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Sheriff’s Department hires new Deputy Sheriff

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent.

The minutes of the October 18, 2023, County Board meeting were approved as presented as were the October 18, 2023 Board of Equalization meeting minutes.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done. Darveau has been working with the staff at the Falls City Public Schools bus barn to make plans for snow removal on different routes and reported that the department is getting machinery ready for snow removal. Darveau also presented information for the purchase of a motor

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Humboldt City Council vote no on increasing paramedic hours from 20 to 24 per week

The Humboldt City Council met during a rescheduled meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023.

All members were present except for Councilperson Rhonda Dettmer, who was in attendance via Zoom.

During public comment, Mayor Ron Rathbone thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers, condolences and cards after losing a family member. He said he appreciated everyone in town and thanked them for their support.

Roxanne Sailors from *The Humboldt Standard* inquired about First Street parking, which had been discussed at the previous meeting.

The discussion was that a citizen said they thought banning parking on First Street was a bad idea. He said he felt it would make that area a “drag strip.”

“There’s multiple times you sit there and watch kids and all kinds of people fly up and down that street. So it’s my opinion, I don’t think it’s a good idea to ban parking on the south side of the street.” The citizen also addressed people who lived on that street who wouldn’t be able to park in front of their home or have parking for family gatherings if parking on the south side of the street was banned and there is currently no parking on the north side of the street in the area he is referencing.

The Mayor explained to Ms. Sailors that the issue was tabled at the request of Councilperson Wilhelm and a future discussion will be had on the topic.

“I just don’t think we were really ready to start that right now, and that was after visiting with Sheriff Hardesty and Jan visited with some folks and so did all of us. But it’s tabled as of right now,” said Mayor Rathbone.

Josh from People Service gave the September O&M report.

At the beginning of September, he found the north blower was seized up and not turning. He ordered a new one and it has since been installed. He also found that the “Muffin Monster” at the plant was not working-the bearings were shot. The “Muffin Monster” is a grinder which is the entry to the wastewater plant and grinds sludge

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- St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Soup Supper- Nov. 1, 5-7 PM
- Poppe Realty & Mgmt Land Auction, Blecha Trust- Nov. 3
- Lord’s Acre Soup Supper & Auction, 17th & Harlan, Nov. 4
- Poppe Realty & Mgmt Land Auction, TCA Farm Holdings -Nov. 7
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Falls City’s House of Hope: A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless to host “Help the Homeless Benefit Banquet”

The Richardson County House of Hope is hosting a Help the Homeless Benefit Banquet on November 9, 2023, at the Falls City Elks Club.

The goal is to raise \$100,000 to provide housing and support for vulnerable women and women with children. The evening will feature a social hour, dinner catered by the Wooden Spoon and a remarkable keynote speech by Ricky C. Simmons, sharing his inspiring journey of overcoming addiction. The event is a way to unite as a community to help our neighbors in need.

Pastor Jerry Yount and a dedicated team have introduced the Richardson County House of Hope, a non-profit organization aiming to provide temporary/transitional housing and support for the homeless in Falls City. They’re working hard to secure funding and create a safe, drug-free environment.

This organization is working to set up a house for the homeless population in Falls City and provide job training and support to help them find stable housing. The house will have 24/7 staff, be drug and alcohol-free, and have a zero-tolerance policy. They’re seeking financial support through grants, community contributions, private donations, and community fundraisers such as the banquet being held on November 9. This is a way for the community to help them make a difference.

“Our community doesn’t realize we have a homeless population. We do,” stated Linda Santo of the RC HOH. “We need to help our neighbors in need.

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“Hello, I’m Ben Mankiewicz. Welcome to TCM”

Story and photos by Nikki McKim

Last month, the *Journal* had the incredible opportunity to visit the Atlanta-based headquarters of Turner Classic Movies in Atlanta, Georgia.

Turner Classic Movies launched in 1994, the baby of CNN and TBS founder Ted Turner. The network boasts commercial-free classic films, a promise they’ve kept for nearly 30 years. They bring on a variety of filmmakers, actors and other industry professionals to discuss movies, actors and studios that made old Hollywood fascinating.

TCM/Warner Media Digital Marketing Manager Diana would be my tour guide for the day, giving me the history and the behind-the-scenes look at what goes on while on set.

As you entered the studio, you could sense the same undeniable energy you feel in the Falls City Journal office on a Monday while trying to put the paper to bed. It’s the energy you have when you’re on a mission with a small staff full of passion, a mound of work and a looming deadline. Every person there poured

their heart and soul into their work, ensuring that what viewers see on TCM is nothing short of perfection.

Many people worldwide, both young and old, share a love for classic cinema and a passionate dedication to TCM, the network’s knowledge, and the film library presented 24 hours a day with careful curation.

A quick Google search turns up hundreds of personal testimonies of those affected by the recent staff changes and cuts at the network. The network has legions of fans who turn to the channel and even the staff for comfort when they struggle in their own lives. During the pandemic, the hosts and films were a great source of comfort for many who stayed home for months, many alone with no family, but who spent days online talking to other film fans about what the channel was showing.

When David Zaslav, head of Warner Bros. Discovery, started laying off senior management this summer, people got nervous. Whenever a CEO starts tinkering with a beloved brand it’s time to worry. But when people worry about a brand or institution, it’s

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Your gastrointestinal system – no reason to be grossed out!

Kelly Evans-Hullinger, M.D.

A common lament I hear from my patients as they try to discuss a real concern they have about their body: “I’m sorry; this is so disgusting!” Their cheeks burn with shame as they tell me how their bowels have betrayed them. No matter what the issue is, so many of my patients are mortified discussing their diarrhea, constipation, fecal incontinence. My response, always, is “you can’t gross me out – we talk about poop every day in this clinic!”

Plenty of things can go wrong in the gastrointestinal tract, and even minor issues can be really disruptive in a person’s life. Certain features of bowel dysfunction, like blood in the stool, abdominal pain, and weight loss, might signal more urgency to get a problem diagnosed and fixed. We certainly don’t want to miss things like tumors, ulcers, inflammatory bowel disease, and diseases that might affect absorption of nutrients.

Oftentimes, none of those “red flags” are present, but a patient’s gastrointestinal symptoms are affecting their ability to function at work or socially. In cases when we either have ruled out or have low suspicion for something “bad” we can still offer plenty to help with these symptoms. Sometimes that might mean trials of elimination of food types, dietary changes, addition of fiber, or other medications. GI symptoms might be a side effect of another medication. We frequently have to do some trial and error to find the right combination of things that improve an individual’s function, but usually we can do so. In some cases consulting with gut specialists, dietitians, even physical therapists, can be very helpful.

My point here is this: if you are having gut symptoms that are worrying you or disrupting your day-to-day life, let’s talk about it! Whatever discomfort you have discussing it, I promise, is not shared by your primary care provider or friendly gastroenterologist. We want to help you get answers. And even if there is not a simple diagnosis or fix to the problem, we want to help you be more comfortable leaving the house without worrying about what your gut will do. So please, don’t let feeling grossed out keep you from asking the question.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO PEOPLE WHO APOLOGIZE?

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

Quick, somebody give the Governor a shovel, I want to see how much deeper he can dig the hole.

Weeks after he insulted a reporter who questioned the high nitrate levels on his pig farm, Governor Jim Pillen has yet to apologize for his xenophobic remarks.

The reporter, born in China, has been working in this country since 2017. She wrote about the nitrate issue for Flatwater Free Press, her employer for the past two years. On an Omaha radio call-in program, Pillen said he hadn’t read the article and won’t because the author is from Communist China.

That’s not very diplomatic. That’s not even nice. How does the Governor know the author is from China? Is it a presumption made by seeing her name?

That would be like me saying I’m not going to listen to Pillen because he’s a pig farmer.

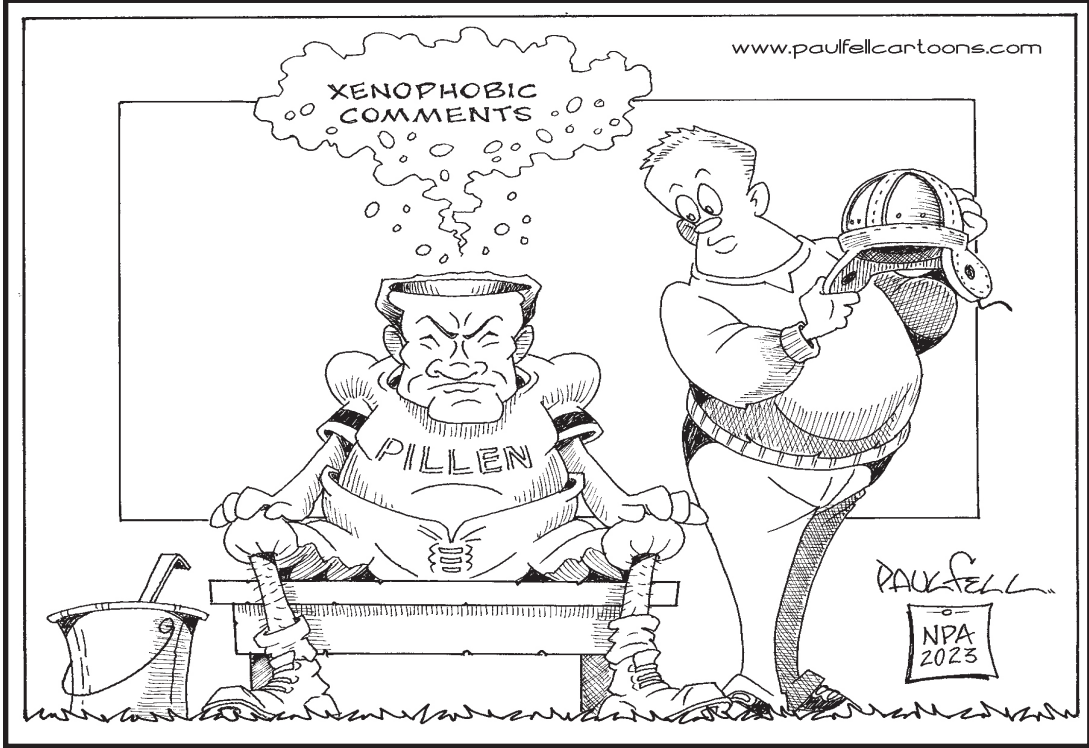
You get the picture!

Facing questions almost daily from various media outlets, state and national elected officials and a written plea from reporter Yanqi Xu’s editor to please apologize, Pillen has not apologized for nor defended the comments he made about the Nebraska reporter’s nationality that have been criticized by Asian American leaders across the country.

Perhaps as troubling is the original story, which Pillen has also not addressed, nitrate levels on his farms that are far above the legal drinking water limit.

So what did he say to create all this furor? Asked about the story on his farms on a state-wide radio show, the Governor said, “Number one, I didn’t read it. And I won’t. Number two; all you got to do is look at the author. The author is from communist China. What more do you need to know?”

The governor’s comments surfaced when Matt Wynn, the news outlet’s executive director, wrote a column defending the reporter and calling Pillen’s comments infuriating and saddening. At his first public appearance since Wynn’s column gained national attention, Pillen repeatedly sidestepped questions about his remarks on Xu, often referring to the mounting criticism against him as a “side-



show.”

“I am 100% focused on being governor of all Nebraskans,” he said. I wonder if that includes the reporter?

“Again, my comment — I’m not gonna talk about any reporter, I’m not gonna talk about any sideshows,” he added. “I’m focused on my job.”

But wait Governor. You already talked about a reporter, that’s why you have become your own sideshow.

Rep. Judy Chu, a Democrat from California who chairs the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, told NBC News Pillen’s remarks amounted to a “baseless xenophobic attack” and called on him to apologize.

“Failing to do so only contributes to more hostility and suspicion of people from China and Asian Americans broadly,” she said.

The Asian American Journalists Association Board of Directors also denounced “statements that may fuel xenophobia or prejudice” in a statement in support of Xu, an award-winning investigative reporter for Flatwater.

Norman Chen, the CEO of The Asian American Foundation in San Francisco, said

in a statement that Pillen’s comments were “not only appalling but also outright racist.”

Meeting with reporters in downtown Lincoln, Pillen said “I’m 100% focused on the state of Nebraska and the people of Nebraska and defending agriculture, growing agriculture, selling it all over the country,” he said.

“And that’s what I keep focused on. I fo-

cus on the task at hand and don’t get caught up in the sideshows.”

Governor, I repeat, you ARE the sideshow and only you can stop the sideshow.

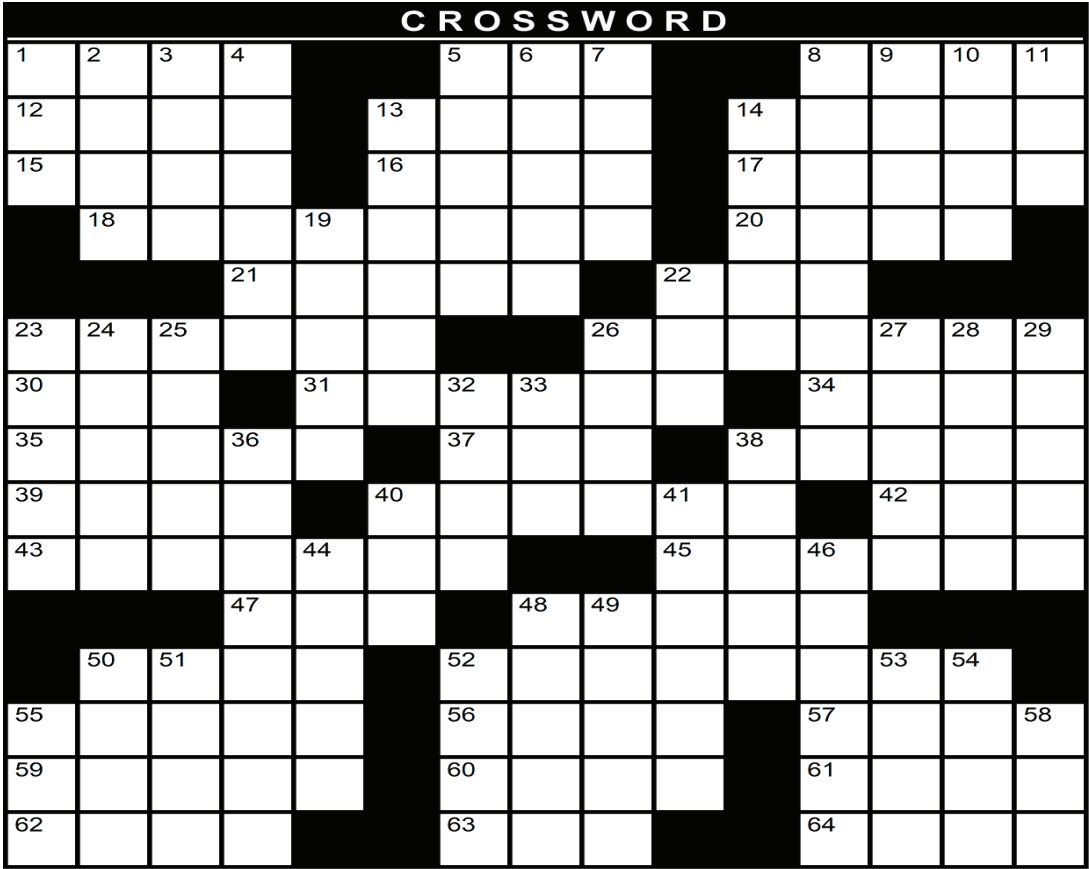
The hole is just getting deeper. The solution is simple.

Apologize.

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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THEME: HALLOWEEN

- ACROSS
1. Down in the dumps
5. Letter-writing friend
8. Trampled
12. Hokkaido people
13. D. H. Lawrence's “___ and Lov-
14. Near the wind, archaic
15. Mideast ruler
16. Hipbones
17. *Pumpkin, e.g.
18. *The ___, movie
20. Jackson 5 member
21. Twinings product
22. ___ canto (singing style)
23. Appetite whetter
26. Chucking
30. Pilot's announcement, acr.
31. Short sock
34. Kuwaiti leader
35. Dapper
37. “___ the ramparts ...”
38. Origami bird
39. Popular picnic side
40. Weary walk
42. Often precedes “whiz”
43. Larry of Oracle
45. Most idle
47. Napkin holder
48. Gamy, alt. sp.
50. *What witches' brew does in 52 across
52. *Eye of newt and toe of frog” holder
55. Shell-less gastropod, pl.
56. Siren's song, e.g.
57. A Flock of Seagulls' hit (2 words)
59. Ottoman title
60. Type of mine passage
61. Head of family
62. Aid in crime
63. *World's largest Halloween Parade location, acr.
64. Bulgarian or Serb
- DOWN
1. Ovine utterance
2. Margarita fruit
3. Windows alternative in computers
4. “Europa ___” movie (1990)
5. Disease in Philip Roth's “Nemesis”
6. Licorice-like flavor
7. Future atty.'s exam
8. *Michael Jackson's spooky classic
9. Disorderly retreat
10. M lange
11. “Silent Spring” subject, acr.
13. Make ill
14. Subsequently
19. Settle a debt
22. Contrary conjunction
23. End of “incense”
24. In the least (2 words)
25. Birth-related
26. Group of cows
27. JPEG data
28. “To the ___,” or “to a great extent”
29. Roll out the red carpet
32. *Kandy ___
33. Romanian money
36. *Stephenie Meyer's vampire saga
38. Relinquished
40. Spinning toy
41. Gin plus lime cordial
44. Chip dip
46. *”Monster Mash” words, e.g.
48. Tasteless and flashy
49. Gold-related
50. Spill the beans
51. Yorkshire river
52. Kin group
53. Word of mouth
54. California wine valley
55. R&R destination
58. *All Saints' Day mo.



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Rotary members, left to right, Glenda Nelson, Merle Veigel, Mary Jane Weinert, Cate Larsen and Ryan Larsen present dictionaries at South School.

Third graders get Rotary dictionaries

The Falls City Rotary Club visited South School and Sacred Heart on October 12 to give each third grader in both schools their own personal dictionary. Rotary member and retired third grade teacher Glenda Nelson gave a short interactive presentation on the usefulness of the dictionary and its special reference features. As part of Rotary International, the Rotary Club supports worldwide projects including eradicating polio and find-

ing clean water sources for remote villages. Locally, the club promotes literacy by awarding college scholarships to high school seniors every year, and by participating in the Dictionary Project annually, in addition to other civic projects. The Falls City Rotary Club has distributed student dictionaries to every third grader in Falls City schools for seventeen years, and has handed out 1296 dictionaries since 2007.

New Arrivals

RHOADES: Samantha and Frederick Rhoades of Mound City are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Stella JoAnn. Stella was born on October 20, 2023 at 7:22 a.m. weighing eight pounds, five ounces. Stella is the granddaughter of Jeremy and Patty Jackson of Mound City, Freddy Rhoads of Craig, MO, the late Bonnie Bennett; the great-granddaughter of Roger and Lu Jackson of Craig, MO, Ann Liberty of Verdon, the late Romona Rhoades and the late Paul and Violet Rhoads of Craig, MO. Stella will be welcomed home by her siblings, Ashlyn and Cruz.



Tatum Russell-Hall the son of Kristin Russell-Hall and grandson of Robert and Tiannie Mchenry and Mike and Krista Simpson recently completed a Solar System replication at South School. Tatum used the actual size of planets and their distance from the Sun to calculate a size that could be displayed in the school. He drew the planets to scale and placed them down the hall using the appropriate distance using his calculations. Tatum researched and completed this project on his own time.

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Kim Riggs, 320 West 24th St., remodel bathroom; \$2,500.00.
Mark May, 825 E. 16th St., new deck; \$3,500.00.
Mike and Cassey Whalen, 1509 Schoenheit St., new deck; \$10,000.00.
Donnie Stice, 2016 Morton St., replace sidewalk; \$800.00.
Donnie Stice, 2017 Morton St., replace sidewalk; \$800.00.
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SOCIETY

GFWC/NFWC Stella Research Club
By Elizabeth S. Ketner, secretary

The GFWC/NFWC Stella Research Club met at the Stella Community Church on October 7, 2023, following the NFWC District 1 convention.

President Vicki Beilke called the meeting to order at 12:20. Elizabeth Ketner made a motion to keep the dues as before, seconded by Dot Kelsay. All voted, Aye.

Roll call was answered by nine members paying their dues, plus two guests – NFWC Karen Crandall and NFWC First Vice-President Kathy Huggins.

Secretary Ketner read the minutes of the April 19, 2023, meeting. They were approved as read. Jackie Uhri gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Ketner presented a bill for yearbook printing. Chris Joy moved to pay the bill, seconded by Jan McMullen. All voted, Aye.

Notes on committees: Dot Kelsay will be doing the scrapbook, and Mrs. Joy-Courtesy and Sue James will be leading the Easter Committee. The Halloween committee of Mrs. Donahoe, Mrs. Kelsay, and Barb Ely will be deciding when to have the costume contest.

Pop tabs- Mrs. Ketner will be bringing a container to each meeting for pop tab collection. She donated two large containers of tabs to NFWC president Crandall.

President Beilke said the roadsides have been mowed and the clean-up day will be scheduled soon.

She also mentioned she would be ordering a 50-year pin for Mrs. Ketner in the near future.

The next meeting will be on November 20, 2023, at Mrs. McMullen's home. Sue James will present a program on card making. Members are to bring socks as their roll call item. The January meeting will feature President Beilke's report on her latest trip, and the March meeting will have Dr. Sara Crook speaking on the upcoming election. Mrs. Donahoe thought having the sheriff speak on human sex trafficking would be appropriate as over 500 women have been abducted from Nebraska so far this year. Mrs. Uhri will contact the sheriff or Project Response regarding this.

The meeting was adjourned. The morning was the District 1 convention under the leadership of District President Beilke. The Stella Church Circle catered the lunch.

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

Submitted by Tana J Brown, Secretary
The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met on October 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Shubert American Legion building. President Dona Hall called the meeting to order. Chaplain Sharon Howard gave the opening prayer and then draped the charter in memory of Shirley Vice. The Pledge of Allegiance and the American Legion Auxiliary Preamble was recited.

Seven members answered the roll call. The minutes of the September 12th meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Schlosser shared the treasurer's report. All had a copy to review. Vicki Beilke made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Elizabeth Ketner and all were approved. The Alamis membership of \$30 will be paid. The Gifts for Yanks donation, Dept Honorary Jr President's project, the Auxiliary Emergency fund donations and donations for Veteran Projects will be sent. Elizabeth Ketner motioned to pay these, and Vicki Beilki seconded it. Motion carried.

It was approved to send a memorial to the ALA Dept of Nebraska for the Victory Apartments in memory of deceased member Shirley Vice. The secretary will send a note to the family.

Judy Schlosser gave an update on membership. The Unit has 49 paid to date.

Reports were shared on activities of the past month: They included gifts/ visits to Jerry Nelson, our Veteran of the Year. Four members were able to participate in the Richardson County Fair parade in September. President Dona thanked members who provided desserts for Shirley Vice's funeral fellowship. A thank you was read from NWHCS Lincoln Division for the kid's activity bags donated by the Unit. Three members attended the Fall Roundup. Judy Schlosser gave a report on the Medal of Honor ceremony held at Maple Grove Cemetery on September 17 when Nebraska Department ALA Past President Vicki Ozenbaugh presented a wreath at the gravesite of Frank Lohnes.

The County Government date is tentatively set for November 8, with the County ALA meeting to follow.

The Veterans Day program at HTRS will be held at 9 a.m. on November 10. The Shubert post and several Auxiliary Units will be participating.

Veterans Day cards will be sent to Legion members. The Christmas Tour of Homes will be held in December. It will include a bake and craft sale at the Shubert Community Building with Santa present. Children will have the opportunity to make Christmas decorations to take home with them. A roadside trash pickup is planned for Tuesday, October 17, at 8 a.m.

Looking ahead: District 13 meeting next year will be in Auburn and the Fall Roundup will be in Sterling.

The next Unit meeting will be November 14, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Chaplain Sharon Howard gave the closing prayer.

President Dona Hall declared the meeting adjourned.

Falls City Middle School announces first quarter Honors Students

Falls City Middle School is proud to announce their first quarter Honors Students. Regular Honor Roll consists of students who had a 3.5 to a 3.75 GPA and no D's or F's. High Honor Roll Students had a 3.75 to a 4.0 GPA and no D's or F's. The highest honor a Falls City Middle School student can receive is Titanium Tiger status. To be a Titanium Tiger the student must have a 3.5 or higher GPA, no D's or F's, no discipline incidents, score at grade level on their NSCAS English Language Arts or NSCAS Math, miss 2 or less days of school (the nurse excuses any covid or doctor approved medical absences) and they must be involved in an extra-curricular activity. Titanium Tigers have shown excellence in all areas of the Middle School experience.

Report cards were mailed on Wednesday October 25th and should be arriving by the end of the week or early next week. Congratulations to all the students who achieved fourth quarter honors.

Titanium Tigers

Ashlyn Alexander, Kenley Alexander, Conner Anderson, Joah Anderson, Josslyn Bangert, Braxtyn Bauman, Liviana Buckminster, Arryn Chandler, Jordyn Choate, Brandon Collier, Bristol Coupe, Gavin Dean, Owyn Eickhoff, Brandon Feighner, Dierks Foster, Gracie Gill, Brynna Glathar, Leah Goff, Tessa Gossman, Brooklyn Griffin, Madalynn Hawley, Triston Hayes, Ryder Hullman, Kamdyn Huppert, Gerardo Irizarry, Alaina Jackson, Kinlee Jackson, Tanner Jackson, Noah Jacobs, Deacon Jacobs, Isabel Janky, Ava Jarred, Ayva Jean, Camden Jean, Isabella Johansen, Sawyer Kafer, Aven Kearney, Levi Lendermon, Elijah Leyden, Bentley Loper, River Macardican, Reagan McNeely, Reese Miller, Olivia Mirelez, Braxton Moore, Nolan Nicholson, Keylee Olberding, Kaytlin Rhodd, DeLana Richey, Collin Roberts, Myla Rumbaugh, Carter Rumbaugh, Kehliawna Savago, Alexis Schawang, Brody Scholl, Audrey Scrivens, Brantly Sells, Bristol Titus, Pierson Watlington, Peyton Weddle, Sophia Wendtlandt, Lucas Wisdom, Farrah Wissler.

High Honor Roll

Ashlyn Alexander, Kenley Alexander, Conner Anderson, Joah Anderson, Josslyn Bangert, Braxtyn Bauman, Zade Bents, Liviana Buckminster, Arryn Chandler, Jordyn Choate, Corbin Cole, Bristol Coupe, Addison Daniels, Brandon Feighner, Dierks Foster, Callen Furnas, Emma Gilkerson, Gracie Gill, Brynna Glathar, Leah Goff, Tessa Gossman, Brooklyn Griffin, Madalynn Hawley, Samuel Howard, Ryder Hullman, Kamdyn Huppert, Gerardo Irizarry, Alaina Jackson, Kinlee Jackson, Tanner Jackson, Deacon Jacobs, Noah Jacobs, Ava Jarred, Ayva Jean, Camden Jean, Isabella Johansen, Madison Johansen, Sawyer Kafer, Julie Kahbeah, Kaleb Kaiser, Aven Kearney, Ava Kieser, Corbyn Kuker, Levi Lendermon, Elijah Leyden, Bentley Loper, Caroline Macardican, River Macardican, Tatum Maddox, Reagan McNeely, Reese Miller, Braxton Moore, Elisa Mount, Nolan Nicholson, Keylee Olberding, Aiden Rego, Kaytlin Rhodd, DeLana Richey, Collin Roberts, Jade Romo, Carter Rumbaugh, Myla Rumbaugh, Kehliawna Savago, Alexis Schawang, Brody Scholl, Audrey Scrivens, Brantly Sells, Andre Shafer, Colton Stewart, Liam Sutton, Bristol Titus, Pierson Watlington, Peyton Weddle, Sophia Wendtlandt, Farrah Wissler, Aurora Woodruff, Hallie Young.

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RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

October 13, 2023

Amanda L. Debnam, 40, Humboldt, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.
Anjanette L. Stokes, 50, Omaha, NE was arrested for Receiving Stolen Property and No Operators License.

October 14, 2023

Bobby G. Light, 51, Omaha, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Driving Under Suspension.

October 15, 2023

Brandon C. Adams, 23, Falls City, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.
Jade J. Bogart, 25, Humboldt, NE was received into custody for a Richardson County Court Commitment.
Kenneth A. Mills, 26, Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension, Driving Under Revocation, and a Douglas County warrant for Failure to Appear.
Bradley Harris, 62, Humboldt, NE was arrested for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

October 18, 2023

Stephanie Corliss, 35, Table Rock, NE was received into custody on a Richardson County Court Commitment.
Floyd L. Wallace Jr., 27, College Station, TX was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.



SE Cancer Memorial Garden puts in handicapped parking area

Kim Rist, the Grant Administrator of the Humboldt Garden Club was able to help make the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden more accessible for people with disabilities. Rist worked hard on the grant applications and attended meetings to advocate for a handicapped parking area.

The Cancer Garden attracts many visitors, including those in wheelchairs or with walking aids. Due to the generous support, the entire parking area is now concrete. Mezger Construction was able to complete the project before winter.

Lord's Acre Soup Supper & Auction

First United Methodist Church, 17th & Harlan St.


November 4, 2023

5pm-6:30pm Soup Supper

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6:30pm Auction

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Weekend of Giving! - Thanksgiving Weekend

Thursday, November 23rd - Happy Thanksgiving!

Everyone actively playing at 12pm will get \$20 in free play plus \$20 in free play for December. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$250 in free play or CASH every ½ hour from 12:30pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawing to win up to \$500 in free play or CASH every ½ hour from 6pm-12am.

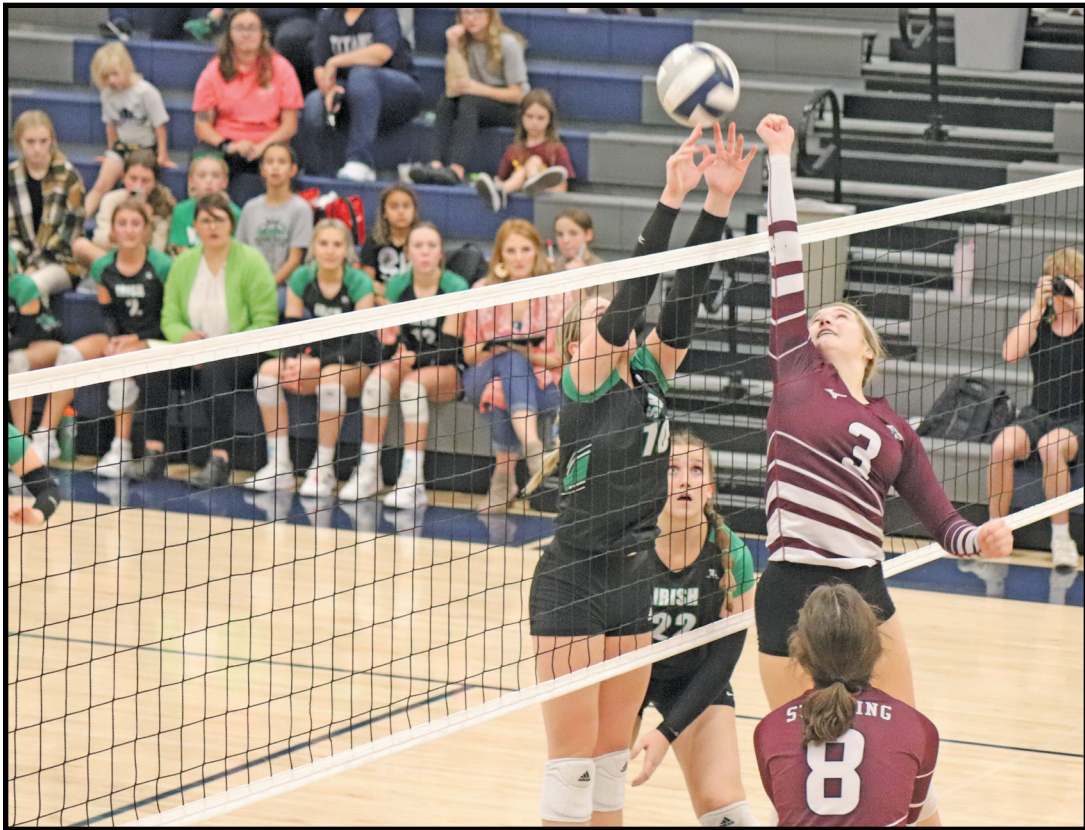
Friday, Nov. 24th & Saturday, Nov. 25th

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Makinley Scholl goes for the block against Sterling's Lauren Harms at HTRS High School.

Irish season ends in district final

The Falls City Sacred Heart Lady Irish were held out of the NSAA State Volleyball Tournament in Lincoln for the first time since the 2017 season. The Lady Irish had an impressive run of five consecutive seasons in Lincoln, including a state title in 2021 and a third-place finish in 2020.

On Monday evening in Humboldt, Sacred Heart swept the Sterling Jets in the opener of the D2-1 subdistrict 25-13, 25-16 and 25-11. The No. 2 seeded Irish improved to 18-14 with the win, while the third-seeded Jets had their season come to a close

with a 7-21 mark.

Lauren Harms led the Jets with seven kills and two blocks, while Ellie Laferty finished with seven assists and 30 digs.

Stats were not available for Sacred Heart.

In the subdistrict final on Tuesday night, Sacred Heart fell to the HTRS Titans in four sets: 24-26, 17-25, 26-24 and 22-25. See the HTRS volleyball story for more details on the match.

The loss sent the Irish to an 18-15 record, but Sacred Heart garnered one of the 16 spots in the district finals, earning the No. 13 seed as a wildcard. The

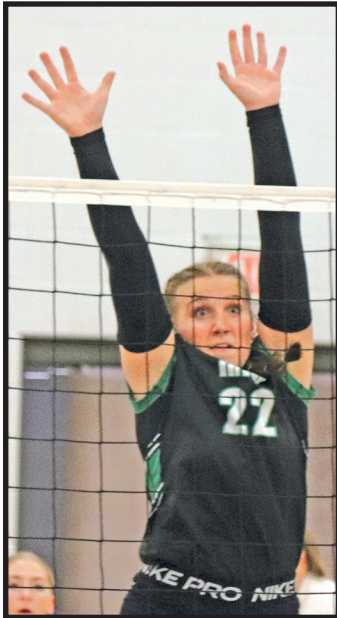
Irish drew the No. 4 seeded Wallace Wildcats. Wallace lost its first two games of the year, then won 26 consecutive matches before losing in the season-finale and again in the subdistrict opener.

The Wildcats defeated the Irish in three sets to punch its ticket to the state tourney. Sacred Heart played well, dropping set one 20-25, set two 22-25 and a marathon third set 30-32.

Kendyl Flaming led Wallace with 20 kills on 51 attempts and Reagan Finley added ten. Kaley Sauser led the Wildcats with 30 assists, while M. Aceves-Lopez added 25 digs.

Stats were not available for Sacred Heart.

The Lady Irish finished the year with an 18-16 mark, hitting a rough patch as the season wound down. After completing a 12-game winning streak at the mid-season mark, SH dropped nine of its final 12 games.



Freshman Hallie Jones skies for a block attempt in the subdistrict opener.



Sacred Heart leaned more on the ground game in the 2023 season. SH rushed for 1128 yards, while passing for 916.

Irish out of NSAA playoffs for first time since 1986

Falls City Sacred Heart football teams have set many records over the years; some have fallen, and some will stand the test of time. This year, one of those amazing streaks came to a close. A streak that began in 1987, Sacred Heart had been in the postseason every year for 36 consecutive seasons; that run ended in 2023. Even at 2-6, Sacred Heart nearly found themselves in the playoffs, missing the cut by a mere three positions.

The Irish faced a nearly impossible record, playing in a tough district in 8-man football. The season opened with losses on the road to Elmwood-Murdock and Lawrence-Nelson, then a home loss to Nebraska Lutheran 28-38.

"Our game against Nebraska Lutheran was the most disappointing loss," said Head Coach Doug Goltz. "We had too many penalties and a go-ahead touchdown called back, which really hurt us that night. Winning that game would have put us in the playoffs."

Sacred Heart responded with wins in two of its next three games. The Irish defeated Diller-Odell 46-32 and held on for a 38-26 win over HTRS. Needing a win down the stretch, the Irish schedule got the best of them, falling to undefeated Johnson-Brock and a one-loss Lourdes Central Catholic team.

"I'm disappointed that we didn't do as well as I thought we could," said Goltz. "I feel we improved throughout the season, but it didn't show up on the scoreboard. Our overall schedule was very difficult if you look at our opponents' win/loss records. We just weren't as strong or as deep as most of those teams."

The senior class led most of the statistical categories for Coach Goltz and will be missed next fall.

Senior Joe Simon led the Irish with 578 yards on 76 carries, averaging 7.6 yards per carry, while scoring five TDs. Rob Froeschl added 193 yards and a score on

44 attempts, while Tate Wilcox carried the ball 87 times for 188 yards and three scores.

Wilcox also led the Irish through the air, completing 63/130 attempts for 861 yards and 13 scores.

Senior receiver Jack Stice led SH with 19 receptions for 214 yards and three scores, while Simon added 16 grabs for 319 yards and five TDs. Fellow senior James Froeschl added 14 catches for 104 yards and a TD.

Cooper Knobbe handled most of the punting duties, kicking the ball away 24 times for an average of 33 yards per kick.

The Irish rushed for 1128 yards for the season and passed for 916. Defensively, SH surrendered 1845 yards on the ground and 1016 through the air.

"We didn't stop the run all season long," said Coach Goltz. "We weren't physical enough and we didn't tackle well enough. That's got to improve for us to be a good football team. Our run offense did some good things. We were balanced in that we could pass the ball and also run it well enough to keep teams honest. Our defense, though, was just not good enough to compete against the teams that beat us."

On defense, Simon led the way for the Irish with 85 tackles, including four sacks, two fumble recoveries and nine tackles for loss. Wilcox was next with 72 stops, two interceptions and six tackles for loss. James Froeschl was next up with 57 tackles, six tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries.

"The best part of the season was seeing how some of our players improved from the beginning of the season," said Goltz. "Our JV team finished 5-1; they played with intensity our varsity lacked at times. If they grow and get stronger, there will be some good football players come from that group."

Lady Tigers season comes to an end

The Falls City Lady Tiger volleyball team, the No. 3 seed in the Class C1-1 subdistrict, fell to the second-seeded Palmyra Panthers in three sets on Monday evening in Syracuse, 20-25, 17-25 and 13-25. Palmyra finished the match with a .194 hitting percentage, while the Tigers finished the contest at -.053. Palmyra finished the attack with 35 kills, while FC ended with 17. Sara Magallon led FC with six kills on 20 attempts, while Ella Glathar had four. Taylor Kreifels added three kills on 13 attempts, while Paige Young had three on 18 tries.

FC finished with eight aces on 52 serve attempts and hit at a 90% rate.

Paige Young had three aces, while Gabi and Ashleigh Kirkendall each added two.

Paige Young served eight points, Gabi served seven and Ashleigh Kirkendall served six.

Defensively, Glathar and Ashleigh Kirkendall combined for a block and Paige Young, Magallon and Gabi Young each had eight digs.

Ashleigh Kirkendall wrapped up her career with 15 assists on 79 ball-handling opportunities. Haylie Vollman led Palmyra with nine kills and Audrey Erhart with 33 assists.

The loss dropped Falls City to 13-17 for the season, while Palmyra im-

proved to 18-11 with the win. On Tuesday night in the subdistrict finals, Syracuse downed the Panthers in three sets, 25-18, 25-13 and 25-10. Syracuse moved on to the district final with a 26-7 record, while the Panthers season ended with an 18-12 mark.

The Tigers hit a rough patch as the season drew to a close, dropping five of the final six games on the schedule. Down the stretch, the Tigers fell to Palmyra (18-12) twice, Johnson County Central (20-10), Freeman (24-5) and Platteview (24-7). Platteview and Freeman won their subdistricts, while Palmyra and Johnson County Central fell in the subdistrict finals.

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Peru State Volleyball updates

Peru State Volleyball Falls in Hard Fought Set Match

Peru State Volleyball falls in a hard fought 5-set match to the Grand View Vikings on Friday Night. The Bobcats are now 3-13 in the Heart of America Conference and 8-21 overall.

In the first set of the match, the Bobcats came out hot with kills by Elli Williams (JR., Olathe, KS) and Kalyssa Fox (JR., Casa Grande, AZ). They went back and forth with the Vikings with big blocks by Kalyssa Fox, Elli Williams and Keiley Hein (SR., Omaha, NE) and strong serves from Allie Schneider (SR., Humphrey, NE). Even with multiple kills by Keiley Hein, the Viking take the set 25-21.

The Bobcats had a rough start in the second set letting the Vikings get a 10-2 lead. Back to back kills by Erison Vonderschmidt (FR., Falls City, NE), Addison Schneider and Elli Williams helped the Bobcats come back and take the lead 11-17. The kept pushing their lead with two kills from Addison Schneider (SO., Humphrey, NE) and a final service ace by Chantal Paniagua (SR., Santo Domingo, D.R.) win the set for the Bobcats 25-18.

In the third set, the Bobcats started out strong with strong serves by Allie Schneider. The Vikings kept the game close with kills from Elli Williams and Kalyssa Fox not letting the Vikings run away with the set. A block from Allie Schneider and Elli Williams kept the Bobcats fighting to a score of 25-25 but the Vikings were able to pull out a win in the third set 27-25.

To start the fourth set, Keiley Hein, Erison Vonderschmidt and Kalyssa Fox came out with big swings, not showing the Vikings any mercy. They continued throughout the set with big hands from Kalyssa Fox, Elli Williams and Erison Vonderschmidt tallying multiple blocks. Back-to-back kills from Erison Vonderschmidt and Addison Schneider finishing the set with a 26-24 win.

The Bobcats came out fighting hard in the fifth set keeping the score close. Allie Schneider had a couple strong serves to begin the set. Kalyssa Fox, Erison Vonderschmidt and Addison Schneider had some big kills as they fought throughout the set. Even through the Bobcats never gave up their fight, the Vikings took the set and the win 15-13.

Keiley Hein (SR., Omaha, NE) led the Bobcats with fourteen kills and 23 digs on the night. Erison Vonderschmidt (FR., Falls City, NE) also tallied thirteen kills and 19 digs for the match. Kalyssa Fox had eleven kills and seven blocks for the Bobcats. Elli Williams had nine blocks with nine kills during the match. Addison Schneider (SO., Humphrey, NE) tallied ten kills and added three blocks for the Bobcats.

Chantal Paniagua (SR., Santo Domingo, D.R.) added nineteen digs, with Alyssa Bock (SR., Plattsmouth, NE) adding thirteen digs. Allie Schneider (SR., Humphrey, NE) had nine digs and 52 assists. Schneider hit 2,200 career assists during the match.

The Peru State volleyball team fell to the Culver-Stockton Wildcats in Canton, MO in a 3-set match

In the first set of the match, the Bobcats started off with a couple of big kills by Erison Vonderschmidt (FR., Falls City, NE) and Keiley Hein (SR., Omaha, NE), however, they couldn’t keep up as the wildcats bounced by and were able to hold their lead to end the first set 11-25.

The Bobcats came out in the second set swinging away. The Bobcats started off strong with kills by Kalyssa Fox (JR., Casa Grande, AZ) and Erison Vonderschmidt (FR., Falls City, NE). The Bobcats went point for point with the Wildcats throughout the entire set with Keiley Hein having six kills throughout the set, but the Wildcats managed to take the second set for a final score of 22-25.

In the third set, Keiley Hein started out the set with a kill from Allie Schneider (SR., Humphrey, NE). The Bobcats kept the set close with multiple kills in a row from Shealie Wiebers (FR., Papillion, NE). The Bobcats went point for point with the Wildcats until the Wildcats were able to take the lead to 21-14. A series of kills by Keiley Hein kept the Bobcats fighting but the Wildcats won the set 20-25.

Keiley Hein (SR., Omaha, NE) led the Bobcats with twelve kills and eleven digs on the night. Kalyssa Fox (JR., Casa Grande, AZ) also tallied seven kills and two blocks for the Bobcats. Shealie Wiebers also had five kills during the match.

Alyssa Bock (SR., Plattsmouth, NE) had eleven digs for the Bobcats with Erison Vonderschmidt adding ten during the match. Allie Schneider (SR., Humphrey, NE) also had 28 assists for the Bobcats.

The Peru State Volleyball team had two conference home matches.

The Bobcats fell to the Mount Mercy Mustangs on Friday, October 20 in a 4-set match. The next day, the Bobcats beat the Clarke Pride in a 4-set match. The Bobcats are now 8-19 overall and 3-11 in the Heart of America Conference.

Peru State vs Mount Mercy

In the first set against the mustangs, the Bobcats started off with a kill By Kalyssa Fox (JR., Casa Grande, AZ). Though the mustangs went to a 12-4 lead, the Bobcats kept fighting and with big kills from Addison Schneider (SO., Humphrey, NE), Keiley Hein (SR., Omaha, NE) and Elli Williams (JR., Olathe, KS) the bobcats were able to close their lead to 17-14. Despite their efforts, the Mustangs won the set 25-18.

The Bobcats came out in the second set starting off with a kill By Elli Williams from Allie Schneider (SR., Humphrey, NE) in the first play of the game. The Bobcats went point for point with the Mustangs. Keiley Hein, Erison Vonderschmidt (FR., Falls City, NE) and Elli Williams had a few big plays throughout the set, but the Mustangs managed to take the lead. The Mustangs took the second set with a score of 25-16

In the third set, the bobcats came out fighting taking a 5-2 lead. Kills by Addison Schneider, Reagan Osterhaus (JR., Wetmore, KS) and Erison Vonderschmidt, helped the Bobcats fight point for point with the Mustangs. A kill by Keiley Hein sealed the deal for the bobcats in the third set, winning the set 27-25.

The Bobcats started the fourth set strong with a kill by Keiley Hein. The Bobcats and the Mustangs went point for point with kills by Addison Schneider and Keiley Hein, not letting the Mustangs run away with a lead. Big kills from Erison Vonderschmidt blocks by Addison Schneider and Allie Schneider, kept the bobcats fighting but the Mustangs pulled away with a win in the set of 25-20.

Erison Vonderschmidt (FR., Falls City, NE) led the Bobcats with ten kills on the night. Addison Schneider had nine kills and six blocks for the Bobcats. Keiley Hein (SR., Omaha, NE)also tallied nine kills each for the match.

Chantal Paniagua (SR., Santo Domingo, D.R.) had seventeen digs for the Bobcats. Alyssa Bock (SR., Plattsmouth, NE) also tallied seventeen digs on the night. Allie Schneider (SR., Humphrey, NE) added thirteen digs with thirty-six assists.

Peru State vs Clarke

The Bobcats started the first set going point for point with the pride. Addison Schneider had multiple kills and several blocks assisted by Erison Vonderschmidt and Allie Schneider to get the Bobcats a 7-3 lead over the Pride. Back-to-back kills by Keiley Hein and several kills by Erison Vonderschmidt and Addison Schneider helped the Bobcats keep their lead all the way to a kill by Reagan Osterhaus sealing the deal of the first set. The Bobcats won the set with a score of 25-22.

In the second set, the Bobcats had a slow start letting the pride get an 8-2 lead. Even with strong serves from Kately Shaw, kills by Erison Vonderschmidt and big blocks by Addison Schneider, Allie Schneider and Elli Williams, the Pride won the set 25-18.

The Bobcats came out swinging in the third set along with building a wall of blocks against the pride. Allie Schneider had strong serves taking the Bobcats all the way to a 14-8 lead. Kills from Kennedy Miller (JR., Plattsmouth, NE) were the Bobcats next three points. Back to back kills from Allie Schneider, a big block from Kalyssa Fox and Kennedy Miller and a final kill by Kalyssa Fox won the set for the Bobcats with a score of 25-20.

In the fourth set, Kennedy Miller and Keiley Hein came out with a big block to start the set. Strong serves from Keiley Hein and kills by Kalyssa Fox and Kennedy Miller gave the Bobcats a 16-11 lead over the pride. Pride couldn’t seem to figure out how to stop the strong swings from Addison Schneider and Allie Schneider. A last kill from Erison Vonderschmidt finished the

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game winning the set 25-18.

Addison Schneider (SO., Humphrey, NE) led the Bobcats with ten kills and eight blocks on the night. Erison Vonderschmidt (FR., Falls City, NE) also tallied ten kills each for the match. Allie Schneider (SR., Humphrey, NE) had seven kills and thirty-eight assists for the Bobcats. Kennedy Miller also tallied five kills and four blocks during the match.

Chantal Paniagua (SR., Santo Domingo, D.R.) added twenty-four digs, with Alyssa Bock (SR., Plattsmouth, NE) adding fourteen digs. Keiley Hein (SR., Omaha, NE) also eleven fourteen digs while also four blocks for the Bobcats.

HTRS wins Class D2-1 subdistrict

The HTRS Lady Titan volleyball team moved on to the next round by winning the Class D2-1 subdistrict on its own court Tuesday night.

To get to the finals, HTRS swept Pawnee City on Monday night 25-9, 25-12 and 25-20. The Titans were very productive on Monday, finishing the game with a .323 hitting percentage, converting 31 kills on 65 attempts. Avery Dierberger hammered 14 kills, while Elie Bstandig finished with seven.

The Titans were also proficient in the serve game, completing 93% of their serves with nine aces. Jaylie McNealy led the team with five aces. Defensively, Bstanding and Macy Vrtiska had two blocks apiece and Laramie Glathar added a match-high 27 assists.

With the win, the No. 6 ranked team in Class D-2 earned a matchup against the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish on Tuesday evening.

The two teams have been heading in opposite directions as of late, but both were eager to get the win and move on. HTRS entered the game having won six of its last eight games, while Sacred Heart had fallen in five of its previous seven contests.

Four sets later, HTRS came out on top, winning 26-24, 25-17, 24-26 and 25-22.

The match was tight throughout, beginning with the first set. After Jentry Lechtenberg served three straight points, SH led 6-4, but the Titans responded as Hannah Koziol served seven straight to put HTRS in front 12-6. Down the stretch, Sacred Heart held set point at 24-23, but a service error tied the contest again. A hitting error by the Irish and a kill by Dierberger gave set one to HTRS, 26-24.

Set two opened with both teams fighting to pull ahead. The set was tied multiple times, but at 6-6, HTRS began to pull away. A kill by Bstandig put the Titans in front 11-7 and forced SH into a timeout. After the break, HTRS increased their lead to 14-7 before Sacred Heart finally ended their run. Senior Dierberger again hammered home the set-winning kill to make it 2-0 with the 25-17 win.

The third set was another doozy, coming right down to the end. Trailing 11-10, Sacred Heart went on a 9-3 run to go in front 19-14. Sacred Heart led 24-18, needing just one more point to send the match to a fourth set, but that point didn’t come easily. Dierberger smashed a kill to cut the lead to four at 24-20. Three hitting errors in a row by the Irish and a kill by Dierberger tied the set at 24-24. However, SH responded with two straight points to get the win. A kill by Makinley Scholl and a block kept the season alive for SH with a 26-24 win.

The fourth set found the Titans running out to a quick 6-1 lead behind kills by Dierberger and Bstandig. Trailing 10-3, Sacred Heart got a kill by Lechtenberg and three straight hitting errors by HTRS to close the gap to 10-7. Late in the match, trailing 18-12, SH began to make a comeback. Kills by Lechtenberg and Daycee Witt made it 19-16, but Dierberger responded with a kill of her own to push the Titan lead to 20-16. An Irish hitting error, an ace block by Vrtiska and an ace serve by Dierberger made it 23-16.

Then, the Irish came alive again. A block by Lechtenberg and Jocelyn Olberding made it 23-17. An ace block by Scholl and an ace serve by Lechtenberg cut the lead to 23-19. After a Titan timeout, the Irish committed a service error, giving HTRS a shot at match point. Back-to-back kills by Scholl pulled the Irish within three at 24-21 and an ace serve by Lexi Brewer cut the deficit to 24-22. After a long volley for the next point, a hitting error by the Irish handed HTRS the win, 25-22.

The win gave HTRS a 3-1 season edge in head-to-head meetings and improved the Titans to 22-9. The loss, the sixth in eight games, dropped Sacred Heart to 18-15.

HTRS finished the match with a .197 hitting percentage and was led by Dierberger with 23 kills on 52 attempts. Bstandig and Vrtiska each finished the night with seven kills and Bowen added six. Hannah Koziol added 30 digs and Laramie Glathar provided 35 assists.

With the win, HTRS faced the 22-9 Shelton Bulldogs at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, in Crete. HTRS, the No. 7 seed, entered the game with four straight wins, while the tenth-seeded Bulldogs were riding a two-game winning streak.

On Saturday at Crete High School, HTRS found themselves the victim of the Shelton Bulldogs in four sets: 25-21, 17-25, 10-25 and 20-25. HTRS, 22-10, had hoped to play in the NSAA State Tourney for the first time since the 2019 season.

Stats were not available for HTRS.

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Housing in jeopardy?

Valuation dispute could imperil thousands of affordable housing units in state

By Ryan Hoffman
Flatwater Free Press

Kathy Mesner has a word for the potential fallout from a property valuation dispute in Lancaster County.

Catastrophic. “I don’t think it’s too much to say it may be catastrophic not only in terms of bankrupting projects ... but displacing all these low-income households across the state,” said Mesner, an attorney and president of Central City-based Mesner Development Co.

In the past year, a narrow disagreement on how to value 21 Lincoln-area properties has morphed into a court fight over a state law meant to support the building of affordable housing for lower-income Nebraskans.

The case, currently before the Nebraska Court of Appeals, may ultimately end up before the Nebraska Supreme Court. State lawmakers may also tangle with the issue in their upcoming session.

If Lancaster County successfully argues the law is unconstitutional, it would result in higher valuations – more than 300% higher in some cases – and larger property tax bills, which could jeopardize affordable housing projects that are already in short supply. County officials say they are simply following the law and striving for fairness.

“No one on the county commission wants to be punitive and cause any harm to ... that low-income and affordable housing that we know we so need in this community,” said Christa Yoakum, chair of the Lancaster County Board.

“What we really are seeking here is guidance, whether it comes through the courts now or whether it comes this next legislative session. We want to get this right.”

Guidance became necessary in January when multiple Section 42 properties – a type of low-income housing – ended up with \$0 valuations.

That included a 28-unit development in Lincoln that had a value of \$1.04 million the previous year. Others had negative valuations, meaning the property would be worth more as a vacant lot.

“We couldn’t ignore that,” said Phil Hughes, an appraiser with the Lancaster County Assessor’s Office.

State law requires assessors to use an “income approach” to calculate the value of Section 42 properties.

The thinking behind that law: Section 42 properties, unlike a normal rental, are restricted in how much they can charge. They’re often committed to providing services that carry additional costs. Developers agree to these restrictions in exchange for federal tax credits to help pay for construction.

The Lancaster County Assessor’s Office challenged those \$0 valuations, arguing to the local board of equalization that they didn’t capture the actual values. The assessor’s of-

fice also warned that the county could face equalization protests if it didn’t act.

The State Constitution allows taxpayers who believe they are disproportionately shouldering the property tax burden to protest their valuation and ask that it be brought in line with similar properties.

“We have to follow state statute ... We don’t have the luxury of picking and choosing which statutes to follow,” said Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds Dan Nolte.

The Lancaster County Board of Equalization agreed and petitioned the state to use a different valuation method for the 21 affordable housing developments.

After a hearing in March, a state commission sided with the county.

Following that hearing, the county’s posture evolved from wanting to use a different valuation method – which would only affect the 21 properties in question – to asserting that the statute itself violates the constitution.

“There was no initial intention to go down that road, but ... that’s where we, unfortunately, ended,” Hughes said.

When developers appealed the Tax Equalization and Review Commission’s ruling, the county responded with its new, more sweeping argument: The law is unconstitutional.

And it put that belief into practice by assessing all Section 42 properties just like any similar class of property, leading to sizable swings in valuations.

Reese Estates, a development consisting of 15 single-family homes in Waverly, went from a total valuation of \$710,500 in 2022 to \$3.76 million this year – a 429% increase.

The Lexington Assisted Living Center in Lincoln, which had a valuation of \$4.5 million in 2022, is now valued at nearly \$19.7 million – a 335% increase.

“We’re all pretty much in the same group – we don’t make enough money to pay the taxes we’re being asked to pay,” said Fred Hoppe with Hoppe Development, a Lincoln-based development company specializing in affordable housing.

And that, in turn, jeopardizes the future of affordable housing across Nebraska, Hoppe and others believe.

If a development goes bankrupt it eventually sheds the Section 42 restrictions, allowing the new owner to charge any amount they want for rent.

And the state’s housing shortage is already especially acute for lower-income Nebraskans, according to a 2022 report from the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority. There is a statewide shortage of 32,230 rental units for extremely low-income households, as well as a lack of low- to middle-income workforce housing, the report says.

Mesner said her company has developed or built around 70 affordable housing projects in Nebraska and Kansas over the years.

Nearly all of them have been rented out the moment construction is finished, she said.

In Grand Island, they routinely have a waiting list that stretches past 100 applicants.

There are various state and federal programs designed to help with housing affordability. None directs as much money nationally toward new and rehabilitated housing as Section 42.

“It’s a really important program ... nationally speaking it’s the largest federal program there is,” said Andrew Aurand, senior vice president for research with the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Lancaster County currently has 1,610 Section 42 units and another 774 in the pipeline, according to NIFA. Statewide, there are 12,320 of these units and 2,851 in the pipeline.

The City of Lincoln’s affordable housing action plan acknowledges the importance of Section 42 housing. It calls for reducing barriers and taking other actions to incentivize more affordable housing in Lincoln.

T.J. McDowell Jr., chief of staff for Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, declined to comment on the Lancaster County case but said that the mayor’s office is monitoring it.

Others haven’t hesitated to share their concerns.

A group that includes the Lincoln Community Foundation, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the non-profit Nebraska Housing Resource, among others, filed a court brief arguing the existing law is critical for ensuring access to affordable housing.

A ruling upholding the county’s position, they warned, would steer the industry toward other states and effectively “ring a death knell” on future Section 42 construction in Nebraska.

In court filings, the developers argue that lawmakers understood that Section 42 properties were different from other properties, which is why they passed the law requiring the properties be valued based on the income approach.

Discussions on a potential legislative remedy are also underway.

Yoakum said the county board has made the issue its top legislative priority for the year.

“I think the county board ... where it seems now we are the obstacle, we really do want to work for a fair and equitable solution,” she said.

Speaking for himself and not on behalf of the office, Hughes said the most clear-cut solution would be a voter-approved constitutional amendment creating a separate carve out for affordable housing valuations, similar to what was done for agricultural land.

“That would be the cleanest thing,” he said. “Now, I imagine that something different will happen.”

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Jere Lewis

Jere Lewis, 75, of Falls City, NE, passed away October 27, 2023 at Omaha, NE. He was born March 16, 1948 at Falls City to Wayne and Dorothy (Gebhardt) Lewis.

He married Margaret Aleen Swegler on October 15, 1966 at Falls City and they were divorced in December of 1996.

Jere was raised in rural Verdon, NE and graduated from Dawson Verdon High School in 1966. He then attended Milford Technical College. He then worked various jobs, including at Western Electric for seven years until moving to Garretson, SD and becoming employed at EROS where he worked as a computer programmer. He moved back to Falls City in 1988 and was forced to retire due to the effects of Polio. He was a heart transplant recipient for the last 12 years.

Jere is survived by his children, Jason and his wife Sara of Greenwood, MO, Tom and his wife Stacie of Falls City, Becca Pamperl and her husband Vince of Columbia, MO, brother, Lowell of Cedar Rapids, IA and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Richard and a sister, Julie Estes.

A private family interment service will take place at Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 6-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

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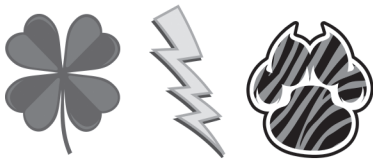
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FALLS CITY TIGER'S

Wednesday 1-
North & South School: Cheesy Goulash, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Breadstick, Milk. **Middle School:** Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Fruit, French Bread, Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Hot Dog on Bun, Baby Carrots, Celery, Fruit Cup, Chips, Milk. **Combo Line:** No Combo Line or Salad Bar
CAREER DAY

Thursday 2-
North & South School: Fish Sticks, French Fries, Celery Sticks, Peaches, Milk. **Middle School:** Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Applesauce, Cornbread, Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Cornbread, Milk. **Combo Line:** Chicken Quesadilla, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

Friday 3-
North & South School: Pig in a Blanket, Sweet Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Pineapple, Milk. **Middle School:** Mrs. Holloway Special: Frito Pue, Seasoned Wedges, Peaches, Apple Crisp, Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedge, Fruit, Choc. Chip Cookie, Milk. **Combo Line:** Cheeseburger Sandwich, Tater Tots, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

Monday 6-
North & South School: Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Hot Roll, Milk. **Middle School:** Mrs. Sailors Special: Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Pears, Hot Roll, Milk. **High School: Hot Lunch:** Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Roll, Fruit, Apple Crisp, Milk. **Combo Line:** Calzone, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday 7-
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Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Fulbright, LTCPS

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Sunday Mass: First, third and fifth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; confessions before Mass.
Fr. Kenneth F. Hoelsing, Pastor

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
12 miles Northeast of Falls City (Williamsville)
Sunday: Worship 9:15 a.m., first, third and fifth Sundays with communion on the first Sunday. We worship on the second and fourth Sundays at Barada Global Methodist Church in Barada, Nebraska. Fellowship and Sunday school following worship.
WELCA 1:30 first Monday Church Council, 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays
Mike Hader, Pastor

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS
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www.fallscitylcms.com
Sunday: Sunday School/Bible Study-9:30 am (Sept-May)
Divine Service-10:30 am with Holy Communion celebrated 2nd and 4th Sundays. Second Tuesday of the month:Dorcas Circle-7 pm First Wednesday of the month: LWML-9 am (August) then 2 pm (Sept-May)
Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor

St. Mary's (Dawson)
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Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; first, third and fifth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Daily Mass: Schedule varies, call rectory; confessions before Mass.
Fr. Kenneth F. Hoelsing, Pastor

St. Mary's (Arago)
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(20th and Towle Street)
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St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan)
www.stthomasfallscity.org
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist (coffee, tea and conversation follow worship) We invite you to worship with us at any of our services. We will pray for you, your friends and loved ones.

Stella Community Church
Sunday: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; adults Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
John States, Pastor

The Four Mile Church (South of Humboldt)
Sunday: Church services, 9:00 a.m. A Reformed church endeavoring to teach and to practice Biblical principles of the Reformation.
Howard Blecha, Pastor

Riverside Fellowship
117 S 3rd St., Rulo, NE
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
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David Showalter, Pastor

Valley Avenue Baptist Church 2023 Valley Ave.
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“Hello, I’m Ben Mankiewicz. Welcome to TCM”

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easy to forget there are real people and families affected by the layoffs and others working around the clock to produce and protect that institution many hold so near and dear.

When you get to go “behind the scenes,” a certain amount of fear comes with it. There’s a saying, “Don’t meet your heroes,” and so many have put these people on a pedestal for so long.

The Director, Make-Up, Wardrobe, and PA were all welcoming and warm as they prepared for a day of shooting with few breaks.

Ben Mankiewicz, the longtime host of TCM, was in town for the week to shoot his introductions and outros for several films.

Writer-producer Mankiewicz was only the second person to serve as TCM host when he joined the channel in 2003. He’s now the primary primetime host, although he shares duties with Alicia Malone, Dave Karger and Jaqueline Stewart.

Mankiewicz is the grandson of Herman Mankiewicz, co-writer of “Citizen Kane,” “Dinner at Eight,” “Pride of the Yankees” and “The Wizard of Oz,” to name a few films. His great-uncle, Joseph L. Mankiewicz, directed “All About Eve,” and “Guys and Dolls”, and his brother Josh Mankiewicz has been reporting for “Dateline” since the mid-90s. Entertainment and film are in his blood. When he started his hosting duties with TCM, he admitted that for much of his life, “[he] didn’t even love classic movies.”

“I grew to tolerate them in high school and college when I got so tired of complaining about contemporary movies where everything blows up and the scripts were horrible. I kept asking, ‘Why doesn’t anybody care?’” Mankiewicz told James Sanford of Ne-warehouse News Service in a 2003 interview. “Well, then I realized there’s a million movies out there where the script isn’t terrible.”

He credited Alfred Hitchcock’s “North by Northwest” for his awakening.

“That was the first movie that got me interested in classic movies, he stated. “My mom made me watch it when I was 16 or 17, and I remember thinking, ‘That Cary Grant guy is cool.’”

Nearly twenty years to the day Mankiewicz started with TCM, I had the privilege of watching him film introductions for that “Cary Grant guy’s films.

Seeing Mankiewicz’s meticulous attention to detail



and dedication to each segment was interesting. When the time came for breaks in filming, he would walk off-set and settle behind the camera to rehearse his dialogue. When the time came to go back on camera, he often got his introductions in one take. What makes his introductions personal is the input Mankiewicz has on his scripts that are put together by a team of writers and researchers. It’s a collaborative effort. Much like a newspaper, the entire team strives for accuracy when telling the stories of the films and the people who bring them to life.

It can be a surreal experience to see something you watch on your TV countless times come to life right before your eyes.

“Hello, I’m Ben Mankiewicz. Welcome to TCM,” a phrase many have found so comforting, were the first lines on the prompter and echoed through the TCM set as Mankiewicz delivered his introduction with the ease of a professional.

Ben and company did introductions and outros for 15 films before they broke for lunch, including classics like “Soylent Green,” “Cheaper by the Dozen,” “I Was a Male War Bride,” “Money Business” and “The Philadelphia Story.” It’s difficult not to be captivated by his words, just as many were by original patriarch Robert Osborne’s. The men bring passion and knowledge only so few can. Mankiewicz delivered insightful and entertaining commentary for over an hour, bringing the films to life for worldwide viewers.

What an extraordinary opportunity to see this gifted and small group of talent do the work many classic film fans only dream of being a part of. All while maintaining a genuine sense of camaraderie and teamwork among the staff. Despite their challenges as a smaller team, their love for classic films and commitment to delivering exceptional content shone through in every interaction.

It was the teamwork of getting the set decorations right when they had to break to decorate for the holidays. It was how they worked together to ensure Ben hit every mark and

had every hair in place and how they laughed together when Mankiewicz adlibbed some good-faith ribbing at his fellow TCM Noir Alley host, Eddie Mueller. They are a well-oiled machine that works together seamlessly in a way only years of experience can provide.

The set TCM fans know and love was much smaller in person than many could imagine. When you’re at home watching Mankiewicz or Alicia Malone talk about these films, you forget they’re in a studio which is a talent so few hosts can perfect.

This day was notable in the TCM offices. Everyone celebrated Ben Mankiewicz’s 20th anniversary at the network during the lunch break with a special lunch. The staff gathered to honor his dedication and contributions to the world of classic film. Ben was met in the commissary with balloons, dessert, a photo of himself from his first day that had been signed with congratulatory messages and a specially catered meal.

After lunch, the TCM staff was so kind and welcoming as the stations Social Media Manager, Caroline, sat and discussed past festivals and some of her work. She’s overseen getting some of the red-carpet talent for past festivals, no small feat.

Then came a face many film fans would recognize immediately. Genevieve McGillicuddy, whom many have come to admire so much for all the work she’s done at the network and with the festival for the past 15 years. McGillicuddy is the Executive Director of the TCM Film Festival and she graciously took time to sit down and talk before a meeting she had that afternoon. She shared stories of working with the late Robert Osborne, Hollywood, and the Film Festival, where she’s worked with some incredible talent while organizing the event including Peter O’Toole and Tony Curtis.

Leaving the Turner Classic Movies headquarters, it was easy to feel a renewed admiration and appreciation for this small team’s incredible work. It was a reminder that sometimes, it’s not about the team size but rather the amount of heart and passion they bring to their craft. Witnessing the passion of such a small staff at Turner Classic Movies was incredibly moving. Despite their size, their love for classic films radiated throughout the experience. You could feel their dedication and genuine enthusiasm for preserving the magic of cinema. Seeing a team come together and create something unique with their shared passion is truly inspiring.

The small-town newspaper and the big-city cable network are similar. We don’t do it for the praise or the money; we do what we do because we’re passionate about what we’re doing and sometimes that’s better than anything else.

Humboldt City Council vote no on increasing paramedic hours from 20 to 24 per week

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as its coming into the plant and emulsifies it to where it can be brought down. Josh reached out to three different companies to see if he could find parts for this specific machine and he discovered that the manufacturer had been out of business for quite some time and there was no way to get parts for it. He submitted quotes to the Council for a new muffin monster, but it won’t be called that anymore. It’s now called a comminutor. The ballpark quotes are around \$34-\$40,000 installed.

“It’s [the old muffin monster] been there a long time. It’s definitely seen its day and we’ve got the most out of it; if we’ve got 20 years out of it, that’s pretty good.”

The Mayor said he understood that it needs to be fixed. Josh said he would try to get another quote. Josh plans to be at the next meeting so they can act as soon as possible to get the issue fixed. The Council intends to use City Sales Tax Funds to pay for it.

Approval was given for Drawdown #5 for SENDD General Admission fees \$2,847.50, SENDD Construction Management \$2847.50, AHRS \$174,492.00 and TreanorHL \$6,506.50-CDBG Grant amount of \$150,277.51, with local match of \$36,199.70 for a total of \$186,477.21 for the Auditorium CDBG #20-PW-005.

Approval was given for a request for a contract extension with DED for the City Auditorium project.

In a letter to the City from Community Development Specialist Mary J. Brown, she stated that it was important for the Council to know that the work is nearly complete, but without the extension, any work performed after the contract end date of October 26, 2023, will not be eligible for reimbursement from the grant. It’s likely the project will be complete by November; however, an extension is requested through the end of the year just to allow for any additional time.

The Council approved two ordinances. The first one granted Black Hills Nebraska Gas LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, its lessees, successors and assigns, a natural gas franchise and the authority to construct, operate, maintain and extend a natural gas distribution plant and system and granting the right to use the streets, alleys, and other public places within and present or future corporate limits of the City of Humboldt for a period of 25 years.

The second ordinance established a franchise fee on natural gas companies operating in the City of Humboldt.

Cindy Eden of Humboldt Rescue submitted a request for discussion to install a phone/fax at the Humboldt Fire/Rescue building. Eden said she currently uses her personal cell phone for all calls to the Sheriff’s Office for run times and hospitals to get information on calls. She also has to use the City of Humboldt for faxing.

“By installing the phone and fax line that takes Darla [Humboldt City Clerk] out of the loop and that puts it back on the Rescue Squad where it belongs,” said Eden.

Windstream costs \$32.00 per month with five cents per minute for long distance; Spectrum costs \$29.99 per month with unlimited long distance. There would be no installation fees on either. The Mayor said he preferred they try to use Spectrum. The request was approved.

Eden also requested to increase paramedic hours from 20 to 24 hours per week.

Humboldt Rescue Captain Guy Lewis submitted a letter stating that at the last regular meeting of the Rescue Squad, the members voted to increase the Paramedic Position from 20 to 24 hours per week. The position was initially advertised as a full-time

(40 hours) per week position. During the hiring process, the previous Mayor, Mayor Mendenhall and the former Council offered the position as a part-time position (20 hours per week) due to it being a newly created position and not having access to sound data regarding run reporting and billing.

Lewis continued, “At that time, Mayor Mendenhall, Councilwoman Dettmer and Councilman Stauffer agreed to review the position in six months to discuss the increase in hours, as they felt they needed time to see some improvement in the relationship to run reporting and billing. That was nearly two years ago and no review has been performed to the best of my knowledge. Humboldt Rescue feels that the improvement in the issues of timely run reporting and billing speaks for themselves. An increase in medic hours will not only continued to ensure timely run reporting and billing, but it is also necessary to provide ambulance coverage during the weekdays due to a current lack of members available to respond during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00-5:00). Most of our volunteers work a regular job during these hours, many of whom work out of town, which makes call coverage very difficult at times. At this time, we do not foresee any major purchases being made or any unnecessary expenses being incurred within this fiscal year. Also, during the budget meeting with Darla back in August, an increase in medic hours was included in the numbers provided by Humboldt Rescue. For these reasons, we believe that Humboldt Rescue can sustain the additional cost of wages for this increase in medic hours. We would also like to request that there be formal documentation made for a six-month review to discuss the possibility of an additional increase in medic hours from 24 per to 30 per week, based upon updated data regarding run reporting and billing.”

The data provided by Humboldt Rescue to support the increase of hours showed that the Average Validity Score (Percentage of minimum data set information entered in the run report) went from 95.75 percent in 2020 to 99.79 percent in 2022. Medic position started on January 24, 2022.

Greater than 72 hours to enter an incident (state requirement for run reporting):

In 2020, it was 91.82 percent (146/159); in 2022, 12.2 percent (20/164). Medic position started on January 24, 2022.

Outstanding billing balance per offboarding reports July 3, 2023:

2020, \$8,314.33
2021, \$15,793.37
2022, \$15,435.85
2023 to date: \$5,986.88

Changed billing companies as of April 1, 2023; the rate increase is in effect.

2023 to date: \$1930.28.

Councilperson Vicky Lynch asked if four hours would make a difference in who showed up.

Eden said no, but if you can get one other person to show up, you can go.

Councilperson Wilhelm said Eden was hired with 20 hours and “a six-month evaluation, which she never received to prove she could turn it around to make money, which she has done very well with this job. She has turned it around; she’s done all her paperwork. She’s made money from this

program for us. She knows what she’s doing, she’s got grants, she got the ambulance going for us, she’s done an awesome job. She’s gone on many runs; we do not have very many EMTs to do all our runs. We don’t have the EMTs in this town. Nobody really wants to volunteer to be an EMT or go to the classes anymore. She’s worth four extra hours, that four hours can save somebody’s life if there’s nobody running or to go for a run,” said Wilhelm.

Eden said that paperwork takes about an hour to an hour and a half per run and she is currently doing 100 percent of the run reports. She said that part of the problem is that nobody wants to do the paperwork because it takes so long. She also tracks the bills to make sure the company is billing them and they’re collecting the money; she orders the supplies, stocks them and checks the trucks weekly. She also cleans the ambulances after a run.

It was brought up that many volunteers have full-time daily jobs and when they return from a call, they have to return to their position. They can’t stay clean and write reports when they have to return to work.

Another thing Eden brought up was the potential for someone who wanted to work with one of the surrounding hospitals to do some long-distance transfers to earn some money.

The Council voted, Lynch, no; Wilhelm, yes; Dettmer, no; Oehm, no, with the motion failing.

The Mayor asked that Eden bring it back to the Council.

The Mayor went over department assignments and responsibilities. He said, “We all care about the City. We all want things to be good for Humboldt. We want things to be done and improved.”

On Economic Development, Jan Wilhelm is the head with Vicky Lynch.

Parks Department Vicky Lynch is the head and Rhonda Dettmer. The Mayor encouraged people to discuss park-related issues with Vicky and Rhonda, including the pool.

Streets: Rhonda Dettmer is the head with Dale Oehm. Funds have been put aside for the 1 & 6 year program. The Mayor suggested Dettmer and Oehm get together with him and start to discuss getting some work done.

Water and Sewer: Dale Oehm is the head with Jan Wilhelm.

“When it comes to repairs and spending money, we just can’t order repairs to fix something. I’d appreciate it if we can go through the Mayor’s office and the City Clerk and then to the Council as a whole. It’s the City’s money and we have to decide together how we’re going to spend it,” said Mayor Rathbone.

There was a discussion of the creation of a vacant building registration ordinance. The Mayor suggested the form brought to the Council as a template idea by Councilperson Wilhelm and that the discussion be taken to the Planning Commission during their meeting the next night.

Councilperson Lynch discussed concerns about the roof replacement at the City Bath House. It was discussed during a previous meeting, but all details were not discussed. Further discussion will be had regarding the project.

The next Humboldt City Council meeting will be on November 6 at 6:00 p.m.

TRANSITION TO ORGANIC FARMING

CONFERENCE **Nov. 8** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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VILLAGE OF SALEM

VILLAGE OF SALEM OCTOBER 3, 2023

Chairperson Kenneth Strauch opened the October 3, 2023 meeting of the Salem Village Board at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Board members Voegel, Wessel and Catlin answered roll. Kean was absent.

Wessel reported that she had not received any new information on finding a contractor for the repairs on the Community Building brick.

Clerk reported that a bid notice would be published in the Falls City Journal for the

2023-2024 snow removal season. The notice will also be posted at the Community Building. Bids will be reviewed at the November 7, 2023 meeting.

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

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. seconded by Catlin. Motion carried, Wessel, Catlin, Strauch, and Voegel voting yes.

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

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 18, 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, October 18, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sichel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sichel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from October 11, 2023, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-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
Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week.

FALLS CITY EDGE
Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City EDGE present-

ed the quarterly report of the organization to the Board.

CLAIMS
Motion was made by Sichel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-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
Amazon, supp 70.43
Ankrom, Jami, reimb 272.48
Bah, Dennis, serv 500.00
Brown, Patricia, reimb 347.01
Chaney Furniture, serv 2130.19
CMC, serv 3465.65
Consolidated Management Company, serv 9666.50
Culligan, serv 183.60
DAS State Accounting, serv 335.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp 534.72
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv 1358.50
CR23-30 P. Swimm

Farm & City Supply, supp ... 34.96
First Concord Benefits Group, fees 220.00
First Wireless, supp 1512.00
Frederick, Keia, reimb 36.74
Godemann, Bethany, reimb 10.74
Hillyard, supp 267.46
Hullman's Ford, serv 51.45
Humboldt Standard, adv 37.50
Jim Hill's, serv 65.00
KexRx, supp 1493.60
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins. 1223.07
Medica, ins 43219.32
Mercure, Steven, serv 5916.66
Miller Farrell, ins 6549.00
Miller Monroe, ins 712.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv 636.63
Nussbaum, Emily, reimb 372.43
OPPD, serv 90.80
Otoe County Sheriff's Office, serv 9.00
Physician's Laboratory, serv 5384.00
Pitney Bowes, serv 90.00
Quill, supp 175.97
Ram Exterminators, serv 48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb 281.15
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb 525.70
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc 23044.93
Schendel Pest Control, serv 69.55
Summit Fire Protection, serv 711.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp 22.78
Payroll Expense 110188.32
TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$221,864.34

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
Capital Business Systems, supp 470.71
Capital One Trade Credit, supp 279.98
City of Falls City, fee 125.00
Farm & City Supply, supp 101.72
Hullman's Ford, serv 109.95
Martin Marietta Materials, rock 19578.32
NPPD, serv 63.16
Sapp Bros., fuel 2930.36
Unifirst, supp 55.64
Payroll Expense 33536.08
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$57,250.92

DRUG COURT FUND
Hawkins, Seth, serv 1100.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv 1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND \$2,200.00

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OCTOBER 18, 2023 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2023. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sichel and Caverzagie; Assessor Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Motion was made by Sichel to advertise for a hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, to consider the tax exemption application for Riverside Fellowship of Rulo. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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VILLAGE OF RULO

Village of Rulo Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Notice of meeting provided to the public at 3PM on Saturday, October 7th at the Rulo Library, Swingin' Doors and Wild Bill's.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board Chairperson, Becky Simmonds. Roll call – Present: Mandy Morehead, Regina Barber, Hannah Barber, Becky Simmonds and Rachel Jean – Absent: one vacant board seat

Approval of September Minutes – Motion made by M. Morehead and seconded by R. Barber. Roll call – YEA: M. Morehead, R. Barber, H. Barber, B. Simmonds. Motion carried.

Per Neb. Statute 32-569, Becky Simmonds moved to present candidate Michael Keller to fill the vacant board member seat. Roll call – YEA: H. Barber and B. Simmonds; NAY: R. Barber, M. Morehead – Seat remains open with voting continuing next month.

Old Business
Painting Library & Bathrooms – Exterior painting and hole is complete. Interior painting is pending. Work reported to S. Homeyer to add to outstanding FEMA grant. Asphalt repair on Elm St still pending and will be addressed.

Meter Reading Equipment – Utility Billing has transitioned to a new system. Setup for meter equipment will continue to maximize efficiency of what each system can do to work together. Discussion will continue regarding utility fees such as late notice, disconnect and reconnect fees.

Mosquito Abatement – Last session complete and under budget for approved expenditure.

Ordinances/Handbook – Tentative date of Nov 12th at 2PM for a special meeting to be held for discussion of potential ordinances to be approved. Time to be decided and will be posted in accordance to the Open Meeting Act.

Ditch Work – No work will move forward at this time.

Road work updates – Citizen input was heard regarding problem areas. Further discussion will continue to implement plan for correction and improvement.

New Business
Annual Certification of Program Compliance – NE Board of Public Roads (Resolution 2023-10-01) – Motion made by H. Barber to approve the annual certification for program compliance for roads. Motion seconded by R. Barber – Roll call – YEA: H. Barber, R. Barber, M. Morehead, B. Simmonds; NAY – none, one vacant seat – Motion carried.

Tom Carpenter – Meter pits on property – Input heard regarding location of meter pits. Board determined no action needed at this time.

Sale of Old Fire Truck – Bids will be taken for sale of old fire truck. Bid request to be posted in the Journal and in 3 public places.

Post Office – RFP Proposal – Board discussed request for proposal from USPS regarding the new post office. Concerns discussed regarding details of proposal to include cost of installation for utilities plus layout of the building on the parcels and proposed parking. Board approved R. Jean to draft proposal for submission with a request to see proposed layout for building and parking. Discussion to continue.

Keno funds and approved uses – R. Jean verified for board that State office confirmed that Keno funds can essentially be used for same expenses as the general fund.

Steve Johansen – Funding Cemetery Maintenance with donation match – S. Johansen committed \$10K match of funds for cemetery maintenance with board match. Motion made by M. Morehead to approve transfer of \$10,000 for maintenance of cemetery with a match of \$10,000 donated by S. Johansen. Motion seconded by R. Barber. Roll call – YEA: M. Morehead, R. Barber, H. Barber and B. Simmonds; NAY: none, one vacant seat. Motion carried.

Soup Supper/Chili Cook-off – Announcement of community Chili and Soup Cookoff Fundraiser – Will be held November 18, 2023 5:00-8:00pm – Board discussed rental of table and chairs. No approvals made and discussion will continue.

Hiring of Full-Time Maintenance (Board may vote to enter a Closed Session to prevent needless injury

to the reputation of an individual) – No applicants to consider at this time. Board will detail responsibilities and repost for applicants.

FEMA closeout – Board reviewed report submitted by S. Homeyer for FEMA grant expenditures and outstanding items. No action required at this time.

Claims & Treasurer's Report
Motion for payroll and claims – Motion made by M. Morehead to approve claims listed. Motion seconded by R. Barber. Roll call – YEA: M. Morehead, R. Barber, H. Barber, B. Simmonds; NAY – none, one seat vacant. Motion carried.

GENERAL
FC Journal, pub notice \$8.15
Hamilton Recycling, svc \$50.00
True Ag and Turf, svc \$751.47
Animal Health Center, svc \$30.00
Falls City, WWTF, svc \$256.47
Wolfe's printing, supplies \$93.15
OPPD, utilities \$499.30
IRS, tax \$263.88
Robert W. Aitken, CPA, serv \$890.00
Ag Parnters, svc \$101.53
Hullman's Ford, svc \$209.93
Grandview Oil, svc \$310.01
NE Municipal Clerks Assoc, dues \$50.00
SEND, dues \$319.00
SNC, utilities \$50.89
IRS, quarterly payroll tax \$1879.76
NE, quarterly payroll tax \$245.23
Cemetery, maint \$10,000.00
Payroll \$2650.74

KENO
NE Dept of Rev, taxes \$4015.00
FIRE CEMETERY
WBN Lawncare, maint \$3300.00
WATER
FC Utilities, utilities \$3229.06
Johansen Drainage & Tile, svc \$470.00
Rachel Jean, postage reimbursement \$132.00
NE Public Health Env Lab, svc \$22.00
Kring Enterprises, equip \$600.00
NE Dept of Rev, sales tax \$317.75
gWorks Update – R. Jean reported on updates to utility billing. Next, we will switch over bank accounts to set up a ledger and start to institute a budget.

Campground & Boat Ramp – S. Thompson reported on camper rentals. Minor issues reported with out-of-town visitors but addressed with property owners.

Cemetery – Last mowing will be completed for season but no other issues reported.

KENO report – R. Jean reported that August Keno revenue of \$3235.16 received. Quarterly taxes listed in claims for approval. R. Jean will verify if funds can be used for roads.

Fire Department - Request for approval to purchase light bar for fire truck (\$700) was made by K. Coonce. Motion was made by R. Barber to approve the purchase. Motion seconded by M. Morehead. Roll call – YEA: R. Barber, M. Morehead; NAY – H. Barber, B. Simmonds – Motion not carried.

Motion for adjournment made at 8:07pm by H. Barber. Motion seconded by M. Morehead. Roll call – YEA: H. Barber, M. Morehead, R. Barber and B. Simmonds; NAY: none, one vacant seat. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

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CITY OF HUMBOLDT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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: Vicki Lynch and Dale Oehm,

Absent: Council Members; Jan Wilhelm and Rhonda Dettmer
\$17-105. City council; meetings; quorum - When the city council consists of four members as established by ordinance, the mayor shall be deemed a member of the city council for purposes of establishing a quorum when the mayor's presence is necessary to establish the quorum.

Mayor 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.

Council member Lynch made a motion to accept the October 2, 2023 meeting agenda as written, seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

Public hearing was held at 6:02pm concerning 2023/2024 1 and 6 Year Plan for streets. Council member Oehm made a motion to open the public hearing was seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried. Bob Mendenhall comments on the maintenance of 1st St. Tractors, combines, semi-trucks go down that road every day. When you're driving down that road, you can't hardly hold your car straight if you drive the speed limit. That's one of the other issues is no one drives the speed limit. OK, the speed limit is still on the city limits to the West side of the cemetery. It's 25 miles an hour, and no one goes 25 miles an hour. Mayor then asks who does that road Bob? Who grades the road with the road grader? Mendenhall states well, if you want to call it, maintain the road. 1st St. was graded two days before Memorial Day and again in the first part of this month. Basically, the county grades about once every three to five months. When I talked to the road guy that we now currently have, he says that road must be graded weekly minimum to get rid of the wash board spots. It's a disgrace. Mayor asked if Mr. Glathar is who you talked to? Mendenhall states he didn't speak to Mr. Glathar because he's the grader operator. I did talk to the commissioners more than once regarding this issue when Terry Frank was our commissioner, it just turned out to be a huge argument and basically, the county commissioners threw it back in the city's lap. Mendenhall then stated he had asked the maintenance gentleman for the county to put a road counter on the bridge, at that time we had 5 people who live on 1st St. to look at the amount of traffic that comes in and out of county using 1st St., there's heavy equipment that drive on it regularly, then you'll be able to determine what the road is utilized for. Mendenhall stated that Rhonda, who oversees streets, reported that the city is going to gravel 1st St. Mendenhall then said he told her that wouldn't work, that the road needs to be graded on a regular basis. Putting gravel on it before winter may not be a good idea when it snows the gravel will just be pushed off to the side of the street. Mendenhall stated his contention is that I think the city needs to meet with the county. Mayor states he will meet with Commissioner Karas to discuss the issue and see what kind of process we can get going. Mayor asks is there anyone else who would like to address the Council as far as the discussion on roads is concerned. Cody Naber asks is this when we can comment about 1st St. no parking or is that going to be brought up later? Mayor stated we have that on our agenda later, and he didn't think it will be brought up on this agenda since Jan is sick tonight and absent, I would hope that we could leave that to our next meeting. But if you have comments, you'd like to make on 1st St., please stand up. Naber then states I'm not just speaking on me being on 1st Street, but I think if you make it to where nobody can park on that street, it's another drag strip. On 1st St. there's multiple times you sit there and watch kids and all kinds of people fly up and down that street. So, it's my opinion, I don't think it's a good idea to ban parking on the south side of the street. I'm pretty sure you can't park on the north side of the street right now the way it is. What are the Shupps supposed to do? They live right there on the corner of 1st St. They can't park in front of their house. When they have family gatherings or friend gatherings are they supposed to park a block away on the side street to just have family events. Mayor states your comments are well taken and we appreciate them. We're going to put this most likely on our next meeting agenda and I would appreciate it if you could come then and make comments. After allowing time for all comments, questions, and discussion a motion was made by Council member Oehm to adjourn public hearing at 6:28 pm seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

Convene the regular City Council meeting. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10.02 1- and 6-Year Plan was made by Council member Lynch and seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

Richardson Co Sheriff report provided by Sheriff Hardesty, 199 hours with 88 calls of service in the city during the month of September 2023

Council member Oehm made a motion to accept the September 18, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

sent, whereupon motion carried.

Payroll: \$5527.02, American Legal Publishing: General/ Legal & Professional Services \$5415.00, Auburn Plumbing and Heating: Auditorium/Repairs & Maintenance \$1,267.29, Black Hills Energy: Library/Utility \$39.37, Cleaning Cousins, LLC: Niders Grant Account/Professional Fees Finance Fees \$9,254.00, Davis PHE. LLC: Water/Repairs & Maintenance \$687.50, Dearborn Group: Fire/Rural Fire/Rescue/Life Insurance \$110.08, Emergency Medical Products: Rescue/Materials & Supplies \$326.23, Falls City Journal: General/Notice Publications \$130.01, Falls City Sanitation :General/ Fair Expenses \$463.76, Humboldt Standard: General/Notice Publications \$394.85, Ingram Library Services: Library/Publications \$20.11, Lengemann & Assoc. General/Legal & Professional Services \$2,700.00, Natalie McMann/American Barber: Water/Deposit Refund \$11.97, Nebraska Department of Revenue: General/Sales Tax Remitted \$1,107.94, NPPD: Library/Utility \$114.65, NPPD: Library/Utility \$48.51, NPPD: General/Streets/Water/Fire/Rural Fire/Cemetery/Pool/Parks/Rescue/Auditorium/Utility \$3,954.44

Council member Lynch made a motion to accept the October 2, 2023, claims; seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

Public comment was given by Heather Schuler regarding the pile of items placed on her property by the neighbor. She also provided comment on the no parking on either side of 1st St. Lions President Rist stated that the Thrift Store is open, and the club received a donation in the amount of \$4,000.00 to replace the windows.

September 2023 Maintenance report provided by Mayor Rathbone and reviewed by council.

Council member Lynch made a motion to table Resolution 2023-10.02.1 to direct city attorney to file a civil nuisance abatement action against Kent L. Cooper – 630 3rd St. for 60 days allowing additional time to board up and secure the building to prevent access, was seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried. Roxanne Sailors asked if the city was to pay for the windows and Rist stated it was a donation.

Council member Oehm made a motion to accept and approve the Quit Claim Deed from McMann Farms LLC, for 991 Central Ave., was seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the cleanup plan for 991 Central Ave.

Council member Lynch made a motion to approve the lease of a wheel machine skid steer for \$6,500.00 annually was seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

A motion was made to approve fertilizing and reseeded the City Square Park at the discretion of the maintenance supervisor to schedule made by Oehm; seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

A motion to approve the FY 23-24 LARM insurance changes was made by Oehm; seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

A motion to table the review to create a resolution for no parking on either side of 1st Street until the next meeting was made by Oehm; seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

A motion to approve the quote for Artisan Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$4714.29 was made by Oehm; seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

Department Reports & Requests: Mayor Rathbone reports that during the Planning Commission the current nuisance list was gone over, and discussions are being held regarding the creation of codes for fencing material and shipping containers. Correspondence from Library Board Meeting Minutes and Agenda were reviewed by council.

Council member Oehm made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lynch. Roll Call vote indicated, Lynch, Oehm and Mayor Rathbone, voting in favor of the motion, Dettmer and Wilhelm absent, whereupon motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm. Next meeting Tuesday October 16, 2023, at 6pm.

ATTEST: Darla Hulsebus,
City Clerk
Ron Rathbone, Mayor
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the ORTHMAN COMMUNITY YMCA
1207 N GRANT ST. | LEXINGTON, NE

**SECOND ANNUAL WINTER CLASSIC
YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**
SAT. & SUN. | JANUARY 6-7 | 2024
GRADES 3-8 | BOYS & GIRLS
FEES: \$150/team (Max of 15 kids & 3 coaches per team)
REGISTER BY: December 10 (No refund after deadline)

TO REGISTER, CALL THE YMCA AT (308) 324-1970
For more information, visit tournament website
(www.ymcaoftheprairie.org/programs/WinterClassic)

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 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 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 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, November 6, 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.

**NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,
NEBRASKA ESTATE OF
MARJORIE J. NOA,
DECEASED
PR23-49**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of October, 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 Steven E. Noa, whose address is 71993 649 Ave, Shubert, Nebraska 68437, and Pamela S. Mayfield, whose address is 641 Sandpiper Dr., Vonore, Tennessee 37885, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.
Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 18, 2023 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk-Magistrate
Richardson County Court
Courthouse
1700 Stone St. Rm 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Neal E. Parsons, #13228
Attorney at Law
217 East 18th Street
Falls City, Nebraska 68355
402/245-3088

Notice of Organization
Notice is hereby given that PJB Eleven, LLC has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska on 09/21/2022 with its designated agent and office: USCA, Inc, 66310 703 Lane, Rulo, NE 68431. The general nature of the business is rental properties.

PUBLIC NOTICE
**NOTICE OF ABANDONED
OR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
BY THE FALLS CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO BE SOLD AT
ONLINE AUCTION**

The abandoned or unclaimed property described below may be claimed by the owner at the Falls City Police Department, prior to November 24, 2023 at 4:00 P.M., at which, if the property is not claimed, it shall be disposed of or sold at an online auction, by the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

1 Black & Green Bike
1 Black & Blue Bike
2 Black & Red Bikes
1 Black & Orange Bike
1 Blue & Silver Bike
1 Chaos Yellow Bike
1 Navy Blue Bike
1 Black & Teal Bike
1 Pink & White
1 Black & Turquoise Bike
1 Maroon Bike
1 Purple Bike
2 Silver Bikes
1 Grey Bike
1 Green Scooter

Anthony Nussbaum
City Clerk
1-8-15
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**NOTICE
In the County Court of
Richardson County, Nebraska
In the Matter of the Estate of
Robert B. Darrington,
Deceased.
Case No. PR23-51**

Notice is hereby given that on October 24, 2023 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Mary K. Darrington, whose address is 70427 656 Blvd., Falls City, NE. 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the above-entitled instestate Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 2, 2024 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk of the County Court
Richardson County Court
Courthouse
1700 Stone St. Rm 205
Falls City, NE 68355

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

**NOTICE
In the District Court of
Richardson County, Nebraska
Megan Ann Kirkendall vs
Travis Randall Kirkendall
Case Number: CI16-147**

To: Travis Randall Kirkendall, whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had and is the Defendant in said proceeding:

You are notified that on October 16, 2023, Plaintiff, Megan Ann Kirkendall, filed an Application against you in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska at Case Number CI16-147, the object of which is to obtain an Order foreclosing on Defendant's transferable interest in Blue Collar Auto Sales and Repair LLC and an Order of sale of said interest.

You are required to answer said Application on or before December 11, 2023.

This matter is set for hearing on December 12, 2023 at 11:45 a.m.

Megan Ann Kirkendall, Plaintiff

Dylan L. Handley (24152)
Handley Law Office
217 E 18th Street
Falls City, NE 68355
Phone: (402) 245-3088
Fax: (402) 245-2664
Email:dylanhandley@hotmail.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

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CITY COUNCIL

October 16, 2023
A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 16th day of October 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: Leyden, Ractliffe. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the October 2, 2023 regular meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for October 16, 2023, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer's Report for September, 2023 is hereby approved. 4. B E IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Police Report for September, 2023 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Resolution for October 16, 2023, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden, Ractliffe. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2020
CDBG OWNER OCCUPIED
REHABILITATION
PROGRAM
(GRANT CDBG#20-HO-36035)**
Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:06P.M. to discuss 2020 CDBG Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of or oppose said program. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:09P.M.

**EDGE QUARTERLY REPORT
– LUCAS FROESCHL**
Lucas Froeschl presented the EDGE Quarterly Report.

**RESOLUTION 2023-R116 TO
APPOINT TREVOR CAMP-
BELL AND ANTHONY
NUSSBAUM(ALTERNATE)
TO THE MEAN BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AND NMPP
MEMBERS COUNCIL**
A motion was made by Council member Holle and seconded by Council member Rhodd to adopt resolution 2023-R116 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden, Ractliffe. Motion carried.

**NOTICE OF CLAIM BY
PUBLIC JUSTICE FOR
DISCRIMINATION AND
TORT CLAIMS ON BEHALF
OF TARA BLUNT AGAINST**

**THE CITY OF FALLS CITY
AND FALLS CITY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**
A motion was made by Council member Wisdom and seconded by Council member Holle to table the item. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden, Ractliffe. Motion carried.

**THERE BEING NO
FURTHER BUSINESS, THE
MEETING WAS ADJOURNED
AT 6:23pm**
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on October 16, 2023; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

CITY CLERK
MAYOR
ZNEZ

B.O.P.W.

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS
October 19, 2023
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska**
A special meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 19th day of October, 2023, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: None. Absent: Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is

attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

**DUE TO THE LACK OF A
QUORUM, NO MEETING
WAS HELD.**
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on 19th day of October 19, 2023; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

CITY CLERK
SECRETARY
CHAIRMAN
ZNEZ

**VILLAGE OF
SHUBERT**
**Regular Monthly Meeting
October 2, 2023
Shubert Library**
The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on October 2, 2023 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Will Surman.
Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman Lockard announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none.
Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Surman/Hays) to approve the September 4, 2023 Public Street meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.
There was a motion and second (Surman/Patchen) to approve the September 4, 2023 regular meet-

ing minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Hays/Lockard) to approve the September 26, 2023 public budget meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Surman/Lockard) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. General: Mowing: Board discussed payment for additional mowing over the summer. Motion and Second (Lockard/Patchen) to approve payment. Roll call vote was all "Aye," (Borrego-abstained from the vote) Motion carried. Audit waiver: Motion and Second (Hays/Surman) to approve request for au-dit waiver. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Motion and Second (Surman/Hays) to transfer 15,000 from the water tower account to the W/S/G account. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Wood & Brush pile: Lumber is allowed, only if it is free of nails.
Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects.
Park: Restrooms have been closed for the season: Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours. Streets: Potholes and street repairs were discussed. Street work could begin this Wednesday. Tractor needs tire repair. Fire: Board discussed flushing tubes.
The next regular board meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library
With no further business: Motion and Second (Patchen/Surman) to adjourn meeting at 7:53 p.m.
Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk

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| Name | Memo | Amount |
| Dearborne Group, Fireman's Insurance | | -75.68 |
| NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn | | -31.58 |
| United States Treasury, Tax Deposit | | -238.22 |
| Borrego, Tom, Mowing | | -400.00 |
| Aue & Company, Monthly Fee | | -175.00 |
| NPPD - Community Building, Community Building | | -66.12 |
| NPPD - Library, Library | | -62.43 |
| Jennifer Buchner, Payroll | | -676.01 |
| NPPD, 8TH & Elm | | -12.93 |
| NPPD -Streets, Streetlights | | -311.36 |
| Tracy Milke, Expenses | | |
| September 2023 | | -55.00 |
| Aaron Davis, Mileage | | |
| September | | -50.00 |
| Haug Communications Inc., Well controls | | -19,616.90 |
| Davis PHE, Water leak under water tower | | -670.00 |
| Municipal Supply Inc of Omaha, Well #2 meter | | -774.85 |
| League of Nebraska Municipalities, 2023-2024 Utilities Membership | | -400.00 |
| State of Nebraska PHEL, Water Testing | | -15.00 |
| Village of Stella, Sampler | | -15.00 |
| Midwest Labs, Testing | | -115.80 |
| Village of Shubert - Water Tower, Transfer to Water Tower acct. | | -1,000.00 |
| Village of Shubert - USDA Account, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account | | -906.00 |
| Falls City Sanitation Service, Trash service | | -841.00 |
| Southeast Telephone Company, Well Phone | | -120.75 |
| NPPD - Sewer, Sewer | | -319.29 |
| NPPD - Wells, Wells | | -163.56 |
| Aaron Davis, Payroll | | -253.96 |
| Tracy Milke, Payroll | | -507.92 |
| USDA, Loan Payment | | -9,849.00 |
| Ne Dept of Revenue & Finance, Sales Tax | | -189.07 |
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| City of Falls City IN Richardson County, Nebraska | | | |
| NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY | | | |
| PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 6 day of November 2023, at 6:00 o'clock PM, at 2307 Barada Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours. | | | |
| 2021-2022 Actual Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 15,552,250.00 | |
| 2022-2023 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 19,065,211.70 | |
| 2023-2024 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 24,011,211.00 | |
| 2023-2024 Necessary Cash Reserve | \$ | 6,393,480.86 | |
| 2023-2024 Total Resources Available | \$ | 30,404,691.86 | |
| Total 2023-2024 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement | \$ | 773,660.00 | |
| Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year | \$ | 149,095.37 | |
| Breakdown of Property Tax: | | | |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes | \$ | 773,660.00 | |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds | \$ | - | |
| NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST | | | |
| PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 6 day of November 2023, at 6:00 o'clock PM, at 2307 Barada Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. | | | |
| | 2022 | 2023 | Change |
| Operating Budget | 27,311,950.36 | 24,011,211.00 | -12% |
| Property Tax Request | \$ 750,935.00 | \$ 773,660.00 | 3% |
| Valuation | 169,148,033 | 182,932,717 | 8% |
| Tax Rate | 0.443951 | 0.422921 | -5% |
| Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation | 0.410498 | | |

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Water Quality Coordinator

The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full time opening for a Water Quality Coordinator. The Coordinator is responsible for conducting surface water sampling, data assessment, research, developing and writing monitoring strategies, quality assurance project plans and grants. The applicant must have computer skills, ability to work outdoors and with community, a degree in Science or related field is preferred. Experience may be substituted. Must possess a valid driver's license. \$17 to \$20 per hour. Working four 10 hour days: 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday - Thursday. May require travel and training. Indian preference does apply. Application and information available at the Sac and Fox Admin Office, 305 North

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Full-time Position - Fillmore County, NE

Highway Superintendent

Fillmore County is seeking a full-time Highway Superintendent. This position directs the operations of the Highway Department. A complete job description is available upon request. Applicants must hold or be able to obtain a State of Nebraska County Highway Superintendent license Class A or B, and have a valid Nebraska Driver's License.

Application forms are available in the Clerk's office at the Fillmore County Courthouse, 900 G Street, PO Box 307, Geneva, NE 68361 or by e-mail amy.nelson@fillmorecountyne.gov. Applications and resumes will be accepted during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30, M-F) through November 20, 2023. Requests for accommodation should be directed to the Fillmore County Clerk.

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THE STELLA RESEARCH CLUB, in accordance with the Nebraska Department of Roads, picks up trash along a four mile stretch of Highway 62 twice a year. Working this fall are Vicki Beilke, Jackie Uhri, Chris Joy, Cathy Donahoe, Sandra Beckett, Elizabeth Ketner, and Jan McMullen.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

October 19 to October 20, 2023 calls: three suspicious subject or vehicle, one miscellaneous, two 911 hang up/misdials, one fingerprint, one information only, one noise disturbance, one referred to another agency, two ambulance/EMS, one fire call (Falls City Rural Fire), one miscellaneous, three 911 calls, one citation for speeding, one citation for exhibition driving, two warnings for speeding, one warning for light or hand signals required, one warning for unlawful/fictitious display of plates, one warning for careless driving.

October 20 to October 21, 2023 calls: one suspicious subject or vehicle, one theft, five referred to another agency, one disturbance, one investigation, two ambulance/EMS, one fire call (Rulo Fire), three 911 calls, one citation for speeding, one citation for DUI-alcohol first

offense, one citation for stop sign violation, three warnings for speeding, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for stop sign violation.

October 21 to October 22, 2023 calls: one noise disturbance, one 911 hang up/misdial, one animal call, one found or lost property, two miscellaneous, seven suspicious subject or vehicle, one HHS intake/referral, two ambulance/EMS, seven 911 calls, two citations for no valid registration, one citation for no operator's license, one citation for speeding, one citation for no proof of insurance, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

October 22 to October 23, 2023 calls: No paperwork received.

October 23 to October 24, 2023 calls: one information only, three animal calls, one investigation, one 911 hang up/misdial, two referred to another agency, two miscellaneous, two ambulance/EMS, one gun permit, one fire call (Dawson Fire), four 911 calls, one warning for failure to yield ROW, one citation for invalid registration.

October 24 to October 25, 2023 calls: two animal calls, four miscellaneous, three ambulance/EMS, one fire call (Humboldt Fire), one HHS intake/referral, one gun permit, one information only, one check welfare, two 911 calls, two improper/defective vehicle lighting, one invalid registration.

October 25 to October 26, 2023 calls: five miscellaneous, two animal calls, three information only, two motorist assist, one burn permit, two 911 hang up/misdials, one traffic/driving complaints, one noise disturbance, one parking complaint, one HHS intake/referral, three EMS/ambulance, ten 911 calls, one citation for minor in possession.



Watercolor Exhibition and Workshop in the Stalder Gallery

Stalder Gallery presents Art from the Heart, watercolor paintings by Omaha artist Telagio Baptista. The exhibition will open on Friday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. with a light reception and artist talk by Telagio Baptista. The free event is sponsored by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council. The talk and reception will happen in the Stalder Gallery located inside the Falls City Library and Arts Center.

Telagio Baptista recently relocated to Omaha, NE, from Sacramento, CA. Telagio is a talented watercolor artist who has won various regional, national, and international juried art competitions. He uses a limited color palette and different atmospheric painting techniques to paint portraits, landscapes, cityscapes, and seascapes. Telagio often incorporates negative space in his art to allow the painting to breathe and create a specific mood and feeling; Telagio exclusively uses watercolor as his medium of choice. He finds it to be a magical and exotic medium that allows for limitless creativity. His watercolor paintings range from realistic depictions to more impressionistic styles.

Telagio will offer an Exploring Watercolor Workshop on Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Falls City Library and Arts Center. This workshop is tailored for adults who would like to learn more about watercolor whether they have worked in watercolor or not before. Telagio offers private and group watercolor workshops in Omaha, surrounding areas, and other states. Encouragement and support for each student characterize his teaching method. He brings his God-given and professional painting talent and enthusiasm to his workshops, encouraging his students to speak "loud and clear" with their hearts and brushes.

"I want to share with you a really fun opportunity to create a beautiful monochromatic painting using just one color. It's a great way to express your creativity and make something unique and special."-Telagio

There will be a \$25 fee for the workshop payable to the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council. To register for the workshop contact Christina Wertenberger at 402-245-6034. A supply list will be available for pick up at the Falls City Library and Arts Center.

The exhibition Art from the Heart will be on display in the Stalder Gallery until January 3. The works can be seen during the regular hours of the Falls City Library and Arts Center: M-W 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Th 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., and F 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Any questions can be directed to curator, Christina Wertenberger at 402-245-6034.



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