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NEW AND EXCITING CHANGES TO THIS YEAR'S COBBLESTONE FESTIVAL

After a strategic planning session in 2020, it was a clear vision that the Chamber & Main Street board wanted to refresh the yearly Cobblestone Festival!

One goal was to move the festival to before school starts. The Board is thrilled to announce that Cobblestone will be on the weekend of August 14th this year, with schools starting on Monday the 16th.

The Board also wanted to bring the community something new on the entertainment front. A new partnership with RockIT Event Pros out of Kearney, NE will allow for new attractions for all ages! This year, there will be a zipline down Stone Street, Spider Mountain, which includes a rock wall, bungee trampolines, giant slide, inflatable obstacle courses, and games. There will also be a wider variety of food vendors without the limitations the previous contract stipulated.

One significant difference that will accompany this change will be the ticket structure. With the old carnival, they controlled the pricing and the Chamber would make a very small percentage of the profits. In the new arrangement, the Chamber will be fronting the costs for all the at-

tractions but will set and collect the ticket costs. They still plan to have an affordable wristband option.

The other major difference is these attractions will be on Saturday only. It's possible they will expand to offering them all weekend in the future, but for the first year, they want to test things out on a one-day struc-

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FC EDGE AND FALLS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCE CREATION OF MAKERSPACE LAB

(Photo by Chelsie Alexander)

Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise, Inc. (EDGE) is proud to announce, in cooperation with

Falls City Middle School, the creation of a Makerspace Lab for area students of all Richardson County schools.

According to makerspaces.com, "a makerspace is a collaborative work space inside a school, library or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses high-tech to no-tech tools. These spaces are open to kids, adults, and entrepreneurs and have a variety of maker equipment."

A few of the devices available in the new local makerspace for creative learning in 3-D Printing, Circuits, Coding, Computing, Engineering, Robotics, Tinkering, and Tools include:

A 3Doodler 3D Pen that can be used to draw items such as Christmas ornaments, water bottle coasters, bookbag bling, and wall art. Discover a whole new way to make art, fix things, design wearable items, build models, and decorate your space. The Create+ Pen extrudes heated plastic which hardens rapidly, allowing you to draw in 3D, free-

hand, or using stencils.

A Dremel 3D Printer that is often used in modern manufacturing to create components and plastic parts. There are various tutorials from Dremel and YouTube on how to use this machine. Users can create a design on the computer, send that design to the printer, and watch it build the creation.

A Cricut machine, with 500+ digital sewing patterns that cuts 300+ materials, often used to make custom t-shirts, home decor, jewelry, or other designs with various materials.

A Crazy Circuits electronics-learning package that is user-friendly in teaching the basics of electricity with a hands-on approach that excludes soldering. The kit includes conductive tape, batteries, and 27 electronic components like LEDs, light sensors, transistors, buttons, and switches.

An e-Musical kit that adds color to your music. Attach this device to your phone, computer, or stereo and the Musixel will

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WHITE CLOUD HEALTH CENTER'S IMPRESSIVE COVID-19 RESPONSE

The White Cloud Health Center LLC staff has been working tirelessly to ensure that their patients and community are safe during the coronavirus pandemic. Led by Medical Director Dr. Michael Bryer-Ash, the facility has adjusted its practices and procedures to keep both staff and patients safe and had administered approximately 1,380 vaccines since the last week of December.

The center had locked its doors to eliminate risk from walk-in patients. Instead, staff greeted and screened patients outdoors. General care continued, and if a patient was exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, staff members saw the patient in an isolated area. They also provided curbside testing for those not showing symptoms of COVID-19 but in need of a test. The center performed weekly COVID-19 tests for their staff, stopping testing fully vaccinated employ-

ees mere weeks ago. The testing positivity rate at the White Cloud Health Center peaked below five percent, which is significantly lower than Kansas's peak at 20.5 percent and Nebraska's at 29.3 percent.

When the center first began receiving vaccines, large clinics organized by Brenda Griffin, RN, and Bobbie Rhodd were a weekly occurrence. These clinics were highly efficient, sometimes vaccinating over 100 people per clinic. They followed CDC guidelines for the rollout, taking age and other health risk factors into consideration. Initially, they were vaccinating only tribal members, but their reach quickly stretched to include other community members. They offered to vaccinate all educators in the Falls City Public Schools, fully vaccinating over 100 of them. In March, the clinic opened up vaccina-

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COMMISSIONERS APPROVE RELOCATIONS OF EMERGENCY SIRENS IN FALLS CITY

The Richardson County Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Minutes of the July 6, 2021 Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings were approved as presented.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin updated the Board on the routine business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail.

It was approved to rehire a former employee who had been terminated in 2019.

Brian Kirkendall, the Richardson County Emergency Management Agency Director, presented the current layout of the coverage for the outdoor warning sirens being used within Falls City. A revised layout of the coverage was drafted by Kirk-

endall for more outdoor warning siren coverage to be heard within Falls City.

The plan involves relocating a siren to the more eastern part of the City to provide coverage within the entire city limits. Kirkendall stated that citizens in eastern Falls City don't always hear the emergency sirens.

The Board gave the approval to move ahead to make this improvement.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Young presented to the Board the semi-annual report of the County Treasurer as of June 30, 2021. The report was approved as submitted.

Veterans Service Officer Mona Godemann presented the correspondence received from a

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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2021 Richardson County 4-H/FFA Junior Fair begins next week

The Richardson County 4-H/FFA Junior Fair begins on Monday, July 26 and continues through Sunday, Aug 1. During the week, local 4-H youth and FFA members exhibit their projects which portray the many hours of hard work and dedication the youth have spent working on or with their projects. As always, you can follow Nebraska Extension – Richardson County on Facebook for daily results and photos of the fair.

Please see the calendar of the events below for a full listing of all shows and contests occurring during the week. Contact the Extension Office at 402-245-4324 for more information.

Monday, July 26

8:00 a.m. Building open to start setting up displays.
9:00 a.m. Fashion Show - Judging
10:00 a.m. Set up for Favorite Food Revue.
11:00 a.m. Favorite Foods Revue Contest.
2:00 p.m. Companion Animal Contest.
4 - 8:00 p.m. Static Exhibit Entry.
6:30 p.m. Grounds Clean-up/Set-up.

Tuesday, July 27 (Building not open to public)

9:00 a.m. Static Exhibit Judging.
Wednesday, July 28
All Day 4-H Council Elections.
9:00 a.m. Horse Show.
12:00 p.m. Silent Static Support Auction Opens.
2 - 2:45 p.m. Meat Goat Check-in Sheep Weigh-in after Market Goats.
4:00 p.m. Meat Goat Show. Sheep Show after Market Goat Show.
8-9:00 p.m. Poultry/Rabbit Check-in.

Thursday, July 29

All Day 4-H Council Election.
All Day Silent Static Support Auction.
9:00 a.m. Poultry Show.
10:30 a.m. Rabbit Show.
4 - 6:00 p.m. Swine arrive.
4-9:00 p.m. Early Arrival for Dairy and Beef.
6 - 7:30 p.m. Swine Weigh-In/SPF Scanning.

Friday, July 30

All Day 4-H Council elections.
All Day Silent Static Support Auction.
8 - 9:00 a.m. Dairy, Beef and Clover Kid animal arrival.
9:00 a.m. Swine Show.
9:00 a.m. Interview Judging Contest.
12 - 12:45 p.m. Market Beef Check-in. Breeding Beef Check-in
1:00 p.m. Dairy Goat Show. Dairy Cattle Show after Dairy Goat Show
2 - 3:00 p.m. Clover Kid Showcase Check-in.
3:30 p.m. Pedal Tractor Pull; Riding Mower contest; Tractor Operator contest; ATV Contest.
4:30 p.m. Clover Kid Showcase.
6:30 p.m. Livestock Judging Contest.

Saturday, July 31

All Day 4-H Council Elections
All Day Silent Static Support Auction.
7 - 8:00 a.m. Ag Society Breakfast.
9:00 a.m. Beef Show.
2:00 p.m. Round Robin Showmanship.
5:30 - 7 p.m. 4-H Council BBQ.
7:30 p.m. Livestock Support Auction. Followed by Fair Clean-Up.

Sunday, August 1

3:00 p.m. Silent Static Support Auction Close; Public Fashion Show; Awards Ceremony.
4:00 p.m. Pick Up Static Exhibits.

Hiawatha students receive degrees from Emporia State University

Emporia State University congratulates more than 660 students who received their academic degrees after completing the spring 2021 semester.

Local students receiving degrees were: Addicus Piper Grier of Hiawatha, Kansas, B.S. in Business in Business Administration and Clarissa Ross of Hiawatha, Kansas, Education Specialist in School Psychology.

White Cloud Health Center's impressive COVID-19 response

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tion eligibility for all adult residents of White Cloud, Kansas, and adult non-Native household members of enrolled members of federally recognized tribes living in Brown or Doniphan Counties in Kansas, and Richardson County, Nebraska. Transportation to and from vaccination clinics and in-home COVID-19 testing has been available through their existing Community Health Representative and Public Health Nursing programs. Dr. Bryer-Ash emphasizes the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccination “not only for our own personal protection but even more importantly, to prevent us from unknowingly spreading COVID-19 to the most vulnerable members of the community.”

Because this virus appears to be here to stay, the White Cloud Health Center staff are thinking ahead for the long term. A few grant-sponsored projects are in the works: a self-contained negative air pressure suite that will alleviate contamination risks while assessing and caring for COVID-19 patients, a short-term residence for quarantining or isolation, and a mobile testing vehicle.

In July, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the White Cloud Health Center will receive an Indian Health Services Area Director's Award in recognition of their response to the coronavirus pandemic. Chairman Timothy N. Rhodd says he is “very humbled and honored to see the White Cloud Health Center staff come together as one to combat the COVID-19 virus by administering the vaccine clinics not only to our tribal member patients but to our surrounding

communities. I appreciate the hard work and dedication the staff has expressed during the national pandemic.”

If you are interested in being

vaccinated or tested, call the White Cloud Health Center at 785-595-3450, ext. 2, to check your eligibility and make an appointment.

Twenty-five teams participate in Irish Booster Club Golf tournament

The Irish Booster Club Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, July 11, at Classic Club 8 golf course. There were 25 teams that participated in the two-person scramble format.

Winners in the Second flight included Wade Witt and Daniel Castillo, first; Jack and Jarrod Fiegenger, second; Denise Schawang and Mary Jo Huetter, third.

Winners in the First flight included Barb Kelly and Mary Moreau, first; Jarrot Kevin and Janet Malone, second; and Bryce Ebel and Clayton Vonderschmidt, third.

Winners in the championship flight included Joe and Chaz Dunn, first; Brandon and Bri Liberty, second; and Joyce and Dr. Borg, third.

Flag prize winners were Joe Froeschl, Dina Sells, Bryce

Ebel, Austin Malone, and Ron Ebel.

The money raised from this tournament will be added to the faculty wish list and for faculty to purchase needed supplies.

Tournament organizers Barb Kelly and Dina Sells appreciate the support given by local businesses and individuals who become hole sponsors and/or donate for tournament prizes.

Garage Sale
807 E. 17th
Sat. July 24th
8:00-4:00
A little of everything!

KIRKENDALL REUNION
Sunday, July 25
12:30 P.M.
65272 707 Rd.
Uncle Jim's House
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A Card Shower is being held in honor of **Norma Lee Duerfeldt** Who is celebrating her **90th Birthday August 2, 2021** The family asks you to mail Birthday Wishes to: Falls City Nursing and Rehab, Room 210 1720 Burton Street Falls City, NE 68355

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