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, o-Dichlorobenzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes(total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropane, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Chloromethane, Bromomethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, Chloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropane, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbarryl, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methonyl, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor Uranium-Ir disinfecting test for DBP's.

**Cross-Connection Question And Answer**

Q: What is potentially dangerous about an unprotected sill cock?

A: The purpose of a sill cock is to permit easy attachment of a hose for outside watering purposes. However, a garden hose can be extremely hazardous because they are left submerged in swimming pools, lay in elevated locations (above the sill cock) watering shrubs, chemical sprayers are attached to hoses for weed-killing etc.,

**TEST RESULTS (COLLECTED IN 2010 UNLESS NOTED)**

Microbiological	Highest No. of Positive Samples	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination	Violations Present
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2010					

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites over AL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper, Free	2008-2010	0.196	0.00816-0.401	ppm	1.3	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.
Lead	2008-2010	9.27	1.04-26.3	ppb	15	2	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
ARSENIC	10/14/2008	2.48	2.48	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
BIARIUM	1/22/2008	0.0422	0.0422	ppm	2	2	Discharge from drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
CHROMIUM	1/22/2008	9.86	9.86	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
FLUORIDE	1/1/2010-12-31/2010	1.22	0.967-1.22	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge.
NITRATE-NITRITE	8/9/2010	0.582	0.582	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (haa5)	1/1/2010-12/31/2010	7.0	7.0	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM	1/1/2010-12/31/2010	42.5	42.5	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. RADON & U	4/14/2008	1.4	1.4	pCi/l	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits.

Unregulated Water Quality Data	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	Secondary MCL
SULFATE	10-13-2009	89	89	Mg/l	250

During the 2010 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year 2010			

**Additional Required Health Effects Language:**  
Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other home's in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush you tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4761).

The State requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old. MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. MCLG (Maximum contaminant Level Goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. ppb: parts per billion ppt: parts per trillion pCi/l: picoCuries per liter (measurement of radioactivity)

CUSTOMERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY WILL NOT BE MAILED A COPY OF THIS 2010 QUALITY WATER REPORT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY, YOU CAN PICK UP A COPY AT THE UTILITY OFFICE, LOCATED AT 1820 TOWLE STREET, FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. WEEKDAYS.

## School District #56

### FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the March 14, 2011 School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011, at the Superintendent's Office at Middle School in Falls City, NE.

#### 1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL - School Board members present were: Ed Harris, Scott Huppert, John Martin and Teresa Olberding. Absent: Kathy Bartek and Scott Hollens. President Ed Harris presided at the meeting.

1.2 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION - It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Scott Huppert that it is hereby determined that this meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and is hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said meeting in open session.

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded Teresa Olberding to approve the agenda as presented. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

#### 1.0 Business Items:

1.1 Roll Call  
1.2 Verification of Advanced Publication

1.3 Approval of Agenda  
1.4 Approval of Previous Minutes  
1.5 Audiences

1.6 Approval of Treasurer's Report

1.7 Approval of Claims

2.0 Informational Items/Reports:

2.1 Staff/student/Organization Reports: Kim Oliver, North School; Transportation Report, Robert Baker

2.2 Principals' Reports

2.3 Board President's Report

2.4 Superintendent's Report

2.4a Legislative & Organization Update

2.4b Building and Grounds Update

2.4c School Improvement Process

2.4d Review of Curriculum and Professional Development

2.4e Staffing Planning

2.4f 2011-2012 School Calendar

2.4g Superintendent Meetings

2.4h Board Member Meetings

2.4i Other

2.5 Board Member Comments and/or Reports

2.6 Additions

3.0 Old/New Action Items:

3.1 2011-2012 School Calendar

3.2 Set date for April Regular Board Meeting

3.3 2011 Project list

3.4 Adopt revised superintendent evaluation instrument

3.5 Adopt 2011 district goals

3.6 Non-Resident Tuition

3.7 Other

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

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

1.4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - The minutes of the February 9, 2011 Special Board meeting are amended in paragraph 2.1, No. 1, the correct spelling should be 1. Catherine "Gundersen"; the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting are amended in paragraph 3.1 the motion should read as follows: "It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by John Martin to establish a hiring incentive for the 2011/2012 school year at \$2,000.00 for each new certificated teacher hire."; and the minutes of the March 7, 2011 Special Board meeting are amended at paragraph 2.5 which should state that the closed session was to discuss personnel and was necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and after returning to regular session it was reported that personnel evaluation was discussed. It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Special School Board meeting as corrected, approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 School Board meeting as corrected, approve the minutes of the February 26, 2011 Special School Board meeting, and approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011 Special School Board meeting as corrected. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

1.5 AUDIENCES - There were no comments from the audience at this meeting.

1.6 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT - It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the February 28, 2011 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$780,180.85; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$48,630.43; in the Student Fee Fund of \$1,680.00; in the ICI Fund of \$115,553.15; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$334,757.53; in the Special Building Fund of \$8,404.94; and in the High School Bond Fund of \$159,914.91. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The Board received a High School Current Cash Balance Report; a Middle School Activity Account Report; an Elementary Activity Account; and a School Lunch Report.

1.7 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS - It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the Board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

#### FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - MARCH 2011 CLAIMS

Academic Superstore, software .....	\$662.55
American Ed Corp, Alternative School curriculum .....	\$5,404.00
Am Sam, custodial .....	\$309.18
Ameripride Linnen, district-wide mops & rags .....	\$397.34
Apple Inc., computer repair ...	\$145.00
Armbruster Motors, lease .....	\$300.00
Bartek Chiropractic, bus .....	\$200.00
Central Office Fund, CO - mileage & workshop .....	\$4,783.42
C.O. Fund, postage .....	\$1,032.42
C.O. Fund, bus driver permits & cell phones .....	\$245.10
C.O. Fund, misc exp .....	\$889.89
Central Office Fund, payables (subject to interest) .....	\$2,022.26
Chaney Furniture, maint .....	\$82.74
Channing Bete, Eduquest grant .....	\$885.41
Check In Motel, SPED exp ...	\$120.00
Control Management, maint .....	\$364.76
Cornhusker Marriott, conference expenses .....	\$198.00
Eggers Bros., bus .....	\$57.10
Elem Activity Fund - NS., postage, bus parts .....	\$88.00
Elem Activity Fund - NS., conference exp .....	\$483.00
Elem Activity Fund - NS., misc exp .....	\$223.37
Elem Activity Fund - S.S., postage .....	\$154.91
Elem Activity Fund - S.S., travel .....	\$358.00
Elem Activity Fund - S.S., office supp .....	\$215.36
Elem Activity Fund - S.S., misc expenses .....	\$274.00
EMC Publishing, Eduquest grant .....	\$423.65
ESU 4 Contracted, SPED contr. serv .....	\$1,764.65
ESU 4 Coop, workshops .....	\$545.00
ESU 6, Internet program .....	\$589.64
4-Imprint, Eduquest grant .....	\$307.79
Farm & City Supply, HS industrial tech - bus - grounds .....	\$1,112.35
F.C. Activity, entry fees .....	\$82.00
F.C. Activity, teaching supp ..	\$204.81
F.C. Activity, travel exp .....	\$335.00
F.C. Activity, health grant .....	\$700.00
F.C. Auto Supply, bus parts ...	\$224.67
F.C. Journal, adv. & printing ..	\$234.30
F.C. Mercantile, HS FACS & Central Office .....	\$47.27
F.C. Sanitation, trash serv .....	\$740.03
F.C. School Lunch Program, adult lunches .....	\$1,662.00
F.C. Utilities, electric-gas-water, sewer .....	\$33,039.31
Farmers Repair, welding .....	\$392.04
Follett Library Res., library - district-wide .....	\$478.05
General Parts, maint .....	\$25.92
Google, add. email archiving ..	\$45.83
GovConnection, comp supp ..	\$562.01
Hampton Inn - Kearney, Board & Supt. travel .....	\$270.85
Harding & Shultz, fees .....	\$1,624.35
Hayes School Publishing Co., office supp - SS .....	\$20.70
Home Lumber, grounds .....	\$114.73
HSBC Bus. Solutions, maint ...	\$95.06
Jim Hills, maint/window rep ..	\$465.09
Jo Schock, SPED serv .....	\$3,121.13
Jones A/C, maint .....	\$114.75
Jr Library Guild, SS library ..	\$13.95
JW Pepper, HS band .....	\$766.99
Kriz-Davis Co., maint .....	\$7.31
Lab Safety Supply, maint .....	\$310.54
Lawson Products, bus supp ..	\$222.38
Lewis Implement Co., grounds - tractor repair .....	\$1,252.42
Lubrication Engineers, bus ..	\$319.60
Mary Malcolm, SPED serv ..	\$2,276.50
Mechanical Sales Parts Inc., maint. supp .....	\$90.95
Merz Farm Equipment, grounds - tractor repair .....	\$40.29
MS Activity Fund, supp .....	\$174.98
MS Activity Fund, exp .....	\$32.50
Mr. Automotive, bus parts .....	\$366.45
NASB, board retreat .....	\$453.02
NCECBVI, SPED serv .....	\$245.00
NCSA, Board & Supt. & title registrations .....	\$670.00
NE Central Equip, bus parts ..	\$467.61
NETA Conference, reg. ....	\$1,075.00
Nodaway Valley Bank, copier lease .....	\$4,200.00
NT&T, long distance serv .....	\$33.06
Omaha Truck Center, Inc., bus repair & parts .....	\$935.05
Omaha World Hearld, adv .....	\$946.36
One Source, background checks .....	\$75.00
Pamida, supp - district-wide ...	\$88.70
Parent Child Center, state reimbursement .....	\$369.04
Poppler Music, HS vocal .....	\$14.60
Pro-Ed, Eduquest grant .....	\$190.30
Pro Serv, copier lease .....	\$50.00
PRTS, LLC, contr. serv .....	\$1,943.00
Quill, Eduquest grant & MS office furniture .....	\$770.45
Ram, pest control .....	\$120.00
Releable Office Supplies, MS office supplies .....	\$223.42
Renaissance Learning, elem library .....	\$326.84
Sapp Brothers, bus oil .....	\$979.00
Schmitt Music, MS band .....	\$56.98
School Nurse Supply, nurse supp .....	\$326.09
School Specialty, MS teaching supp .....	\$50.26
Smarterville Ed, tech renewal ..	\$99.95
SNC, local phone serv, Internet .....	\$467.33
Social Studies School Serv, Eduquest grant .....	\$996.02
Towle Realty Co., rent .....	\$525.00
Tremco, maint .....	\$442.75
Tri State Truck & Tractor, bus	\$30.87
True Value, maint .....	\$22.16
UNL, Ext. Assistant wage ..	\$2,265.96
Verizon, cell phone .....	\$22.54
Water Engineering Inc., maint ..	\$231.53
Weekly Reader, teach supp ...	\$624.96
Wolfe's Office Supply, office supp	

& annual report .....

Zito Media, district learning ..

sub total .....

March payroll .....

Grand Total .....

STUDENT FEE FUND

Falls City HS, art supp .....

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS:

2.1 STAFF/STUDENT/ORGANIZATION REPORT - Mrs. Kim Oliver, North School teacher, spoke to the Board about the math instruction program, the current use of Saxon math and ways to increase math scores and help the students to excel.

Rob Baker was at the meeting and gave the Board a list of the bids received for a 2012, 52 passenger school bus. The bids are as follows:

Blue Bird with a Cummins ISB10 Engine, 220 horsepower, in line 6 cylinder diesel; Transmission: Allison PT2500 - 5 speed automatic with overdrive; Bid price: \$80,427.00; Add \$1,332.00 for a 250 horsepower engine.

Navistar/International with a Maxforce 7 Engine, 240 horsepower, V8 cylinder diesel; Transmission: Allison PT2500 - 5 speed automatic with overdrive; Bid price: \$78,464.00.

Thomas Built with a Cummins ISB10 Engine, 220 horsepower, in line 6 cylinder diesel; Transmission: Allison PT2500 - 5 speed automatic with overdrive; Bid price: \$80,496.00; Add \$835.00 for a 250 horsepower engine.

Mr. Baker stated that his recommendation is the low bid received from International. Superintendent Heckenlively stated that we will table any decision on the purchase of a bus at this time until more is known about the finances of the District.

2.2 PRINCIPALS' REPORTS - South School Principal Rita Johansen reported the following: Enrollment at South School is 177 which is down 3 from February; 4th grade students celebrated Nebraska's birthday on March 4th by dressing as pioneers and doing activities that students would have done in 1867; 5th grade attended the Water Celebration in Peru last Tuesday; a team from the Nebraska Homeland Security Office is at the schools doing the risk and vulnerability assessment; Parent/Teacher Conferences are tomorrow night and Thursday night; March 28 - May 6 the NeSA reading and math tests will be given as well as the NeSA science pilot test; Mrs. Johansen attended the NeSA test administrators' training in Lincoln on February 28th; April 4th is an in-service day and teacher appreciation pancake breakfast will be held; April 8th the 4th grade to going to the Capitol building in Lincoln; April 12th the State Nutrition Dept. will be here to do an audit of our Free and Reduced Meal Program; and since the 4th grade was unable to go to the Symphony in Omaha due to poor weather conditions, a small group of the Symphony is coming to Falls City and performing a concert for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

North School Principal Ernie Valentine reported the following: Enrollment at North School is 230 which is down 5 from February; Mr. Valentine attended the winter NASES Conference in Lincoln on February 17 and 18; Nurse Huettner and Mr. Valentine attended the EHA School Wellness workshop on February 28th in Omaha; the Special Education staff completed the input of data into the State website for the five year file review and feedback will be received in the next couple of weeks; Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for April 15th and it is estimated that there will be 45 - 50 in attendance; March 10th the District had a file review from the Nebraska Department of Education for its Title Program; the District is scheduled to participate in the Go-Solutions time study for Medicaid reimbursement this Spring with staff training to be on April 13th and the time study to be conducted the week of April 25-29.

Middle School Principal Rick Johnson reported the following: Students of the Month of February in 8th grade - Lee Huettner, 7th grade - Kellse Embretson, 6th grade - Hannah Pfohl; March 15 and 17 are the scheduled Student Led Conferences; no school on March 18, comp day; Chautauqua will be held on March 28th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.; end of three weeks is April 1 and report cards will go home on April 6th; Mr. Munford, Mrs. Fankhauser, Mrs. Holloway, Principal Johnson and two parents attended the third phase of PBI's in Lincoln on February 23 and 24; NeSA Testing dates are on the March and April calendars which were provided to the Board; wrestling has begun with 9 students participating; enrollment is 183 which is up one student from February.

High School Principal Gale Dunkhas reported the following: Enrollment is 265 which is up one student from February; congratulations to the Students of the Month of February in 12th grade - Robert Chab and Hannah Milam, 10th grade - Austin Schaible and Courtney Chapple; recognition to the wrestling team and coaches and specifically to Cole Ackerman who placed 5th in his weight class at the State Wrestling Tournament and to Logan Aufferf for qualifying for the State Wrestling Tournament; congratulations to the girl's basketball team and coaches and to the boy's basketball team and coaches for their winning seasons; National Honor Society induction is March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium; Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the High School on March 24th with the Student Council and National Honor Society coordinating the event; March 15th Education quest will be here to help Seniors and/or their parents in filling out the F.A.F.S.A. forms; Math intervention to be used to teach

Algebra and Geometry to all students at High School and will replace the existing integrated classes and will have a much higher emphasis on Algebra and Geometry standards needed to be successful on the NeSA assessments; curriculum guides and registration forms were handed out on March 14th to be taken home, signed by parents and returned no later than March 17th; 8th grade students/parents can pick up their registration forms and curriculum guides at the parents meeting on March 21st at 6:15 p.m. in the High School gym; Spring sports practice has begun for track and golf; March 15th is the deadline for option enrollment students to be eligible in the Fall; the Omaha World-Herald is asking the District to determine the top two students of the Senior class for publication in their newspaper and after researching what other schools with the cum laude systems are using the following criteria was selected: G.P.A./A.C.T./Weighted classes/Grade Percentile; important dates were listed on the March and April calendars provided to the Board.

2.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Ed Harris reported that a Thank You card was received from the Falls City Recreation Board for the use of the commons area for their pancake feed fund raiser. President Harris likewise thanks the Falls City Recreation Board for their work with the kids of the community.

2.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: The NRCSA Legislative Forum was held February 22nd in Lincoln. LB18 (Education Jobs Bill) has been finalized and districts were notified with their 2010-2011 allocations, which will be certified via the state aid formula for the current fiscal year. Falls City Public School's allocation is \$180,166. These funds will become available for reimbursement of teacher salary and benefit costs in April.

LB 235 will be the State Aid bill for the upcoming school year and much work remains within the Education Committee to close the projected budget gap. Currently, LB 235 is requiring \$240-245 million, while the Appropriations Committee would like to see the bill advanced to the floor at the \$812 million figure for 2011 and \$864 million in 2012. Budget authority, spending lids and local effort rates are components of discussion at this point. This will be the primary school finance bill to be watching in the next few months.

Additional summary information from the NRCSA Legislative Forum held February 22nd was provided to the Board members.

Key dates to consider for making final arrangements for the NRCSA Annual Spring Conference are March 24-25 in Kearney. Board members Kathy Bartek and John Martin have confirmed attendance, other board members interested in attending will need to let Superintendent Heckenlively know as soon as possible so registrations can be finalized. Conference information was provided to the Board. The March GNSA meeting will be held March 16 in Lincoln.

2.4b Building and Grounds Update: The Board Project Committee met on March 7th to finalize the project recommendations for the Board to adopt for 2011. A project committee summary was provided to the Board to break down the proposed District projects by school building. Changes from the previous proposal include moving the Middle School gym floor project to the 2011-12 school year, addressing future roof needs and entering into a contract agreement with Johnson Controls for annual boiler maintenance. The money budgeted for the Middle School gym floor will remain in the savings account until the summer of 2012 when the project is completed. Plibrico Company has been at the High School installing the new boiler. Johnson Controls and Water Engineering were also on-site earlier in the month to analyze the heating and cooling systems in all four buildings. Recommendations have been provided to address current concerns as well as annual maintenance recommendations to prolong the life of our systems.

2.4c School Improvement Process: Vision, Profile, Plan and Implementation, and Results. The Falls City Public Schools has been officially awarded initial district accreditation with a status of Accreditation On Ad- visement with the North Central Association, Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). This action was taken at the AdvanceED Accreditation Commission meeting held on February 2, 2011. The accreditation provides our district with deserved recognition for demonstrating our continuing commitment to quality assurance and success for all students.

The AdvanceED School Improvement Steering Committee will meet March 30th. Committee restructuring and beginning the initial steps in the new school improvement model will comprise the agenda. Initial steps to address will be 1) identifying opinion leaders, 2) assessing and strengthening stakeholder involvement in school improvement, 3) making recommendations for increasing the meaningful involvement of stakeholders.

2.4d Review of Curriculum and Professional Development: Professional developers Mitzi Hobak and Suzanne Whisler from ESU4 will facilitate a "Curriculum Day" for Falls City Public School teachers on April 4th. Specific training in the core areas of Depth of Knowledge and Pacing will be the primary outcome for the day as teachers continue the work of aligning the core area curriculum with the Nebraska State Standards. This is vitally im-

portant work in addressing the needs of our students and academic achievement. A tentative draft schedule was provided to the Board.

April 4th is also the day of the annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast from 8:00-8:45 a.m. Board members are welcome and encouraged to attend if possible. The administration and any school board members present will provide breakfast.

2.4e Staffing Planning: On March 7th the Board of Education held a Special Board meeting and approved the administrative contract for Mr. John P. Holys as the South School Principal. The District is also actively pursuing a new instrumental music teacher for grades 6-12 with three interviews having been conducted.

2.4f Calendar Draft for 2011-2012: The final draft of the 2011-2012 calendar was given to the Board for review.

2.4g Superintendent Meetings: GNSA, March 16 at NCSA Office in Lincoln; ESU4 Superintendents Advisory Council, March 17, Auburn; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 24-25, Kearney; NSBA Annual Conference, San Francisco, April 9-11; State Data Conference, Kearney, April 18-19.

2.4h Board Member Meetings: NRCSA Spring Conference, March 24-25, Kearney; NSBA Annual Conference, San Francisco, April 9-11. Now would be a good time for board members to coordinate plans to attend the NRCSA Spring Conference in Kearney.

2.4i Other Items: None.

2.5 Board Member Comments and/or Reports: There were no comments from the Board members at this time.

2.6 Additions: None.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 2011-2012 School Calendar: It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by Teresa Olberding to adopt the 2011-2012 School Calendar as presented. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Set Date of April Regular Board Meeting: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Teresa Olberding that the regular Board meeting in April be set for April 13, 2011 at 7 p.m. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 2010-2011 Project list: It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by John Martin to approve the project list submitted for the Spring/Summer of 2011. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.4 Adopt revised Superintendent Evaluation Instrument: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Scott Huppert to adopt the revised Superintendent evaluation instrument as drafted during the Annual Planning Workshop held on February 5, 2011. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.5 Adopt 2011 District Goals: Board member John Martin stated that he would like to see in the future that the Board expand on its first listed goal to "Recruit and maintain a quality staff." It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Scott Huppert to adopt the 2011 District Goals as drafted during the Annual Planning Workshop held on February 5, 2011. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.6 Non-resident tuition: The non-resident tuition was set at \$0 for 2009-2010. It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by Teresa Olberding to leave the non-resident tuition at \$0. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no request for executive session at this meeting.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Whereas there is no further business, it was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by John Martin to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 7 p.m. at the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings are to be determined.

**Special Board Meeting  
March 7, 2011  
Central Office at FCMS**

**1.0 Routine Business Items:**

1.1 Roll Call: Present Kathy Bartek, Ed Harris, Scott Huppert, John Martin, and Teresa Olberding. Absent: Scott Hollens. Others Present: Superintendent Heckenlively.

1.2 Verification of Advance Publication: Motion Teresa Olberding, Second Scott Huppert. Vote 5-0. Passed.

1.3 Approval of Agenda: Add 2.5 Closed Session - Motion John Martin, Second Kathy Bartek. Vote 5-0. Passed.

1.4 Audiences: None

**2.0 Elementary Principal Interview Process:**

2.1 South School Principal Contract (approve as printed) - Motion Kathy Bartek, Second John Martin. Vote 5-0. Passed.

2.5 Closed Session - 12:43 P.M. Motion Kathy Bartek, Second John Martin. Vote 5-0. Passed.

Return to Regular Session 12:52 P.M. Motion John Martin, Second Scott Huppert. Vote 5-0. Passed.

**3.0 Adjourn:**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**VILLAGE OF SALEM**

The Village of Salem will be accepting bids for the 2011 mowing season. The mowing will consist of mowing the park and several Village right-of-ways.

Bidders are asked to bid per mowing. Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on April 5, 2011.

Bids may be sent to: Village of Salem, PO Box 297, Salem, NE 68433 or be presented to the Village Board at the April 5, 2011 meeting.

Carolyn Glathar,  
Village Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that pursuant to a power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by Matthew C. Beer, a single person, which was filed for record on June 13, 2008, at Book 232, Page 349, of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of Richardson County, Nebraska, the property described below will be sold by the undersigned at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified or cashier's check, at the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska, at 10:00 a.m. on May 16, 2011:

**Lots 22, 23, and 24, Block 130, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, more commonly known as 1224 Wilson Street, Falls City, Nebraska**

The highest bidder is required to deliver cash or certified funds to the undersigned by the close of business on the day of sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

By: Jerry E. Barnett, Trustee  
c/o Joel G. Lonowski,  
Attorney at Law  
Morrow, Poppe, Watermeier &  
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**Public Notice**

Notice is hereby given that Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council, Inc. (SENCA) is requesting financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration, pursuant to the Federal Transit Act, generally described below.

Description of Project: Purpose of the project is operating assistance to provide general public transportation in Richardson County. The estimated cost of the project is \$25,723-Federal, \$11,587-State and \$11,587 from Richardson County.

A copy of the financial assistance application is available for public inspection at the SENCA Central Office, 802 4th Street, Humboldt, NE. Written comments for consideration by SENCA will be accepted at the SENCA Central Office, 802 4th Street, Humboldt, NE for a period of 10 days ending April 03, 2011.

David Sickel, Chairperson, SENCA Board of Directors

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**Village of Stella Minutes**

**VILLAGE OF STELLA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MARCH 7, 2011 7 P.M. AT THE STELLA COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Present: Henry Sullwold, Andy McMullen, Dan Sullwold, Aaron Davis and Jerry Joy. Absent: None. Guests: Elizabeth Ketter.

Chairman Joy called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. Motion by D. Sullwold and second by McMullen to approve the minutes as presented. All present voted Yea. Motion by McMullen and second by D. Sullwold to approve the treasurer's report. All present voted Yea. Motion by McMullen and second by D. Sullwold to pay the claims and payroll as presented. All present voted Yea.

Communications: It was noted that Michael, McLaughlin is the new NPPD contact person for the Village. The old mortuary building has been sold. The Fire Department had a successful fish fry. The Garden Club is up and running. The Stella Research Club was noted in an article in the Nebraska Club Woman.

Reports of Committees: Streets-OK; Lights-OK; Park-Roger Sullwold will mow the park areas again this summer; Water and Sewer-written report; Library-written report, Elizabeth Ketter noted that Ms. Loveless is working well and seems quite interested in the job; Planning Committee-none; Maintenance Man-none; Health Committee-none; Safety Committee-none; Tree Board-none; Community Building-bulbs have been replaced; Joy received confirmation from State Auditor of approval of audit waiver; Sewer Plant-the committee will begin working on plans for the next three years, will check to see if cost estimates are still in the 75 to 80 thousand range.

Tree Trimming Bids: bid of approximately \$1,000 for Main Street trees and Park trees. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by McMullen to accept the bid. All voted Yea. D. Sullwold noted that he would like to start on the Main Street trees first.

Stop Signs: new posts are needed. Will check on steel and wooden posts.

Spring Clean-Up Day: motion by D. Sullwold and second by H. Sullwold to hold a Spring Clean-Up with McMullen to set a date by the next meeting. All present voted Yea. The date is usually before graduation.

Dog and Cat Inspection Program: after discussion of information provided by the Clerk, there was a motion by D. Sullwold and second by Joy to contract with the Animal Health Center in Falls City. All present voted Yea.

All patrons are reminded to keep your dogs contained on your property. They are not to be running loose in the Village. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Water shut-offs were signed. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by McMullen to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All present voted Yea.

Vicki Owings,  
Clerk

**Stella Claims and Payroll**  
Midwest Labs Inc., 58.55; NPPD, 1156.59; Sur-Gro, 250.24; Southeast Communications, 149.42; Falls City Journal, 53.46; Davis Plumbing, 7605.50; Beatrice Public Library, 175; Vice Oil & Propane, 201.18; Henry Sullwold, 200; OPPD, 317.22; George Ketter, 178.86; George Ketter, 385; Wayne Manufacturing, 234; American Recycling & Sanitation, 1040; Jeff Huettner, 512; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, 31; Vicki Owings, 10.64; Vicki Owings, 475; Elizabeth Ketter, 11.96; Elizabeth Ketter, 96.31; Shadow Loveless, 31.63; Dan Sullwold, 250; Internal Revenue Service, 120.88.

**Minutes of Village of Shubert**

**Village of Shubert Regular Monthly Meeting March 7, 2011 Shubert Library**

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on March 7, 2011 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Kym Haynes opened the regular meeting at 7:01 PM with the following Board Members present: Peggy Oliver and Heath Davis; Adam Maddox was absent. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Haynes announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. Visitors were present. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none, he proceeded to go over the water report. Brief discussion about some spring water and sewer projects.

There was a motion and second (Haynes/Oliver), to approve the February 7 meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Ayes"; Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Davis/Haynes) to approve the balance and claims sheets. Roll call vote was all "Ayes"; Motion carried. The Delinquent Utility Report was reviewed; Placing a lien on properties with outstanding water bills was discussed.

Chairman Haynes had new board member Todd Hendrickson take the oath of office. Hendrickson will fill the rest of the term vacated by Randy Marquez. Brush site: Needs to be piled up and burned. Spring Clean up day will be scheduled for the first Saturday in May. Spring Dog Clinic will be scheduled for April 23 from 10:30-11:30 at the back entrance of the Library. Mowing Bids will be posted in 3 places and in the Falls City Journal, please submit bids before next meeting. Streets: Report of some street lights out.

With no further business: Motion and Second (Davis/Haynes) to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll call votes all Ayes. Motion carried. Next meeting will be April 4, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Shubert Library.

Jennifer Buchner,  
Village Clerk  
**Village of Shubert Monthly Claims Sheet March 2011**

George Ketter, FEB Salary, \$425; George Ketter, FEB Expenses, \$151.65; State of NE, HHS, \$28; SE Telephone, well house, \$47.86; Falls City Sanitation, trash pick up, \$1,030.40; NPPD, Pending; W/S/G transfer to USDA Loan, \$906; Jennifer Buchner, FEB Payroll, \$600; RCB&T, 941 tax deposit to IRS, \$156.83; Falls City Journal, Publications, \$24.30; Peggy Kuser, tax prep services, Pending; Dearborn National Ins., Firemen's Ins. Premium, \$41.28; Heath Davis, Snow Removal, Pending; Farm & City, Furnace Filters, \$5.05.

**Society**

**Reavis-Ashley Chapter DAR Meets in Falls City, NE.**

**Friday, March 11, 2011 Home of Beverly Kimmel**  
The Reavis-Ashley Chapter DAR, Falls City, met Friday, March 11, 2011 for a lovely luncheon at the home of Beverly Kimmel in Falls City. Beverly prepared a lovely table using the St. Patrick's Day theme including green bread, chicken salad sandwiches, green salad, pistachio ice cream with Key Lime cookies. Attending the meeting was Lola Droge and Anne Moser, Bern; Beverly Droge, Ozawkie; Leota Uhri, Table Rock; Glenda Nelson and Beverly Kimmel, Falls City.

Lola Droge called the meeting to order. Glenda Nelson read the President General's message from the special March/April issue of the American Spirit dedicated to Women's History Month to illuminate the lives of women in the Colonial and early American periods.

Beverly Droge gave the National Defense report. "Knowing Our Constitutional Freedoms" by Sandra J. Mittelstaedt, first place winner for Best Letter to the Editor from Bonneville, Nebraska. Thursday Sept. 17, 2009 began the 222nd Constitution Week celebrated in the United States as the Constitution was signed by the authors on Sept. 17, 1787. On that day in history, Benjamin Franklin made the statement that, "You now have a republic - Pray that you can hold on to it."

Anne Moser read the minutes of the February meeting being approved as corrected and Beverly Droge gave the treasurer's report.

Glenda Nelson gave a flag moment by reading a poem entitled "I Am the Flag". The ending said I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory, Long may I wave. Dear God in Heaven Long May I Wave.

Beverly Droge gave an Indian minute about the WE-TA-SE AMERICAN LEGION POST 410 located at Mayetta, Kansas. The We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 was formed in 1989 to provide a proper "full" military burial for all of the Prairie Band Potawatomi veterans on the reservation and the honor guard for 'We-Ta-Se' is also available for any veteran's family that requests a military burial in the reservation's immediate area. The We-Ta-Se- Color Guard performs at approximately 45 events annually. On Novem-

**In Memoriam**

In Memory of my Husband  
William S. Palmer  
March 27, 1932 - March 22, 2010  
It has been one year since the Lord took you home. My life is forever changed. There is a hole where my heart once was and I will never be the same. you were my soulmate, my love, my friend.  
Your body was broken and the Lord knew your soul could stand and go on telling your stories and riding your horses. I miss you so but, ride with the angels my love until we are together again forever.  
Your loving wife,  
Olivia Palmer 12

In Memory of my Grandfather  
Bill S. Palmer  
March 27th, 1932 - March 22nd, 2010  
One Year Has Past...  
-I'm Proud to call you Dad-  
Grandpa, you taught me so much through the years.  
Doesn't seem like that long ago. You guided me through my youth, teaching me everything I know. I miss you so much these days; I still can't fathom your gone.  
How I wish I could go back in time, and change everything I did wrong. Oh how I wanted the years to last, You were taken to soon it seemed.  
I miss you Grandpa every day. You were not only my best friend, but a father to me.  
Everyday I wish I could see you; I know you watch over me everyday. For I feel you with me in my heart, And I'll see you again someday.  
I will always miss you Grandpa, Remembering the moments we had. I will always love you Grandpa. Because I was proud to call you Dad.  
Love always, Your Granddaughter  
Jaclyn Reeder  
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ber 26, 2003, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation unveiled a memorial wall dedicated to 309 Tribal members who served in the armed forces of the United States. The memorial is an expression of the Nation's everlasting tribute to Veterans - past and present. In the Potawatomi language, WE TA SE, means: "One who is brave".

The winners of the DAR American History Essay Contest are: 5th Grade, Anna Knapp - Aletheia Academy, Rural Seneca, Ks. daughter of Curtis & Catherine Knapp and Samuel Strahm - Bern Grade School - Bern, Ks. son of Brian & Christie Strahm; 6th Grade, Kaitiyn Kaster - Bern Grade School - Bern, Ks. daughter of Eldon and Lanna Kaster and Eli Strahm - Bern Grade School - Bern, Ks. son of Brian & Christie Strahm; 7th Grade, Cara Knapp - Aletheia Academy - Rural Seneca, Ks. daughter of Curtis & Catherine Knapp; 8th Grade, Kayce Feldkamp - Nemaha Valley Middle School - Seneca, Ks. daughter of Stan & Dawn Feldkamp; Christopher Columbus Essay Contest winners: 11th Grade, Brent Scott Maze - Falls City High School - son of Scott and Karen Maze.

Honorable Mention Awards: 5th Grade, Madison Huppert - Sacred Heart School - Falls City, parents Steve & Ruth Ann Huppert and Joseph Bieker - Sacred Heart School - parents Kent & Sue Bieker; 6th Grade, Darcy Sneathen - Falls City Middle School - daughter of Jessica Sneathen and Dalton Kennel - Falls City Middle School - parents Loyal & Kelli Kennel; Christopher Columbus Essay Contest: 11th Grade Jacy Lewis - Falls City Public High School - parents David & Angie Lewis. The judges for the contests were Marcia Phillbrook, Seneca, Kansas, Dawn Feldkamp, Seneca, Kansas and Kay Frey, Bern, Kansas.

These students will be honored at a Tea on Friday, April 15 at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Glenda Nelson, 2214 Barada St. The students will read their essays to the club and guests.

Lola Droge and Glenda Nelson gave the program. Glenda presented an article printed in the Omaha World-Herald entitled "Patriotism, History, and Education" by Jane Palmer. The DAR honors the heritage of the American Revolution. It was founded in 1890 as a nonprofit, apolitical volunteer women's service organization to promote patriotism, preserve American history and improve the education of American children. Nebraska has approximately 1,100 members who participate in the activities of 29 DAR chapters across the state. Any woman, 18 or older, who can prove she is a direct descendant of someone who aided in achieving American Independence may join the Daughters of the American Revolution. Interested women should contact a chapter of the DAR to obtain application materials.

Another article from the Lincoln Journal Star entitled "A Lincoln-Lincoln Connection (Man uncovers ancestor's observations of Honest Abe.) by Peter Salter was presented by Lola Droge. Isham Reavis, a Falls City lawyer and eventually a Nebraska state senator, studied future president Abraham Lincoln for three years while he was a lawyer. Years later, Reavis wrote "Some Personal Recollections about Abraham Lincoln," a series of papers that eventually ended up in his daughter's hands, who then gave it to her daughter, and eventually made it to family historian Dave Kentopp, Reavis' great-great-grandson.

Lincoln's letter to a young lawyer, Springfield, Nov. 5, 1855, Isham Reavis, Esq ended by saying "Always bear in mind that your own resolutions to succeed, is more important than any other one thing. Very truly Your friend A. Lincoln."

The next meeting will be a Tea honoring the winners of the American History Essay Contest and the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest at the home of Glenda Nelson in Falls City, Ne. at 1:00 p.m. on April 15, 2011.

**Cards of Thanks**

The family of Michael J. Pagnano Jr. would like to express their sincere thanks to the Falls City Community Hospital Staff for making Mike comfortable in his last hours.

Pastor Dan Farley and his beautiful prayers, support and friendship.

To all our friends and family for food, cards, support and kind words.

To the wives of the VVFD and firemen for putting together a wonderful meal.

To Charlie and Gail Mack. Mike and Bobbie Pickard for your devotion and friendship, and all that you have done for the family during Mike's fight with cancer.

To Dorr and Clark Funeral Home for their overwhelming kindness and support.

And a very special thank you to those anonymous donors. Your kindness will never be forgotten. God Bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Wife - Laura Pagnano,  
Sons, Michael III, Martin and Maverick, Family Pet, KC  
Michael & Susan Pagnano Sr.  
Dominic & Tina Pagnano & Family  
Tammie & Jake Bents & Family  
Frank Pagnano & Family  
Vinnie Pagnano & Family 12

I would like to extend my thanks and sincere appreciation to Dr. Borg, the staff at Community Medical Center and Careage Estates for the wonderful care I received during my recent illness. To my caregivers and those who drove me to all of my appointments the past few years, I will be forever grateful. I recently made the difficult decision to move to Omaha to be near children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I am blessed to have so many wonderful and caring relatives, friends and neighbors in Richardson County. I will miss everyone of you. My new address is Brookestone Village, Room 204, 4330 South 144th St., Omaha, NE 68137. Margaret Watton 12

We would like to thank God for sparing the lives of our family during the fire we had at our home. Thank you to the HVFD and Rescue for responding so quickly. We have been so blessed by our surrounding communities for coming together and helping us through this tragedy. Thank you to our family and friends for their support, love and just being there. Thank you EVERYONE for clothes, donations, food, furniture, and the support. We appreciated everything so much!  
God Bless You All!  
Brian, Kelly, Jana, and Jacob Joy 12

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Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act of 1934 [Title 25, USC Section 472]. Applications will be taken until position is filled. Pre-employment criminal history background check and drug screening is conducted for all positions.

Nikki McKim photos



Spicy chili and an unspringlike 80-degree day don't necessarily mix and while the combo hindered sales at Sunday's Falls City Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook-off at Prichard Auditorium, it didn't deter either Ethan Morris (inset, top) or Alex McKim (inset, bottom) from jumping into the fire, so to speak. Ethan is the son of Adam and Sarah Morris, Falls City; Alex is the son of Brian and Nikki McKim, also of Falls City.

### Park permits discounted until April 1

If you will be visiting any of the Nemaha NRD's three major recreation areas this summer, you might want to start thinking about getting your annual vehicle entry permit before the end of March.

The permits are required at Kirkman's Cove near Humboldt, Iron Horse Trail Lake near DuBois, and Wirth Brothers Lake north of Tecumseh. Valid through Dec. 31, the permits may be purchased for \$10 only until April 1; after that date the cost increases to \$12. One duplicate permit for an additional vehicle in your immediate family may be purchased for \$6; this additional permit must be purchased at the same time as the original, full-cost permit.

NNRD park permits may be purchased at the Nemaha NRD's office at 62161 Highway

136, just east of Tecumseh, or by contacting the NRD at 402-335-3325. You could also print an application online at [www.nemahanrd.org](http://www.nemahanrd.org) and mail to the NRD with your payment, or you may request an annual permit through the temporary permit envelopes available at each park's main entrances. Applications postmarked by March 31 will receive the discount.

Iron Horse Trail Lake has undergone renovations over the past year or so and is tentatively scheduled to reopen by Memorial Day, though all facilities may not be available immediately. Visitors will be able to enjoy some of the camping areas, picnicking, and access to the lake. Fish will be restocked but won't be large enough to catch and keep for a few years.

### Society

#### Genealogical Society

Thirteen members of the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society and one guest met in the Pioneer Plaza meeting room on Thursday, March 3, for the annual Founders Day supper. Norma Thompson called the meeting to order and led a unison blessing, then invited everyone to eat.

Following the meal, Jorene Herr took roll call and read the minutes, and Richard Zentner

gave the treasurer's report. Reports received included archivist, by Terri Stradtman, as well as for the obituary file, necrologies index and the sessions on Ancestry.com at the Falls City Library & Arts Center.

There was no correspondence. Newsletters received were shared. Upcoming events include the Greater Omaha Spring Genealogy Workshop on April 9, the Land Records & Genealogy Symposium in Beatrice on July 15-16, and the Nebraska State Genealogy Society Con-

ference on May 6-7 in Nebraska City. Queries were received for Jesse Crook, Underground Railroad, the Star Wars movie, and the Crawford family (in Sheridan and Colfax Counties).

There was no old business. In new business the group considered recommending a member to the Nebraska State Genealogical Society as outstanding genealogist for the group. Denny Norvell nominated Bob Ferguson, Ruth Norvell seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

For the program, each member was encouraged to bring an heirloom to share. Items brought included watches, a book about Spöck Baden, wood siding from an old school, an atlas, a box, baby hair, a pin-ball game, peppers, a vase and plate and a fraternity paddle.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in the Pioneer Plaza meeting room.



FCHS art students, from left, Josie Beckner, Kayla Kent and Payshince Dawkins were honored for their artwork in the Scholastic Art Awards of Nebraska competition.

### Students earn art honors

Falls City High School seniors Josie Beckner and Kayla Kent and freshman Payshince Dawkins had art works selected for Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Art Awards of Ne-

braska competition in Omaha. The students were honored Feb. 26 during an awards ceremony in Omaha. The Omaha Public Schools Art Department is the Regional Affiliate for the Scholastic Art Awards of Nebraska.

Josie's winning picture is an oil painting of a rose done in natural colors. Kayla's drawing is a picture of a Native American warrior done in pen and ink. Payshince used graphite to draw a picture of a slightly opened window built into a stone wall. Gayle Weinert is the art instructor at Falls City High.

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