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## Council awards gas project replacement to JF Construction Services

The Falls City Council met on Monday, March 6, 2023, for its regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall. City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum called role with councilpersons Leyden, Ractliffe, Fouraker, Holle, Wisdom, Buckminster and Rhodd answering. Councilperson Ferguson was absent.

In the Mayor's report, Mayor Harkendorff mentioned that he had filled all the at-large board positions. He also acknowledged the passing of Bob Ferguson. The Mayor wanted to clear up some confusion about the Rivoli Theater. "A couple of people are confused; it's a movie theater first and a theater otherwise, acting type second," said Harkendorff.

City Administrator Nussbaum spoke about the Engine 5 crankshaft electric power generator, stating the engine had been reassembled and was ready for test runs. The machine will need an eight-day break-in cycle, running continuously for 24 hours daily. Nussbaum also mentioned the 2023 Northeast Force Main Replacement project, which is the sewer main that comes from the pump station northeast of town. The project, which is in its design stages, will include 5000 feet of sewer force main along 652 Blvd from 15th to 27th Street. The Fire Department will also be implementing phase two of the sandblasting and painting of fire hydrants around town. Last year, the project began with about 90 hydrants getting finished. Phase two is set to start on March 13, 2023, and should be completed in April.

Vicky Froeschl addressed the Council requesting a conditional permit for a Family Child Home Care II at 2615 Hiland Ave. as recommended by the Planning Commission. Froeschl stated that the high need in the com-

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Photo from left to right: (back) Brad James, Sue James, Carol Bentley, Unknown, Unknown, Hannah Pfohl, Zeb Shafer, Caitlin Shafer, Pam and Mark Harkendorf, Dobey Haws. (front) Beckett Shafer and Gracie Shafer holding the ribbon.

## Mae Ann Market Celebrates Grand Opening

By: Amber Holle

On Saturday, March 4th, family, friends and members of the community gathered to celebrate the official grand opening of Mae Ann Market, located at 1610 Stone Street. Mae Ann Market is owned by Caitlin Shafer, who has operated the growing business from her home in Shubert since December 2019. In December of last year, she moved to Stone Street to the former Radio Shack building to expand her product line and provide more shopping hours for her customers.

Mae Ann Market carries jewelry and accessories, a small clothing line and a men's line, including wallets, beard care and clothing. She currently has pieces from five local vendors as well over 50 vendors nationwide. The local vendors include Urecycled Jewelry, The 442, Elle Danielle, and Tammy's Creative Camper. Caitlin plans to add a small shoe line this spring as well.

Caitlin is a full-time kin-

dergarten teacher at Falls City North School, so her store hours may differ from what you are use to seeing downtown. Mae Ann Market is open Tuesday-Friday from 4-6 and Saturday 12-3. With her busy schedule, Caitlin solicited help from friend Hannah Pfohl, a paraprofessional for Falls City. Hannah helps with the day-to-day operations at the store and with the social media side throughout the week.

Mae Ann Market was named after Caitlin and her husband Zeb's two daughters. "Their middle names are the store's name and the reason for beginning the Market. Staying true to

themselves, having confidence and becoming leaders in their ways are a huge inspiration for the Market. Everyone has their own unique style and we hope that the Market can help everyone find whatever piece it may be to add to their wardrobe," explains Caitlin.

Caitlin has a background of many years in the direct sales world and was ready to be her boss, set her own hours, and sell things she believed in and would use or wear herself. Mae Ann Market was opened with the intent of selling products made by women and all made in the USA. She

still focuses on this and it holds true for over 90 percent of her products.

When asked if she had any advice for other young female entrepreneurs, Caitlin responded, "Be true to yourself. Sell a product that you believe in, whether that be jewelry, clothing, or creations of your own, set boundaries and don't be afraid of the critics. You know yourself best. Make sure you have support, someone who understands your mission, and someone who can help see through the thick of it. They will push you further into an unknown that may unlock a new level of you and your business."

## Commissioners meet for their first Wednesday meeting

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:02 a.m. on the newly scheduled day, Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie answered roll call. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws had been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges. Maintenance at the county garages at Barada and Rulo were reviewed and plans to remove and prepare for the construction of new buildings.

A motion was made and carried to award the bid for the Armor Coat project (Site

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## Humboldt City Council discuss water tests; hope to have enough staff to get pool open and more during meeting

By Nikki McKim

On March 7, 2023, the Humboldt City Council met for their regular monthly meeting.

Councilperson Jan Wilhelm was absent.

During public comment, vice president of the Housing Committee, Mary White, asked to have in writing why Dianne Herr was denied to be on the board. White said she believed there were two positions opened during the last meeting.

The Mayor explained that there was only one position open at the time of the last meeting. The Mayor recommended Donna Koehn as the new Housing Authority Board member at that time and Koehn was approved.

The Council accepted Ron Russell's resignation during this meeting, making a second opening to fill.

"We did not have that in writing before tonight," said Rathbone. "We will accept his resignation tonight. Then in the next two or three weeks, I will make a recommendation to the City Council to replace him on the Housing Authority Board."

He said Dianne Herr put her name in for the first position, but after review, he felt the choice he made to the City Council and the City Council also felt that Koehn was approved.

Councilperson Dettmer said they legally have to have resignations in writing. The Mayor said they're trying to do things legally. According to Nebraska's revised statute, 32-562 resignations are made by all officers holding appointments to the officer or body by whom they were appointed; and Such resignation shall be in writing and shall not take effect until accepted by the board or officer to whom the resignation is tendered.

Roxanne Sailors of the Humboldt Standard addressed the Council and Mayor and questioned the reason for the closed session of the City audit. The Mayor said they would be discussing possible litigation issues. Sailors asked if there were threats of litigation.

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## REMINDERS SEE ADS INSIDE!

- St. Thomas Episcopal Church Worship Schedule for March
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, March 17 at Prichard, 5-8PM
- Stella Vol Firemen Fish Fry, March 18, Stella Fire Hall, 5-8PM
- Verdon Vol. Fire Soup Supper, March 19 at Verdon Com. Center
- Mens Club Pork BBQ, March 19 at Prichard, 4:30-7:30PM
- Absolute Land Auction - 2 Tracts/Richardson Co. March 20
- BLOODMOBILE-March 23 & March 24 at Prichard Auditorium
- Shubert Christian Church Soup Supper, March 25th, 5-7PM
- VFW Auxiliary Vietnam Era Vets Luncheon, March 25 at noon

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Twenty Seasons

## It's Healthy to Talk About Bodily Functions

By the late Richard P. Holm, MD

One summer during my college years, another premed student and I got a job at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, as nurses' aides. At that time, the guys were called orderlies, but we were part of the nursing department. We were taught how to clean patients' private parts without making the patient feel self-conscious, and how to place urinary catheters mostly in old men with prostates that had overgrown and were blocking urinary flow.

We all have those private areas, let's not pretend otherwise. The waste disposal parts are as important to us through our lifetime as our hearts, except not quite as romantic. Try switching metaphors and famous poems simply don't have the same pizzazz. For example, try E.E. Cummings' "I carry your colon with me," or William Wordsworth's "My urinary tract leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky," or Douglass Cross' "I left my bladder in San Francisco."

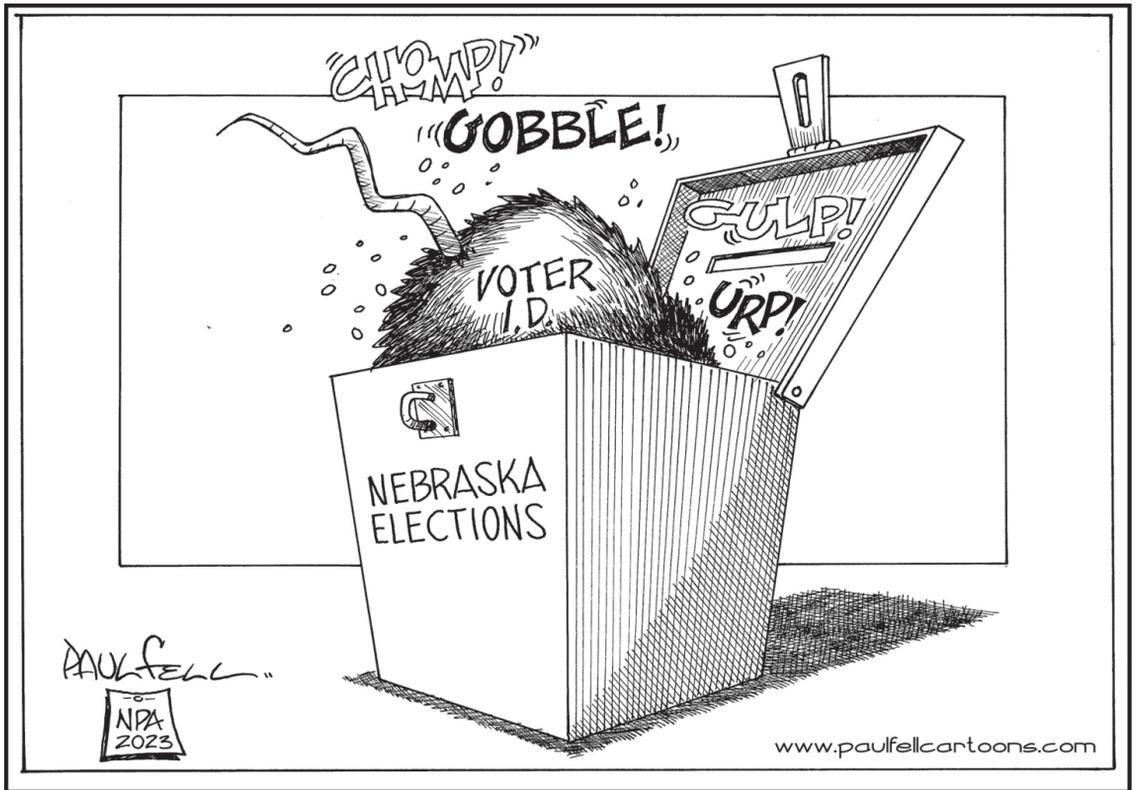
Romance aside, we are happy when our urinary tract is working well, draining the urine, removing waste and water. The kidneys collect and concentrate the urine, they deliver this yellow fluid through the ureters, the tubes from the kidneys to the bladder. The bladder is a bag to collect the urine until it is convenient to be emptied.

It seems like a simple, straight-forward system. However, trouble could be around the next corner. Conditions like urinary tract infections, kidney stones, bladder control problems, and prostate troubles are not uncommon through the course of a person's life and can vary from causing short-term discomforts to long-lasting conditions.

One of the barriers to treatment for many people is the human problem of stigma and shame. It does not feel good to admit to anyone, even a loved one or a medical professional, that you're having troubles "down there." Let me reassure you: this is a common human condition. Shame is an enemy to a healthy, functioning body. I would instead say "join the club!" and remind you that you are not the only one with such a problem.

I am no longer the young orderly helping the old men in the Swedish Hospital with their issues. I now find myself amazed at the magnificent function of the human body, identifying more with those old guys than I do with the young staff. All of us have bladders and urinary tracts about which there is nothing to be ashamed.

Richard P. Holm, MD wrote this essay in February 2020. He passed away in March of 2020 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. Dr. Holm's legacy lives on through his Prairie Doc® organization. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook, featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook most Thursdays on Prairie Doc.



## VOTER ID PROPOSALS ARE ANYTHING BUT CUT AND DRIED

**Capitol View  
Nebraska Press  
Association  
By: J.J. Schmidt**

Three proposals to cover the solution looking for a problem -- voter ID -- have proven to be about as confusing as the proponent's explanation as to why the idea was necessary. After a lot of listening and a bunch of head scratching, I'm still not convinced.

The only thing I know for sure, in Sen. Steve Erdman's world there would be no mail-in ballots. Tell that to the 11 Nebraska counties that hold mail-only elections right now. Better yet, convince my 85-year-old neighbors that it's a good idea.

I've been voting by mail since Covid and I am happy to say that in the 50-plus years I have been voting, I've never felt more secure.

Voters approved an initiative petition in November and it was dumped on the Legislature's doorstep to implement. There was a lot of grousing before the election that the measure didn't give a clue about implementation. Well, that's the nature of the initiative petition. It's a big trust me, so here we are.

Comments on three measures, two from Republican farmer Erdman and one from Gretna Democrat Jen Day, were heard for more than seven hours by the Legislature's Government, Military and Veteran's Affairs committee. Yes, friends, they are all unnecessary.

In a nutshell, Erdman's LB228 would eliminate voting by mail except for military personnel and those living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. It would also establish primary and general election days as statewide holidays; stipulate that all ballots be counted at the precinct level on election day; and limit early voting to in-person at either a county election or county clerk's office.

Erdman reasons that mail-in voting is expensive and doesn't necessarily increase voter turnout. Requiring votes to be cast and counted at the precinct level on election day would ensure that ballots are secure and not in danger of being "messed with," he said.

His LB230 would define qualifying photographic identification for voting purposes. The bill also would limit the option of early voting to those who are "handicapped" or members of the armed forces or Nebraska National Guard. It would also make it a criminal offense for an election official to fail to require a voter to show photo ID and would require an agent delivering a ballot to include a color photocopy of the registered voter's qualifying photo ID. A qualifying ID would be one of the following: driver's license or state issued ID, Nebraska voter ID, U.S. passport or tribal ID issued by a recognized Indian tribe. A qualifying photo ID could not be more than 60

days past its expiration date.

As a bonus, an American flag symbol would be placed on the front of each driver's license or state ID card issued to individuals who have verified status as a U.S. citizen. "We have an opportunity to accomplish what the voters required us to do by their vote," Erdman said. "It's not our intent with this bill to [prevent] anyone from voting."

Day's LB675 is much broader and would require: the state to provide funding to the Nebraska secretary of state's office to ensure that all Nebraska polling places are ADA compliant; require the state Department of Motor Vehicles to expand hours and staffing beginning two months prior to the start of in-person voting; require the secretary of state to provide capacity at each election location to print qualifying ID on election day; provide additional locations where qualifying ID can be obtained for voting, including libraries and nonprofit organization offices; and require increased election office staffing and training.

Throw in \$1 million for a public awareness campaign regarding new photo ID requirements and identify more than a dozen types of qualifying ID, including student ID cards, Social Security and Medicaid cards — even if expired.

Day says the bill would address voting rights while protecting the marginalized. "Election integrity has two sides — protections and safeguards of the process, but also accessibility of the election itself. No election has integrity when an eligible voter is turned away."

A woman from Washington

County likes hand-counted ballots. A guy from Crofton said voting on election day and hand counting would encourage civic engagement. A woman from

Grand Island said expanded hours for DMV would be a plus. She named three counties where the DMV is only open one day a week.

Douglas County election commissioner Brian Kruse said hand counting would require adding precincts and staff, all at additional cost. He said many precincts in Cherry County do not have a loca-

tion for people to vote in person that is ADA compliant, and some have no physical location other than a private home.

If something is worked out by the committee and reaches the floor for debate, depending on Senator Machaela Cavanaugh's demeanor that day, it could be an interesting debate.

*J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.*

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: THE OSCARS

### ACROSS

- Adam and Eve's son
- Blink of an eye, for short
- Tricep location
- Laughing on the inside, in text
- ... bowl, frozen dish
- Bid on a house, e.g.
- Show off
- Actor's role
- Nostrils
- \*"Everything Everywhere All At Once" or "The Fablemans" nominee
- Trampled
- Humpty without t
- \*Cate Blanchett's 6-time nominated movie
- Store in a silo
- Tiny crustacean
- Chop off
- Not digital
- Cut with a beam
- Empty spaces
- Not good
- Relating to pond scum
- Capri or Catalina
- Lament
- ... Khan
- Full event
- \*He's won the most academy awards
- Jump key
- Not yes, nor no
- Male sibs
- \*"The Fablemans" composer John ... 53-time nominee
- Resin-producing tree
- Call to Mary
- Get-out-of-jail money
- Bye, in Castile
- Ages and ages
- Competitive advantage
- Appetite
- Farm female
- Fender-bener damage

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- Key often used with ctrl
- Gold rush, e.g.
- Purse with notions
- Leechee, alt. sp.
- Dandruff locale
- This bird gets the worm?
- Give a traffic ticket
- Big do
- Cattail, e.g.
- \*"... Harris Goes to Paris," Best Costume Design nominee
- Tarzan and such
- Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
- \*"The Banshees of Inisherin" nominee
- Polynesian dance, pl.
- Dress like Ancient Greeks
- \*Austin Butler's gyrating character
- Gallows loop
- Oil crisis
- \*Last year's Best Picture winner
- Like a Druid, e.g.
- Missouri River tributary
- Flying nuisance
- Lend a hand in crime
- Order's partner
- \*"Guillermo ...'s Pinocchio"
- "My wife can vouch for me," e.g.
- Address to a boy, slangily
- Bucolics
- Desert traveler's hope
- Bikini Bottom locale
- Variation of meow
- Skirt shape
- Past tense of bid
- Roman remain, e.g.
- Cry of glee
- Like a full-fledged Mafia man
- Leo or Libra
- Jared's competitor
- Allow

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# From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim  
50-25-15 Years Ago

### 50 Years Ago, March 15, 1973 to March 21, 1973

As a result of a nearly total disintegration of the surface on the Rulo highway, the state rushed an emergency rebuilding program with a price tag of \$350,000. The plan entailed a complete rebuilding of highway 159 from Falls City to Rulo.

Harry Lock moved his Auto Service from 1302 Stone St. to the former Parker building on South Fulton Street.

Terri L. Fisher of rural Rulo was awarded a President's Scholarship to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Mrs. John W. Falter and Mrs. Vincent Langan hosted 17 members of Sorosis in the Gold Room at Hotel Stephenson, with Mrs. Archibald Weaver presiding as President.

"Brother of The Wind" was playing at the Humboldt Theater.

The Neal Dillion Band played at the Country Club for a St. Patrick's Dance; admission was three dollars per couple.

In Iowa City, a University of Iowa student was severely beaten in her dormitory and died of suffocation due to injuries to her throat.

The former elegant home of Judge Elmer S. Dundy, a prominent Nebraskan from the earliest territorial days, was torn down to make way for the new Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. The house was home to nuns who taught at the school for over fifty years.

Brownie Troops 11 and 259 met at the home of Mrs. Gale Merz. From there, the girls were transported to the home of Buddy Simmonds, where they were given a tour of the ambulance and later taken for rides. Brownies attending were Pam Beckner, Christy Prater, Helen Jorgenson, Jennifer Joy, Amallia Morehead, Michele Shields, Cindy Henry, Robin Scholl, Billie Herch and Cindy Niemeyer.

Seventy-five dollars in cash and checks were taken from the principal's office at Humboldt High School. The thieves pried open a garage door on the west side of the building to gain entry.

In Reserve news, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eckwert, Jeanie, Joanie and Miss Martha Runyan of Falls City spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Runyon. In Nims City, Cindy Harmon spent Friday night with Shelly Koch in Dawson and Saturday night with Debbie Bausch, also in Dawson.

Glenda Eames of Falls City and Brenda Hunzeker of Humboldt won the championship of the two divisions of the Richardson County Spelling Bee held at North School. Glenda took first place in the seventh and eighth-grade divisions and Brenda won the fifth and sixth-grade levels.

A car belonging to Jerry McKim was stolen from the old Safeway Store parking lot at 16th and Harlan. The vehicle, a 1963 Chevrolet, had yet to be recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman announced the purchase of the Liquid Fertilizer Service and the firm was to change its name to Falls City Fertilizer Service.

An application by Jerry Hooper for a permit to build a Pizza Hut at 1024 Harlan St. was delayed on technical grounds by the mayor and Council. A petition signed by 135 people was also presented to the Council to protest a proposal allowing the business to serve beer. The delay for the permit dealt with waiting on the state for approval to cut driveways into Harlan Street.

Six young boxers traveled to Tekamah to compete in the District Four Junior Boxing Tournament. The six youths, under the tutelage of Jake Nanomantube, were Bob Burton, Tony Tackett, Terry Nanomantube, Mark Bentley, Terry Horner, Ken Tackett and Brad Sefried.

### 25 Years Ago, March 15, 1998 to March 21, 1998

Dr. R. L. Burghart, who had practiced medicine in Falls City since 1961, except for two years out to serve with the U.S. Air Force in England, informed his patients that he was retiring as of May 8, 1998. Dr. Burghart made house calls until 1979 and delivered approximately 800 babies in Falls City.

Michelle K. Kreifels was the parent of a daughter, Natalie Rose, born at Bergen Mercy Hospital in Omaha.

Middle School Students of the Month included Andy Strasil, Carla Hunzeker and Karla Buckminster.

Molly Matthes wrapped up her Tiger basketball team career with a school record of 1,223 points. Matthes scored 344 points her senior year and led the team with 123 assists, 88 steals and 19 blocked shots.

Dusty Olberding led the Falls City grapplers with 33 wins and a fourth-place finish at the State Wrestling Meet in Lincoln.

According to the Census Bureau's estimates, Richardson County lost 380 people during the 1990s, the most significant drop among the 16 counties of southeast Nebraska.

Inez Brettmann and the Humboldt High School Speech Team won their 18th district championship in a row.

Four Corners Ag and Building Supply, Inc. invited the public to attend the grand opening of the newly remodeled store and enjoy free pancakes and sausage.

### 15 Years Ago, March 15, 2008 to March 21, 2008

Dorothy Towle, owner and President of Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company, presented the first \$50,000 of a \$250,000 pledge to Community Medical Center representatives Rodger Merz and Ryan Larsen.

The City Council voted 6-2 against annexation efforts of properties adjacent to the city limits. Mayor Vandenberg acknowledged the vote and said he respected the Council's decision. "I thought (annexation) was good for the 4,200 people who live in Falls City and the Council saw it a different way," said Vandenberg.

Paul and Sara Rue, Hickman, Ne, were the proud parents of a daughter born at

Bryan LGH East in Lincoln. Evie Breann weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

Frank Thomas was honored for his nearly 50 years of service on the "bridge gang" for the Richardson County Road and Bridge Department. Honoring Thomas were County Commissioners Jim Sefried, Bill Ely and Rex Jones, Shop Foreman Pat Kelly and Bridge Foreman Roger Lee.

Our Family spiral sliced hams were \$1.99 per pound at Sun Mart and Kraft Cool Whip was just 99 cents.

More than 500 new patrons were added to the Falls City Library and Arts Center list in 2007. According to Library Director Hope Schawang, the new library was attracting 1,367 patrons a week and 71,084 for the year.

★★★★★★★★  
The VFW Auxiliary will again host a luncheon for the Vietnam Era veterans on March 25 at noon at the Legion Club.

All Vietnam Veterans & spouses are invited.

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## FC Council awards gas project replacement to JF Construction Services

(Continued from Page 1) munity pushed her to pursue the permit, which would allow her to take in two more children. The Council voted in favor of the request.

Up next, Stephanie Gerdes addressed the Council requesting a conditional permit for a Family Child Home Daycare II at 1807 Crook St. Gerdes was asking to expand her daycare to provide more care and to help Falls City. With no discussion or opposition, the request was granted by the Council.

The following item was the rezoning of lots in the 700 block between Stone and Chase Streets to industrial for Falls City Mercantile. Plans are to build an 80 x 100-foot storage/distribution facility on the lots. The measure passed on a 7-0 vote.

The Council passed nine board and committee appointments as recommended by Mayor Harkendorff on a 7-0 vote.

The Council approved a curb cut at 2523 Barada Street for David L. Keithley.

The ninth item on the agenda was a request for approval of a Special Designated Liquor License at Brenner Airfield for the Hot Air Balloon Festival on June 17, 2023, by MSKDJ Inc. of Lincoln, Ne. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

The following item up for discussion was a request by Julie Phroper to waive or reduce the rental fees of Prichard Auditorium on August 27 and 28, 2023, for the Humane Society Halloween Party.

Phroper addressed the changes in the rental rates made by the Council.

"I think there should be something in the changes that supports our community because I think it's a step in the wrong direction to say that everybody, regardless of what you do, is \$250.00."

Phroper told the Council the Humane Society would be willing to pay half of the rates if they decided on that figure.

"At our meeting of the Humane Society, they said if we threw \$250.00, we might make \$1,000. If we don't increase our revenue, we'll be defunct. It's important to us, it may not be important to the City, but it's important to us. We're willing to pay the half price, so it's up to you guys, I guess."

Councilperson Ractliffe responded by saying she had gotten feedback from the public about the rate increase.

"There are a lot of things that are annual," said Ractliffe. "Lots of fundraisers that have been going

on annually and while, of course, we don't want Prichard to be a money pit for the City, we do need to not take a loss on that; I do think it would be worth looking into an option where maybe, and I know we just reevaluated these rates, maybe if there is something like a 501(c)(3), maybe there's a discount for that. It will alleviate the burden of those holding fundraisers without and who have historically held fundraisers, without actually creating a precedent or every single person who wants to do something coming in and asking for a discount."

The Council allowed the action to die due to lack of a motion and to give itself time to re-access the request.

City Administrator Nussbaum pointed Phroper toward the Park Board for further rate information.

"That would be something the Park Board, would be the avenue for getting that going," said Nussbaum. "They are really in control of the parks and the rec component, to set those procedures and bring them before the council to implement or revise."

The final item for the Council to address was the discussion and action of a request to award a contract to JF Construc-

tion Services, LLC, for \$408,050 for the Phase 8 Natural Gas Replacement Project, as recommended by the Board of Public Works. The City received four bids, with JF Construction Services coming in \$215,450 less than the Engineer's estimate.

"I did talk to the design engineer, and he wasn't familiar with them (JF Construction)," said Utility Superintendent Ray Luhning. "So he called their references and he said they just recently finished a project very similar to the one we are going to do and he said the reference came back really well and that they would use them again."

Luhning said this project is a continuation of trying to get the natural gas system converted over.

"We had a plan that actually years ago when it was first designed, should have been done probably ten or twelve years ago. That's how far behind we are on it. This will replace approximately 12-14 blocks of four-inch bare steel and then three or four blocks of two-inch bare steel as well."

The Council passed the request to award the contract to JF Construction Services on a 7-0 vote.

With no other items on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 6:26 p.m.

*Knights of Columbus*  
**70<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry**

**March 17 • Prichard Aud. • 5-8 pm**  
**Adults \$15 • Children 12 & under \$8**  
(Dine in or carryout)

Sponsored by Sacred Heart High School. Served by the Knights of Columbus & Friends. Proceeds to Sacred Heart Activity Fund. Dinner to be paid for at the door or with advanced ticket. (Advanced tickets may be purchased at Frontier Bank or F&M Bank.)

*Immaculate Conception Catholic Church*  
**Men's Club Pork Barbecue**

**Sunday, March 19 • Serving 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Meal will be served at Prichard Auditorium**  
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**COST: \$12 Adults**  
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A hungry Kam Huppert (L-R), Nick Kraft, Joe Dunn and Derrick Leyden serve and enjoy breakfast at the Falls City Recreation Pancake Feed. You can contact Kory Huppert at Falls City Public School if you missed the feed and would like to donate to Falls City Recreation to help with youth sports.

## SOCIETY

### Stella Community Church Circle

The Stella Community Church Ladies Circle met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. The devotion was on the history of the hymn "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" and was sung by all present. Eight members answered roll call with a Bible verse on blessings.

The minutes were read by Vicki Beilke, pro tem secretary. The minutes were approved after a correction. Donna Monnette presented the treasurers report.

Old business included a communication concerning Operation Christmas Child. There will be a new project coordinator this year. Kent Dorste had completed a frame

for the "Lighthouse" picture. It will be hung in the entry way to the sanctuary. Family Night and the Men's/Ladies breakfast will be discussed at a later date.

New business included Easter lilies for the church. Cathy will coordinate this project. Pastor John informed us of the Lenten breakfasts/coffee's held in Pawnee County and Humboldt. A cleaning day was set for March 30 beginning at 9 a.m. Plans will be made for a Friendship Tea on April 30.

Vicki Beilke asked for a donation for baby products for Child Savings Institute. Circle approved \$100 for this project and Vicki will purchase the items. Circle also gave \$300 to the Mission Fund. Stella Fun Day will be in

June this year and Circle will have a bake sale at this time.

Cards were signed for various people in the community. Pastor John presented the lesson "The Spiritual Leader's Blessing".

The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by Joan and Elizabeth.

The next meeting will be March 28, 2023.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Bosselman Enterprises, 1521 Harlan St., roof repair; \$695.00.

Shawn Fouraker, 1716 Wilson St., cement pad; \$1,250.00.

Ryan Seeba, 2224 Chase St., rough-in plumbing for bathroom; \$1,000.00.

## RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

### February 10, 2023

Jose A. Lunsford, 24, Falls City, received into custody on a Probation Sanction.

### February 11, 2023

Buyanduit Orr, 47, Falls City, was arrested on a Lancaster County, NE warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

Cal De Andre McCoy, 29, Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

### February 12, 2023

Francisco D. Valdez, 25, Tatum, TX was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana under one ounce, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving Under Suspension.

Hector O. Esquivel-Ramos, 31, Hiawatha, KS was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and No Operators License.

Juan Gamez-Cruz, 42, Sapulpa, OK was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

### February 13, 2023

Jeff Rendon, 49, Grafton, ND was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Davi S. Sherman, 20, Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

### February 16, 2023

Luis E. Riz-Hernandez, 41, Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension. Melissa I. Valdez 25, Wichita, KS was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

### February 17, 2023

Amie Hart, 42, Falls City, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana less than one

ounce.

Orrin J. Zeigler, 34, of Salem, was arrested for Driving Under Suspension and Possession of Marijuana less than one ounce.

### February 18, 2023

David A. Ward, 41, Humboldt, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

### February 19, 2023

Andrew L. Gillespie, 29, Falls City, was arrested on a extraditable warrant for the State of Missouri.

### February 20, 2023

Ricky J. Sanchez, 47, Topeka, KS was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear.

Kala M. Dicken, 26, Humboldt, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Theft-Shoplifting \$0-500.

### February 21, 2023

Daniel E. Mustelier-Guerra, 22, Arlington, TX was arrested for No Operators License and Operating a Motor Vehicle to Avoid Arrest.

### February 22, 2023

Emilio D. Marquez, 21, Lincoln, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

Mario Alberto Terrazas Luqueno, 41, Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

### February 24, 2023

Bailey L. Dicken, 21, Humboldt was received into custody on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

### February 26, 2023

Carlos X. Hernandez, 41, Lincoln, NE was arrested for Driving Under the Influence (2nd offense), Driving Under Revocation, Possession

of a Controlled Substance, and no Proof of Insurance.

### February 27, 2023

Jeffery S. Weldon, 60, Humboldt, NE was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

### February 28, 2023

Stephanie Corliss, 34, Table Rock, NE was arrested on an R.C. warrant for Theft-Shoplifting \$0-500.

### March 1, 2023

Scott Bachman Jr., 26, Falls City, was received into custody on a Probation Sanction.

Joe P. Ralph, 68, Falls City, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Possession with Intent to Deliver within 1000 ft of a school or playground.

### March 2, 2023

Noah Lee Allen Herren, 23, Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

John M. Ryan, 62, was received into custody on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

### March 3, 2023

Haley K. Loyd, 20, was received into custody on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

Ferguson J. Morris, 34, Ft. Worth, TX was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear.

### March 6, 2023

Maesha T. Hurst, 26, Omaha, NE was arrested on three Richardson County warrants for Failing to Appear for a Court Commitment, Failure to Pay Fines and Costs, and Driving Under Suspension and False Reporting.

Paige N. Frederick, 38 Falls City, NE was received into custody for a Richardson County Court Commitment.

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## FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

**March 3 to March 4, 2023 calls:** two animal complaints, two ambulance/EMS, three miscellaneous, two fire calls (Dawson Fire & Humboldt Fire), two nuisance, one burn permit, two motorist assist, one referred to other agency, one HHS intake/referral, one 911 hang up, four 911 calls.

**March 4 to March 5, calls:** two information only, one 911 hang up/misdial, three burn permit, one open door, two ambulance/EMS, two fire calls (Falls City Rural Fire and Rulo Fire), two animal complaints, two miscellaneous, six 911 calls.

**March 5 to March 6, 2023 calls:** four ambulance/EMS, two fire calls (Falls City Rural Fire and Humboldt Fire), one domestic disturbance, one 911 call.

**March 6 to March 7, 2023 calls:** one suspicious subject or vehicle, one HHS intake/referral, two theft, three nuisance, two investigations, one animal call, one noise disturbance, one 911 hang up/misdial, one information only, three EMS/ambulance, three records checks, one 911 call, one citation for theft-\$0-\$500, one citation for disturbing the peace, one citation for plates not clear and visible, one warning for speeding.

**March 7 to March 8, 2023 calls:** one phone scam, two 911 hang up/misdial, one information only, one fingerprint, two miscellaneous, three accidents, one records check, one noise disturbance, one traffic stop citation, two EMS/ambulance calls, four 911 calls, one citation for no valid registration, five warnings for improper/defective lighting, three warnings for speeding, one warning for no license on person, one warning for fail to use turn signal.

**March 8 to March 9, 2023 calls:** one fraud, six ambulance/EMS, one 911 hang up/misdial, two miscellaneous, five burn permit one information only, one investigation, one HHS intake/referral, one found or lost property, one referred to other agency, five 911 calls, two warnings-municipal parks after hours, one citation for disturbing the peace, one citation for criminal trespass second degree, two citation for possess or use drug paraphernalia, two citations for tobacco/electronic nicotine use-under 21.

## Conservation Reserve program informational meeting March 21 at Humboldt Ag Building

CRP General sign-up is open now through April 7, 2023.

Falls City, Nebraska, March 10, 2023 — Nebraska USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) along with several partners in conservation will be conducting informational meetings for agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) opened a CRP General sign-up in February, and it runs through April 7, 2023.

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St. The meeting is free, and there is no registration required.

CRP is a cornerstone voluntary conservation program offered by USDA. General CRP helps producers and landowners establish longterm, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. In return landowners receive annual rental payments.

“CRP offers a range of conservation options to farmers, ranchers and landowners,” said John Berge, FSA state executive director in Nebraska. “It can serve as a tool for farmers with less productive or marginal cropland, helping them reestablish valuable land

cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and support wildlife habitat.”

Richardson/Pawnee County FSA Executive Director Brenda Fields is encouraging area producers to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with CRP program experts as well as local wildlife biologists. CRP practice options, land eligibility criteria, updated soil rental rates, and management will be discussed. Fields will also provide an update on other FSA programs.

Information on the CRP General sign-up as well as other CRP initiatives can be found at [fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://fsa.usda.gov/crp) or contact the local USDA Service Center. To find your service center, visit [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov).

Southeast Nebraska producers who are unable to attend the Humboldt meeting may attend any of the other scheduled CRP General sign-up meetings:

March 20, 6 p.m., Lincoln — UNL Extension Office, 444 Cherrycreek Rd.

March 21, 9 a.m., Humboldt — Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St.

March 27, 1 p.m., Fairbury — Jefferson Co. Fair, 4H Building, 56885 PWF Rd.

March 28, 1 p.m., Tecumseh — Tecumseh Fire Hall, 1110 Buffalo Dr.

March 29, 9 a.m., Beatrice — Gage Co. Fair, 4H Building, 900 W Scott St.



Grant Kobza, Kadeyn Fiscus and Emma Gilkerson.

## Falls City Middle School AOK Students

Each month Falls City Middle School students and staff nominate students for engaging in acts of kindness throughout the school day. Students and staff nominate students during the month. One student from each grade is then selected by the students using a secret ballot at the end of each month. This vote determines the AOK of the month winner and the school

buys lunch for the winners from the restaurant of their choice. Our February 2023 winners are eighth grader, Grant Kobza; seventh grader, Kadeyn Fiscus and sixth grader, Emma Gilkerson.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for being excellent examples of kindness for our students and community!

## Area student ranks among top two percent at Iowa State University

Jade Hill, a sophomore from Falls City ranked among the top two percent of students in the College of Veterinary of Medicine college at Iowa State University.

## Reminder that fire hydrant refurbishing to recommence

In collaboration with the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department, the refurbishing of fire hydrants project recommenced on March 13, 2023.

A total of 211 hydrants will be surface prepped and painted. The work will start on East 17th street and continue north to 35th street. The city

asks that vehicles are not parked near the hydrants to allow access for equipment. If possible, remove any tall grasses, flowers or weeds around the hydrants to aid in the process.

After painting is completed, each hydrant will have the tops color coded to indicate water flow.

## ACCIDENTS

On February 10, 2023 at the intersection of 14th and Harlan Street a white Ford 150 driven by Renae Richardson of Lincoln, NE was stopped on 14th facing west at the red light. As the Ford remained stationary a Peter Built semi-truck and trailer executed a left turn. The semi-truck did not make a wide enough turn which caused the driver, Bryce Horseman of Maitland, MO to hit the brakes. According to both drivers, the white Ford then attempted to make room by reversing. This did not provide sufficient room and the semi-trailer made contact with the driver’s side bumper and fender. Upon visual inspection and Horseman’s statements the trailer was not damaged. There was some paint exchanged. An estimated \$1,000 was done to the Richardson vehicle owned by Mark May of Lincoln, NE. No damage was done to the semi owned by Binder, Irrigation Inc.

On March 7, 2023, Sophia Nelson of Falls City was traveling south and turned to the east at 14th and Harlan. Austin Schmelzle of Axtell, KS was traveling northbound on Harlan collided with the front right corner of Nelson’s vehicle. An estimated \$3,000 was done to both vehicles.

On March 7, 2023, Desiree Heaton of Falls City was driving south on McLean Street near the 1300 block. Heaton entered the intersection at 13th and McLean and was struck by Amy Summers of Falls City, who was traveling East on 13

Street causing damage to both vehicles.

On March 7, 2023, Britney Finner of Falls City while driving westbound towards the exit of a parking lot was struck by James Findlay of Falls City, who was driving south-southwest and collided with the passenger door area of Finner with the front driver headlight area of Findlay. An estimated \$3,000 was done to both vehicles.

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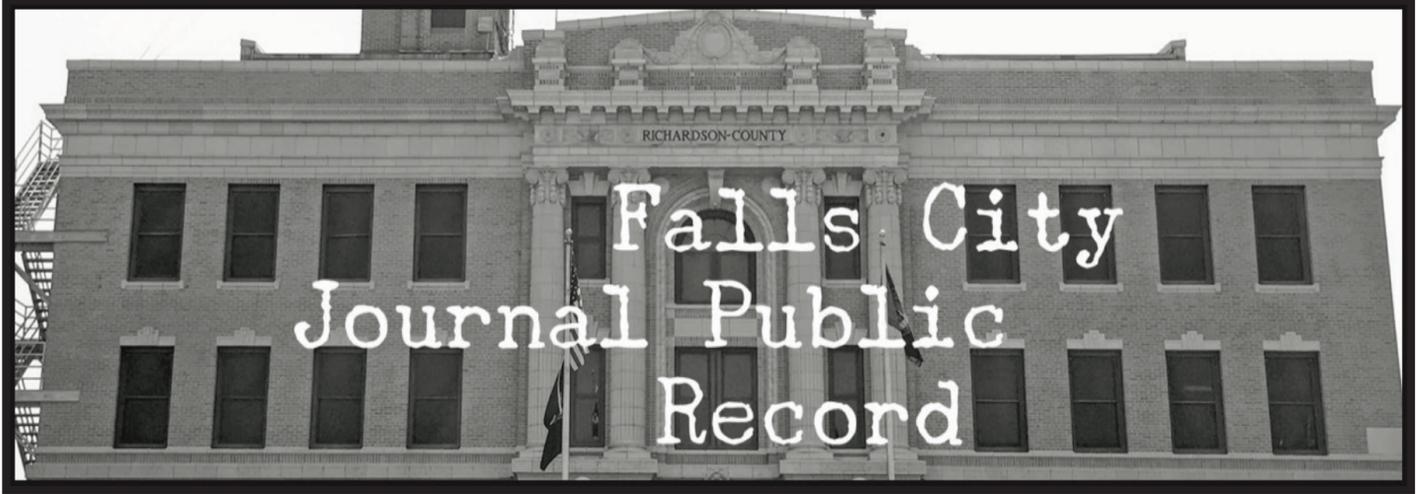
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**CITATIONS**

Sara Braymen of Austin, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Kaleb Borg of Omaha, count one, no valid registration car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Alexis Payne of Falls City, count one, fail to use child passenger restraint, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Keller)

David Russell of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Rowell)

Jamie Hatton of Lawrence, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Rowell)

Gilberto Ortega Lares of South Sioux City, NE, count one, valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Woody Klinger of Auburn, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25, count two, driver had seatbelt buckled behind, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Zost)

Andrew Cates of Mount Laurel, NJ, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Cheyenne Spunaugle of Falls City, count one, stop sign violation, plead

guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Jones)

Timothy DeWitt of Falls City, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Kenneth Strathman of Falls City, count one, speeding 21-35 MPG, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Lorensita Merrick of Walthill, NE, count one, speeding 6-10 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Danny Tran of Houston, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 MPH, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

**COUNTY COURT**

Kristina M. Koso, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 12, 2023.

Joseph M. Koso, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 12, 2023.

Janean A. Moyer, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-500, plead not guilty; count two, criminal impersonation-under \$500/first, plead not guilty; count three, identity theft-less than \$500/first, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for March 29, 2023.

Dalena M. Linderman, count one, speeding 11-15 MPH municipal school, amended to speeding 1-5 MPH, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$10.00.

Crystal J. Thompson, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100.00.

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Marc A. Merz, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$25.00. Count five, misuse dealer plate, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$50.00.

Luis M. Riz-Hernandez, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$250.00 and license revoked for term of one year beginning March 8, 2023.

Jeff Rendon, count one, nonresident violate rev/

impd order-MSD 2, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$250.00 and license revoked for term of one year beginning March 8, 2023. Count two, plates not clear and visible, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$25.00.

Jessica Smith, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for March 15, 2023.

Sarah D. Bonham, count one, no proof of insurance, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$75.00. Count two, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$50.00. Count three, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$25.00. Count four, no brake lights/turn signals, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$10.00.

Ashley R. Breiner, count one, dom asslt/intl cause body injry/int ptr, amended to disturbing the peace, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100.00. Count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, false reporting, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$250.00. Count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Benjamin P. Reed, count one, nonresident violate sus/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$300.00, license revoked for term of one year beginning March 6, 2023.

Darren K. Webster, count one, assault-3rd degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence in-

cludes jail for term of 14 days, credit for 14 days served.

James D. Calvert, count one, DUI-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500.00, probation for term of six months beginning March 6, 2023, drug testing fee of \$30.00, probation fee-regular \$150.00, license revoked for term of 60 days beginning March 6, 2023, interlock device. Count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Samuel K. Nhial, count one, drive during revocation/impound, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100.00; count two, excess windshield and/or window tinting, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$25.00.

Ryan O'Lano, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$150.00, license revoked for term of one year beginning March 1, 2023. Count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Jonathan D. Holmes, count one, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty; count two, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty; count three, criminal trespass-2nd degree, plead not guilty; count four, game abandonment or needless waste, plead not guilty;

count five, hunt/fish/trap without permission, plead not guilty; count six, fail to display orange material, plead not guilty. Pre-trial scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Heidi L. Hillhouse, count one, violate deer regulations, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100.00.

James A. Howard, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Andrew J. Dean, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100.00.

Kala M. Dicken, count one, theft shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$175.00.

Christopher E. Evins, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Davi Sherman, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$250.00, license revoked for term of one year beginning March 8, 2023. Count two, drive on shoulder of highway, plead not guilty.

Reko A. Hoskins, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$75.00.

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## Middle Schoolers compete at Norris tourney

The Falls City Middle School wrestling team was back in action when they competed in the 2023 Norris Middle School Invitational. The boys' team won two first-place medals and two silvers, while the girls had two seconds and a fourth-place finish.

Jacoby Bangert won gold at 136-140, finishing 3-0 with two pins and a tech fall. At 149-155, Brayson Sells placed first with three wins by fall. In the 130-133 division, Paxton Armbruster went 2-1, falling in the finals by a 4-3 decision and at 142-145, Grant Kobza placed second, going 2-1, losing in the finals by fall.

Also competing at Norris were Dayton Snethen, Xavier Luginbill, Bowdy Jones, Elijah Leyden, Ty Karpinski, Taven Luginbill and Burke Wissman.

For the Lady Tiger team, Jazzy Strecker went 2-1 in the 112-120 division and placed second, falling to Jones of Auburn in the finals. At 146-160, Taytum Maddox placed second, finishing 2-1, losing to Cropp of JCC in the finals. At 146-160, Gabi Young went 2-2 and earned a fourth-place finish and Harley Sutton competed at 125-140, finishing 0-2.

## Lady Tigers continue to climb upwards

The Falls City Lady Tiger basketball team continued its trend in the right direction, finishing the 2022-2023 season with a 16-9 record, its best mark in years. Since taking over the program in 2020-21, Coach Andy Armbruster has boasted records of 9-13, 14-10 and 16-9.

The steady improvement can be attributed to an outstanding senior class and a lot of hard work in the off-season.

"We have some big holes to fill next season with four seniors graduating," said Coach Andy Armbruster. "They were a great group to work with and we will miss all four of them next year. They accounted for a ton of minutes each game and we will need to work hard this summer to develop some players to fill their spots for next season."

The Tigers will lose seniors Madi Jones, Reece McNeely, Elyse Poppe and Hannah Collier.

Jones was the leading scorer for Falls City this past season with 302 points. Jones made 105/299 (35%) of her shot attempts and hit a team-best 82/136 free throw attempts. Jones also led the Tigers with 138 boards and 59 steals.

Up next for FC was junior Ashleigh Kirkendall, who scored 200 points for an average of eight points per contest. Kirkendall added 119 rebounds, 73 assists and 45 steals.

Ava Armbruster scored 167 points, leading the team with 21 threes. Armbruster also led the team at the foul line, making 67% (48/72) of her attempts while adding 93 rebounds, 70 assists and 31 steals. Reece McNeely led the team, making 44% (43/97) shot attempts for 102 points. McNeely added 86 rebounds and a team-best 20 blocked shots. Poppe scored 86 points in her senior campaign, adding 76 rebounds and 42 steals and Collier finished with 49 points, 43 rebounds and 21 steals. Isabelle Armbruster added 49 points, 42 boards and 25 steals.

As a team, Falls City shot 32% (346/1,069) from the field and made 221 of 406 (54%) of their free throw attempts. Falls City outscored opponents 980 to 853 this past year and finished with 686 rebounds, 301 assists and 355 turnovers.

The Lady Tigers didn't have quite the ending to the season they had hoped for, falling to Syracuse in the sub-district finals at home, 20-36.

"I think the loss to Syracuse in the sub-district final was disappointing for this team," said Coach Armbruster. "I hope it helps motivate them to put in some work this summer and come back stronger next season."

Even though FC loses four seniors, they will bring back two starters, Izzy Armbruster and Emily Vitosh.

"We return Ava Armbruster and Ashleigh Kirkendall; both have been starting for three years, and Emily Vitosh has been battling back from injury," said Armbruster. "Those three seniors will provide a solid foundation for us next season."

## Lady Titans find footing in second half of the season

The HTRS Lady Titans finished the 2022-23 campaign with a 6-18 record. Those numbers are a bit deceiving when you figure in that the Lady Titans went 0-11 to open the year. On January 7, 2023, HTRS defeated Conestoga 32-30, to earn its first win of the year. Over the course of the next 23 days, HTRS went 5-2, getting wins over Tri County, Pawnee City, Johnson County Central and Friend.

"We got off to a really rough start this season," said Coach Schuyler Kuhlmann. "We feel like we struggled to find any sort of identity early on and things were frustrating for everyone. I think our biggest improvement came with playing better defense and taking care of the ball," said Kuhlmann. "One of our biggest wins came against JCC where we were losing by 14 at one point. We switched to man and our girls held them scoreless for like 11 minutes straight in the second half and eventually we got the win by one. Having the confidence to be more aggressive and guard people helped us be more competitive down the stretch."

Down the stretch, the Lady Titans came up just short, falling by four in a contest against Tri County, 40-44 and by 12 to Falls City and Diller-Odell. In the Diller-Odell contest, HTRS led 30-15 at the half before getting outscored 14-41 in the second half as they fell 44-56.

"In terms of the last game, we saw both our ceiling and our floor, depending on what half you watched," said Kuhlmann. "We shot really well in the first half, but only went 7/20 from the free throw line. We also held them to two points in the second quarter but followed it up by allowing 28 in the third. We got sped up and Diller-Odell did a great job converting on our turnovers."

Sky's the limit for the HTRS team moving forward as the Lady Titans will return four starters next season. Returning next winter will be Laramie Glathar, Avery Dierberger, Lillian Bowen and Jaylie McNeely.

For the season, HTRS shot 26% from the field, making 282 of 1,073 shot attempts. The Lady Titans sank 90 of 404 three points attempts for a 22% average. HTRS converted 180 of 361 free throw attempts, finished with 726 rebounds, 255 on the offensive end, 185 assists and 177 steals.

Individually for HTRS, McNeely led the offensive charge with 235 points (9.8 per game). Glathar was next with 139 (5.8), Dierberger added 127 (5.3) and Bowen scored 105 (4.4).

Glathar led the team with 207 rebounds, Bowen was next with 113 and Elie Bstandig finished with 96.

Bowen also was the team leader with 36 assists while Dierberger finished with a team-best 35 steals.

"I think the last game showed us what we could be capable of," said Kuhlmann. "I think we have shown a lot of growth and also have plenty of things to improve on. We lose a couple of senior contributors but will return four starters. I feel like the climate has changed for us and the girls are motivated to grow and be more successful next season. I'm ready to get started again for sure."

## With season behind them, HTRS Titans will continue to build toward goals

The Humboldt/Table Rock Titan boys' basketball team wrapped up the 2022-23 season with a 4-19 final record. After winning two of the season's first three games, HTRS hit a stretch of 13 consecutive losses. The Titans defeated Weeping Water 69-51 in the second game of the season and Lewiston 52-45 on December 6.

During the 13-game skid, HTRS had its share of close calls. The Titans fell by seven to Falls City and by three to Sterling in the Weeping Water Holiday Tourney. HTRS lost to Sterling a week later by three and to Lewiston, 40-43, on January 14. In February, HTRS lost another close match against Falls City, falling by three, 45-48. HTRS did get a pair of wins in February, defeating Lourdes Central Catholic 45-34 on February 3 and again on February 20, 46-30.

"The highlight of the season was probably beating Lourdes twice, a team I had not yet beaten as a coach," said Coach Mike Schardt. "We started the season fairly well but could not find a good rhythm throughout the season."

HTRS competed hard on the court, despite losing four starters from last season. The Titans had to replace its leading scorers from 2021-22, Nic Knudson and Gage Schardt.

"Playing with four new starters and a younger bench always means a year of learning and rebuilding," said Coach Schardt. "Having only nine guys on the roster makes it challenging also, not only for games but for practices as well."

HTRS averaged 34 points per contest for the year, 27 rebounds, and eight assists. The Titans made 308 of 754 shot attempts for 41%, including 54 of 234 (23%) from beyond the arc.

Individually, sophomore Brogan Dunlap led the team with 275 points, making 37% of his shot attempts for 12 points per game while adding 44 steals and 90 rebounds. Senior Brandt Leech was next with 146 points (6.3 ppg) and senior Jack Hunzeker scored 135 points (5.9 ppg). Leech finished with 142 rebounds, 31 steals and 21 blocked shots. Sophomore Hunter Bohling was second on the team with 122 boards, 29 on the offensive end, and led the team with 53 assists.

Hunzeker led the team with 23 treys, while Dunlap was right behind with 18. Dunlap also led the squad making 33/65 free throw attempts.

"It was a tough season for us, but I expected some growing pains along the way," said Schardt.

The Titans will lose Hunzeker, Leech and Ryken Davis but return plenty of experience to continue to improve next season.

"I feel we need to work on better team help defense in the off-season and get our shooting percentage to improve a bit," said Schardt. "We will do summer games to address some of our issues."

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# Nebraska's Ron Hull typifies County Commissioners meet for their first Wednesday meeting

By Leo Adam Biga  
Flatwater Free Press

It came down to Ron Hull. In September, the seven members of the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission met in Lincoln to decide whether to induct civil rights leader and Omaha native Malcolm X.

Three members were in favor of his induction. Three members were opposed. After years of debate and several failed attempts to get the slain civil rights leader into the hall, the long-controversial effort now would be decided by one man.

It was up to Hull, a silver-haired 92-year-old, a longtime Nebraska Public Media leader and public television pioneer, and the Hall of Fame's chair, to break the tie.

So he stood and did: Yes. The commission then decided to revote and induct Malcolm X unanimously, making him the first Black Nebraskan to be inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame.

Supporters of the effort who had attended the hearing cheered and clapped, hugged and high-fived.

Hull is now working with a daughter of Malcolm X, Ilyasah Shabazz, on the committee that will select the artist for her father's bronze bust. When completed, the statue will be on view in the capitol building.

It's just the latest chapter in Ron Hull's twisting, turning frequently star-crossed and yet oh-so-Nebraska life.

His sense for what makes good television has shaped Nebraska Public Media and PBS.

His visionary leadership helped win friends for public television in Washington, D.C.

His appreciation for talent cemented enduring relationships with major 20th century writers, actors and celebrities, many of them Nebraskan.

And he's traveled the

world, intimately learning other cultures and learning about himself, too.

During his career, as a member of the Hall of Fame Commission, Hull has long championed Malcolm X.

He became an admirer when he read Alex Haley's famed biography of the civil rights leader. He listened as young students, many of them Black, showed up at commission meetings to talk about how Malcolm X inspired them and to urge commission members to induct him into the Nebraska Hall of Fame.

Hull had long voted for Malcolm X's induction – even, in 2007, when he was the only member willing to do so.

Fifteen years later, Hull stood and told his fellow commissioners why a Black activist who courted controversy should be in the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Now, thanks to Hull – and, he notes, many others – Malcolm X is there.

"The people of Nebraska have done this. That's the joy of it," Hull said. "Every now and then something turns out right."

That sentiment, according to Nebraska Public Media senior producer-director Michele Wolford, is vintage Ron Hull. "He's just the very best of us," she said. "He genuinely believes in the importance of exploring and documenting our history and culture. It's in his wiring."

Television as tool Hull believes all things are possible through education. It's what first captivated him about public television's potential and still does.

"It's the combination of education and all the arts brought into an educational setting. I deeply believe it is through education we move everything forward."

Hull helped form the Nebraska public television network. He hired gifted producers and directors. On-camera, he hosted film series and fund drives and interviewed literary giants Mari Sandoz, John Neihardt and Wright Morris as well as actress Sandy Dennis and talk show legend Dick Cavett.

He's involved in preservation efforts honoring the legacies of Sandoz, Neihardt and Nebraska author Willa Cather. He was a U.S. Foreign Service telecommunications adviser to the government of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Later, he returned to Vietnam to film a PBS documentary. He was among public TV executives selected to go to China to foster better U.S.-China relations.

He was a Fulbright guest lecturer in international broadcasting in Taiwan.

His support of multicultural initiatives extended to founding the Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium, now known as Vision Maker Media.

In the 1980s he worked for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in Washington, D.C., as program fund director. During Hull's six-year tenure, CPB underwrote the "NOVA" series and Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. Hull initiated "The American Experience," among other PBS staple programs. Federal appropriations for public broadcasting doubled during his stint.

Rod Bates, former general manager of Nebraska Educational Telecommunications, said Hull proved masterful at dealing with Beltway politics, keeping the focus on quality programming, not personalities or agendas.

Today, Hull is emeritus professor of broadcasting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and senior adviser to Nebraska Public Media.

During his six decades in television, he has received numerous awards, including induction into the Gold Circle honor society of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Travel during his career fed an intense curiosity. He's traveled the Trans-Mongolian and Trans-Siberian Railways. Nepal is among his favorite destinations. The 1937 movie classic "Lost Horizon" about finding Shangri-La is his touchstone for a utopia that idealists like himself strive to create. Television and travel are his means for finding harmony across geography and cultures.

Hull's beginnings did not exactly foreshadow his becoming a citizen of the world and international influencer. Born in a Deadwood, S.D. brothel, he said he was abandoned to the care of the madam, who placed him for adoption. Hull's adoptive parents gave him a loving, stable life in Rapid City, where his passion for literature and theater bloomed.

Serving in the U.S. Army (1953-1954), he learned television by producing live broadcast "soldier" variety shows at Fort Sill, Okla. After his military discharge he studied the science of television at Syracuse University. Then he went on a cross-country search for a TV job and found one in Lincoln. The rest is history.

This man who believes relationships are "the essence of our lives" flourished in the collaborative world of television.

"From the first glimmer of an idea before it hits the page all the way through to telecast, it takes so many people and coordination to create," Hull said. "It's such a cooperative thing, a team effort. Through those relationships, everything is accomplished or not."

Hull has immersed himself in his adopted state's history and culture and has become a cheerleader for public media's educational capacities.

He said he believes in the power of radio and television and what they can do: "Television affects how people think. It goes right

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into their heads. It is a terribly powerful instrument of persuasion. I identified with that from the beginning. The measure's always been: 'Is this going to enhance somebody's life?'"

In the mid 1950s, Nebraska Public Media godfather Jack McBride envisioned creating a statewide network. He found allies in state senators who "saw the potential of how it would enhance lives, especially in ... areas without ready access to these things," Hull said. "In my opinion it has really made a difference."

"To me, one of the important things about public broadcasting is never to lose that local connection with local Nebraska people. They own the station," Hull said. "And we've always run this place (Nebraska public broadcasting) based upon that."

Bates admires Hull's "for the greater good" instincts: "He focuses on what's in the best interests of the people who need or want public broadcasting. He takes that very seriously."

Nebraska Public Media's Wolford described Hull as a pioneer, someone who helped make PBS and Nebraska Public Media what it is.

"Ron is the heart and soul of Nebraska Public Media," she said. "He is still curious, still learning, still dedicated to the power of stories and the promise and purpose of public media. He is beloved and respected by colleagues here and across public television."

It's a wonderful life. Despite America's deep divisions, Hull, ever the eternal optimist, sees hope.

He says he believes in the human spirit. He says he always will.

"I believe in the basic integrity, honesty and innate intelligence of the common man, of which I'm one. A lot of people have learned a lot the last few years, and I think it's showing up," Hull said.

"Democracy is higher up in the list of importance to many Americans than it was before. We tended to take it for granted. I think we'll muddle through and come out ahead."

Good health is something Hull does not take for granted. He has pulmonary fibrosis and was recently hospitalized, recovering from pneumonia. But now he's back at work, happy to be productive once again.

"One of the secrets to having a good career is having a good time. If you're not having a good time, you're doing something wrong. It's how I've lived," he said.

He's of the opinion that people yearn to find meaning in their lives. Public television has helped him find that meaning.

"I love life," he said. "If it's going to take being on an oxygen tube 24/7, count me in."

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Caverzagie motioned to notify by letter to Rural Water Dist #2 that a portion of an installed waterline needs to be corrected to meet the guidelines of the county's utility placement. Motion seconded by Karas and the motion carried.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on business within the Law Enforcement Center. Hardesty wanted to inform the Commissioners that the end-of-the-year arrest, citation, etc., numbers released to the media were accurate. The numbers are based on the arrests and not on the number of separate charges. If the public has questions on the end-of-the-year numbers, they can be directed to the Sheriff.

The kitchen facility for the Jail needs to replace the dishwasher and the refrigerator and quotes are being obtained for consideration. A dishwasher is vital because the water has to reach a specific temperature for disinfecting and sanitizing, so hand-washing is not an option.

A motion was approved to purchase two patrol vehicles, 2022 Ford Explorers from Hullman's Ford Lincoln Mercury of Falls City, for \$38,863.00 each. One of the vehicles will be funded through grant funds from USDA and will replace the prior approved purchase of two 2023 patrol units to be purchased from Hullman's Ford Lincoln Mercury that were approved at the September 27, 2022, meeting for a price of \$45,011.00 each. Those were to replace the purchase of the two units approved at the August 23, 2022, meeting to be obtained from Defender Supply, Argyle, Texas, which were discovered then to no longer be available.

The Sheriff also reported on a meeting that he had with representatives from Southeast Commu-

nications 911 at Beatrice last week that Commissioner Karas also attended. Both men felt that the meeting went very well and was informational. There are a lot of updates to look forward to that will make the current 911 process much more efficient. The Commissioners will need to start considering how to proceed in the future with 911 and if they want to extend their contract with the City of Beatrice.

Representatives from Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA) Vicky McNealy and Kay Wissmann presented the continued funding plans for the Richardson County Transit for FY2023-2025.

Resolution 2022-2023-39 to authorize SENCA to apply for the NE Public Transportation Act Funds for the Richardson County Transit for Fiscal Years 2023-2025 was adopted.

It was approved to enter into an agreement with SENCA to provide a local match of \$19,117 of the two-year grant funding for the Richardson County Transit program and authorize SENCA to administer the transportation program.

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during February 2023: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$88.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$11,247.50; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court, \$1,054.50; Sheriff Hardesty, \$5,164.34.

The motion was made and carried out to approve a subdivision for Heim Farms, Inc., located in S10, T2, R14 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-38.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.



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## Glenis Hopp

Glenis Maria (Holtgrewe) Hopp, 94 of Talmage died March 7, 2023 at The Ambassador in Nebraska City. Glenis was born March 16, 1928 on the family farm near Lorton, the daughter of Herman John and Hedwig (Hattie) Augusta Fischer Holtgrewe. She was baptized on April 6, 1928, in the home of her parents by Rev. H. Baumgaertel, Pastor of St. John's Evangelical Church, Talmage, NE. Glenis was confirmed on March 29, 1942, at St. John's Evangelical Church by Rev. Max Strasburg. Her confirmation memory verse was: know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? I Corinthians 3:16. She completed grades 1 through 10, at District #39, Lorton Public School. Her Junior and Senior year was completed in 1945 at the Talmage High School, Talmage, NE. After working about a year at Banks Grocery, Talmage, NE, Glenis attended a twelve-week summer course at Peru State Teachers College, Peru, NE, where she received a three-year teaching certificate. She taught for two years at District #37, Mohawk School.

Her marriage to Donald Harry Hopp was on June 16, 1948, at St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church (McWilliams), Talmage. Two sons, Gerald Wayne and Mark Virgil were born to this union. Donald and Glenis lived on a farm east of Talmage for 66 years where Glenis was a homemaker and assisted her husband in farming. Music was one of her hobbies and she was a church organist for as long as she remembered for St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, and continued after her marriage, when she became a member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church/Zion UCC, Talmage, Nebraska. She sang in the church choir and was a children's choir director and Sunday School teacher. Glenis also had many piano students, was an accompanist at Nemaha Valley High School,

as well as Talmage Community Thanksgiving services and Memorial Day observances.

Glenis held various offices in the Zion Women's Fellowship after joining in the 1960s. She was a former member of the New Idea Extension Club, served on the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation Women's Committee as well as the Nebraska Farm Bureau State Board of Directors. Gardening, canning, traveling and genealogy were among her interests. She was a volunteer at the Ambassador, Nebraska City, playing piano for the residents and at Good Samaritan Center, Syracuse, Nebraska, as an accompanist for their hymn sing.

Survivors include: one son, Gerald (Kathy) Hopp of Lincoln, daughter-in-law, Julie Hopp, (widow of Mark) of Dunbar, four grandsons, Andrew (Stephanie), Gretna, Brian (Jamie) Hopp of Lincoln, Christopher Hopp of Omaha, David (Ally) Hopp of Omaha. Eight great-grandchildren: Ethan, Ashleigh, Kaitlyn of Gretna, Alaina, Lincoln, and Atalie of Lincoln, and Moira and Nolan of Omaha. Brother Virgil Holtgrewe of Estes Park, Colorado; nieces Claire Holtgrewe of Arvada, Colorado, and Janet (Terry) Ostrom of Steamboat Springs, CO and two great-nephews, Tyler and Lance Ostrom, as well as other relatives and friends.

Glenis was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, her son, Mark, and her sister-in-law, Carol Holtgrewe.

Funeral services were at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Zion United Church of Christ in Talmage with burial in St. John's Cemetery. Visitations with family will be 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Monday at Marshall Funeral Chapel in Nebraska City. Memorials are suggested to St. John's Cemetery, Talmage.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.marshallfuneral.com](http://www.marshallfuneral.com). Marshall Funeral Chapel of Nebraska City is in charge of arrangements.

## Linda Lehmkuhl

Linda Sue (Johansen) Lehmkuhl, of Fairview, went to meet Jesus on the afternoon of March 10, 2023, at the age of 74. Linda was born May 31, 1948, in Falls City, NE, to Keith and Irene (Fischer) Johansen. She graduated from Reserve High School with the class of 1966.

Linda married the love of her life Vincent Robert "Bob" Lehmkuhl at the Church of the Nazarene in Falls City, NE on May 22, 1966. They raised a son Robert Lehmkuhl and three daughters Amy Kopp, Heather Gildersleeve, and Gretchen Courtney.

Linda worked at the Mid Central Egg Plant, babysat for family and friends, and wallpapered with her aunt Darlene. One of Linda's greatest joys was opening her craft shop "Linda's Crafts in the Country" at her home. She took pride in doing floral arrangements for daughters' and nieces' weddings. In 2005, Bob and Linda purchased the Cozy Café in Fairview, KS. Linda cooked with love for all of her customers, that eventually became family. She was known for her homemade pan-fried chicken, homemade pies, bread pudding, and cinnamon rolls.

Later in life, she found immense pleasure in attending her grandkids activities which ranged from wrestling tournaments to livestock shows to ball games. Time spent with family was precious to Linda. She loved gathering her family at the Cozy. She enjoyed traveling to the mountains with family and watching sunrises on the beach. She loved watching cooking shows, old-western TV shows, reading cookbooks, quilting, cooking, and canning and preserving the produce from her husband's garden. Her favorite pastime was talking



on the phone, most of the time when people tried to call the line rang busy because she was always talking. Running on time was not her forte, Linda showed up when she wanted to.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband, parents; in-laws, Vincent and Margaret (Honeyman) Lehmkuhl; brother, Larry Johansen; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Darlene and Larry Stahl; and brothers-in-law, Eddie Young and Larry Lehmkuhl.

Survivors include her children, Robert (June) Lehmkuhl of North Augusta, SC, Amy (Dan) Kopp of Fairview, KS, Heather (Joe) Gildersleeve of Falls City, NE, and Gretchen (Bobby) Courtney of Coral Springs, FL; her siblings, Marcia (Jim) Frederick, Joyce (Bob) Bachman, Steve (Rita) Johansen, and Angie (Bobby) Hunzeker. She is also survived by her grandchildren Andrew Beck, Daniel Phillips, Lyndee Lehmkuhl, Dannell, Keithen, Kowen, and Addalyn Kopp, Breylynn, Gyensynn and Iyralynn Courtney; a great grandson, Walker McDonough Beck, and many other nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Eternal Hope Worship Center, Hiawatha, KS. A celebration of Linda's life will follow at 11:00 a.m. Pastors Richard Lehmkuhl and David Showalter will officiate. Interment to follow at The Old Fairview Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 until 4 p.m. Tuesday. Memorial contributions can be made to the NEK Multi-County Home Health & Hospice, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434. [www.chapeloxfuneralhome.com](http://www.chapeloxfuneralhome.com).

## Marilyn Carlson

Marilyn Ann (Gudenkauf) Carlson, 87, of Seneca KS died on March 3rd, 2023, at the Nemaha Valley Community hospital in Seneca surrounded by her husband and family.

Marilyn was born on Feb. 29th, 1936, in Corning, KS to Raphael and Florence (Tanking) Gudenkauf. She attended school at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Seneca and graduated in 1954. She moved to Topeka and worked for the State of Kansas. While living in Topeka she would go on to meet her future husband at a dance at Forbes Field.

On September 21st, 1957, Marilyn married Samuel David (Dave) Carlson at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Seneca. They made their first home in Ardmore, OK before moving to Seneca to make their permanent home where they raised their 11 children.

Marilyn was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was happiest being surrounded by family playing cards, board games and watching sports, especially the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas Jayhawks. She also enjoyed bingo, quilting, and taking care of others. She was the rosary leader for St. Ann's Altar Society and was faithful in her commitment to her weekly Perpetual Adoration. She was an Officer on the St. Ann's Altar Society, taught CCD and volunteered on many boards for the schools while her children attended. Marilyn utilized her love of quilting to volunteer weekly to make quilts for the Labor Day picnic and made many beautiful quilts for her children and grandchildren.

Marilyn was preceded in death by a daughter Elaine Schmitz in 2005, a granddaughter Megan Carlson in 2004, one sister Gladys Koelzer and her parents.

She is survived by her husband Dave of 65 years, five sons, five daughters and a son in law: Dan (Cindy) Carlson, Ken (Lori) Carlson, and Rick Carlson all of Seneca, KS, Nancy (Stan) Gudenkauf of Bentonville, AR, Joyce (Dave) Borg of Falls City, NE, Linda (Craig) Peterson of Kansas City, MO, Mark (Janae) Carlson of Lansing, KS, Tim Schmitz, Diane (James) Hilbert and Keith (Charlene) Carlson all of Topeka, KS and Lisa (Tom) Young of Frisco, TX. She is also survived by 30 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild on the way, four Sisters: Mary Grace (Hank) Elder, Elsie (Glenn) Steuve, Phyllis (Cletus) Broxterman and Joyce (Gene) Klingele and many nieces and nephews.

A rosary was prayed on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm at Lauer Funeral Home. A second rosary was prayed on Tuesday, March 7 at 10:30 am at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am and burial was in the Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be left in Marilyn's memory to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Seneca, KS, sent in care of the family.



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## SH IRISH

**Wed 15-**Taco Bowl, Cornbread, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Frosted Graham, Milk  
**Thur 16-**Biscuit & Gravy, Egg, Tri-tater, Apple-sauce, Rice Krispy Treat, Milk  
**Fri 17-**Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Pears, Cookie, Milk  
**Mon 20-**Chicken Fajita, Savory Rice, Peas, Pineapple, Rice Krispy Treat, Milk  
**Tue 21-**Crispito, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Bread, Milk

## FC TIGERS

**WED, 15**  
**North & South School:** Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Orange Smiles, Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk  
**Middle School:** Mrs. Hogue Special: Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Apple or Orange, Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk  
**High School: Hot Lunch:** Chili Soup, baby Carrots, Apple or Orange, Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk  
**Combo Line:** Smoked Turkey & Cheese Sandiwch, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk

**THU, 16**  
**North & South School:** Chicken Flatbread, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk.  
**Middle School:** Mrs. Brown Special: Cheeseburger, Sweet Potato Fries, Lettuce Salad, Pineapple, 8ounce Milk.  
**High School: Hot Lunch:** Fiestada, Oven Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.  
**Combo Line:** Taquitos, Seasoned Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

**FRI, 17**  
**North & South School:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Yogurt, Lettuce Salad, Wango Mango, Pears, 8ounce Milk.  
**Middle School:** Fiestada, Oven Potatoes, Corn, Pears, 8ounce Milk.  
**High School: Hot Lunch:** Pig in a Blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.  
**Combo Line:** Fish Patty, Tater Tots, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk.

**MON, 20**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**SPRING BREAK**

**TUES, 21**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**SPRING BREAK**

## HTRS TITANS

**Wed 15-**Chicken Noodle Soup, Cinnamon Rolls, Carrots/Celery, Fruit, Milk  
**Thur 16-**Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Milk  
**Fri 17-**No School-JH Music Contest  
**Mon 20-**Crispito/Cheese, Bread & Butter, Hot Vegetables, Fruit, Milk  
**Tue 21-**Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk

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**TUES:** Philly Cheesesteak, Open-Faced Roast Beef, Southwest Grilled Turkey Sandwich

**WED:** Chicken Noodle Soup over Mashed Potatoes  
 Chicken Fried Chicken, Chicken Tenders and French Fries.

**THUR:** Meatloaf, Italian Grilled Cheese.

**FRI:** Cheeseburger with Fresh Fried Chips or Fries, Tenderloin with Fresh Fried Chips or Fries, Open-Faced Roast Beef, Broccoli Cheddar Cheese Soup in Bread Bowl.

### DINNER SPECIALS

**THUR & FRI:**

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### DAILY SPECIALS

**Tuesday Lunch:**  
 Buffalo Chicken Cheesestake 12

**Wednesday Lunch:**

Shrimp Tacos 12

**Wednesday Dinner:**

Mississippi Pot Roast Over Mashed Potatoes 12

**Thursday Lunch:**

Reuben 12

**Thursday Dinner:**

Hamburger Steak with Mushrooms Gravy & Mashed Potatoes 12

**Friday Lunch:**

Bangers & Mash with Stout Onion Gravy 12

**Friday Dinner:**

Prime Rib, Mashed Potatoes & Asparagus 34

**Saturday Lunch:**

Triple Meat Pizza 12

**Saturday Dinner:**

Honey Lime Salmon with Mango Salsa & Cilantro  
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### LUNCH SPECIALS

**WED 15- CLOSED**  
**THU 16-** Beef & Noodles over Mashed Potatoes  
**FRI 17- Corned beef & cabbage**  
**MON 20-Meatloaf**  
**TUES 21- Cheesy Burritos**

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**MON:** Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich with one side

**TUES:** Pulled Pork Sando

**WED:** Meatloaf with roll, side salad, veg, & Mashed Potatoes

**THUR:** Lasagna

**FRI:** LUNCH-Pollock or Catfish Fillets DINNER-@5pm  
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Sunday: Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Choir, 7:30 p.m.  
Pastor Mike Hader  
402-245-4584

**Big Lake Baptist Church**  
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Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. We welcome you to all of our services.  
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www.fallscitylcms.com  
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**Trinity United Methodist Church** (Rulo) fumc@sentco.net  
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Sunday: Worship service, 8:45 a.m.; Children's Sunday School during worship.  
Michael Brown, Pastor

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See where Peru State ranked below. Best Online Master's Degrees in Entrepreneurship: <https://www.onlinemastersdegrees.org/best-programs/business/entrepreneurship/>

"This year, we focused on the schools making it easier for students to compete in today's increasingly difficult job market," said Kyle Darland, co-founder of OMD. "Each ranked school offers a fully or partially online master's program in business at a time when earning a master's has become a minimum barrier to entry for many."

Darland is referencing a recent survey from CareerBuilder, which found that "thirty-three percent of employers are hiring workers with master's degrees for positions that had been primarily held by those with four-year degrees." These employers cited an evolution of the skills needed to perform the jobs as the cause of the shift, and an increase in work quality, productivity, and employee retention as the result.

"Providing students with opportunities to get a master's online is only part of our rankings," said Darland. "Top-ranked schools also had competitive tuition rates and/or scholarships to help drive costs down. And with grocery, gas, and other expenses on everyone's mind right now, an affordable master's is key."

OnlineMastersDegrees.org analyzed more than 7,700 accredited universities by using data pulled from the schools themselves and from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). After the data was compiled, OMD's data science team then applied a proprietary algorithm to rank all qualifying schools for each of the

Property Tax Relief + Rural School Funding

By Senator Julie Slama

Last week, Senator Linehan's LB 753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act, advanced to the next round of debate. This is historic as it marks the first time in many years that a "school choice" bill has moved forward in the Nebraska Legislature. However, it is important to note that LB 753 is part of a larger school finance and property tax reduction plan proposed by Governor Jim Pillen. I am proud to support this legislation (along with the other legislation included in the package) as it is a win-win for Nebraska taxpayers and our state's children. LB 753 helps to expand educational options for families who might not otherwise have the means to afford private school tuition, while at the same time reducing the burden on our public school system. By providing scholarships to students in need, we can help to level the playing field and ensure that every child in Nebraska has access to options for education. Parents are the best judges of their children's educational needs and deserve to be able to choose the educational environment that best suits their children's needs, regardless of their income.

This week, I would like to cover the school funding package. The bills in this package are:

Senator Sanders' LB 583 would allocate \$1,500 per-student foundational aid within the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) formula, which is the current school finance formula for Nebraska public schools. Additionally, it would expand funding for special education by "filling the gap" between existing federal and state support and 80 percent of a district's anticipated cost for special education.

Senator Briese's LB 589 would provide a "soft cap" for the annual increase in a district's property tax revenue at three percent. This is a "soft cap," as the spending limit could be exceeded with a 75 percent majority vote of the school board or a 60 percent vote of the people. This proposal would bring property tax relief through a sensible local constraint on property tax assessment.

Senator Clements' 681 would establish a \$1 billion Education Future Fund; the fund would receive a transfer of \$250 million per year. This fund is intended to be spent on foundation aid, increased educational funding, and increased school funding and grant programs, such as teacher retention. It's a "rainy day fund" to protect education from state budget shortfalls.

Senator Linehan's LB 753 would create the "Opportunity Scholarships Act" which would allow individual and corporate taxpayers to qualify for a tax credit equal to the amount the taxpayer contributed to a scholarship-granting organization. The scholarship-granting organization would provide education scholarships for students to attend a qualified, nonprofit, private

different master's degrees specialties.

Primary data points include: Academic counseling services; Career placement services; Student/faculty ratio; Tuition; Percent of students receiving school-based aid; Amount of school-based aid per student.

To be eligible for ranking, a university must hold active regional accreditation and have at least one partially online master's program in the ranking subject. Just 8 percent of U.S. postsecondary institutions earned a ranking position.

elementary or secondary school. 48 other states have some form of school choice, and Nebraska would be #49 if passed.

I look forward to discussing these issues in the coming weeks on the legislative floor. As always, I welcome your input on issues important to you. Follow along on my Facebook and Twitter pages, both entitled "Senator Julie Slama" for more updates, or contact me directly at Senator Julie Slama, District 1 State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln NE 68509-4604; telephone: 402-471-2733; email: jslama@leg.ne.gov.

Humboldt City Council discuss water tests; hope to have enough staff to get pool open and more during meeting

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The Mayor said he was not going to answer anything on that right now. He said when the time was right, he would personally let Sailors know why there was a closed session. Sailors said she would like it on record as challenging it under subsection three—section 84-1410; 3. Any member of the public body can challenge the continuation of a closed session if he or she determines that the session has exceeded the original reason for the closed session or if they contend that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such a challenge can only be overruled by a majority vote of the members of the public body. The challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

Rathbone said that Sheriff Hardesty would be joining the Council for the closed-door session; that was all he could say right now.

Sheriff's Deputy Holiday gave the Sheriff's report. Nine traffic stops, 43 calls for service and 150 hours were logged in February.

The maintenance report by Dave Boughton was given. At the lake part, the trash and restrooms were checked. Tree limbs were picked up and leaves were shredded; the buildings were checked during freezing weather. Everything looked good. The building and supply lines are being checked for freezing at the pool. The pool pump is being checked daily for freezing and leaves are being cleaned from the basin drain to allow the pump to work. Limbs and trash are being cleaned from the streets. Snow is being removed when needed and streets are being salted and sanded in areas of need. The alley is being repaired behind the Methodist Church and ditch repairs are being done along several allies and

roads for drainage improvement. At the airport, trash is being cleaned up and the pile is pushed up weekly. Weekly maintenance is being done on all equipment. The sump pump faulted during the last rainstorm at the Auditorium in the basement stairwell, causing minor flooding that has since dried, but the sump pump is working. The sprig line valve at the City shop has been fixed. Tree limbs have been picked up and leaves have been shredded from the City Square.

Josh Chesnut of People-Service gave an update. He said most of what's been done is preventative maintenance. He didn't see many significant projects. There was a water main break that was fixed. They did seven water tests at the end of January and all came back negative for legionella. One test being taken upstream of Colonial Acres and another downstream.

However, the nursing home is taking all of its tests at the nursing home. Quotes are being acquired for stairs to be replaced at the wastewater treatment plant. They have been there since the early forties. At the wastewater plant, the ammonia was high a couple of months ago, adjustments were made and it's coming down drastically, "Which is great," said Chesnut. The state is aware. "I think the plant is running well; it looks great. The state guy who did come down here, he says the same thing. This ammonia issue is just kind of started came up out of nowhere," said Chesnut.

He also said a water tower light seems to be working, but he will do research and see if a second one should also be on. If so, he will get it taken care of. Chesnut concluded that there were customer complaints about sewage back-up, so sewer lines had to be cleaned.

"It was unreal the amount of syringes that were in our sewage and I mean unreal, the amount of syringes. I don't know if it's a diabetes thing, but I didn't even want to go anywhere near it. I mean, you would have to put a two-inch HVAC suit on to go to touch any of it," said Chesnut. "Luckily enough, those guys have a big enough pump that they sucked it all out. But even them who, on a regular basis clean out pits were surprised by the

amount of paraphernalia that was in our sewage. I just want to bring that to everybody's attention."

The Council approved Ron Russell's resignation from the Housing Authority board and the resignation of Rachel Hernandez from the Library Board.

Conveyances of parcels of land and constituting subdivisions of re-subdivisions and re-subdivisions for Les Boring and Kris Steinblock were approved.

Hours for the City of Humboldt, city office were approved and amended to, 9:00 am to noon and 12:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, except holidays starting on April 1, 2023.

Mayor Rathbone addressed the combined trash service being incorporated with water and sewer billing. He said there would be an open forum/public meeting so people could come to discuss what's being considered. It would happen in the next few weeks.

Councilperson Larry Stauffer was at a meeting at Colonial Acres recently. The city entered into a contract with a water engineering service out of Mead, Nebraska. A representative from there, Victoria Smith, attended the meeting. Some tests were taken that came back really well. Below what's necessary for legionella. He said a few tests came back in a few areas that were "not what they want them to be, but all in all, it's a lot better."

Stauffer said Smith would be reviewing some things with Colonial Acres and "he has all the confidence in the world they're going to get it done." Chlorination was brought up, as well as the use of other chemicals that may not be as harsh on the old pipes.

Councilperson Vicky Lynch said she's still trying to get lifeguards to apply before the March 31 deadline. If they can't get the staff they won't have a pool. They have advertised in surrounding papers but are not getting the applications they need. Maintenance also needs to be done and the pool chairs may be able to be repaired instead of replaced if they pass inspection.

The Council went into a closed session. No further actions were taken.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## CITY OF HUMBOLDT

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. AT HUMBOLDT CITY HALL – 330 E. SQUARE, HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in the Humboldt Standard and in the three designated places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publishing on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the Agenda are on file in the office of the City Clerk. 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.

Present: Mayor Ron Rathbone; Council Members: Larry Stauffer, Vicky Lynch and Rhonda Dettmer  
Absent: Jan Wilhelm

Mayor Ron Rathbone called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, informing all those present of the Poster stating the Open Meeting Law Changes on the East meeting room wall accessible to the public. Mayor Rathbone asked all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public hearing was held at 6:01 pm concerning the Community Development Block Grant application for renovations to Nider's Grocery Store. Council member Dettmer made a motion to open the public hearing was seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated Lynch, Dettmer, and Stauffer, voting in favor of the motion, Wilhelm absent; whereupon motion carried.

Convene the regular City Council meeting. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-02.21 Authorizing the execution of all contracts, documents, and/or other memoranda between the City of Humboldt, Nider's Grocery, and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to accept the awarded grant was made by Council member Dettmer and seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Lynch, Dettmer, and Stauffer, voting in favor of the motion, Wilhelm absent; whereupon motion carried.

Public comment was given by Constituents Rachael Hernandez, Linda Dovel, Mary White and Roxanne Sailors.

Council member Lynch made a motion to accept the February 7, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Lynch, Dettmer, and Stauffer, voting in favor of the motion, Wilhelm absent; whereupon motion carried.

Payroll: \$5167.20 American National Bank: General/Streets Software Dues/Supplies \$680.91, Black Hills Energy: General/Auditorium/Fire/Rural Fire/Rescue/Library Utilities/Gas \$3,518.64, Capital Business Systems: Library/Copier Lease \$116.82, Chet McGrury: General/Professional Fees \$100.00, Emergency Medical Products: Ambulance/Supplies \$172.37, Falls City Sanitation: General/Fire/Rural Fire/Rescue Utilities/Trash Service \$100.34, Law Offices of Weaver and Merz: General/Professional Fees \$137.50, Lengemann & Associates, P.C.: General/Professional Fees \$550.00, Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.: Ambulance/Supplies \$64.22, Nebraska Public Power District: General/ Streets/ Fire/ Rural Fire/Rescue/ Cemetery/Water/Pool/Parks/Auditorium Utility/ Electric \$5,711.70, Quick Med Claims: Ambulance/EMS Billing Fees \$383.33, Richardson County Clerk: Police Interlocal Fees \$6,358.00, The Station Service Center: Ambulance/Fire/Rural Fire/Parks/Streets Fuel/Supplies \$501.00, United States Treasury: General/Payroll Tax \$4,489.48, Windstream: General/Telephone \$358.30

Council member Stauffer made a motion to accept the February 21, 2023, claims; seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated Lynch, Dettmer, and Stauffer, voting in favor of the motion, Wilhelm absent; whereupon motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL

REPORT: See attached report published in same edition as minutes.

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A motion to approve the city to apply for the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant for the City Square Park made by Lynch; seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Stauffer, Dettmer, and Lynch, voting in favor of the motion, Wilhelm absent whereupon motion carried.

A motion to approve the Auditorium Board to apply for the Rural Nebraska Historic Preservation Grant made by Lynch; seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Lynch, Stauffer, and Dettmer, voting in favor of the motion, Wilhelm absent whereupon motion carried.

Council member Dettmer made a motion to approve the 2023 swimming pool permit renewal in the amount of \$40.00; seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Stauffer, Dettmer, and Lynch, voting in favor of the motion, Wilhelm absent whereupon motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO: 665  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HUMBOLDT MUNICIPAL CODE; TO ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Rathbone read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 665 by title. A motion to approve title and first reading made by Stauffer and seconded by Dettmer. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Lynch, Stauffer and Dettmer, voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. A motion to suspend the rules, waive the second, third reading and pass Ordinance No. 665 at the same meeting made by Council member Stauffer and seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated Stauffer, Dettmer, and Lynch, voting in favor of the motion, Wilhelm absent whereupon motion carried.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm. Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7, 2023

ATTEST: Darla Hulsebus, City Clerk  
Ron Rathbone, Mayor

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of Humboldt, Nebraska, held on the 21st day of February 2023.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 27th day of February 2023.

Darla Hulsebus, City Clerk  
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## CITY OF HUMBOLDT

### City of Humboldt Treasurer's Report for 2/21/2023

American National Bank account balances as of Thursday, February 16th are follows. These balances reflect all current claims and ACH payments to date. The general account includes funds for Streets, Water, and Rescue that will be transferred to the appropriate accounts at the end of the month.

General Account = \$165,149.91  
Auditorium Account = \$164,817.66  
Cemetery Account = \$4,739.93  
Fire Account = \$13,957.10  
Rescue Account = \$83,863.99  
Streets Account = \$84,579.37  
Water & Sewer Account = \$69,224.59

No unusual or unplanned expenses exist at the time of this report.

The LARM Payroll Audit information has been submitted. The information for the fiscal year end audit has also been submitted. The 2022-2023 Budget has been entered into the accounting software.

Respectfully submitted by  
Cindy Eden on 2/16/2023.  
ZNEZ

## VILLAGE OF STELLA

### Village of Stella Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Jim Donahoe, Rick Ramer, Ray Lovett and Heath Stanley.  
Absent: Paulina Gossman  
Guests: Vicki Beilke

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Stanley and roll call was taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairperson Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act in the meeting hall.

Motion by Ramer and second by Lovett to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. All voted yea.

Motion by Ramer and second by Lovett to approve the treasurers report as presented. All voted yea.

Motion by Ramer and second by Donahoe to approve the claims and payroll as presented. All voted yea.

Communications: Request to put container behind old bar building for building materials. She will need to get a permit. The Clerk received a call from Shari Huddleston to see if SENCA could use the community building June 7 for a Free Pantry Day. Motion by Ramer and second by Lovett to allow them to use the building with no charge. All voted yea. The Firemen will be having their fish fry March 18. The cattle inside the village limits were discussed again. Stanley has visited with the owner and will do so again. Motion by Ramer and second by Donahoe to have a survey performed on the village limits. All voted yea. Ramer received a complaint about dogs running at large. The ordinance states they are to be penned or tethered. A newsletter stating this will be handed out.

Committees: Streets – The block of 2nd St just west of Elm St was discussed. Millings can be bought for \$11 per ton and three truck loads will be ordered to try on some of the alleys on a motion by Ramer and a second by Lovett. Lights -ok. Park – The new donor sign will be put up at the park.W&S- Written report by Milke. Library – Written report by James. Maintenance Man – not present. Planning – R Sullwold permit approved on a motion by Ramer and second by Donahoe. All voted yea. Tree – None. Health – None. Community Building – The color and style were selected for the shades from Custom Blinds & Designs on a motion by Donahoe and a second by Lovett. Voting yea – Lovett, Do-

nahoe and Stanley. Abstaining – Ramer. Motion by Ramer and second by Donahoe to purchase a new rack for the chairs at approximately \$600. The 60 new chairs do not fit on the old rack. All voted yea.

Library Entrance – Stanley will put in a new door with side glass for the library. Materials will be approximately \$1,000 and he will donate the labor. Motion by Ramer to proceed with this plan with a second by Lovett. Voting yea – Lovett, Donahoe and Ramer. Abstaining – Stanley.

Old School Sign – Ramer received a bid of \$5,200 to replace the faces of the sign and with the welding needed, the total cost would be around \$6,000. Motion by Donahoe to proceed with a second by Lovett. All voted yea.

Committees - New committees were set up.

Spring Clean-up day – April 22 with the dumpsters here on the 17th.

Village Shed – Need some rock at the front end, downspout drainage needs attention

Greenhouse – The garden club members would like steps down to the greenhouse. Ramer and Donahoe will look at this.

Questions from the audience – Research Club asked the Village to supply the Easter candy for the egg hunt. Motion by Donahoe and second by Stanley to provide the candy. All voted yea.

Water Shut-offs – Signed. Miscellaneous – Discussion about pickle ball at the tennis court. Adjournment – Motion by Lovett and a second by Donahoe to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. All voted yea. Vicki Owings, Clerk

### March Claims and Payroll

Falls City Journal – meeting minutes 28.89; NE Public Health Environmental Lab – water tests 15.00; Noha Vice – snow removal 892.50; Heath Stanley – reimbursement 1607.72; OPPD – electricity 454.76; SE NE Communications – telephone 220.72; Wolfes Printing – supplies 145.96; Berwick Coop oil – diesel 65.00; Midwest Labs Inc – sewer analysis 398.58; Stella's One Stop Shop – supplies 45.00; Vicki Owings – clerk wage 550.00; Tracy Milke – water/sewer operator 350.00; Aaron Davis – water/sewer assistant 300.00; NPPD – electricity 974.05; American Recycling & Sanitation – trash removal 1185.75; One Call Concepts .80; Dennis Bahr – maintenance wage 150.00; IRS – 941 tax 254.98; Tracy Milke – mileage, postage, supplies 169.06; Sue James – librarian wage 102.00; Display Sales – Flags 82.00

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## VILLAGE OF SALEM

### VILLAGE OF SALEM FEBRUARY 2023

The Salem Village Board met February 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Stauch opened the meeting, Kean, Catlin, Wessel and Vogele answered roll. Water operator McHenry was also present.

The Board reviewed the current certificates of deposit that the Village of Salem and the Salem cemetery hold. Chairman Strauch moved to have the clerk look into current interest rates and renew at the current improved rates. Motion was seconded by Wessel, Motion carried, Kean, Catlin, Strauch, Wessel, and Vogele.

Catlin moved to post a bid notice for the 2023 mowing season. Vogele seconded the motion. Motion carried, Kean, Catlin, Strauch, Vogele, and Wessel all voting yes. The bid Notice will be posted in the Falls City Journal, and at the Community Building.

Claims were presented for payment. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Catlin, Wessel voting yes. Vogele abstained.

Wessel moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Vogele. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, Catlin, and Vogele all voting yes.

The next meeting will March 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar  
Village Clerk

CLAIMS: OPPD 480.48 General 66.00 Combl 79.11 Frhl 39.82 Street 295.55

Water operator 650.00 Water testing 31.00 RWD 2 2233.82 Rural Water Dues 200.00 Water expenses Village of Salem/ Water Fund 400.00 Falls City Journal 51.84 Richardson Clerk 100.00 USPS 60.60 General expense Schendel Pest Control 33.00

Combl expense KMW Construction 1695.00 Street expense Clerk 454.09 water 100.00 Street 150.00 204.09 General.

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### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet weekly for a regular meeting on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m., Room 202 in the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

The Board of Equalization of the County of Richardson, Nebraska meet when times may necessitate for the purpose of conducting any and all business that requires the action of the County Board of Equalization. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal business hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County

Mary L. Eickhoff  
Richardson County Clerk

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### NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Laura Prosser, Deceased. Case No. PR23-7

Notice is hereby given that on February 22, 2023, 2023, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, John J. Prosser, who address is 729 NW 2nd St., Unit 618, Miami, FL 33128, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the above-entitled intestate Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 1, 2023.

Cassandra R. Buethe  
Clerk of the County Court  
1700 Stone Street,  
Falls City, NE 68355

WEAVER & MERZ  
Douglas E. Merz, No. 12807  
Samantha K. Scheitel, No. 26389  
1719 Stone Street  
P.O. Box 569  
Falls City, NE 68355  
(402) 245-3015

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### CITY OF HUMBOLDT CEMETERY, GROUNDS KEEPER/SEXTON –

The position is a contractor position and is responsible for grounds maintenance of the city cemetery and its facilities. General Liability insurance required. A complete job description is available upon request. Submit proposals to the City of Humboldt, 330 East Square, Humboldt, NE 68376 (402) 862-2171.

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Public Notice of Annual Meeting:

In accordance with SARA Title III, NEPCRA section 81-15, 217(1)(a), and Public Meeting laws sections 84-1408 to 84-1414. The Southeast Nebraska Local Emergency Planning Committee is publishing this notice of our 2023 Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held at 10am on Wednesday March 22nd, at the Nemaha County Emergency Management office at 601 J street in Auburn NE, for the purpose of reviewing the emergency plan (NEPCRA Section 81-15, 271(1)(c) and annual Tier II reports with the public, allowing public comments and the LEPC to respond to public comments.

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### IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case No. PR23-6

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRANDON STEWART, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2023, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Appointment of Special Administrator of mid Decedent that Joseph E. Steward whose address is 516 H. St., Dawson, NE 68337, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 1, 2023, or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Buethe  
Clerk Of The County Court  
1700 Stone Street  
Falls City, NE 68355

Gregory A. Greder, #-19302  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
819 "O" Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
(402) 423-9020  
[gregory@gredclaw.com](mailto:gregory@gredclaw.com)

1-8-15  
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### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION T&R Land and Livestock LLC 2511 Fulton Street Falls City, NE 68355

Notice is hereby given that Travis E. Eickhoff has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

1. The name of this limited liability company is T&R Land and Livestock LLC.

2. The Initial Designated Office Address is 2511 Fulton Street, Falls City, NE 68355 and its Registered Agent is Travis E. Eickhoff, 2511 Fulton Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

3. The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on March 6, 2023. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

Handley Law Office  
Dylan L. Handley (24152)  
217 E. 18th Street  
Falls City, Nebraska 68355  
Telephone: (402) 245-3088  
Fax: (402) 245-2664  
Email: [dylanhandley@hotmail.com](mailto:dylanhandley@hotmail.com)

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## Notice to Bidders:

The Village of Nemaha, NE is seeking sealed, competitive bids for the construction of a New, 3,530 SF Pre-Engineered Metal Building to be used as a Community Building, with an Add Alternate to add an Additional Bay, bringing the Total Building Area to 5,260 SF). Qualified bidders may submit bids for the project as described in the complete Bidding Documents, available at the A & D Technical Supply Online Planroom at <https://plans.adechsupply.com/> Bids are to be received no later than 4:30 PM, CST on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023.

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Falls City, NE 402-245-2808  
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or send application and/or resume to: International Sensor  
Systems, Inc., 103 Grant Street, Aurora, Ne. 68818, (402)  
694-6111; Email: [rich-issi@hamilton.net](mailto:rich-issi@hamilton.net)

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE  
IN THE COUNTY COURT  
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,  
NEBRASKA**

Estate of MARGIE A. LEWIS,  
Deceased  
Estate No. PR23-8

Notice is hereby given that on  
February 28, 2023, in the Coun-  
ty Court of Richardson County,  
Nebraska, Jaymie J. Nolte, whose  
address is 975 Nemaha St., Hum-  
boldt, NE 68376, Melodie L. Lew-  
is, whose address is 7811 Spring  
Farm Ct, Prospect, KY 40059 and  
Guy M. Lewis, whose address is  
961 Lincoln, Humboldt, NE 68376  
were informally appointed by the  
Registrar as Co-Personal Repre-  
sentatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file  
their claims with this Court on or  
before May 8, 2023, or be forever  
barred.

Cassandra R. Bueche  
Clerk of the County Court  
County Court of Richardson Co.  
1700 Stone St #205  
Falls City, NE 68355

Kelly J. Werts (Bar I.D. # 20509)  
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey  
& Merwin, P.C., L.L.O.  
713 4th St  
Humboldt, NE 68376  
Tel: (402)862-2321  
Email: [kellywerts@gmail.com](mailto:kellywerts@gmail.com)  
8-15-22  
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**NOTICE  
In the County Court of  
Richardson County, Nebraska.  
In the Matter of the  
Estate of Beverly A. Wittrock,  
Deceased. Case No. PR23-10**

Notice is hereby given that on  
March 7, 2023, in the County Court  
of Richardson County, Nebras-  
ka, the Registrar issued a written  
statement of Informal Probate of  
the Will of said Decedent and that  
Larry Wittrock, whose address is  
604 Edward Street, Humboldt, NE  
68376, was informally appointed  
by the Registrar as Personal Repre-  
sentative of the Estate. Creditors  
of this Estate must file their claims  
with this Court on or before May  
15, 2023, or be forever barred.

Cassandra R. Bueche  
Clerk of County Court  
1700 Stone St. Rm 205  
Falls City, NE 68355

WEA VER & MERZ  
Douglas E. Merz, No. 12807  
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1719 Stone Street, P.O. Box 569  
Falls City, NE 68355  
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**COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

**RICHARDSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023  
CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Rich-  
ardson County Board of Com-  
missioners was called to order by  
Chairman Caverzagie at 9:02 a.m.  
on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.  
Roll call was answered by Karas,  
Sickel and Caverzagie. The In-  
vocation was given by Chairman  
Caverzagie and the Pledge of Al-  
legiance was led by Vice-Chair-  
man Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie  
announced that the open meeting  
laws have been posted at the en-  
trance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sickel to  
approve the minutes of the Febru-  
ary 21, 2023, meeting as presented.

Motion seconded by Caverzagie.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-ab-  
stain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye.  
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to  
approve the minutes of the Febru-  
ary 21, 2023, Board of Equaliza-  
tion meeting as presented. Motion  
seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL  
CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sick-  
el-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion  
carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to ap-  
prove the minutes of the Quarterly  
Safety Committee meeting held  
on February 21, 2023. Motion  
seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL  
CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain,  
Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Mo-  
tion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to  
approve the agenda as posted.  
Motion seconded by Caverzagie.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye,  
Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Mo-  
tion carried. The agenda is posted  
at the Richardson County Court-  
house in the First Floor Lobby,  
the Lower Level Lobby and on the  
Commissioner's Meeting Room  
door on the 2nd Floor and on the  
Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

**LAW ENFORCEMENT  
CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the  
Board on the routine business with-  
in the Law Enforcement Center this  
week. He reported that a trainee  
has completed the training at the  
academy and will begin duties as a  
deputy on March 18 and a con-  
tract for the school resource officer  
at Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer  
Schools in Humboldt for the next  
school year is being prepared.

Motion was made by Caverzagie  
to approve the request from C4K  
(Communities for Kids) and Six-  
pence CCP (Childcare Partnership)  
who contributed to the purchase of  
the digital finger-printing equip-  
ment in the amount of \$4,999.99,  
no fee for digital fingerprinting for  
one year beginning on the day the  
equipment will be accessible for  
childcare providers, assistants, pre-  
school teachers and staff. Motion  
seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL  
VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye,  
Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**FALLS CITY SD#56 BUS  
BARN**

Tyler Bek representing the Falls  
City School District #56 Bus Barn  
presented to the Board concerns  
that he has with the amount of brush  
and overgrowth on 2 different rail-  
road track crossings. He indicated  
that he had contacted the Union Pa-  
cific RR regarding this concern and  
that the railroad stated the County  
is responsible for maintaining the  
brush on the county road right-of-  
way at the railroad crossings.

Mr. Bek also wanted to bring to  
the Board's attention of concerns  
he has with the condition of county  
roads and that more rock needed  
to be placed in areas as some of  
the school buses have been "plow-  
ing a lot of mud". He indicated that  
the "crown" on the roads has been  
deteriorating and that maybe road  
graders are traveling at too high of  
speed when dragging roads.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Steve  
Darveau updated the Board on the  
routine maintenance being done on  
county roads and bridges this past  
week. The agreement that was  
approved at last week's meeting  
for the rental of the hydraplatform  
to Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. at  
a price to be paid to the County of  
\$8,625.00/month was signed by  
Chairman Caverzagie

**2023 ARMOR COAT PROJECT  
SEALED BID OPENING**

Chairman Caverzagie present-  
ed the proof of publication for the  
opening of sealed bids for the Ar-  
mor Coat project. Bids were re-  
ceived from the following: StaBilt

Construction Company, Harlan,  
Iowa; Midwest Coatings Company,  
Inc., Modale, Iowa and Hall Broth-  
ers, Inc. of Marysville, KS. Bids  
are available for public inspection  
at the County Clerk's Office.

Motion was made by Sickel to  
accept all the awards received only  
for the purpose of further review  
by the engineer and Highway Su-  
perintendent. Motion seconded  
by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE:  
Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverza-  
gie-aye. Motion carried.

**HOUSE OF HOPE**

Jerry Yount, Jerry Duerfeldt and  
Eugene Rowell requested to meet  
with the Board for an update on the  
House of Hope organization and  
also requested the County Board  
of Commissioners consider allo-  
cating the funds received through  
the Opioid Settlement to the House  
of Hope. If the Opioid Settlement  
funds are allocated for the House  
of Hope, the group also presented  
to the Board a resolution for their  
consideration to adopt.

**CORRESPONDENE/OTHER  
Resolution 2022-2023-37**

**Cancel Check**  
Motion was made by Caverzagie  
to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-  
37 to cancel a check issued in er-  
ror. Motion seconded by Sickel.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye,  
Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Mo-  
tion carried. (Resolution Book 27,  
Page 8)

Motion was made by Sickel to ap-  
prove a Return-to-Work Policy for  
departments to follow when an em-  
ployee has been away from work  
due to a work comp injury or ill-  
ness. Motion seconded by Karas.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye,  
Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Mo-  
tion carried. (Resolution Book 27,  
page 9)

**CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie  
to allow the payment of all claims  
that were submitted today. Motion  
seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL  
VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye,  
Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.  
(The claims listed below are avail-  
able for public inspection at the  
office of the County Clerk during  
regular business hours.)

**GENERAL FUND**

AT&T Mobility, serv .....	422.56
Boards Inn & Suites, lodg ..	288.00
Brite, supp .....	409.00
BuckIT, serv .....	650.00
Bud Sewer Service, serv .....	445.00
Cass County Jail, serv .....	2633.85
Clerk of District Court, fees	252.00
DAS State Accounting, serv ..	163.18
East Richardson Rural Water #2,	
serv .....	355.55
Falls City Journal, adv .....	2212.48
Falls City Mercantile, supp	265.56
Family Medicine, serv .....	507.10
Farm & City Supply, supp .....	21.17
Galls, supp .....	93.75
Gravatt, Jere, serv .....	80.00
Hillyard, supp .....	267.46
Karas, Rick, reimb .....	431.78
Kollasch Law Office, serv.	1482.00
CR21-103 C. Simon	
Lake Mac Assessment,	
serv .....	2000.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv	568.11
OPD Business Solutions,	
supp .....	328.93
Pest Control Services of SE	
NE, serv .....	45.00
Professional Form & Supplies,	
supp .....	205.70
Quill, supp .....	427.96
Richardson County Clerk Petty	
Cash, reimb .....	42.94
Richardson County Sheriff Petty	
Cash, reimb .....	1373.19
Scholl Lawn & Landscape,	
serv .....	2215.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp .....	419.94
TOTAL GEN FUND .....	\$18,607.21

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Diversified Drug Testing,	
serv .....	325.00
Farm & City Supply, supp .....	3950.00
Hamm Inc., rock .....	1915.57
Koch's Auto, supp .....	10088.88
Martin Marietta Materials,	
rock .....	15605.76
Midwest Sales & Service,	
supp .....	6825.00
NPPD, serv .....	71.17
OPPD, serv .....	104.73
Operation & Expense	
Account, reimb .....	19.73
Sapp Bros., fuel .....	6395.96
Unifirst, supp .....	48.12
Woods & Aitken, serv .....	1462.50
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE	
FUND .....	\$46,812.42

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Caverzagie  
to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m.  
Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL  
CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sick-  
el-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion  
carried. The Board will meet again  
on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at  
9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's  
Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls  
City. The agenda is kept current at  
the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman  
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,  
NEBRASKA

CASE NO. CI 23-2  
NOTICE OF SUIT  
TO ABATE NUISANCE

CITY OF FALLS CITY,  
NEBRASKA,  
A Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CARL J. THOMAS,  
Defendant.

To: Carl J. Thomas

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that a Complaint for abatement of  
a nuisance on real estate has been  
filed by the above-named Plaintiff  
in the District Court of Richardson  
County, Nebraska against the above  
named person for the referenced  
property, described as follows:

South 7.5 feet of Lot 8, All of  
Lot 9, and the North Half of Lot  
10, Block 134, Original Town to  
the City of Falls City, Richardson  
County, Nebraska

The object and prayer of said  
Complaint is for the abatement of  
nuisance condition which exist on  
the real estate as above-described,  
and if not abated by the defendant  
within 30 days following entry of  
an order herein that plaintiff be  
authorized to abate the nuisance  
by demolition of the buildings and  
return of the property to grade and  
that the cost of such abatement be  
a judgement herein against the  
defendant and a lien upon the real  
estate.

YOU have thirty (30) days from  
March 15, 2023 in which to enter  
your response to this Complaint or  
judgment will be entered against  
you.

**GOVERN YOUR ACTIONS  
ACCORDINGLY.**

City of Falls City, Nebraska  
PLAINTIFF

By:  
Tracy A. Burns, Deputy City  
Attorney

Tracy A. Burns, #25398  
Michael R. Dunn, #16825  
Halbert & Dunn, L.L.C.  
111 East 17th Street  
Post Office Box 447  
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447  
Phone: (402)245-4486  
1-8-15  
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**NOTICE OF  
INCORPORATION OF  
SUPERIOR RECYCLING  
SERVICES, INC.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the undersigned has formed  
a corporation under the Nebraska  
NonProfit Corporation Act as fol-  
lows:

1. The name of the corporation is  
Superior Recycling Services, Inc.
2. The corporation is a public ben-  
efit corporation.
3. The street address of the ini-  
tial registered office is 200 W 7th  
Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355,  
and the registered agent at such ad-  
dress is Robert J Hamilton.
4. The name and street address of  
each incorporator is:  
Robert J Hamilton 65279 703  
Loop, Falls City, NE 68355
5. The corporation will not have  
members.

Incorporator: Robert J Hamilton  
1-8-15  
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**Invitation To Bid –  
Mowing & Trimming Cemetery**

The City of Humboldt, Nebras-  
ka will accept SEALED BIDS  
for mowing and trimming of the  
Cemetery until Monday, March  
27th, 2023, by 4:00pm. Bids are to  
be priced per each occurrence of  
mowing and trimming. Must car-  
ry General Liability Insurance and  
provide the City Hall with the Cer-  
tificate of Insurance. Maps of the  
property are available by request at  
City Hall and tours can be sched-  
uled by contacting the City Hall.  
Sealed bids must be sent or deliv-  
ered to the office of the City Clerk,  
located at 330 E Square, P.O. Box  
156, Humboldt, NE 68376 by  
Monday, March 27, 2023, by  
4:00pm. All sealed bids must be  
marked on the outside of the envel-  
ope: "Sealed Bid for Mowing &  
Trimming Cemetery". Bids will be  
reviewed Wednesday March 29th,  
2023. The City of Humboldt re-  
serves the right to accept or reject  
any or all bids which in their opin-  
ion serves the best interest of the  
City of Humboldt, Nebraska.

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## TAKING BIDS

### The Rulo Nebraska Cemetery Board

is taking sealed bids  
for 2023 mowing.

Bids must be postmarked by  
March 24, 2023.

Mail bids to:

**Steve Johansen  
66082 703 Trail  
Rulo, NE 68431**

Call 402-245-4676 with questions.

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Pictured from left to right: Jack Bangert head football coach Falls City High, Wendy Craig, Jon Craig and Robbie Craig along with Peru State defensive line coach Darin Fritz.



Sam Dunn soars past the Patriot defender for an easy bucket Thursday night.

## Jon Craig signs to Peru

On March 8, Jon Craig, a senior offensive lineman for the Falls City Tigers, signed his letter of intent to play football for the Peru State Bobcats this fall. Craig is an honors student at FCHS and carries a 3.99 GPA and was also a three-sport athlete. Craig will likely be playing on the offensive line for the Bobcats. He was joined at the ceremony by his family, coaches and teammates.

## Parkview rallies for win over Irish in tourney opener

The road to the Class D-2 NSAA State Championship has run through either Falls City Sacred Heart or Lincoln Parkview Christian for the past three seasons. In 2020, SH defeated Humphrey St. Francis for the title, 45-33. In 2021, the Irish came from the No. 7 seed to defeat Parkview Christian 64-47 to win the title. Last year, Parkview defeated the Irish in the semifinals and won the program's first state championship. This year, the 23-3 Patriots were the three seed, while the Irish, 18-8, entered the first-round contest at the Devaney Center as the sixth seed.

The game could not have begun any better for Sacred Heart. With 6:40 to play in the first, Joe Simon snagged an offensive rebound and powered back up for the game's first bucket. A minute later, Simon hit another hoop in the paint and drew the foul; his free throw completed the three-point play and put the Irish in front 5-0. On the ensuing trip down the floor, Simon scored his seventh straight point, putting SH in front 7-0 as Parkview took a timeout.

Viktar Kachalouski drilled a triple out of the break, cutting the lead to 7-3. Simon was in control in the first, scoring with 3:27 on the clock to make it 9-3. After a quick bucket by the Patriots, Jack Stice sank a trey, putting SH in

front 12-5. With a 12-7 lead, Evan Keithley hit a triple from the wing, giving the Irish an eight-point lead, 15-7. Simon scored his 11th point of the period with just under thirty seconds remaining, giving the Irish a 17-9 advantage. A bucket by Kachalouski with two seconds remaining cut the lead to six, 17-11, at the end of the first. The Irish defense forced five first-period turnovers by the Patriots and didn't allow an easy shot in the opening eight minutes.

Parkview opened the second period with six consecutive points to take the first lead of the game, 17-18, with 7:00 minutes to play in the half. Sam Dunn finally ended the scoring drought for the Irish, hitting a bucket in the lane to put SH back in front. The Irish came right back down the court with another hoop, this time by Riley Nelson, putting SH in the lead 21-18 with 4:29 to go in the half. After a Patriot bucket, Dunn got a steal and layup to push the lead back to three. A layup thirty seconds later by Keithley made it 25-20, but SH went 0-3 from the foul line in the final 1:30, allowing Parkview to hang in the game. The Patriots got a big momentum boost heading into the half as Maurice Reide sank a three with :03 remaining, drew the foul, hit the free throw to complete the four-point play, and made it 25-24 heading into halftime.

The Irish played extremely well in the first 16 minutes, forcing 11 turnovers, but nursed a one-point lead with two periods remaining.

Parkview rode the momentum in the second half, scoring the first nine points to go from a one-point deficit to an eight-point lead, 25-33, with 4:45 to play in the third. Finally, with 4:11 to go, Dunn hit a three from the left wing to cut the lead to five. The Irish seemed to come alive after the trey as Simon got a block on the defensive end of

the hardwood on the following possession and hit a baseline jumper to make it 30-33 and force Parkview to burn a timeout. Out of the timeout, the Patriots scored seven straight to push the lead to ten at 30-40 with :31 left in the third. The Irish weren't done, as Keithley drained his second bomb with four seconds remaining to make it 33-40 at the end of the third.

Parkview again came out hot to begin the fourth period, scoring the first five points to push the lead to its biggest of the game, 33-45. Buckets by Simon and Dunn kept the Irish within ten, but the Parkview offense was hitting its stride and couldn't be slowed down by the Irish. After forcing the Patriots into 11 first-half turnovers, SH only caused four in the second half and Parkview took advantage as they pulled away for the 62-42 win over the Irish.

The Irish struggled the entire contest from the charity stripe, converting only 4/13 attempts, while the Patriots sealed the win from the foul line, going 17/20, including a 10/12 effort in the fourth period. Sacred Heart has lived and died from the three-point line this season and unfortunately for the Irish faithful, the rims at the Devaney Center were unkind as the Irish finished with only four made from deep on 27 attempts. The Irish were outrebounded 23-42.

Simon led the Irish with 15 points, five rebounds and four blocked shots.

Sacred Heart's season ended in the first round of the NSAA tournament for just the fourth time in 21 appearances under Coach Goltz.

Scoring for Sacred Heart: Stice 5, Keithley 9, Nelson 2, Simon 15, Taft 2, Dunn 9.

Scoring for Parkview: Kachalouski 22, Scott 3, Pittman 13, Reide 17, Simonson 7.



Joe Simon dominated the first quarter against Parkview Christian on Thursday at the Devaney Center



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