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Council authorizes the removal of two parking stalls at Frontier Bank

The Falls City Council met for an abbreviated meeting on Monday night, May 1, at City Hall. Roll call was taken with all councilpersons answering the call. Mayor Harkendorff opened the meeting by thanking Jon McQueen for painting approximately 200 fire hydrants on his own time and the city workers for repairing lights that were out at Stanton Lake.

In the City Administrator's report, Anthony Nussbaum stated that the street sweeper had been delivered and training began immedi-

Nussbaum also discussed the possibility of the 911 dispatch merger with Richardson Countv.

"You've probably seen stuff in the papers about 911 dispatch; that hasn't been presented at all. We are in the very, very early stages of anything with that. We've had one meeting, that's been about an hour, to get anything talked about, pretty much about the same thing as when (Gary) Jorn was here," said Nussbaum. "Nothing else has been done with it, but we're going to look at it when Beatrice ends and Richardson County comes up."

The contract with the County comes due in about 18 months.

"There hasn't been any more discussions beyond what was done prior to my arrival here; I just wanted to make that clear," stated Nussbaum.

Police Chief Jamie Baker addressed the Council, saying that Tim Daniels graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center on April 21, 2023, and is scheduled and working.

Under Old Business, the Council passed the Treasurer's report from March 2023.

Under Regular Business, the Council discussed the implementation of the Sidewalk Improvement Program, which allocated \$50,000 from ARPA funds to assist in repairing hazardous sidewalks and provide for the installation of new sidewalks in areas currently without them. The program will be available to all property owners located in Falls City. The city will pay up to a maximum of \$1,500 for grants, or \$5,000, at zero interest, for loans through the program. Total reimbursement will not exceed \$5.00 per square foot of sidewalk replacement. The motion was approved on an 8-0 vote.

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CMC Recognized as a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by The Chartis Center for Rural Health

Community Medical Center in Falls City, Nebraska has once again been recognized as a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital for 2023. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX[™].

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County Commissioners, City of Humboldt

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Plan for severe weather - know your weather terms

By Nikki McKim; photos by Chelsie Alexander

Severe weather season is now upon us and knowing the difference between a tornado warning and a tornado watch can save your life.

With the help of Chris Eickhoff and Mutt and Jeff Drive-In, the Journal has offered this delicious explanation to help remember the difference between the two.

A tornado watch is when all the ingredients are there for a tornado meaning one could form at any minute so be prepared.

A beef burger watch, like a tornado watch means all the ingredients are there. The beef, bun, and all of Mutt's delicious secret spices are in place to prepare their famous beef burgers, but its not quite a fully formed beef burger yet.

A tornado warning means a tornado has been spotted or rotation has been radar indicated. Get to shelter immediately.

A beef burger warning, like a tornado warnings means a beef burger is fully prepared, its there

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BEWARE: Beefburgers are possible. We have the ingredients to make beefburgers.



TAKE ACTION: Beefburgers are happening now! Prepare your plate!

Humboldt pool closed over safety concerns

Humboldt's city pool will remain closed after years of upkeep and discussion. The condition of the pool has raised serious safety concerns and the Council and Mayor decided that for the safety of the patrons and the staff, it will not open this summer.

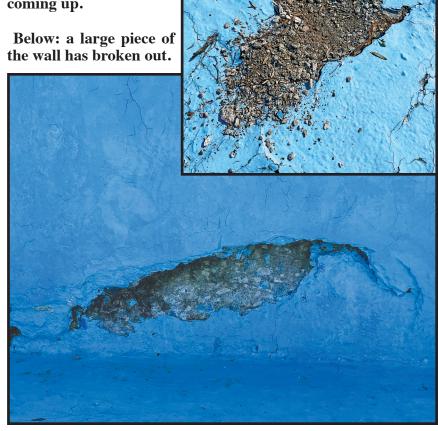
This decision doesn't come lightly. The Humboldt pool has been a topic of discussion for many years at City Council meetings.

Near the end of 2021, Council member Dustin White said he would like to see a committee formed for the replacement of the swimming pool.

Months later, in March, former Mayor Bob Mendenhall said the swimming pool costs at the time were "probably approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000." That total was after passes were sold for the year. "Keeping it going is a major undertaking," said Mendenhall.

The pool was first opened in 1951. The City Council closed the baby pool in 2022 due to a broken line underground that had collapsed during the winter. During that 2022 Townhall Meeting, a citizen asked if there was a plan for the future of the swimming pool. Former Mayor

Right: bottom of the pool where patchwork and paint has peeled off and gravel and dirt are coming up.



Mendenhall said he would like to see any money go towards things for the kids, like the swimming pool. Mendenhall noted that some of the funds (from the tax increase to be voted on that year) could be earmarked for the pool but couldn't be guaranteed because it would be up to the Council to decide. He mentioned that the pool was built on a water table but can't be moved because of the pool house.

During that meeting, Former Council member Larry Stauffer said he'd been in contact with an outfit in Kansas about

swimming pools and was excited about looking more into it. But he needed to find out if it was affordable. He said at that time that he thought fixing the current pool would be like putting a match to a \$100 bill. "We're spending good money after bad and we're just band-aiding it to the maximum."

Another issue in 2021 and 2022 with the pool was finding help. Last year the Council passed motions to help with certification aid to encourage more kids to be lifeguards and return this year.

Former Mayor Mendenhall said he wanted to use the tax increase

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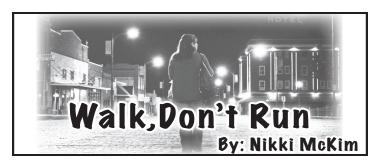
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Near the beginning of April I took myself to Lawrence, Kansas to board a train to Los Angels.

For some strange reason I thought taking a train would be a brilliant idea. This may be where my love of movies gets me into trouble. Fievel Goes West, Before Sunrise, French Kiss, they had all set me up for failure before I even booked my ticket.

A round trip ticket on a coach seat where I had my own electrical outlet, light and a seat to kick back in was cheaper than a plane ticket, by a decent amount. Along the way I would be able to read, write and see parts of the country I had never seen. We would be traveling through New Mexico, Arizona and southern California. We would go through the Raton Pass and the desert. It would be magical.

I was to board around midnight. My ticket didn't include the dining car, so I had to pack my own meals. I had a small cooler with frozen water bottles, a couple sandwiches, chips, and some pork tacos. I also had an 80 oz. water bottle that would keep ice for a few days and a dozen cookies. It would be more than enough for 36 hours.

I pulled up to the dark and empty train station around 11 p.m. It was quiet, but there was a suspicious white van in the parking lot. The type of van your parents warn you about when you're a little kid. I decided I didn't want to mess with that van. My instincts were right when a man came out of the darkness, from across the other side of the tracks, got into the van, rummaged around, leaned out of the van to get sick, and, whatever else he did is beyond me because I hightailed it out of there.

When I returned there was a man with luggage standing in front of the station. I parked and pulled my luggage over to him and told him I had never been happier to see someone else in my life. This man was a veteran of train travel. He gave me a couple lessons in what to do and what not to do. 1) Don't sit in a downstairs car. He said those cars are for "the strange people." Strike one against me. I had booked my ticket for a bottom car to help with my nausea. 2) Keep your bags with you. Don't take an eye off your

bags. Strike two, I had two large suitcases, a backpack and a weekend bag. It would be impossible to keep my bags on me at all times and not take my eyes off them. We boarded and I was lucky enough to get my biggest

suitcase in a spot where my eyes would be on it the entire trip. My other two bags were above me in my assigned seat. From Lawrence to Topeka I was alone. I had taken something to sleep, had my sleep mask, pillow and blanket. I was set. At Topkea I got a seat mate and two teenage boys behind me who were not ready to sleep. From Topeka to Newton-a good few hours, we all listened to these boys cheer each other on while they played games. My seatmate left and I spread out across both seats. I never had seatmate the rest of the trip.

Between the coughing, puking, choking, snoring and general talking that, we'll call them "The Flagstaff couple," did, nobody slept. At 4:00 a.m. when we reached Dodge City, Mrs. Flagstaff announced to the entire train car that she had to get off to step foot in Dodge City. My friend who I'll refer to as "Pittsburgh," groaned and covered his head. She told stories about her love of Gunsmoke and how her friends would never believe she was in thee Dodge City. Any other time of day we all would have listened politely and engaged, but 4:00 a.m. when nobody had slept yet, we were not having it. As the train sat and Mrs. Flagstaff stood outside alone talking about Gunsmoke, her voice, though muffled still traveled through the car much to the chagrin of Pittsburgh who groaned louder as he flopped around in his seat trying to get comfortable.

As the sun came up I dozed off. It was getting uncomfortably stuffy and I woke up as we pulled into Lamar, CO. The couple across the isle from me mouthed "I'm sorry," as they packed up to leave and Mrs. Flagstaff yelled to nobody in particular that it was time for someone to bring her breakfast. It was 7 a.m. and we only had to make it until 8:30 p.m. It was going to be a long day, but I had no idea what was in store.

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Are the state's coffers really flush? Is a tax cut sustainable?

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

As if propping up the school aid formula to historic proportions wasn't enough, the new governor appears to be getting his way in the Legislature with a package of tax changes that could cost the state more than \$3 billion over the next six

The plan would increase Nebraska's two property tax credit programs, cap school property tax growth and eliminate almost all community college property taxes. Oh, and this bill works in concert with one that would cut the state's top income tax rate by one-third and make other tax changes.

A measure that includes LB754 and LB243 and a whopping amendment (AM906) that becomes the bill has cleared one round of consideration on a 41-1 vote, with seven absten-

Albion Senator Tom Briese's 243 would increase Nebraska's two property tax credit programs, cap school property tax growth and eliminate almost all community college property taxes.

The Revenue Committee's 754 and amendment would cut the state's top income tax rate by one-third and make other changes.

Briese promises "substantial property tax relief for everyday Nebraskans." He and Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn, who chairs the Revenue Committee, have pledged to continue seeking equivalent tax relief.

As advanced, the property tax package also would ratchet up the size of Nebraska's long-standing property tax credit program, which uses state money to offset a portion of property owners' bills.

The bill would gradually increase the program from \$313 million this year to \$560 million by tax year 2029, after which the credit program would grow by the same percentage as the assessed valuation of property statewide. In addition, the package would limit the growth of school revenues to 3%, with some exceptions, with the goal of forcing schools to reduce property taxes when they get more state

Finally, LB243 would end community colleges' ability to levy property taxes, except for building needs, starting in 2024. The bill would replace those tax revenues with state aid. State aid to the colleges would increase by 3.5% annually, with additional money available based on enrollment growth. Community colleges could levy property taxes to fill the gap if the state does not meet its funding obligations.

In an opinion piece in the Nebraska Examiner, Platte Institute CEO Jim Vokal of Omaha says, "A more competitive income tax code is a top priority for Nebraska, as it is for other states. In fact, a genuine state tax revolution has unfolded over the last three years, with a majority of states using surplus revenues to reduce income tax burdens on families and businesses.

"Income tax reforms continue to sweep across the Great Plains states in 2023. North Dakota is eyeing full income tax repeal, Oklahoma and Kansas are advancing legislation for lower, flatter income taxes and Missouri is advancing a bill to accelerate individual income tax cuts and slash its corporate rate from 4% to 2%. Iowa, which is already bringing its income tax rate down from 8.53% to 3.9%, is now considering a phase-out of its income tax over the remainder of Gov. Kim Reynolds' second

"Income tax reform is mission-critical for states that want to remain competitive in the post-pandemic world. Workers and businesses have vastly more opportunities for remote work and will increasingly build their homes and businesses in tax-friendly jurisdictions that provide high-quality government services. Furthermore, new changes to the federal tax code cap the federal deductibility of state and local taxes paid. This effectively increases the incentive for higher-earning families to relocate to lower-tax, lower-cost

states," Vokal said. Meanwhile, the Lincoln-based OpenSky Policy Institute says it has worked with the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, a nonpartisan think tank, to analyze the proposals.

The preliminary conclusion from ITEP and Open Sky was that the initiatives might force the state to tap into its cash reserves, a "rainy day" fund intended for one-time expenditures during tough times, not funding long-term commit-

"To ensure our state's future fiscal health, it will be important for policymakers this session to prudently use the projected \$1.9 billion on prov-

en initiatives that empower hardworking Nebraskans to support their families and their communities," the think tank said in a news release. OpenSky maintains the state's

glut of funds was, in large part, caused by the influx of billions of dollars of federal funds to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. So much for the "flush coffers," let alone sustainabil-

What to do? What to do?

In a session that will see very few important issues passed and signed into law, call, text, write or e-mail your senator and let them know what you think. If they listen to you, something might change for

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

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6. Roman numeral 7 9. Spring occurrence

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52. Unidentified Jane

53. Summit location 55. Like tuna tartare

57. *Rory Gilmore's mom 61. *Hilary and Carlton Banks'

mom 64. Motionless

65. Actress Thompson

67. Island off Manhattan

69. Skeleton, archaic

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73. Banned insecticide, acr.

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1. Basin, without vowels

2. Last piece of a loaf3. Lowest female singing voice 4. Elvis's blue shoes

5. Harrison Ford or Jason Segel in "Shrinking" 6. Bud holder

*Rhoda Morgenstern's mom "That is" in Latin

9. Wedding cake layer

10. Famous Allen Ginsberg poem

11. Away from wind 12. Skilled in deception

15. G. Orwell's " Farm"

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26. Neutered rooster

27. Influencer's creation 29. *Meg, Chris and Stewie Griffin's mom

31. Egghead like the plague" 33. Canvas primer

34. *Alex and Mallory Keaton's

36. Pasta option 38. Virgo and Libra mo. 42. ____ Lewis, Lamb Chop pup-

45. By word of mouth
49. What catastrophe and ratatouille have in common

51. Wear (2 words) 54. Treated with EVOO *Pebbles Flintstone's mom

57. Law school entry requirement,

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75 Years Ago, May 10, 1948 to May 16, 1948

Thirty thousand baby chicks were burned to death in a brooder house fire at the B and R Broiler farm on Highway 4 just northeast of Humboldt. According to owners Darrell Beckwith and Wayne Richardson, the loss was between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Francis Chapman was the top of 13 Falls City bowlers who participated in the annual Pla-Land-Bowl-O-Do Tournament in Topeka. Runner-up to Chapman for the Falls City group was Herb Bailey with an 800. Pete Schawang bowled a 796, Frank Eickhoff had a 793 and Les Dodds had a 785.

Fairfax defeated the Falls City Colts 3-2 in nine innings. The team, comprised of high school youth and slightly over, was managed by Larry Martin. Billy Dykes, Larry Noll, Rae Cochran, Ben Spears and Gene Cochran all had hits for the Colts. Spears pitched all nine innings, issuing two walks while fanning nine.

Governor Val Peterson named Miss Carol Kentopp, a Midland College Co-ed from Falls City, an admiral in the Great Navy of Nebraska.

It was understood that somewhere between 12-15 youths were currently engaged in constructing soap box derby cars. The event was scheduled to take place on June 15. Earl Moeller, who had been holding down the coaching position at Salem for the past year, was named the next superintendent at Salem.

Coach Jack McIntire awarded 14 letters to the Falls City High School track team members.

One hundred twenty-five people attended a piano recital given by students of Miss Gertrude M. Long at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mildred Boers of St. Louis filed for divorce from her four-foot-tall husband, Henry, a circus performer, after he stood on a chair and punched her in the eye.

Plans were underway for the second annual Elks Club fish fry, and more than 350 out-of-town Elks were expected to be in attendance. In 1947, over 470 Elks, including those from Falls City, attended the event at Camp Rulo.

Seven Richardson County athletes competed at the High School State Track Championships at Memorial Stadium. Those competing from Falls City included Harlan Oslin, Charlie Hunley, Jim Conn and Wilbur Scheitel. Bob McCarty represented Salem, while Mark Weidler and Merle Marmet performed for Honey Creek.

The 480 citizens of Boys Town in Omaha mourned the loss of their famous founder, Father Edward J. Flanagan. Father Flanagan, 61, was in Berlin at the time of his unexpected passing.

Cleo Taft was crowned as the singles champ at Roark Alleys. Taft bowled a 657 to grab his crown.

50 Years Ago, May 10, 1973 to May 16, 1973

The first-grade class at North School was part of a workshop where the kids were taught how to churn butter. The workshop was part of a health project supervised by teachers Mrs. Kenneth Schulenberg and Mrs. Lewis Zetner.

Eleven girls from area high schools participated in the State Track Meet in Grand Island. From Falls City were Barb Graves, Cindy Burton, Linda Duey, Kathy Weigand, Cece Burton and Debbie Thomas. From Southeast Consolidated were Becky Cash, Joyce Cash and Susan Krug, while Dawson-Verdon was represented by Ruth Auxier and Julie Rogers.

Officers of the Tiger Booster Club met to complete plans for the sports banquet given each year for Falls City High School athletes. President Hank Schwartz said due to the increased number of athletes, tickets had to be limited to members of the Tiger Booster Club.

Thirty members of the local Weight Watchers group were presented pins. Those honored had attended meetings for 16 weeks and each had lost at least ten pounds. The group as a whole had lost 1,800 pounds since January 23.

Six sticks of dynamite exploded in the hands of a bank robber in Kenora, Ontario, killing him instantly as he fled with duffle bags full of money.

With Lin Volker and Ron Storant leading the way, the Humboldt Cardinals put on a record-smashing performance en route to the Class C district track championship at Fairbury. Volker broke three school records and Storant broke one.

Darwin Palmer, a Falls City High School graduate, was among 554 students who received bachelor's degrees from Kearney State College.

Skylab, America's first space station, was a hotel, a laboratory, a solar observatory, a medical research facility and an earth resources satellite all jammed into a rocket stage and made to look like a windmill. The 118-foot-long space station was the largest man-rated spacecraft ever launched.

A tornado smashed through Joplin, Mo., killing three persons, injuring 90 and doing more than \$7 million in damage.

The Supreme Court ruled against a Texas junior college that was anxious to keep male students short-haired. The Court ruled the school's haircut restrictions as an unconstitutional infringement on the rights of students.

Superior Awards were received by three girls in the junior high instrumental music contest at Papillion. Earning the superior ratings were Cindy Hanika, Glenda Eames and Debbie Brownson.

Dawson-Verdon High School graduated 12 seniors, with Richard Koch as valedictorian and Craig Martinosky as salutatorian.

25 Years Ago, May 10, 1998 to May 16, 1998

Ron Kirkendall was honored as the recipient of the prestigious Zumwalt Community Award presented by the National Marrow Donor Program through the American Red Cross. Kirkendall was recognized for raising awareness about the need for marrow donors of mixed racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The District 56 School Board announced hiring seven new teachers to replace eight who were leaving the school at the end of the year. Two of the teachers leaving had over 30 years of experience apiece, with Larry Munn and Louis Fritz retiring.

Receiving special recognition at the Sacred Heart Athletic Banquet were Andrea Weaver, Jenny Sikora, Nick Nolte, Brandon Sells, John Thiltges, Julie Froeschl, Katie McGinnis and Whitney Merz.

George E. Marburger and John M. Stalder won the top two spots in the primary election for mayor of Humboldt and would face off in the fall during the general election. Incumbent Mildred A. VanDeventer came in third. Only 24% (1,641) of the County's 6,826 registered voters went to the polls.

U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel selected Chris Halbert to be an intern in his Washington office during the summer. Chris, Richard and Esther Halbert's son attended Grinnell College and studied political science.

Polly Dunbar was pictured on the front page of the Journal. Dunbar had reached a milestone by working as an election official for 50 years.

Richardson County schools sent 22 athletes to the state track meet at Omaha Burke. Making the trip from SH were Brian Lemerond, Travis Kopf, Nate O'Grady, Luke Taft, Ryan Hill, Brandon Sells, Scott Hutfles, Adam Santo, Becky McKim, Syd Merz, Nicole Kreifels, Katie McGinnis, Julie Froeschl and Andrea Weaver. State qualifiers from Falls City included Matt Oliver and Rachel Thompson. From D-V were Hilary Koso and Jennifer Easterwood; from Humboldt was Jesse Bents and from Southeast were Janelle Findlay and Kody Hall.

Partners in Education officers for 1998-99 included Gina Scheitel, Karen Maze, Pam Scott, Barb Werner, Nancy DeKlotz, Kindra Whalen, Nancy Merz, Mary Wiltse and Jean Hodge.

Governor Pillen declares June 26-30 Community Newspaper Week in Nebraska

At the April Nebraska Press Association Banquet, Gov. Jim Pillen issued a proclamation to designate June 26-30 as an official week to salute community newspapers throughout Nebraska.

NPA executive director Dennis DeRosset explained that the special week is a big deal saying that it will promote newspapers fighting the good fight to benefit the communities that they serve.

The proclamation states: In 1873, the Nebraska Press Association was organized to promote and protect the journalistic and business interests of community newspapers; and In its first 50-year history, from its membership would come three persons who would serve as governor of the state of Nebraska, two presidential candidates, numerous U.S. Cabinet positions and ambassadorships, and Pulitzer Prize winners; as well as numerous prominent individuals of state, national and international status of influence and importance; and

Nebraska's newspapers are the first draft of history for the communities they serve through news coverage of local people, issues, events, schools, churches, civic organizations, business community, personal achievements and milestones, births, deaths, weddings, etc.; and

Nebraska's newspapers served well their role as the Fourth Estate, being the watchdog on all persons of authority, elected officials and tax-supported entities that serve all taxpayers and citizens, promoting transparency and government responsibility; and

Nebraska's newspapers foster local debate on issues at the local, state and national levels, which serves as the foundation for our democracy; and

Nebraska newspapers are evolving by which their content reaches expanded audiences across platforms other than print, such as online, social media and mobile devices; and

Nebraska newspapers are strong contributors to the local and state economy; and

The Nebraska Press Association has achieved a significant milestone in this year 2023, that being its 150th anniversary year, making it one of the oldest associations in Nebraska.

I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of June 26 - 30, 2023, as Community Newspaper Week in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to read their local newspaper and recognize the important role newspapers have in our local communities.

Community Medical Center Recognized as a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital

(Continued from Page 1) Access Hospital in previous years of; 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017.

"This achievement is very gratifying. We work hard to provide the best health care possible while maintaining an efficient and effective facility," said Ryan Larsen, hospital administrator. "While the most important feedback we get is in the lives of our patients and their families, it is nice to have an outside voice tell us we are doing well. I'm very proud of our staff."

"Across the nation, top 100 rural providers continue to serve as a source of inspiration for hospital leadership teams and staff working diligently every day to improve the delivery of care within their local communities," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, the Chartis Center for Rural Health. "The list of award winners in each category is as geographically diverse as we've seen in some time, which is wonderful to see. We're thrilled to be able to honor the outstanding efforts of Community Medical Center, Falls City and other top performing rural

hospitals."

Now in its 13th year, the INDEX has established itself as the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging publicly available data, the INDEX is trusted by rural hospitals, health systems with rural affiliates, hospital associations and state offices of rural health across the country to measure and monitor performance

Editors Note

In the May 3, 2023 Falls City Journal article titled "The beginning of a new chapter" that appeared in last week's issue of The Falls City Journal, it said that the Aquatic Park was funded 100% by the sales tax generated in Falls City. It was brought to our attention that the Richardson Foundation made a donation of \$400,000 to go towards to cost of the new swimming pool. So, the tax paid for a portion of the pool, but not the entirety of it.

across a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

Council authorizes the removal of two parking stalls at Frontier Bank

(Contined from Page 1) The second and final item on the agenda was the discussion and action for a request by Frontier Bank to remove two slanted parking stalls to the west of the bank's entrance on the south side of East 17th Street. The bank asked for the removal of the stalls based on safety concerns for customers who cannot see without inching out as they exit the parking lot. The Council voted 8-0 in favor of the bank's request. Frontier Bank will be responsible for the cost associated with removing the white parking stall markings.

With no further action on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.





Hastings College Honors Convocation recognizes Kade Bredemeier

During Hastings College's Honors Convocation April 26, 2023, students and faculty were recognized for their outstanding achievements during the academic year.

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Kade Bredemeier of Falls City, Nebraska, received the Duane Freeman Memorial Scholarship, and was one of more than 50 students from across the country who were recognized during the event.



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SOCIETY

Stella Community Church Circle

By Carolyn Bredemeier

The Stella Community Church Circle ladies, met Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Carolyn Bredemeier opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a roll call. Seven members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Elizabeth Ketner and were approved. Donna Monnette presented the treasurer's report.

Old business included a discussion of the upcoming Friendship Tea on April 30. A report was given on cleaning day with seven present to help with extra cleaning in the sanctuary. Approximately 15 people attended the Easter breakfast at Shubert and Circle provided cinnamon rolls. Members were reminded of the upcoming bake sale on June 10.

New business included the purchase of cups for Bible School. Cathy volunteered to purchase them. The election of officers resulted in the following officers for the coming year: Vicki Beilke and Cathy Donahoe - co-president; Elizabeth Ketner, secretary and Donna Monnette will remain as treasurer.

The lesson was presented by Dot Kelsay and was entitled The Mystery Benediction with scripture from Revelations.

Cathy Donahoe provided refreshments. Mary Helen Behrends was an absentee hostess.

Cards were signed for Melody McNeely and Mary Glathar.

Our next meeting will be in September.

The Friendship Tea was held on Sunday, April 30, 2023, in the church fellowship hall, with 25 in attendance.

The theme for the afternoon was "Tie In To God's Word." Carolyn Bredemeier gave the welcome, poem and short devotion. She then introduced Mid Bauer of Falls City, who presented a program of music, poetry, scripture and interesting facts about her life. The program concluded with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie" and prayer by Penny States. Light refreshments were served following the program.



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ACCIDENTS

On March 30, 2023 according to police/accident reports, Randy Marquez of Shubert was driving north in the alley between Crook and Towle at 26th Street trimming trees. The vehicle struck the gas meter causing damage to the meter. The vehicle had no damage; utility equipment owned by the City of Falls City had \$500 in damage.

On March 30, 2023 according to police/accident reports, Officer Cheek was dispatched to the area of 22nd and Morton Street where he took a report. A vehicle owned by Gale Dunkhas was parked across from 2202 Morton on the west side facing south. Dunkhas' son was notified that the pick-up had been struck by an SUV as it was reversing from the driveway of 2202 Morton St. Officer Cheek observed a large dent on the driver's side door of the Dunkhas vehicle. After collecting information, Officer Cheek knocked on the door of 2202 Morton. The cleaning person advices that the resident, Mary Jo Tangeman of Falls City had left, but she would contact her to come back. Later Tangeman arrived and stated that she heard the beeping of her reverse alarm then felt the impact. She stated that she left her information with a man and left. An estimated \$500 was done to the Tangeman vehicle; an estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Dunkhas vehicle.

BUILDING **P**ERMITS

Dwight Meyer, 822 E. 16th St., Basement Bathroom and Bedroom: \$2,500.00.

Julie Bauman, 2101 Fulton St., Install Fence; \$3,800.00.

Andy Armbruster, 5 Sunset Dr., Demolition of Basement; \$-

Janice O'Grady, 701 E. 21st St., addition of front deck; \$12,000.

Harold Justus Jr., 2019 Lane St., install wood fence; \$3,500.

Rob and Janece Wheeler, 1923 Towle St., bathroom and kitchen remodel;

\$10,000. RJ Hamilton, 5 Sunset Dr., move house to loca-

tion outside of town; \$-Kimberly Koelzer, 2615 Barada St., install egress window; \$1,500.

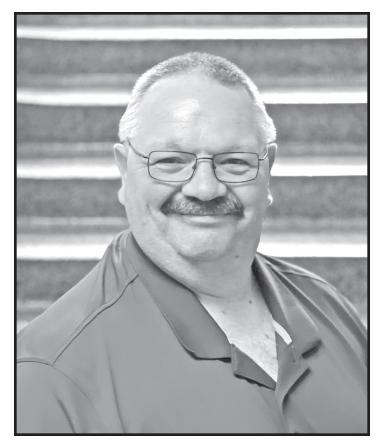
Timothy Curtis, 718 Stone St., install wood fence; \$1,000.

Timothy Curtis, 718 Stone St., forced air system and air condition unit; \$6,000.

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Lovercheck to start as principal at HTRS this fall

Submitted

My name is Darin Lovercheck and I am excited to have the opportunity to be the Principal at HTRS for the 2023 - 2024 school year. I look forward to embracing the Titan way of doing things and continuing the success set forth by previous administrators.

I grew up in Lincoln and went to Wayne State College. After college I worked as a private agency therapist working with the youth, families, and couples in Northeast Nebraska. After being a therapist for eight years, I decided to start my educational career and was the 9 - 12 Special Education Teacher at Madison High School in Madison, Nebraska. I was lucky enough to work there for 13 years before becoming a principal in Crawford. I was the PK - 12 Principal for one year and I have been the 7 - 12 Principal for the past two years.

I am married to Barbara and we have two adult children. My wife is a math teacher and has been at Humphrey Public Schools for 29 years. Our daughter Laura lives in Bellevue and is an FCS Teacher. She will be starting a new job at LaVista Middle School in August. She has a daughter, Lily, who is 11 years old and loves sports, reading, and school. She is also very good at getting her grandpa into trouble. Joseph, our son, is a sales associate with US Cellular in Bellevue. He has a bachelor degree in Journalism and a masters in Sports Management.

One thing I like to do for fun is play and watch sports. Basketball is my favorite sport but as I have aged I don't play that any more. I love playing golf and bowling whenever I can. Music has always been a big part of my life as I have played an instrument and sang since in elementary school. I also like to have fun and tell jokes. Most people don't think my jokes are as funny as I do, but I still tell them.

This is a little bit about me and I look forward to getting to know each student, staff, parent, and community member in the coming months.

AARP Nebraska seeks "2023 Andrus Award for Community Service" nominees by July 15

AARP is now accepting nominations for its 2023 Nebraska Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors Nebraskans age 50 plus who are sharing their experience, talent, and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

"AARP Nebraska is excited to shine a light on age 50plus Nebraskans who are using what they've learned in life to make a difference in the lives around them," said Suzan DeCamp, volunteer state president for AARP Nebraska.

As part of the award, Nebraska's Andrus Award recipient will designate a non-profit organization to receive a \$2500 donation from AARP.

Nominations will be evaluated by AARP Nebraska based on how the volunteer's work has improved the community, supported AARP's vision and mission, and inspired other volunteers. The award recipient will be announced in early fall.

AARP Nebraska Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Nominee must be 50 years or older.

The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay. Volunteers receiving small stipends to cover the costs associated with the volunteer activity are eligible.

The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must reflect AARP's vision and purpose.

The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must be replicable and provide inspiration for others to volunteer.

Partisan political achievements, accomplishments or service may not be considered.

Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible; however, teams are not eligible.

Previous Andrus Award recipients are not eligible. This is not a posthumous award.

Winner will select non-profit organization to receive \$2500 donation from AARP

Nomination forms can be found online at www.aarp. org/AndrusAward. People may also contact the AARP Nebraska office at 866-389-5651 or neaarp@aarp. org for further information. The application deadline is July 15, 2023.

Sacred Heart Commencement Exercises May 16

The 2023 Senior Class of Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic High School announces the Commencement Exercises on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:30 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Falls

Sixteen seniors will graduate. A reception will follow in the O'Connor Parish

Hall.

The Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School Eighth Grade Promotion/Mass will be Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 7:30 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Falls City, NE. Seventeen eighth graders will be promoted. A reception will follow in the O'Connor Parish Hall.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

April 21 to April 22, 2023 calls: one animal, two investigation, one gun permit, one check welfare, three nuisance, two referred to other agency, two HHS intake/ referral, one traffic/driving complaint, two miscellaneous, one 911 hang up/misdial, two information only, one disturbance, three ambulance/EMS, four 911 calls, one warning for speeding, four warnings for improper/ defective vehicle lighting.

April 22, to April 23, 2023 calls: one noise disturbance, two referred to other agency, two miscellaneous, two animal call, two fire calls (Dawson Fire), three 911 calls, four citations for invalid registration, two citations for speeding, one citation for plates not clear and visible, one citation for unlawful possession of a handgun, one citation for misuse of school permit, one citation for violate stop sign/traffic signal, one citation for careless driving, one citation for no operators license on person, one citation for contribute to the delinquency of a child, one citation for unlawful acts/license-driving, one citation for fail to signal, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for unlawful display of plates, one warning for plates not clear and visible, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

April 23 to April 24, 2023 calls: four referred to other agency, one animal call, one accident, one burn permit, one ambulance/EMS, one 911 call, two citations for speeding, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for invalid registration, one citation for stop sign/ traffic signal.

April 24 to April 25, 2023 calls: one traffic/driving complaint, four burn permits, four miscellaneous, four 911 hang up/misdials, one referred to other agency, one HHS intake/referral, two information only, one ambulance/AMS, one fire call (Humboldt Fire), seven 911 calls, one citation for nuisance-litter, one citation for maintaining a nuisance.

April 26 to April 27, 2023 calls: three referred to other agency, one 911 hang up/misdial, one animal call, one nuisance, one miscellaneous, one noise disturbance, one motorist assist, two AMB/EMS, three 911 calls, one warning call-speeding.

April 27 to April 28, 2023 calls: no information received.

April 28 to April 29, 2023 calls: two noise disturbance, two miscellaneous, five ambulance/EMS, two accident, one animal call, two referred to other agency, two 911 hang up/misdial, one theft, one open door, five 911 calls, one warning for speeding, warning for one stop sign violation, one warning for no operators license, one warning for muffler violation, one citation for invalid registration, one citation for no proof of insurance.

April 29 to April 30, 2023 calls: five 911 hang up/misdials, two burn permits, three miscellaneous, one traffic/ driving complaints, three animal calls, one referred to other agency, one alarm, nine 911 calls, two warnings for unlicensed animals, two warnings for dog at large, one warning for dangerous dog, one citation for dog at

April 30 to May 1, 2023 calls: four miscellaneous, one information only, one referred to other agency, two ambulance/EMS, one fire call (Falls City Fire), three 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective vehicle light-

May 1 to May 2, 2023 calls: one check welfare, two information only, one accident, one records check, three animal calls, two 911 hang up/misdials, two referred to other agency, one HHS intake/referral, one traffic/driving complaint, four EMS/ambulance, five 911 calls, two citations for reckless driving, one citation for DUI-alcohol first offense, one citation for leaving the scene/fail to give information.



Saturday, May 27 8:00 - Midnight "Live" Jason Mayer - \$5 at the gate Must be 21 with ID; Gates open at 6:00 *South side of the Square - Humboldt, NE*

RC SHERIFF'S **OFFICE REPORT** RETRIEVED FROM SOCIAL **MEDIA**

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

April 24, 2023

Kimberly R. Chandler, 52 of Falls City, was arrested on two Richardson County warrants for Probation Violations.

Jared M. Renshaw, 20, Council Bluffs, IA was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

April 25, 2023

Ashley J. Greene, 48, Morse, LA was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

April 26, 2023

Carlos A. Lola Soza, 22, Omaha, was arrested for Driving Under Suspen-

April 27, 2023

Jerry L. Pierce, 59, Kansas City, MO was arrested for Driving Under Suspension and No Proof of Ownership.

Jeffery D. Gross, 31 Amazonia, MO was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Ap-

Corrin D. Sudweeks, 44, Falls City, was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

April 28, 2023

James G. Keplar, 45, Andover, KS was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Brittani J. Day-Rush, 32, Omaha, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance X's 2.

May 1, 2023

Clarence E. Sullivan, 52, Topeka, KS was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

May 2, 2023

Jose G. Gonzalez Avalos, 44, Weslaco, TX was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

Wendell H. Johnson II, 39 of Arlington, TX was received into custody on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

FC Journal HOURS: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M; **Friday** 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Saturday & Sunday Closed



Eighth, L-R: Bowdy Jones, Dayton Snethen, Aubrey Kapustka and Tripp Lippold.

FCMS Spring NSCAS Champs and MAP Champs

Three times a year Falls City Public Schools completes standardized testing to measure student progress. They utilize the NSCAS state test for

eighth grade NSCAS and MAP champs for Spring of 2023.

Bowdy Jones had the ELA and Math State test

Dayton Snethen had the highest score on the Science state test in the eighth

Aubrey Kapustka is the ELA growth champ from winter to spring testing. Aubrey improved her score by 163 points.

Tripp Lippold is our eighth grade Math Growth champ. Tripp improved

Math and English Language Arts. They continue to utilize the MAP test for Science in grade sixth and seventh. The eighth graders use the state NSCAS to test Science in the spring. Falls City Middle School would like to recognize the NSCAS Champs and MAP Champs for our Spring testing period. At Falls City Middle School they recognize the highest scoring students in Math, English Language Arts and Science by grade level. They also recognize the students who realized the biggest growth in scores from Winter to Spring of this school year. FCMS is proud to announce the seventh and eighth grade NSCAS and MAP champs for Spring of 2023. They announced the

in the eighth grade.

grade



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the eighth grade NSCAS/

his math score from win- MAP winners. Mr. Banter to spring by 171 points. gert will be buying them Congratulations to all of lunch for their achievement.



The Stella Garden Club grows a variety of annual flowers and vegetables to support the maintenance of the Stella Arboretum. The plants have never looked better and are ready to plant outside as the weather permits. The club takes donations only and the greenhouse is open throughout the day seven days a week. It's located at the northwest edge of the Village of Stella.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

The following local students recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Jarod Estrada of Hiawatha at Pittsburg State Univer-

Marinda Liming of Falls City at Murray State Univer-

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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(Editor's Note - dismissal *with prejudice* bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

Legend drug means drugs that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that are required by federal or state law to be dispensed to the public only on prescription of a licensed physician or other licensed provider.

The Falls City Journal publishes the Public Record as part of its obligation to inform readers about the business of public institutions and to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. The information contained in this list is processed from an electronic copy of the official record, which is submitted by the Richardson County Courthouse

COUNTY COURT

Rachel E. Schawang, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fines of \$50 and restitution of \$221.98. Count five. theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$50. count six, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence in-

cludes fine of \$50. Rachel E. Schawang, count one, contribute to delinquency of child, amended to attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$250; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Richard A. Kirkendall, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes

fine of \$125. Paige N. Frederick, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$50; count four, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$25.

Va Lisa P. Grant, count one, amended to count dropped/ dismissed; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100; count three, amended to count dropped/ dismissed.

Daniel E. Mustelier Guerra, count one, operate vehicle/avoid arrest-misd, amended to attempt of a

class 1 misdemeanor, plead not guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Dwayne A. Tate, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty; count two, unlawful/fict display of plate/ renew, plead not guilty; count three, speeding 11-15 mph, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 22, 2023.

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, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 31, 2023.

Jonathan D. Holmes, count one, hunt/poss game birds/ animals w/o permit, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 31, 2023.

Martyna E. Holthus, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$300; count two, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023; count three, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months; count four, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023; count five, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023; count six, shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023; count theft-shoplifting seven, \$501-1,499, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023; count eight, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023; count nine, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023; count ten, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May 1, 2023; count 11, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months beginning May

Michelle N. Rhodes, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes

1,2023.

jail for term of three days, credit for three days served; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count count six, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Janeen A. Moyer, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-500, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$100 and restitution of \$185; count two, amended to count dropped/ dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/ dismissed.

Cal D. McCoy, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for May 31, 2023.

Summer N. Valdez, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/ dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/ dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/ dismissed; count five, amended to count dropped/ dismissed; count six, amended to count dropped/ dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for May 10, 2023. John C. Pohlman, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for May 10, 2023.

Alvin R. Harp, count one, driving under susp/before reinstate, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for May 31, 2023. Sarah D. Bonham, count one, drive under susp/before reinstate, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for May 31, 2023.

Marquis J. Aggison, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/ dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/ Sentencing dismissed. scheduled for June 14, 2023.

DISTRICT COURT

Jessette, L. Gifford, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for May 16, 2023.

Broderick C. Smith, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, tamper with physical evidence, plead not guilty; count three, drive under revocation/ impound-first, plead not guilty; count four, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for May 16, 2023.

David J. Winters, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months beginning May 2, 2023, drug testing fee of \$90, probation administration enrollment fee of \$30. probation fee-regular \$450; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, obstruct a peace officer, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months beginning May 2, 2023, jail for term of five days, credit for five days served.

Brian R. Valdez, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, amended to attempt of a class 2A felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed;

count four, willful reckless driving-first, plead no contest, found guilty; count five, amended to count dropped/ dismissed. Sentencing was May 2, 2023.

Wendell H. Johnson, count one, possess controlled substance-sch 1/2/3, amended to possess marijuana more than one pound, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of two years beginning May 2, 2023, probation administration enrollment fee of \$30, jail for term of 90 days beginning May 2, 2023, credit for two days served; count two, amended to dropped/ dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/ dismissed; count four, carry concealed weapon-first, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of two years beginning May 2, 2023; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Emmanuel J. Love, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, tamper with physical evidence, plead not guilty. Pretrial was May 9, 2023.

Hennry A. Arevalo-Lozano, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count three, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead not guilty; count four, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count six, no brake lights/turn signals, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 6, 2023.

Angela B. Gesner, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty; count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/ renew tab, plead not guilty; count four, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 23, 2023.





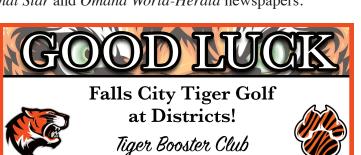
Wyatt Olberding, Ashleigh Kirkendall and Madison Jones

Falls City Tiger Athletic Banquet

The Falls City Tiger Booster Club Athletic Banquet was held on Sunday, April 30, at Falls City High School. Winning the awards for the male and female athlete of the year were junior Wyatt Olberding, junior Ashleigh Kirkendall and senior Madison Jones. In February, Olberding came up just short in the Class C, 145-pound division, state championship match. Olberding finished the season with a 49-3 mark and a second-place finish at the NSAA State Championship, the best by a Tiger wrestler in 28 years. On the football field, Olberding was chosen to the all-district team, catching ten passes for 79 yards on offense and adding 23 tackles, two for loss, on the defensive side of the ball.

Kirkendall was a third-team All-Conference selection in volleyball and a second-team selection in basketball. Kirkendall led the team on the volleyball court with 614 assists while adding 58 kills, 33 ace serves and 256 digs. On the season's opening night, Kirkendall recorded her 1,000th career assist and a month later passed Baylee Vrtiska's school record of 1,232 assists. Heading into her senior year, Kirkendall has her sights set on 2,000 as she currently stands at 1,589. On the basketball court this winter, Kirkendall scored 200 points, added 119 rebounds and dished out 73 assists in basketball.

Jones wrapped up her senior season on the softball field by leading her team to the district final against Yutan/Mead. Jones batted .556 in 2022 with 45 hits, seven home runs and 39 RBI, leading the team in almost every offensive category. She leaves FC with multiple school records, including season batting average (.659), season OBP (.685), season home runs (14), most hits in a season (56), most RBI in a season (51) and slugging percentage (1.365). Jones signed a letter of intent to play softball at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Jones earned first-team honors for the ECNC Conference on the basketball court, leading FC with 302 points, 138 rebounds and 59 steals. Jones was an All-State Honorable Mention selection by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald newspapers.



CONGRATULATIONS The Dale &. and

Eilleen M. Heineman Scholarship





Reece McNeely

Elyse Loppe

The Richardson Foundation, Inc. is pleased to introduce Reece Mc-Neely and Elyse Poppe as the 2023 recipients of the Dale E. & Eilleen M. Heineman Scholarship. Reece will attend the University of Nebraska Lincoln with a Pre-Health major. Elyse will attned the Bryan College of Health Sciences. Her major will be Diagnostic Medical Sonography. The Richardson Foundation, Inc., via the Heineman Scholarship Fund will award \$1,500.00 to each winner for the 2023 academic year. The scholarships are offered to graduates of any Richardson County Nebraska high school who will be enrolled in a College or University program in medicine or other health care field. This includes those students enrolled in graduate programs. "The winners were selected from a large, impressive group of applicants," said Steve Kottich, President of The Richardson Foundation, Inc.

Congratulations and good luck, Reece and Elyse!

Men's Golf League

The men's golf league got underway on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at the Falls City Golf Course. The early league will have eight teams this season, while the late league will consist of 18.

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League results for Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Team 1 (0.00) Borg, Dave (F); Romine, Alan 53-40. Team 8 (2.00) Simon, Dan 37-32; Vonseggern (F).

Team 2 (2.50) Ebel, Ron 43-38; Bennett, Chuck 56-44. Team 7 (5.50) Scheitel, Trent 42-38; Hankins, Dan 54-43.

Team 3 (0.00) Simon, Mike 56-40; Carter, Bill 70-52. Team 6 (8.00) James, Charles 44-36; Severin, Steve 50-34.

Team 4 (8.00) Hays, Gary 39-35; Mullins, Jim 46-35. Team 5 (0.00) Heinzelman, Denny 45-38; Hillyard, Mark 47-38.

Late League results for Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Team 1 (3.00) Bachman, Eli (F); Froeschl, Adam 47-39; Malcolm, Terry 49-36. Team 11 (7.00) Montgomery, Carter 41-39; Schawang, Cody 51-39; Gooch, Blake 56-36.

Team 2 (1.50) Daake, Brian (F); McNeely, John 45-37; Jordening, Ron 52-40. Team 10 (8.50) Malone, Kevin 43-37; Hill, Dan 45-37; Bennett, Chuck 44-32.

Team 3 (2.50) Ebel, Ron 45-40; Witt, Wade 53-42; Buckminster, Blake 68-53. Team 9 (7.50) Harmon, Galen 49-40; Hankins, Dan 44-33; Scheitel, Lane 61-43.

Team 4 (8.00) Dunn, Joe 37-36; Godemann, Ted 56-45; Fiegener, Jarod 55-38. Team 8 (2.00) Gist, Thomas 50-44; Aitken, Bob (F); Bredemeier, Logan 59-35.

Team 5 (4.50) Froeschl, Lucas 47-40; Gilkerson, Keith 45-37; Gilkerson, Brian 59-43. Team 7 (5.50) Gist, Dick 41-37; Witt, Weston 44-37; Ebel, Bryce 52-40.

Team 6 (5.00) Gerweck, Rob (F); Froeschl, Ethan 44-37; Dunkhas, Gale 46-34. Team 18 (5.00) Hullman, Ben 40-34; Kurpgeweit, Lee 48-40; Sells, Austin 53-39.

Team 12 (2.00) Poppe, Brian (F); Hillyard, Mark 49-40; Froeschl, Joe 47-34. Team 17 (8.00) Witt, Tom 39-35; Ferguson, Don 42-34; Dean, Andy 57-39.

Team 13 (5.00) Scheitel, Trent 43-39; Heckenlively, Tim 44-34; Craig, Jake 51-39. Team 16 (5.00) Simon, Steve 39-38; Morris, Adam 50-40; Witt, Rich 48-35.

Team 14 (3.00) Siel, Jake 43-38; Anderson, Dusty 48-36; Dunn, Mike 53-35. Team 15 (7.00) Simon, Dan 40-36; Courtney, Justin 51-39; Romine, Alan 47-34.





(Above) Riley clears Nelson the hurdle on after-Friday noon at the JCC Invite.

(Left) Jentry Lechtenberg passes the runner from Weeping Water in the 4x800m relay on Friday at Tecumseh.

Irish compete at JCC Invitational

The Sacred Heart Irish track teams competed in Tecumseh on Friday, May 5, for their final tune-up before the district meet. The Lady Irish accumulated 22 points and placed seventh. Syracuse won the girls' team title with 135.5 points; Lincoln Southwest was second with 131 and Palmyra was third with 76. The Irish boys finished with 53 points and a fifth-place finish in the final standings. Syracuse won the team title with 123 points; Wilber-Clatonia was second with 95 and Lincoln Southwest finished third with 80.5.

The Lady Irish 4x800 team (Schmidt, Lechtenberg, Santo, Witt) ran an 11:03.67 and finished fourth. Sacred Heart scored four more points in the 400m dash with Destry Groth placing fourth in 1:06.36. Sophomore Jentry Lechtenberg ran a 300m hurdles, with James Froeschl tak-Heart's 4x100 team (Witt, Nachtigal, Lechtenberg, Groth) completed the lap in 54.46 for third and the 4x400 team (Nachtigal, Lechtenberg, Witt, Groth) finished fifth in 4:35.63.

pole vault with a fourth-place finish (10-06), while Sam Dunn was sixth, also at 10-06. Dunn added ten points in the long jump, leaping 20-04 for the win. The Irish 4x800m relay team scored two points with a fifth-place finish (9:02.80). Team members included Froeschl, Clayton Keithley, Tate Wilcox and Evan Keithley. In the 110 hurdles, Joe Simon ran a 16.88 for fourth and Riley Nelson finished sixth in 18.17. Simon turned around and snagged another medal by running the 100m dash in 11.86 for sixth place. Evan Keithley placed fourth in a stacked 400m dash, covering the lap in 53.73. In the 3200m run, Alex Madsen finished fourth, running a 10:57.91, just missing third place by .02. The Irish earned a pair of medals in the strong 800, covering the two laps in ing the silver (42.65) and Nelson placing 2:37.82 for the bronze medal. Sacred fourth (45.25). The Irish 4x100 relay team (Rob Froeschl, Evan Keithley, Dunn, Simon) placed fourth in 45.61 and the 4x400 team (E. Keithley, Stice, Nelson, Froeschl) a 3:45.58 for third.

The Irish will compete in the Class D-1 On the boys' side of the meet, James District Meet on Wednesday at Pawnee



The winner from Falls City

Sacred Heart School is senior

Jessica Wertenberger,

daughter of Paul and

Christina Wertenberger.

Jessica's plans are majoring in

Exercise Science.



The winner from Falls City

Public School is senior

Madison Jones, daughter of

Luke and Celeste Jones.

Madison's plans are majoring

in Exploratory Health.

Tigers' final tune-up before districts

The Falls City Tiger track teams hit the road one last time before districts when they traveled to Adams for the 2023 Freeman Invite on Tuesday, May 2. The Tiger boys scored 13 points and finished 11th while the FC girls ended the meet with 32.5 points and an eighth-place finish. The Freeman Falcon boys won the team championship with 118 points, while Palmyra won the girls' portion of the event with 92.

As she has done for the better part of her high school career, senior RaeAnn Thompson led the charge for the Lady Tigers. Thompson swept the sprints, winning the 100m dash in 12.61 and the 200m in 26.55. In the field events, Ava Armbruster tied for fifth place in the pole vault clearing 7-06. Ella Glathar scored a point in the 400m dash, completing the lap in 1:08.92 for sixth. The final points of the day for Falls City came in the 4x100m relay. FC sprinted around the track in 53.30 for first place, over a full second ahead of second place Elmwood-Murdock.

The Tiger boys team finished the day with 13 points, bringing home one individual medal and three more in the relays. Devon Moore had a great day in the pole vault, clearing 11-00 and bringing home third place. The Tiger 4x800m relay team completed the race in 9:49.11 to score two points and place fifth. Falls City's 4x100m team ran the lap in 48.55 to secure a fourth-place medal and the 4x400 team edged out Tri County for sixth in 3:57.78.

The Tigers competed in the Class B-1 District Meet at Platteview High School on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Joining FC will be Auburn, Boys Town, Nebraska City, Omaha Gross, Omaha Roncalli, Omaha Skutt, Platteview, Plattsmouth and Ralston.

USDA Announces Grassland Conservation Reserve program Sign-up for 2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that agricultural producers and private landowners can begin signing up for the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) starting today and running through May 26, 2023. Among CRP enrollment opportunities, Grassland CRP is a unique working lands program, allowing producers and landowners to continue grazing and having practices while conserving grasslands and promoting plant and animal biodiversity as well as healthier soil.

"Grassland CRP clearly demonstrates that agricultural productivity and conservation priorities can not only coexist but also complement and enhance one another," said Tim Divis, FSA Acting State Executive Director in Nebraska. "The strength of this program lies in its many benefits - through annual rental payments, the program helps producers and landowners produce and maintain diverse wildlife habitat, sequester carbon in the soil, and support sound, sustainable grazing. These benefits help keep agricultural lands in production while delivering lasting climate outcomes."

More than 3.1 million acres were accepted through the 2022 Grassland CRP signup from agricultural producers and private landowners. That signup — the highest ever for the program — reflects the continued success and value of investments in voluntary, producer-led, working lands conservation programs. The current total participation in Grassland CRP is 6.3 million acres, which is part of the 23 million acres enrolled in CRP opportunities overall. In Nebraska, as of February 2023, there were 1,845,482 acres enrolled in CRP, with 1,229,891 of those acres in Grassland CRP.

Since 2021, USDA's FSA, which administers all CRP programs, has made several improvements to Grassland CRP to broaden the program's reach, including:

· Creating two National Priority Zones to put focus on environmentally sensitive land such as that prone to wind erosion.

· Enhancing offers with 10 additional ranking points to producers and landowners who are historically underserved, including beginning

farmers and military veterans.

· Leveraging the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) to engage historically underserved communities within Tribal Nations in the Great Plains. How to Sign Up for Grass-

How to Sign Up for Grassland CRP: Landowners and producers interested in Grassland CRP, or any other CRP enrollment option, should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for the program before the deadlines.

Producers with expiring CRP acres can enroll in the Transition Incentives Program (TIP), which incentivizes producers who sell or enter into a long-term lease with a beginning, veteran, or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher who plans to sustainably farm or ranch the land.

Other CRP Signups: Under Continuous CRP, producers and landowners can enroll throughout the year. Offers are automatically accepted provided the producer and land meet the eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. Continuous CRP includes a Climate-Smart Practice Incentive to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by helping producers and landowners establish trees and permanent grasses, enhance wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands.

FSA offers several additional enrollment opportunities within Continuous CRP, including the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative, the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP), and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Also available is the Clean Lakes Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR30) Initiative, which was originally piloted in twelve states but has since been expanded nationwide, giving producers and landowners across the country the opportunity to enroll in 30-year CRP contracts for water quality practices. Nebraska offers two SAFE initiatives: Upland Wildlife Habitat SAFE and the Migratory Birds, Butterflies and Pollinators SAFE. Nebraska also offers the Platte-Republican Resources Area CREP. USDA hosts an annual Gen-

eral CRP signup. This year's

Tigers place fourth at Johnson County Central

The Falls City golf team traveled to Tecumseh on Thursday, May 4, for the JCC Invite at the Tecumseh Country Club. JCC won the invite with a 323; Auburn was second at 341, Palmyra finished third with a 357 and Falls City was fourth at 363.

Individually for Falls City, Robert Gilkerson finished with an 89 for 11th place, while Carson Refsdal of HTRS/PC shot an 82 for fourth. HTRS finished the day with no team total and a seventh-place finish.

FC's Gilkerson had a 43 on the front nine and a 46 returning to the clubhouse for his total of 89. Elyse Poppe shot an opening 51 and followed it up with a 46 to finish with a 97 and Talon Anderson had a 50/47 for a 97 also. Caleb McConnel shot a 44/54 for a 98 and Christina Gilkerson had a 48/51 for a 99.

For the Titans, Refsdal had a consistent day shooting a pair of 41's for a total of 82. Justin Pierce added a 47/50 for a 97 and Isaac Seitz had a 62/56 for a 118.

The Falls City JV team finished on top of the standings with a 206. Jackson Bauman led the Tiger reserves with a 48 and a third-place finish. Rome West was fifth with a 51 and Ethan Morris shot a 52 and finished seventh. The Tigers' Jaxton Jorgensen shot a 58 and Hannah Collier ended the day with a 69.

The Tigers were at Hidden Valley Golf Club on Monday for the Lincoln Christian Invite and Falls City and HTRS/PC will play in the Class C-1 District Meet at Hidden Valley Golf Course on Monday, May 15, 2023.

Commissioners discuss K-9 donations and City of Humboldt to terminate agreement for the rent of the Humboldt Meeting Hall

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie.

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported on grant funding that is being sought for the assistance with the purchase of the second drug dog and what donations have been received from the community. He said the community has asked how to get donations to him. Donations may be sent to the Sheriff's Office-K-9

General CRP signup was open from Feb. 27 through April 7. The program helps producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive is also available in the General sign-up.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits.

Privately owned grazing lands cover nearly 30 percent of the national landscape, and USDA recognizes the tremendous opportunity address climate-change through voluntary private lands conservation. In addition to CRP, resources are available at FSA's sister agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Earlier this month, NRCS announced its \$12 million investment in cooperative agreements for 49 projects that expand access to conservation technical assistance for livestock producers and increase the use of conservation practices on grazing lands.

Fund. The availability of patrol vehicles and the increase in pricing was also reported for any future plans for replacing patrol units.

The Board met with Joe Buckminster, Richardson County IT Manager regarding some needed updates to the server system to operate the networking of county government operations and for updated security and backup capabilities.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of equipment as included within Quote #147695-1 from One-Neck It Solutions in the amount of \$54,161.46 to upgrade the computer infrastructure for the county government operations of Richardson County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for April, 2023.

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of April, 2023: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$207.50; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$21,979.25; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court, \$1,131.00

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A letter was received from the City of Humboldt to formally notify Richardson County that they have elected to terminate the agreement with the County for the rent of the Humboldt Meeting Hall effective June 1, 2023.

Motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 10, 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.



Charlie McNeely delivers a pitch against Bishop LeBlond at SNC Field.

Tigers' season ends at Platteview High School

The Falls City Tiger baseball team fell for the sixth consecutive time, dropping its season finale to the Fort Calhoun Pioneers 10-0. In the final tune-up before district play, the Falls City bats were silent, as they were held to three hits and no runs over six innings by the Pioneer pitching staff. Three Fort Calhoun pitchers combined to allow three hits, no runs, two walks and nine strikeouts in the contest. Kyler Frederick took the loss for Falls City, allowing six hits and seven runs (two earned) over three innings of action.

Fort Calhoun did most of its damage early, taking a 7-0 lead after two innings. Jaxyn Strauss led off the game with a single to right field but was thrown out trying to steal second. It was the first time in 32 attempts this season that Strauss was thrown out on the base paths.

In the bottom of the first, Fort Calhoun used two errors, a hit by pitch and two singles to take a 3-0 lead. Blakely Sells led off the second with a base knock to right field, but a popout, groundout, and strikeout ended the threat.

The Pioneers were back at it in the second, adding four more runs to make it 7-0. Fort Calhoun got three singles, another hit by pitch, a walk and two more errors to add to their lead.

In the third, FC worked a pair of walks to put runners at first and second with two outs, but a groundout to the second baseman by Tallan Zimmerman ended the frame for Falls City.

Trailing 8-0, Sells reached on an error by the shortstop with one out in the sixth. Jon Craig added a single to center to put runners on first and second with only one out. However, a ground out by Kadyn Strecker and a strikeout by Frederick left the runners stranded.

The game ended in the bottom of the sixth due to the mercy rule. Fort Calhoun opened the frame with a single, a hit by pitch and two more base hits to make the final score 10-0.

Strauss, Sells and Craig all had base hits for FC, while Alijah Hernandez and Orion Cattrell reached on walks.

Falls City fell to 5-13 with the loss, while Fort Calhoun improved to 7-15.

The Tigers' season ended sooner than they had hoped when they fell in the first round of the Class C-5 district tournament in Springfield. FC, the No. 4 seed, lost to Platteview, the No. 1 seed, 7-0 in the district opener on Thursday afternoon. The Tiger bats struggled down the stretch, dropping their final four contests by a combined score of 1-42.

On Thursday, Cattrell singled to center to lead off the game, but two batters later, he was caught stealing, ending any threat. With Platteview up 1-0, Kyler Frederick singled with one out in the third. However, Frederick was cut down trying to steal and McNeely struck out to end the inning.

Platteview opened the bottom of the third with two straight singles and a hit by pitch to load the bases. An error and a single allowed four runs to score in the inning, pushing the Platteview lead to 5-0.

Cattrell opened the fourth with a single up the middle but was thrown out on a steal attempt for the second time. The Trojans added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth to push their lead to 7-0. The Tigers never threatened again as Platteview held on to advance to the district finals against Omaha Roncalli on Friday.

Cattrell led FC with two singles and a walk, while Frederick added another hit. Zimmerman took the loss on the mound, allowing five runs, one earned, over four innings. Zimmerman walked one and struck out four in the loss. The loss ended the season for FC at 5-14, while Platteview improved to 13-9. Platteview fell the following night, 2-1, to Roncalli in the district finals.

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"Come on Home!"
Please join them for
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Sunday, June 11, 2023

9:30 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church 62971 Highway 62 Humboldt, NE

HTRS track teams compete at Freeman

HTRS Titan track squads headed to Adams for the 2023 Freeman Invite. The Titan boys scored 32 points and finished seventh while Freeman won the meet with 118 points. The Lady Titans struggled on Tuesday, failing to score, while Palmyra won the team contest with 92.

JJ McQueen paced the Titans with a pair of medals in the sprints. Mc-Queen won the silver in the 200m dash in 23.72

On Tuesday, May 2, the and placed fourth in the 100m at 11.57. McQueen won his third medal of the day in the high jump where he cleared 5-05 for fourth. Brandt Leech won the only gold medal of the day for HTRS, clearing 12-00 in the pole vault for first. The Titans scored four more points in the vault when Hunter Bohling went 11-00 for fourth. The final points of the day for the Titans came in the 4x100 relay. HTRS covered the lap in 49.24 for fifth place.

Get Life Saving Narcan at Kex Rx Pharmacy in Falls City

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health, and the Nebraska Pharmacists Association continues to get lifesaving Narcan out to Nebraska residents so they are prepared in the event of an opioid overdose. Beginning May 8th, you can get no cost Narcan at Kex Rx Pharmacy in Falls City, Ne.

"Our partnership with the Kex Rx Pharmacy and DHHS will allow anyone who is in a position to help someone who is experiencing an opioid overdose to access Narcan nasal spray at no cost, without a prescription or insurance. If you know someone, or you yourself are at risk of an opioid overdose, you should carry Narcan, it could save a life. We continue to add pharmacies throughout the state so we can get this life saving medication out to the public. There continues to be a rise in drugs being laced with fentanyl, opioids and non-opioids alike and so you really do not know what you are taking if it was not prescribed to you", said Nebraska Pharmacists Association Project Coordinator, Amy Holman.

You can now access free Narcan nasal spray at the following location in Falls

Kex Rx Pharmacy, 120 E. 18th Street, Falls City, NE, 68355 or call with questions at 402-245-2029.

Naloxone is a life-saving medicine that can reverse an opioid overdose. Naloxone can restore normal breathing to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped due to opioids, including fentanyl, if given in time. Anyone can carry naloxone, administer it to someone experiencing an overdose, and potentially save a life. Naloxone won't harm someone if they're overdosing on drugs other than opioids, so it's always best to use it if you think someone is overdosing.

Opioids are medications that act on receptors in the spinal cord and brain to reduce pain intensity and activate reward regions in the brain, causing the euphoria that can lead to misuse and opioid use disorder. Common opioids include prescription medications used to treat pain, such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, and hydromorphone, and illicit drugs like

Who should carry naloxone? If you or someone you know is at increased risk for opioid overdose, especially those struggling with opioid use disorder (OUD), you should carry naloxone and keep it at home. People who are taking high- dose opioid medications (greater or equal to 50 morphine milligram equivalents per day) prescribed by a doctor, people who use opioids and benzodiazepines together, and people who use illicit opioids like heroin should all carry naloxone. Because you can't use naloxone on yourself, let others know you have it in case you experience an opioid over-

If you administer Narcan, it is important to also make sure you call 911 to get them medical help. A person can go back into an overdose after 30 minutes of receiving Narcan. Nebraska has a Good Samaritan Law which states that a person who is gratuitously giving emergency care to a person in need cannot be held civilly liable for their acts or omissions while helping that person. It is important that you stay with that person until emergency help arrives.

You can also visit the Stop Overdose Nebraska website for more information on Life Saving Narcan and to find treatment facilities throughout Nebraska. Go to stopodne.com for more information. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Rotary Club is pleased to announce the 2023 Scholarship Winners

The Wilber Roesch Math Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Kacy Brewer, daughter of Scott and Patricia Brewer. The Falls City Rotary Scholarship for \$800 was awarded to Madison Jones, daughter of Luke and Celeste Jones.

The Gale Marsh Memorial Scholarship for \$2,200 was awarded to Jodie Uhri, daughter of Mark and Lisa Uhri. Scholarships were presented by Rotary Club President, Rick

Martin.

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Steven "Steve" Scholl

Steven "Steve" Eugene Scholl, 62, of Falls City, Nebraska was born on December 25, 1960, in Falls City, Nebraska to Eugene and LaVon (Wert) Scholl. He was raised in Falls City where he received his schooling and graduated from Falls City High School with the class of 1979. He was a boxer from 1969-1982 where he accumulated a record of 59-12. Steve worked for

Home Lumber Company, the City of Falls City at the waste/ water treatment facility for 18 years, TRIGARD Vault and Falls City Monument Company finaland ly back to Home Lum-

ber Company until his retirement. He umpired for local sports for 25 years, served eight years on City Council from 2008-2016, was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and served in the Army National Guard for 22 years until retirement. Steve's most important accomplishment in life was

Steve passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at his residence in Falls City, Nebraska having reached the age of sixty-two years, four months, and nine days. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Tom Scholl, step-father Don Stewart, and step-brothers Mike and Don Stewart.

Steve is survived by his children: Trent Scholl and wife Jayna of Nebraska City, NE; Ryan Nolte and wife Kim of Falls City, Landan Scholl of Falls City, Allyson Heuttner and husband Lee of Falls City, Lindsay Inmon and husband Andrew of Topeka, KS; grandchildren: Austin Ahern and wife Brianna of Shubert, NE; Jaden Nolte, Chase Nolte, Tessa Huettner, Ellori Huettner,

> W i 1 1 o w Huettner all of Falls City, Nolan Inmon of Topeka, KS; great-grandson Stattler Ahern of Shubert, NE; a sister Robin Hillagoss and husband Allen of Lincoln, NE; brother Kevin Stewart of Tecumseh, NE; and many other

relatives and friends. Memorial Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, at the Steele Cemetery in Falls City, Nebraska.

Visitation will be from noon- 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at The Hall Funeral Home, 2403 Harlan Street in Falls City, Nebraska. Family will greet friends from 6-8 p at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family's choice with a later designation.

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net

Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home- 2403 Harlan St. Falls City, Nebraska 68355 (402) 245-3131.

Michael Graden

Michael Gordon Graden KS; Mel (Dave) Lamwas born November 10, in Plano, TX, on April 26, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and two sons: Jeff and Jason Graden, four grandchildren. NE; sisters, Pamela (Daryl) Kuker, Dodge City, a later date.

bert, Kenny, IL; Brothers 1952, in Falls City, NE. He Kevin (Tammie) Vice, passed away at his home Highlandville, MO; Greg (Chris) Vice of Falls City, NE; Rodney Vice, Falls City, NE. Also, many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by father, Also, his mother, Evelyn Harold Graden; sister, Standridge of Falls City, Brenda Schulenberg; and grandparents. Services at

Sally (Stevicks) Rieger

Rieger 73 of Falls City, NE, passed away on May 4th, 2023. She was born on March 22nd, 1950 to Charles and Shirley (Raper) Stevicks. She was born in Humboldt, NE. and lived her life in various towns in Richardson County Nebraska growing up. She graduated Humboldt High School in 1968. She moved to Falls City in 1971 and worked as a telephone operator at the local telephone company. She left this job in 1981 to be a full time stay at home mom raising her children. She met John Rieger in Rulo, NE in late 1973. They were later married on August 10, 1974 at the company in Falls City and worked there from 1990-2012 when she retired. At her job with telemarketing, she held the positions as an insurance agent and then a production supervisor. Sally truly loved her family and was always there for her family. She loved children and spent many years as a Sunday school teacher at the First Brethren Church. As much as Sally loved being a mom, she especially enjoyed being a grandma and great grandma. She was a very special part of her grandchildren's lives and they spent many summers with her and every weekend at her house.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, her in laws John and Lucille Rieger and many aunts and

Sally Ann (Stevicks) uncles. She is survived by her husband of the home John Rieger, children, Julie (Mark) Collier of Falls City, JC (Sarah) Rieger of Valley Springs, CA, Jake Rieger of Falls City, Jason (Marianne) Rieger of Chicago, IL, grandsons, Joshua Perman of Sabetha, KS, Jackson Rieger Valley Springs, CA, Garrett Rieger, Gabe Canonico, Elijah Canonico of Falls City, granddaughters, Jessica Richbourg of Falls City, Jennifer Riesenberg (Jeff) of Omaha, NE, Jasmine Collier (Silas Garlington) of Overland Park, KS, Ashley Rieger of Valley Springs, CA, Eliza Rieger Chicago IL, great-grandchildren, Ben Scribner First Brethren Church by of Falls City, Amethyst Rev. Donald Keck in Falls Richbourg of Falls City, City. To this union they Trey Schuster of Omaha, raised 4 children. When NE, Jaxson Riesenberg her youngest child was in of Omaha, Elliott Garkindergarten, she went to lington of Overland Park, work at a telemarketing brothers, Bruce Stevicks of Falls City, Scott (Missv) Stevicks of Atglen, PA, Alan (Ann) Stevicks, Tulsa, OK, sisters, Carol Stevicks of Falls City, Sue Stevicks of Humboldt, sister-in-law, Roberta Rieger, niece, Cindy Looney, nephew, Jonathon Stevicks and many other family members.

> Her funeral was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Howard Blecha officiating. Interment was in Heim Cemetery.

> Open visitation was Monday afternoon until 7:00 PM and Tuesday from 9-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

> In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials be made to Family Choice for later designation.

NCPA Academic All-State Awards

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is pleased to announce the student recipients of the Spring 2023 Nebraska Chiropractic Association Physicians (NCPA) Academic All-State Awards. Since 2006 this NSAA Awards Program has recognized students who meet the criteria for nomination by their school in the season of their activity.

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ple, Dessert, Milk

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THU, 11

North & South School: Chicken Flatbread, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk. Middle School: Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk. High School: Hot Lunch: Chicken Flatbread, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, 8ounce Milk Combo Line: Corn Dog, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, 8ounce Milk

FRI, 12

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MON, 15

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TUES, 16

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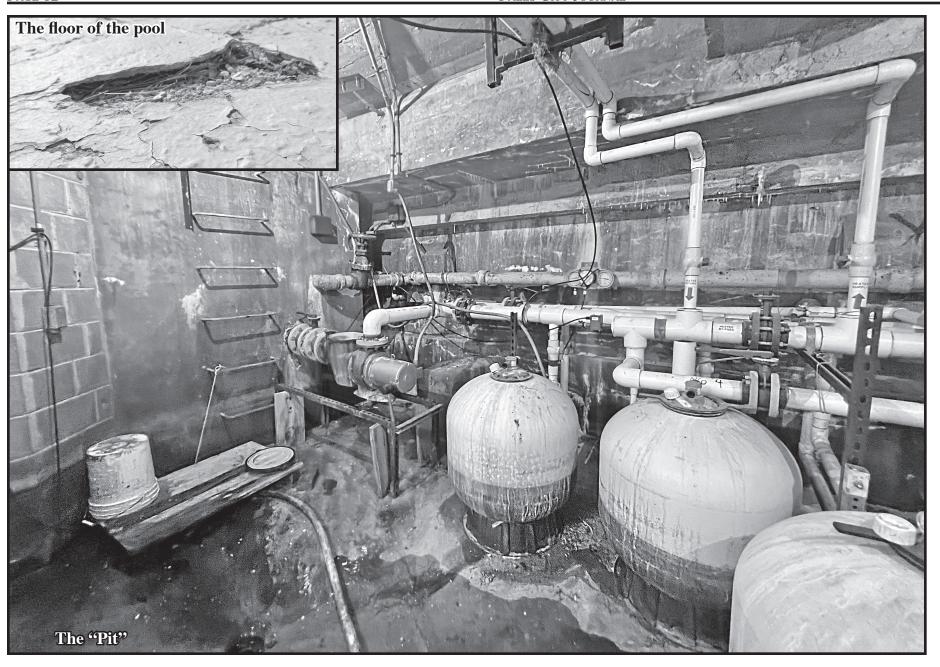












Humboldt pool closed over safety concerns

(Continued from Page 1) "to offer the services that folks really want. I think we need to understand that we're going to have to do something to create a few funds and if we're obviously, going to continue swimming pool repairs, eventually, we're going to get to the point that we're going to have to do something with the swimming pool," said Mendenhall.

In April of this year, Council person Rhonda Dettmer discussed the pool situation saying she wanted to find someone to fix the current issues. She had discussed the problems with someone in Omaha. The repairs would have taken at least six weeks if these companies could have done them before pool season. Another discussion at that time was staffing.

But for another year, the Council's most major decision was whether to pay for significant repairs to the pool or "band-aid" the problem for the season.

Dettmer said in April that the pool had two "bad spots" broken out of it. Not just cement, but broken to the grave. "It's not good," said Dettmer. She said the pit area is bad, too and everything depended on what everyone wanted to spend and if they wanted to try to get by for another year.

Soon the decision was clear that the pool needed in Kansas and someone to be shut down for the

> The pool is facing a mountain of issues. Groundwater runs into

the pit area under the diving boards. The pit area or basement houses pumps and electrical boxes. Water is constantly being pumped out, but sometimes the pump can't keep up. In the above photo, you can see where the water reaches along the pumps and filters and near the electrical to those pumps and filters.

There's also an electrical box near a pump that it's currently being held up by boards because there's been rot from the constant groundwater running into the pit.

"One of our good local electricians looked at it. He said, 'Man, I wouldn't even think about putting my kids in there [the pool].' Well, that kind of tells you something," said Mayor Rathbone.

The Council agreed it wasn't worth the risk to electrocute anyone.

The main water line that fills the pool has broken and is coming through the wall that holds the pool deck. That wall is deteriorating at a rapid rate, and at this moment, nobody knows how deep

or thick that wall is due to its age. At a recent Council meeting, Councilmember Vicky Lynch said that trying to fix the pipe could cause that wall to collapse and bring the decking along with it.

Another issue is the groundwater coming through the many cracks in the pool's walls. The floor also shows numerous repairs and patchwork over the years. Pieces of the wall and base give way to gravel from 70+ years of maintenance.

For years plaster and paint had been used to patch it, but "it won't hold anymore," Lynch. Dave Boughton, who checks the pumps at the pool daily, said, "Paint's hiding a lot down there; nobody gets to see it in this state. They see it after it's painted and full of water."

The lifeguard chairs need to be replaced to be brought up to date; there's a battle to keep the pool chlorinated and safe as groundwater constantly seeps in, there are possible sinkholes under the pool and with the pressure

from the outside with the high water table is pushing the pool and the walls

A company will be coming down later this summer to look at the issues and give the Council a better idea of what can be done, but for now, the Mayor and Council have suggested grants and fundraising with a fundraiser planned for Memorial Day weekend.

Someone in the public brought up taking the money that would have been spent for the pool and placing that in a pool fund. The Mayor said they needed to talk about that. Councilperson Lynch said, "That's actually being reviewed by the accountant, with Rathbone adding they need to be careful how that money goes into an account.

The member of the public said that for the public state of mind, if the city wants the pool, they would be better off showing that they were willing to put money in, too, if they were going to ask businesses and patrons to do the same.

Councilmember Lynch said she agreed 100 per-

"I'm still really a firm believer that this community can put a new pool for our youngsters and for anyone else that would like to use it," said Mayor Rathbone. "It's definitely served its purpose and it's been good for our town."

Plan for severe weather know your weather terms

(Continued from Page 1) in its full form ready to go-prepare your mouth for impact.

Now is the time to know your weather terms and prepare for severe weather.

Establish a safe room in your home, which can be a basement or a cellar. In rooms with no below-ground levels, the safest place is a small, interior room on the lowest level away from windows and

Sign up for emergency alert warning systems that cater to your area, so you know well in advance if a tornado is coming. Practice what to do in the event of a tornado, so the entire family knows what to do if disaster strikes.

Keep tornado readiness supplies handy. These include clean water, batteries, flashlights, a battery-powered radio, and packaged, nonperishable foods.

During a tornado warning, move indoors into a safe location for the duration of the tornado. Tornadoes move quickly, so timing is of the essence. There's no need to be outside on the roads or with your eyes to the sky. Leave that up to the professionals. If you cannot get to shelter, lay down flat in a low-lying area. Do not go under a highway overpass or attempt to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. Sheltering under a highway overpasses is a myth and can be more dangerous than being in your car.

Take additional precautions by shielding your head and neck with your arms or putting furniture and blankets around you to protect against debris.

Keep small children and pets close by and protect them as best as possible. Strapping an infant into a vehicle safety seat may be a good safety measure.

After: 1. Assess the situation for safety after the tornado has moved through.

- 2. Watch for downed electrical lines and check for the smell of gas.
- 3. Do not turn on any appliances or switches if you detect the aroma of gas.

Do not try to move anyone who seems seriously injured unless they are in immediate danger. Call and wait for help if needed. It may take time for emergency personnel to reach you.

Tornadoes can occur anywhere do what you can now to prepare to keep your family safe.





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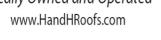


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FCHS asking students to take extra caution in heavy pedestrian areas after accident last week

An accident occurred earlier last week at Falls City High School when a student was struck by a vehicle while walking from the parking lot into the school. The incident happened at approximately 8:00 A.M. in the High School parking lot area.

The student injured was transported by a parent for medical treatment.

The district urges students, parents, and staff to be vigilant around the schools and pedestrian-heavy areas, and to take extra caution when walking or driving to school.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 inspec-tion 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.

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

NOTICE In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska Estate of Michael V. Hendricksen, Deceased Estate Number: PR23-16

Notice is hereby given that on April 14, 2023, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Sarah M. Rublein 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 June 26, 2023 or be forever

> Cassondra R Buethe Registrar 1700 Stone Street, Room 205 Falls City, NE 68355

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COUNTY

Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY **BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS APRIL 19, 2023 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzaige announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALLVOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion 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. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse 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.

HUMBOLDT SHARES

Mark Joy, President of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization. Dr. George Griffith, a member of the Board of Directors was also in attendance.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the 2023 price chart for the sale of culverts for driveways which was approved by the Board. He also informed the Board that the Department will be compiling a listing of vehicles and equipment that have deemed to be surplus to offer for sale at a public auction with BigIron in the near future.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that the Department has received 2 grants from the NE Department of Transportation and provided a report on the activity for January 1 thru March 31, 2023 for the department with regards to arrests and bookings into the Jail.

The Sheriff was informed that the K-9 dog that was to be purchased did not pass the training and that they are now reviewing the purchase for a K-9 from a different source. The Department also learned of grant funding available to assist with the purchase of a K-9 and have submitted the application to be considered for the grant

The Sheriff also reported on a meeting that he attended with Falls City representatives regarding the 911dispatch and the possibility of moving to the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Caverzagie declared that a public hearing be opened at 10:00 a.m. to receive public comments for the issuance of a Class I Liquor License for the Falls City Country Club, Inc. dba Falls City Golf Course.

No persons spoke at the public hearing

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:03 a.m. Motion was made by Caverzagie to recommend the issuance of a Class I Liquor License to the Falls City Country Club, Inc. dba Falls City Golf Course. Motion second-

ed by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

April 19, 2023 BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA **DIRECTOR** and NOXIOUS WEED SUPT.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board regarding the request from Pawnee County for the consolidation of services for the EMA Director position due to the resignation of the EMA Director serving both Pawnee and Johnson counties. A joint meeting will be planned for a member of each county board to meet to review this proposal further.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the report received from the NE Dept of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry of the 2022 Noxious Weed Control program and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion

carried. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Conflict Waiver Motion was made by Sickel to approve the Chairman to sign a conflict waiver with Baylor Evnen Wolfe and Tannehill, L.L.P., special legal counsel for Rick Hill v. Election Systems & Software, et. al. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karasaye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Sub-division

A sub-division was reviewed for Ag Partners, Inc. for a parcel located in S17-T1-R17 which will be held for further review and considered at next week's meeting.

Courthouse Roof

The contract with Skyline for the replacement of the Courthouse roof has still not been finalized so this will be considered again at next week's meeting.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND Animal Health Center, supp 88.08

Ankrom, Jami, reimb252.84
Bailey, Stacey, reimb129.69
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda,
reimb134.93
CMC, serv5000.00
Culligan, supp181.50
DAS, serv30.88
Falls City Mercantile, supp76.34
Farm & City Supply, supp . 113.95
First Concord Benefits Group,

Glathar, Carol, reimb 135.03 Government Forms & Supplies, supp......192.75 Kollasch Law Office, serv 1320.50

CR22-231 S. Fritts, CR23-90 R.

Schawang
Lincoln National Life Ins.,
life ins1101.7
Malcolm, Terry, serv280.0
Medica, ins44999.1
Mercure, Steven, serv 5916.6
NACO, fee25.00
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv
2166.32
OPPD, serv118.3
Pitney Bowes, supp90.0
Ram Exterminators, serv48.0
Richardson County EMA Pett
Cash, reimb87.10
D. 1

Richardson County Vendor, FICA/ retire/etc22464.02 SumnerOne, serv......111.00 Weaver & Merz, reimb....... 20.56 Payroll Expense110769.01 TOTAL GEN FUND. \$196,213.66

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND Black Hills Energy, serv..... 137.30 Brazos Trailers, supp.......711.82 Contech Engineered Solutions, supp......9049.45 Culligan, serv86.33 Egger Bros., supp.......38.55 Falls City Journal, adv66.00

Feniex Industries, supp 196.00 Mainelli Wagner & Associates, serv......1590.63 Martin Marietta Materials. rock10558.43 NPPD, serv.....92.81 Norris Quarries, rock 2115.50 Operation & Expense

Account, reimb......311.10 OPPD, serv......37.02 $Safety\text{-}Kleen\ Systems, supp 387.52$ Sapp Bros., fuel......2408.51 Stella, Village of, serv 61.60 Unifirst, supp.......78.91 Payroll Expense34427.59

TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$62,355.07 DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv......... 1100.00 Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv/reimb1617.19 TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND.....\$2,717.19

ARPA FUND City of Humboldt, funding130000.00 Richardson County Vendor, FICA/

TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$130,019.36 INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Payroll Expense16.92

Scholl Lawn & Landscape, TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND.....\$3,291.25

ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL

CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 26, 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 **ZNEZ**

County COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY **BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS **APRIL 26, 2023** CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzaige announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion 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. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse 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.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He reported on the plans to repair and improve 706 Road west of Falls City (W 14th Street). Also reviewed was the task that the Department is doing to revamp the application form for a special operating permit to operate oversize or overweight vehicle or load over Richardson County Nebraska roads and bridges which will include some additional requirements.

COUNTY TREASURER

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, County Treasurer presented to the Board the report of the collection of 2021 distress warrants in which all have been collected by the County Sheriff. The Sheriff also presented his final report on the 2021 distress warrant collection

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that a grant had been received from the NE Dept. of Transportation for a "Click-It or Ticket" which will be done

May 22 through June 4: that one of the new patrol vehicles will be out of service for a few weeks for warranty repairs; a patrol vehicle received some minor hail damage with the storm that passed through last week; another donation was received for the Drug Dog in the amount of \$1,000 and that the electronic fingerprinting equipment should arrive on or about May 23. Kristen Morehead, Jail Supervisor was also in attendance for the meeting and presented to the Board information regarding a service provided by ChartMeds, Inc. a Missouri corporation which will provide services to the Jail to assist with administering prescription medications and ancillary treatments of the inmates at a cost of \$264.00/month.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an agreement with ChartMeds, Inc. a Missouri corporation of Lee's Summit, MO and authorize the Jail Administrator and the Chairman of the County Board to sign. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Representative from SENCA, Susan Keholm, CCAP-Development Director presented the 2022 Annual Report of the Agency and explained the different programs that the agency provides.

Debbie Green with the SENCA Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) presented the activity of the agency. She also relayed to the Board their thanks for the successful work that the Sheriff's Department is doing and also for their assistance with helping CASA when requested.

Amanda Palmerton, Housing Development Director of SENCA reviewed with the Board the different programs available to assist residents in becoming homeowners and providing affordable housing.

Sherry Huddleston of the Falls City Outreach Office also gave a brief update on the activity at this

Motion was made by Sickel that the County Board declare and proclaim that May, 2023, be designated as Community Action Month in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER **Cooperative Extension Service** Report The Board reviewed the 2022

Annual Report of the Richardson County Cooperative Extension Service.

Sub-division Motion was made by Sickel to ap-

prove a sub-division Ag Partners, Inc. located in S17, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2022-2023-43. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 20)

Courthouse Roof

Motion was made by Karas to enter into a contract with Skyline for the courthouse roof replacement. Motion seconded by Caverzagie.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

Ace K-9, supp1723.04
Ankrom, Jami, reimb272.48
Armbruster Motor Co.,
supp1076.08
Brite, supp136.00
DAS State Accounting, serv163.18
Falls City Mercantile, supp76.34
Farm & City Supply, supp139.92
Harmon's, serv15.00
Jones Air Conditioning,
serv382.50

Karas, Rick, reimb426.93 Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb379.77 Koch's Auto Service, serv.2627.13 Kollasch Law Office, serv.2299.00 CR22-246 E. Davidson, CR22-

148 T. Ross Malcolm, Terry, serv140.00 Meyer Home Center, serv91.35 OneNeck IT Solutions, serv . 1331.19 O'Reilly Automotive, supp ...21.99 Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv......45.00 Pitney Bowes, supp......2018.50 Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb595.42 Sapp Bros., fuel......186.51 SatPhone City, serv765.00 Summit Fire Protection, serv......169.50 SumnerOne, serv.....262.10

Reporters, serv740.02 TOTAL GEN FUND\$16,083.95 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Thomas & Thomas Court

Contech Engineered Solutions, supp8710.50 Martin Marietta Materials, rock18947.25 NPPD, serv.....102.39 Norris Quarries, rock4513.73 Sapp Bros., fuel.....23773.60 Woods & Aitken, serv6895.36

TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE

FUND.....\$62,942.83 DRUG COURT FUND Glenn's Corner Market, incentive McDonald's, incentive cards100.00 Pizza Hut, incentive cards...300.00

Quill, supp......421.65 Redwood Toxicology Lab, serv123.00 Runza, incentive cards50.00 Sonic, incentive cards150.00 Walmart, incentive cards.....300.00 TOTAL DRUG COURT

FUND.....\$1,744.65 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-ave, Caverzagie-ave. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 3, 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

NOTICE TO REGISTER VACANT PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given through publication, after unsuccessful notice by certified mail, that the owners of real property at the below listed address's and legal descriptions to the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, has thirty (30) days from the date of publication to register said property with the City Clerk or obtain an exemption from the vacancy determination.

Owner	Address	Legal Description
Jason Stevens	2114 Towle St, Falls City, NE	FC Crook & Towle BLK16
	68355	Lots 17-20
Paul Meyer	2212 Hiland Ave., Falls City,	FC Gilligans BLK 1 Lots 16-
,	NE 68355	19
Karen Newhouse	2602 Crook St., Falls City, NE	FC Hillcrest BLK 5 Lots 13-
	68355	14 & 15
James Crenshaw	605 Reavis St., Falls City, NE	FC Gatz (MH FC Trailer
	68355	Park)
Betty Harmon	601 Wilson St., Falls City, NE	FC Kinscott & Towle BLK
	68355	237 Lots 2-3 & 4

To appeal the vacancy determination, you must appeal in writing to the City Clerk and pay the non-refundable appeal fee within twenty (20) calendar days of the publication notice. If the Owner fails to register the property, obtain an exemption, or request a hearing, the City of Falls City will include the property on the Vacant Property Registration list and assess fees as stated in Chapter 9, Article 10 of the Municipal Code of the City of Falls City.

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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, APRIL 24, 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: Jan Wilhelm, Vicky Lynch, Larry Stauffer, and Rhonda Dettmer Absent:

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 comment was given by Cindy Eden.

Council member Stauffer made a motion to accept the April 3, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Wilhelm. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Lynch, Dettmer, and Stauffer voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Dettmer made a motion to accept the April 5, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Stauffer, Dettmer, Lynch and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

American National Bank: General/Fire/Rural Fire- Postage/Office Supplies/Software/Travel \$569.83, Auburn Newspapers: Cemetery - Advertising \$113.10, Binder Bros., Inc.: Streets - Rock \$288.00, Black Hills Energy: Auditorium/ General/Fire/Rural Fire/Rescue/ Library - Utilities/Gas 1465.74, Bruna Implement: Fire/Rural Fire - Truck Maintenance 695.39, Chet McGrury: General- Professional Fees \$100.00, Davis PHE, LLC: Sewer- Repairs/Maintenance

Rural Fire/Rescue - Life Insurance 92.88, Electronic Contracting Company: Auditorium - Repairs/ Maintenance \$480.64, Emergency Medical Products: Rescue- Supplies \$67.68, Falls City Journal: General/Cemetery- Notice Publications/Advertising \$131.46, Falls City Mercantile: Parks- Supplies \$321.59, Home Lumber Company: Pool -Repairs/Maintenance \$40.00, Humboldt Standard: General/Cemetery -Notice Publications/Advertising \$574.77, Koch' Auto Service, Inc.: Rescue- Maintenance \$925.32, Law Offices of Weaver and Merz: General - Legal Services \$262.50, Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.: Rescue-Supplies \$64.22, Nebraska Public Power District: General/Street/Water/Fire/ Rural Fire/Rescue/Cemetery/Pool/ Park/Auditorium -Utilities/Electric \$4,695.33, Niders Grocery: General/Auditorium-Supplies \$27.48, People-Service: Water -Licensing/Maintenance/Lab/Testing Fees \$10,889.00, Petty Cash: General-Repairs/Maintenance/

\$1,162.50, Dearborn Group: Fire/

General- Repairs/Maintenance/ Supplies \$122.86, Phillips Plumbing: Fire/Rural Fire/Rescue -Repairs/Maintenance 54.78, Quick Med Claims: Rescue -EMS Billing Fees \$374.01, Richardson County Clerk: Police -Interlocal Agreement \$6,358.00, Richardson County Court: General - Legal Services \$17.00, The Station Service Center: Fire/Rural Fire/Rescue/Streets/ Parks- Truck Maintenance/Fuel

658.00, Tri-State Pumping: Sewer-Repairs/Maintenance \$31,243.10, United States Treasury: General-Payroll Taxes \$2,380.46, Windstream: General-Telephone/Internet \$358.30

Council member Stauffer made

a motion to accept the April 24, 2023, claims; seconded by Wilhelm. Roll Call vote indicated Dettmer, Stauffer, Lynch, and Wilhelm, voting in favor of the motion, Stauffer absent, whereupon motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: See attached report published in same edition as minutes. A motion to approve the closure of the swimming pool for the 2023 season due to needed significant repairs was made by Stauffer, seconded by Wilhelm. A presentation was given by Council member Vicky Lynch and Clerk Darla Hulsebus. Roll Call vote indicat-

tion, whereupon motion carried.

Dennis Crispin provided an update on the construction progress at the Auditorium.

ed Lynch, Wilhelm, Stauffer, and

Dettmer voting in favor of the mo-

A motion to approve Drawdown #3 for Treanor HL fees in the amount of \$2,047.62, SENDD General Admission fees \$1,797.50,

SENDD Construction Management \$552.50- CDBG Grant amount of \$3,988.09 and Local Match total of \$409.53 for the CDBG #20PW005 was made by Lynch; seconded by Wilhelm. Roll Call vote indicated Stauffer, Dettmer, Wilhelm, and Lynch voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Dettmer made a motion to approve the resignation of Auditorium Board member Dan Duryea; seconded by Wilhelm. Roll Call vote indicated Dettmer, Stauffer, Lynch, and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A motion to table the wastewater plant repairs until May 1, 2023, council meeting to ensure the exact cost amount is provided made by Stauffer; seconded by Lynch. Roll call vote indicated Dettmer, Stauffer, Lynch, and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, where-upon motion carried.

Council member Stauffer made a motion to approve advertising the hiring of a part time Deputy Clerk; seconded by Dettmer. Roll Call vote indicated Stauffer, Dettmer, Wilhelm and Lynch voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Dettmer made a motion to approve advertising the hiring of a City Treasurer; seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Dettmer, Stauffer and Lynch voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A motion to approve the CPA service contract for Aue and Company was made by Wilhelm; seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Dettmer, Stauffer, Lynch and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Lynch made a motion to approve the hourly wage revision for Laramie Glathar from \$11.00 to \$15.00; seconded by Dettmer. Roll Call vote indicated Lynch, Wilhelm, Stauffer, and Dettmer voting in favor of the mo-

tion, whereupon motion carried.

A motion to approve the renewal of the membership for Alliance for Community Trees membership in the amount of \$75.00 was made by Lynch; seconded by Wilhelm. Roll Call vote indicated Stauffer, Dettmer, Wilhelm and Lynch voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A motion to approve the mosquito control services with HJP Pest Control in the of \$1958.40 was made by Wilhelm; seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Lynch, Dettmer, and Stauffer voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Stauffer made a motion to approve the verbiage for the Old Fire Hall lease agreement; seconded by Wilhelm. Roll Call vote indicated Dettmer, Stauffer, Lynch and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Wilhelm made a motion to approve the sidewalk closure in front of Marburger's Shoe Store during the 1st week of July to paint the exterior of the store; seconded by Stauffer. Roll Call vote indicated Lynch, Wilhelm, Dettmer, and Stauffer voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A discussion was held to review the draft updated Code Book. The draft has been reviewed by the City Attorney and will now be sent back to American Publishing for finalization.

The council continues to discuss incorporating trash service with the water and sewer billing. Mayor Rathbone announced that a Townhall will be held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, at 7pm at the Old Fire

Department Reports & Requests: Mayor Rathbone announced that the Free Scrap Tire Cleanup will be held on May 6th, 2023. Mayor also advised that Betsy from Colonial Acres should be getting the receipt from the Wastewater Engineers soon. Council member Lynch reports that the light on the water tower will be replaced on April 28th at the same time the water tower is cleaned. Lynch also advised that the field audit has been completed and turned over to the auditors. Council member Wilhelm requests that a reminder to not blow grass in the streets be published on the city social media account. Wilhelm also reported that there was a dead tree near the cemetery that needs to be removed.

Council members reviewed meeting minutes and agendas from the Auditorium Board.

Auntion Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stauffer; seconded by Lynch. Roll call vote indicated Wilhelm, Lynch, Dettmer, and Stauffer voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm. The next Meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6pm

ATTEST: Darla Hulsebus, City Clerk Ron Rathbone, Mayor ZNEZ

CITY OF HUMBOLDT

City of Humboldt Treasurer's Report for 4/24/2023

American National Bank account balances as of Thursday, April 20th 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= \$202,117.45

City Sales Tax Money Market Account= \$46,775.95 Auditorium Grant Account= \$229,145.07 Cemetery Account = \$5,424.03

Fire Account= \$32,049.03 Rescue Account= \$81,360.33 Streets Account= \$94,212.06

Water & Sewer Account= \$40,701.88

The only unexpected expenses were an overage in the initial estimated cost of sludge removal at the Wastewater plant and jetting on the sewer mains.

The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year End audit draft has been accepted and submitted to the auditors.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Eden on 4/20/2023.
ZNEZ

CITY OF HUMBOLDT

NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a meeting of the City Council of the City of Humboldt, Nebraska will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the City Hall, 330 E. Square St., Humboldt, Nebraska which meeting will be open to the public. An Agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

ZNEZ

Larry Stauffer resigns from Humboldt City Council

The Humboldt City Council met on May 1, 2023. Letters from the former Treasurer, Cindy Eden and Lengemann & Associates, P.C., were brought up. Mayor Rathbone said a special meeting could be held to address this so any questions could be answered.

Eden was recently relieved of her duties. Eden sent a letter to the Mayor and members of the City Council.

The letter stated she felt it "necessary as a citizen of the city who now possesses some inside knowledge to point out certain areas of concern regarding the accounting practices currently being used by the City of Humboldt."

Eden listed some of the issues she was concerned about. Copies of this letter are available at the Humboldt City Office.

She concluded, "While I may not have an accounting degree, I do possess a sound knowledge of accounting principles and practices after having worked in the area of accounting for over 30 years. My only hope in bringing these issues to light is that those who represent the City of Humboldt, and its citizens, be made aware that they do indeed exist. Armed with this knowledge, I would like to think that a better plan could be formulated. A plan that provides for making the necessary decisions and/or changes that would allow for the City of Humboldt to have access to both true and accurate financial and budgeting reports, as well as to be able to have a clear picture of its overall financial position. I also hope that as a resident and a tax-paying member of the community, you will take this information and use it for the future good of the City of Humboldt sooner rather than later."

Days later, a response letter was drafted by Lengemann & Associates, P.C.,

In summary, the accounting firm said when they "became involved with the City of Humboldt's financial statements, all departments were maintained in one QuickBooks account with Classes/Departments. There was no method at the time to distinguish what each department had paid or received on behalf of the other. A great deal of time was spent to reconcile these differences by Lengemann & Associates during the first year we performed the audit and Vicky. To facilitate a method to correct this, we determined that it was best to divide each department into a separate set of QuickBooks, as this would force proper accounting of what each department has spent or received on behalf of another department, creating the Due To/Due From account that each department would show what was receivable or owed to each other department. To do this as one entity in Quick-Books would be possible, but would require someone to be very well versed in QuickBooks functions and fund accounting."

The Sheriff's report was given.

During the maintenance report, the Mayor said Dave Boughton was still checking the swimming pool. Some ditches have been cleared. The leak in front of OPPD may not have gotten fixed yet. It's believed parts have been ordered.

A concern was brought up about some graffiti at the playground. It will be addressed. The water tower was cleaned, and the lights were replaced.

A pump from Electric Pump in the amount of \$4,990.07 was approved.

The Lions Club entered into a lease agreement on May 3, 2023. The least will begin June 1 and continue until May 31, 2024. The rent will be \$350 a month. The Lion's Club will pay utilities, including electricity, gas and telephone. The city will pay for water and sewer.

"The Lions give thousands of dollars to the community each year. Thousands of dollars to benefit scholarships and everything to the community. So a little bit of water bill. It's nothing compared to what-thank you so much for what you do," said Councilperson Jan Wilhelm.

There was a discussion of the pool (see pool story) Later in the week, Councilmember Larry Stauffer offered his resignation to the Council.



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Learn the meanings behind popular Mother's Day flowers

Mother's Day is a time to express love and appreciation for mothers, sentiments that are often expressed with gifts. Flowers are a popular present to bestow on Mother's Day, as they can brighten a room and bring a sweet aroma to any household.

While any flowers may ultimately suffice on Mother's Day, gift givers may want to select flowers for Mom that convey specific messages. The language of flowers has been recognized for cenhiries. Though perhaps not as heralded as it once was, flower symbolism persists to this day. Here's a look at some of the meanings behind certain types of flowers to help guide Mother's Day gifting.

- Amaryllis: These plants start as bulbs and are naturally spring-blooming flowers. The name comes from the Greek word "amarysso," which means "to sparkle," and they symbolize pride.
- Aster: These daisy-like flowers are delicate-looking perennials. Asters make great gifts because they symbolize love and daintiness.
- Begonia: There are more than 2,000 types of begonias, and the flower symbolizes deep thoughts. Begonias were made famous by French horticulturist Michel segon, who thought the blooms looked like beautiful girls.
- Bleeding heart: These flowers are red and pink blossoms that look like the perfect l1eart shape with a teardrop at the bottom. They're beautiful and symbolic of love and affection.
- Buttercup: These are associated with youthfulness and cheerfulness and can call to mind childhood days spent picking buttercups and holding them under chins to reveal that you like butter. The flower is known for its beauty and innocent charm.
- Daisy: Daisies are happy-looking flowers, and according to Norse mythology they represent motherhood and children.
- Delphinium: Delphiniums come in pink, white and blue varieties and embody youth and renewal. They're a good pick if you want to convey a continued or renewed affection for a person.

Tulip: Tulips with an orange hue are thought to represent understanding and appreciation. They can express appreciation for Mom or another special person. Yellow tulips symbolize happiness, while pink tulips are symbolic of love. Red blooms should be reserved for sweethearts.

















How to ensure a relaxing day for Mom this Mother's Day

The unconditional love and undying patience moms exhibit as they raise tl1eir children is wortl1y of more than just a single day of appreciation in May. Moms do a lot for their families, and though that's something to celebrate every day, Mother's Day merits upping the ante in regard to showing Mom how much she's loved and appreciated.

This year, families can work together to ensure this Mother's Day is a day for Mom to relax and bask in all the extra attention she deserves.

- Serve breakfast in bed. Mom might be on breakfast detail on hectic weekday mornings, but Mother's Day marks the perfect time for spouses and kids to take over those responsibilities. This year, keep the cereal in the pantry and go the extra mile by preparing a homemade breakfast and serving it to Mom in bed. Present the meal with a small bouquet of flowers and some reading material and then let Mom eat in peace and quiet if she so prefers.
- Turn the en suite into a spa. Nothing complements a relaxing breakfast in bed better than a subsequent dip in Mom's own private spa. Transform the en suite or another bathroom into Mom's personal soaking space. Clean the bathtub, light some candles around the tub and bathroom, turn on some relaxing music, dim the lights, and then invite Mom in to soak in a freshly drawn hot bubble bath.
- Keep Mom out of the kitchen. Keep the relaxing vibe going by making sure Mom doesn't have to lift a finger in the kitchen. Make sure all the dishes are washed before Mom comes downstairs for the day and let her know you've already ordered lunch from a local restaurant. Even if Mom loves to cook, a day off from kitchen detail can make Mother's Day that much more relaxing.
- Book some time in the great outdoors. If the weather allows, visit a nearby park as a family and go for a walk. Nature has its own way of helping people relax, so some time outdoors in the spring air can keep the peaceful vibe going into the afternoon. If the family includes young children, choose a park with a playground so Mom can relax and watch the kids play from a nearby bench.
- Book a dinner reservation. It might require some advance booking, as Mother's Day reservations can be hard to come by, but a night at Mom's favorite restaurant can be the perfect conclusion to a relaxing day. If Mom's more of a homebody, whip up a homemade meal and let Mom relax with a glass of wine as you prepare a feast.



