The 'eyes' have it.

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Remembering to dial l0 digits for a local call isn't half as bad as trying to remember your Social Security's nine.

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FCPS announces hire of new South School Principal

A contract has been offered, and accepted, pending final board approval, by John "JP" Holys, for the Falls City South School Elementary Principal position.

The board will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, to discuss the job contract and give final approval.

Mr. Holys is the current elementary principal/Special Education Director for the Oakland-Craig Public Schools, a position he has held since 2006. Prior, Mr. Holys was a third grade teacher in the Elkhorn Public Schools. Mr. Holys was accompanied by his wife Debbie, and their two young children at the interview, a second grade girl (Grace) and a three year old boy (Jack).

"We are excited to have the Holys family joining our school and community," FCPS Superintendent Tim Heckenlively said.

Holys and candidates Catherine Gunderson of Kearney, Falls City native Andrew Hall, now of Schuyler, and Nathan Vitosh of Chase County, interviewed Feb. 26.

Holys will succeed Rita Johansen, who is retiring after this school year.

Escapee nabbed Sunday in Mississippi, returning to FC jail cell

Escaped Richardson County fugitive Michael Thompson, 36, was captured by the U.S. Marshalls Fugitive Task Force early Sunday Morning in Brandon, Mississippi.

Thompson, who is originally from Arkansas was apprehended in a trailer park and arrested on a federal warrant for felony escape. No one was injured in the arrest as Thompson cooperated with authorities.

Thompson waived his right to an extradition hearing which means he will be back in Falls City later this weekend. He is currently being housed in Mississippi.

Richardson County Sheriff Randy Houser stated two deputies will travel to Mississippi to pick Thompson up "some time this weekend." Thompson is scheduled to appear in county court Monday morning.

"He hasn't thrown any road blocks our way," said Houser.

It is believed Thompson had been catching rides at truck stops and authorities pinged the cell phone he stole from the jailer to help track him.

Houser and the Richardson County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the U.S. Marshalls Fugitive Task Force headed by Special Agent Bob Clark, the Arkansas State Police, Grant County Arkansas Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in both Lincoln and Omaha offices, for all their efforts in apprehending Thompson.

Inmate wraps cord around his neck, transported to St. Joe

An unnamed man, who was being booked into jail Sunday night, attempted to harm himself when he wrapped a short cord from the telephone that was in the cell around his neck.

Officers responded quickly and an ambulance was called. The ambulance transported him to a hospital in St. Joseph, MO.

FC Police Department officers arrested the man at around 10:30 p.m. Sunday and while processing him into jail the suspect became combative with the officers.

'etc.' grand opening at 10 a.m. Monday

The Grand Opening of Yesterday's Closet's Annex, named "etc.," will be Monday, March 7, at 10 a.m.

etc. adjoins Yesterday's Closet on the south at 1604 Stone, the former location of Tootie's Art & Frames. etc. will house some new items along with your consigned non-clothing, household, sports and exercise items

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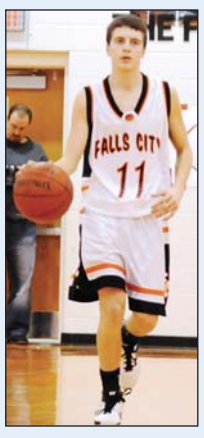

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Best of Show

Sam Hamilton, a senior at Falls City Sacred Heart, won the Best of Show honor in the 60th annual GFWC student art show with his moving acrylic painting of three American soldiers titled, "Purple Heart."

Sam Hamilton painting tops out of 602 entries

The 60th annual GFWC student art show, now co-sponsored by the GFWC and the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council, attracted a record-number 602 entries this year, surpassing the goal of 600. According to coordinator, Rita Seid, the contest attracted entries from all across Richardson County, as well as Auburn.

Sam Hamilton, a senior at Falls City Sacred Heart, won the Best of Show honor with his moving acrylic painting of three American soldiers titled, "Purple Heart."

The contest was judged by Pat Steinman, Tootie Ebel, and Lorna Simon.

Local businesses and individuals provided prizes for the winners. They were: SunMart, Lori and Randy Gottula, Northvue, Runza, Schulenberg Bakery, and Breadeaux Pizza.

Several of the art pieces will advance to the GFWC state competition, which will be held April 7 - 9, in Kearney. Those pieces are noted with an asterisk. (Some of the winners, however, will be participating in a separate contest at the same time, and therefore, are not notated.)

"Best of Category" winners were: *Antonia Kean, a sophomore at Sacred Heart, in the Graphic Design/2D/Computer generated category; *Hannah Malcolm, a senior at Sacred Heart, in the mixed media category; *Andrew Meyer, a senior at Sacred Heart, in the colored pencil/pencil/pastels/crayon/charcoal drawing category; and *Ashli Jordan, a freshman at Sacred Heart, best of class for the 9th grade.

Other winners, their classes and schools follow. Schools are identied as: Falls City Sacred Heart (SH); Falls City High School, (FCHS), Humboldt-TableRock-Steinauer (HTRS), and Auburn (AHS):

Acrylic/watercolor/tempera category: 1st place, *Sam Hamilton, 12, SH; 2nd place, *Mystia Skirmont, 11, FCHS; 3rd place, *Austin Schiable, 10, FCHS; Honorable mentions: *Janey Malcolm, 10, SH; Cody Naber, 10, HTRS; Vincent Bennett, 10, FCHS; *Sloan Roseberry, 11, FCHS; *Alisha Kite, 12, AHS; Andrew Meyer 12, SH; *Courtney Chapple, 10, FCHS; Sloan Roseberry, 11, FCHS.

Graphic Design/2DDesign/Computer Generated category: 1st place, *Antonia Kean, 10, SH; 2nd place, Rachel Aitken, 10, SH; 3rd place, *Jacob Furnas, 12, AHS; Honorable mention, Rachel Aitken, 10, SH.

Mixed Media category: 1st place, *Han-

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Lincoln-based firm opening in FC

Company provides professional employment services

Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise is pleased to announce Staffing Services Inc., a Lincoln based firm, will be opening in Falls City on Tuesday, March 8th.

Staffing Services has placement expertise in a variety of career fields, including industrial, technical trade and office/clerical areas of employment. They offer several options to meet employers' staffing needs, from a Direct Placement program to a Temp-to-hire option to a Day-to-Day program. The firm provides prescreening and can customize the evaluation process to meet employers' specific needs.

EDGE Executive Director Beckie Cromer noted, "In response to our employers' continued demand for local employment services, EDGE has recruited a professional employment services firm to Falls City to meet the growing labor demand in our area. We have been very impressed with owners Steve Dworsky and Steve Rothwell and we know Staffing Services will provide professional, reliable services to the Falls City community."

The office will be located in Falls City at 1210 Stone St. and initially open on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with additional office hours planned as business develops and a client base is established.

According to placement specialist Sherry Rogman, "Searching for good employees can be a time consuming, costly and frustrating process. Staffing Services strives to close the gap between individuals who are serious about becoming gainfully employed and employers who are just as serious about finding and retaining employees who demonstrate a true ability and desire to perform tasks."

EDGE welcomes Staffing Services to the Falls City business district and we're pleased to have continued growth and development in our community. Owner Steve Dworsky notes, "We have enjoyed a very positive working relationship with Beckie Cromer as she has worked closely with our company to address our business needs. Falls City should be proud of the positive attitude of the community and proactive approach demonstrated by EDGE."

For more information on SSI, please visit their website at www.staffingservicesne.com.

Capitol View

By Ed Howard
Statehouse Correspondent
The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN – It wasn't a bombshell but it certainly was a loud noise.

Gov. Dave Heineman said voters could be asked to eliminate the panel that settles labor disputes between state and local governments if the Legislature doesn't pass a suitable bill changing the way it operates.

Heineman said he reserved the right to decide what "suitable" means.

The state faces a revenue gap of up to $1 billion over two fiscal years. Stuff runs downhill, so local governments are up against it, too.

The state and local governments agree the Commission's dispute-settling formula – created by the Legislature decades ago – is weighted in favor of public workers.

They want it changed so CIR decisions don't cost government so much. They want it to favor government.

What public employees and their supporters rightly suspect is that, if voters get the chance to do away with the CIR, the odds are it would happen.

The situation doesn't match the high drama and political fireworks of the situation in Wisconsin. Not one bit.

Government employees have merely benefited from the law that crated the CIR, and rules under which the commission operates. Unions in Nebraska would likely get as much sympathy as a Big 12 football official if they struck against the state, a city or county.

Lincoln Mayor's Plea Unheeded

Mayor Chris Beutler combined politics and an appeal to the collective conscience of lawmakers (I know, some think that's oxymoronic) when he spoke in defense of $44 million in direct state aid to cities, counties and natural resources districts.

Make that soon-to-be-lost state aid.

"The Legislature has a real choice to make," the Lincoln mayor said. "Does it force its budget problems onto the backs of property tax payers or does it give us some options to deal with the cuts?"

As an attorney might say in a courtroom, objecting to the inquiry: "That question has been asked and answered!"

This column has covered the issue several times because it's a thing informed citizens need to know of; it might soon hit them in the wallet via higher local taxes, or in programs that might be important to them.

Cities and counties have pleaded their case to the Unicameral and the governor. They've been told to forget about it. The reality of that potential $1 billion gap in state government revenues trumps their concerns.

The locals repeatedly noted the aid was to compensate them for the state stripping them of much of their local tax base.

The consistent response from the Tower on the Plains: You don't have to get over it. But you have to get used to it.

Center for Rural Affairs in support of federal health care legislation

By Elisha Smith, elishas@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

Skyrocketing health insurance costs threaten the economic survival of family farmers, ranchers and rural small business owners. The Affordable Care Act, however, will provide crucial relief for rural small businesses and the rural self-employed who have watched their health insurance premiums double in the last five years. We've written before about how2 employers. Small businesses can shop in an Exchange, or health insurance marketplace, giving them power similar to what large businesses have to get better choices and lower prices.

And this new marketplace for health care will offer individuals and small businesses a choice of affordable coverage from an array of health plans that meet certain benefits and cost standards. Costs will be lowered through wise investments, investing in preventive care, and linking provider incentives to outcomes. Providing tools to control Medicare costs through the Independent Payment Advisory Board will further lower costs for small businesses. Additionally, covering a greater share of the population will reduce the number of uninsured who end up in the emergency room, a hidden cost passed on through higher premiums to businesses that insure their employees. For more information on provisions of the Affordable Care Act, visit: http://www.cfra.org/policy/health-care

The Center for Rural Affairs was formed by rural Nebraskans concerned about family farms and rural communities, and we work to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities.

Dandy-Walker patient has uncontrolled seizures

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 20-year-old granddaughter was diagnosed with Dandy-Walker syndrome at the age of 2. By the time she was 12, she had mild hydrocephalus and petit-mal seizures. We have tried antiseizure medications, which have not worked. Some meds have put her in a mental-health facility. She was also given Haldol, which made her catatonic. She had an acute reaction. She has a pediatric neurologist, but I feel that without any progress, this is as far as he can go. She has been going to him since she was 22 months old.

She was withdrawn from all medications two weeks ago, and all that she has been prescribed for a headache before her seizures was Tylenol and Ativan, which she takes following a seizure. She had three seizures on Saturday and one on Sunday. Thank you for any help you can provide.

DEAR READER: Dandy-Walker syndrome is a rare congenital brain malformation that involves the back of the brain and the fluid-filled spaces that surround it. The brain contains four ventricles, which are filled with cerebrospinal fluid. Features that generally occur in early infancy include enlargement of only the fourth ventricle, partial or complete absence of the portion of the brain between the two cerebellar hemispheres and the formation of cysts near the internal base of the skull. For older children, features and symptoms can include convulsions, unsteadiness, jerky eye movements, a bulge at the back of the skull and problems with nerves that control breathing, the face, neck and eyes. The primary treatment for the condition is the placement of a shunt positioned in the brain to help drain excess cerebrospinal fluid to the peritoneal cavity, where it is absorbed into the body. Some children recover completely following shunt placement. For others, a lesser degree of progress is seen. Up to 90 percent of all Dandy-Walker patients have hydrocephalus, an increase in cerebrospinal fluid surrounding the brain.

The effects of the syndrome vary from person to person. Some children have normal cognition, while others don't. Longevity depends on the severity of the disorder. On a brighter note, research is ongoing and support groups are available.

Because you are having difficulties controlling her seizures, I recommend that a neurologist familiar with the disorder examine her. She certainly needs to have her seizures brought under control with appropriate medication. Check with your local hospital to determine the location of a teaching facility near you. Good luck.

I suggest you contact the Dandy-Walker Alliance at 10325 Kensington Parkway, Suite 384, Kensington, MD 20895 or online at www.dandy-walker.org for their input.

To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a $2 check or money order made payable to Newsletter and mailed to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title or print an order form off my website at www.AskDrGottMD.com.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had vertigo for several months. I'm on Meclizine right now, but need help.

DEAR READER: Vertigo is the sensation your environment is spinning or moving around you. An inner-ear disorder, an acoustic neuroma, the sudden movement of your head in a certain direction, Meniere's disease, migraine headaches, arteriosclerosis, diabetes and more can cause the condition.

Make an appointment with your doctor for an examination and testing. He can zero in on the cause, make a referral if necessary, and get you back on track.

Dr. Peter H. Gott is a retired physician and the author of several books, including "Live Longer, Live Better," "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet" and "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook," which are available at most bookstores or online. His website is www.AskDrGottMD.com.

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Council agenda

Mayor Tim Hersh and the city council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, at City Hall. Their tentative agenda:

Old Business: Discussion and action, appointment, Kirby Robidoux to the EDGE Board.

Regular Agenda: Public Hearing, One and Six Year Street Plan, Olsson Associates; Public Hearing, uniform policy which sets a dollar limit of items to be awarded by the City; Discussion and Action Items, including: proposed ordinance to amend Article 2-216 titled — Economic Development Board — Second Ward Council Person Mike Moore; proposed ordinance to amend Article 7-218 titled — Fire Prevention; Fire Regulated — First Ward Council Person Hal Sutter and Fourth Ward Council Person Brad Campbell; proposed ordinance to amend Article 4-304 titled — Garbage, Trash and Waste — First Ward Council Person Hal Sutter and Fourth Ward Council Person Brad Campbell; Public Hearing — application for liquor license — Pamida Stores Operating Company, LLC.

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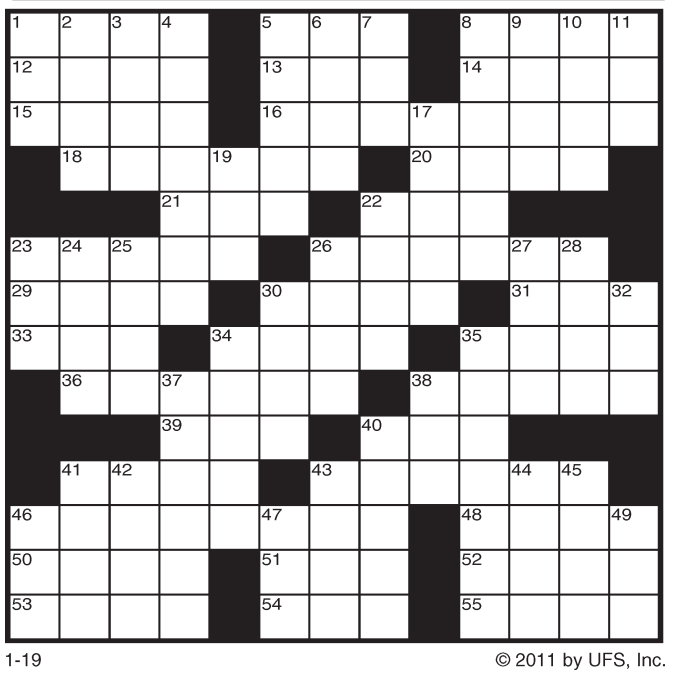

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Outstanding young artists, from left: Andrew Meyer, Sam Hamilton, Hannah Malcolm, Ashli Jordan and Toni Kean.

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Colored Pencil/Pencil/Pastels/Crayon/Charcoal Drawing category: 1st place, *Andrew Meyer, 12, SH; 2nd place, *Sam Hamilton, 12, SH; 3rd place, *Kyle Gossman, 12, HTRS; Honorable mentions, Cassie Herring, 12, HTRS; *Sam Hamilton, 12, SH; Mikala de Koning, 12, HTRS; *Rebekah Worthey, 11, HTRS (two entries); *Holly Helmick, 12, FCHS; Jackie Popejoy, 12, FCHS (two entries); *Sloan Roseberry, 11, FCHS.

Freshman entries: Best of class, *Ashli Jordan, 9, SH; 1st place, Kathryn Bieker, 9, SH; 2nd place, Kathryn Bieker, 9, SH; 3rd place, Brooke Scheitel, 9, FCHS: Honorable mention, Kathryn Bieker, 9, SH.

All other entries were judged by class level. Middle schools are identified as Falls City Sacred Heart (SH); Falls City Middle School (FCMS); Humboldt-TableRock-Steinauer (HTRS), and Auburn Middle School, (AMS).

Eighth grade entries: 1st place, *Jesselyn Haworth, 8, SH; 2nd place, Krystal Samque, FCMS; 3rd place, Brody Weinmann, FCMS. Honorable mentions: Ben Mullins, SH; Abigail Neddenriep, SH; Coulton McCann, FCMS; Taylor O'Brien, FCMS.

Seventh grade entries: 1st place, *Carley Youde, FCMS; 2nd place, Natalie Kreifels, SH; 3rd place, Megan Vollmer, FCMS; Honorable mentions, Maggie Goltz, SH, and Morgan Hardenberger, FCMS.

Sixth grade entries: *Emma Beckner, FCMS; Sydney Brewer, FCMS; Aaron Kurpgeweit, FCMS; Honorable mentions, Noah Keller, SH; and Jessi Schuetz, FCMS.

Elementary schools will be identified as Falls City South (FCS), Falls City North (FCN), Auburn Calvert (AC), and Humboldt-TableRock-Steinauer, (HTRS)

Fifth grade entries: 1st place, *Leslie Vitosh, FCS; 2nd place, Robert Hermesch, SH; 3rd place, Sara Wertenberger, SH; Honorable mentions, Hailey Campbell, FCS; Sara Wertenberger, SH.

Fourth grade entries; 1st place, *Elijah Baldwin, AC; 2nd place, Kathryn Kudrna, AC; 3rd place, Kathryn Kudrna, AC; Honorable mentions: Drew Nixon, AC; Keegan Hunzeker, FCS; Austin Sells, SH.

Third grade entries: 1st place, *Maclaine Hug, AC; Blake Frederick, SH; McKenzie Witt, SH; Honorable mentions, Hayden Hall, AC; Madison Reiman, AC.

Second grade entries: 1st place, *Jack Fiegener, SH; 2nd place, William Taylor, HTRS; 3rd place, Ashleigh Walker, SH; Honorable mentions, Shannon Jones, HTRS; Danielle Bippes, SH.

First grade: 1st place, *Emma Littrel, SH; 2nd place, Erison Vonderschmidt, SH; Hunter Bauman, SH; Honorable mention, Madison Pingel, HTRS.

Kindergarten: 1st place, *Kyle Daake, FCN; Vincent Strecker, FCN; Madison Stirton, SH; and honorable mention, Kacy Brewer, SH.

In conjunction with the GFWC opening reception of the student art show, the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council hosted studio time in the children's activity room of the library. The activity time was made possible through a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council, and was coordinated by curator, Christina Wertenberger.

Children were able to create art using many different mediums that included scratchboard, marker for creating your own puzzles and watercolor with crayon resist texture rubbings. Many children took this opportunity to experiment, laugh and have fun creating new works of art.

For more information , contact Rita Seid, at arts_humanities@sentco.net, or (402) 245-7237.

NHC grants awarded

The Nebraska Humanities Council recently awarded 10 grants totaling $12,438.

Among the recipients was the Brownville Fine Arts Association, which received $1,250 for the 10th annual Wine, Writers & Song Festival, with fiction and poetry readings, storytelling programs for children, writing workshops for adults, talks, discussions, demonstrations and tours.

The event will be held April 15-17.

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etc. is proud to announce that Tootie Ebel is returning with an art gallery for local artists who wish to sell their works and she will also continue her art classes, plus provide basic art supplies. Ryan Schutte at Kawres has purchased the framing part of her business and will provide that service at his location. The art gallery will be in the remodeled back portion of etc.

In the front, you will find new items such as Big Red items, Berenstein Bears children's books, a rack of Book Club favorite new books, guitars and supplies, drum sticks and men's cookbooks from tailgate cooking to wild game favorites, "man cave" items and much more, all blended with the consigned items of all kinds.

etc. chose its name because there is no theme and the opening window displays will express the wide range of items that make the name etc. appropriate.

This location will house those non-clothing items that can't fit into the original Yesterday's Closet. etc. will also host special events throughout the year, with the first being by the Humane Society on April 2 when the front window will showcase an "Adopt a Pet Day."

All are invited to consign items at etc., an annex of Yesterday's Closet. Be sure to sign up to win the BBQ grill, which will be given away on March 14. Sign up as often as you'd like for an entire week.

Store hours will be Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with etc. open until 7 p.m. on Thursday and closing at 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Come join the etc. staff at their open house Monday, March 7. A ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. and refreshments will be served.

Notice of Meeting

Regular quarterly meeting of the Housing Authority of Falls City will be held Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the office of the Housing Authority, 800 E. 21st.

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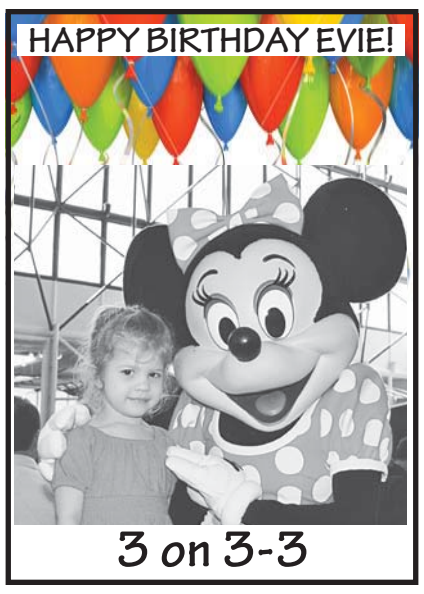

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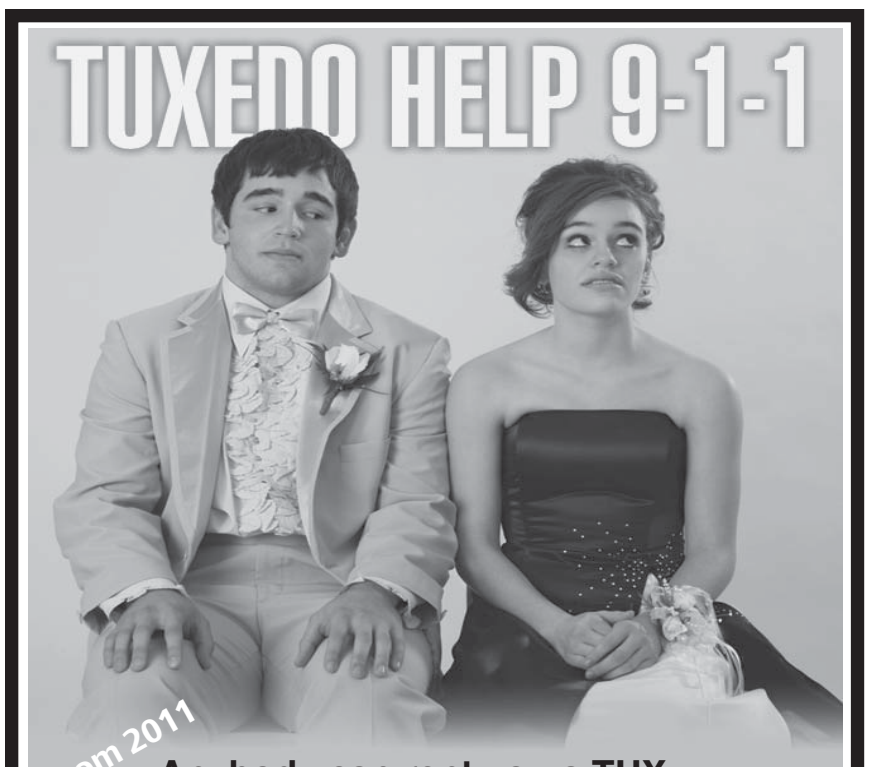

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MONDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 10AM WILL BE THE RIBBON CUTTING ON ANOTHER NEW STORE .
WE INVITE YOU TO COME BE A PART OF THE OPENING OF THE ANNEX TO YESTERDAY'S CLOSET CALLED **etc.**
Tootie's will also return in the back of etc. and continue her art classes and also feature an Area Artist Gallery with art for sale.
While you are downtown, we would like to draw your attention to the other new faces on Stone Street. 1500 block has busy hands converting the old music store and flower shop into a Mexican Restaurant, 1600 Block finds every store front but one filled with new faces and owners, the 1700 block is busy with the Antique mall and other shops and the 1800 block has added a party/family gathering business. We hope you will come spend the day with us and get reacquainted.
Monday March 7th, 10AM ribbon cutting at etc., 1604 Stone, Falls City,NE
etc will do 10% off all Big Red Clothing and accessory's March 7th only.
Yesterday's Closet will do a 10% off storewide March 7th only.
Mary's Appliance will do a 10% off on existing display March 7th only.
Tooties will do 10% off on art supplies.

Students

Samantha Kae Kirkendall, the daughter of Bob and Kae Kirkendall, has graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in General Studies with an emphasis on Psychology and Sociology.

Samantha will continue her studies at Bellevue University in Clinical Counseling. She is currently working with Lutheran Family Services in Omaha.

Caitlin James, of Shubert, graduated Dec. 17, 2010, from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville. Caitlin graduated with Cum Laude honors. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree. Caitlin is the daughter of Brad and Sue James of Stella.

Commissioners to workshop in Kearney

County Commissioners David Sickel, Bill Ely and Jim Davidson completed a three-day workshop conducted in Kearney Feb. 9-ll.

The annual County Board Workshop, part of a continuing education and leadership development series, provided county commissioners and supervisors with over l2 hours of specialized training. More than 250 officials from across the state participated in the event.

The workshop addressed some of the more significant proposals currently being considered by the Nebraska Legislature and other topics pertaining to responsibilities and duties of county boards.

Food distribution

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program distribution clinic will be held in Humboldt at 624 3rd St. on Tuesday and Thursday, March l5-17.

An appointment is suggested.

CSFP provides nutritious foods to persons who are age 60 or greater, children until they reach age six, and women who are pregnant or have had a baby in the past year. Qualified persons must live in Nebraska and be under the income guidelines.

Foods given through CSFP include: canned fruits, vegetables and juice, canned and dry milk, hot and cold cereals, canned meat, peanut butter and dried beans, cheese, pasta or potatoes.

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

Society

Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #l02 met at the Legion Club at l p.m. on Feb. 2l. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble were recited in unison. A prayer was given by Jean Campbell.

Roll call and the minutes were read by Ella Mae Romine. Charlene Schuetz conducted the meeting. The late Rita Mae Neville was replaced on the board by Leila Peden. Charlene read an invitation to the District l3 convention on Feb. 26 at Johnson with registration at 8:30 a.m. She also read letters from District l3 and Department.

The Unit is to make tray favors and centerpieces for December 20ll for the Eastern Nebraska Home. A plaque was presented to Leila Peden for 37 years as the group's secretary for a job well done and appreciated. The meeting closed with a prayer for peace. The next meeting will be March 2l at the Legion Club.

D.A.R. Meeting

The Reavis-Ashley Chapter DAR, Falls City, met Friday, Feb. ll, at the Buzz Cafe in Sabetha.

The Flag Minute was presented by Glenda Nelson on when a flag can be flown at half-staff. Flags are flown at half-staff on Memorial Day, Peace Officers Memorial Day and when ordered by the President or the state governor. Flying a flag at half-staff implies that something is missing above the flag. Many scholars refer to this space as the "invisible flag of death." The flag is flown at half-staff in respect to one's memory and is a sign of grief and mourning.

Major Isaac Sadler-LaBelle Vue chapter is celebrating its l00th anniversary on March l2 in Omaha.

National Defense by Lt. Gen. Minus was presented about the 20th anniversary of the Persian Gulf War January-April 20ll and to remember the l46 servicemen killed in action, 20 POWs (released) and the 600,000 service members still alive that are being a significant population at VA Centers.

Beverly Droge gave an Indian Minute on the dress that Joyce Growing Thunder Fogarty created for a centerpiece at the National Museum of American Indians at the Smithsonian. She is l7 years old and has been beading since she was three. Working up to ll0 hours per week, the beading on the dress took l0 months.

Dawn Feldkamp presented the program on what you might not know about DAR. The members participated in a skit asking and answering questions ranging from Continental Congress on what to expect at state conference to when it is appropriate to wear white gloves.

The next meeting will be at Beverly Kimmel's home in Falls City at ll:30 a.m. on Friday, March ll.

Marcia Schwartz to speak March 17 in Hiawatha, KS

Falls City resident Marcia Schwartz, a native of Hamlin, KS, will be the featured program speaker at the Brown County Genealogical Society in March. She is the author of Ghosts of the Missouri River, a tale about those folks who resided at one time along the Big Muddy.

Even though they are no longer physically here, their spirits are still very much a part of life along the Missouri, because they cannot seem to give it up.

If you have an interest in folklore and the supernatural then this is a program for you to attend on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, March 17, at the B.C.G.S. Research Center, 116 South Seventh in Hiawatha.

Get checked for colon cancer

Lincoln – This March, the American Cancer Society is encouraging all men and women age 50 and older to make getting tested for colorectal cancer a priority. Colorectal cancer (commonly referred to as colon cancer) is one of only two cancers that can actually be prevented through testing. Overall, colon cancer rates have declined rapidly in both men and women in the past two decades, due in part to early detection and removal of precancerous polyps. However, only half of the U.S. population aged 50 and older has been tested.

"We have an opportunity to significantly reduce death rates from colon cancer through regular testing," said Mike Lefler, Director of Communications for the Nebraska Region of the American Cancer Society. "However, there may be barriers to screening such as a lack of health insurance or lack of information. We hope that people will use this month – National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month – as an opportunity to talk to their doctors, family members and friends about getting tested. By doing so, they are taking a key step toward staying well."

In Nebraska an estimated 910 cases of colorectal cancer were expected to occur in 2010, and 360 deaths were expected. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women. Risk factors for colon cancer include a personal family history of the disease.

In addition to testing, there are healthy lifestyle behaviors individuals can adopt to reduce risk of colon cancer. Studies show that being overweight or obese increases risk of colon cancer, and people whose diets include a high amount of red and processed meats are at increased risk. The American Cancer Society recommends that adults engage in at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity on five or more days of the week; and consume a healthy diet that includes five or more servings of a variety of vegetables and fruits each day, whole grains (instead of processed grains and sugars), limited alcohol and processed and red meats, and controlled portion sizes. Cancer risk is reduced by achieving and maintaining a healthy weight.

Smoking also increases risk of colon cancer. A 2009 study from the American Cancer Society found that long-term smoking (smoking for 40 or more years) increases colon cancer risk by 30 to 50 percent. Smokers who want to quit can call the American Cancer Society Quit For Life® Program operated and managed by Free & Clear® at 1-800-227-2345 for tobacco cessation and coaching services that can help increase their chances of quitting for good. The Society also offers free online tools at cancer.org/Smokeout.

Robert Engles appointed to Trustees

Gov. Dave Heineman has appointed former Auburn mayor Robert Engles to serve on the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees.

Engles, 60, served two terms as Auburn mayor and is a former member of the Auburn Public Schools Board of Education, serving for 12 years.

Engles works in insurance and real estate. He graduated from Peru State College in 1973 and is a former president of the PSC Foundation.

He replaces Floyd Vrtiska of Table Rock, who resigned last month, and will fulfill the remaining term, which runs through January 2013.

Stalder Fine Arts Scholarship available

The Mina Stalder Fine Arts Scholarship, funded by Merle Stalder in memory of his aunt, will be presented again this year.

Ms. Stalder was a pianist and for several years was active with Chautauqua shows. She attended Peru State College and the University of Nebraska.

This is an annual scholarship in the amount of $1,000. One half of the scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of each semester to the four-year college or university of choice. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is a resident of Richardson County or attends a Richardson County school.

The scholarship is intended for students who plan to major in music, art, theater, dance, or creative writing. Qualifications for selection will include attitude and personal goals, financial considerations, and community, school and church involvement.

Sandra Hartman is the president of the Stalder Foundation. The Southeast Nebraska Association of Retired School Personnel is honored to be the administrator of this scholarship.

Scholarship applications are available through the guidance counselors' offices. All applications must be returned to the guidance counselor by April 21. The scholarship winner will be notified by May 1.

BARTEK CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

will be closed
Mon., March 14
thru
Sat., March 19

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County enters into agreement with Humboldt, FC Police Dept.

Because of the Journal's publishing schedule, we are unable to publish a report of the Richardson County Commissioners' meeting during the week it is held. Thanks to Clerk Mary Eickhoff, the newspaper receives a draft of those minutes and will include highlights from those meetings.

Sheriff Randy Houser met with Commissioners Dave Sickel, Bill Ely and Jim Davidson when they met Tuesday, Feb. 22.

During this portion of the meeting, board members voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with the City of Humboldt for the county to provide law enforcement services to Humboldt beginning Sept. 1, 2010, and ending Aug. 31, 2013. The total contract amount is $169,999.50, plus an additional amount of $100 per month to be considered as a fuel surcharge for every increase of 50 cents per gallon of fuel (starting at $3.50).

A Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Falls City was also approved. This authorizes Falls City Police officers to serve as Richardson County officers when needed.

Houser provided an update on business within his department and the jail. He also briefly discussed the STOP program and a resolution will be drafted for consideration at a future meeting to set forth the terms and conditions of a program in Richardson County.

A grievance hearing, requested by Natisha Winkelman, was conducted in public session as agreed to by all parties involved. After the hearing was closed, the board moved back into regular session and voted to deny the grievance. A motion was made to notify Nancy Ward, business representative of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 571, of the board's decision by registered mail.

Highway Supt. Scott Huppert provided an update and presented a purchase order for approval to purchase oxygen/acetylene bottles from Joy's Machine Shop in the amount of $4,500. Huppert discussed the possibility of obtaining specialized equipment and/or tools required to complete necessary bridge repairs that comply with bridge inspection regulations. Huppert will gather more information on the specialized equipment.

Brandon Duerfeldt met with the board regarding the width and safety of the road in the Barada SE project, and Cecil Buckminster requested an update on the status for the completion of the hard-surfacing of the Preston Road.

After a public hearing, the One and Six Year Road Plan was approved, as was the corresponding resolution.

The board approved a recommendation from the Richardson County Visitor's Committee for funding of $349.78 for the Falls City Chamber of Commerce for the Richardson County Visitor's Guides and reviewed and accepted the 2010 (year ended June 30) audit report from the Nebraska State Auditor.

Extension Office offers prizes for attendance

The UNL Extension Office in Richardson County appreciates your support and attendance of programs. So to reward you we have a contest!!

If you attend a minimum of five paid programs between Jan. 1, 2011 and Dec. 15, 2011 we will automatically enter you into a drawing to win $100 (1st place) or $50 (2nd place) worth of program fees in 2012.

The rules of the game are as follows:

—The program you attend has to be one you paid a registration fee to attend – free programs do not count.

—For the program to count toward your total, Richardson County Extension must be involved in the planning/hosting/education of the program. Programs attended in other counties will count as long as Richardson County was involved.

—If you attend a meeting as part of a series – each meeting will count within that series (meaning you can get in 3-5 meetings in one series of programs).

—If you attend 10 programs you will be entered twice!!

—After Dec. 15, 2011 you will be notified that you have won. When a program comes up you can let us know you would like to attend and we will take care of the registration fee. You will continue to do this until the prize money runs out; at that time you will pay the balance of the registration fee (if applicable).

—If you pay the fee yourself, you may submit a receipt for reimbursement of the program fee.

—The prize money may not be used for meals, transportation, or lodging – you will not be able to take a cash option.

For upcoming program details visit richardson.unl.edu, or to see how many events you have currently attended you can contact the Extension Office at: 402-245-4324.

Pawnee City receives $8,000 recycling grant

Lincoln – USDA Rural Development has announced that the City of Pawnee City will receive a grant of $8,000 that, leveraged with $6,555 from the City, will purchase and install a multi-bin recycling trailer for the community.

"This is like a dream come true! The recycling trailer is something we have been working on for at least two years. Some of the youth who first started this in motion have graduated, but others have continued to pursue this green dream. We are excited to hear that this joint effort between our city and school will become a reality. Thank you so much," said Mayor Duane Westing, City of Pawnee City.

The $14,555 for the recycling trailer will establish a stable, sustainable recycling connection for all citizens of Pawnee City.

More than $381 million invested in rural Nebraska

Lincoln – USDA Rural Development in Nebraska reports a record year of program delivery with nearly $381.4 million of investments into the state with the help of Recovery Act funding. As outlined in their Fiscal Year 2010 Rural Development Annual Report, the funds assisted in areas of housing, business and community development, energy, telecommunications and broadband.

"Nebraska communities, businesses and citizens made millions of dollars of investments in 2010, with the support and resources of USDA Rural Development," said Nebraska State Director, Maxine Moul, USDA Rural Development. "USDA Rural Development has clearly accomplished what the Recovery Act intended-- more rural residents assisted, jobs created and community facilities built, bringing an improved quality of life to rural Nebraska."

The 2010 Annual Report highlights the Recovery Act projects and others funded in Nebraska through regular appropriations.

The report shows a breakdown of $113.2 million expended for housing, $112.4 received for telecommunications, $80.6 million to business and energy, $63.9 million for community facilities and water and wastewater, and $11.3 million for broadband.

Investment in community facilities will benefit 22 communities through $43 million for projects such as libraries, public safety, tribal colleges, community/senior centers, ag societies, street improvements and equipment. Also, six Critical Access hospitals received funding totaling $40.1 million, to serve 76,279 rural residents. Over the last five fiscal years, Rural Development has assisted in 20 hospital projects with $127.9 million in loans, loan guarantees and grants.

Water and wastewater systems will be impacted by $20.9 million that will assist 14 communities and 2,463 households.

Investments in telecommunications will note loans totaling $112.3 million awarded to Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company at Falls City, Arapahoe Telephone Company, Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation at Blue Hill, and Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company at Jackson.

Southeast Nebraska Communications Inc. was awarded a loan and grant totaling $11.3 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Broadband Initiatives Program. The project expects to benefit approximately 3,000 people, 50 businesses, and 20 community institutions. In addition to the jobs this project will create initially, it will help drive economic development and create jobs for decades to come.

Impact to business saw eighteen businesses receiving funding totaling $69.2 million to assist in business development activities. Also, financial assistance totaling $5.9 million was provided for purchasing and installing renewable energy systems or making energy efficiency improvements for 157 ag producers and rural small businesses. Three Microenterprise Development Organizations received $1.5 million to capitalize three rural microloan revolving funds and provide technical assistance and training to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. Also, loans and grants totaling $1.6 million were made to four USDA Rural Development electric program borrowers to finance business and community development projects.

Home loan programs brought homeownership to 1,204 households through $103.2 million in USDA Rural Development funding. Essential repairs to rural owner-occupied homes were provided to 125 homeowners by financing of $750,500. Rural Development provided affordable rent to 3,593 tenants of Rural Development multi-family rural rental housing complexes through $7.1 million in funding. Four existing Rural Development rural rental housing complexes received $2 million to preserve and revitalize their facilities and provide continued affordable rents to tenants.

Nebraska Horse Expo

March 11-13, 2011
Lancaster Event Center
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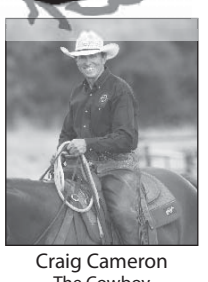
Fri.: 12-9 p.m. | Sat.: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. | Sun.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Come join the fun at this 3-day equine event packed with excitement and information, from the youth rodeo to the featured clincians. Visit the exhibits, the horses, the vendors. Enjoy the competition of The Mane Challenge, the diversity of the Parade of Breeds, the knowledge shared at the many clinics. View the equine photo contest or visit with a farrier or vet. With so much to see and do, don't miss this Equine Extravaganza!



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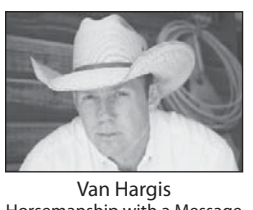

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NOTICE TO TIRE DEALERS

Sealed bids, clearly marked "SEALED TIRE BID" will be received at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Richardson County Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City NE 68355 until 10:00 a.m. on March 8, 2011 and at that time publicly opened and read.

Complete bid specifications are available on the website at **www.co.richardson.ne.us** and at the Highway Superintendent's office 402-245-2614.

Richardson County reserves the right to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.

Scott Huppert
Richardson County Highway Superintendent

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Public Record

County Court

Paige Frederick, Falls City, count one, attempt of a class I misdemeanor, pleaded no contest, found guilty; count two, littering - 1st offense, pleaded no contest, found guilty; continued to Mar. 23 for sentencing.

Jamithunn A. McNeely, Auburn, contempt of court, pleaded guilty, found guilty; continued to Apr. 4 for sentencing.

Desiree Stewart, FC, issue bad check - less than $200, pleaded guilty, found guilty, fined $40, defendant to pay restitution of $43.98, cost of $48 and fees of $9.50.

Burton J. Studie, White Cloud, KS, count one, reckless driving - 1st offense; count two, no license on person; continued to Mar. 7 for entry of plea.

Matthew D. Koso, FC, sex offender registration violation; continued to Mar. 28 for preliminary hearing.

Edward R. Connolly, FC, sex offender registration; continued to Mar. 28 for preliminary hearing.

Allen E. English, FC, issue bad check - less than $200, pleaded guilty, found guilty, fined $40, defendant to pay restitution of $40, costs of $48 and fees of $9.50.

Everett A. Loper, FC, count one, driving under suspension, pleaded guilty, found guilty, fined $150; count two, attempt of a class I misdemeanor, pleaded guilty, found guilty, sentenced to 10 days in Richardson County jail with credit for three days served; plus fees of $9.50.

Civil Court

Credit Management Services vs. Christina Mathew, FC, judgment entered against in amount of $489.13, prejudgment interest of $64.49, fees of $53.91, costs of $63.50 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Credit Management Services vs. Kim Sullwold, Stella, judgment entered against in amount of $3,530.29, prejudgment interest of $228.19, fees of $358.03, costs of $85.68 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

FIA Card Services vs. Pat E. Coonce, Humboldt, judgment entered against in amount of $6,486.13, costs of $98.95 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Credit Management Services vs. Charles Smith and Susan Smith, FC, judgment entered against in amount of $183.77, prejudgment interest of $6.94, fees of $23.38, costs of $56.42 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Edward A. Fischer, Stella, judgment entered against in amount of $7,526.36, prejudgment interest of $896.97, costs of $72.01 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Credit Bureau Services, Inc. vs. Shirley Waters and Sam Waters, FC, judgment entered against in amount of $241.88, prejudgment interest of $32.50, fees of $29.18, costs of $82 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Capital One Bank vs. Donna Gildersleeve, FC, judgment entered against in amount of $968.81, fees of $44.32, costs of $63.50 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

T & I Enterprises, LLC vs. Carolyn Schuetz, FC, judgment entered against in amount of $5,915.39, prejudgment interest of $169.83, costs of $69.50 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

Credit Management Services vs. Brent Barkow, Union Star, MO, judgment entered against in amount of $1,026.42, prejudgment interest of $193.02, fees of $64.58, costs of $104.11 with an interest rate of 2.1930%.

District Court

Harry Krouse, Jr. has filed for annulment of his marriage to Ruth Krouse.

County Court Waivers (Court costs not included)

Burton J. Studie, unsafe backing, fined $25.

Tari L. Allen, speeding (11-15), fined $75.

Deirdre L. Hall, speeding (16-20), fined $125.

Brian P. Paulsen, speeding (11-15), fined $75.

David P. Davis, speeding (6-10), fined $25; no operator's license, fined $75.

Robert L. Pelshaw, speeding (11-15), fined $75.

Dean G. Laudenklos, speeding (11-15), fined $75.

Brenda K. Popejoy, fail to use child passenger restraint, fined $25; fail to use seat belt, fined $25; no license on person, fined $25.

Accidents

Friday night, Feb. 25, Morton St., 75 feet north of 14th St. Drivers: Levi J. Helmick, FC, driver of Ford pickup; Bradley J. Albu, FC, driver of Chevy pickup. Helmick was parked 75 feet north of north curb line of 14th St. and 10 feet west of east curb line of Morton in a school zone. Helmick was parked, then checked for traffic and did not see anyone coming so pulled out into traffic. This is when Albu pickup ran into Helmick pickup. Albu could not stop in time. No one was cited. Estimated damage: $750 to Helmick pickup; $200 to Albu pickup.

Friday night, Feb. 25, 16th and Crook. Driver: Hannah L. Milam, FC, driver of Ford pickup. Milam slid on ice and struck stop sign at 16th and Crook. No damage to Milam pickup. $100 damage to City of Falls City stop sign.

Building Permits

Jerry McNeely, 1009 St. Mary's, waterheater, $500.

Tori Carpenter, 1701 Dewey Ave., bathroom remodel, $2,000.

Elmer Chapp, 709 W. 15th St., bathroom drywall and tub, $5,000.

Jason Bredemeier, 2624 McLean St., bathroom remodel, $7,200.

Patrice Chandler, 1104 Lane St., sewer line repair, $1,000.

Ruben Lopez Melendez, 1516 Stone St., remodel interior, $50,000.

Mike Frederick, 2723 Towle St., finish interior of basement, $8,000.

Gary Jones, 1803 Fair Ave., remodel interior, $15,000.

Randy Gottula, 2703 Abbott St., finish interior room of basement, $2,000.

FC Public Schools, 1400 Fulton St., hot water vessel, $20,668.

Christi Chapple, 1605 Dewey Ave., remodel interior, windows, porch, $12,000.

Hope Schawang, 506 W. 20th St., waterheater, $1,700.

Don Lyons, 2518 Morton St., water lines replaced, $700.

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Southeast Region A, including Richardson, Pawnee, Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson and Cass counties, has been chosen to receive EFSP funding to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Southeast Region A are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; 2) have an accounting system; 3) practice nondiscrimination; 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Pam Armknecht, Local Board Chair, at 402-862-2411 Ext. 105 for an application. The deadline for application is March 18.

Pee Wee Erwin Music Scholarship

The Pee Wee Erwin scholarship committee is pleased to offer a $500 music scholarship. It will be given to a graduating senior who is enrolled in a Richardson County High School or who resides in Richardson County.

The student must plan to enroll in a four-year college and major or minor in music. This scholarship honors the late Pee Wee Erwin, Falls City native and great jazz musician.

Sandra Hartman is the president of the Stalder Foundation. The Southeast Nebraska Association of Retired School Personnel is honored to be the administrator of this scholarship.

Scholarship applications are available through the guidance counselors' offices. All applications must be returned to the guidance counselor by April 21. The scholarship winner will be notified by May 1.

On this day in 2002, U.S. invasion of Afghanistan: Operation Anaconda begins, (ending on March 19 after killing 500 Taliban and al Qaeda fighters, with 11 Western troop fatalities).

Falls City Journal Weather Report

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Seven-day Forecast for Falls City

TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy	Cloudy with rain possible	Windy and colder	Rather cloudy	Cloudy with snow possible	Cold with snow	Cold with clearing
Low: 33°	50° 30°	35° 22°	40° 25°	42° 26°	38° 18°	36° 25°

Almanac Data

Falls City for the week ending Monday

Temperature

High for the week	59°
Low for the week	12°
Normal high	46°
Normal low	22°
Average temperature	27.5°

Precipitation

Total for the week	0.26"
Total for the month	0.82"
Normal for the month	0.95"

Snowfall (estimated)

Snowfall for the week	4.5"

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Friday	42°
Saturday	21°
Sunday	33°
Monday	33°
Tuesday	25°
Wednesday	25°
Thursday	34°

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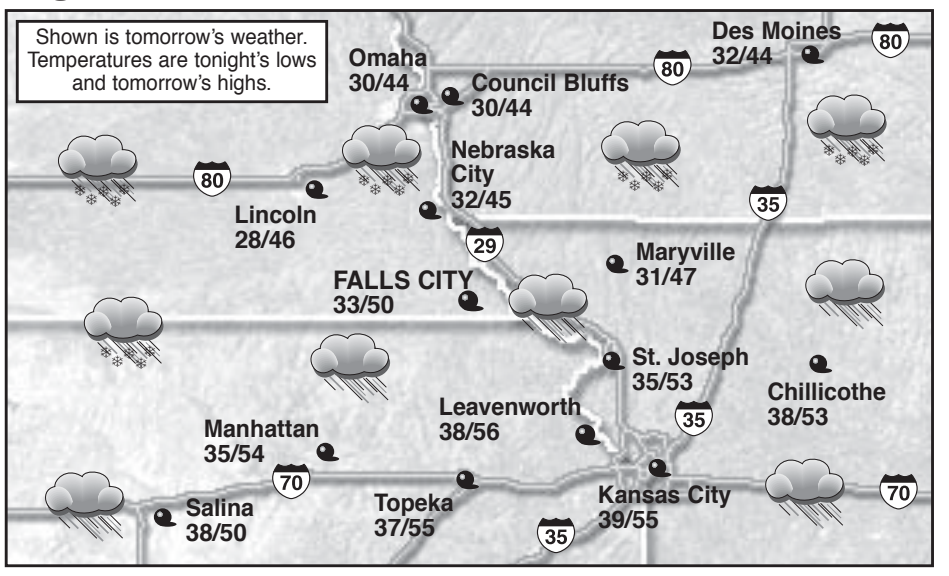

River Stages Yesterday

Big Nemaha River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr. change
Falls City	23'	4.63'	-0.19'

Missouri River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr. change
Rulo	17'	10.54'	-0.42'

Sun and Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:52 a.m.	6:17 p.m.
Saturday	6:50 a.m.	6:18 p.m.
Sunday	6:49 a.m.	6:19 p.m.
Monday	6:47 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
Tuesday	6:46 a.m.	6:21 p.m.
Wednesday	6:44 a.m.	6:22 p.m.
Thursday	6:43 a.m.	6:23 p.m.
Day	**Moonrise**	**Moonset**
Friday	6:25 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
Saturday	6:49 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
Sunday	7:13 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Monday	7:38 a.m.	9:23 p.m.
Tuesday	8:05 a.m.	10:22 p.m.
Wednesday	8:37 a.m.	11:22 p.m.
Thursday	9:13 a.m.	none

Weather History

An area from New York to Vermont suffered one of its worst ice storms on record on March 4, 1991. Ice one inch thick accumulated between Buffalo and Rochester.

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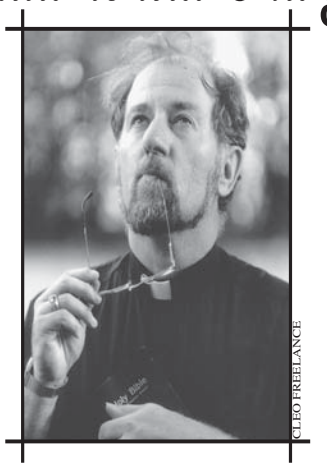
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Obituaries

Helen E. Pierson

Helen Elizabeth Pierson, 94, rural Robinson, KS, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011.

She was born on the family farm near Denton on Aug. 9, 1916, to Charles and Lucretia (Hagge) Delzeit. She was the last surviving member of the class of 1934 at Denton High School. She attended Mt. St. Scholastica, Atchison. Helen was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church prior to its closing and became a member of Zion United Methodist, northeast of Robinson. She also was a member of the Rainbow Club.

On May 25, 1935, she married Richard Pierson at Savannah, MO, and they farmed in the Robinson area. Helen and Richard enjoyed 71 years together. He preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 2006.

She enjoyed sewing, doing counted cross stitch, gardening, camping, fishing, playing cards, going to the casino and dancing.

Her parents and three sisters, Elva Kirwan, Grace Geiger and Iona Chain, preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Bill Pierson and his wife Mary, St. Joseph, MO, and Bob Pierson and his wife Verna, Leawood, KS; three daughters, Wanda Bryan and her husband Jerry, rural Hiawatha, Teresa Jones and her husband Jim, and Karen Linck and her husband Kevin, all of rural Robinson; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Zion United Methodist Church of rural Robinson with Pastor Paul Waters officiating. Interment was at Rose Hill Cemetery, Robinson.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Zion United Methodist Church Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S. 7th Street, Hiawatha, KS, 66434.

Charles E. Baker

Charles E. Baker, 81, passed away Feb. 26, 2011, at the Sabetha Community Hospital. He was known to friends and family as "Chuck" or "Bud."

He was born on the family farm to Leon and Gladys (Dandliker) Baker Sept. 27, 1929. He attended school at Fidelity, Honey Creek and Sabetha High School.

Following graduation he began his life's work as a heavy machine operator, working in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska. In 1989, Chuck and his wife Ann purchased the Salem Cafe, where they dedicated all of their time serving the community and making lifelong friends. In 2007 they sold their business and moved to Sabetha to be closer to family.

He was married to Lenore Hecke and they later divorced. He married Ann Kendall on July 3, 1989, in Oregon, MO. Their marriage was blessed by the Catholic Church on Oct. 7, 2006, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dawson.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Ann, and step-daughter, Melissa Graf of Manhattan, KS; brother Gerald Baker, Upland, CA, and two sisters, Phyllis Flentie, Temple, TX, and Judith Rumbaugh, Killeen, TX.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Evelyn Blair Christman; brothers, Kenneth Baker and Keith Baker, and an infant son, Charles Jr.

A Parish Rosary and visitation was held at Popkess Mortuary, Sabetha, on March 1.

The Funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sabetha, on Wednesday, March 2, at 10 a.m. with inurnment at the Morrill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.popkesmortuaries.com.

Norma G. Thackeray

Norma Gay Thackeray, 87, passed away Feb. 23, 2011, at Community Medical Center in FC.

The daughter of Oran Crell and Mary Margaret (Stanley) Ogle, Norma was born near Princeton, MO, on Jan. 21, 1924. She was a 1941 graduate of Princeton High School. She also was a graduate of the College of Commerce of Kansas City.

She was united in marriage to George William Thackeray II on July 14, 1 945. He passed away July 19, 1994.

Norma was employed several years as clerk for the Mercer County Probate/Magistrate Judge's office in Princeton. She was a member of the Princeton United Methodist Church, the Mercer County Historical Society, the Cornelia Beekman Chapter of D.A.R, and a charter member of the Ogle/Ogles Family Association. As hobbies, Norma enjoyed bird watching, flowers and traveling.

She is survived by a son, Ernie Thackeray, Tomah, WI; daughter, Trudy Burenheide and her husband, Bernard, Falls City; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26 at the Princeton United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Stratmann officiating, under the direction of the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Service of Princeton. Cremation followed the service with inurnment in the St. Paul Cemetery, northwest of Princeton, at a later date.

Open visitation and viewing began Friday at the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Service Chapel, where the family visitation was held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the services in Princeton, there was a memorial visitation and service on Feb. 24 at the First United Methodist Church in FC.

Helen B. (Harmon) Iliff

Helen Bernece (Harmon) Iliff, 82, Tecumseh, died at the Johnson County Hospital in Tecumseh on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011.

The daughter of William M. and Pearl (Jarred) Harmon, she was born on Jan. 18, 1929, in Falls City. Helen attended Shubert High School through the 10th grade.

On Jan. 18, 1950, Helen was united in marriage to Richard Iliff by the Rev. J. F. Teel at his home in rural Shubert. The couple raised their family on a farm northeast of Humboldt for many years before moving to Stella in 1974.

After divorcing later in life, Helen lived in town around Southeast Nebraska but always remained friends with Richard. She lived in Dawson, Humboldt and Auburn before moving to Tecumseh in 2007. She worked various jobs throughout her life that included employment at Sycamore Springs in Kansas, The Camp and Legion Club in Humboldt and Danny Dare in Auburn. After receiving her CNA certificate, Helen worked as a nurse's aide for the Sabetha Manor in Sabetha, Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt and the Good Samaritan Home in Syracuse. In her spare time, she enjoyed square dancing, bowling, gardening, fishing, camping and watching stock car races.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert and William Harmon, and a sister, Clara Hollister.

She is survived by a son, Greg Iliff, and his wife Lou Ann, Humboldt; daughter, Sandra Iliff and her special friend Dave Hall, Tecumseh; brothers, Kenneth Harmon and his wife Donna, and Larry Harmon and his wife Judy, all of Dawson; sisters, Donna Harmon and Peggy Harmon, both of Falls City; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held at 11 a.m Tuesday, March 1, at the Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt with Pastor Mary-Ellen Gaither officiating.

Memorials may be given to the family's choice.

The Wherry Mortuary, Humboldt, was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas J. Coupe

Thomas James Coupe, 90, Windsor, CO, died Nov. 5, 2010.

He was born Aug. 16, 1920, to Thomas James and Loretta (O'Grady) Coupe in Dawson.

Mr. Coupe graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1939 and attended trade school. The family moved to Falls City later.

In World War II he was a staff sergeant in the second wave of American soldiers to storm Omaha beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was wounded in that battle and was awarded the Purple Heart among other military honors including the Distinguished Unit Badge, WWII Victory Medal, Bronze Battle Star, Bronze Arrowhead and Croix de Guerre.

On Oct. 7, 1950, he married Rose Venturo in her hometown of Gunnison, CO. They lived in Gunnison for more than 30 years, moving to Montrose, CO, in 1979 and to Windsor in 2001.

He and his brother–in law, Mike Venturo, were co-owners and operators of Idealco Laundry and Dry Cleaning in Gunnison from 1948 to 1975. Mr. Coupe will be remembered as a very civic-minded man. He was a volunteer firefighter in Gunnison for 20 years, serving as chief for three years. He also was a two-term mayor of Gunnison in the early 1960s He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, was very active in the Disabled American Veterans and served as the commander in Montrose for two years. He served on the Parish Council of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Gunnison. He also was involved in the Colorado Simmental Association for many years. He loved working with cattle and horses, was an avid woodworker and was a coin collector.

Mr. Coupe is survived by his wife, Rose; sons, Thomas James (Mary) Coupe Jr., and Richard Joseph Coupe, all of Fort Collins, CO, and Mark Steven (Shannon) Coupe, Craig, CO; daughter, Loretta Ann Bates, Erie, CO; sisters, Jane McNamara, Betty Wiggs and Mary Alice Moylan; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Patricia Keefe, and a brother, Richard Coupe.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Windsor. Rosary preceded the mass. Burial was at Ft. Logan, CO, National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Marks Funeral and Cremation Service, 9293 Eastman Park Dr., Windsor, CO 80550.

Barbara S. Jones

Barbara S. Jones, 69, Gering, passed away Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at her home.

She was born July 10, 1941, to the Rev. William L. Goodell and Grace (Will) Goodell. Barbara gradated as salutatorian from Falls City High School in 1959. She attended Phillips University in Enid, OK, for one year.

Barbara married Charles L. Jones on July 2, 1960, in Enid. They made their home in several different states due to Charles' ministerial work. Wherever her husband was a pastor, she played the piano and organ and served as a choir director. She served God faithfully throughout her whole life. She was a member of the Gering Zion Church.

Despite her health issues, her sudden death was not expected.

A service was held Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Gering Zion Church with Pastor Paul Hebbert officiating. Cremation followed the service.

Memorials may be given to the Gering Zion Church.

Heim Cemetery annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Heim Cemetery Association was held at the John G. Smith Library in Dawson on Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. with six members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President/Sexton Bob Williamson and the agenda was approved.

The Memorial Moment listed the following eight burials during 2010: Jimmy Don Schwettman, Colleen M. Uhri, Doratta Bell Anderson, Ida Elizabeth Auxier, Lucile M. Heim, Donald Van Winkle, Ruth I. Lee and Rodney Wuster.

In the absence of Marilyn Ogle, secretary, the minutes of the 2010 annual meeting were read by Robin Thacker, followed by the treasurer's report by Dennis Thacker, treasurer. Both reports were unanimously approved.

Bob Williamson presented the President/Sexton's report, which included the following:

2011 mowing and care of the cemetery: The required liability statement from Rieger Lawn & Landscape was received; the business has been sold to Chris Schimel, but the business will retain the same name. There would be no increase in the cost per mowing. Bob was directed to negotiate a contract with them at his discretion.

Removal of dead trees: Decision was made to go ahead and remove the trees.

CRP contract: Discussion regarding CRP acres coming out in September; options were to put back into CRP or bid out for farm ground. The board will look into continuing CRP.

Current fees: Discussion on current fees and charges resulted in the decision to leave them as they are.

The decision to host Memorial Day visitation as in the past was approved. Anyone wishing to help with this may contact any of the board members.

Election of officers resulted in Bob Williamson and Marilyn Ogle being re-elected to serve two years on the board. Officers will remain the same: Bob Williamson, president; Kyle Hilgenfeld, vice president; Dennis Thacker, treasurer, and Marilyn Ogle, secretary.

Revised Plat Books

A new revised edition of the Richardson County Plat Books is now available for purchase at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk. Cost is $12.

Arboretum group updating tour guide

The Itha Krumme Memorial Arboretum Working Committee met Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Conference Room at CMC. Those in attendance were Curator Gerald Hopp, Mary Martineau, Don Baldwin, Liz Huettner, Darrell Huettner and guests, Neal Schatz and Charles Radatz.

The status of the annual financial appeal recently mailed was reviewed, showing a good response to date. The Committee agreed to work with a Boy Scout's request for a project within the Arboretum to obtain his Eagle Scout award.

The Committee will proceed to update its Falls City information tour guide and coupon /brochure/hand-out for visitors to Falls City. Community leader Charles Radatz has volunteered to assist the Krumme Arboretum Committee to accomplish this endeavor. The handout is a promotional leaflet for the Arboretum, restaurants, parks, points of interest and other attractions within the city.

The Committee will rewrite the tour guide for the Arboretum itself for the upcoming season since things change each year.

Area Bridge Club

The Falls City Area Bridge Club met Feb. 22 at the Elks Club with Nancy Wittwer as hostess and five tables of players.

Prize winners were Lorna Simon, Gayla Fritz, Judy Slominski and Dennie Dixon.

Lorna Simon will be the hostess at the next session Tuesday, March 8, at 12:30 at the Elks Club.

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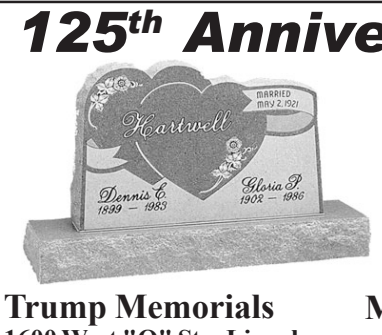

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For What It's Worth

By Jim Langan

The more I think about the recent coaching changes to the Husker football staff the more I see it as a step back. I hope I'm wrong, but these hires/promotions don't make sense to me.

Rich Fisher, the New England golf-teaching professional, who has not been in college football since 2002. Think the game hasn't changed just a hair since then?! Fisher coached recent Husker WR-commit Taariq Allen at The Rivers School, a prep institution in Massachusetts. Fisher encouraged Allen to attend a Nebraska football camp in the summer of 2010 where Allen shined and was offered a scholarship.

Tim Beck was promoted to offensive coordinator following the parting-of-ways with Shawn Watson, who moved on to Louisville. Beck has as much experience calling plays as I do! Oh yeah, he was the 'Passing Coordinator' for Kansas when Todd Reesing had his great year. Can someone please tell me what that means? Passing coordinator? Kansas is a basketball school that had success one year with the pigskin and won the Orange Bowl. Beck has stated he is going to scrap the old system and start fresh. He wants to establish an identity for the Big Red. He better do it quickly. The stingy, physical defenses of the Big 10 will not wait for him.

It frustrates me that Pelini did not look for a proven guy to come in and establish this 'identity'. Florida upgraded with Chalie Weis. Mark Mangino will not be on the next season of the "Biggest Loser" and probably has plenty of free time.

Ross Els, an assistant from Ohio? Yeah, Fightin' Frank Solich has a ton of guys playing on Sunday. Same can be said about Corey Raymond from Indiana. These guys come from bottom-tier schools in the FBS and one must scour the Internet to find any of the players they coached playing professional football.

AND MARK MY WORDS...Losing a guy like Marvin Sanders WILL HURT THIS PROGRAM SIGNIFICANTLY! That guy was maybe as important to our success the last few years as anyone on the staff.

When are we going to realize WE ARE NEBRASKA and stop being a starting point for coaches? I wish we could attract a great offensive mind to come in and right the ship, because our defense will be in good hands as long as Bo is around.

I, like most naïve Husker fans, have 100% faith in Pelini and his plan, but this move to the Big 10 is historical and the pressure to perform at a high level, especially on the offensive side of the ball, is the greatest Bo has felt in his coaching career.

The Falls City Tigers lose a proven warrior in senior Trevor Harling (35, with the ball), but Coach Don Hogue returns much to build on for next year, including (inset, clockwise from top left) Josh Stoller, Wade Witt, Kenny Frederick, Mitchell Harling and Cord Huettner. Furthermore, the Tiger Middle School teams posted a combined 23-0 record, so more talent is on the way. Tiger Basketball has, arguably, never been stronger. The Tigers got to state in 2010 with 11 seniors - a year later, in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, they were one half of a game from returning to Lincoln. The Falls City will certainly continue to keep you posted on how things transpire...

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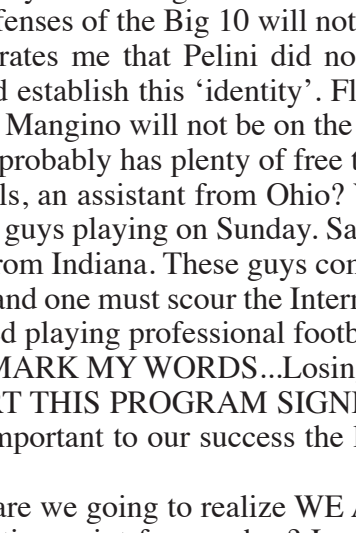

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No repeat trip to big dance, but future bright for Falls City

Tiger seniors part of 66-career wins, tied for 2nd all-time

By Jim Langan

The Falls City High boys' basketball program looked to exercise some demons Monday night in Beatrice. In 2008, the Tigers entered as the favorite and looked to get to Lincoln for the first time in what was then 45 years. They faced 11-10 Lincoln Lutheran, a team they had defeated by 14 points just six weeks prior. We all know how that one ended.

The 2011 version had a different feel to it as the Tigers' role was reversed. This time Falls City was David to Milford's Goliath. The Tigers entered the contest with a 12-13 record compared to 20-3 Milford.

Unfortunately, the improbable run ended as the Tigers fell in the district final to the Eagles, 64-51. The late-season surge that had propelled Falls City into its third district final in four years saw the Tigers playing their best basketball when it mattered most. Falls City played their two most complete games last week in Johnson with victories over Syracuse (60-40) and Ashland-Greenwood (63-52). Both opponents, however, were sub-.500 teams on the season.

Milford is a battle-tested team whose only losses include Sutton (20-4, State qualifier), Hastings St. Cecilia (19-6, State qualifier) and an overtime loss at Plattsmouth just three days after the Tigers lost on the road there.

"We battled well with a stronger and taller team," said FC Head Coach Don Hogue. "We will miss our seniors. They were part of the State tourney team last year and were in the district final three of the last four years."

The 2011 graduating seniors – Logan Faller, Ethan Fritz, Trevor Harling and Jack Munford – will go down as one of the most successful senior classes in Falls City history with a 66-30 career record. For some perspective, last year's graduating class was a part of 73 victories, the 08-09 class also won 66 and the seniors on the 1963 State Champion team won 51 games.

Falls City, behind freshman Mitchell Harling's three first quarter 3-pointers, jumped out to an early 13-7 lead mid-way through the first quarter. Milford answered though and scored the quarter's final 10 points to regain the lead 17-13.

The Tigers stormed back in the final three minutes of the first half outscoring the Eagles 14-6. The exclamation point came just before the half as senior Trevor Harling made a great pass to fellow senior Logan Faller for the final bucket before the break and the Tigers entered the lockers ahead 32-30.

It was all Milford, however, in the second half. The Eagles' Coleman Dahle, a 6-4 junior, who was relatively quiet in the first half, scored 12 of his game-high 18 points after halftime. Milford outscored Falls City 14-4 in the third quarter and wore the Tigers down.

"We wore down a little bit with their physicality in the paint," said Hogue. "They were getting shots in the paint early in the game that weren't falling, but then they became easier for them as the game went along."

Falls City had some good looks around the basket in the second half, but they either just did not fall or were altered by Milford defenders.

"It was a lot like the old days of Husker football," Hogue commented. "They just pound on you and pound on you and eventually by the fourth quarter things just open up."

Milford held a sizable advantage on the boards outrebounding the Tigers 24-14 and 8-3 on the offensive glass. The Tigers on the season did a great job pounding the glass and finished with a one rebound per game advantage over their opponents – 22.1 to 21.1. That says a lot about a team that played with three or four guards on the court at the same time and a "big" man in Faller, who is more of a small forward, but held his own under the glass all season.

Mitchell Harling led Falls City with 14 points and brother Trevor and Faller each added 10. Faller grabbed a team-high six boards and had three assists. Trevor also dished out three assists and was 6-8 at the free-throw line.

"I'm real happy with the intensity and work ethic these kids showed all year," said Hogue. "We were really competitive at the end of the season and I wish we could have found our niche just a little sooner."

The future is mighty bright for the boys' basketball program. Juniors Josh Stoller (7.0 ppg, 2 stls) and Kenny Frederick (4.2 ppg) will be the only returning seniors next year, so youth is plentiful. Sophomore Cord Huettner (6.6 ppg, 4.2 rpg) started every game this year and fellow soph Wade Witt (5.3 ppg, 3 rpg) developed into a steady, consistent threat off the bench. Look for Witt to start next season. Mitchell Harling (6.3 ppg, 2.5 apg), who made his mark on Tiger basketball in the first game of the season and/or his high school career against Syracuse, will only get better and should develop into a great floor general over the next three years. That amounts to five of your top seven players returning next season.Two other sophomores – Brandt Vice and Mitchell Campbell – and three freshman – Tyler DiGiacomo, Ryan Mount, Reese Hogue – rounded out the varsity roster for the duration of the season and should be in the mix next winter. Also, the eighth grade boys, coached by Kevin Scheitel, finished their middle school careers with a 23-0 record (12-0 in 8th and 11-0 in 7th, respectively).

Without a doubt Hogue has this program going in the right direction and the team has bought into the defensive philosophy. Consistent scoring was a problem at times this season, especially after halftime, and will need to be addressed this offseason – 12 times this year FC was held below 10 points in the third quarter. If these young lads get in the gym and put in the work the second weekend of March in Lincoln is a real possibility for years to come.

Jason Schock

FCHS senior Logan Faller battles for a rebound in the Tigers' district final loss to Milford Monday in Beatrice. Faller and his senior teammates won 66 basketball games in four years - a school record.

Scoring

FC — M. Harling, 14; T. Harling, 10; Stoller, 3; Witt, 6; Faller, 10; Huettner, 2; Frederick, 6.

Milford — Dahle, 18; Herman, 11; Weber, 10; Plessel, 9; Klein, 7; Anderson, 7; Folkerts, 2.

State Championships on ETV

Very little produces school spirit and intensity more than participation in a championship sporting event. On Saturday, March 12, the best boys' high school basketball teams in the state vie for championship trophies in six different classes in competitions broadcast live from the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln on NET1 and NET-HD.

The "NSAA State Boys High School Basketball Championships" will begin at 9 a.m. with the Class D-2 finals. The day-long coverage continues with the Class C-2 championship game at 11 a.m. CT and the Class A title game at 1 p.m. CT.

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Young Tigers earn five medals at invite

The FC Middle School wrestling team competed at the Weeping Water last Saturday, and sent three guys to finals and captured five medals.

Morgan Valentine, a 120-pound seventh grader, was a perfect 3-0 and took first place, improving to 5-1 on the season. Dylan Feighner, a 175-pound seventh grader, and Jeremy Zimmerman, a 210-pound eighth grader, each finished runner-up.

Tucker Merz, a 160-pound eighth grader, lost for the first time this season and finished third. Like Valentine, he's currently a team-best 5-1 on the year.

Coulton McCann, a 175-pound eighth grader, is 4-3 after finishing third at Weeping Water.

Trenton Pentecost (100 pounds, 4-3 on the season), Blake Black (110, 0-5), Martin Richbourg (170, 0-2), and Alex Harris (180, 0-4) all competed, but did not place.

The FCMS wrestlers host HTRS and Rock Port Thursday afternoon, beginning at 4 p.m.

Casual observers? Um, no. Then again, is anybody at a district final basketball game? FCHS boys' basketball coaches, from left: Kory Huppert, Cody Cahill, Jason Bredemeier, head coach Don Hogue and Mark Junker pay attention to every detail during the Tigers' district final loss to Milford Monday in Beatrice. Hogue and Co. have competed in three consecutive district final games.

FC Wrestling Club results

The Falls City Wrestling Club recently completed in two tournaments, the first in Rockport, MO, and the second in Auburn.

Listed below are the names of the medalists along with their respective finishes:

Rockport Tournament

1st place: Kellen McAfee, Sam Dunn, Lance Olberding, Ely Olberding and Blake Vitale.

2nd place: Cameron Schramm, Sloan Leonard and Trey McAfee.

3rd place: Derek Helmick, Dalton Helmick, Aidan Davis, Auston Licon and James Eickhoff.

4th place: Vaughn Leonard.

Auburn Tournament

1st place: Rylie Nelson, Kellen McAfee, Kyler Frederick, Delbert Casteel, Blake Vitale and Carter Hunzeker.

2nd place: Sam Dunn, Lance Olberding, Aidan Davis, Sloan Leonard and Keegan Hunzeker.

3rd place: Tate Wilcox, Ely Olberding, Ethan Nycum, Jessica Burns and Ransom Campbell.

4th place: Deven Nycum, Geoffrey Zimmerman, Kristopher Yeatts and Wyatt Olberding.

Beatrice Tournament

1st place: Kellyn McAfee, Kyler Frederick, Sloan Lenard, Delbert Casteel and Blake Vitale.

2nd place: Trey McAfee, Pacer Chapple and Jeremy Zimmerman.

3rd place: Sara Black, Kyle Black, Brett Black, Geoffrey Zimmerman, Braydon Frederick and Aidan Davis.

Lady Irish win Knights Tourney

The Sacred Heart Irish girls' junior high basketball teams had a busy February. The "A" team is currently 9-1 and the "B" team has yet to lose at 6-0.

The "A" team won the Knights of Columbus Tournament on Feb. 12 which was held at Prichard Auditorium. They defeated Pawnee City, 40-12, in the first game, then beat Auburn 36-6 in the championship.

They also finished first in the Diller-Odell defeating Lewiston, 52-5, then Neb. City Lourdes 39-21 in the championship game.

The season will wrap-up Monday evening after the Falls City Middle School Tournament.

Recent results:

Mar. 1

SH "A", 56 Johnson-Brock "A", 15
Scoring

SH - Hamilton, 2; Goltz, 17; Fiegener, 5; E. Magdanz, 10; A. Magdanz, 4; Fouraker, 8; Neddenriep, 2; Rohrer, 6.

J-B - Alberts, 9; Moody, 2; Westenburg, 4.

SH "B", 42 Johnson-Brock "B", 14
Scoring

SH - Strasheim, 2; Hamilton, 12; Kreifels, 6; Fiegener, 2; Neddenriep, 10; Ward, 10.

J-B - Damme, 2; Moody, 2; Johnson, 2; Teten, 8.

Feb. 17

SH "A", 74 H-TR-S "A", 8
Scoring

SH - Strasheim, 4; Goltz, 20; Fiegener, 7; E. Magdanz, 14; A. Magdanz, 15; Fouraker, 6; Neddenriep, 2; Ward, 2; Rohrer, 4.

H-TR-S - Nanninga, 2; Blecha, 2; Antholz, 4.

SH "B", 19 H-TR-S "B", 14
Scoring

SH - Strasheim, 4; Hamilton, 4; Fiegener, 2; Neddenriep, 3; Keithley, 2; Ward, 4.

H-TR-S - Fink, 4; Blecha, 3; Niedzielski, 4; Schuster, 3.

Feb. 14

SH "A", 37 Sterling "A", 39
Scoring

SH - Hamilton, 2; Fouraker, 7; Ward, 6; Rohrer, 10; Goltz, 12.

Ster - Hestermann, 5; Jasa, 4; Goracke, 18; Williams, 7; Eickhoff, 5.

SH "B", 10 Sterling "B", 8
Scoring

SH - Strasheim, 4; Keithley, 2; Ward, 4.

Ster - Boldt, 4; Pella, 4.

Knights of Columbus Tournament Feb. 12

SH "A", 40 Pawnee City "A", 12
Scoring

SH - Strasheim, 4; Kriefels, 1; Fiegener, 5; E. Magdanz, 7; A. Magdanz, 3; Fouraker, 18; Rohrer, 2.

PC - Mathewson, 2; Gyhra, 1; Habegger, 9.

Championship

SH "A", 36 Auburn "A", 6
Scoring

SH - Fiegener, 6; A. Magdanz, 6; Fouraker, 11; Rohrer, 13.

Aub - Shimmel, 2; Schulte, 4.

Diller-Odell Tournament

Feb. 19

SH "A", 52 Lewiston "A", 5
Scoring

SH - Strasheim, 2; Hamilton, 2; Goltz, 19; Fiegener, 8; E. Magdanz, 6; A. Magdanz, 6; Fouraker, 3; Ward, 4; Rohrer, 2.

Lew - Areia, 2; Bausch, 3.

Championship

SH "A", 39 NC Lourdes "A", 21
Scoring

SH - Goltz, 10, E. Magdanz, 12; A. Magdanz, 4; Fouraker, 6; Ward, 2; Rohrer, 5.

NCL - Kreifels, 7; Frenz, 6; Jelken, 2; Welch, 2; Snyder, 4.

A free throw shooting contest was held during the Knights of Columbus Touranament.

Abby Magdanz took first place knocking down 16-20 free throws. A three-way tie for second went to her sister Elizabeth, Jacquelyn Fink of H-TR-S and Pawnee City's Mikaila Engelken, who each hit 9-20.

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CRP Informational Meeting
The USDA has announced a new signup period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) from March 14th to April 15th.
A public meeting is being held in the area to help explain the CRP program and its options for landowners. Please plan to attend to learn more about the new options available in the program and have your questions answered. You can also learn more and signup by scheduling an appointment with your local USDA service center during the signup period.
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Fifteen Falls City High School students participated in the 38th annual Peru State Business Contest Feb. 16. Students competed with their peers from 15 schools in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri in 15 different business disciplines. A $500 scholarship was awarded to the 1st place winner in each category and medals were awarded to the top five in each event. Logan Auffert (2nd-Advanced Accounting & 4th-Economics), Phillip Doerr (1st-Introduction to Business & 4th-Entrepreneurship), Justin Elwonger (4th-Computer Concepts), and Ashley Sickel (3rd-Advanced Accounting) came away the big winners for FCHS. Donna Eickhoff is the business instructor at FC High. Students photographed, from left: Tate Hayes, Phillip Doerr, Bryce Hayes, Amber Stice, Justin Elwonger, Erin Lyons, Robert Chab, Hayley McCann, Matt Gilsdorf, Ashley Sickel, Logan Faller, Ching Kong, Colby Mooney, Jessica Fisher and Logan Auffert.

Phillip Doerr, Cody Dreier earn $500 scholarships at PSC contest

Fifteen area high school students took top honors at Peru State College's 38th Annual High School Business Contest, each walking away with a $500 tuition scholarship to PSC.

The students competed with their peers from 14 schools in Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri in 15 business disciplines, including accounting, advanced accounting, business communications, business law, business math, computer concepts, economics, entrepreneurship, introduction to business, job interview, keyboarding objective, keyboarding skills, marketing, personal finance and Web page design.

Dr. Judy Grotrian, contest director, said, "The students participating in this competition raise the bar year after year. We were fortunate to once again have a truly outstanding group of intelligent, business-minded students involved."

Schools that participated in the competition include Auburn, Deshler, Douglas County West, Falls City, Freeman, HTRS, Johnson County Central, Johnson-Brock, Platteview, Sabetha, Sterling, Syracuse, Tarkio, and Tri County.

First-place winners in each of the 15 categories received $500 tuition scholarships (for on-campus classes) to PSC. PSC offers tuition through its "One Rate, Any State" program, which allows students from across the country to take classes while paying in-state tuition rates. Medals were also awarded to first through fifth-place winners in each category.

FCHS business teacher Donna Eickhoff and PSC Contest winner Phillip Doerr

HTRS business teacher Joan Dreier and PSC Contest winner Cody Dreier

Tax check-off benefits wildlife conservation

Tax season annually provides an opportunity for Nebraskans to contribute to wildlife and habitat conservation.

Line 41 on the 2010 state income tax form (Form 1040N) allows individuals to donate all or a part of their tax refund to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

"The check-off is one of the principal sources of state funding used to conserve more than 98 percent of fish and wildlife species that are not hunted, trapped or fished," said Kristal Stoner, of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Many of these species are exceedingly rare or experiencing serious declines. "Some of these species are listed as threatened and endangered," Stoner said. "We use Wildlife Conservation Fund dollars to recover those species and prevent future listings."

For example, the western slender glass lizard is Nebraska's rarest lizard. It had not been seen in Nebraska since 1932 until a herpetologist conducting a field survey in 2010 found three glass lizards in Franklin and Webster counties.

Check-off donations are matched to other grant sources that require a financial match before they can be used; so a donation of $10 allows $40 to be spent on wildlife projects.

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Falls City Middle School has now received its second $1,000 check from the SunMart SOS program. Homerooms are competing to try to gather the most receipts at Middle School. The homeroom of Roger Lampe, here receiving the check from SunMart Pricing Manager Susie Kreifels, has collected the most so far this year. The students and staff at FCMS certainly want to thank the community for saving the receipts, Randy Gottula and the SunMart organization for having this program to Support Our Schools. Students photographed, from left: Trent Pentecost, Kira Vollan, Melissa Feighner, Tyler Harms, (Kreifels and Lampe), Easm Hollens, Alexander Harris, Bryan Rose, Dakota Runkles and Bailey Armbruster.

Gandhi grandson to speak at Peru March 22

Arun Gandhi, the fifth grandson of Mohandas (Mahatma) K. Gandhi, will speak at Peru State College at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in the College Theatre. His appearance is a part of the Distinguished Speakers Series being brought to southeast Nebraska by PSC. This event is free and open to the public.

Arun Gandhi has dedicated his life to nonviolent activism and writing. Born in South Africa to the only son who continued Mahatma's legacy, Arun moved to India as a teenager and lived with his grandfather until a few months prior to Mahatma Gandhi's assassination. He returned to India in 1956 and worked as a journalist for the Times of India. In 1987 Gandhi, with his wife and two children, came to the U.S. at the invitation of the University of Mississippi for which he was to write a paper on the similarities between the prejudice in India, the U.S. and South Africa.

He has written several books to date and serves as President of the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute, an organization working for the "eradication of the scourge of poverty and human degradation." Although political at times, Arun's work is primarily social, focused on the welfare of fellow human beings. Until 2008, he presided over the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, located at the University of Rochester. He now spends a great deal of his time on speaking tours which take him throughout the U.S. and beyond.

The title of Gandhi presentation will be Lessons Learned from Grandfather. Activist Arun Gandhi shares his riveting and unique reflections on the personal and historical legacy of his grandfather and sends forth a message of integrity, social harmony, nonviolence, inclusion and peace in the wake of terrorism, international conflicts, immigration debates, and religious, political, and ideological differences that threaten our future as national and global citizens.

PSC President Dan Hanson said, "We are pleased to welcome Arun Gandhi to our campus. His personal connection to a man of historical significance, and his own life experiences, provide a tremendous opportunity for learning and discovery for students and citizens of southeast Nebraska."

More Information about Arun Gandhi may be found at: http://www.arungandhi.org/

OPPD reintroduces refrigerator/freezer recycling program

Thousands of old and inefficient refrigerators will be hitting the recycling bin soon as the Omaha Public Power District brings back a popular program. OPPD's refrigerator/freezer recycling program in 2010 took nearly 2,100 inefficient units off the grid when it ran last fall. As part of the program, OPPD arranges for the pick-up of older, energy-wasting refrigerators or freezers and pays participating customers $35 as an incentive.

Older refrigerators can consume up to four times more energy than newer units. Operating in unconditioned spaces like a garage makes them work even harder, especially in the hot days of summer.

The program went over so well, it ran out of money with 177 units on the waiting list.

"We were excited by the success of the first program," said OPPD Vice President of Employee & Customer Relations Tim Burke. "By removing these refrigerators and freezers from the grid, we will help delay the need to build more generating units, which can be very expensive."

OPPD contracts with JACO Environmental to remove the appliances from participating customers' homes and then dismantle and recycle them. JACO's process recycles 95 percent of the material in the appliances. Even the foam insulation, which cannot be recycled, is safely incinerated through a method that generates electricity for the grid.

Some of the materials inside refrigerators and freezers pose an environmental threat if discarded in landfills.

The program covers the removal of up to two units per household. Appliances to be recycled must be in working order, with an inside measurement of between 10 and 32 cubic feet. The program will run through October, 2011 if funds permit.

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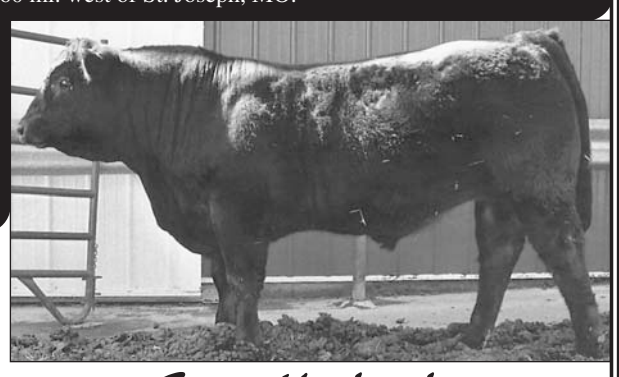

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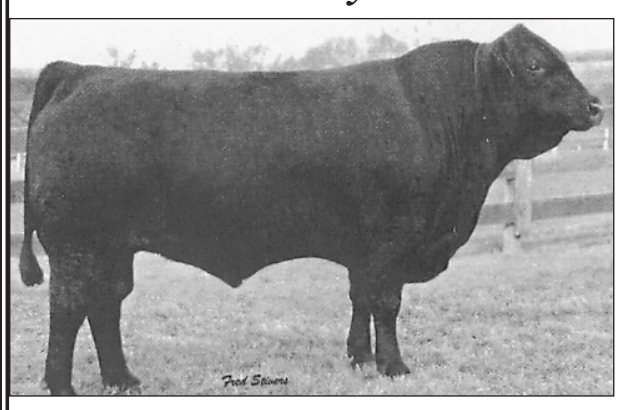

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SENSE & SENSITIVITY

Is messy home just the tip of the iceberg?

By Harriette Cole

DEAR HARRIETTE: I was recently mortified by the condition of my friend's apartment. He is single and lives on his own. He has a pit bull that is out of control, but that's only part of the problem. He has dishes stacked, food containers open and sitting for days, and the kitchen is in disarray. There is trash in his bedroom -- literally trash! And his bathroom is unusable. His apartment looks like a dumpster. This is unhealthy! What should I say or do? He doesn't care. -- Rohit, Boston, Mass.

Dear Rohit: Your friend has a serious problem that could be a sign of Attention Deficit Disorder. He could just be a hoarder. He could be depressed. To help him, you are going to have to be brave to address your friend. Ask him directly what's going on in his life. Ask him why his home is in such bad condition. Clearly, something is wrong. He may not be aware of how bad his apartment looks, as hard as that is to imagine. Suggest that he hire someone to help clean up his place. Encourage him to get some help so that he can live in a healthy environment.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My husband is cheating on me. Whenever I ask him to go somewhere, he declines and spends time with "her." He leaves me in the bed alone in the middle of the night to be entertained. I know everyone is thinking just leave him, but "she" lives in my house. Her dimensions are 49 inches by 29.7 inches by 3.9 inches; she's hanging on the wall in the living room, with an attached Xbox 360. It's as if she calls my husband's name after work, in the middle of the night and on weekends. When we are supposed to be spending quality time with each other, she has taken it from me. The flat-screen TV and that damn video-game console were the worst gifts I've ever given. He's addicted, and I refuse to continue to be deprived of affection. How can I put an end to this awful habit? Does he need "real" help? -- Amber, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Amber: Electronics have long been a lure for people, and these products frequently do "steal" precious time from personal interaction with loved ones for those who are lured into a relationship with them. Believe it or not, I think the best way for you to get your husband's attention is to find a video game that might interest you, too. If you can figure out how to participate in his play, you may eventually be able to convince him to steal away and spend time doing something else with you.

Putting your foot down hasn't worked thus far, and it's doubtful that it will now. I'm sure you've heard the notion that you can catch more bees with honey. Pour on the honey, and see if you can draw him back to you. No need for therapy, by the way.

(Lifestylist and author Harriette Cole is president and creative director of Harriette Cole Media. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o United Feature Syndicate, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.)

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Attention:

2011 unclaimed property owners

In addition to the familiar Andersons and Johnsons and Petersons who populate Nebraska's 93 counties, some other big names are showing up in the 2011 list of unclaimed property owners, to be published in 16 Nebraska newspapers in March and April.

There are institutions of higher learning, major health care centers, banks and insurance companies, public and private entities, and the biggest businesses in the state, as well as hotels, restaurants, doctors' offices, and ordinary citizens. In all, the Unclaimed Property Division of the Nebraska State Treasurer's Office is holding property valued at more than $100 million for more than 350,000 Nebraskans or former Nebraskans.

"One of my priorities as State Treasurer is to return unclaimed property to its rightful owners. I encourage all Nebraskans to look for their names in our newspaper publication or check our website at www.treasurer.org," State Treasurer Don Stenberg said.

Meaghan Aguirre, director of the Unclaimed Property Division, said that unclaimed property could be in the form of stocks, dividends, utility deposits, mutual funds, lost IRAs, matured CDs, and unused gift certificates. The property also could be in the form of court deposits, payroll wages, refunds, commissions, dormant accounts, and safe deposit boxes.

The 2011 list includes names of people and organizations with funds reported to the Unclaimed Property Division during the past year; most entries were only recently added to the list. This year's list includes an estimated 25,000 names and represents almost $20 million in unclaimed property.

Once a year, according to state law, the Unclaimed Property Division publishes the names of people and organizations for whom the state is holding unclaimed property. This year's 28-page publication will come out March 6 in the Omaha World-Herald and the Scottsbluff Star-Herald. The tabloid publication will be published on the following dates in the following Nebraska newspapers:

March 6 – Omaha World-Herald and Scottsbluff Star-Herald.

March 19 - Beatrice Daily Sun, Fremont Tribune, Norfolk Daily News, York News-Times.

March 20 - Lincoln Journal Star, Columbus Telegram.

April 1 - Holdrege Citizen, McCook Gazette.

April 2 - Alliance Times-Herald, Hastings Tribune, Kearney Hub, Sidney Sun-Telegraph.

April 3 - Grand Island Independent, North Platte Telegraph.

Aguirre suggests that readers look for their own names as well as the names of relatives, businesses, and friends in the tabloid publication. The names are listed by last known county of residence. All claims are verified by the Unclaimed Property Division staff. Readers who find their names or the names of their businesses or of deceased relatives should use one of the following methods to file claims:

—Call the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-877-572-9688 toll free outside of Lincoln or 402-471-8497 in Lincoln. Phone calls are taken between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

—Complete the claim form found inside the front cover of the newspaper tabloid and mail to the State Treasurer's Office, Unclaimed Property Division, 809 Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-1390. That form will need to be notarized.

—Check your name on the Nebraska State Treasurer's website at www.treasurer.org. Type your name in the box on the home page, or click on the Search for Unclaimed Property link in the left navigation pane. In many circumstances, owners may be able to file their claims online through the website.

On this day in 1962, Wilt Chamberlain sets the single-game scoring record in the National Basketball Association by scoring 100 points.

Society

Missionary Circle

Eleven members of the Christ Lutheran Missionary Circle met at the church Thursday evening, Feb. 17.

Marcia Schwartz co-hosted her original version of a QVC shopping network program, "Shopping for Lotions." Sherry Harmon was her co-hostess. Marjorie Eames presented "The Voice of Reason" on the sister channel NIV with the Biblical version of lotions and fragrances.

Members participated with the Bible Study, "Living the Chocolate Life," written by Deb Burma. Ms. Burma lives in Columbus, NE, and will be the featured speaker at the 20ll LWML convention in Peoria, IL. Marcia led the closing prayer.

Elaine Schwartz called the business meeting to order. The secretary called roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting. Ruth Groothuis gave the treasurer's report. Patty Holtz, a former member, donated the receipts from the sale of potholders and hot mats she had made. Bonnie Zentner, Human Care chairman, reported several quilts had been completed during the afternoon quilting. She asked for volunteers to make school bags for the Lutheran World Relief school kits. Joann Baldwin had sent several sympathy and get–well cards. Alice Eickhoff brought the history album she prepared for members to enjoy. Thank-you notes were read from the Harold Clark family and the Circle's adopted missionary, Tim Beckendorff and family. Marjorie Eames gave a reading, "Something to Think About," for Christian Growth. She offered prayer in closing, Elaine Schwartz closed the business meeting and led the table prayer prior to refreshments served by the hostess, Ruth Groothuis.

The next meeting will be March 17th at 7 p.m. at the church. Ruth Groothuis will be the program chairman and Bonnie Zentner, the hostess.

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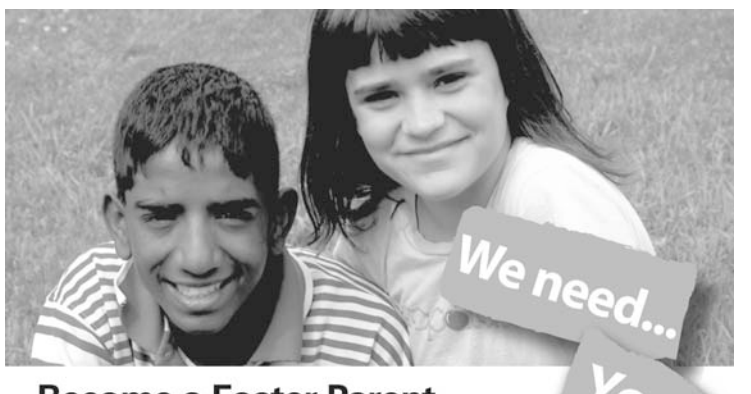

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ADMINISTRATIVE

PAYROLL, SA $10,923.92
BENNETT REF, EX $160.00
F.C. ECON DEVELOPMENT, EX $11,000.64
FC JOURNAL, EX $447.75
FC MED EQUIP, EX $1.99
FC MERCANTILE, EX $461.12
HARDING & SHULTZ, P.C., L.L.O., EX $33.00
HEWLETT-PACKARD FIN SERV CO, EX $150.48
JONES AIR CONDITIONING, EX $438.69
QUILL CORP, SU $208.62
RAM EXT, SR $55.00
RELIABLE CORP, SU $173.12
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 56, EX $170.00
SE NEBRASKA COMM, SR $217.29
UNIFIRST CORP, EX $7.64
UTILITY DEPT, EX $2,069.65
WEAVER & MERZ, SR $128.74
WOLFES PRINTING, SU $99.07
Total $26,746.72

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL, SA $38,522.77
D. ARMBRUSTER, EX $45.85
AS CENTRAL FINANCE, EX $448.00
CHARLES DI GIACOMO, EX $42.38
CHIEF LARRY THOREN, EX $50.00
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX $99.02
COMFORT INN, EX $196.98
DAVID ARMBRUSTER, EX . $20.00
FLEET SERVICES, EX $1,906.62
GALLS INC, EX $256.95
HAUG COMM INC., EX $175.00
KELLEE KEAN, EX $20.00
LYNN PEAVEY CO., EX $339.05
MANKWAN YEUNG, EX $20.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $549.65
MID-STATES ORGANIZED Crime Info Center, EX $100.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CN, EX $60.00
SEAN NOLTE, EX $28.95
PAMIDA, EX $8.99
POLICE DEPT- petty cash, EX $45.00
RICHARDSON COUNTY COURT, EX $194.50
SE NEBRASKA COMMUNICATIONS, SR . $330.12
UTILITY DEPT, EX $2.00
UTILITY DEPT, EX $39.37
WEAVER & MERZ, SR $677.50
Total $44,178.70

FIRE

PAYROLL, SA $9,644.45
DEARBORN NATIONAL, EX $375.60
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX $11.49
SE NEBRASKA COMM., SR $44.70
UTILITY DEPT, EX $1,910.84
Total $11,987.08

STREET DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL, SA $16,991.92
ATTACHMENTS DIRECT, INC., EX $2,995.00
FARMERS REPAIR & MACHINE SHOP, EX $49.53
FLEET SERVICES, EX $4,487.41
HARMONS OK TIRE STORE, EX $138.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $814.57
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO, EX $87.41
OLSSON ASS., EX $300.00
SE NEBRASKA COMM., SR $42.59
UTILITY DEPT, EX $4,772.00
UTILITY DEPT - petty cash, EX $40.01
Total $30,718.44

PARKS

PAYROLL, SA $7,531.28
FARM & CITY SUPPLY, EX . $36.99
FLEET SERVICES, EX $133.19
MILLER MONROE, EX $111.00
UTILITY DEPT, EX $807.50
Total $8,619.96

AUDITORIUM

DAKTRONICS, INC., EX $825.00
NORMAN DORITY, EX $52.00
FC MERCANTILE, EX $63.29
FARM & CITY SUPPLY, EX . $45.63
JIM HILL'S, EX $4.13
KRIZ DAVIS CO., EX $3.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $39.96
NE DOL/BOILER, EX $108.00
PLIBRICO COMPANY LLC., EX $6,389.02
RELIABLE CORP, SU $1,001.38
SACRED HEART SCHOOL, EX $75.00
SE NEBRASKA COMM, SR . $85.29
UNIFIRST CORP, EX $28.60
UTILITY DEPT, EX $3,435.63
Total $12,155.93

ANIMAL CONTROL

PAYROLL, SA $2,454.58
CONVENIENCE CARD #4458, EX $80.72
FLEET SERVICES, EX $129.86
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $17.44
OPPD, EX $56.95
UTILITY DEPT, EX $8.00
Total $2,747.55

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F.C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EX $9.30
Total $9.30

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

PAYROLL, SA $16,141.51
CARMICHAEL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, EX $12,084.00
SNC, SR $367.10
SE NE COMM., SR $403.42
UTILITY DEPT, EX $11.09
WINDSTREAM, EX $1,660.75
Total $30,667.87

LIBRARY

PAYROLL, SA $11,711.89
BDG SECURITY LLC, EX $25.00
COOK'S ILLUSTRATED, EX $19.95
GARDEN DESIGN, EX $21.00
EBSCO INFO SERV, EX $38.52
ELECTRONIC CONT. CO., EX $81.00
FC JOURNAL, EX $39.00
FC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, EX $12.18
GRIT, EX $10.00
HUSKER ELECTRIC, EX ... $133.00
JIM HILL'S, EX $17.30
LIBRARY - petty cash, EX... $144.78
MILLER MONROE, EX $353.00
MOUND CITY NEWS, EX.... $35.00
OCLC, INC., EX $66.10
PAMIDA, EX $28.55
SAVEUR, EX $27.00
SE NE COMM., SR $356.61
THE HORN BOOK, INC., EX $35.00
UTILITY DEPT, EX $2,400.05
WOLFES PRINTING, SU $20.97
Total $15,575.90

LIBRARY GRANT

INGRAM, EX $1,486.81
DORA NUSSBAUM, EX $832.00
PROQUEST INFO & LEARNING, EX $895.00
Total $3,213.81

CEMETERY

PAYROLL, SA $4,323.98
JONES & JONES, EX $650.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $18.39
SE NE COMM., SR $28.78
UTILITY DEPTT, EX $104.75
Total $5,125.90

AIRPORT

BERWICK CO-OP OIL, EX $780.51
SUE BUCKMINSTER, EX .. $250.00
BURNS LAW FIRM, EX .. $3,429.40
DAWN BENNETT, EX $75.00
FC MERCANTILE, EX..... $98.27
MIDWEST RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES, INC., EX..... $585.00
NEBR DEPT OF AERONAUTICS., EX $375.00
PHILIP CHAFFEE, EX ..... $2,320.00 EX
SE NE COMM., SR ..... $86.24 SR
UTILITY DEPT., EX $319.63
Total $8,319.05

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NDED, EX $595.24
SE NE DEVELOP DISTRICT, EX $1,566.45
WEAVER & MERZ, SR $37.50
Total $2,199.19

C.D.B.G.-GRANTS

MAIN STREET FALLS CITY, EX $2,080.00
RDG PLANNING & DESIGN, EX $14,055.40
SE NE DEVELOP DISTRICT, EX $645.20
Total $16,780.60

ECONOMIC DEVELOP. SI

FC JOURNAL, EX $28.80
WEAVER & MERZ, SR $82.50
Total $111.30

CAPITAL IMPROV. SINK

DON ANKROM CONSTRUCTION, EX $2,300.00
Total $2,300.00

LIBRARY PROJECT SINK

ELECTRONIC CONT. CO., EX $2,972.00
Total $2,972.00

General Total $224,429.30

UTILITY CLAIMS JAN 2011
ELECTRIC

PAYROLL, SA $64,684.96
ADMIN. DEPT, SU $47.16
ALAN ROMINE, EX $84.97
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC., EX $1,837.98
CITY OF FC - GENERAL PETTY CASH, EX $87.75
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX $382.61
EMBASSY SUITES LINCOLN, EX $277.52
FC JOURNAL, EX $20.25
FC SANITATION SERV, SR $392.15
FARM & CITY SUPP, EX $214.53
FLEET SERV, EX $1,412.49
GENERAL FUND, EX $17,679.81
HACH CHEMICAL CO., EX. $56.28
HAMPTION INN, EX $87.97
HEWLETT-PACKARD FINANCIAL SERV, EX $68.47
HUSKER ELECTRIC SUPPLY, EX $2,100.39
JK ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC, EX..... $1,612.20
K-T'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE, EX $134.82
KRIZ-DAVIS CO., EX $221.81
LAB SAFETY SUPPLY INC., EX $553.92
MARYS SHIPPING STATION, EX $21.98
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $310.72
MID-AMERICA PUMP & SUPPLY, EX $321.50
MILLER-MONROE, EX..... $353.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE, EX..... $3.45
MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEB, EX . $73,026.92
NE DOL/BOILER INSPECTION, EX $36.00
NEBRASKA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, EX $565.75
NFPA, EX $311.45
NORTHERN SAFETY CO INC., EX $111.34
RESOURCE ACTION PROGRAMS, EX $640.25
SEWER DEPT, EX $293.00
SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, INC., EX $153.67
SE NE COMM, SR $321.56
SW PUBLIC SAFETY, EX .. $136.91
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY APPAREL, EX $357.42
TRUE VALUE, EX $21.47
UCI UTILITY CONSULATANTS INC., EX ..... $60.00 EX
UTILITY DEPT, EX $14,536.92
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX $503.32
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC., EX $2,258.13
WILSON BOHANNAN CO., EX $261.27
WOLFES OFFICE SUPPLY, SU $87.96
Total $186,652.03

WATER DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL, SA $23,185.43
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU $2.15
CITY OF FC - GEN PETTY CASH, EX $19.25
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, EX $56.95
EDWARDS CHEMICALS, EX $1,006.16
FC JOURNAL, EX $30.28
FLEET SERVICES, EX $421.76
HACH CHEMICAL, EX $115.52
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD, EX $580.74
HEWLETT-PACKARD FINANCIAL SERV., EX $13.55
HUSKER ELECTRIC SUPPLY, EX $309.24
JOHN C. RIEGER, EX $36.01
LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO., EX $14,506.25
MARYS SHIPPING, EX $11.02
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $155.96
MEYER HOME CENTER, EX $17.17
MISSISSIPPI LIME CO., EX $3,698.40
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC., EX $321.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH, EX $65.00
NE RURAL WATER ASSOC., EX $225.00
NE WORKFORCE DEV., EX $125.00
OLSSON ASSOCIATES, EX $1,957.83
QUILL CORP, SU $17.99
RESOURCE ACTION PROGRAMS, EX $141.45
RICHARDSON COUNTY TREASURER, SR $445.65
SE NE COMM, EX..... $166.57
UTILITY DEPT, EX $5,528.31
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX $121.65
WOLFES OFFICE SUPPLY, SU $9.00
Total $53,290.29

MECHANIC SHOP

PAYROLL, SA $9,109.56
ARMBRUSTER MOTOR CO., EX $133.33
CONVENIENCE CARD 1062485, EX $16.49
FC AUTO SUPPLY, EX..... $325.89
FARM & CITY SUPPLY, EX $155.61
FARMERS REPAIR & MACHINE SHOP, EX..... $25.09
FASTENAL CO., EX..... $30.14
HARMON'S O.K. TIRE STORE, EX $542.00
HULLMAN FORD, EX..... $418.09
INTERSTATE, EX..... $69.99
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $73.64
MERZ FARM EQUIP, EX..... $5.88
MR. AUTOMOTIVE, EX..... $92.18
TRI-STATE TRACTOR REPAIR, EX $32.74
Total $11,030.63

GAS DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL, SA $42,499.61
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU $22.17
CITY OF FC - GEN PETTY CASH, EX $69.00
DEBIT CARD, EX $30.78
FC JOURNAL, EX $16.25
FARMERS REPAIR & MACHINE SHOP, EX..... $46.05
FLEET SERVICES, EX..... $485.35
GENERAL FUND, EX $20,824.37
GREAT PLAINS ONE-CALL SERVICE, EX $28.39
HARDING & SHULTZ, P.C., L.L.O., EX $66.00
HEWLETT-PACKARD FIN SERVICES CO, EX $68.47
IOWA ASSOC. MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, EX $1,265.00
K-T'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE, EX $5.35
MCJUNKIN RED MAN CORPORATION, EX $805.86
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $235.50
MILTON ROY CO., EX $173.04
NATIONAL PUBLIC GAS AGENCY, EX $263,180.72
NE WORKFORCE DEV., EX $445.25
QUILL CORP, SU..... $498.69
RESOURCE ACTION PROG, EX $504.00
SE NE COMM, SR $220.54
UTILITY DEPT, EX $952.47
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX $524.65
UTILITY SAFETY & DESIGN INC., EX..... $2,525.30
WEAVER & MERZ, SR $112.50
WOLFES OFFICE SUPPLY, SU $64.00
Total $335,669.31

Total Utility $586,642.26

SEWER CLAIMS JAN 2011

PAYROLL, SA $17,489.98
ADMIN DEPT, SU $12.62
ASC PUMPING EQUIP, EX $1,885.95
BROWN COUNTY TRANSFER STATION, EX $180.01
FC MEDICAL EQUIP, EX $60.96
FC SANITATION, SR $165.00
FARM & CITY, EX $96.69
FLEET FUELING, EX $220.09
GERALD A. ROLAND, EX. $295.48
JIM HILL'S, EX $200.91
KRIZ DAVIS CO, EX..... $61.42
MECHANIC SHOP, EX $9.75
MIDWEST LABS, EX $40.71
MR. AUTOMOTIVE, EX..... $71.17
MUNICIPAL SERV & SUPPLY CO., EX..... $1,236.37
Mc2, INC., EX $3,867.98
NEB WASTEWATER OPERATORS DIV, EX..... $20.00
PAMIDA, EX $25.66
RELIABLE, SU $3.69
SE NE COMM, SR $118.60
USA BLUEBOOK, EX..... $162.79
UTILITY DEPT, EX $7,192.17
WOLFE'S OFFICE SUPPLIES, SU $8.08
Total $33,426.08

Village of Salem

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The Salem Village Board met Feb. 8, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Catlin opened the meeting with the One and Six Year Street hearing. Wessel and Kean answered roll call. Lendermon and Strauch were absent. The maintenance plan was presented for discussion. No patrons were present at the hearing.

Kean moved to pass a resolution to accept the One and Six Year Street plan as presented, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried.

Catlin moved to close the hearing, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.

Chairman Catlin opened the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. Tony Brown was present to present a bill for January snow removal.

Minutes of the January meeting were read. Wessel moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Catlin. Motion carried.

The board continues to have questions about chlorine levels in the water. The board has contacted the Rural Water District by mail about the problem, but there has been no response from the Rural Water District. Operator Reimers was not at the meeting. The matter was tabled until next meeting.

The board discussed the need for a special hearing to hear comments about the new liquor license being requested by the new owners of the Big Red N. Catlin moved to change the regular meeting to March 1, 2011, and conduct an open hearing at 7:30 p.m. and follow with the regular monthly meeting. Motion seconded by Wessel. Motion carried. The hearing notice will be published in the Falls City Journal.

Claims were presented for payment. Catlin moved to pay claims, seconded by Kean. Motion carried.

Snow removal was discussed. Residents are reminded to keep vehicles off streets during snow removal.

Wessel moved to close the meeting at 8:30, seconded by Kean. Motion carried.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

Village of Salem Claims

Stateline Propane, 1066; Robert Aitken, 550; Farm and City, 11.98; NE Health Lab, 16; Schendel Pest Control, 73; Falls City Journal, 58.68; Rural Water District, 1630.88; Fred Reimers, 500; Water Account deposit, 400; Glathar salary, 350; OPPD, 507.34; Brown snow removal and sand, 2022.48.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Hip Pocket, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 111 E. 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to engage in any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. The limited liability company commenced on February 16, 2011 and shall continue perpetually. Its affairs shall be conducted by the members pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

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3-10-17

Payday loan scammers use fear for own payday

By Attorney General Jon Bruning

Lincoln – In these tough economic times, some Nebraskans are struggling to make ends meet. Families work hard for their paychecks and look for ways to stretch every dollar. Unfortunately, scammers are finding ways to steal hard-earned cash from those who are facing financial hardships.

In the past 30 days, our mediation center has received more than 20 reports of payday loan collection scams targeting Nebraskans.

In these scams, a caller claims that the victim is delinquent in a payday loan that must be repaid immediately to avoid legal consequences. The scammers pose as representatives of the FBI, a law firm or another legitimately named agency. The scammers claim to be collecting debts for companies such as United Cash Advance, U.S. Cash Advance, U.S. Cash Net and other Internet check cashing services.

One of the most insidious aspects of this scam is that the callers have accurate information about the victims, including: Social Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, employer information, bank account numbers, and names and telephone numbers of relatives and friends. According to the FBI, fraudsters may be obtaining the victims' personal information from completed online applications for other loans or credit cards.

The fraudsters relentlessly call the victim's home, cell phone and place of employment. They refuse to provide to the victims any details of the alleged payday loans and become abusive when questioned. The callers threaten victims with legal actions, arrests and, in some cases, physical violence if payment is not received. In many cases, the callers resort to harassment of the victim's relatives, friends and employers.

Some fraudsters instruct victims to fax a statement agreeing to pay a certain dollar amount, on a specific date, via prepaid visa card. The scammers also require a statement declaring that the victim will never dispute the debt.

These telephone calls are an attempt to obtain payment by instilling fear. If you receive a similar call, do not follow the instructions of the caller. Instead:

—Contact the payday lender directly to verify any outstanding debt.

—Contact your banking institutions.

—Contact the three major credit bureaus and request an alert be put on your file.

—Contact your local law enforcement agencies if you feel you are in immediate danger.

—File a complaint at www.IC3.gov.

For more information, contact our Consumer Protection Division or file a complaint at www.ago.ne.gov.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, 2601 Harlan, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 2502 Towle Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. The limited liability company was formed on February 24, 2011 and shall continue perpetually. Its affairs shall be conducted by the members pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, D & R Raney Liquor, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 2502 Towle Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. The limited liability company was formed on February 24, 2011 and shall continue perpetually. Its affairs shall be conducted by the members pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City will meet on March 7, 2011, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at City Hall, 1820 Towle Street, for the purpose of hearing comment on a uniform policy which sets a dollar limit on the value of any plaque, certificate of achievement, or item of value to be awarded by the City.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Education Special Meeting March 7, 2011 at 12:30 PM; Central Office at Falls City Middle School.

Agenda: South School Principal Contract.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Trustee`s Sale

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on 03/21/2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor corridor at the West door of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355:

LOT FOURTEEN (14), BLOCK TWENTY-SEVEN (27), A.R. AND LUTHER NIMS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

By: Erika Knapstein, Trustee, NSBA# 24088
Kozeny & McCubbin, LC
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St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 991-0255

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land located in Verdon, Richardson County, Nebraska, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 10, thence North 490 feet, thence East 300 feet, thence South 35 degrees 30 minutes East 602 feet to the south line of Section 10, thence West 650 feet to the place of beginning, all in Township 2 North, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, except portion thereof previously deeded unto the State of Nebraska for roadway purpose recorded in Deed Record Book 157 at Page 441, subject to a right to use of water from spring located on said tract with a right of way for pipe lines thereto, and except portion conveyed to the State of Nebraska by deed recorded in Book 97 Page 673.

Subject to a right of way 33 feet wide along the west line of said Section 10.

Commonly known as 64502 712 Road, Verdon, Nebraska 68457.

Will be sold at public auction on March 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to the highest bidder for cash in the main lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

NEBRASKA ENERGY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ADELE WILTSE, DECEASED
Case No. PR86-049
NOTICE
TO ALL CONCERNED:

Notice is hereby given that First National Bank & Trust Company, has filed the Trustee's annual accounting, a petition for approval of trustee's account, and to allow payment of trustee's fees, and costs of administration, which shall be heard on March 9, 2011, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in this Court.

Dated: February 4, 2011
Nancy A. DeKlotz,
Clerk of the County Court

Steven R. Brott, NSBA #10446
Attorney at Law
1524 Stone Street
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-4222 17-24-3

NOTICE
Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

Notice is hereby given that Hullman's Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc., a Nebraska corporation organized under the Nebraska Business Corporation Act, adopted the following Articles of Amendment:

The name of this corporation shall be changed from Hullman's Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc., and shall hereafter be known as

Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc.

The articles of Amendment became effective upon filing of the Amendment on February 4, 2011, with the Secretary of State.

Attested by:
Dennis L. Hullman, President
Cheryl A. Hullman, Secretary

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3-10-17

NOTICE
of Election of Directors of Drainage District No. 7, Richardson County, Nebraska

Notice is hereby given that an election for the purpose of electing one director for Drainage District No. 7 of Richardson County, Nebraska for the term of five years will be held on April 12, 2011 at the Office of the County Clerk in the Courthouse at Falls City, Nebraska. Polls will be open on said date from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m.

The director whose term is currently expiring is Robert Morehead. Any person or the officer or representative of any corporation owning or controlling any land assessed for benefits may be a director.

The legal voters in said District shall have one vote for each unit of benefit apportioned against the land owned by the voter.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2011.

Paul H. Benitz, President
DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 7 of
Richardson County, Nebraska

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School District #56

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

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011, in the Central Office at the Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL: School Board members present were: Kathy Bartek, Ed Harris, Scott Hollens, Scott Huppert, John Martin and Teresa Olberding. Absent: None. President Ed Harris presided at the meeting.

1.2 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCE PUBLICATION: It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kathy Bartek 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: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, 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 by Teresa Olberding to approve the agenda as presented. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, 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: 5th Grade Music, Mrs. Sutton (Choir robes)
2.2 Principal's Reports
2.3 Board President's Report
2.4 Superintendent's Report
2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
2.4b Building and Grounds Update
2.4c School Improvement Process
2.4d Policy Planning
2.4e Staffing Planning
2.4f Makeup Days
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 Determine incentive amount for 2011-2012 hiring process
3.2 Adopt a Resolution on the CIR
3.3 Add Makeup Days to the School Calendar
3.4 Action on Resignation(s)
3.5 Purchase of High School Choir Robes
3.6 Recognize FCEA Collective Bargaining Unit
3.7 Other
4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute.
5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next Special Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2011, at 8:00 A.M. at the Central Office in Falls City Middle School for the purpose of interviewing elementary principal candidates. The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 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 TBD.

1.4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – It was moved by Kathy Bartek and seconded by Scott Hollens to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2011 School Board meeting. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

1.5 AUDIENCES – There were no comments from the audience.

1.6 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT - It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by John Martin to approve the January 31, 2011 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of $734,317.50; in the Student Fee Fund of $1,680.00; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of $38,209.83; in the ICI Fund of $115,544.29; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of $317,169.15; in the Special Building Fund of $8,403.65; and in the High School Bond Fund of $141,600.52. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, 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 Kathy Bartek and seconded by Scott Huppert to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the Board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ REPORTS:

2.1 STAFF REPORT – South School - Mrs Ankrom and eighteen students entertained the Board and parents with two songs played on recorders.

Alisha Sutton representing the Chorus Department had a robe proposal for the Board. She had two robes for the Board to review and a cost analysis. The Board selected their robe of choice and also adding a removable stole with each robe with the approximate cost of $18,000.

2.2 PRINCIPALS' REPORTS –

Principal Ernie Valentine reported on the following: February enrollment totaling 235 students; has collected $150,000 in Sunmart Receipts and will be receiving a donation of $1000 from Sunmart; February 25 the Kindergarten class will travel to Peru to participate in a Dr. Seuss' birthday celebration; Parent Child Center has sent out enrollment notices this past week. there will also be an ad in the paper to notify parents of enrollment the opportunity at PCC; teachers participated in the Literacy Cadre held at ESU 4 on February 9; Special Education Staff will participate in the State File Review on February 21 in Auburn at ESU 4. This File Review will be a detailed review of about 15% of special education files in the district..

Principal Rita Johansen reported on the following: February enrollment totaling 181 students; the State Writing Assessment was given over the past two weeks, papers for 4th and 8th grade were sent in today to the State Department for scoring in Minnesota; six 5th grade students competed in the County Spelling Bee last Thursday night; 4th & 5th graders are currently doing the magazine sales to raise funds for the library; teachers have attended a science curriculum alignment workshop at the ESU, literacy cadre and Wednesday they will attend the math cadre; February 24th 4th grade to Omaha Symphony; February 28th Principal Johansen will attend the NeSA test administration workshop in Lincoln; Risk and Vulnerability Assessment by Homeland Security team: March 8-9 at High School/March 10-11 at Middle School/March 14-15 at North School/ March 16-17 at South School; HAL (High Ability Learner grant) State Funded Grant Program $6,876 for 2010-11 with $2,350 matching District funds – Students identified in spring of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade – must score at the 95th percentile on the Terra Nova in either reading or math – must have a GPA of 3.5 – teachers request materials that will be used for acceleration of top achieving students but can be used by all students.

Principal Rick Johnson reported on the following: Students of the Month; County Spelling Bee on February 10th; February 11 End 3 weeks, February 16 Report Cards, February 18 No School – Winter Break, February 21 School in Session, March 8 End of 3rd Quarter, March 15 and 17 Student LED Conferences, Thirty-seven students were recognized for achieving their goal for the second quarter of the Accelerated Reader Program. Students that achieved their goal received a certificate a pencil and a free assignment coupon for their accomplishment, as well as a refreshment at the end of the day. Principal Johnson and three teachers will attend the third phase of PBIS in Lincoln, February 23 and 24.Two parents will also be attending. February enrollment is 182.

Principal Gayle Dunkhas reported on the following: Congratulations to the following: Students of the Month and the winter sports coaches and teams and the two wrestlers going to State; State writing pilot assessment was administered February 8th and 9th – all student in grades 9-11 wrote on the topic; 4 _ week grades wee mailed home on February 7th; National Honor Society is currently in the process of accepting new member applications. The candidate's applications will be screened and successful candidates will be inducted in late March; Students are registering for Drivers Education. Classes are set to begin soon with driving scheduled to begin on the third week of February. We currently have 36 students registered for the course; March 15th is the deadline for option enrollment students to be eligible immediately I the fall. Option enrollment forms may be obtained at either district. Students who do not have their forms signed on or before March 15th will be ineligible for varsity activities for 90 school days; Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled to be held on Tuesday and Thursday, March 15th and 17th from 5-8:30 p.m. each evening; Curriculum guide for the 2011-12 school year is being updated. We hope to start scheduling students later this month; Received $1,000 from Sunmart for $150,000 of receipts.

2.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Harris noted that District received thank you from the Huppert Family; reported on Labor Relations Conference that was attended by President Harris, Superintendent Heckenlivey and Board Member John Martin; Thank you to the First Methodist Church for Valentine treats.

2.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: Several bills impacting education, are addressed by the Education Committee, with a focus on school finance. A few bills we will be paying special attention to include several attempts to "adjust" the TEEOSA Act for State Aid. Allowances such as instructional time, teacher education and student growth are being considered for elimination from the formula calculation. NDE has been directed to run a model of both 235 and 236. The consensus has been that 235 is a much better across the board result than 236. No surprise there. Discussions also continues surrounding the contributions needed for the school retirement plan. With projected fund shortfalls, a consideration of up to a 1% increase in both the employee and employer contribution is being considered, bringing the contribution to a figure near 9.28%. Senator Fulton has introduced a bill that would reduce the percentage a district can budget in necessary cash reserves but would require additional state aid to make up the difference. This bill is not drawing much support out of the Appropriations Committee.

During the NASB Legislative Issues Conference in late January, Governor Heinemann urged school boards and school administrators to get involved in the discussion involving the Commission of Industrial Relations, in this period of diminishing resources. NCSA has been active in attempting to draft a compromise proposal with the NSEA but has failed to come to common ground. With this being said, NASB is urging local boards of education to adopt the attached Resolution on the CIR for helping local boards and to then forward the resolution to both our state Senator, as well as the Governor. The resolution will be presented as an action item for adoption.

The Education Jobs Fund, which is the latest round of federal stimulus dollars approved by Congress in September of 2010, has quickly advanced to select file in the legislature as LB 18. Provisions of this bill will provide the avenue for distribution of these funds by re-certification of state aid, possibly as early as April 2011. Furthermore, 2011-2012 certification of state aid to local school districts will be delayed until July 1st, at the latest.

2.4b Building and Grounds Update: The boiler vessel replacement for the High School has been contracted with Plibrico Co. at a cost of $20,668. We are very fortunate that our property insurance will cover this unexpected expense completely, minus our $1,000 deductible. These boilers are manufactured upon order so we are still a few weeks away from having the project completed. Additionally, Mike K. is working with the boiler manufacturer to develop a maintenance plan that will be designed to improve efficiency and prolong the life of the existing boilers in the district.

The High School Old gym remains to be replaced later this summer but prior to installation the water drainage issues on the east side of the high school will need to be addressed in order to avoid a future loss.

The Project Committee recommendations will be provided at the March 14 Regular Board meeting and an action item will be included at that time to put the recommendations in the 2010-2011 column into play.

2.4c School Improvement Process: The steering committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and will be addressing key actions in the School Improvement Process. The initial steps at this point focus on examining research-based factors related to student performance and determining expectations for student learning. The steering committee, along with a smaller group of FCPS stakeholders, developed a shared vision to focus on school improvement and determined the mission and belief statements in the past few months. The AdvanceED Conference will be in Chicago, March 19-22 for 2011. We will have two members attend as we have done each year.

2.4d Staffing Planning: The interview date for the South School Principal / Assessments Coordinator position is set for Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. at the Falls City Middle School. An interview team consisting of teachers, administrators and board members will be involved in the process and selection. The final contract approval is made by the Board, although depending upon the time frame, the contract will likely be offered and accepted pending Board approval at the March 14 Regular Board Meeting.

2.4e Makeup Days: The Administrative Council recommends the following: March 11 (Spring Break) becomes a school day, if a team qualifies for the state tournament, school is held if not playing during the school day. April 25 (Good Monday). Approval of these days will be an action item.

2.4f Superintendent Meetings: GNSA, February 16 at NCSA Office in Lincoln; ESU4 Superintendents Advisory Council, February 17, Auburn; Meeting w/ Sen. Heideman, February 21, Auburn; NRCSA Legislative Forum, February 22, Lincoln; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 24-25, Kearney; NSBA Annual Conference, San Francisco, April 9-11.

2.4g 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 these events.

2.4m Other Items: None

2.5 Board Member Comments and/or Reports: John Martin also commented on the excellent workshops at the Labor Relations Conference.

3.0 OLD/NEW ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Determine Hiring Incentive for 2011/2012: 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 hire. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Adopt a Resolution on the Commission of Industrial Relations: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Kathy Bartek to adopt a resolution on the CIR and Help in Local Board. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Calendar Change for Make-up Day: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Scott Hollens to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Heckenlively that March 11th (Spring Break Day) becomes a school day; April 25th, the Monday after Easter becomes a school day. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.4 Teacher Resignation: A motion was made by Kathy Bartek and seconded by Scott Huppert to accept the resignation of Robert Kercher. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.5 Purchase of High School Choir Robes: It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Kathy Bartek to purchase 80 high school choir robes with stoles. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.6 FCEA Negotiations Request Letter: It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Scott Huppert to accept the Falls City Education Association letter requesting negotiation status. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session during this meeting.

5.0 ADJOURN

It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Teresa Olberding to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. with no further business The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The next Special Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2011, at 8:00 A.M. at the Central Office in Falls City middle School for the purpose of interviewing elementary principal candidates. The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2011at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office of the Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

School Board #70

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools
Board of Education, District #70
Regular Meeting on Feb. 14, 2011
7:00 PM at the Humboldt Board Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 was held on February 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Humboldt Board Conference Room. The meeting was advertised in The Humboldt Standard, The Pawnee Republican and The Falls City Journal. A copy of the agenda was kept in the Superintendent's office prior to the meeting.

1) Board President Neal Kanel called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Board members in attendance by roll call were: Allen Fankhauser, Ben Steffen, DeAnn Glathar, Scott Ogle, Steve Schaardt, Joe Standerford, Jeremy Leech and Sandy Stalder. Also in attendance were Superintendent Clinton Kimbrough, Principal Kari Cover and Board Recorder Kellie Workman.

2) President Kanel welcomed the following guest to the meeting: Mark Novak, Glena Withers, Joleen Hilgenfeld, Lisa Othmer and Orlin Kuhlmann.

3) Correspondence: none.

4) Motion by Stalder, seconded by Leech to approve the agenda. Motion carried 9-0.

5) Motion by Steffen, seconded by Standerford to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10, 2011. Motion carried 9-0.

6) Motion by Steffen, seconded by Glathar to approve bills for payment for a total of $536,542.78 for general and payroll funds; $450 for bond fund; $244.66 for unemployment fund. Motion carried 9-0.

7) All board members present reviewed activity, treasurer and lunch fund reports. Motion by Steffen, seconded by Stalder to approve all reports. Motion carried 9-0.

8) Patron Comment: none.

9) Staff Presentation: Lisa Othmer, Joleen Hilgenfeld and Kari Cover gave a final presentation on the findings of the external team visit in December.

10) Old Business: President Kanel handed out the board committee list.

11) Motion by Steffen, seconded by Glathar to approve the amending of the 2010-11 school calendar which adds back in March 4 and 11 as make-up for snow days. Motion carried 9-0.

12) The board reviewed the 1000's policies and up to the 2003 policy. The rest of the 2000's will be reviewed at the March meeting.

13) More discussion on priorities to take place at the NASB board retreat on March 2.

14) Motion by Ogle, seconded by Stalder to purchase new lunch tables for the Table Rock site. Motion carried 9-0.

15) Motion by Fankhauser, seconded by Schaardt to purchase 7 laptops and 35 iPads for an approximate cost of $23,885. Motion carried 9-0.

16) Lisa Othmer presented on the new sound system at the Humboldt site.

17) New Business: Motion by Steffen, seconded by Leech to pass the resolution from City Hall granting the school's request that the City vacate the alley west of the school building in Block 21, King's First Addition since the school owns all property surrounding said alley. Motion carried 9-0.

18) Motion by Steffen, seconded by Glathar to recognize the HTRSEA as the bargaining power for the purposes of negotiations with certified staff. Motion carried 8-1: Standerford, nay.

19) Motion by Fankhauser, seconded by Steffen to pass the resolution that the HTRS board agrees to join other school boards in urging the Legislature to reduce or eliminate the influence of the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) on the collective bargaining of school employees. Motion passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

20) Superintendent Kimbrough handed out a draft of the 2011-12 school calendar.

21) Motion by Steffen, seconded by Glathar to extend the Principal's contracts for one year. Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote: Fankhauser, Steffen, Glathar, Leech, Kanel – aye; Ogle, Schaardt, Standerford, Stalder – nay.

22) Administrator Reports: Principal Kimbrough's report congratulated those who advanced to State Wrestling: TJ Standerford, Ryan Worthey and Matt Milke; teacher in-service activities; listed upcoming activities. Principal Cover reported the honor roll lists, the robotics teams going to SAC and upcoming events. Superintendent Kimbrough asked the board their opinion on a new SPED vehicle. Motion by Ogle, seconded by Glathar to proceed with accepting vehicle bids. Motion carried 9-0. He then mentioned that the school sign will be on the agenda in March.

23) Executive Session: Motion by Stalder that the board enter into closed session to discuss personnel. Motion seconded by Schaardt at 9:32 PM. Motion carried 8-1; Standerford - nay.

24) Motion by Ogle, seconded by Stalder to come out of executive session at 9:49 PM. Motion carried 9-0.

25) Motion by Steffen, seconded by Glathar to adjourn at 9:49 PM. Motion carried 9-0.

The next regular meeting of the HTRS Board of Education will be March 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the 2nd Floor Math Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Workman, Board Recorder

CLAIMS

NE DOL Boiler Inspection Program	216.00
NPPD	6,014.02
Nasb Alicap	4,614.00
Nemaha County	113.82
Nicholson And Associates	246.00
Nitelight Electric	6,733.90
OMAHA TRUCK CENTER	241.05
Okeefe Elevator Co., Inc	241.16
PRTS, LLC	1,905.00
Pawnee True Value	37.98
Pegler-Sysco Food Services	172.34
Phillips Plumbing, Hardware	346.87
Postmaster	185.00
Quill	46.38
R & D Grocery	98.45
Renaissance Learning, Inc	2,086.57
Rick Hunzeker	120.00
Robert R Mendenhall II	896.70
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	30.29
Schendel Pest Control	81.00
Schmitt Music	286.00
School Specialty Inc	14.62
Schwarz Paper Company	278.74
Seneca Sanitation	200.00
Smart Apple Media	184.50
Staack Furniture	563.00
Stallbaumer Lumber	475.12
Sunrise Publications	176.30
Superior Text	30.00
Table Rock Lumber	412.50
Time Warner Cable	59.95
Tracy Coburn-Irwin	1,430.88
U-Save Pharmacy	340.24
Verizon	20.67
Vice Oil & Propane	1,232.55
Village of Table Rock	86.00
Wayne Trantham	2,000.00
Windstream Nebraska	487.13
Mezger Construction	46,980.72
Black Hills Energy	9,301.29
Zito Media	64.29
Total	536,542.78

School Board #56

CLAIMS

Advance Education, school improvement exp	$2,293.24
Ameripride Linnen, Dist-wide mops and rags	$705.55
Apple Inc., HS computer	$1,099.00
Armbruster Motors, car lease and repairs	$851.50
Baylor Test Prep, ACT	$5,600.00
Bio Corporation, elem. science	$85.73
Blick Art Materials, HS art	$845.05
Bolin Auto & Truck Parts, bus parts	$1,456.54
Central Office Fund, CO - mileage and workshop	$1,259.91
Central Office Fund, postage - district-wide	$255.67
Central Office Fund, bus driver permits and cell phones	$308.99
Central Office Fund, misc. expenses	$1,538.18
Central Office Fund, payables (subject to interest)	$983.71
Check In Motel, SPED exp	$480.00
D & D Communications, bus barn supp	$322.15
Dean Machinery Co., bus parts	$255.66
Decker Equipment, maint	$24.68
Demco, elem library	$97.93
Elem Activity Fund - S.S., elem. library	$299.99
Elem Activity Fund - S.S., elem. teaching supp	$234.35
EMC Publishing, Eduquest grant	$863.06
ESU 3, SPED registration	$15.00
ESU 4 Contracted, SPED contracted serv	$1,806.30
Farm & City Supply, HS industrial tech - bus maint	$262.37
F.C. Activity, travel	$744.03
F.C. Activity, teaching supp	$605.18
F.C. Activity, testing	$114.00
F.C. Activity, library	$78.00
F.C. Auto Supply, bus parts	$280.78
F.C. Family Practice, bus driver physicals	$144.00
FCHS Activity - petty cash, postage	$24.78
F.C. Journal, adv &printing	$389.09
F.C. Mercantile, custodial supp	$685.20
F.C. Medical, nurse & comp supp	$81.98
F.C. Sanitation, trash serv	$740.03
F.C. School Lunch Program, adult lunches	$1,617.00
F.C. Utilities, electric/gas, water/sewer	$41,076.42
Follett Library Resources, library - district wide	$969.38
Fry & Associates, ARRA grant - playground exp	$1,338.00
Google, additional email archiving	$45.83
GovConnection, computer supp	$71.50
Grainger, maint	$88.65
Harding & Shultz, legal fees	$220.00
Houghton Mifflin, MS SPED supp	$98.00
Ingles Repair, bus	$10.00
Interstate All Battery, maint	$117.49
ISTE, registrations for technology	$640.00
Jim Hills, maint repair	$14.88
Jo Schock, SPED serv	$3,552.50
Jones Air Conditioning, maint repair	$758.18
Jr Library Guild, HS library	$5.00
Kenneth Arnold, maint repair	$504.11
Kleritec, nurse supp	$304.11
Larry's Boiler Service, maint repair	$474.60
Lawson Products, bus supp	$687.93
Lincoln Winnelson Co., maint supp	$203.15
Mary Malcolm, SPED contracted serv	$2,276.50
M B Electronics, HS library equipment	$91.84
Mechanical Sales Parts Inc., maint supp	$218.95
Mr. Automotive, bus parts	$158.85
NASB, supp - registrations, dues	$5,108.00
NCECBVI, SPED contracted serv	$147.00
NCSA, elementary conf registration	$115.00
NE Central Equipment, bus parts	$868.54
NE Dol/Boiler Inspection, boiler insp. & certificates	$360.00
Nodaway Valley Bank, copier lease	$4,200.00
NT&T, long distance serv	$40.31
Nursery School, board exp	$45.00
Omaha Truck Center, Inc., bus repairs & parts	$579.18
Omaha World Herald, Principal ad	$1,112.76
Pamida, supp, dist-wide	$168.94
Paper Tiger Shredding, recycling	$120.00
Parent Child Center, food reimbursement	$259.14
Phonak Hearing, SPED equip repair	$117.89
Plibrico Refractory Const, maint repair	$582.50
Pro Serv, copier lease & supp	$224.03
PRTS, LLC, contr. serv	$1,754.50
R & B Supply, bus barn supp	$303.93
Ram, pest control	$120.00
Renaissance Learning, elem library	$218.27
Safety-Kleen, bus supp	$330.31
Sapp Brothers, bus fuel	$19,689.57
School Specialty, HS teaching supp	$50.80
SNC, local phone serv & Internet	$619.65
Towle Realty Co., rent	$525.00
True Value, custodial supp	$38.38
Verizon, cell phone	$22.76
Water Engineering Inc., maint agreement	$231.53
Wolfe's Office Supply, office supplies-dist wide	$270.98
Woodburn Press, Eduquest grant	$1,554.42
Worldwide Vinyl, bus parts	$82.07
Zito Media, distance learn	$402.99
sub total	$121,637.95
Payroll - District 56, Feb. wages	$656,019.91
Grand Total	$777,657.86

BOND FUND

Fremont National Bank Account 76096601, 2010 annual fee	$450.00
Account 76105201, initial fee	$500.00
Account 76105201, 2010 annual fee (partial fee)	$85.98
Total	$1,035.98

QUECAP

Fremont National Bank Account 76096801, 2010 annual fee	$450.00

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

Mezger Construction Inc., final payment - NS preschool cutout	$8,475.00

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 22, 2011
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Roll call was answered by Ely, Davidson and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ely. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted on the 1st floor lobby, the Commissioner's Meeting Room and in the lobby of the 3rd floor Sheriff's Office of the Courthouse

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPT.

Brandon Duerfeldt met with the Board regarding the width and safety of the road in the Barada SE project.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. A purchase order was presented to the Board for approval to purchase oxygen/acetylene bottles from Joy's Machine Shop in the amount of $4,500.00.

Discussion was also held on the requirements necessary to comply with the regulations of bridge inspections. Mr. Huppert presented the possibility of obtaining specialized equipment and/or tools required to complete the necessary repairs to comply with the bridge inspection regulations. The Board instructed Mr. Huppert to gather additional information on this specialized equipment.

Cecil Buckminster met with the Board requesting an update on the status for the completion of the hard-surfacing of the Preston Road.

ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Ely that the Public Hearing for the One & Six Year Road Plan Public Hearing be opened at 10:10 a.m. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huppert presented to the Board the One & Six Year Road Improvement Plan for Richardson County and was available at the hearing for review and questions.

One person from the public attended the hearing.

A motion was made by Sickel to close the public hearing at 10:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2010-2011-42 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN

A motion was made by Ely to approve the One and Six Year Road Plan as presented at the Public Hearing and to adopt Resolution 2010-2011-42. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 18, Page 37)

RANDY HOUSER, SHERIFF

Sheriff Houser updated the Board on the business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail.

A motion was made by Davidson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Falls City authorizing Falls City Police officers to serve as Richardson County officers when needed. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 18, Page 38)

A motion was made by Ely to enter into an agreement with the City of Humboldt for the County to provide Law Enforcement services to the City of Humboldt beginning September 1, 2010 and ending on August 31, 2013 for a total contract amount of $169,999.50 plus an additional amount of $100.00/month to be considered as a fuel surcharge for every increase of $.50 per gallon of fuel starting at $3.50. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 18, Page 39)

A brief discussion was held on the STOP program and a resolution will be drafted for consideration at a future meeting to set forth the terms and conditions of a program in Richardson County.

GRIEVANCE HEARING

Motion was made by Ely to recess the regular meeting agenda at 11:32 a.m. to conduct a Grievance Hearing as requested by Natisha Winkelman. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ely to go into executive session at 11:32 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. After further discussion, Ely withdrew the motion to go into an executive session and the Grievance Hearing was held in open session per agreement from all individuals involved.

Motion was made by Ely that the Grievance Hearing be closed at 12:10 p.m. and the Board return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Davidson that upon consideration of all the evidence and testimony offered at the Grievance Hearing with the Richardson County Board of Commissioners earlier today, February 22, 2011 the Board does hereby deny the January 18, 2011 grievance of Natisha Winkelman. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to notify Nancy Ward, Business Representative of Int'l Union of Operating Engineers Local 571 forthwith of the decision of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners within five (5) days via registered mail. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sickel recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. for lunch. The Board returned at 1:15 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER
Richardson County Visitor's Committee

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the recommendation of the Richardson County Visitor's Committee to approve funds in the amount of $349.78 for the Falls City Chamber of Commerce for the development and production of the Richardson County Visitor's Guides. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Richardson County Transit Report

A motion was made by Ely to approve the January, 2011, Richardson County Transit Report as presented by SENCA with states that $2,632.00 will be requested for reimbursement from Federal and State Public Transportation Assistance Program Funds. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2010 Audit Report

The Fiscal Year End June 30, 2010 Audit Report was received from the NE State Auditor and was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Davidson to allow the payment of all claims submitted today with the exception of a claim to Wells Fargo which will be partially allowed and held for further review those charges without receipts. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

Carole Anderson, fee	100.00
City of Falls City, serv	385.00
Co. Vet Serv Off Assn, registration	270.00
Myron Davidson, exp	348.84
Mary L. Eickhoff, exp	224.40
William Ely, exp	559.02
FC Family Practice, serv	425.00
FC Pharmacy, presc	25.98
FC Mercantile, supp	567.57
FNB&T, supp	12.97
Albert Fuller, fee	200.00
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, fee	190.00
Jeanne Hauserman, fee	100.00
Amy Hector, fee	200.00
Holiday Inn, Kearney, serv	311.80
Holiday Inn Express, serv	308.00
Kawres, serv	24.00
Merritts Office Systems, serv	78.00
Northern Battery, supp	42.40
Stehlik Law Office, fee	245.00
Stripes & Signs, supp	82.00
Sunmart, supp	22.00
Verizon Wireless, serv	439.32
Wells Fargo Card Serv., exp	602.81
Wolfes, supp	208.95
Total General Fund	$5,973.06

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Orscheln, supp	60.98
Fischer Auto Body LLC, serv	250.00
Joys Shop, serv	4790.00
NPPD, serv	193.25
Norris Asphalt Paving, supp	196.18
Road Builders, supp	352.38
Windstream, serv	47.72
Total Road & Bridge Fund	$5,890.51

CHROMATOGRAPH FUND

Community Medical Center, serv	23.00
Total Chromatograph Fund	$23.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION 2010-2011-43

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 March 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202, Courthouse, Falls City, NE.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2011.

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

NNRD

PUBLIC MEETING

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2011, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Individual committee meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office – 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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Housing Authority has PT position for Activities Dept. Send resume to 800 E. 21st St., Falls City NE, 68355 8-9

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Apply in person or send resume to Jonesbrook Estates1010 E. 21st. Falls City, NE 68355 or email to jonesbrook@live.com 8-10

Falls City Care Center will accept application for CNA's on evening and night shift(s). Must be reliable and compassionate. Apply in person or contact Valerie Buckminster, Administrator 402-245-5252. 9

Experienced cook needed, apply at The CrossWinds Restaurant, 402-245-3641 9

Applications will be received by the City of Falls City, 1820 Towle Street, Falls City, NE 68355, phone (402) 245-2707; until 3/14/2011, for the position of full time Police Officer for the Falls City Police Department. Certification preferred, but not required. Competitive salary/benefit package.

Applicants shall be State of Nebraska certified law enforcement officer and a resident of Falls City within 6 months. 9-10

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2725 N. Hwy 50 - Tecumseh, NE 68450
EEO/VET Employer
ADA accommodations, call 1-888-769-2359 9-10

EMPLOYMENT

Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt is now hiring a PRN CNA for day and evening shift.

Please contact Janet or Carol for an application at (402) 862-3123, or apply in person, 1043 10th St., Humboldt, NE. 9-10

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MISSING

Fancy Bridle - Martingale Serape all heavy laden w/silver - some gold. Lots of silver off saddle. $2000.00 Reward for return of Goods & Conviction. 402-245-5080 or P.O. Box 96, Falls City, NE 68355. 7tf

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Wanted to Buy

WANTED: Recycling aluminum cans, M-W-Sat., 9:30-2:30. Old N. Hwy 73 south of swimming pool, Falls City, NE. 31-tf

Wanted to buy, Used treadmill. Call Mid at 402-245-4008 9-11P

Work Wanted

45 YEARS sewing experience, do sewing alternations, bridal and draperies. 245-2887. 23-tf

Handyman Services - Call Dwight 402-883-2238 6-9P

For Lease

Office space at 12th and Stone St., Falls City, 402-245-2808. T-1st-e-3rd-tf

Services

TAX PREPARATION - The Write A-Way Tax & Acctg. Reasonable fees, all states, electronic filing, 823 Stone St., 245-4397, Patrice Chandler. 4-14

Marilyn Capps Tax Preperation, 516 E. 13th St., Falls City, 402-245-5413; capps@sentco.net. All types of returns prepared, evening and weekend appointments a specialty, reasonable r ates. 2-13

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Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm 9-10

Miscellaneous

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Soup supper, Shubert Christian Church. March 5th. 5-7 P.M. 9

Bridal Registry — The unconventional but so useful wedding gifts! Whether the couple is registered here or not, we are glad to help you find the perfect gift. We, of course, have gift certificates and we gift wrap! Farm & City, Ace Hardware. 59-tf

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Legion Club Fish Fry every 2nd and 4th Friday, 5-8 p.m. 59-tf

Misc. for Sale

Small square brome hay, $3.50 per bale, 855-3935. 8-9P

SHOP VAC R 12 gal. Pro Series $59.99 (#2223436) Farm & City Supply, Ace Hardware. 9

For a quote on farm, ranch, and commercial buildings, call "Wick Buildings", John Seeba 402-245-0154. 9

China Cabinet & Monsanto cream colored carpet. 12' x 28', good condition. John Steinman 245-5391. 9-10P

CARPET CLEANER RENTAL! - $26.99, Includes hand tools for 24 hours. It's Time! Farm & City Supply, Ace Hardware. 9

Large round bales, grass hay, 402-883-2025. 9-10P

RED HOT BUY - DeWalt Power Tools HD 3/8" VSR Drill (#29292), 4 1/2" Angle Grinder (#2090272), 1/4 Sheet Palm Sander (#2170827) your choice $39.99. Farm & City Supply, Ace Hardware. 9

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It is very difficult to find the words to express our thanks to everyone for all the kindnesses shown Lynett and our family the last 4 1/2 years. The gifts, food, flowers, cards, memorials and words of encouragement and comfort during her illness and since her passing have been overwhelming. It's wonderful to have so many caring friends and relatives. Thanks to everyone who called or visited Lynett and especially those who sat with her so she would not be alone. A sincere thank you to the staff of Careage Estates for the wonderful care Lynett received during her stay. To Sandy Catlin, thank you for the amazing care and compassion you showed Lynett and our entire family, you are wonderful. Pastor Gifford, your message at Lynett's service was wonderful and so comforting, thank you. A very special "thank you" goes to the staff at the Community Medical Center. You made Lynett feel so special and you gave her such wonderful care. You went above and beyond anything we could have expected. Bringing her to Falls City was the right decision. Bobbi and Michael, You are AWESOME! We can never thank you enough for everything you did for Lynett and our family. May God Bless you. We will miss Lynett but we believe she is in a better place with a healed body singing with the angels. God's Blessing to all of you.
Tim, Dylan and Bradyn Wood
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Leann Nelson
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Jim Wood & Families 9P

"Such a lady." That's what everyone says to us when they say how sorry they are to hear of her passing. Our Mother, Lillian L. Jones, leaves some big shoes for us, her daughters, to fill. We'll start with thanking all who made her life enjoyable, just by being her friend. Thank-You to the entire staff and administration of Careage Estates. They were so gentle and loving in handling Mama, and the last few days of her residency, they were so wonderful, thoughtful and kind to all of us, her family. Thank-You to Dr. Borg and his staff and the entire nursing and care staff at Community Medical Center. Thank-you to everyone who sent us cards, and made phone calls. The ladies of Zion United Church of Christ, who prepared and served the wonderful luncheon, and are in our prayers, and we thank them profusely. Our gratitude to the First Christian Church for allowing us to use their church for the luncheon. The wonderful guidance of Brian Daake made things so easy for us to get through, and we are so grateful for him. Our precious minister, the Reverend Fay Ann Blaylock was, and is, always there for us at each curve and stop light, and we feel so fortunate to call her 'ours'. God certainly has blessed us.
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Iron Chlorosis a problem in trees

The warm weather we have had the past few days gets us thinking about spring and our gardens and landscapes.

It seems a little early to be thinking about trees, but it is important to think about potential problems of trees before they occur. Iron chlorosis is a problem in several communities and it doesn't go away.

The most common trees associated with this condition are pin oaks and silver maples. Other trees that are susceptible are sweet gum and bald Cyprus. White pine, sugar maple, red maple, sycamore, ornamental pear and some crabapple are other common species that may develop iron chlorosis. It is a disease that can be treated and it may save your tree in the long-run.

Why does iron chlorosis develop? Iron chlorosis can occur if iron is either deficient in the soil or unavailable to trees. Under most circumstances, iron is plentiful in the soils in our region and is available to trees growing in soils with a pH of 5.0 to 6.5. In soils with a pH of 7.0 (neutral) or higher, iron is converted to an insoluble form that is less available to growing plants. High levels of copper, manganese or zinc in the soil and excessive applications of phosphorus fertilizer will also contribute to the problem.

Treatment of iron chlorosis can be expensive so if you are planting new trees, selection of trees that are less affected by low iron availability is recommended.

Iron is very important in producing chlorophyll, the green pigment in leaves. If there is a deficiency of iron, less chlorophyll is produced and a yellowing of leaves occurs. On deciduous trees, the leaf veins remain green while the area between the veins is yellow-green to yellow. Leaves that emerge later in the year may be smaller and more yellow. Under severe cases the leaves may turn white and finally brown. If left untreated, branches may dieback and the tree may eventually die after several years.

Soil testing is the easiest method to determine your soil pH and other nutrients available to the tree. This should be done before any treatment for iron chlorosis. Take soil samples to about a 6-8 inch depth at several locations around the tree and mix together. You need about a pint of soil for testing. While the University of Nebraska Soil Testing Laboratory is not open anymore, the Nemaha County Extension office has a list of commercial laboratories.

If a high soil pH is confirmed there are several methods to provide iron to your tree. Adding iron through foliar application, soil amendments, trunk injection and trunk implantation are methods of treatment. If a rapid response is needed, foliar application may be applied to the leaves when the tree is fully leafed out. Soil treatment by adding iron, in the form of ferrous sulfate and also lowering the pH with the addition of sulfur is a more permanent way of correcting iron chlorosis; unfortunately it is more difficult. You need to drill several holes in the soil, add the mixture of ferrous sulfate and sulfur and cap them off with soil. For best results, treat the soil in the spring.

Iron compounds may also be injected or implanted into the trunk to correct the problem. These treatments should be applied in May or June for best results. If you have trees that were a problem last year, be on the watch this spring and treat them if needed. Later treatments are often not as effective. For more detailed information on iron chlorosis in trees contact me at the Nemaha County Extension office at (402) 274-4755.

Chemigation

Southeast Nebraska farmers who apply chemicals in irrigation water such as fertilizer or pesticides have an opportunity to certify and obtain a license. A meeting will be held on Friday, March 4, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the Gage County Extension office, 1115 W. Scott St., Beatrice.

According to Saline County Extension Educator Randy Pryor, the meeting is for people who need to renew their chemigation certification or for initial applicants.

Irrigators understand and recognize the importance of the required safety equipment and attend certification classes every four years to comply with state laws. The operators complete a written exam upon completion of the class.

Registration is at the door. New applicants should request written materials in advance of the meeting. For more information, please contact Randy Pryor or office manager Lou Hajek at phone (402) 821-2151.

Reverse mortgages: Know the traps

By the Editors of Consumer Reports®

At a time when many baby boomers are struggling to pay mortgages on homes that have lost value, the ads for reverse mortgages can sound like a lifeline.

But don't reach for one too quickly, Consumer Reports advises. Reverse mortgages, which carry huge costs, can lead to foreclosure and should be seen only as a last resort.

Reverse mortgages allow people who are at least 62 years of age to cash in some of their home equity for a lump sum or regular payouts while staying in the home. As long as borrowers maintain the home and pay the property tax and insurance premiums, the loan doesn't have to be repaid until the last borrower dies, sells the place, or lives elsewhere for 12 months. One Reverse Mortgage is a major lender, as are Wells Fargo, Bank of America and MetLife Bank.

Most reverse mortgages are insured through the Federal Housing Administration's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) program. Recent changes in that program and heightened competition among lenders are resulting in new loan options and lower up-front costs.

But other costs have increased dramatically, and ballooning finance charges can quickly drain your home equity. You also risk foreclosure if you can't afford the property tax and insurance and can't work out a repayment plan, under new federal guidelines announced in January. Those defaults and other costs are threatening the solvency of the government insurance fund that makes the loans virtually risk-free for lenders.

That's why it's important to fully understand the complex terms of reverse mortgages. CR tells you what you need to know about three choices being promoted now:

—Fixed-rate reverse mortgages. The amount of equity you can tap from a standard reverse mortgage depends on three variables: your age, the property's value and the interest rate on the loan. Generally, the older you are, the higher the value and the lower the interest rate, the more money you can borrow.

—Like other mortgages, the reverse type comes with either a fixed or adjustable rate. The proportion of fixed-rate reverse mortgages issued in 2010 soared to 69 percent, up from 11 percent the previous year. With a fixed-rate reverse mortgage, you must take all the money in a lump sum at the outset, and interest starts accruing immediately.

Bottom line. The large up-front interest costs make fixed-rate reverse mortgages worth considering only if you absolutely must tap all available equity immediately.

—Adjustable-rate loans. The interest rate you'll pay on an adjustable-rate reverse mortgage can change every month. Over the life of the loan, rates can rise by as much as 10 percentage points. But on the plus side, you have the option to take cash in lump sums, in regular monthly payments, or through a credit line that you tap only when necessary. Interest is not assessed until you draw on the available funds.

Bottom line. The flexibility the loans offer is an advantage, but CR warns that rate hikes can send your costs soaring.

—Reverse home equity line. In late 2010, the FHA introduced a new type of reverse mortgage called a HECM Saver, which eliminates most of the 2 percent up-front insurance premium borrowers must pay on regular federally backed loans. The Saver's up-front premium is just 0.01 percent, so for a $300,000 home, it would come to $30 instead of $6,000. The ongoing annual premium that borrowers must pay is the same as for a standard reverse mortgage: 1.25 percent of the loan's outstanding balance. But Saver borrowers are limited to taking 10 to 18 percent less than the standard version allows.

Bottom line. The Saver might make sense for borrowers who want to tap only a small amount of equity for a relatively short period of time, but are unable to qualify for a home equity line of credit.

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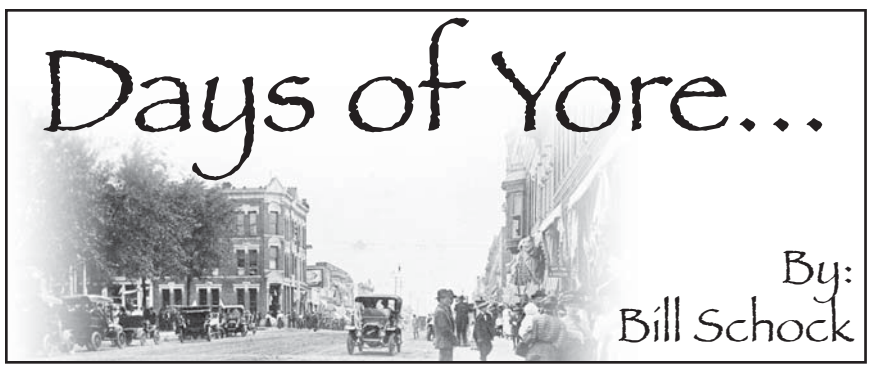

50 Years Ago
(Feb. 27-March 3, l96l)

Advertisement: For $6 a month you could rent a hearing aid from Accousticon Pfaff Co. in St. Joseph.

Sandra Sailors and Carolyn Ebel shared the singles championship (573) of the Ladies City Bowling Tourney.

Over 300 persons attended the Rock of Ages Jubilee at the Church of the Nazarene. Participating in the Singspiration were Debra and Randy Prater and Mrs. Floyd Radley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bedwell, Falls City, were the parents of a daughter born March l; a daughter was born March 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Birdsley, Shubert; a daughter was born Feb. 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clutter, Dawson.

Mayor Ralph Steinbrink and the City Council approved a new five-plane hangar at Municipal Airport at an estimated cost of $l3,500. They also renewed the airport lease with manager Ed Garner.

Burdell Nolte of Humboldt was the speaker at the banquet for 4-H leaders and guests at the Humboldt City Auditorium; l20 attended and Silver pins for five years of leadership went to Mrs. Clarence Yoesel, Mrs. Carl Rieschick, Dale Huettner and Mrs. Howard Weinert, all of Falls City; Mrs. Raymond Marsh, Salem; Mrs. Earl Rieger, Rulo; Glen Witt, Reserve; Fred Fankhauser, Humboldt.

Lefty Ron Kelley of Falls City led the pitching corps at Peru State College.

Sue Avery and Gerold Koehler, Bratton High School, were judged the best actress and actor in the Richardson County Conference Declamatory Contest.

George Sanders and Barbara Shelly were starring in "Village of the Damned" at the Rivoli; Oil City was showing Gary Grant, Debora Kerr, Robert Mitchum and Jean Simmons in "The Grass Is Greener."

Members of the FC Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee were Dan Chaney, Tom Davies, John Morehead, Gus Scholz, Dick Monroe, J. R. King, Ray Novak and Lawrence Wiedmaier.

Lloyd E. Wallraff, who had been employed at Wergin's Food Center, was a full-time agent for Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.

Chaney Furniture Co. would sell you a Beauty Rest super-size mattress for $79.50.

Board members of Richardson County Extension Association were: Mrs. Kenneth Zoeller, Reserve; Ed Fritz, Verdon; Earl Rieger, Rulo; Ron Heim, Dawson, and Mrs. Richard Steffen, Humboldt.

Verdon farmer Henry Mack was the luckiest man in Richardson County. Henry fell into the power takeoff of a tractor-powered post-hole digger and was stripped of two pairs of overalls, sweat shirt, jacket and even shoes strings. He was saved when Lloyd Wilhelm, who was helping, shut down the tractor.

Lowell Lewis, Junior High principal, was elected president of the Falls City Education Association.

At Hinky Dinky five boxes of Kleenex cost $l, and you could buy an ironing board for $2.99 with pink register tapes.

Navy Petty Officer Glen E. Windle was back in the States after serving three years in Cyprus.

Several items from the United Press:

Bismarck, ND: The North Dakota Senate defeated without a word of debate a House-passed resolution approving the abolition of the federal income tax.

Los Angeles: A national survey by Teen magazine revealed 50 percent of high school teens ate pizza pie twice a month.

Oxnard, CA: Burglars stole between $300 and $400 from the safe of the Ventura County animal shelter without arousing a bark from any of the l04 dogs there. "Not a watchdog in the bunch," a sheriff's deputy sadly observed.

25 Years Ago

Mary's was selling the dickens out of water beds.

There were 650 registered bidders at the Henry and Dennis Meyer farm sale.

Eddie Joe Fisher, formerly of Rulo and Falls City, was named chief of the personnel office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, DC.

The Richardson County Athlete of the Week was Mike Fraser, Humboldt.

Dave Merz, FCHS junior, was Junior Rotarian of the Month.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hopp, FC, were parents of a son born March 7.

Don Campbell was named Elk of the Year and the presentation was made by Jim Davidson Elks, exalted ruler. The photographer caught Don smiling.

Ron Shubert and Gladys Lundy, Shubert, were co-chairmen of the American Legion's County Government Day.

For the fifth consecutive year, Bessie Gilkerson, Reserve, was the champion of the Make It with Lard pie contest at the Market Hog Show in Falls City.

Jerry McKim's 219 and 594 were high in the Monday Night Mixed Bowling League.

Realtor Gene Buising listed a completely remodeled, two-story, l l/2 bath, three bedroom house with new kitchen cabinets, near downtown, for $25,900.

The prosecutor at the murder trial of Michael Ryan and son Dennis (Rulo cult) in Omaha said the Ryans used a razor-like instrument to skin the legs of James Thim and used a board to break an arm and a leg.

Mary Arnold and Don Coupe reached the seven-gallon plateau at the Red Cross Bloodmobile stop.

Major grade oil in the U.S. and England dropped below $l2 a barrel.

Jason Hillyard, FC, finished 2nd in the l0-ll age group at the Elks State Hoop Shoot in Kearney. Beth Kiekhaefer, FC, was second and Ryan Hayes, Humboldt, was third in the 8-9 division.

Payless Cashway, St. Joseph, was a big advertiser in the Journal.

Fried chicken dinners were $3.50 on Wednesday and Thursday nights and catfish dinners were $5 on Thursday at Breezy Hill Steak House. And who can forget Bob's onion rings?

Lisa Stevens, Falls City, a senior at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, was included in the "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Lisa interned at the Journal three summers.

FC Middle School Students of the Month of January, from left: Koner Hogue, Marissa Ogden and Zach Jordening.

FCMS Students of the Month of January

The students of the month for January at FCMS were: Zach Jordening, eighth grade, Marissa Ogden, seventh grade, and Koner Hogue, sixth grade. Each pupil received a T-shirt printed with the Student of the Month logo. The shirts are compliments of Stripes and Signs. The Elks Club will sponsor a complimentary meal during Youth Week for all this year's student of the month recipients and their parents.

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

Those who don't win are given honorable mention and are eligible in future months.

Koner is the son of Don and Terri Hogue. Koner enjoys the R.O.A.R. (Respect, Obey Safety Rules, Achievement, Responsibility) Tiger Tickets at the Falls City Middle School. His favorite class is math and he has received several art awards. Koner also participates in band, chorus. and Clown Troupe. He is an Honor Roll and ABBIT student. Koner has also been recognized for perfect attendance.

Koner stays active outside of school with travelers basketball, and youth group activities.

Marissa is the daughter of Dustin and Tara Prater of Falls City, and Brad and Jennifer Haynes of White Cloud, KS. Her favorite class is social studies. She is active in volleyball, basketball, quiz bowl, band, chorus, Clown Troupe, and FCA. Marissa appreciates that with the Tiger Tickets, students that really try and work hard can be recognized and receive rewards at FCMS. She has received recognition for ABBIT and Honor Roll.

Marissa is active in travelers softball during the summer months and received a plaque and medal. She is also involved in the youth group for the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. She went on a trip to Six Flags with the youth group as a reward for completing the necessary requirements.

Zach is the son of Ron and Diane Jordening. His favorite class is science. Zach enjoys the teachers and the classes at FCMS. He is active in football, basketball, track, chorus, and quiz bowl. He continues to be on the Honor Roll and ABBIT lists.

Away from school, Zach participates in summer baseball. The students who received honorable mention for January include: Barbara Wilhide, Hannah Pfohl, Sydney Brewer, Alyssa Frederick, Taylor Bachman, Brady Lotter, Martin Richbourg, Hannah Weaver, Carley Youde, Avery Scott, Justin Kercher, Maggy Rieschick, Jeremy Zimmerman, Hannah Peek, Brody Weinmann, Marissa Stark, Colton McCann, and Sydney Armbruster.

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By Gary Clothier

Q: In 1949, when I attended third grade in Coalgate, Okla., our teacher read us a story about an Indian boy carving a toy canoe and putting it on a snowbank. When the snow melted, the canoe slipped into a stream on its way to the ocean. As I remember, several people found the canoe, took it home, cleaned it up, and put it back in the river where they found it. Can you tell me the name of the story? Who wrote it? Where can I get a copy? -- J.H., Angleton, Texas

A: The name of the book is "Paddle-to-the-Sea" by Holling C. Holling. Written in 1941, the story features an Indian boy from landlocked Nipigon country in the Canadian wilderness who carves a figure in a 12-inch canoe that he names Paddle-to-the-Sea, a journey the young boy wishes he could make himself. The boat begins in a snowbank near a river that eventually leads to the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and finally to the Atlantic Ocean. There are dangers along the way, and people do find the boat but return it to the water so it can continue its journey. The book was made into a film of the same name in 1966 and released a few years ago on DVD. Both the book and movie are available at Amazon.com.

Q: I watched the 2011 Grammy Awards and enjoyed the performance of Bob Dylan. How old is he? Also, when was Kris Kristofferson born? -- L.M., Franklin, Ky.

A: Robert Allen Zimmerman, better known as Bob Dylan, entered the world on May 24, 1941. Kristoffer Kristofferson's date of birth: June 22, 1936.

Q: I'm curious to know what happened to two movies I enjoyed long ago. One is "Games," from 1967; the other is a TV movie from the 1980s, whose title I believe was "Vanished." Both had major stars in their casts, yet neither has shown up on DVD. "Games" featured Simone Signoret, James Caan and Katharine Ross, while "Vanished" starred Elliott Gould, Mike Farrell and Margot Kidder. Both movies were intriguing mysteries with interesting twists. So what happened (or didn't) to them? -- B.W., Long Pond, Pa.

A: You are right with your facts about the movie "Games." In the film, Simone Signoret's character -- a cosmetics saleswoman named Lisa -- supposedly has psychic abilities. Critics called it a "twisty thriller." The second movie is "Vanishing Act" (1986); again, you have correctly named the stars. One critic said, "This is about as good as a TV movie can get." They are both available on VHS. Amazon.com sells them, while Netflix has "Games" on instant view.

Q: More than one person told me that July 2011 contains five Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays making this a lucky month because it only happens once every 823 years. I checked my calendar, and July does have that many Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays this year. Is it really that rare? -- W.N., Winston-Salem, N.C.

A: In order for this to happen, it must be in a month with 31 days (there are seven of them) and the month must start on Friday. I'll let you figure out the math. So, yes, July 2011 will have five weekends, as did January 2010 and October 2010. Bottom line: It is not a rare occurrence.

Q: I have long been aware of the statement "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar." Who said it? -- Y.N., Lee's Summit, Mo.

A: Thomas Riley Marshall, vice president under Woodrow Wilson for two consecutive terms, uttered those famous words. In response, someone said, "Our country has plenty of good five-cent cigars. The trouble is they cost a quarter." That someone is often said to be humorist Will Rogers, but other sources credit journalist Franklin P. Adams.

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On-line classes for child care providers

Nebraska child care providers can learn more about food safety during a series of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension online classes.

The web-based food safety program, Keeping Kids Safe, will be offered from 7-8 p.m. March 15 and March 31.

The online classes can be accessed from any home or business computer, said Cami Wells, UNL Extension educator in Hall County. There is no cost to participate in the classes and 1 hour of in-service credit is awarded for each session.

The March 15 session will discuss food allergies and intolerances.The March 31 session will focus on safe handling of milk, formula and commercially prepared and home prepared baby food.

The classes will be taught by UNL Extension educators from Buffalo, Hall, Greeley, Howard, Sherman and Valley counties.

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