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Rory McLroy's 271 in the British Open golf tourney won him \$1,665,788. Our two-bit calculator tells us that's \$6,488 every time he struck or putted the ball.

Don Ferguson seeks return to Council; Judy Murphy has competitor in Ward 2

The Richardson County Clerk's office has reported that James E. Liming, of 1923 McLean St., will run for a seat on Falls City Council - Ward 2 as a write-in candidate in the Nov. 4, 2014 General Election.

Judy Murphy is the current Ward 2 representative, as she was appointed when the seat became open two years ago when then-councilman Ryan Rischick moved away from Falls City.

Mrs. Murphy last winter filed for candidacy of Ward 2 representative and her name will appear on the ballot this November.

Also, former Ward 4 representative Don Ferguson is now a write-in candidate for Ward 1 of the City Council. Ferguson, who resigned last spring after moving from the Fourth Ward, is currently the only Ward 1 candidate for the Nov. 4 General Election.

Lil Miss, Mr. Cobblestone

Partners In Education is seeking entries for Lil Miss and Mr Cobblestone 2014.

Children ages four and under can be registered at Wolfe's Printing, 1607 Stone St. Please submit a picture no larger than 5x7 and a \$1 entry fee to Wolfe's during business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The funds raised will help North and South Elementary Schools with field trip fees, school supplies, playground equipment and the winter and spring music programs.

The deadline for entries is Friday, Aug. 1, and first-round voting will begin Monday, Aug. 4.

For more information, contact Becky at 402-245-0061.

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Julie, Ardis work their tails off for four-legged friends

RC Humane Society to open dog shelter early next month

By Molly Chapple

Last week, *The Falls City Journal* published a story about local people who traveled to Pilger to help clean up after the devastating storms. It mentioned that the beauty of a small town is the people who keep on giving. Today, a couple more small-town heroes who dedicate their time and heartfelt efforts to innocent creatures must be honored. Those are the heroes behind the Richardson County Humane Society.

Ardis Ramsey and Julie Phroper know the story behind every one of their animals. When one walks into the shelter, they are greeted with a meow, a bark, purring, and a lot of tail-wagging. Julie and Ardis can immediately recall each and every animal's name and the story behind the furry four-legged creatures. They know these animals as if they are family; that's because to Julie and Ardis, these animals are family.

Julie started with the Humane Society around 2005 when Marian Vernon, then president, called and asked if she would foster a cat. After attending a couple of meetings, Julie realized how much the Humane Society needed her help in caring for the kitties.



Photo by Molly Chapple

Richardson County Humane Society secretary/ treasurer Julie Phroper (left) poses with shelter kitten Halo, and president Ardis Ramsey, (right) with shelter dog Eddie. Phroper has volunteered with the Humane Society since 2005, and Ramsey since 2001. Their loving dedication to the cats and dogs in their care has gained them the loving unofficial titles of "cat lady" and "dog lady."

"It was a good fit. I liked helping animals, especially cats, and making a difference," Julie said.

Although she loves all animals, she has a special love for cats. It is this special love that has given Julie the unofficial title of "cat lady."

Julie is also the elected secretary/ treasurer of the Humane Society and she is entrusted with the care of the cats, taking pictures of animals at the city pound, giving information to *The*

Journal, and most importantly, making sure the cats are adopted to a loving home.

"We do home checks and vet references for all of our adopted animals. It is important that the owners are committed. We want to see the animal as part of a family, not just there for fun until it grows up," Julie said.

The cat shelter currently houses or supports about 50-60 cats. Some of the cats are transitional and will be

taken to a farm; some just need some TLC before being adopted; some will probably spend the rest of their days at the shelter. However, they are in good hands.

Alongside Julie are weekly volunteers Sonja Thoman and Emma Beckner, many Humane Society members, Facebook followers and anonymous people who leave gifts on the shelter

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Council hears proposal for one-sided parking around FC Sacred Heart School

By Jason Schock

The Falls City Council Monday night tabled a proposal that would limit parking along just one side of the street in the area adjacent to FC Sacred Heart School.

The proposal was made by Mark Meyer, of 1903 Nemaha Ave., who cited safety concerns as a result of overcrowded streets exacerbated by the impending Sacred Heart Activities Center, which is scheduled to open in about one year from now, in conjunction with the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

Meyer proposes parking be designated to one side of the street for a sizeable area around the school (see highlighted area of accompanying map), including: 17th, 18th and 19th Streets, from McClean Street to Valley Avenue (including the 1700 block of Dewey Avenue); Fulton and McLean Streets from 17th to 20th Streets (including one block of E. 20th between Fulton and McLean); Nemaha Avenue north of 19th to the dead end; and Valley Avenue from 17th to E. 21st Street. Parking on Fulton Street in this area is already limited to the west side of the street.

Meyer appeared before the Council Monday at City Hall and made the request "in respect to the safety and well-being of the general public," and provided photographs to bolster the argument that when cars are parked on both sides of the above-mentioned streets, it creates a dangerous situation for not only drivers, but also for emergency vehicles. He also has canvassed the neighborhood and asserts a vast majority of hom-

owners share his stance on the issue.

The motivation for action is a belief that the new FCSH gym will cause an uptick in traffic and, more to the point, a greater premium on parking. Sacred Heart's new building plans provide a seat for 600 persons, but not one additional parking stall.

That's both true and immaterial, according to FCSH School Principal/AD Doug Goltz, who said the new gym will be utilized for practice, not games, which will continue to be played at Prichard Auditorium. Goltz, who lives two blocks from the school on a street that would be affected by the proposal, said he "wouldn't be opposed" to Meyer's proposal, and it "may help alleviate congested traffic." He added that there are 87 parking stalls on the school's campus and room to add more, if the need arises.

"If we need more, we can paint some stalls real quick," he said. "I just don't think we'll have to."

Even if something happened and Sacred Heart couldn't utilize Prichard Auditorium for its basketball and volleyball games, parking still might not be a problem, Goltz said.

"I wish we had 190 cars at our games - but we're lucky to get 250 people to our home games anyway."

"But we've studied parking and planned for it. I don't think we really care, either way, about the parking proposal," Goltz said.

The issue will appear on the agenda and be addressed again at the next Council meeting, to be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4 at City Hall.

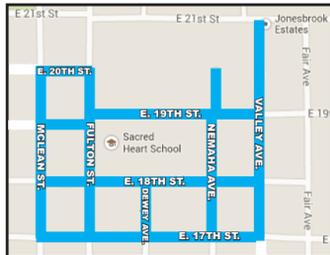


Photo by Jason Schock

Falls City High School students, families and supporters participated in a Dodge Tiger Booster Club Fundraiser on June 21, raising \$3,800. During the fundraiser, the Dodge brand contributed \$20 for each test drive in a new 2014 Dodge Durango, Journey, Grand Caravan or Dart. "Dodge dealers are committed to giving back to their communities," said Jeffrey Kommer, Vice President - Sales Operations, Chrysler Group LLC. "We're proud to support organizations like this one that encourage student development and growth. Dodge Booster Club Fundraiser is a mutually beneficial program. We are pleased to support our local schools, and enjoy demonstrating a terrific, world class product," said Jeff Hines, Manager of the Denver Business Center for Chrysler Group LLC.

"Parents are genuinely interested in testing our 2014 Dodge brand lineup and we are happy to help raise extra dollars for the school. Dodge Booster Club Fundraiser allows us the opportunity to work together for the kids and everyone has a great time!" The Dodge brand has supported schools across the country for many years. Since 1993, Dodge has helped raise over \$5 million for local schools with test drive programs like the Dodge Booster Club Fundraiser.

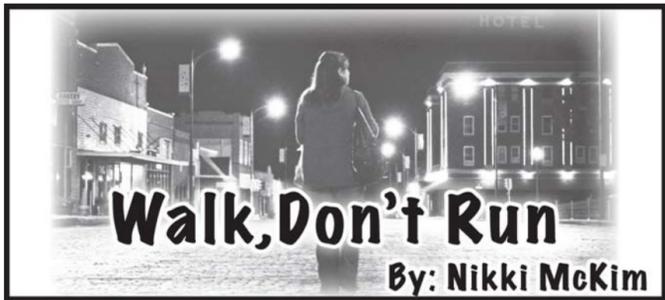
In the photograph, Kellee Kean, far left, and Andy Armbruster present the \$3,800 check to Tiger Booster Club members, from left: Janice Lotter, Hank Schwartz and Meg Baker.

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I have always been a small town girl. I spent a few years in small towns all over western Texas before my parents finally settled down in Dawson, Nebraska. Dawson is considered a Village and boasted a population of 146 at the 2010 census. Police or ambulance sirens were rare and when you heard them you knew more than likely whoever was hurt or in trouble was someone you knew. I moved to Falls City when I was 18 and had to readjust to being able to walk a few blocks to get groceries and the slightly more present sirens.

Last week when I traveled to New Orleans, LA, I was excited and anxious to visit "The Big Easy" but a little nervous as well. A few weeks before our visit two cowardly young men allegedly shot into a crowd of people on Bourbon Street. While I always feel like I belong in a large metropolitan city such as Washington D.C., my small town roots bring me back to reality. I couldn't handle the crime or sirens all the time.

For nearly a week Brian and I called the 26th floor of the Sheridan Hotel on Canal Street home. The window had the most beautiful view of the New Orleans skyline, Canal Street and on a clear day Lake Pontchartrain. I spent hours in front of that window. I watched storms pass by, tourists practically run to Bourbon Street and even witnessed Reese Witherspoon shooting a new movie on the street next to our hotel. That window was my favorite place in New Orleans. You saw the beauty in this resilient city from 26 stories in the air.

Outside that window was a different story. I felt like this was the big bad world my mother had tried to prepare me for. The soundtrack of downtown New Orleans would be the trolley cars and sirens. If an ambulance wasn't driving down Canal Street, there were policemen on motorcycles, horses or in cars. It seemed everywhere you went you were walking in step with the tune of sirens.

Brian and I had planned to visit the famous St. Louis Cemetery No. 1. We had our route mapped and day planned around this visit. When it came time to go we were warned by numerous people not to chance it. "If you do go make sure it's in a group," said one hotel employee. A cashier at a local convenience store just said "No, no, no." Buzz throughout our hotel was how many were warned to carry "Hold up cash." The advice was to carry \$50 in cash in your front pocket so if you were held up you could hand over the money and stay safe. I was a bit naive and brushed off these warnings. We would skip the cemetery but carry hold up money? You must be kidding me.

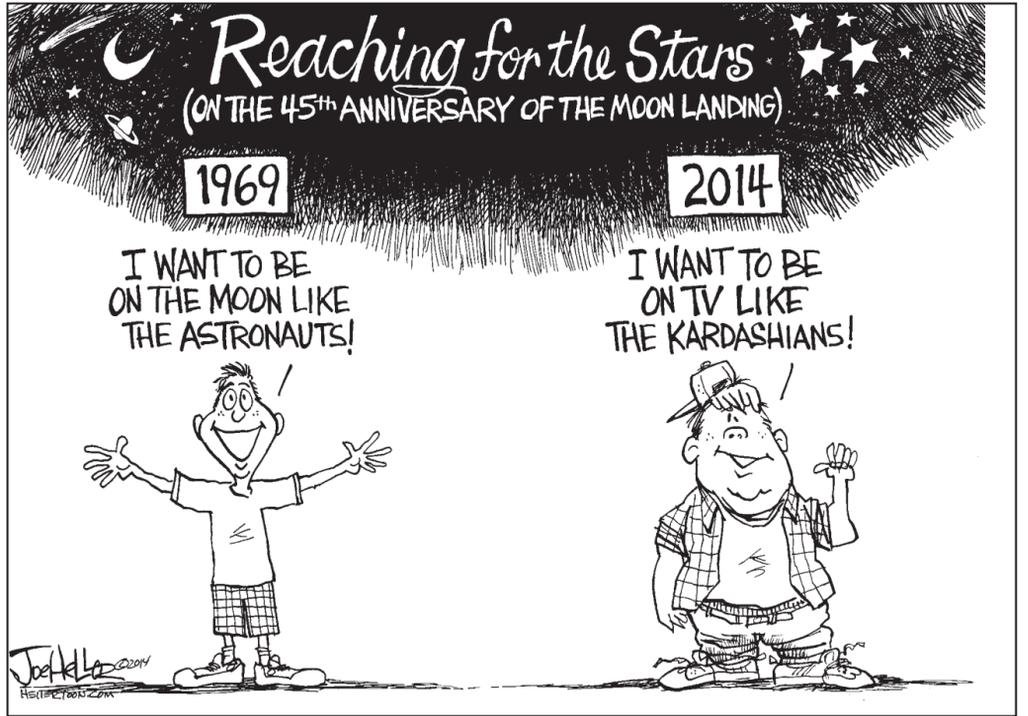
My entire thought process was shaken on the third day of our visit. We had just enjoyed a delicious lunch on Algiers Point and were headed to Café Du Monde for our daily Beignet fix when a homeless man took my carry out box filled with Crawfish pasta. I was so confused as to what just happened. I just stood there with my arms out as if I was still carrying the container. I looked at Brian and said, "What just happened?" He too was confused and stood there holding a box of chocolate chip cookies. With that one incident, a chain of events started to take place. Other homeless men started yelling and begging for the cookies and money. We hadn't fought for the food and now we were targets. We decided that the food wasn't important and they needed it far more than we did. The following day we decided to venture down Royal Street in the French Quarter to do some window-shopping. One block off Canal seemed like it was miles away from the rush of the city. It was darker, even though it was the middle of the day and it was quiet. As we made it to the end of the block a gentlemen started coughing all over us as we passed. We were confused and a bit worried about his health. Suddenly a few other men rounded the corner. We realized he was signaling them by coughing. We hightailed it into a building and decided we would stick to the street in front of our hotel for the remainder of the trip.

Our eyes were now opened to everything around us. The sick, the poor, the men, women and children who slept on benches or in the street. I thought about how I had been blind to them the first few days of our trip. I judged them as dangerous people who should be ignored. I was wrong about everything I had thought. I started to watch people a bit closer to see how they responded. Ninety percent of people proceeded to walk on by with no type of reaction and most of them were tourists. Were they scared, annoyed or unsympathetic? I found at times I felt each of these emotions until I read an article about how criminals are preying on the homeless. Many of the homeless are being asked to cash bad checks and return stolen goods for criminals, and are ending up in jail. Their only role in life was to fight for survival and it softened my opinion. I had judged them for their choices and now I just sympathized.

I started to wonder when your world intercedes with that of a homeless person, or criminal how do you respond? I handed out dollar bills and change with a smile but I now know I am far to naive to live in such a place. I learned quite a bit about myself and didn't like who I was. I was hard and cold to these people who were starving and had nowhere to go.

We didn't have a vehicle to venture out of the inner city. I have heard once you get out of the downtown area, New Orleans is truly awesome. I am sure it is, I wish we could have gotten away and experienced other parts of the city. That wasn't in the cards for this trip.

The crime downtown was shocking to me. The tips we received about where to carry your wallet, streets to never go down after dark and how to carry your purse were horrifying to us. It was the first time I have visited a place that was a huge culture shock to my system. Crimes were happening all around us and my window on the 26th floor became my safe place. It's sad to say but I belong in a smaller town like Falls City where crime is minimal and I'm not confronted with a reality that is foreign and uncomfortable to me. Coming home and walking out onto my front porch was surreal. It was quiet and I didn't have to put up my guard. I had never realized how blessed we are to live in this corner of the world until the moment I sat down in my lawn chair, closed my eyes, finally took a deep breath and relaxed.



Let's rally around the little free library

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

Little Free Library is getting a lot of ink these days. It has grown from a Wisconsin man's tribute to his mother -- who was a teacher -- to an Internet sensation. People construct cute little house looking structures, usually mounted on a pole and usually not much bigger than a microwave. Then they put books in them and encourage people to take a book and leave a book.

The instructions and the rules are all on the web. They are springing up in the Capitol City and one has recently drawn attention from the city which is threatening to fine a church \$500 if they don't move it from the "parking," that city-owned area between the sidewalk and the street.

Folks at Southminster United Methodist Church just wanted to share their books, and love of books, and found the location to be more convenient to people in the neighborhood. Besides, the "regular" lawn has an underground sprinkler system and they didn't want to risk cutting a supply line or making the library inaccessible if the lawn was being watered. But the city says maintenance crews and snowplows and the like could pose a threat. The city says property owners are required to keep the public right of way cleared.

Lincoln was the first Nebraska community to have a Little Free Library. Credit Paul and Kim Smith with seeing one while on vacation in Seattle, contacting the originators, ordering a kit and hiring a handyman to build it and install it in their neighborhood several years ago. There are now an estimated 25 in Lincoln. But it's not just an urban thing.

The tiny village of Hadar, a Madison County community between Pierce and Norfolk, has one that is their only library for the community of 291 people. In fact, they have four of them. The idea has worked so well that other communities, from Crawford in the Nebraska Panhandle to Unadilla in Southeast Nebraska, have made plans.

The original concept caught on quickly after a Wisconsin man built a model of a one-room schoolhouse as a tribute to his mother, a former teacher who loved to read. In the beginning, the founder's goal was to build 2,510 Little Free Libraries -- which just happens to be the same number of full size libraries put up by Andrew Carnegie. Today, the idea has ballooned to include the development of a nonprofit corporation run by a board of directors. According to its website, www.littlelibrary.org., an estimated 15,000 locations in 55 countries will be in place by the end of this year.

As I look at the stack of unshelved books in my library/office (no room on the shelves) I have to admit that I am seriously thinking about a Little Free Library in my front yard -- but not in the parking area where we have already lost a couple street trees and several mailboxes.

I have concerns. What if people drop off more books than they take? What if they take more books than they drop off? Well maybe that's not a problem since I have plenty

of replacements. What if people judge me by the titles of the books? Should I really care?

What if it rains or snows and the roof or the doors leak. I want to be a good steward of the books that have been entrusted to my care. There is some responsibility.

But I will likely go ahead and tackle the project. Not just because I am retired and need something else to do -- I envision a daily responsibility here --and I don't really need something else to do.

I'll likely do it because I see it as a way to build community and that's something we all need. I don't know that it's the glue of the

community in Hadar, but I bet there is a fair amount of camaraderie that goes on around the place. Think of visiting with another library patron about more than just the contents of what you or they are reading.

Consider the Little Free Library as the neighborhood water cooler, the place to discuss -- albeit briefly -- what's happening in the 'hood or in your life or theirs. Think of it as a way to get to know your neighbor.

For the benefits of building community, sharing likes and dislikes and becoming more neighborly -- we should all support Little Free Library.

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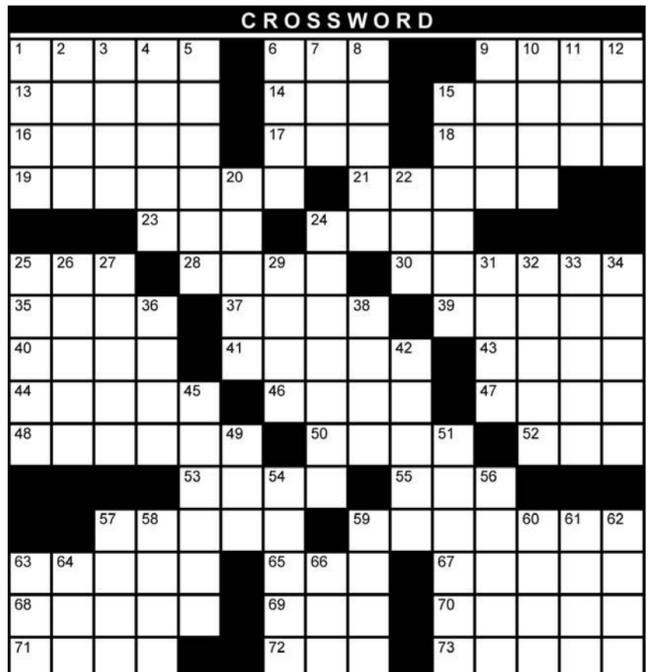
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- Shrub or tree especially common in Africa
- "Toy Story" child antagonist
- "That was close!"
- ____-la
- *He confronted Jafar in Disney's "Aladdin"
- This one should beware
- Asteraceae flower
- Presidential election month
- State indirectly
- *Cuckoo's nest guardian
- Open-mouthed
- Fa follower
- December stone
- Fitting
- Embarkation location
- *"The Exorcist" possessor
- Brooding
- Last word in radio transmission
- Flax plant fabric
- Calcium oxide
- *He's evil in "The Jungle Book"
- Penpoints
- Hipbone-related
- Like the White Rabbit
- ____Crawley, The Countess of Grantham
- The enlightened one
- Post-deductions amount
- "Uh-uh"
- To a remarkable degree, in U.K.
- ____ or decaf
- Right-hand page
- *"Seven" sadist
- Floorboard sound
- ____ Beta Kappa
- Spacious
- Ancient
- Bro or sis
- Ammion, pl.
- "____ all work out"
- *All about her
- Egg holders

DOWN

- "The first ____ I see tonight"
- "Major" animal
- *He played a sociopath in "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
- Smart _____, pl.
- Drive-in employee
- Sometimes used for timing
- U.N. labor agency
- Parlor piece
- Shoe option
- Sensational promotion
- Moray ____
- Kind of humor
- With two axes
- Poet T.S.
- To swindle or cheat
- Kitchen herb
- Wing it
- WWI French soldier
- Abnormally distended, especially by fluids
- *Funny and a Dr.
- Dietary mineral
- "For better or worse"?
- Camouflaged equine
- Take back what one said
- Decode letters
- Network of nerves
- Old but in
- *No ordinary doll
- Aardvark's meal morsel
- Ali Khamenei's capital
- Bush thicket
- Lawn ornament
- Bona fide
- *Voice of Darth Vader, James ____ Jones
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'Thinking About Health'

Who wins race for patients - ER or Urgent Care Center?

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By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Tracy Hume, a freelance writer who lives in Greeley, CO, and a reader of *Thinking About Health* columns, recently sent along this provocative question. "Do ER-affiliated urgent care providers ever try to escalate patients to the ER when it is not medically necessary?" she asked. "Why? How should a consumer respond?"

She explained that over the July 4 weekend, her teenage son had complained of nausea, headache, abdominal pain and was throwing up. Alarmed, she took him to an urgent care center, which was in her insurance plan's provider network.

A clerk at the clinic inquired about his symptoms and immediately said since he was having abdominal pains he needed a CT scan, and the urgent care center did not have the capability to do that test. He would have to go to the emergency room across the street part of the same hospital system.

Hume thought twice. The copay at the urgent care center was \$75; at the ER it was \$250. Plus, she told me, no one at the center had bothered to examine her son to see if he even needed a CT scan, a procedure that researchers say is overused in the country's emergency rooms. Dr. Rita Redberg, a prominent cardiologist at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, has pointed out, "CTs, once rare, are now routine. One in 10 Americans undergo a CT scan every year, and many of them get more than one." They are becoming common in emergency rooms where patients are getting scans at rates five times higher than in the mid 1990s.

While some CT scans undoubtedly save lives, if you get one and don't need it, you're exposing yourself to needless radiation. Redberg says the use of medical imaging with high doses of radiation, particularly CT scans, has increased "more than six-fold between the 1980s and 2006." What's behind the growing use? Fears of malpractice suits and patient demand for them "just to be sure," as I reported in my last column, are partly to blame but so is the presence of more of these machines along with the financial pressures on the hospitals to use as revenue generators.

And that reason circles back to Hume. Was the hospital system sending patients to a place of higher-priced care to pad its bottom line? Hume did say that there are two "large aggressively competitive healthcare systems competing for business" in Greeley, a city of almost 100,000 people, and "each built fancy, fully-equipped new ERs on the affluent side of town within a two-mile radius of each other."

We know that relationship marketing is common in banking and other services, why not hospitals? If your marketing strategy is to get more patients through the doors of the ER, where the cost of care is highest, why not? In a piece for Kaiser Health News in 2011, reporter Phil Galewitz wrote hospitals are using "aggressive marketing of ERs to increase admissions and profits." To achieve that goal, they had started advertising ER wait times on billboards and smart phones to lure anxious moms with sick kids to the ER with the shortest wait.

Hume's experience suggests that some patients at urgent care centers might be a source of revenue for the ER as well. And, yes, directing patients to emergency rooms runs counter to one of health reform's goals---to keep people out of the ER. By giving people health insurance, they now had a way to pay for visits to a doctor's office. But what's a patient to do in the face of all this marketing?

Hume had a solution: she took her son to another urgent care clinic not affiliated with either hospital system. The clinic accepted her \$75 insurance copay, a physician's assistant examined her son, questioned him about his symptoms, felt his abdomen, diagnosed gastroenteritis and prescribed an anti-nausea medication. He was better in a couple days. No CT scan, no unnecessary radiation, no expensive copay.

Urgent care clinics are not created equal. Hume asked what's a consumer to do. It seems she answered her own question.

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FPCPD to present safety program Wednesday at Falls City L&AC

Officers with the Falls City Police Dept. will present a safety program titled "Stranger Danger" for preschool and early elementary-aged children at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the FC Library & Arts Center. Older children (as well as visiting grandchildren, cousins and friends) are also welcome to hear this message.

That leaves two "4 Wednesdays" children's programs remaining this summer at the FCL&AC: July 30 - "Get Active and Healthy" with Linda Santo of Community Medical Center; and Aug. 6 - "The Beauty of Nature" with UNL Extension Educator Katlyn Kennedy.

This Thursday's (July 24) book discussion will focus on "A Thousand Days in Venice" by Marlena DeBlasi. This book is an enchanting true story of a woman who opens her heart, falls in love, leaves her St. Louis home, and marries a man in his city, Venice. This is a great armchair vacation and features Marlena's own incredible recipes.

The discussion will be held from noon-6 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the library.

The FCL&AC is open from 10

a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. All events and an online catalog are online at: www.fallscitylibrary.org

FCPS classified employees earn 3.25% pay hike

The Falls City Public School District 56 Board of Education at its July 14 meeting approved a wage increase for all classified employees.

The increase includes: Starting wage for para-educators from \$8.50/hour to \$9.50/hour; equalize wages for head custodians; and a 3.25 percent hike for all classified employees. These adjustments result in an approximate \$68,000 increase to the district, which includes the wages for the three additional para-educators, and also includes insurance.

A report was given on the progress of the Sixpence Early Childhood Program, which has grown to 24 families.

"We're pleased to say that we reached capacity with 24 families involved," District 56 Supt. Tim Heckenlively said. "Attendance at home visits and meetings has been excellent with families enjoying pizza, tacos, Subway sandwiches, and hot dogs while learning about Safe with You, Seat Belt Safety, Community Activities and Water Safety.

"We've provided families with information on child development, safety, nutrition, discipline, and also support to help them reach family goals. First book has provided us with many low cost books to give to families. We have recorded health records on children to be sure immunizations are up to date and helped families connect with community services," Heckenlively said.

Falls City Sixpence has recently been awarded a \$30,000 Mini Grant. It will be used for literacy, family engagement materials, a parent meeting room and toddler playground.

"We're hoping to have much of this work completed by fall," Heckenlively said.

The full grant award for the period July 1, 2014 through June 2015 is \$180,000.

In other news from the July meeting:

— A preliminary budget is being built for expenditures, receipts and transfers. Although preliminary estimates are known, Aug. 20 remains the key date for tax valuation to be certified by the county assessors in Richardson and Nemaha Counties. The BOE will hold a budget workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, and the formal hearings and adoption of the budget and property tax request will take place at the Sept. 8 regular BOE meeting.

— Summer facility projects completed to date include painting projects at the elementary schools, all exterior and interior door replacements at all buildings, swing set border and mulch at South School, hallway ceiling tile replacement at South School, classroom doors and locks on the second floor at middle school, Lifeskills window replacement at high school, synthetic turf maintenance, and primary gym floor sand/paint/and finish. The roofing projects are partially completed.

Heckenlively noted that there are problems with the boilers. Board members feel that TRANE should be contacted as it was the engineer of the HVAC project at the time it was installed.

Additionally, Art Dean started with the district beginning July 7 as the grounds/transportation support employee.

— In June, Transportation Director Robert Baker presented the board with his annual report on buses, vans, routes and activities, miles, gas and student participation. FCPS has a fleet of 22 vehicles. During the 2013-14 school year total route miles were 98,110 miles, total route gallons of fuel were 14,082, total activity miles were 45,685, total activity gallons of fuel were 5,131, SPED/LifeSkills miles were 32,453 and total SPED/LifeSkills gallons of fuel were 2,181. Total student participation was 308 riders.

— Also in June, the BOE voted to increase the substitute teacher pay rate to \$110 per day. The previous rate was \$105 and had been in place since the 2008-2009 school year.

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"HAPPY TO BE HOME AND THANK YOU"

By Rod Vandenberg

After being gone for approximately two months rehabbing from a broken bone in my right leg and three broken bones in my left foot, I have thankfully returned to the town I love and missed very much!

Many "thank yous" are in ordered, and I would like to begin with my wonderful neighbors across the street, Bob and Kathy Kirkendall, who saw me lying on my driveway and came running and quickly called 911. Then Veteran Falls City Ambulance Volunteers, Jim Gerweck and Sherry Aitken, who quickly backed into my driveway and delivered me to the E.R. that night (it was actually Mothers' Day night) and especially the very caring Stephanie Jones, who did my X-rays.

Next, I thank the wonderful nurses and Certified Nurse's Aides and office personnel and kitchen employees at Gateway Rehab in Lincoln who cared for me for two months. One very special C.N.A. happened to be Lisa Kopf (one of Tom and Lisa Kopf's twins) and she was awesome. Lisa is wanting to be a Physician's Assistant or a Nurse Practitioner and she will be a VERY good one!

Also, the several folks in Physical Therapy who helped me. One happened to be Lisa Palmer (she has a different married name which I have forgotten, but Lisa is the daughter of Darwin and Debbie Palmer of rural Falls City) and also a gentleman named Chad who is married to Pat Steinman's and the late Jack Cook's daughter. I believe her name is Rachel.

Next, for the large number of get well cards I received from my friends in Falls City, as well as many others, with most containing nice words of encouragement.

My thanks go out to everyone who took the time to send a card, not forgetting those of you who obtained my cell number and gave me a call. I was also gratified by the large number of visitors I had with many being from Falls City. They just kept coming and coming!

And, while I realize I should not single anyone out, I do want to mention my Pastor from Christ Lutheran Church here in Falls City, Pastor Dan Gifford, who visited me at least twice and even gave me communion on one occasion; Rev. Jeff Scheich, my Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln, who called on me several times and even phoned me after I returned home; and finally, Monsignor Robert Roh who visited me on two occasions, one along with a very special person named Father James O'Connor, who is about 90 and now retired in Kearney. As many of you remember, Father O'Connor preceded Msgr. Roh at Sacred Heart Parish where he had served for several years. He is a delight with still that same rather "brash" personality! I thoroughly enjoyed that visit!

Now, to all of my visitors, let me say I enjoyed everyone of you, and I thank each of you for thinking about me and coming.

Finally, I was told I could come home on July 4, and my wonderful son-in-law and daughter, Jim and Lori Parrish, brought me to my Falls City home and helped me get settled in. Since then, I have pretty much been "holed up" in my office, as I attempt to "catch up" on a large pile of paperwork. Lori has continued to come down from Auburn regularly and Jim pops in from his UPS route when he is able. And, to the two of them, I extend my heartfelt thanks for all of your kindness and help. Also, while in Lincoln, I thank my other son-in-law and daughter, Don and Pam Sheets, for their wonderful help and kindness. Thank you so very much, you guys, and I love you very much!

Hey, it's so nice to be back home and how great it is to return to the greatest town in America, Falls City, Nebraska, and observe all of your "great works"! Falls City, I love you very much!!!

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Nearly 70% of elderly Nebraskans have Internet in home

Nearly 70 percent of older Nebraskans have Internet service in their homes – higher than the national average but still lower than other demographic groups, according to a recent survey.

The survey, conducted for the Nebraska Broadband Initiative, is part of efforts to target shortfalls in the state's Internet availability.

Many surveys show Americans aged 65 and older lag behind younger people in their use of the Internet. In Nebraska, the survey found, 69 percent of older people had Internet service, with 59 percent having broadband service available. That compares to a national survey by the Pew Research Center that found 59 percent of seniors are Internet users and only 47 percent have high-speed broadband available in their homes.

In Nebraska, the survey found, 86 percent of Nebraska households have Internet access, and 82 percent have broadband service, up from 81 percent and 76 percent, respectively, since 2010.

“Senior Nebraskans are adopting technology faster than their counterparts nationwide; however, they still lag behind younger Nebraskans in their adoption of technology,” the survey noted.

Older Nebraskans also are less likely to have mobile devices in their households. Although 55 percent of older Nebraskans have a regular cell phone, fewer than one-quarter have either a smartphone (23 percent) or tablet computer (23 percent). In addition, just over one-third of older Nebraskans – 37 percent – have a laptop computer.

Older Nebraskans living in metropolitan areas are more likely than older Nebraskans living in nonmetropolitan regions to be using the Internet and to have broadband service. Eighty-three percent of seniors living in Lancaster County have broadband Internet service at home. In comparison, only 46 percent of seniors living in the South Central region have broadband service at home.

At least three-quarters of older Nebraskans use the Internet for email (99 percent), to do research or search for information (95 percent), to look for health information (86 percent), to get news/weather information (83 percent), and to buy a product online (76 percent). Fifty-eight percent of older Nebraskans use the Internet for online banking or bill pay, 57 percent for social network and 54 percent to watch a video. Older Nebraskans lag behind



Falls City Sacred Heart Class of 1964, from left: Jane Schroedl Bebermeyer, Karey Buchholz Marrs, Terry Sullivan, Dorothy Sells Kirkendall, Su-

san Loyd Erwin, Mary Aitken Donohue, Marge Neerman Hammerschmidt, Jane Gilbert Haeger and Michael Darveaux.

younger Nebraskans in using most of these Internet applications.

When asked specifically about online shopping behaviors, the majority of older Nebraskans are using the Internet to do the following: research/browse products (73 percent), purchase a product (69 percent), and compare prices (57 percent). Many are also finding/researching information on local businesses (46 percent), finding coupons or special deals (43 percent), and finding online or non-local businesses (41 percent). Fewer older Nebraskans are rating products or services using an online rating system (22 percent).

“While older Nebraskans are active users of the Internet, there are still opportunities for growth,” the report said.

“As our population ages, we want to ensure older Nebraskans are comfortable with this technology so they remain ‘plugged in’ to a society that increasingly shares information online,” said Nebraska Public Service Commission Chairman Frank Landis.

At least one-third of older Nebraskans indicated they were somewhat or very interested in the following courses: using the Internet (45 percent), basic computer use (41 percent), e-mail use (37 percent), and social media (33 percent).

Nebraskans were surveyed about their computer and Internet usage, community technology resources and technology training needs through a mail survey conducted in January and February 2014 by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Agricultural Economics. The 14-page

survey was mailed to approximately 8,000 households (8,024 deliverable households out of the 9,000 initial list). A 35 percent response rate was achieved (2,798 responses).

The entire study can be found at <http://broadband.nebraska.gov>

The survey was conducted by the Nebraska Broadband Initiative, a partnership of state and University of Nebraska entities.

The Nebraska Broadband Initiative is a partnership of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, the University of Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Nebraska Information Technology Commission and the AIM Institute.

Students

Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Scholarship

Recipients of Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Scholarships at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have been named for the 2014-15 academic year.

Scholarships are awarded in two categories – an undergraduate renewable award of up to \$10,000 per year as well as one-time scholarships up to \$4,000. These scholarships recognize students with high capacity to bring entrepreneurial talent to the marketplace, specifically focused on business development in the wide domain of agriculture.

Students receiving renewable scholarships include: **Rachel Stevens, senior, Falls City, horticulture.**

Established in 2010 by a gift from the Paul and Virginia Engler Foundation, the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program has grown to involve more than 100 students at the university.

The program offers an academic minor focused on business concept development, significant opportunities to develop professional business skills outside the classroom, relationship building, leadership and service opportunities as well as the support for international experiences focused on entrepreneurship and enterprise creation.

Sacred Heart Class of '64 honored at school reunion

The Sacred Heart All School Reunion was held Saturday, July 12, 2014. Mass was celebrated at 5:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, followed by a social hour and buffet supper at the Falls City Elks Lodge.

The group was welcomed by Sacred Heart Alumni President Bob Aitken; Msgr. Robert Roh led the blessing before the meal. Honored guests were the Class of 1964, celebrating its 50th reunion. They included Jane Schroedl Bebermeyer and Chuck, Michael Darveaux, Mary Aitken Donohue and Terry, Jane Gilbert Haeger, Marge Neerman Hammerschmidt, Susan Loyd Erwin, Karey Buchholz Marrs and Terry Sullivan.

Other alumni attending the banquet:

- 1942 — Dick Frederick.
- 1945 — NiNi Hall Frederick, Walter “Bud” Marx.
- 1954 — Bill and Leona Knobbe, Ruth Frederick Mullins and Don.
- 1955 — Richard Gulliams and Shirley, Ken Voegele and Elaine.
- 1956 — Terry Brennan, Luke Loyd and Lee.
- 1958 — Barbara Darveaux Schuetz and Ron, Jeannie Miller Coupe.
- 1959 — Connie Gibson Fiddler.
- 1960 — Karen Gibson Ramsey,

- Loretta Sells Scheitel.
- 1963 — Mike Simon and Lorna.
- 1965 — Raphael Darveaux and Sharon, Kathy Buchholz Martin and John, Janet Simon McNeely.
- 1966 — Pat Brennan.
- 1967 — Rita Loyd Brennan.
- 1968 — Rosemary Bachman Baker, Richard Hall.
- 1969 — Jane Ann Shafer Hall.
- 1970 — Marcia Sullivan.
- 1973 — Bill Simon and Cece.
- 1974 — Gerald Hill and Linda, Debbie Marx Lemerond.
- 1977 — Bob Aitken, Kerry Harmon Tramp and Al.
- 1978 — Lynne Coupe Davis and Kevin.
- 1989 — Amy Frederick Voltmer, Patty Liberty Jackson.

After dinner Bob Aitken presented awards. Msgr. Roh thanked the alumni for coming and for their loyal support of Sacred Heart School over the years, as well as for their generosity for the Renew 125 project.

Alumni joining after dinner: 1973 - Marty Froeschl & Gail.

Other guests included Fr. Dave Oldham, Msgr. Roh, Fr. Nelson Libera, Deacon Chris Stoley and Diane Sefried.

The next All School Reunion will be July 11, 2015.

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ADMINISTRATION: Mary Kent, Administrator, Julie Koenke, Sharon Lambert, Reba Burgett. **NURSING:** Carol Gimeson RN, Director, Courtney Allen CNA, Sara Allen RN, Sandra Blecha CNA, Paulette Burkhalter CNA, Larissa Burns CNA, Trisha Crosby LPN, Tamara Dettmann CNA, Lisa Fankhauser CNA, DeAnn Glathar LPN, Laura Grundman RN, Pamela Harper CMA, Carissa Hitzeman CNA, Traci Jackson LPN, Shelly James LPN, Sue Kuhlmann CNA, Codi King CMA, Robin Leuty CNA, Lois Miller LPN, Sara Nims CNA, Amanda Powell LPN, Staci Ramsey RN, Brenda Reuter, CNA, Elecia Richey CMA, Debra Ross LPN, William Rothell RN, Rose Rudder CNA, Kirsten Simpson CMA, MaryAnn Simpson CNA, Ashley Smith, CNA, Amber Thompson CMA, Misty Waas CNA, Michael Watlington RN, **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Jeane Farwell, Director, **DIETARY:** Barbara Harris, Director, Bonnie Blecha, Jynnae Fankhauser, Janet Krofta, Becky Pumel, Betty Sharpe, LaDonna Spurgin, Barb Stuckemeyer, Nancy Stutheit, **ACTIVITIES:** Denise Rathbone, Director, Loretta Rist, Karen Krofta, **HSK/LAUNDRY:** Jill Hatfield, Director, Larry Boomgaarn, Tiffany Dettmann, Patricia Jaros, Alexis Vickers, **TRANSPORTATION:** Irene Fisher, Janice Kuhlmann, **MAINTENANCE:** Robert Mendenhall, Director, David Harris, **ASSISTED LIVING:** Jennifer Schell, Director, Suzanne Fankhauser, Donna Hopkins, Samantha Spier, Penny Wiemers.

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Happy Anniversary



Larry and Virginia (Meents) Dunn, of Peculiar, MO, celebrate their Golden Anniversary on Friday, July 25, 2014. They were married on July 25, 1964 at the First Christian Church in Falls City. In the photograph, Jim and Virginia on their wedding day with Best Man Jim Dunn and Maid of Honor Suzanne (Holmes) Frasier. The Dunn's have two daughters, Debi, of Pleasant Hill, MO, and Erin, of Independence, MO, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Society

Tri-State Genealogical Society

Eleven members and four guests of the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society met in the meeting room of the Humboldt Library on Thursday, July 3. Norma called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitors.

The meeting began with the program, provided by Jim Phillips of Omaha. He shared information about familysearch.org, the site provided by the LDS church, and also mentioned some genealogy programs that would interact with it (Legacy, RootsMagic, AncestryQuest). The main focus was on the Family Tree project, which allows people to enter their family, make

corrections (with documentation), but blocks those still living. He also mentioned the StetlSeeker (through the Jewish GenWeb) which helps find town locations in much of Europe. This is especially useful in countries that have more than one town by the same name.

Following the program, roll call was taken and minutes were read by Jorene Herr. The treasurer's report, given by Richard Zentner, showed royalty income from NSGS, and payment to Ancestry.com. Current projects remain unchanged. Newsletters were received from the Brown County Genealogical Society. Queries were received for the Bickel, Butler, Carr, Blanchard, and McCarty families. Upcoming events include Living History in Auburn on Sept. 28, GOGS library lock-in on Sept. 26 and the Family History Expo in Kearney Sept. 12-13.

Following a show-and-tell time the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, in the Pioneer Plaza meeting room in Falls City.

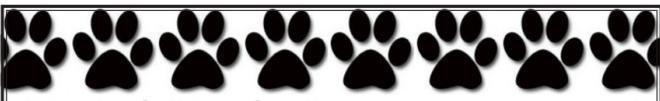
Theresa Auxier, a resident of Colonial Acres in Humboldt, celebrated her 93rd birthday on Wednesday, July 16.

Attending were her sons, John (Sandy) Auxier, of Kansas City, MO, Bob (Linda) Auxier, of Waverly, and Tom (Penney) Auxier, of Humboldt. Also in attendance was her niece, Julia Howe, of Bellevue.

A birthday lunch was served, followed by an enjoyable afternoon in the unseasonably cool weather on the beautiful patio.



**80th Birthday
Open House
Mary Lou Counce-
Simpson-Hill
August 9th at
Falls City American
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1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**



Picnic & Pins for Paws was awesome!

Great food, thanks to Breezy Hill, Greg and Lloyd, awesome bowling thanks to Falls City Lanes and Audrey, BJ, Mary Lou and Kenny! Neat raffle prizes from Heritage Falls Candles, Breezy Hill and FC Lanes. Our winners were Holly Lashmit, Ardis Ramsey, Cliff Phroper and Ken and Mary Lou Counce. It was a finger lickin recipe for success, great food, entertainment, and cute adoptable animals. The Humane Society and all our furry friends would like to thank all those who helped to pull it off, Brandy & Tanner for showing off the kittens, Jill and Ardis for showing off 2 of our cute dogs, all are available for adoption.



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FC Eastview 'Tenant Appreciation Day'



The Falls City Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and staff hosted "Tenant Appreciation Day" at Eastview Apartments in June. The theme of the annual event was "The Wild West."

The festivities began with chuck wagon meal complete with burgers, hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, tea, lemonade and Texas sheet cake. Lunch and refreshments were prepared and served by Joyce Lyons, Shane Alexander, and Kristen McNett of Lyons Quality Home Services and Linda Ebel, Toni Wintz, Debbie and Marilyn Kirkendall and Misty Frederick, Housing Authority staff.

Volunteer cowboys and cowgirls included Shirley Ebel, Jared, Gracie, Josh and Emma Frederick. Shandelle Lovenburg was "Miss Kitty" of the Long Branch Saloon.

Cowboy Steve Milam presented a program on roping and rodeo roping contests. He brought his equipment, including a roping dummy bull. After his roping demonstration Tim Cox, Harriett Shurtleff, and Myrna Russ tried their hand at roping and were successful. Steve's saddle and chaps were also a big hit.

The stars of the West were JJ and Smokey Joe miniature ponies brought by their owner Sandy Gantz. JJ and Smokey stayed busy much of the day giving buggy rides.

Through out the afternoon games were played including a Wild West shoot out. Slim Beem walked away

with the fastest draw in the west and best shot. Charlie Martney lasoed his way into first place in the cactus ring game made by Randy Coulter. And Charlie Loghry took first place in the horse shoe toss.

Cowboys and cowgirls also enjoyed bellying up to the Long Branch Saloon for boot mugs of "beer" and buckets of peanuts and popcorn.

If the outlaws got too wild, Sheriff Toni laid down the law and some of our tenants found themselves in the Long Branch jail. (We won't name names) most made it out after they took their mug shot, answered

a trivia question correctly or sang a song. Only a few of our outlaws were repeat offenders.

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CIVIL COURT

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services, and against Jasyme Strauss Howard, Falls City, in the amount of \$324, prejudgment interest of \$27.34, attorney fees of \$37.40, and court costs of \$51.70. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.066 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services, and against Rebecca Wason and James Wason in the amount of \$108, prejudgment interest of \$4, attorney fees of \$15.80, and court costs of \$85.90. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.066 percent.

COUNTY COURT

Nathaniel J. Emons, Syracuse, reckless driving, first offense. Pled guilty. Fined \$450, plus court costs of \$49 and lab costs of \$142. Probation ordered.

Nicole L. Harkendorff, Falls City, violate protection order. Case continued to July 21 for arraignment.

Michael E. Tinsley, Falls City, possession of burglar's tools, a Class IV Felony. Case bound over to District Court; continued to July 22 for arraignment.

Davis Ryan Davis, Falls City, violate protection order. Case continued to July 28 for pretrial hearing.

Paul M. Harmon, Falls City, count one, criminal trespassing, first offense; count two, criminal mischief (less than \$200). Pled not guilty to both counts. Case continued to Aug. 13 for pretrial hearing.

Paul M. Harmon, Falls City, criminal mischief (\$1,500 or more), a Class IV Felony. Case continued to Aug. 13 for preliminary hearing.

Enrique Ramirez, Sabetha, KS, count one, DUI, first offense; count two, refuse to submit to test, first offense; count three, nonresident violate 30-day immunity. Pled not guilty to all three counts. Case continued to Aug. 4 for pretrial

hearing.

Shawn M. West, Falls City, commit child abuse negligently/no injury. Case continued to July 21 for entry of plea.

Rodney E. Vice, Falls City, shoplifting. Pled not guilty. Continued to July 30 for trial.

Trebtor W. Dodge, Horton, KS, count one, third degree assault; count two, disturbing the peace. Pled no contest to both counts. Fined a total of \$175, plus court costs of \$49.

Lisa L. Bottom-Finch, Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace; count two, assault; count three, criminal mischief. Pled no contest. Fined a total of \$250, plus court costs of \$49.

Nicole L. Harkendorff, Falls City, count one, possess or use drug paraphernalia; count two, possess K2 or marijuana (1 ounce or less). Continued to Aug. 13 for trial.

Nicholas E. Strauss, Falls City, count one, DUI, first offense; count two, refuse to submit to pretest; count three, refuse to submit to test, first offense; count four, improper vehicle lighting. Continued to Aug. 13 for entry of plea.

Jacob W. Bennett, Shubert, count one, driving under suspension; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Continued to Aug. 18 for entry of plea.

Chance Simon, Craig, MO, driving under suspension. Continued to Aug. 13 for trial.

Michael E. Tinsley, Falls City, count one, drive under suspension; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia; count three, fail to deliver title on sale. All three charges dismissed without prejudice.

Scott D. Hayes, Falls City, two counts terroristic threats, a Class IV Felony. Case bound over to District Court, continued Aug. 5 for Arraignment.

Keith A. Ferris, Falls City, burglary, a Class III Felony. Case bound over to District Court, continued Aug. 5 for Arraignment.

Keith A. Ferris, Falls City, burglary, a Class III Felony. Case bound over to District Court, con-

tinued Aug. 5 for Arraignment.

April N. Rath, Falls City, count one reckless driving first offense; probation ordered, fined \$400, count two dropped; count three possess/consume open alcohol container, fined \$50; count four procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent, probation ordered and fined \$250. Ordered to serve two days in Richardson County Jail and to pay court costs of \$49 and lab costs of \$145.16

Scott D. Hayes, Falls City, count one DUI second offense; count two refuse to submit to pretest; count three refuse to submit to test first offense; count four resist arrest first offense; count five assault an officer with bodily fluid; count six disturbing the peace; count seven criminal mischief (less than \$200). Continued Sept. 26 for Jury Trial.

Keith A. Ferris, Falls City, count one burglary, a Class III Felony; count two possess firearm by prohibited person, a Class ID Felony. Continued July 30 for Preliminary Hearing.

Wendy J. Walle, Hiwatha, KS, burglary, a Class III Felony. Continued July 30 for Hearing.

Justin Sauer, Seneca, KS, count one domestic assault; count two violate protection order. Continued July 23 for Entry of Plea.

Enrique M. Marquez, Humboldt, third degree domestic assault, probation ordered. Fined \$100 plus court costs of \$49.

COUNTY COURT WAIVERS (Court costs not included)

Stephen D. Miller, speeding (6-10); failure to use seat belt. Fined \$50.

Jeromie L. Brown, no valid registration. Fined \$25.

Carol D. Dooley, speeding (11-15). Fined \$75.

Michael R. Collet, speeding (11-15); no valid registration. Fined total of \$100.

Robert E. Keller, no helmet. Fined \$50.

William E. Orth, speeding (11-15). Fined \$75.

Nicholas J. Sargent, speeding (11-15). Fined \$75.

James E. Frederick, speeding (11-15). Fined \$75.

Jay W. Pointer, speeding (6-10). Fined \$25.

Tammy S. McFeeters, animals running at large. Fined \$50.

Timothy A. Sturm, speeding (11-15). Fined \$75.

Ryan T. Paskewitz, speeding (16-20). Fined \$125.

Scott J. Hammon, speeding (21-35). Fined \$200.

Betty J. Henry, speeding (6-10). Fined \$25.

FIRE CALL

Twelve volunteer firefighters were on the scene Tuesday evening, July 15, around 8 p.m. to extinguish a grill fire at 1618 Crook St. A rubber hose to the tank on a grill caught fire. Fire Chief Ken Simpson said the fire was put out with a fire extinguisher. Damage was limited to only the grill and the meat that was cooking.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday morning, July 16, 2100 block of Stone St. Driver: Bryan Travis Rose, Falls City. Estimated damage when Rose backed his 2000 Plymouth Neon out a driveway and struck parked 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer owned by Gerald Roland: \$100 to Rose vehicle and \$1,000 to Roland vehicle. No citation issued.

Tuesday evening, July 15, Sun-Mart parking lot (1900 Harlan St.).

Melissa Hardenberger, Falls City, exited the grocery store and noticed an estimated \$500 damage to the right bumper of her 2012 Mitsubishi Galant. Hardenberger reported seeing a black Dodge flat-bed pickup parked in the spot adjacent to her. When she exited the store she noticed the pickup was gone. The accident remains under investigation by the Falls City Police Dept.

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World Series Champions!

The Falls City Travelers 18-and-Under Softball Team captured the USSSA Class C World Series title Saturday night in Topeka, KS, putting the finishing touches on a sensational 43-9-1 season — and era — that goes down as the best in the 18-year history of Travelers Softball.

"This 18-Under team has surpassed anything any other team has done in 18 years," Travelers founder and coach Carl Messner said. "That was accomplished last week with 2nd place in Class B State and solidified this week with winning the World Series. I've had this team for the last four years and they have improved so much in that time."

In the addition to the 43 victories, the team went 6-0 and won the "Beat the Heat" Tournament in early June in Lincoln, finished runner-up at the "June Bug Jam" June 14-15 in Beatrice, won the USSSA Class C State Championship in Lincoln June 22, took first at the Palmyra Tournament at the end of June and then finished runner-up at the ASA Class B State Tournament July 13 in Norfolk.

All that, after a 2013 season that produced a program-record 49 wins and fourth-place finish in Class C.

Five years ago you certainly couldn't see this coming. The then-14s went 0-3 at the state tournament after several of its best players defected to play for "select" teams elsewhere.

"Things started coming back at 16-Under," Messner said, "when they went the regular season undefeated and finished fifth at state. Then last year we got girls back that had played out of town for a couple years and we put together the best record ever with the most wins. I didn't know if it could get much better," he said.

Somehow, it did.

FC entered the World Series the No. 1 seed in its four-team pool. Unfortunately, it exited pool play just the opposite after a dismal 0-1-1 record on Thursday. In the end, though, that only added to the drama as FC battled back in astounding fashion, winning six in a row. On Saturday, the final two wins - fittingly - came against rival Todd's Feed, of Sutton (1-0 and 10-4), a team Falls City lost to twice at the June Bug Jam before evening the score with 2-0 and 6-5 victories en route to the USSSA State Championship.

The sixth and final meeting was the most lopsided - and meaningful.

In the World Series title game, FC left fielder Tressa Chandler hit a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the first inning to give her team a 2-1 lead - and they never trailed again. Chandler scored on an RBI single by Katie Meyer to make it 3-1 in the first; then FC added three more in the second (off RBI hits by Bailey Armbruster, catcher Brooke Scheitel and pitcher Claire Poppe) to make it 6-1.

Not that it was never interesting. Todd's Feed cut the lead to three in the fourth, though would've done much more damage if not for a web gem by Meyer in center, who robbed the clean-up hitter at the wall for the second out of the inning. A grounder to second baseman Meredith Poppe ended that threat.

FC, after squandering a golden opportunity in the bottom of the fourth (four of five batters reached base — nobody came home), dodged another bullet in the top of the fifth, as Todd's Feed cut it to 6-4 with the go-ahead run at the plate.



The Falls City Travelers 18-and-Under Softball Team, one week after finishing second at the ASA Class B State Tournament, Saturday captured the USSSA Class C World Series Championship in Topeka, KS, capping a 43-9-1 season called the best in program history by program coach/founder Carl Messner. In the team photo, front row, from left: Tressa Chandler, Syd Armbruster (Tournament MVP), Kirstyn Buchholz, Chelsea Rapp, Heidi Heineger; back row, coach Gina Scheitel, Morgan Bletscher, Katie Meyer, Claire Poppe, Brooke Scheitel (Defensive Player of the Tournament), Bailey Armbruster, Meredith Poppe and Messner.

An out caught by first baseman Chelsea Rapp ended that inning and FC bats in the bottom half ended Todd's

Feed.

Travelers clinched the title with a four-run fifth on RBI hits by Meyer, Rapp and Armbruster.

To add to the celebration, Scheitel was named the Defensive Player of the Tournament and shortstop Syd Merz earned Most Valuable Player honors.

"I knew we were a better team that what showed up Thursday; the question was, would we show up in time," Messner said. "I knew we would come back Friday and win some games, but I don't think anyone, including myself, thought we could go unbeaten in bracket play and win it all."

That's exactly what happened. Friday morning, it started with a 10-0 win over Camden Point Rampage where pitcher Kirstyn Buchholz threw a one-hit shutout, retiring the final eight batters in order. Then came a pair of dramatic one-run victories: 6-5 in extras over St. Louis (MO) Force and 3-2 over Lyndon (KS) Kryptonite.

The comeback win over St. Louis was as dramatic as they come. FC trailed 5-2 in the bottom of the seventh, with Scheitel on first and two out. Chandler and Meyer hit back-to-back doubles to score Scheitel and set the table for Meredith Poppe, who drilled a two-run double to the fence to tie the game.

After St. Louis' lead runner was thrown out at the plate, the team loaded

the bases before Buchholz fanned two in a row (Nos. 7 & 8 in the game) to put the fire out.

Against Kryptonite, Syd Armbruster was a home run away from hitting for the cycle and FC built a 3-0 lead before things got a little dicey in the top of the sixth, as Buchholz recorded

the final out - a ball caught by Claire Poppe at third - with the tying run at first base.

Sunday, Falls City beat Lincoln Bandits 6-0 to stay on the winners' side. Meredith Poppe hit a two-run double in the second and Meyer recorded a two-run single in the fourth. Morgan Bletscher singled and scored in each of the sixth and seventh innings, on hits by Scheitel and Syd Armbruster, respectively.

The win sent FC to face Todd's Feed for the first time since Travelers' 6-5 USSSA State title win June 22.

Claire Poppe, who hadn't pitched since Thursday because of a nagging arm injury suffered in Norfolk, threw darts. After walking the leadoff batter, she struck out the side in the first inning and made it five in a row before a bunt single broke it up in the second. She went on to strike out six more in eight innings, finishing the game with 11 — to go against three hits and two walks. Only once did Todd's Feed advance a runner into scoring position and that was in the sixth, thanks to a pair of fielding errors. With runners at second and third and just one out, Poppe struck out the team's lead-off hitter for out No. 2, and ended the threat with a fly out to Chandler in left.

After Todd's went 3-up, 3-down in the eighth, FC wasted no time taking the victory. Buchholz started the frame on second, then advanced to third on a sac bunt by Chandler. Meyer drove Buchholz across with a hit to left.

"We knew starting this year we had a team with the potential to go a long way, it was just getting them to come together," Messner said. "In the end, this team put together a dream season that it will be hard to top. The majority of these 18-under players have won 92 games in last two years."

"This group has had a great run and I'm going to miss all of them that age out; it was kind of bittersweet Saturday knowing it would be their last game and the girls and their parents talked about it all weekend. None of this would have happened without the support of all these girls' parents, and grandparents, to do what this team did was a huge financial undertaking, and I personally want to thank them all again."

"This season for the program has been unbelievable, with our 16's finishing state on our home field and finishing with a 24-10 record; our 10-U finished 26-6; our 12-U went 21-8; the 14's were a young team but had a good season and got some experience going 8-9-1, and with everything the 18's did, our program won 122 games this year — the most ever in a year. We went over the 1,100 (career) win mark, with our record standing at 1,128 wins and 470 losses," Messner said.

"I think this program is as good as any in the State. We have a lot of girls wanting to play, and I know we can't keep them all happy, but we have a great bunch of volunteer coaches that put a lot of time and their own money into this and they deserve a lot of credit for what they do. I think we have proven that staying home and playing Travelers Softball can get you just as far as going somewhere else."

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Storm gets to 20 wins, but early out at districts

The Falls City Blue Storm Seniors fell 7-2 to Beatrice and saw its season come to an end Sunday at the Class B-1 Area Tournament in Syracuse.

Beatrice scored seven runs on just five hits — of the seven players who came across the plate, only two reached on hits. Losing pitcher Derek Bippes issued six free passes in five innings, striking out five and surrendering a two-out solo homer in the sixth.

Offensively, Falls City got fanned a season-high 14 times. Center fielder Tyler DiGiacomo, the team's hottest hitter all summer, went 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBI to lead his team.

"Despite our performance today, we cut our strikeouts down by about 30 and added 30 more hits from last season, including more doubles, triples and homers (four of the five came in Syracuse last weekend)," Coach Kory Huppert said.

The Storm Seniors finish with a record of 20-12, the program's first 20-win season since 2010 and first since Huppert took over in 2011. Each of Huppert's five Storm teams won at least 17 games and the Juniors eclipsed 20 in 2008 (22) and won 20 in 2013.

"Hitting 20 wins was one of these guys' goals," Huppert said. "A couple of these guys have been a part of winning at least 17 games the last four years and a handful 18 or more the last

three. "These guys did a tremendous job this season and even though it didn't finish the way we wanted it to, we made some big strides this season, faced tough competition and saw some new teams who I felt we played better against this season than last," Huppert said.

Now it's time to exchange the blue for orange. Huppert, who spearheaded the effort to bring high school baseball to Falls City High, will coach the very first Tiger baseball team next spring.

Unfortunately, the uniform colors won't be the only visible difference between Storm '14 and Tigers '15. The best hitters — center fielder Tyler DiGiacomo, who had a ridiculous year statistically, leading FC in batting average (.414), slugging (.631), OPS (1.123), hits (46), triples (3), home runs (3) and runs scored (43), first baseman Chase Thompson (.309 BA, team-best 27 RBI) and shortstop Chaz Dunn (.356 BA, 29 runs scored) all move on to college next month. Furthermore, two of the top three pitchers — Derek Bippes (7-3, 1.78 ERA) and Reese Hogue (2-0, 45 Ks) — also have graduated, and a third, Logan Scheitel (7-5, three saves, 2.58 ERA), goes to school at Sacred Heart.

So the inaugural season of Tiger Baseball will truly be a learning experience for most everyone involved.

The good news, though, is that DiGiacomo and Dunn can return next summer and Scheitel will return as the staff's ace on the mound.

"I think we'll gain more speed next season, and hitting will continue because the things we've done differently this season we'll continue with," Huppert said. "And I we'll make strides with defense."

Joining Scheitel on the mound will be Senior returnees Weston Witt (25.1 IP, 1-1 record, 22 Ks, 8 BB) and Derek McCann, as well as Juniors Rudy Vritska, Brandt Chapple and Noah Milam. Witt ended a tough season with a sterling three-hit outing Friday against Syracuse. He returned to the field this season after suffering a wicked injury to his eye after getting hit by a pitch in Auburn June 18.

"Our rotation should be okay," Huppert said. "Logan returning and Weston and Derek were projects this year that have made great strides. I'm hoping



"Better Citizenship Today, Better Leaders Tomorrow" was the theme of the 2014 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Conference. Attending the week long conference in June at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland were 44 4-H'ers from Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties, two sponsors, and two UNL extension educators, stated Sarah Purcell, Extension Educator. During this conference, the 4-H'ers toured Washington, D.C. and the surrounding area. Stops included: The U.S. Capitol, White House, Supreme Court, National Archives, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Library of Congress, Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, plus the Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials. The 4-H'ers attended the Nebraska Breakfast with Nebraska's Congressional delegation addressing the 4-H'ers and other Nebraska residents in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Government processes were learned back at the National 4-H Center through mock legislation and various workshops.

A highlight of the week was the Twilight Tattoo, a military pageant that features Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment unit wearing Army uniforms of the past and present. A portion of the show is dedicated to providing a fast-paced travel through Army history, from Revolutionary times to the Army's involvement in current military operations. 4-H'ers flew first to New York City, where they enjoyed The Lion King Broadway musical, the Empire State Building, and Central Park. They traveled to D.C. via bus and toured Gettysburg National Military Park in route.

Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson county 4-H'ers visited with Senator Deb Fischer and Congressmen Jeff Fortenberry, Adrian Smith, and Lee Terry following the Nebraska Breakfast in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Richardson County 4-H'ers are: Lindsay Duerfeldt, Eli Herr and Jade Hill. Sponsors were Stacey Duerfeldt, Falls City and Chuck Porter, Unadilla. Kaytlyn Kennedy, Richardson County and Sarah Purcell, Otoe County, were the Extension staff who coordinated the C.W.F. experience for the 4-H'ers.

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with the experience those two will get next spring will really help going into the summer.

Plus Rudy, Brandt and Noah all made significant progress this year pitching (all three moved into the program a year early) and will get more experience next spring that will help them mature," Huppert said.

Falls City 14, Syracuse 2

Falls City opened the tourney Friday night with a 14-2 dismantling of the hosts, as Witt tossed three-hit ball and he and his teammates exploded with run support in the fifth inning, ending it early with a nine-run frame. FC actually trailed 2-0 after three innings, but Thompson homered to lead off the fourth, and three batters later, with two outs and Bippes on third, Witt crushed a 1-2 pitch over the left field fence to give his team a 3-2 lead that would only get exponentially bigger.

In the bottom of the fifth, nine batters came to the plate and nine batters scored. DiGiacomo tripled his first time to the plate in the fifth, and then homered in his second time up that inning. For the game, he was 3-for-4 with four RBI and two runs scored; Witt finished 2-for-2 with three RBI and two runs scored; Bippes was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and one driven in.

Falls City 2, Auburn 6

The win sent Falls City to a Saturday night meeting with Auburn, a team the Storm beat 19-11 back in June. Auburn, though, capitalized on five FC fielding errors and took the rematch, 6-2, forcing Falls City into the losers' bracket and against Beatrice today. Scheitel took the loss, despite surrendering just four hits out of 42 batters in five innings Saturday. He fanned seven and walked three. Hogue then pitched two scoreless innings of no-hit baseball in relief. That kind of pitching generally yields victories, but on this night, the defense failed FC. Errors helped produce Auburn's run in the second, and then contributed heavily to a three-run Auburn fifth.

"Unfortunately our defense struggled a bit this season, something we have tried to preach and maintain," Huppert, who expressed thanks to Dave Orcutt for helping the pitching staff, said. "Our pitching improved greatly this season and I look forward to continuing that with our younger guys next spring and summer. I believe that will be a big help in us being competitive next spring."

Falls City didn't help its cause much at the plate, though, either. The Storm missed a potential big inning in the first, as DiGiacomo led off with a walk and scored on a one-out double by Vritska, who was left stranded in the frame. FC moved a runner to third in the third inning, yet failed to score him, and then in the fourth had the bases loaded with just one out, yet failed to bring a single run across.

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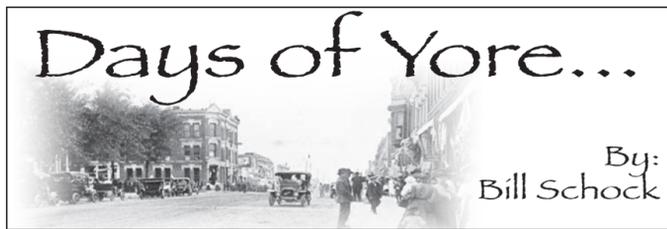
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**50 Years Ago
(July 20 - July 25, 1964)**

In the wake of a gang fight in the country near FC Sheriff Ed Mahoney appealed to parents to keep better informed on where their teenagers were at night. Justice of the Peace Homer D. Kirk told the Journal he was going to be tough on curfew violators and that he also was going to crack down in Frontier Home strike-related cases.

Torpedoman 1st Class Douglas D. Dowty, FC, was stationed in Hawaii.

Frank Sunnenberg and Allen Pokorny got two hits as the FC American Legion lowered the boom on Fairbury 17-4.

Seaman Apprentice Clifford Mackey, FC, was assigned to Pensacola, FL.

The stork report: daughter July 16 to Mr./Mrs. Robert Munson, Humboldt; son July 2 to Mr./Mrs. Ray German, FC; son July 21 to Mr./Mrs. Henry Sullwold, Humboldt; son July 22 to Mr./Mrs. Ronnie Young, FC; son July 25 to Mr./Mrs. Victor Lampe, Route 1; son July 24 to Mr./Mrs. Russell Scribner, FC.

Earl W. Moeller, ex-superintendent at Salem Schools, was the new superintendent at Dawson-Verdon.

Mrs. Loyd Sailors, the Journal's correspondent at Barada, wrote that the humid 100-degree weather was bringing out the rattlesnakes in the Barada hills. Three rattlers were killed in one day at the Elmer Duerfeldt farm.

Pat Boone was starring in "Never Put It in Writing" at the Rivoli. At Breezy Hill it was "Pocket Full of Miracles" with Glenn Ford and Bette Davis.

A Thrif-T coin car wash cost two bits. It was just north of White City Motel.

Lanthan Camblin, FC, enlisted in the Air Force and was in basic training at Lackland AFB, TX.

Robert Gilliland resigned from FC Creamery to become assistant general manager of the poultry and egg products division of Missouri Farmers Assn. in Columbia.

John Auxier, south of Salem, one of the county's top dairymen, held a herd disposal sale and the top Holstein brought \$320.

An item from United Press:

Dallas, TX--A local businessman decided to clean up on the topless fad. The marquee at Clarence Cleaners read: "Topless dresses cleaned at half price."

25 Years Ago

Richardson County veterans and their dependants received \$1,293,548 in compensation and pensions, education, rehabilitation, insurance and indemnities in 1988. That did not include medical services.

Brian Hoy, FC, graduated from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, and received his 2nd lieutenant's commission.

Buck Sells, Rulo, won the Senior Showmanship trophy and Brian Witt, FC, the Junior Showmanship trophy, at the Junior Fair in FC.

Hilltop Building Supply held its grand opening at 1015 Harlan St.

At FC Superfoods you could buy a jumbo roll of Bounty paper towels for 49 cents.

Todd Werner, FC, was in the Navy at Great Lakes, IL.

A son was born July 21 to Mr./Mrs. Steve Alleman, FC.

For the 6th year in a row Don Yoesel exhibited the Grand Champion Dry Cow in the G&R Influence Show at Marysville, KS.

15 Years Ago

Mutt & Jeff Drive-in celebrated its 50th anniversary and in the process would sell you three beefburgers for \$5.50.

The FC Elks Lodge was 2nd in its membership division in the National Youth Week contest.

Lori Alycia Hagan, Lakewood, CO, and Brian Douglas Wardlow, FC, were married May 29 in Littleton. Brian was entering the doctoral program in the Department of Geography at the University of Kansas.

Misty Scholl, FC Riding Club queen, was to preside over the Horse Show at Horseplay Days.

Ken Kunce was chairman of the committee for the Millennium activities on New Year's Eve.

Kevin Gutshall succeeded Pat Hagen as area representative of Farmers National Co. in FC.

A son was born July 21 to Mr./Mrs. Chris Mellage, FC.

The Pride Committee's Yard of Week was that of Jim and Peggy Davidson at 1505 Lane Street.

Max Milam fired a 31 in the Men's Golf League.

Celeste Nolte, FC, was awarded a scholarship by the Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Assn. and was contemplating entering medical school at the University of Alabama.

If you bought a Ford Escort or Ford 2x2 Hot Series at Hullman's Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, Hullman's would pay for your gas for six months.

Obituaries

Roy E. Kirkendall

Roy E. Kirkendall, 97, of Falls City, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014 at Falls City. He was born June 25, 1917 at Barada to the late Jesse and Mary (Shafer) Kirkendall.

On April 15, 1939 he married Merna N. Vice at Topeka, KS.

Roy was raised at Barada and when married the couple established their home in Barada and he worked for Ted Yoessel, later moving to Verdon and working for the Missouri Pacific Railroad for five years. In 1943 he started farming on his own and moved to Falls City in 1959; he farmed and also worked for Falls City Auction Co. He retired from farming in 1969 and began working for Morehead Auto Co. as a car salesman, retiring in 1979. He then worked for SENCA for nine years.

He was a member of First Christian Church of Falls City, FC Elks Lodge and FC Saddle Club and had served on the Board of Harris Cemetery.

Roy is survived by his wife, Merna, of Falls City; sons, Ronald (Janyce), of Falls City, Daniel, of Branson, MO; daughters, Connie (Leonard) Brown, of Falls City, Cheryl McCann, of Falls City, and Richard McCann of Big Lake, MO; 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, George, Ben, Dale, James, Arthur, Theodore and Charles; sisters, Elizabeth Alexander, Eliza Noll and Daisy Williams; grandchildren, Rodney Worth McCann and Michelle Peterson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at the First Christian Church, with Rev. Fay Ann Blaylock and Rev. Paul Weinert officiating. Interment will be in Harris Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home of Falls City.

Freda T. Shubert

Freda Thelma Shubert, 94, passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was born in Nemaha County, NE, on Aug. 22, 1919, to Earnest and Ethel Kennedy Stephens. Her parents moved to Shubert when she was three years old and Freda graduated from Shubert High School in 1937.

On Oct. 10, 1940, she married Claude Shubert and they established their home in Shubert. To this union two sons were born, Alan and Larry. She worked for the Postal Service for over 46 years — as a clerk for 20 years and in 1966 was promoted to Postmaster for 26 more years. She also worked at Home Lumber Company for her husband.

She is survived by her two sons, Alan (Bobbi Jo), of Shubert, and Larry (Kari) of Falls City; four grandchildren, Scott (Nicole) Shubert, of Shubert, Abby and Taylor Shubert, of Falls City, and Rachel Shubert, of Lincoln; four great grandchildren, Chelsi, Emma and

Ben Shubert, of Shubert, and Aven Kearney, of Falls City; two sisters-in-law, Mary Shubert, Falls City and Elda Mae Shubert, of Independence, MO; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Shubert was preceded in death by her husband, Claude; her parents; sister, Bessie, Nebraska City; brothers, Vern, Tecumseh and Carl Dale, who died in infancy.

She was a member of the Shubert Christian Church and the American Legion Auxiliary. Her hobby was making quilts for all her family members and several for the church auction. She also enjoyed raising African Violets.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 21, 2014 at the Shubert Christian Church, with Pastor Gene Rowell and Fayrene Kiker officiating. Interment will be in Prairie Union Cemetery.

Family will receive friends from 4-5 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, Falls City.

Margaret B. Watton

Margaret B. Watton, 96, of Omaha, formerly of Falls City, passed away July 9, 2014 at the Brooke Stone Village Care Facility in Omaha. She was born Nov. 3, 1917 near Shubert to William and Mana Whitten Kuttler.



Margaret was raised on a farm near Shubert, graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1935, attended Peru State College and earned her teaching certificate. Upon graduation, Margaret taught at various Richardson County schools for several years. On Feb. 22, 1941, she was united in marriage to Henry J. Watton at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Falls City.

After their marriage they farmed near Dawson for four years, and then moved to a farm near Shubert where they lived until retirement. After her family was raised, Margaret was a caregiver at Sunny Court Nursing Home for many years. She loved playing cards and was an avid bridge player and belonged to several bridge clubs. Even though she had nearly lost her eyesight, Margaret was still playing bridge with friends at Brookestone Village, where she had resided since March 2011. She made the decision to leave her roots in Richardson County to be near more of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her family was of utmost importance to her. She also enjoyed many visitors as well as frequent phone calls from family and friends.

Margaret is survived by four

daughters and three sons, Bev (Robert) Sunderman, of Hiawatha, KS, Carmen (Sam) Jensen, Omaha, Ron (Sandra) Watton, Elkhorn, Roger (Barbara) Watton, Eagle, Regina (Michael) Cox, Portland, OR, GERALYN KOEHLER, Omaha, and Mark (Diana) Watton, Wahoo; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, on March 9, 2008; a daughter, Judith Lynn; sisters, Pauline Toogood and Valeria Hoemann; and brothers, Raymond, Harold and William Kuttler.

A funeral Mass for Margaret Watton was held Saturday, July 12, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Falls City; burial followed the service at St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery near Shubert. Hall Funeral Home, of Falls City, was in charge of arrangements.

Society

Does #56

Members of the BPO Does #56 met at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 14, for an "Indoor Picnic."

The tables were attractively decorated with red-white checkered tablecloths with little black ants crawling on them.

Gifts were presented to Joyce Buck and Nedra Stevicks for having a grandchild living the farthest away and Marlene McKim for having the most grandsons and great-grandsons.

Hostesses for the evening were Beverly Bernhardt and Susan Witt.

The next meeting will be Aug. 11 with Ruth Arms, Stephane Jones and Dorothy Karst as hostesses. The charter will be draped in memory of Anna Margaret Schawang.

Humane Society

The Richardson County Humane Society held its regular monthly meeting with seven members and one guest present. President Ardis Ramsey called the meeting to order. Julie Phroper offered prayer. The Secretary's and Treasury's report was given by Phroper and they were approved as read.

Old business, the meeting with Thrivent for Lutheran's was attended by Marian and Julie. Plans were discussed for the November Championing for Charities event. Picnic and Pins for Paws on Sunday July 13 was a success; awesome food, fun it was a great time! Thanks Breezy Hill and FC Lanes.

Discussed micro chipping. Last Dog Standing fundraiser on July 26 at the Elks. Tickets are \$50 and available from the Humane Society or at the Elks Club — dinner for two and a chance to win three cash prizes!

New business: CJ Foods has once again donated cat food to the shelter. Ardis and Julie are picking it up.

Shelter progress is coming along, outside of building is done, inside is close and the running kennels and fences are next. We are hoping to have an open house in August (our tails are crossed). Cobblestone booth and parade entry were discussed, bills were submitted and paid.

Animal report: It's been a busy time, so many kittens, and cats being trapped. Some kittens were found in a bag in a river, five kittens were thrown away like garbage, but luckily two were rescued and are safe. "Molly," a beagle, has joined our ranks after being dumped in the country and in good news one of our cute grey kittens found a new home. "Way to go, Percy."

The next meeting will be Aug. 19 at SunMart.

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Triathlons Saturday at Aquatic Center

A reminder the triathlon is on Saturday, July 26 starting at 8 a.m. for the Sprint and 10 a.m. for the Kids Triathlon at the FC Aquatic Center.

The sprint triathlon is open to all individuals 15 years of age and older, the kids triathlon is for competitors 7-14 years of age. Both triathlons can be raced as individuals or as a relay team of three.

The route for the Sprint Triathlon - the athletes will swim 300 meters serpentine swim in the FCAC pool. Bike - the athletes will leave transition area to end of FCAC driveway and turn north on Old Hwy. 73, follow until they arrive at Highway 73 (behind Merz Farm Equipment), they will head north for about four miles, will turn around and head south on highway 73, they will follow until Harlan and Old Hwy. 73, turning right in front of Northvue Cafe. They will head north until they reach FCAC heading into transition area. Run-athletes will leave transition area following the signs to run out on the FCAC sidewalk to Barada Street.

They will head south on Barada to 23rd St. heading west to Schoenheit St. They will head north on Schoenheit to 25th St. heading west toward Stanton Lake, they will follow the sidewalk to the back of Stanton Lake and will come out on 28th St. They will head east toward Barada, north on Barada to Old Hwy. 73 to the Community Medical Center, they will enter the main entrance of the hospital, run around the hospital to exit back on to Old Hwy. 73 heading south to the FCAC finish.

The Kids Triathlon will start at 10 a.m. (time will vary depending on the Sprint Triathlon athletes, all will have to finish before the Kids Triathlon starts). 150 swim, two-mile bike and one-mile run. The Richardson County Sheriff and Emergency Management will help with the highway and street courses. Emergency Management will provide volunteers with radios and vests to assist the athletes along the course of the race.

The Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad will be on site for both events.

Volunteers are needed and will be used in all areas of the race. Parents are able to bike and run with the children 10 years of age and younger who have signed up for the Super Sprint Triathlon. Spectators are encouraged to cheer the athletes on.



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Other events scheduled are a Craft Fair with vendors from Lincoln to St Joseph, Mo. This is a great opportunity to start early on getting the perfect gift for your family and friends. Other fun events for the entire family will be a reindeer pellet round-up, horse-drawn sleigh rides with the proceeds benefiting a local ‘Jingle-Bell Ride’ which delivers toys to local youth. A team competition for the ‘Yule Log Quest’ will end with the winning team tossing the log on the evening campfire. Tin roof sundaes will be served along with storytelling by Dick Turpin, retired Game Warden and a strong advocate for youth in the outdoors. He will also be reading the popular book “Elf on the Shelf,” a wonderfully entertaining book about an adorable elf who brings yuletide joy to your home.

Continue the holiday magic and watch the evening movie with the same name being shown at the outdoor amphitheater. A movie Friday evening will be “Stranger in the Woods,” a delightful movie about animals and birds and their reaction to a snowman that suddenly appeared in their woods. Other events held all day Saturday and Sunday will be horse trail rides and living history demonstrations.

If the kids get too hot they can cool off under the giant water sprinkler or nibble on a sno-cone. A food vendor will be on the grounds.

A half-price youth permit drawing will be held with the winner announced at the conclusion of the day. A Nebraska park entry permit is required.

Contact information and for a full list of events, please contact Indian Cave State Park, 65296 720 Rd., Shubert, NE 68437, 402-883-2575, ngpc.indian.cave@nebraska.gov, or visit Outdoor Nebraska.org

Take precautions against West Nile

Southeast District Health Department would like to remind people to take precautions against West Nile Virus.

People should definitely take precautions against mosquito bites” Kay Oestmann, Director of the Southeast District Health Department commented, “it only takes one bite to infect you.”

Less than one out of 100 people who get bitten by an infected mosquito and become infected will get seriously ill. West Nile fever includes flu-like symptoms with fever, headaches, and muscle weakness. Most people who are infected by a mosquito have no symptoms or only mild flu-like symptoms. More serious West Nile encephalitis includes swelling of the brain and associated symptoms such as disorientation and paralysis.

To avoid mosquito bites, the Southeast District Health Department recommends:

- Applying mosquito repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus
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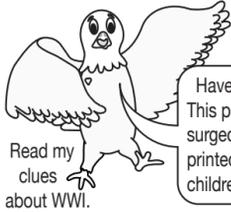


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Read my clues about WWI.

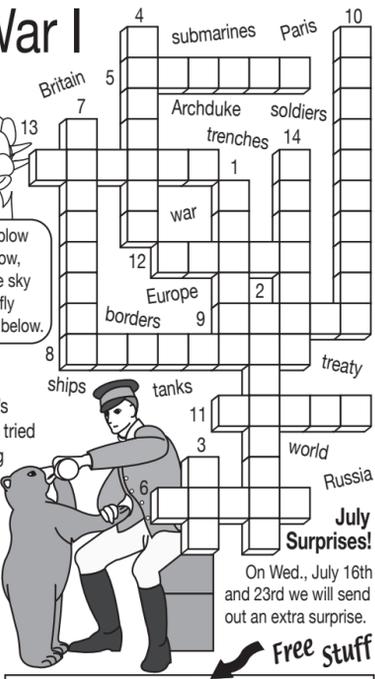
Fill in the crossword.

- in 1914, people in the small country of Serbia (in _____) did not want the Emperor of the large nation of Austria-Hungary to their north to rule their country
- the Austrian-Hungarian _____ Franz Ferdinand and his wife visited Serbia, they were killed while riding in their carriage
- this was seen as an act of _____ and the countries of Bulgaria, Italy, Germany and the Ottoman Empire sided with Austria-Hungary (Italy later switched sides)
- France, Great _____ and Russia lined up with Serbia
- at the beginning of the war, _____ had the largest army in the world and sent the most soldiers
- _____ were used for the first time during this war; at first called ‘land ships’; the British shipped them in crates that were supposed to be holding water tanks
- soldiers dug _____; lived and fought in them
- during the first Christmas of the war (1914) some _____ on both sides agreed to stop fighting; they sang songs, gave some small gifts of food – and some even took part in a football game

In Flanders Fields
By John McCrae
(First Stanza)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row by row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below.

- France built a fake city of _____ hoping to confuse enemy fighter pilots
- the U.S. joined in WWI (1917) after Germany's _____ sank American ships and Germany tried to get Mexico to side with them by promising land that Mexico had lost to the U.S. earlier
- German U-Boats sank over 5,000 _____
- this was the first war fought by countries all over the _____ and was so terrible people felt that it must be the “War to End All Wars”
- at the end of WWI (1919), Germany, Austria and Turkey had to sign a _____ giving up their colonies (lands they had taken over)
- new _____ were drawn, some countries added land, some new countries were created too – the map of Europe changed largely to the one we see today



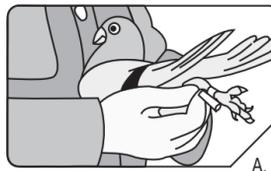
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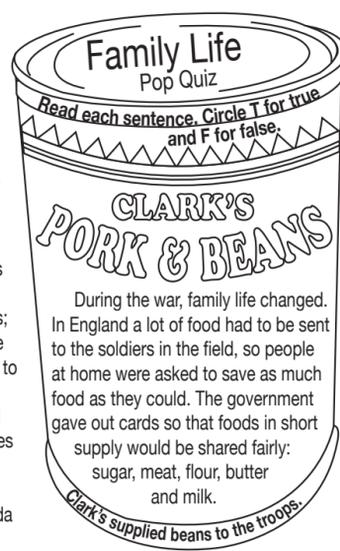
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During the course of World War I, animals helped the soldiers in many ways. Some were mascots and cheered up the troops. Some animals saved soldiers' lives. Can you match each to how it was known to help the soldiers?

- Jimmy the donkey
- Winnipeg the bear
- Sergeant Stubby (dog)
- horses
- terriers
- pigeons
- German shepherds

- carried soldiers, pulled wagons
- born on French battlefield (1916); lifted hoof in salute; carried supplies and injured soldiers
- brought overseas by American soldier; smelled gas and alerted soldiers, saving lives; thought to be the greatest war dog of all time
- worked for Red Cross; went onto battlefields to reach wounded men; used to guard soldiers
- trained to kill rats in the trenches; were called “ratters”; saved troops from bites and diseases
- flew with messages; very dependable, and information they carried saved lives
- black bear cub brought overseas from Canada as a mascot, donated to the London Zoo

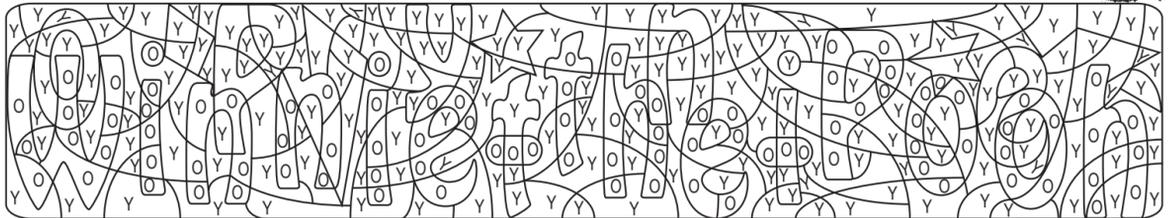


- A lot of men went to war so women filled their jobs.
T F
- With Moms working in factories, many children grew up without a parent home all day.
T F
- Boy and Girl Scouts of America handed out pamphlets on how to buy candy to support the soldiers.
T F
- Dried foods kept a long time so demand rose for them.
T F
- When people went to see a movie, a film ‘news’ reel would be shown first.
T F

A “Beary” Special Story

Winnipeg the bear was bought by veterinarian Lt. Harry Colebourn on his way to England during World War I. When his regiment moved out from England, he loaned the black bear cub to the London Zoo. There the bear became so beloved that Harry donated to the zoo. A few years later writer A. A. Milne visited the zoo with his son, who named his own stuffed bear after the cub. Milne wrote books about this bear, which became famous:

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District #56 BOE

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the June 9, 2014 School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2014, in the Superintendent's office at Middle School in Falls City, NE.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL, OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - School Board members present were: Ed Harris, Scott Hollens, John Martin and Teresa Olberding. Absent: Tedd Gilkerson and Scott Huppert. President John Martin presided at the meeting.

President Martin announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES - A motion was made by Olberding and seconded by Harris to approve the absence of board members Gilkerson and Huppert. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

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

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - It was moved by Olberding and seconded by Harris to approve the agenda as published. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

- 1.0 Business Items:
1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
1.2 Approval of Absences
1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
1.4 Approval of Agenda
1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
1.6 Audiences
1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
1.8 Approval of Claims
2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: Rob Baker Transportation Report
2.2 Principal's Reports
2.3 Board President's Report
2.4 Superintendent's Report
2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
2.4b Building and Grounds Update
2.4c Continuous School Improvement & District Goals
2.4d Policy Planning
2.4e Staffing Update
2.4f Substitute Teacher Rate
2.4g Superintendent Meetings
2.4h Board Member Meetings
2.4g Other
2.5 Board Member Comments and/or Reports
2.6 Additions
3.0 Old/New Action Items:
3.1 First Reading on Policy Revision Recommendations
3.2 Second Reading on Policy Revision Recommendations
3.3 Teacher Resignation
3.4 Teacher Contract
3.5 Classified Employee Compensation
3.6 District Copier Contract
3.7 Designate
3.8 Substitute Teacher Pay Rate for 2014-2015
3.9 Other
4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute.
5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2014 in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School.

Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - It was moved by Harris and seconded by Hollens to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 School Board meeting with the following change. Supt. Heckenlively stated that in order to make an amendment to the adopted budget, the Board is required to convene a public hearing on the amended budget, and then adopt the amended budget by formal action. (section PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE BUDGET, 2ND paragraph). The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

1.6 AUDIENCES: No comments were made.
1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved by Olberding and seconded by Hollens to approve the May 31, 2014 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$2,120,948.76; in the General Fund Investment Account of \$314,201.86; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$135,686.59; in the Student Fee Fund of \$1,975.00; in the ICI Fund of \$65,342.11; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$405,414.35; in the Special Building Fund of \$26,993.71; and in the High School Bond Fund of \$349,639.69. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

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

1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS - It was moved by Harris and seconded by Olberding to approve the claims as corrected. Move Frye & Associates claim of \$3,325 from General Fund to Special Building Fund. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

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Table with financial items and amounts: Merz Farm Equip, grounds/bus supp..... \$78.36, Mid-Town Service Center, bus supp..... \$108.95, Mr. Automotive, bus supp..... \$91.00, MS Activity Account, MS teach supp... \$670.80, Music in Motion, SS teach supp..... \$25.90, NCECBVI, SPED serv..... \$18,949.86, NCSA, admin. dues..... \$2,986.00, NE Central Equip, bus supp..... \$156.92, Nodaway Valley Bank, copier lease... \$4,200.00, Nursery School, BOE expenses..... \$150.00, Omaha World Herald, advertising..... \$359.40, OneSource, background checks..... \$50.00, Paper Tiger Shredding, serv..... \$300.00, Parent Child Center, food reimburse.... \$233.16, Pearson Education, textbooks..... \$251.94, Pest Control Services, service..... \$120.00, Popplers Music, NS teaching supp..... \$140.74, Positive Promotions, C.O. expenses..... \$430.16, PRServ, copier lease..... \$50.00, PRIS, SPED serv..... \$3,431.56, Pur-O-Zone, custodial supp..... \$1,039.47, Radio Shack, MS supp..... \$13.49, Reinders, Inc., bus supp..... \$179.72, Safety-Kleen, bus supp..... \$358.90, Schmit Music, MS teaching supp..... \$262.58, School Specialty, teach supp..... \$2,985.60, Scott Electric, NS media supp..... \$8.64, Software Unlimited, software..... \$7,876.68, Susan Weber, SPED serv..... \$1,787.44, Trend Enterprises, NS teaching supp..... \$38.47, Triarco, MS teaching supp..... \$180.75, Troxell Communications, tech supp..... \$51.86, Tumbleweed Press, HAL grant..... \$599.00, Tyco Integrated Security LLC, maint. agreement..... \$1,592.56, Unite Private Networks, Internet..... \$1,818.15, Voss Lighting, MS media supp..... \$17.66, Wolfes Printing, HS office supp..... \$64.66, sub total..... \$128,789.17, Payroll - District 56, June wages... \$707,727.87, Grand Total..... \$836,517.04

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First National Bank - Fremont, interest..... \$4,750.00, TOTAL..... \$4,750.00

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

Table with financial items and amounts: Haworth Seamless Gutters, bus barn gutters..... \$160.00, Home Lumber, ceiling tile..... \$1,356.80, Fry & Associates, playground equip.. \$3,325.00, James Murphy Const., MS doors/frames..... \$6,000.00, Johnson Hardware, keys..... \$1,594.05, Plibrico Refractor Const., MS boiler maint. agreement..... \$2,480.00, *Todd Valley Farm, Inc., fertilizer..... \$644.00, TOTAL..... \$12,234.85

*Note - General Fund May Claims - Todd Valley Farms, Special Building Fund May Claims

STUDENT FEE FUND

Table with financial items and amounts: Falls City High School, art waivers..... \$30.00, TOTAL..... \$30.00

BOND FUND

Table with financial items and amounts: BOK Financial Corp. Trust, interest..... \$3,092.25, First National Bank - Fremont, interest..... \$10,540.00, TOTAL..... \$13,632.25

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Robert Baker, Transportation Director, presented the board with his annual report on buses, vans; routes and activities, miles, gas and student participation. FCPS has a fleet of 22 vehicles. During the 2013-14 school year total route miles were 98,110 miles, total route gallons of fuel were 14,082, total activity miles were 45,685 miles, total activity gallons of fuel were 5,131, SPED/LifeSkills miles were 32,453 miles and total SPED/LifeSkills gallons of fuel were 2,181. Total student participation was 308 riders.

2.2 Principal Reports:
2.2a J.P. Holys for South School: Student enrollment is 183. Projected enrollment for 2014-2015 is 173 students. All teachers have been officially checked out for the summer. Eleven FCPS teachers attended the Framework for Understanding Poverty and Research-Based Strategies. Three South Schools also attended the data retreat May 30 facilitated by Mr. Valentine. Custodians at South School are on schedule with summer duties. New ceiling tiles have been installed. Landing areas under swings yet to be improved and new woodchips to be installed this month. SPED Summary for 2013-2014 - FCPS served 858 total students. IEPs 185 students, Speech Services 109 students, SLP serves.

2.2b Rick Johnson for Middle School: Presented a chart showing the number of students on the Honor Roll, ABBIT, Perfect Attendance and those with More than one "F" in each grade. Eighth Grade Promotion - 53 eighth graders were promoted. Social Studies/DAR Award went to Tavia Bruxellas, Math Awards went to Dylan Sutton and Zachary Petry, English Awards went to Zachary Petry, Jordyn Bomar, Brooklyn Romine, Rudy Vrtiska and Sophia Gilsdorf, Science Awards went to Zachary Petry and Noah Millan and Special Art Awards went to Dylan Sutton. Presidential Academic Awards went to 23 eighth graders. These are students who scored above the national average on Scholastic Math Challenge. Eleven FCMS 6th grade students' poems were accepted for publication in the anthology: "A Celebration of Poets Spring 2014" as part of a poetry contest they entered in Mrs. Boatright's 6th grade class. This is an honor as there were thousands of entries with over 59,000 schools participating in the contest. The following students and their poems include Michelle Beer, "Lonely Flower"; Kade Bredemeier, "Trees, Trees, Trees"; Brynna Bruxellas, "Everyday Bravery"; Lexie Buckminster, "The Crazy Crime"; Lane Burns, "Loopy Lane"; Keldon Campbell, "Doritos"; Hannah Clary, "Nebraska Football"; Dillon Ebel, "The Boy That Got Picked On"; Dakota Huddleston, "George Walter Lucas"; Randall Richard, "Randy Rabbit"; Page Stamper, "Tigers and Tarantulas." Enrollment at the end of the school year was 168 students. Doors and door frames have been added upstairs to all the classrooms.

2.2d Gale Dunkhas for High School: Student enrollment is 255. Robert Streit, Jason Vitosh, Kris Simon and Gale Dunkhas desegregated 13-14 data from the high school. Grade level growth and proficiency will be calculated, information will be used to look at our scope and sequence and provide new information for building goals for the 14-15 school year. Grades were completed and transcripts sent home the week of May 20. The weight room opened for the summer on June 2 and attendance has been good: (60-plus high school, 30-plus middle school students). Weight room hours are from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday and 4-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday. MS athletes are encouraged to attend Monday-Friday 10-11 a.m. Summer cleaning and maintenance is on schedule. Mr. Stutheit has sent home information regarding sectional practice (July 28-Aug 1). Band Camp (Aug. 4-9) and a parade and marching schedule. May students of the month: Tucker Merz-11, Marrisra Stark-11, Bryan Sichel-9 and Savannah Davis-9. Dodge fundraiser teaming up with FC Tiger Booster Club on Saturday, June 21, for their annual fundraiser. Armbruster Motors will have new Dodge vehicles available for short test drives and will make a \$20 donation for each 18-year-old driver with a valid driver's license. Summer volleyball, softball and basketball clinics, camps and leagues started last week.

2.3 Board President's Report: Martin reported on the Midlands Mentoring Partnership conference that he, Heckenlively and Harris attended and felt that it was excellent. The Superintendent and Board members received a book from Ralston Supt. Mark Adler focusing on how stress impacts student achievement.

2.4 Superintendent's Report:
2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: The NASB School Law seminar was held in Kearney on June 6. There were many relevant and timely information sessions presented by the NE Council of School Attorneys. The main topics presented focused on the legislative update and legal implications for school policy, employee performance evaluations, attendance/truancy, and student searches.

2.4b Building & Grounds Update: The steel ceiling tiles have been replaced in the hallways at South School this week and have brightened up the environment considerably. Jem Restoration Services, Inc. began the roofing maintenance the last week of May and progress has been made on sealing the bus barn and maintenance shop roofs, and the edging seal at SS, and roof sections for sealing at NS and the HS, along with a spray seal on the Jug Brown stadium stone. Jem should have all roofing projects completed within the next week. The classroom doors on second floor at MS have all been framed and the doors are

being hung and hardware installed.

2.4c Continuous School Improvement & District Goals: Continuous School Improvement Plan Goal: All FCPS students will increase their achievement in math problem solving across all content areas. The District 56 Data Team met on May 30 for the annual data retreat. Information and analysis from the data retreat provides practical direction for the continuous school improvement process. The quarterly update on the District Goals were reviewed.

2.4d Policy Planning: The following policies are up for first reading on review: 1) 2500 Smoking and the Use of Tobacco; 2) 5310 Purchasing; 3) 7111 Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism; 4) 7115 Student Conduct; 5) 7138 Bus Safety Program; 6) 8510 Concussion Awareness. The following policies are up for final reading on review: 1) 4270 Visitor, Parent/Spectator Conduct; 2) 4280 District Property; 3) 4290 Activities Program (Admin. Reg.); 4) 5321 School Vehicles. The required public hearings on board policy will take place in July.

2.4e Staffing Plan Update: Alison Roland has accepted an elementary teacher contract pending board approval. Christi Chapple has accepted the position of Nutrition Services Director, five special education para-educators have been approved for hiring at the elementary level, and a vacancy exists for grounds/transportation support. Kindergarten enrollment for 2014-2015 is being closely monitored and adding a fourth section of kindergarten is a possibility.

2.4f Substitute Teacher Pay Rate: Upon reviewing the substitute teacher pay rate of area school districts (range \$110-\$115), it's recommended FCPS increase the daily substitute teacher pay rate to \$110. This allows District 56 to remain competitive with area districts in securing qualified substitute teachers. The previous rate was \$105 and has been in place since the 2008-2009 school year.

2.4g Superintendent Meetings: ESU 4 Superintendent Advisory, June 10, NDE Evaluation Pilot Summer Institute, June 19, Lincoln; Marzano Leading Instruction, June 26-27, Lincoln.

2.4h Board Member Meetings: NASB Area Membership Meeting Oct. 9, Nebraska City; Labor Relations Conference, Sept. 10-11, Lincoln; NASB/NASA State Education Conference, Nov. 19-21, LaVista; NASB New Board Member Workshop, Dec. 3, LaVista.

2.4i Other Items: None.

2.5 Reports by Board members and/or Board Committees: Discussion was had by the Board about the current grounds project that is underway.

2.6 Additions: None

3.0 ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 First Reading on Policy Revision Recommendations 1) 2500 Smoking and the Use of Tobacco; 2) 5310 Purchasing; 3) 7111 Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism; 4) 7115 Student Conduct; 5) 7138 Bus Safety Program; 6) 8510 Concussion Awareness. It was moved by Harris and seconded by Olberding to approve the first reading on policy revision recommendations for 1) 2500 Smoking and the Use of Tobacco; 2) 5310 Purchasing; 3) 7111 Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism; 4) 7115 Student Conduct; 5) 7138 Bus Safety Program; 6) 8510 Concussion Awareness. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Second Reading on Policy Revision Recommendations 1) 4270 Visitor, Parent, Spectator Conduct; 2) 4280 District Property; 3) 4290 Activities Program (Admin. Reg.); 4) 5321 School Vehicles. It was moved by Harris and seconded by Hollens to approve the second reading on policy revision recommendations as edited at last month's meeting for 1) 4270 Visitor, parent Spectator Conduct; 2) 4280 District Property; 3) 4290 Activities Program (Admin. Reg.); 4) 5321 School Vehicles. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Teacher resignation: It was moved by Harris and seconded by Hollens to approve the resignation of Jarod Remmers effective the last teacher contract day, May 21, 2014. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.4 Employment Contracts: It was moved by Harris and seconded by Olberding to approve an employment contract for Alison Roland, elementary teacher. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.5 Classified Employee Compensation: Discussion was had by the Board. Board directed Heckenlively to present to Board in July three different options of wage compensation. Action was tabled until July.

3.6 District Copier Contract: Board discussed copier bids. It was moved by Hollens and seconded by Olberding to award the bid to Capital Business Systems. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.7 Designate the Superintendent of Schools as Federal Programs Signatory: It was moved by Harris and seconded by Hollens to approve Heckenlively as Federal Programs Signatory. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.8 Substitute Teacher Pay Rate: It was moved by Harris and seconded by Hollens to increase Substitute Teacher daily rate from \$105 to \$110.

3.9 Other: None

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held at this meeting.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hollens and seconded by Harris to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. with no further business. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

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County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 8, 2014 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2014. Roll call was answered by Standerford and Sichel. Commissioner Davidson was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Standerford. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2014, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-absent, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from July 1, 2014, as presented. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-absent, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He informed the Board that a final walk through inspection on the Preston Road project will be held on this Friday with State officials and engineer. The speed limit to be established for this road was also reviewed. A study will be conducted on the road to determine the speed limit before it is established by the County Board.

Further discussion was held on the claim submitted by the Rural Water District #1 for the relocation of the waterline during the Humboldt NW bridge project. The billing will be sent to the

NOTICE STATE REGULATIONS DICTATE NO ITEMS CAN BE PLACED/LOCATED ON THE STATE RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FALLS CITY. THIS WOULD INCLUDE HARLAN STREET FROM 35th STREET SOUTH TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY 73 VIADUCT, 21st STREET FROM THE HIGHWAY 8 VIADUCT ON THE WEST EDGE OF TOWN TO HARLAN STREET AND 14th STREET FROM HARLAN STREET EAST TO THE STATE BARN ROAD LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 159. THIS WOULD INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, GARAGE SALE ADVERTISEMENTS, VEHICLES FOR SALE, VENDORS, RECOGNITION OF ATHLETES AND BOULDERS. PLEASE NOTE THE BOUNDARY GUIDELINE ENCOMPASSES THE BACKSIDE OF THE SIDEWALKS LOCATED ON EACH SIDE OF THE STREET. THIS AREA IS LOCATED IN THE STATE RIGHT OF WAY AND SHALL REMAIN CLEAR. IF ITEMS ARE PLACED ON THE STATE RIGHT OF WAY YOU WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE THEM OR THEY WILL BE REMOVED BY THE CITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL THE CITY OFFICE AT (402)-245-2707.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE SIX MILE CAFE LLC DBA SIX MILE CAFE Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01, a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2014, for the following Class C liquor licensee, to wit: SIX MILE CAFE LLC DBA SIX MILE CAFE 71380 630 Avenue DAWON, NE 68337

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE CORY SNETHEN AND GREG STRICKLAND DBA BREEZY HILL CAFE & BAR Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of Richardson County on or before August 10, 2014, in the office of the Richardson County Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed. All persons desiring to give evidence before the Richardson County Board of Commissioners in support of or in protest against the issuance of such license may do so at this hearing. Dated this 22nd day of July, 2014.

David D. Sichel, Chairman Richardson County Board of Commissioners Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk 22

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David D. Sichel, Chairman Richardson County Board of Commissioners Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk 22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Falls City will hold a public hearing on the proposed Hamilton Addition, pursuant to city code 12-305. The hearing will be held in the Falls City Council meeting room at City Hall 2307 Barada Street in Falls City, Nebraska, on the 4th day of August, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views respecting Hamilton Addition.

Gary Jom City Clerk 22

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE On July 2, 2014, Chase Alan Motto, dob 10/18/1998, and through his next friend, Diane L. Merwin, filed a petition in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska to change his name from Chase Alan Motto to Chase Alan Merwin. The petition will be heard in the District Court of Richardson County, Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, on August 12, 2014, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Chase A. Motto, Petitioner Allen Fankhauser, #11239 FANKHAUSER, NELSEN, WERTS, ZISKEY & MERWIN, P.C. P.O. Box 126 Humboldt, NE 68376 (402) 862-2321 22-29

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE On July 2, 2014, Chase Alan Motto, dob 10/18/1998, and through his next friend, Diane L. Merwin, filed a petition in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska to change his name from Tanner Anthony Motto to Tanner Anthony Merwin. The petition will be heard in the District Court of Richardson County, Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, on August 12, 2014, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Tanner A. Motto, Petitioner Allen Fankhauser, #11239 FANKHAUSER, NELSEN, WERTS, ZISKEY & MERWIN, P.C. P.O. Box 126 Humboldt, NE 68376 (402) 862-2321 22-29

Public Notice for District #74-0070 Notice is hereby given that a meeting conducted by HTRS #70 will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 in the Board Conference Room in Humboldt. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents and representatives of nonpublic schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend nonpublic schools and home schools which are within the HTRS district for the 2014-2015 school year.

Parents of a homeschooled child or a child attending a nonpublic school who has been or may be identified with a disability and attend a nonpublic school within the boundaries of HTRS, are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting please contact Clinton Kimbrough at 402-862-2235.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALL ORDER 110 STATE PROJECT NO. SRR-74(28) LOCATION: INDIAN CAVE STATE PARK COUNTIES: NEMAHA, RICHARDSON

The Nebraska Department of Roads will receive sealed bids in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Hwy. 2 in Lincoln, until 1:30 P.M. on July 31, 2014. At that time the bids will be opened and read for

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BIDDING PROPOSAL FORMS WILL BE ISSUED AND A CONTRACT AWARDED TO A CONTRACTOR WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR: BITUMINOUS START DATE: 09/22/2014 WORKING DAYS: 115 Price Range: \$4,000,000 to \$7,000,000

Plans and specifications may be seen beginning July 08, 2014 at the Lincoln Central Office and July 14, 2014 at the District Engineer's Office at LINCOLN

Additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Roads website at http://www.dor.state.ne.us/letting/ 8-15-22

City of Falls City

JUNE 16, 2014

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 16th day of June, 2014, at 6 P.M. Council met in regular session. President Oliver called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jom recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. Absent: Mayor Hersh.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. President Oliver publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda as printed (with the following changes to the Agenda - move item 3 under Old Business to the end of the Agenda; delete items 6 & 7 under the Regular Agenda); WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the June 2, 2014 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the agenda for June 16, 2014 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Police Report for May 2014 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Treasurer Report for May 2014 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN MCLEAN AND FULTON; BETWEEN 4TH AND 7TH STREET A motion was made by Council person Wisdom and seconded by Council person Scholl to approve removing from the table the discussion of the alley located between McLean and Fulton; between 4th and 7th Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person Dougherty to approve authorize the City Attorney to vacate the alley located between McLean and Fulton; between 4th and 7th Street. Jerry Oliver, Randy Kirkendall, Tina Adams and Joel Frost spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

SECOND READING - ORDINANCE #2014-101 - MEETING TIME - TO CHANGE THE COUNCIL MEETING TIME ON THE THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH TO COMMENCE AT 7:00PM

A motion was made by Council member Robidoux and seconded by Council member Murphy to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-101 as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

REQUEST - BUILD METAL BUILDING - GARAGE/MAINTENANCE SHOP - 1010 E. 21ST ST.

A motion was made by Council person Nolte and seconded by Council person Robidoux to approve the request to build a metal building/maintenance shop at 1010 East 21 Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - VEHICLE HOBBYIST PERMIT APPLICATION - 1108 LANE ST.

President Oliver declared a public hearing open at 6:22 P.M. for the purpose of obtaining input on the Vehicle Hobbyist Permit Application submitted by Everett Bice located at 1108 Lane Street. President Oliver then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said Vehicle Hobbyist Permit Application. Since no one wished to be recognized, President Oliver then declared the public hearing closed at 6:23 P.M. A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Nolte to deny the Vehicle Hobbyist Permit Application. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - REPLAT OF LOTS 22 AND 23, BLOCK 1, FORNEY'S ADDITION TO LOTS 1A AND 1B

President Oliver declared a public hearing open at 6:24 P.M. for the purpose of obtaining input on the replat of Lots 22 and 23, Block 1

Forney's Addition to Lots 1A and 1B. President Oliver then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said replat of Lots 22 and 23, Block 1 Forney's Addition to Lots 1A and 1B. Since no one wished to be recognized, President Oliver then declared the public hearing closed at 6:25 P.M. A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Scholl to approve the replat of Lots 22 and 23, Block 1 Forney's Addition to Lots 1A and 1B as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE #2014-102 - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY TYPE VEHICLES ON STREETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

Terry Tisdell, RJ Hamilton, Duane Armbruster, Gary Jom, Angie Nolte, Steve Scholl and Judy Murphy all spoke. A motion was made by Council member Wisdom and seconded by Council member Robidoux to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2014-102 as amended as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV) AND UTILITY TYPE VEHICLES (UTV) ON STREETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FALLS CITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO SET RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SUCH USE; TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE SUCH VEHICLES CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERE WITH. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

OLSSON ASSOCIATES CONTRACT AMENDMENT - ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION MASTER PLAN

A motion was made by Council person Scholl and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve the amended contract with Olsson Associates for the Electrical Distribution Master Plan as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Alan Romine spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

COBBLESTONE REQUEST - CLOSE STREETS - COBBLESTONE FESTIVAL - 14TH AND STONE TO 19TH AND STONE

A motion was made by Council person Scholl and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve the request to close the streets from 14th and Stone to 19th and Stone for the Cobblestone Festival August, 2014. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

COBBLESTONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

A motion was made by Council person Wisdom and seconded by Council person Dougherty to approve the Cobblestone Agreement between the City of Falls City and the Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - USE OF HWY 73 (HARLAN ST) FROM 21ST TO 14TH STREET - COBBLESTONE PARADE

A motion was made by Council person Murphy and seconded by Council person Scholl to approve the resolution for use of HWY 73 from 21st to 14th Street for the Cobblestone Parade on Aug. 23, 2014 as required by the Nebraska Department of Roads. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR A CURB CUT AT 22ND AND FULTON STREET FOR DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE

A motion was made by Council person Nolte and seconded by Council person Dougherty to approve the curb cut at 22nd and Fulton Street for a driveway entrance. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT - BRANDON PIERCE - FC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

A motion was made by Council person Scholl and seconded by Council person Robidoux to approve the appointment of Brandon Pierce to the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department as recommended by the Fire Department. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

CITY OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 1820 TOWLE ST.

A discussion was held about the old City Office building. Council told the City Administrator to have the building appraised and bring back the information to the City Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - FULLTIME DRIVER'S POSITION

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve removing from the table the Fire Department fulltime driver's position. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Council person Dougherty to recess from regular session and convene into Executive Session at 7:25 P.M. with Utility Superintendent Alan Romine, Chief of Police Duane Armbruster, Fire Chief Kenny Simpson and Assistant Fire Chief Jon McQueen to discuss Fire Department personnel. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Council person Scholl and seconded by Council person Nolte to make the Fire Department Changes effective June 23, 2014. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Dougherty, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Acting President and Council on June 16, 2014; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said

meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jom, Clerk Tim Hersh, Mayor

Village of Verdon

VILLAGE OF VERDON JOB TITLES AND SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES AS OF 7-1-2014 (19-1102)

TAMMIE BENTS, MAINTENANCE SUPT. & WATER/SEWER OPERATOR. \$10.50/HR BRENDA DANIELS, CLERK/TREASURER\$10.75 /HR (Village - Cemetery - Library - Community Workers) JONATHAN MCANDREW, PART-TIME VILLAGE MAINTENANCE \$8.50/HR

VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - JULY 2, 2014 - 7:30 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson informed the room at large that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: James Cockerham, Gary Cochran, Denise Koso, Brenda Streit and Shannon Weinmann. GUESTS: Chuck and Dawn Bennett, Bret Townsend and Clerk Brenda Daniels.

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Streit to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Cockerham, second by Streit to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Cockerham, second by Koso to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

JULY, 2014 CLAIMS: Motion by Cockerham, second by Cochran to pay the claims, all Trustees present voting YEA.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1. A letter concerning 2 dogs running at large was received and clerk is to send the owners a letter with the dog ordinance that they are in violation of. 2. The July, 2014 Shut-Off notices were reviewed by the Trustees and all had been paid before the shut-off date. 3. Time cards and daily work sheets for June, 2014 were reviewed by the Trustees and initialed. 4. All the trustees and employees signed a sympathy card to send to Mrs. Jack Feek.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1. Bennett HCR, Inc. sent a proposal for the heat pump/ac to cool, etc the concrete well house room. Motion by Koso, second by Cockerham to accept the proposal of \$2400.00 and Trustees voting YEA were: Koso, Cockerham, Cochran & Streit. Weinmann abstained from voting. Motion carried. 2. Trustee Gary Cochran picked up the lift and brought it to the workshop room. A big thank you to him was given from the Board members for doing this.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. The parks were discussed in regard to older kids being in their late in the evening. Since nothing has been vandalized it was decided not to put any hours of closing for the parks as the kids need somewhere to go during the summer. 2. A complaint regarding water draining into a area making a pool in a resident's backyard because of a storm drain being plugged was discussed. The drain was plugged up sometime after the old highway was closed by parties unknown. Clerk is to check with the Dept. of Roads about who is responsible for the care and maintenance of this particular storm drain. 3. Motion made by Koso, second by Cochran to set the Budget Planning Meeting for Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. All the Trustees voting YEA.

ORDINANCES: 1. Ordinance 2014-101 "Lead Ban Ordinance Updated" came up for the third and final reading. Motion by Cochran, second by Koso to pass the third reading and all the Trustees voted YEA. Chairperson Koso declared Ordinance 2014-101 "UPDATING THE LEAD BAN ORDINANCE" passed and approved and to be in full force and effect after the posting as declared by law is done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Weinmann, second by Koso to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee issues at 8:35 p.m. All Trustees voted YEA. Motion by Koso, second by Cockerham to end the session and re-enter the regular meeting at 9:22 p.m. All Trustees voting YEA.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1. The Board requested that the employee work sheets be written clearly so they could be read without a problem.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Koso, second by Streit to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. All the Trustees voted YEA. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular Verdon monthly meeting is on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Verdon Village Hall, preceded by the Budget Planning Meeting at 7 p.m.

Brenda Daniels, Verdon Clerk/Treasurer

CLAIMS PETTY CASH, SE & SU\$161.56 BRENDA DANIELS, MI\$39.00 EFTPS, EX\$562.50 VERDON LIBRARY, EX\$50.00 R.C.R.W.D. #2, SU\$1,308.67 SENECA SANITATION SERV, SE\$1,196.00 SNC, SE\$96.67 TICHY LAND SURVEY, SE\$300.00 MIDWEST LABS, FE\$61.00 WENDY BIVANS, RE\$14.00 BRENDA DANIELS, RE\$47.55 FC JOURNAL, SE\$51.57 FARM & CITY SUPPLY, SU\$103.73 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, SU\$117.30 USA BLUEBOOK, SU\$18.55 O.P.P.D., SE\$71.43 UTILITIES SECTION, LEAGUE, FE\$40.00 N.P.P.D., SE\$992.59 JONATHAN MCANDREW, SA\$455.43 JONATHAN MCANDREW, MI\$33.60 BRENDA DANIELS, SA\$460.00 NEAL PARSONS, ATTY., SE\$483.50 TAMMIE BENTS, SA\$377.61 TAMMIE BENTS, MI\$54.32 BRENDA DANIEL, RE\$233.95 TAMMIE BENTS, RE\$252.68 GARY COCHRAN, RE\$543.99 STRIPES & SIGNS, SU\$15.00 MITCH'S LAWN CARE, SE\$930.00 BRENDA DANIELS, SA\$460.00 TAMMIE BENTS, SA\$539.74 TAMMIE BENTS, MI\$50.40 JONATHAN MCANDREW, SA\$455.43 JONATHAN MCANDREW, MI\$26.32

VERDON LIBRARY CLAIMS FOR JUNE, 2014

DOUBLE DAY BOOK CLUB, SU\$24.96 EX, EXPENSE; FE, FEE; MI, MILEAGE; RE, REIMBURSEMENT; SA, SALARY; SE, SERVICE; SU, SUPPLIES

BRENDA DANIELS, VERDON CLERK/TREASURER

Village of Stella

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Meeting, July 7, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Adam Stanley, Heath Stanley, Henry Sullwold and Jerry Joy. Allen McNeely arrived at 7:23. Absent: None. Guests: Jim Owings, Andy McMullen, Lisa Beethe and Tracy Milke. Chairman Joy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act. Roll Call was taken. Motion by H. Stanley and second by H. Sullwold to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yea. Motion by A. Stanley and second by H. Stanley to approve the treasurers report as presented. All voted yea. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by A. Stanley to pay the claims as presented. All voted yea.

Communications: A meeting concerning the post office hours will be held July 15 at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Committees: Streets - None. Lights - Light on south end of village barn needs fixed. Park - Two new benches have been donated to the park by Jim and Cathy Donahoe and Chris Joy. Thanks to them for this donation. A load of good dirt will be dumped in the southeast corner so Roger Sullwold can fill some holes in that area. Motion by A. Stanley and second by H. Stanley to order an eight foot bench for the park. All voted yea. W&S- Written report by Milke. Progress of sewer certification of assistant was questioned. Library -Written report. Maintenance Man - None. Planning - None. Tree - None. Health - Written report by Raylene Dunn. She would like to have a couple of programs later in the year. Community Building - RFP was sent to three bidders for roof repair and will look at next month. Main Street Improvement - None. Library Assistant - The library committee interviewed Sue James for the position of the assistant librarian. The committee proposed raising the wage to \$6.50 per hour with the same hours (five per week), fall hours after school and reading programs. Motion by H. Stanley to increase wage to \$6.50 effective July 1 with a second by Joy. All voted yea. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by H. Stanley to hire Sue James as the assistant librarian. All voted yea.

The board is working on encouraging property owners to keep properties mowed and cleaned up. The weed ordinance was discussed and the process to follow. Budget work will begin. Motion by A McNeely and second by H Stanley to amend the CDBG contract and reduce the number of units from 4 to 2. All voted yea. Consideration of payment of CDBG invoice for \$1,023 to contractor before receipt of funds was denied by the board on a motion by H. Stanley and second by Joy. All voted yea. Water shut-offs were signed. Discussion of moving September meeting to second Monday due to conflict and budget. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by A Stanley to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All voted yea. Joy called the mid-project public hearing of the owner occupied housing rehab grant project to order at 7:51 p.m. and roll call was taken with all present. Lisa Beethe noted that we had been awarded \$128,496 in CDBG funds for four projects. Two projects were completed and approximately \$80,000 would be returned. With no questions from the public the hearing adjourned on a motion by H. Sullwold and second by H. Stanley at 7:52. All voting yea. ZNEZ The regular meeting was called to order to look at street bids. It was decided to postpone action on this item until August meeting. Motion to adjourn at 8:55 P.M. by H. Sullwold and second by H. Stanley. All voted yea.

Claims and Payroll Paul Platter, 770.00; NPPD, 1,300.52; American Recycling & Sanitation, 1,040.00; Roger Sullwold, 350.00; NE Public Health Environmental Labs, 32.00; TREKK Design Group, LLC, 3,500.00; OPPD, 346.14; FC Journal, 89.91; Midwest Labs Inc., 83.45; One Call Concepts, 2.95; Vicki Owings, 525.00; Vicki Owings, 9.80; Aaron Davis, 175.00; SE NE Communications, 203.73; Egger Brothers, 408.25; Shadow Loveless, 120.75; Sue James, 92.00; Tracy Milke, 204.99; Danny Sullwold, 120.00; Handley Construction, 5971.00; Internal Revenue Service, 180.14; Tracy Milke, 250.00.

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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. 59-1f

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County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION JULY 8, 2014 CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2014. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Standerford and Sichel; Assessor, Pam Vace and Clerk Eickhoff.

Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION NOTICES

No Board of Equalization Notices were presented.

TAX LIST CORRECTIONS

Motion was made by Sichel to approve tax list corrections. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-absent, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to recess for lunch at noon. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-absent, Sichel-aye.

Motion was made by Sichel to reconvene the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-absent, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY VALUATION PROTEST HEARINGS

Property valuation protest hearings were held for numbers 2014-088 to 2014-089, 2014-096 to 2014-103, 2014-105 to 2014-141, 2014-147 to 2014-148.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-absent, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

David D. Sichel, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk ZNEZ

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Lindsie & Jon Jones 402-801-1487 Mowing & Landscaping 28-30

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Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA) is now accepting applications for Housing Specialist II (Energy Auditor) in the Weatherization Program. This position is full-time, 40 hours a week. Position will be based out of either Humboldt or Plattsmouth. Primary responsibilities include: back draft and carbon monoxide testing; health and safety inspections; blower door testing; and home energy audits. Experience or working knowledge of energy efficiency measures and basic drafting is preferred. Minimum qualifications include: minimum age of 19 years; high school diploma or equivalent; valid driver's license with acceptable driving record; average to intermediate computer skills; and excellent communication skills. SENCA offers a competitive benefit package. A complete job description and application are available at www.senca.org. For more information contact Becky Littrel at (402) 862-2411 ext. 104. This position will remain open until filled. First round of interviews will be given to applications received on or before August 1, 2014. Position is 100% federally funded. EOE

The Falls City Library & Arts Center is hiring a part time Children's Librarian 20-25 hours per week. Shifts include morning, afternoon, and evening hours, and one Saturday morning each month. Job description, starting wage and applications are available at the library. 1400 Stone Street Monday-Thursday 10-8PM, Saturday 9-noon. Deadline for applications: August 6th by 6PM

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NorthWind provides competitive compensation and benefits. To apply or for more information, contact Mike Bosworth at 785-284-0080, send resume to careers@northwindts.com or pick up an application at NorthWind Technical Services, LLC, 2751 Antelope Road, Sabetha, KS 66534.

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Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska Position Vacancy Announcements

TRIBAL DISTRICT JUDGE - The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska has a vacancy in the position of Tribal District Judge. The Tribal District Judge is appointed to a six-year term by the Tribal Council and hears all cases brought in the Nation's Tribal District Court, including but not limited to Juvenile, Criminal and Civil cases. The Tribal District Judge also provides administrative oversight to the Court and provides supervision to the Court Clerk, Administrator and Probation Officer. The Tribal District Judge conducts hearings at least one day per month, but possibly more depending on case load. Preferred Qualifications include experience as a Tribal Judge or practice of Indian law, familiarity with Federal Indian law and policy, and experience working with a tribal community. Minimum requirements for the position are that the Judge shall: (a) Be either: (1) An enrolled member of the Tribe; or (2) The parent, child or spouse of an enrolled member of the Tribe; or (3) Actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe; or (4) An attorney; or (5) A lay advocate who has regularly practiced before the Sac and Fox Tribal Court as a member of the Bar of the Court for a period of five (5) years or more; or (6) An Indian graduate of an American Bar Association approved Law School, or a Paralegal program approved by the Supreme Court. (b) Have demonstrated moral integrity and fairness in his or her business, public and private life. (c) Have never been convicted of a felony or an offense punishable by banishment, whether or not actually imprisoned or banished, and have not been convicted of any offense, except traffic offenses, for a period of two (2) years next preceding his or her appointment. (d) Have regularly abstained from the excessive use of alcohol and any use whatsoever of illegal drugs or psychotoxic chemical solvents. (e) Be not less than twenty-five (25) years of age. (f) Not be a member of the Tribal Council or the holder of any other elective Tribal Office of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, provided, that a candidate who is a member of the Tribal Council, or the holder of some other elective Tribal Office, may be confirmed as a Judge subject to his or her resignation. Tribal District Judge is a Contract/Exempt position. Compensation is negotiable depending on experience and qualifications. To apply or nominate a candidate, submit a letter of interest, resume, writing sample and three (3) references to: Gary Bahr, Tribal Secretary, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, Kansas 66434.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT and ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT - The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska has a vacancy in the position of Chief Justice of the Tribal Supreme Court and two vacancies in the position of Associate Justice of the Tribal Supreme Court. Justices of the Supreme Court are appointed to staggered terms. Thus, the Chief Justice position is for an initial appointment of two years, one Associate Justice position is for an initial appointment to a term of four years and the other Associate Justice position is for an initial appointment to a term of six years. The Justices of the Supreme Court hear appeals from the Tribal District Court, prepare appropriate orders, keep appropriate records and perform any of the duties and powers of a Tribal District Judge in appropriate cases. In addition, the Chief Justice fulfills administrative duties for the Court. Hearings and arguments are held on an as-needed basis. Preferred Qualifications include experience as a Tribal Judge or practice of Indian law, familiarity with Federal Indian law and policy, and experience working with a tribal community. Minimum requirements for the position are that the an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall: (a) Be either: (1) An enrolled member of the Tribe; or (2) The parent, child or spouse of an enrolled member of the Tribe; or (3) Actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe; or (4) An attorney; or (5) A lay advocate who has regularly practiced before the Court as a member of the Bar of the Court for a period of seven (7) years; or (6) An Indian graduate of an American Bar Association approved law school, or a paralegal program approved by the Supreme Court; and (b) Have demonstrated moral integrity and fairness in his business, public and private life; and (c) Have never been convicted of a felony or an offense punishable by banishment or involving moral turpitude, whether or not actually imprisoned or banished, and have not been convicted of any offense, except traffic offenses, for a period of five (5) years next preceding his or her appointment.; and (d) Have regularly abstained from the excessive use of alcohol and any use whatsoever of illegal drugs or psychotoxic chemical solvents; and (e) Be not less than thirty (30) years of age; and (f) Not be a member of the Tribal Council or the holder of any other elective Tribal Office of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, provided, that a candidate who is a member of the Tribal Council, or the holder of some other elective Tribal Office, may be confirmed as a Judge subject to his or her resignation.; and (g) If less than fifty (50) years of age, have completed at least sixty (60) semester credit hours at an accredited college or university, or at least four (4) years of previous experience. Chief Justice and Associate Justice of the Tribal Supreme Court are Contract/Exempt positions. Compensation is negotiable depending on experience and qualifications. To apply or nominate a candidate, submit a letter of interest, resume, writing sample and three (3) references to: Gary Bahr, Tribal Secretary, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, Kansas 66434.

Julie, Ardis work their tails off for four-legged friends

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porch. "We need each and every one of them, and without their support, we would cease to function," Julie said.

While Julie is working hard to take care of the cats, Ardis can be found just behind the cat shelter, caring for the tail-wagging, barking creatures. Ardis is the current president of the Humane Society and is in charge of the dogs. Ardis' duties include evaluating new prospective "residents," daily care (cleaning kennels, feeding, walking, playing), and making sure the dogs are up to date on their vaccinations. She also handles adoptions, takes calls concerning abuse, neglect and animal deaths, and keeps records on each animal to compile with state licensing requirements.

Ardis has worked with the Humane Society since 2001, when she learned that 30-plus dogs and a large number of cats were being euthanized in a single year at the city pound because there simply were no other options.

"People who care need to get involved and change that. I cared and got involved. Things have changed due to other caring people who also got involved," Ardis said.

At this time, the Humane Society houses nine dogs. Six of them are at the shelter and three are in foster care. Ardis donates so much of her time to these dogs because she feels a deep compassion for these animals. That compassion is evident when one witnesses all the dogs barking and jumping up and down excitedly just at the sight of her.

"They cannot speak so we are their voice. They did not ask for the circumstances in which they find themselves," Ardis said when explaining why she enjoys her duties.

Julie and Ardis take on all of these responsibilities simply out of the kindness of their heart. There are no paychecks, no bonuses and

no vacations. They have even had to miss family gatherings to take care of their animals. That compassion and dedication proves just how important the dogs and cats are to Julie and Ardis. They are at the shelter at least twice a day, usually more.

"This kind of responsibility has to come from the heart, not the head," Ardis said.

Julie and Ardis are so thankful for all the support of the community. Some recent fundraisers have taken place with Breezy Hill, Falls City Lanes, Girl Scouts and various children from the community.

Evan Bailey, son of Tim and Stacey Bailey, recently celebrated his 7th birthday and instead of asking for gifts, asked for donations to the Humane Society. He found his best furry friend at the shelter, and kitty "Hugo" is now a happy member of his family. Evan's idea inspired Mackensie Nelson, who will be a seventh-grader at Falls City Sacred Heart and the daughter of Troy and Betsy Nelson, to do the same. These two youngsters follow in others' footsteps who have generously done the same thing.

"Younger people will change things," Ardis said.

That is why it is so important that the younger generation is selflessly donating to the animals.

"The Humane Society and our homeless furry friends give these kids a 5-tail salute!" Julie said.

Some donations are simply life-changing for the animals. In early August, the Humane Society will celebrate the opening of a brand new nine-kennel dog shelter, funded by donations and fundraisers, and one generous donor, Patty Plaster. The new facility will be a wonderful home for the dogs, with outside doors to each kennel and a heating/cooling system that can be tailored specifically to the dogs' needs.

"This wouldn't have happened for many more years if it weren't for all the generous donations," Julie said.

The Humane Society has come a long ways, but with anything, there are still improvements to be made. For instance, pet overpopulation is one problem. Ardis and Julie have many heartbreaking stories about animals.

The dog so hungry it was eating corn from a field.

A kitten curled up and almost frozen in the road.

A kitten trapped in duct work.

Many of these stories have happy endings, but some of them, unfortunately, do not. It is frustrating, and stems from the pet owners' lack of responsibility and care.

Then there are financial problems. The Humane Society could use help in this area, because they receive no outside funding and the costs of running a shelter are very demanding. The addition of a cat shelter is also a future goal.

Although these responsibilities require much hard work, dedication and love, the rewards are endless.

"These animals are like family; you can feel the love when you take care of them and the feeling is something money can't buy. A person doesn't realize- until you help an injured, lost, or stray animal-how rewarding that feeling is and how it awakens a part of your soul you never knew existed." Julie said. "Healing a broken body and seeing their eyes shine is awesome."

Ardis, too, emphasized the intrinsic value of caring for these animals.

"This is the most rewarding thing I could be doing at this time in my life," Ardis expressed.

These two women deserve recognition for all that they do, as do all the other Humane Society members. They offer their time, service, hearts, and souls to take care of innocent creatures who would otherwise be homeless and without the love and care they deserve.

Here's a big tail-wagging, mowing, slobbering salute to two hardworking heroes, Julie and Ardis.

SENCA/P.I.E. Back to School Supply Drive

Southeast Nebraska Community Action, in partnership with P.I.E., will be again sponsoring the Back to School Supply Drive in Falls City.

Requests for assistance as well as any donations to this mission are due by Friday, Aug. 8, at the SENCA Office at the Richardson County Courthouse, Room 103. Donations can also be dropped off at the Falls City Cooperative Ministry Office at the First Christian Church, 1322 Stone St., by Thursday, Aug 7.

Distribution will be from 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Aug. 12, in the Conference Room on the lower level of the Richardson County Courthouse.

Thank you in advance to your generous donations to this local mission.

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READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week our photo of the week is by Brian Bindle .
The topic was Camping.

Thank you everyone for your photos! Each week we will give you a new topic or subject. You can enter a new photo every week, **one photo per week per person** with the photographers name and location.

Please no logo's, or copywritten work. The Falls City Journal will choose a photo to be featured in the paper the following week with the new topic. Submit photos to: journalpotw@gmail.com before Noon on Monday.

Next week.....

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Casino White Cloud Tractor Cruise



When: August 2, 2014

Where: Casino White Cloud

**Time: Registration begins at 11am
Tractor Cruise starts at 1pm.**

Cruise will begin at Casino White Cloud. We will stop in Highland at the High School for a brief break. We will then continue back to Casino White Cloud via the route that is provided on back.

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