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## City Council approves LB977 application

The city council held a special meeting at City Hall on Thursday, March 14. Mayor Mark Harkendorff opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., with councilpersons Wisdom and Ractliffe absent.

The special meeting was called to discuss and act on the review of the LB977 Grant Application to the Site and Building Development Fund and to certify Anthony Nussbaum, City Administrator, as authorized to electronically sign the application.

According to Nussbaum, a large submittal, which primarily consists of an EDGE due diligence report, details the grid resiliency and includes a commitment letter.

“Originally, we were hoping to; what we discussed last meeting was to have a MOU (memorandum of understanding) for that commitment letter. Getting that through OPPD Legal in the time frame was not going to line up,” said Nussbaum. “We reconvened on that and came up with a little higher level, and after discussions with DED (Department of Economic Development) that we had also this would meet, appeared to meet the needs of what we need.”

The letter says Falls City is committed to contributing the match funds through a partnership with OPPD (Omaha Public Power District) with the specific details under the NDA (non-disclosure agreement) component.

The Mid-America Rail Campus-Electrical Capacity Improvements project will request a \$15,000,000 award with a cash match requirement of \$15,000,000.

“There will still be plenty of pieces that need to be done after this,” said Nussbaum. “You’ll still have an MOU, any other potential agreements that would be in place along with that MOU,

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## Falls City Police Department warns of scam

The Falls City Police Department has been receiving reports of scams targeting our citizens especially the elderly population.

The scams we have seen lately are individuals posing as a family member needing money sent to them for an emergency.

Another scam is the claim that you have won a prize and need to pay a fee before receiving it.

If you ever question whether something is legitimate or not please feel free to contact the Falls City Police Department and speak with an Officer.

## Journal deadline moved for two weeks in April

Please plan ahead for advertising

The Falls City Journal will have two early deadlines in the month of April. The deadline for the April 24 paper will be Thursday, April 18 by noon. The office of the Falls City Journal will be closed on Friday, April 19.

The following week the deadline for the May 1, 2024 paper will be Thursday, April 25th by noon. The office of the Falls City Journal will be closed on Friday, April 26 for continued education classes.

Each week’s paper will be delivered on it’s regular day with no changes.

Please plan accordingly especially for election advertisements and legals. Contact Chelsie at chelsie@fcjournal.net to scheduled any advertising ahead of time. Thank you.



Bobby Mackey (right) Photo from Facebook by Aspects and Angles Photography-Matt Bills.

## From behind bars to between the ropes, it’s never too late to turn your life around

By Brian McKim

In November 2023, a former Falls City resident and self-proclaimed troublemaker stepped into the boxing ring for the first time at the ripe old age of 46. Bobby Mackey, a foreman for a construction crew in Omaha, always wondered, “What would it be like,” to compete in the ring? With time not slowing down, the aging Mackey began training for a shot at his dream.

Years earlier, a young Mackey struggled to keep himself out of trouble. After a stint behind bars, he worked on getting his life back together. Then, in 2010, after getting laid off from work, he found himself behind the eight ball again. After three more years behind bars, Mackey was released on March 1, 2013, and has kept his nose clean ever since.

“Back then, I’d do anything to be old,” said Mackey. “Now, I’d do anything to be young again. I’d do a lot of stuff differently this time around.”

Looking in the mirror one morning, the father of seven (four of his own and three of his wife’s) had an epiphany, “Man, you’re old; you’re grey; just throw in the towel and quit.”

Quit he did. He realized he needed to devote

more time to focusing on himself. He met his future wife Michelle in 2012 and after ten years of dating the pair tied the knot.

Michelle is a drug and alcohol counselor in Omaha and has given the once-troubled man a reason to stay on the right path.

“I wish I would have gotten it right a long time ago,” said Mackey. “I just got tired of fighting a losing battle. Living that way can only end up one way; you’re not winning at all.”

Bobby teamed up with Blue Collar Boxing in Omaha late last summer. The event, held at Liberty Union Arena (previously Ralston Arena), features local labor union members fighting against each other in the ring for charity. All proceeds from the event go to the United Way of the Midlands and the Nebraska Center for Workforce.

The evening featured 13 bouts, with Mackey fighting for Interior Systems Local 1306 in the cruiserweight division against Evan Troyer, a 40-year-old fighting for Steamfitters 464.

Bobby, the oldest fighter to step between the ropes, trained five to six days a week for nearly two and a half months. In mid-October, Mackey suffered a lower leg injury, which set him back

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## Commissioners to continue discussion on intersection where a chicken production facility may be constructed

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. was unable to meet with the Board this week. A check was received from EMC Insurance for the damages done to a motor grader on January 9, 2024, for \$34,176.73.

Andy Thies was present at this time to inquire about an intersection located at 634 Avenue and 707 Trail. He indicated that

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## Open House regarding update to downtown electrical system next Tuesday

An open house meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 26 to learn more about the update on the planned electrical system construction project in downtown Falls City.

Phase I will include properties from Chase to Harlan Street and 11th to 20th Street.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this spring and continue through the fall. The project will include conversion of approximately 14 blocks of the downtown business alley overhead power lines to an under ground system.

The meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Southeast Nebraska Community College Learning Center at 3200 Bill Schock Boulevard in Falls City. The public is invited to stop by at their convenience, business and property owners are encouraged to attend.

## Know your candidates

The Falls City Journal will be running a series starting in April, featuring candidates for Falls City, City Council prior to the May 14 primary.

A total of 13 candidates are running for City Council through the four Wards. If the candidates choose to participate they will answer a few questions about themselves and why they are running for this position. Be sure to watch the Journal over the next month so you know your candidate.

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## “True Self-Care”

By Debra Johnston, MD

During our most recent family movie night, we watched one of my favorites: Encanto. At one point in the movie, a character who has been gifted supernatural strength confesses that she fears she will crumble under the weight of all that is expected from her. Although she accomplishes amazing things, it never feels like enough. She never feels like she, herself, is enough.

Popular culture suggests she should prioritize “self-care,” which is usually represented by manicures or massages and long soaks in the tub, or perhaps half an hour of meditation or spin class.

Now, to be clear, I'm a big fan of massages and getting my nails done, and I spend a lot of my professional time nagging people about exercise, as my patients can certainly attest. But I'd suggest this perspective on self-care is at best incomplete. Protecting your mental well-being goes well beyond little escapes, and even beyond tending to your physical health.

The specifics of true self-care are unique to each individual, because each individual is unique, in their needs, their desires, and their circumstances. You simply can't meditate quality daycare into existence, or a nasty coworker into a team player, or a loved one into sobriety.

Self-care, meaningful self-care, means being able to recognize that you are human, and you have limits and that it's not just ok, it's critical, to acknowledge and respect those limits. The demands vying for your time and energy are endless. Those resources, however, are not. True self-care means standing up for your right to be the one who decides how you will allocate them.

This means setting boundaries, and that's an incredibly difficult thing to do. With those limits will naturally come guilt, because you simply can't do everything for everyone, or even all the things you yourself want to do. No one else can decide where your lines are, and no one else will hold those lines on your behalf.

In order to hold those boundaries, you must be kind to yourself. Most of us have a perpetual self-commentary of criticism that tells us we could do better, we should do better, we aren't enough. Honest self-reflection is important, but why does that so often mean a laser focus on where we fell short, without recognizing how far we came? We internalize the message that if we can't keep up with demands that escalate until we crack, the fault is ours. It's not. To draw these boundaries, and make that self-compassion meaningful, we each must clarify our own values.

Spending our limited energy in ways that conflict with the ideas we hold most dear is the antithesis of self-care. We need a clear idea of what those values are to hold that line. Messages and meal delivery services can be great tools, but the real key to protecting your mental well-being is a lot harder to define and a lot harder to do.

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## How Much Power Is Too Much?

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

Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely is a proverbial saying reportedly coined by the English nobleman Lord Acton in 1857.

How much power should be given to the Executive Branch of Nebraska state government is a topic for discussion by state lawmakers and political observers alike. Currently there are 18 code agencies, which answer to Governor Jim Pillen.

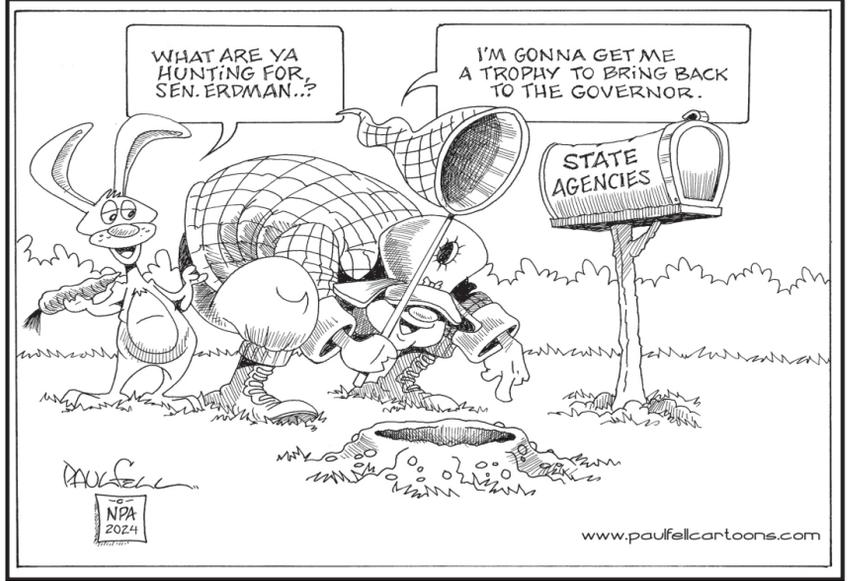
The Legislature is considering measures addressing the situation. Sen Steve Erdman of Bayard wants History Nebraska (formerly known as the State Historical Society) to become a code agency again. Another proposal would bring tourism back into the Department of Economic Development, a code agency.

Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne wants to take the Department of Corrections away from the Executive Branch and place it under the oversight of the Legislature. He said lawmakers currently have that authority under the state constitution. The power to make such a change is already prescribed to lawmakers in Nebraska's Constitution, which grants the Legislature the power to manage “all state charitable, mental, reformatory and penal institutions.” So maybe we should take it back. Maybe we should create an independent board, like Arkansas.

Sen. Lynne Walz of Fremont wants the mega Department of Health and Human Services broken into three in 2025: Children and Family Services, Public Health and Healthcare. The first two, Children and Family Services and Public Health, would elevate existing divisions, while the Department of Healthcare would be composed of the three Divisions of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Medicaid and Long-Term Care.

Walz says the current consolidated department is fraught with problems such as a lack of response to mental health needs, financial mismanagement and underperformance and hundreds of millions in accounting errors. Those are the things she has noticed in her six years on the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. The current system is just way too big.

Last fall the executive branch took away access by state inspectors general to prisons and the child welfare system after an opinion from state Attorney General Mike Hilgers, a former lawmaker. After much pushback from lawmakers and in some cases the general public, Pillen recently agreed to restore access to the Legislature's watchdogs tasked with investigating the systems. Pillen signed a memo of



understanding with representatives from the Legislature agreeing to restore much of the access to records and personnel. The memo took effect after a resolution was passed by the Legislature calling for a study of the oversight system and the two departments again began providing the watchdog offices with broad access to records, data sets, policies, audio and video recordings and interviews with employees, as well as access to physical facilities.

The memo is a stopgap solution set to expire at the end of the 2025 legislative session, giving lawmakers more than a year to study the Legislature's newly controversial oversight system instead of rushing to restore oversight in this year's 60-day legislative session, said Speaker of the Legislature John Arch of La Vista.

Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh accused the executive branch of purposefully keeping information hidden from the public and said the Legislature must have a means of holding the administration accountable. “Those who are imbued with power must have that power checked,” she said.

Sen. John Cavanaugh of Omaha said attorney general opinions do not have the power to change state law, and yet state departments treated Hilgers' opinion as though it did.

Sen. John Fredrickson of Omaha said those departments broke the law.

“Simply rushing to fix the inspector general issues, I believe, is shortsighted and could lead to serious unintended consequences,” Arch told the Legislature's Executive Board.

“It is simply not possible to do this work during

a short session while also tackling the larger, more immediate issues currently before the Legislature,” he said.

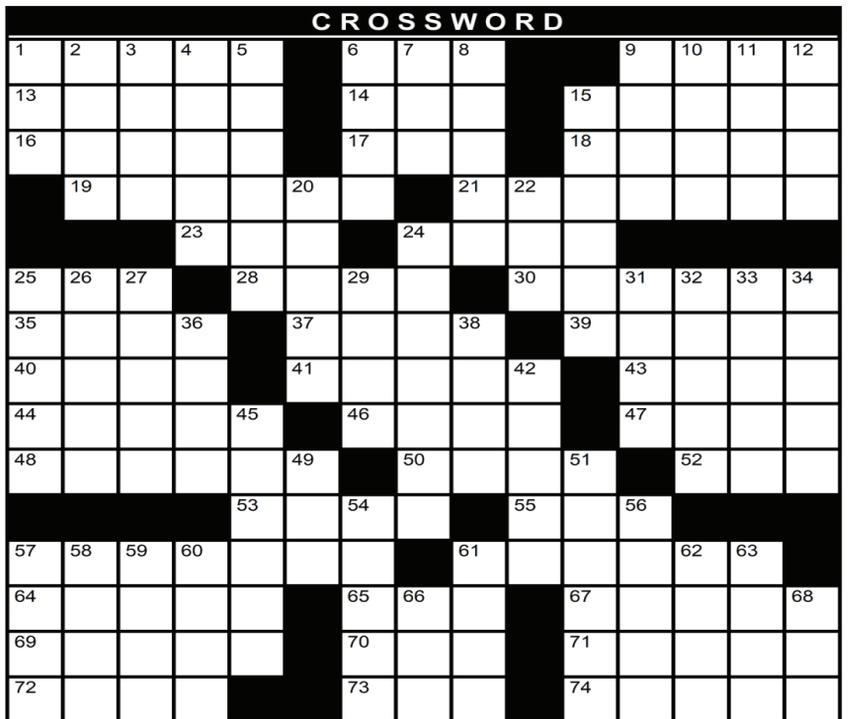
Plenty of ideas on the table. Maybe next year.

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  - Tucked in
  - Whatchamacallit
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  - In a cold manner
  - Tiny island
  - Mad King George's number
  - Hearing, e.g.
  - \*Love's late Nirvana husband
  - \*Star-\_\_\_\_\_
  - \*Air Supply's "Making Love Out of Nothing at \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Elementary particle
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  - Land of Israel
  - \*Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes: "Love lifts us up where we \_\_\_\_\_"
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  - London's Thames, e.g.
  - \_\_\_\_\_-European language
  - Call it quits
  - Very bright star
  - What procedural and epidural have in common
  - Crosby's and Still's partner
  - Mountain valley
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  - Pen point
  - \*"All You Need Is Love" band, with The \_\_\_\_\_
  - \*Letters to Juliet destination
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  - NHL surface
  - Ancient marketplace
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  - Blunderbuss, e.g.
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  - Single pip cards
  - The Container Store purchase, pl.
  - "What \_\_\_\_\_ can I say?"
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  - Homer's epic
  - Actor Lowe
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  - Damien's prediction
  - Ding-a-\_\_\_\_\_
  - Convex molding
  - \*"Love means \_\_\_\_\_ having to say you're sorry"
  - \*"Love Actually" star
  - Hockey score
  - \*True Love's \_\_\_\_\_
  - Feudal lord
  - Loafed
  - "Holy moly!"
  - Rant
  - "Peace" with fingers (2 words)
  - Phony
  - Teeth mark
  - Children's writer Blyton
  - Old, in Scottish
  - Three pointer
  - Heater outlet
  - Wooden pegs
  - Rigoletto's "La donna mobile," e.g.
  - Pool tool
  - One or some



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**75 Years Ago, March 20, 1949 to March 25, 1949**

Four masked men in Janesville, Wisconsin, smashed a truck into the Parker Pen Company shipping department, tied up the night watchman and escaped with \$75,000 worth of pens and pencils.

Two Salem men burned to death when they became trapped in a stock truck after a bridge gave out west of Falls City. James Wittwer and Elmer Fouraker were trapped in the cab of the truck when the gas tank of the vehicle exploded, driving the rescuers away.

The Gilbert Faller-Bill Harkendorff duo set the pace in the double's competition at Roark Alleys, posting a 1,177 which included a handicap of 171 pins.

Two hundred persons gathered at the Evangelical United Brethren Church to attend the sacred concert given by 14 ministers in graduate training at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois.

Mark Weidler, Honey Creek, received a superior rating for a baritone solo at the Tarkio College Speech and Music Festival in Tarkio, Missouri.

Hiawatha, where citizens voted against repealing the 70-year-old Kansas prohibition laws by a small margin, had the chance to vote at the city election in April for or against the sale of liquor in the community.

The school board met in Falls City and voted to hire a third athletic coach to augment the present staff. The new coach would also assist in regular faculty work at the high school.

Eva Elaine, born at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital, was the 15th child born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Liberty of Rulo.

The city council turned down the request of a group of local liquor dealers to exclude drug stores from handling package liquor.

The 7-Up Bottling Company female bowlers placed second in the booster division of the team events in the Women's State Tourney.

Falls City's fire truck would be available in case of a major blaze in the downtown sections of area towns. The mayor and city council gave permission to use the city fire truck in the business districts of towns between Auburn and Hiawatha.

Don W. Thomas announced that the infantile paralysis drive in Richardson County in January and February grossed \$6,581.50, the most significant amount raised in the county for the polio campaign.

Thirty-nine Falls City High School track team candidates began working out on the stadium oval in preparation for the spring's opening meet at Hiawatha.

An ad in the Journal invited the public to Dance from 9 till 1 at the Humboldt Auditorium to the sounds of Gaylord Sisco.

Approximately 250 members attended the initiation and election of officers at the local Elks Lodge. Reuben Metzger was chosen as the Exalted Ruler, succeeding Russell Henderson.

**50 Years Ago, March 20, 1974 to March 25, 1974**

Nine Falls City High School students received superiors at the District Speech Meet held at Peru State College. Sandy Appleoff, Bob Garrett, Dennis Pyle, Doug Kirkendall, Rick Martin, Caroline Fox, Doug Weaver, John Brightwell and Pam Sailors earned the recognition.

Miss Donna Handley, Shubert, was awarded a President's scholarship to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University.

During a TV-radio news conference in Houston, President Nixon firmly rejected a call by Republican Sen. James L. Buckley that he resign for the good of the presidency. Nixon contended the whole world "needs a strong American president, not an American president who every time the polls do down says, 'Well, maybe I better resign.'"

Glenda Eames, daughter of Mrs. Willard Eames, won the 1974 Richardson County Spelling Bee.

Four local men, Dr. Richard Gentry, Jim Casebeer, Jim Sheets and Dr. Ted Kiekhaefer, hit the floor of Prichard Auditorium at 6:30 in the morning all winter long. The group used no extra heat or lights and ran up to 29 laps a morning. With the weather warming, the group planned to use the track at Jug Brown Stadium to continue their march toward better health.

Pat Bahr and Greg Smith were selected to represent the American Legion Post 102 at Boys State on the University of Nebraska Campus in Lincoln.

Edwin Stokes was elected the Exalted Ruler at the Falls City Elks Lodge. Other officers included Eldon Lindquist, Wayne Gatz, Verne Wolstenholm, Lowell Lewis, Clark Percival and Frank Eickhoff.

Charles Herbster, a University of Nebraska student, had visited with Vice President Gerald R. Ford when the latter was in Omaha for the 1974 annual Republican Douglas County dinner.

Mr. Robert Brunner of Sherwin-Williams Co. was giving a free wallpaper seminar sponsored by Jim Hill's.

Jim Parrish, 14, led a group of Falls City wrestlers with a first-place finish at the Junior Amateur Tournament at Hiawatha.

Tim Hoy of Sacred Heart was named to the Class D All-State first team, while Dawson-Verdon's Tom Schuetz was selected to the second team. Don Sailors of Falls City High was selected as an honorable mention in Class B and Joe Fleskoski of Sacred Heart was selected in Class D.

The Falls City bowlers of Center Lanes moved into second place in the Nebraska Men's Bowling Tournament in Omaha. The Falls City team consisted of Ross Smith, Gary Grady, Butch Grady, Jim Casebeer and Glenn Merz.

**25 Years Ago, March 20, 1999 to March 25, 1999**

Brent Shubert, Nate O'Grady and Brian Lemerond were selected to the Pioneer All-Conference basketball team, while Andrea Weaver, Denise Witt, Julie Froeschl and Katie McGinnis were first-team selections for the girls.

The Farm Toy Show was alive and well, with over 1,000 people attending the event at Prichard Auditorium. Approximately \$1 million in merchandise was on hand, ranging from toy tractors and semis to pedal tractors, Beanie Babies and Barbie Dolls.

Dawson-Verdon and Humboldt won the State Speech Championships. Humboldt scored 136 points to win Class D1 and the Jets scored 108 to win the Class D2 title. The win was Humboldt's fourth state championship, while the Jets celebrated their first. D-V had four first-place winners: Brett Cooper, Jessie Heim, Hilary Koso and Erick Martinez. Humboldt's lone first place went to Jessie James.

According to an ad in the Journal, an open house was planned to celebrate Paul Olberding's 80th birthday at the Senior Citizens Center in Falls City.

Sacred Heart's Adam Santo, Brian Lemerond and Denise Witt were chosen as Class D1 All-State first-teamers.

Kaleb Baker, Cody Jones and Trevor Bennett each won first place at the wrestling tournament in Shenandoah, Iowa.

Ira Humm improved to 12-0 and won the Mid-American Boxing Association title belt with a unanimous decision over Jason Nicholson at the Golden Eagle Casino.

"My Favorite Martian" and "Mod Squad" played at the River Twin Cinema in Falls City. Falls City Middle School Students of the Month included Mallory Kirkendall, Dierdre Kottich and Adrienne Werner.

World champion bird carver Phil Galatas of Humboldt was featured on OUTDOOR NEBRASKA, aired on the statewide Nebraska ETV Network.

Southeast Consolidated eighth grader Elizabeth Musil qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geography Bee in Omaha.

Matt Montgomery, son of Al and Norma Montgomery, graduated with high distinction from UNMC School of Nursing with a BSN in Nursing. He was working in the ICU at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln and planned to further his education in anesthesia.

**From behind bars to between the ropes, it's never too late to turn your life around**

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three weeks. After rehabbing his injury, Bobby resumed his training for two final weeks before his big night.

Mackey had taken up working out prior to deciding to fight, looking for something to fill his spare time. Over the course of three years, the 46-year-old went from 198 pounds to a slim and trim 171. However, he needed to put some weight back on. In the 40+ division, fighters need to weigh within 15 pounds of each other, forcing Mackey to pack on seven pounds to a fighting weight of 178.

By the time the final bell sounded, Mackey went all three rounds. Gassed, Mackey dropped his fight by a decision, but there were no losers that night in Ralston.

Mackey proudly stated he has been clean for years, having his last drink on July 23, 2010. Actually, he said, he had half a glass of champagne at his wedding.

"I was always a troublemaker back in Falls City," said Mackey. "I was an asshole but been living right for a long time. Just wanted to let people know who don't know me what's been going on."

Mackey does run into old acquaintances from time to time; most are shocked he's still alive.

He said people had told him for years to put one foot in front of the other and keep doing the right thing, and good things would happen. He just never gave it long enough, he now realizes.

After taking time away to heal, Mackey is gearing up for a shot at redemption. On November 28, 2024, Mackey will again climb into the ring and will most likely again be the oldest competitor. He also plans on taking part in several smoker events around the area. Most smokers involve four, three-minute rounds.

If his second fight is anything like the previous 46 years, expect Mackey to give it his all, and if he's going down, he'll go down swinging.

"I felt like I had too many if-lys and felt helpless," said Mackey regarding his early days. "I'm proud of where I am at with my life. Back in the day, I only made the paper when I was an idiot; that's not me anymore."

Blue Collar Boxing, which began in 2019, packed nearly 3,500 fans into the arena on that November night last fall. According to Mackey, the event was larger than the year prior, which raised over \$289,000.

**New interim UNL AD named**

University of Nebraska Interim President Chris Kabourek announced that he has appointed Dennis Leblanc, executive associate AD for academics, to serve as interim athletic director.

Leblanc has been with Husker Athletics for more than 40 years, having joined in 1983 as a member of the track and field staff. He has served in his current role since 2015. Under his leadership, Nebraska has achieved a record-high 95 percent Graduation Success Rate, ranking Nebraska second among 110 public FBS schools. Nebraska student-athletes' cumulative 3.370 GPA last spring was the highest ever recorded. Nearly 4,000 Husker student-athletes have earned their degrees during Leblanc's tenure.

Kabourek said he is initiating a national search for a permanent AD. He said he has no predetermined timeline for selecting the right person to lead Husker Athletics forward.

**Council approves LB977 application**

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all that still falls under the NDA. So, those would be the next steps moving forward after this. This will get the application in to DED so they can review it for consistency to allocate the funds and then project progress after that is still be something that comes before Council."

At that point, Councilperson Fouraker asked what the project cost would be to the City. City Administrator Nussbaum explained that the commitment would be partnered with OPPD and how the commitment would be detailed would be lined up through the MOU.

Due to price-sensitive information, Fouraker moved to go into executive session, which was seconded by Buckminster. The Council voted 5-1, with Councilperson Ferguson voting against, to enter into executive session at 6:07 p.m.

After a brief discussion, the meeting resumed at 6:14 p.m. At that point, Ferguson made a motion to approve the application and Leyden seconded the motion. The Council voted 6-0 in favor of submitting the application and authorizing Nussbaum to sign it electronically. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**ADULT PROM NIGHT**  
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# SOCIETY

## Humboldt Chapter 234--Order Of The Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

The March 7 meeting of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star was held at the Meeting Place in Humboldt. The Chapter opened in long form at 2:00 p.m. with 10 members in attendance. Worthy Matron Nancy Nemechek presided in the East. During the opening ceremony, members sang the Opening Ode, "He Leadeth Me," followed by pledging allegiance to the American flag.

During the regular order of business, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer gave her a report on the balance in the general fund.

Correspondence was read with a change in scholarship rules. The Chapter voted to assist the Grand Chapter in awarding a \$600 scholarship to a graduating senior from HTRS or Falls City High School. Applications for the scholarship are due by April 15 to Debbi Dunn of Stella. The Nebraska OES News reported that our Past Grand Patron of Nebraska OES, Robert Rhoades, received the Masonic Humanitarian Award at the Grand Lodge Session in Kearney in February. Our Nebraska OES Grand Chapter received an Honorable Mention for donations to the Masonic Veterans Partnership for 2023 at the same time. Plans are being made for the OES Grand Session, "To God Be the Glory," which will be held at Younes Confer-

ence Center in Kearney on May 14-16, 2024. Motions were made to pay three bills, seconded and carried.

Mrs. Nan Rix, District Grand Supervisor sent instructions for officers for the combined School of Instructions with the Brownville Chapter on March 23, 2024. Members will meet at approximately 8:30 a.m. at the Brownville OES hall. It was decided that the Humboldt Chapter would provide juice, Cinnamon rolls and coffee as members arrive. A noon lunch will be provided by the Brownville Lyceum. Eight members plan to attend.

A Petition for Degrees was read and the Worthy Matron appointed an investigating committee. Sickness and distress reports were given. Brenda Kuker will be celebrating her 80th birthday on March 15. There being no further business chapter closed with prayer and singing the Closing Ode, "God Be With You."

Debbi Dunn served refreshments during the social hour.

## Heim Cemetery Meeting 2024

The Heim Cemetery Board met at the home of Marilyn Ogle on March 3, 2024, with three members in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Dwight Elliott, Vice President in the absence of President, Kyle Hilgenfeld.

Co-Sexton/Treasurer, Dennis Thacker presented the Treasurer's Report followed by the Sexton's report. The five burials

during 2023 were: Shirley Stevicks, Dan Boyer, Sally Rieger, Gene Stake, and Charlotte (Josie) Taylor.

Secretary Marilyn Ogle shared the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting.

The mowing contract for 2024 for the Heim Cemetery and the Pennsylvania Colony grounds will continue to be with Green Care Lawn Service of Auburn, NE.

Burial charges and fees will remain the same for 2024.

Dennis Thacker and Kyle Hilgenfeld were re-elected to the Board for two-year terms with the offices to remain the same: Kyle Hilgenfeld, President/Co-Sexton; Dennis Thacker, Treasurer/Co-Sexton; Dwight Elliott, Vice President and Marilyn Ogle, Secretary.

# ACCIDENTS

According to Falls City Police Department accident reports, on March 5, 2024 a vehicle owned by Edwin Huddleston of Falls City was parking in the 900 block of E. 12th Street facing east. The vehicle was backed into causing damage to the rear fender. The other vehicle and driver were not present. An estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the vehicle.

According to Falls City Police Department accident reports, on March 10, 2024 Milayna Crofford of Falls City was traveling southbound on Harlan Street. James Wickham of Falls City was traveling northbound on Harlan Street when he turned left onto 21st street and struck the Crofford vehicle. An estimated \$5,000 in damage was done to the Crofford vehicle; an estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Wickham vehicle.

# Project ROAR is getting real

Construction crews have been working for several months on the first two buildings for Project ROAR: the Recreation Dome north of the Oak Bowl, and the Diamond Building next to the baseball/softball fields at the Centennial Complex.

The Recreation Dome is the air-supported structure that will house the 70-yard practice field, two basketball/volleyball/badminton/pickleball/tennis courts, and a weight room. This building will dramatically expand opportunities for students on campus to get up and get moving, year-round.

Everything from enhanced practice options for the football team to informal pick-up games of tennis or basketball will become possible.

The Diamond Building is the hard-sided facility that will include locker rooms for the baseball and softball teams, coaches' offices, a small meeting/classroom, restrooms and concessions for baseball and softball spectators, and more.

These facilities will benefit Peru State students, faculty, and staff, and they also will provide much-needed indoor space for community organizations and schools in the surrounding towns.

"We are all excited and eager to get these new structures up and running," said Peru State President Michael Evans. "The impact on the College—for faculty, staff, and our entire student body—will be profound. These facilities will greatly expand opportunities on campus."

Already, the Diamond Building is almost completely sided, and crews are moving a lot of dirt—and letting it settle appropriately—at the Rec Dome site. It's exciting to see the construction under way for this transformational project, the largest such project in Peru State history and the first major new construction in more than 40 years.

"Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project. To this point, we have raised nearly \$2 million. We're still raising funds for the remaining three buildings, so please consider giving, or giving again," noted Ted L. Harshbarger '77, executive director of the Peru State College Foundation.

Peru State anticipates opening the Rec Dome and the Diamond Building in about 12 months—the Spring 2025 semester. Peru State has never had space like this before, and we are looking forward to the ribbon-cutting.

# FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

**March 4 to March 5, 2024 calls:** three miscellaneous, one animal call, one motorist assist, one trespassing, one missing person or juvenile, two gun permits, one 911 hang up/misdial, two information only, one HHS intake/referral, one investigation, one ambulance/EMS, three 911 calls, one citation for careless driving, one warning for invalid registration.

**March 5 to March 6, 2024 calls:** two HHS intake/referral, two 911 hang up/misdial, two animal call, two referred to another agency, one parking complaint, two information only, one check welfare, one miscellaneous, one burn permit, one noise complaint, four ambulance/EMS, one fire call (Falls City Rural Fire), 31-911 calls, one citation for criminal mischief, one citation for juvenile-uncontrollable, one citation for invalid registration.

**March 6 to March 7, 2024 calls:** not received.

**March 7 to March 8, 2024 calls:** not received.

**March 8 to March 9, 2024 calls:** four referred to another agency, four burn permits, two animal calls, one parking complaint, one HHS intake/referral, one theft, one gun permit, one traffic/driving complaint, three 911 calls, one citation for traffic control violation, one citation for tobacco/E-cig use under 21, one citation for no operator's license, one warning for speed.

**March 9 to March 10, 2024 calls:** three referred to another agency, six burn permits, two gun permits, two miscellaneous, one disturbance, three ambulance/EMS, one fire call (Falls City Rural Fire-road clean-up), one 911 call, one citation for obstruct a peace officer, one citation for resisting arrest, two citations for assault police officer, third degree, two citations for assault-bodily injury mutual consent, one citation for possess controlled substance, one citation for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation-fail to use seat belt, two citations for possess or use drug paraphernalia, one citation for speeding, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for assault by strangulation or suffocation, one warning for invalid registration, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

**March 10 to March 11, 2024 calls:** two information only, two animal calls, one burn permit, three miscellaneous, one parking complaint, one accident, one open door, two 911 calls, one citation for obstruct a peace officer.

**March 11 to March 12, 2024 calls:** not received.

**March 12 to March 13, 2024 calls:** not received.

# NDEE awarded Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) was awarded \$1.779 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

The EECBG funds will support local communities in implementing high-impact, self-sustaining clean energy projects through a competitive subaward grant process. Applications will be open to cities and counties who weren't eligible for a federal EECBG allocation. NDEE plans to announce the application period in mid-March. "NDEE looks forward to working with Nebraska's communities to help them implement projects that reduce their energy use while improving quality of life for their residents," said NDEE Director Jim Macy.

Eligible projects include upgrades to energy efficient lighting; installation of renewable energy systems on government buildings; development of alternative transportation infrastructure such as pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths; and public education to promote energy efficiency and conservation. Projects should provide communitywide benefits and may receive special consideration if they provide local employment opportunities and workforce training. Priority may be given to projects in communities identified with a high energy or environmental burden.

More information on the EECBG program can be found on NDEE's website: <http://dee.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/EECBGP>. This page will be updated as more information becomes available.

# BUILDING PERMITS

Richard and Betty Malcolm, 402 W. 31st St., Wood Fence; \$1,500.00.

Rosa Martinez, 307 East 19th St., Replace Water Heater; \$990.65.

Ryan Karst, 1620 Crook St., Remodel, New HVAC/Plumbing and New Roof; \$25,000.00.

Tom Langan, 2202

Towle St., Replace Sidewalk and Concrete Porch; \$17,500.00.

Paige Frederick, 1713 Morton St., Install Bathroom Fixture; \$900.00.

Paige Frederick, 1713 Morton St., Install HVAC; \$6,300.00.

Kim Buckminster, 2123 Clifton Ave., Replace Roof, Shingles and Gutters; \$10,000.00.

Molly Collins and Dudley Whitson, 1507 Lane St., Remove and Replace Roof; \$12,540.00.

Robert Ewing, 2209 Lane St., Replace Driveway; \$8,000.00.

Kyle and Sarah Bangert, 2017 Abbott St., Bathroom Remodel; \$5,000.00.

## The Rulo Nebraska Cemetery Board is accepting sealed bids for the 2024 mowing season.

Job includes mowing entire cemetery (in 2 consecutive days), trimming around headstones every mowing, and blowing the grass off the stones.

Deadline for submitting bids is March 29, 2024.

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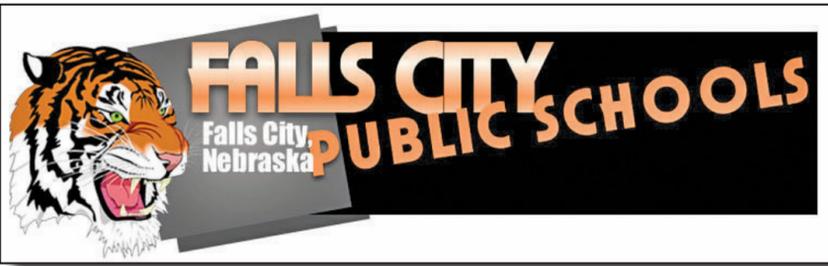
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## FCPS Superintendent's District Update sees several teachers offer resignations

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership (SENCAP) Program - Dr. Brian Stark, Associate Dean, Dual Credit and Lisa Hunzeker, Falls City Learning Center Director from Southeast Community College shared an update on the new career academy partnership being forged between the Richardson County schools and SCC. The Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership began in 2008 with 16 participating high schools, approximately 45 students, and two career pathways. Today, SENCAP serves 64 schools, 1,900+ high school students, has 16 certificate options, 18 transfer pathways, and offers 95 dual-credit college courses. Through the partnership, students can start taking college classes early to save time and money as the SCC Dual credit cost per credit hour is \$42.35 currently. Students have the opportunity to earn a college certificate or begin working towards completing career options early before they are out of high school. Preparations are underway for the Falls City Career Academy to begin in the fall of 2024 at the SCC Falls City Learning Center.

Education Committee has advanced LB 1329 to General File - The bill is one of two committee priority measures. LB 1339 (Brewer) would authorize the governing bodies of schools (public and private) to adopt a written policy to utilize armed staff, faculty, or contractors for school security. The bill leaves adoption of such a policy to local control. The bill would also provide grants from the School Safety and Security Fund for the creation of school facilities maps for use by agencies providing an emergency response. LB 673 (Hansen) would grant funding to schools who apply to update their maps with emergency response mapping data. Specific requirements would ensure all data is similar and current. First responders would be able to enter emergency situations with improved confidence. LB 1012 (Walz) would allow the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund (QCPUF) to be used for abatement projects to address school safety infrastructure concerns. LB 855 (Conrad) prohibits a school board or board of education of a school district to use a debt collection agency to collect or attempt to collect, directly or indirectly, debts due or assessed to be owed for outstanding debts on a school lunch or breakfast account at the school district. LB 1385 (Kauth) introduces provisions to streamline the application process for teaching certificate approval and creates reciprocity between states for the issuance of teaching certificates.

The 2024/25 State Aid Certification was made available on February 29. Total State Aid to School District 56 will be \$1,456,096. The Revenue Cap with the included 3% growth is set at \$12,830,229, and the 2024/25 Property Tax Authority is set at \$8,492,868. The Property Tax Authority is \$351,559 less than in the 2023/24 certification. It's also important to understand the budget certification could potentially change based on legislation in the 2024 session currently underway.

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items before concluding the regular meeting.

1. Approved the final reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 4230 Confidentiality in School Counseling; 2) 7110 Admission; 3) 7112 Work Permits
2. Discussed, considered and tabled the policy review on 1) 4281 Strength and Conditioning Facility Usage After Regular School Hours.
3. Approved the Certified Employment Contracts for 2024-2025: 1) Paul Wertenberger, High School Industrial Technology; 2) Krista Noll, Speech-Language Pathologist; 3) Clarissa Ross, School Psychologist.
4. Reviewed the reassignments for 2024-2025: 1) Haylee Erickson, Elementary School Counselor; 2) Dr. Amanda Powell, 6th Grade Teacher.
5. Approved resignations effective at the end of 2023-2024 School Year: 1) Troy Nelson, Elementary School Counselor and wrestling coach - 21 years; 2) Laurel Harling, High School Mathematics Teacher, 35 years; 3) Patrick Miller, High School Science Teacher and Head Boys Basketball Coach, two years; 4) Alexis Bippes, Speech-Language Pathologist - two years; 5) Donald Coolidge, High School and Middle School Industrial Tech Teacher and Track Coach - 16 years; 6) Emily Gist, Elementary Teacher - 10 years.

6. Approved the administrator contract for 2024-2025, Brandon Gibson, South School Principal.

7. Approved administrator contracts for 2024-2025.

8. Discussed and considered moving extra-curricular activities to Prichard Auditorium.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Tim Heckenlively.

## Vrtiska earns 2024 Peru State College Alumni Excellence Award

Distinction in their chosen careers has earned four Peru State College graduates the designation as 2024 Alumni Excellence Award recipients, according to President Michael Evans.

The four - each representing one of Peru State's academic divisions - include Dr. Jeff Dahms from the Graduate Studies program, The Honorable Randy Reeves from the School of Professional Studies, Christopher Stangl from the School of Arts and Sciences, and Kim Vrtiska from the School of Education.

They will be recognized during a ceremony Tuesday, April 9 on the campus of Nebraska's first college. All will be given opportunities to speak with students during their time at the college.

The awards ceremony begins at 2 pm in the College Theater and is open to the public.

"The Thousand Oaks Award honors alumni who have gone on to impressive careers, and this year's honorees exemplify what it means to excel professionally while also giving back to their communities," said Peru State President Michael Evans. "I am delighted that the College is giving this award to such truly deserving alumni."

Established in 2018, the Thousand Oaks Alumni Excellence program is sponsored by the Peru State College Foundation. Candidates must have demonstrated exceptional service to the College and/or community and have noteworthy achievements in their careers.

Nominations are reviewed by the Deans of the respective academic schools at Peru State, by a group of Foundation officials and alumni, and finalists' names presented to President Evans and his cabinet for final approval.

Kim Vrtiska, (pictured) School of Education. A career dedicated to educating youth and to community service are the

hallmarks of Kim Vrtiska, who has both his bachelor's degree (1990) and a Master of Science in Education degree (2000).

The Table Rock native and current resident of Plattsmouth, Vrtiska completed a 30-year teaching career with the Falls City Public Schools in 2021. He had served Falls City as a middle school science teacher since 2002, along with coaching basketball and football there.

From 1991 until 2002, Vrtiska served the Tecumseh Public Schools as both an elementary school teacher and athletic coach. Among his teaching accolades, Vrtiska received the Distinguished Service Award from the Falls City Public Schools in 2021, was Falls City Jaycees' Teacher

of the year in 2010 and earned an Educator's Environmental Excellence Award from the Environmental Protection Agency Region 7.

In 1995 Vrtiska was one of ten teachers nationwide selected to attend a weeklong seminar to assist in setting national teachers testing standards. He is or has been active in the Table Rock Historical Society, the Pawnee County Promotional Network, the Falls City Library Board, and the Tecumseh Volunteer Rescue Squad, among others. He served on the Tecumseh City Council from 1998-2002.

His most notable achievement and source of pride in Vrtiska's eyes includes the Living History Day that he started with the support of his father, former State Senator Floyd Vrtiska. Funded by the Table Rock Historical Society and other entities, the event was held around the community square and reached over 7,000 fourth and fifth graders during its 20 years.

Vrtiska, current President of the Peru State College National Alumni Association, also has a Master of Education Degree from Doane University.



## SCC Sees 12 percent spring enrollment increase

Southeast Community College achieved an enrollment of 9,505 students for the 2024 Spring Semester, a 12 percent increase over the 2023 Spring Semester and the highest spring enrollment since 9,067 students were enrolled for the 2020 Spring Semester.

"This is the largest increase in enrollment since I arrived in 2014," said Dr. Paul Illich, SCC president. "This increase is consistent with our transformative initiative to expand our capacity to produce a skilled workforce and strengthen our communities."

Of the total spring enrollment, 94 percent of the

students are from Nebraska, with 83 percent from SCC's 15-county service area, an increase of 13 percent and 14 percent respectively. Since Spring 2020, the Milford Campus has seen the greatest enrollment increase at 48.9 percent, going from 998 students in 2020 to 1,486 students in 2024. This is particularly timely given that the Milford Campus consists of heavy technology programs related to the high demand, skill, and wage industry sectors. Enrollment on the Lincoln Campus is 6,816 students, while the Beatrice Campus has 1,042 students.

"The enrollment increase is a powerful reminder of the importance of ensuring everyone in our service area has access to the life-changing benefits of higher education," Illich said. Overall, 18 programs saw increases in enrollment of more than 14 percent this spring. This includes an increase in the

career/technical programs in Computer Information Technology (19 percent), Business (17 percent), Welding Technology (18 percent), and Manufacturing (11 percent).

Neal Stenberg, a member of SCC's Board of Governors, said, "This is an amazing development under our administration's leadership. A lot of credit has to go to past Boards (of Governors), the current Board, and to our dedicated and talented faculty and staff. It's been a great team effort."

"SCC has remained committed to directly addressing the skilled workforce gap in the College's 15-county service area by pursuing its strategic initiatives to expand its capacity to produce a skilled workforce to support its employers, communities, and students," said Illich. "We have been very fortunate to have a number of community and industry leaders champion the College in these transformative efforts."

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to provide an update on the electrical system construction through Downtown Falls City. The meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Southeast Community College Falls City Learning Center, 3200 Bill Schock Boulevard. No formal presentation is planned, and attendees can stop by at their convenience. For more information, please contact Trevor Campbell at 402-245-2851 or [t.campbell@fallscityne.us](mailto:t.campbell@fallscityne.us)

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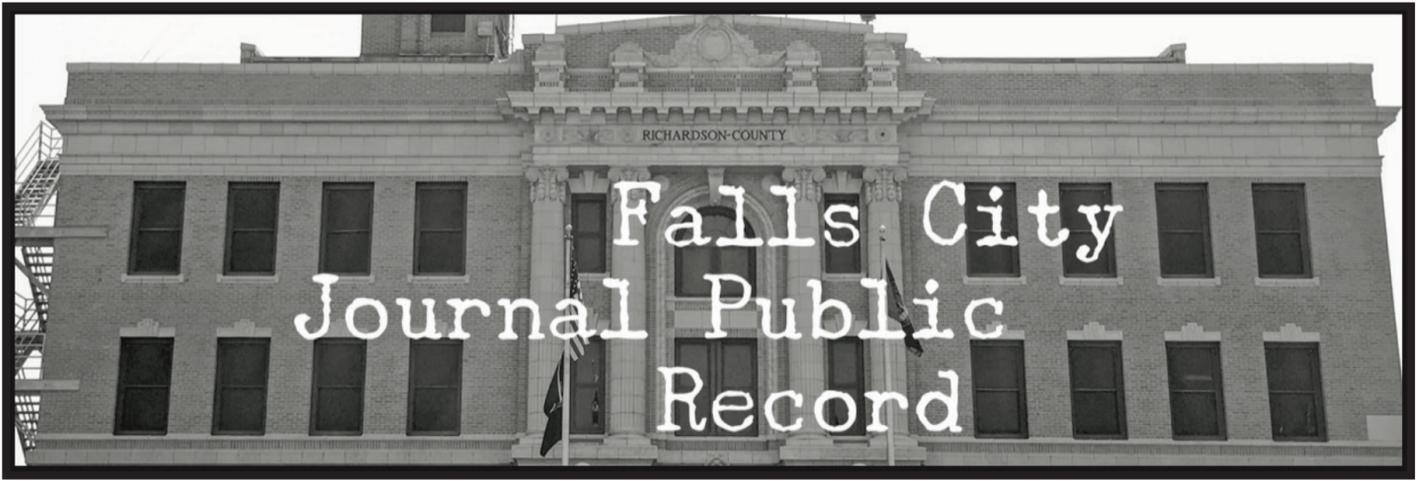
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The *Falls City Journal* publishes the Public Record as part of its obligation to inform readers about the business of public institutions and to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. The information contained in this list is processed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

**COUNTY COURT**

David D. Sprague, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, amended to theft-unlawful taking \$501-1,499, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 1, 2024.

David D. Sprague Jr., count one theft-unlawful taking \$501-1,499, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 1, 2024.

Paulo Nolasco, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and license revoked for term of one year.

Bobby G. Light, count one, possess controlled sub, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to three days in jail, credit for time served; count two, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$1,000; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Tyler D. Hastings, count one, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, obstruct government operations, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead no contest, found guilty; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for May 1, 2024.

Carl L. Tate, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead not guilty.

Tristan D. Romines, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, unregistered non-operating vehicle, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

James E. McNeely, count one, willful reckless driv-

ing-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, probation for term of six months, drug testing fee of \$30; probation fee-regular of \$150.

Andrew D. Burks, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$200 and license revoked for term of one year.

Emily A. Ramold, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, no proof of insurance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count three, leave accident-fail to furnish info, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Ryan M. Bost, count one, possess controlled subs, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, drug testing fee of \$90, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$180; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Mariah F. Mayes, count one, tamper w/wit/imfor pend cls 2 fel/high; class two felony, amended to obstruct government operations, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$500.

Bobby J. Anthony, count one, refuse to submit to test w/2 prior convictions, amended to refuse to submit to test-2nd offense, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, refuse to submit to pretest, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed; count five, speeding 21-35 mph, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count six, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Cameron N. Kinsella, count one, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and sentenced to 148 days in jail, credit for 82 days served; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Raymond D. Scarberry, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 2, 2024.

Josiah D. Williams, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed;

count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count seven, amended to count dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for May 28, 2024.

Jerry A. Crockett, count one, criminal impersonation/(1)(c)-first, plead not guilty; count two, identity fraud-first, plead not guilty; count three, obstruct government operations, plead not guilty; count four, false reporting, plead not guilty; count five, identity theft-less than \$500/first, plead not guilty; count six, criminal poss-forged inst/\$0-500, plead not guilty; count seven, acts declared unlawful-license/driving, plead not guilty; count eight, speeding 11-15 mph, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 2, 2024.

Jamie S. Vaughan, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, tamper with physical evidence, plead not guilty; count three, resist arrest-first, plead not guilty; count four, drive during revocation/impound-2nd/3rd, plead not guilty; count five, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 26, 2024.

Justin L. Kinnison, count one, assault-3rd degree, plead not guilty; count two, criminal trespass-2nd degree, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 1, 2024.

Douglas A. Gibler, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty.

Rylee J. Ralston, count one, criminal trespass-first degree, plead not guilty; count two, theft-unlawful taking \$0-500, plead not guilty.

Dakota J. McAroy, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to four days in jail, credit for time served; count two, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Corey M. Thomas, count one, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to 60 days in jail, credit for one day served.

Anthony R. Metzger, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$825; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Stephanie L. Bachman, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, probation admin fee of \$30, drug testing fee of \$90, probation fee-regular \$180; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Terry L. Alexander, count one, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, drug testing fee of \$90, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$450; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count

dropped/dismissed.

Dellshawn E. Evans, del/dsp/dst/man/pos contrl subs-sch 1,2,3, plead not guilty; count two, possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound, plead not guilty; count three, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Nicole L. Harkendorff, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count three, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count four, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 16, 2024.

**CITATIONS**

Robin Alexander of Verdun, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Terry Doiel of Auburn, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Jones)

John Stokely of Bellevue, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Jones)

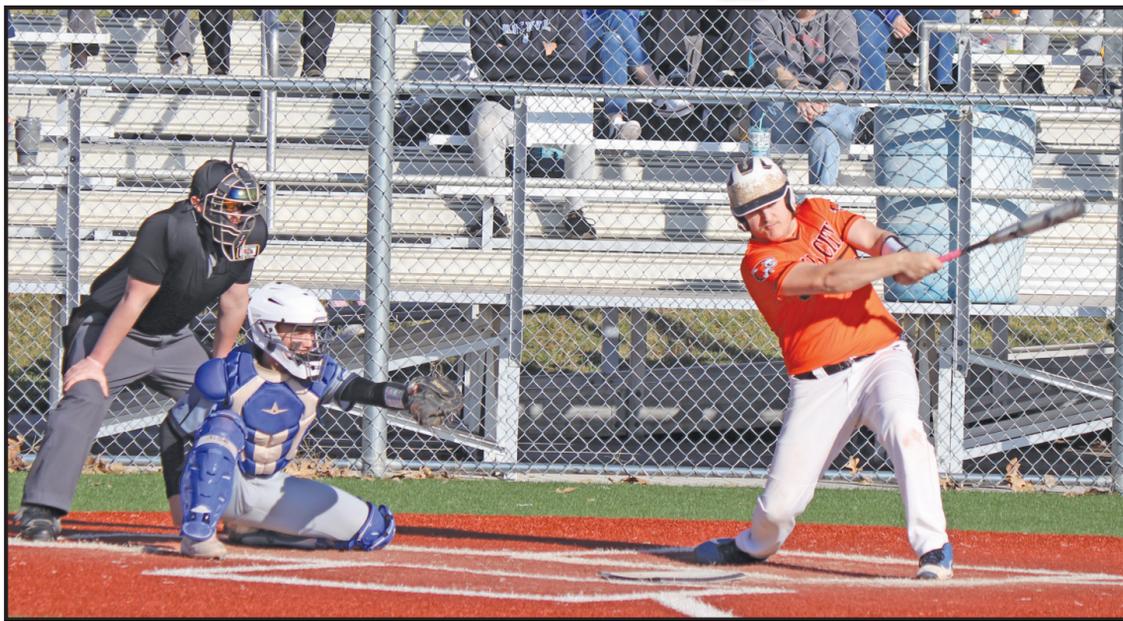
Alemneh Getie of Omaha, count one, no registration in vehicle, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Tyler Owens of Pawnee City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissman)

Angel Sanchez of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Shiley)

Kerry Williams of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

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Hunter Adams swings and misses in the contest against Plattsmouth on Friday night.

## Tiger baseball finishes first week at 1-2

The Tiger bats were slow out of the gate to open the year, scoring just five runs in the first two games, but FC exploded for 15 in the third game on Saturday to earn their first win.

On Friday afternoon, FC fell to seventh-ranked Plattsmouth Blue Devils 3-16 in the home opener. FC held an early 2-0 lead after the first, but Plattsmouth plated five runs in the second and six more in the third to put the game out of reach.

In the bottom of the first, Orion Cattrell led off with a double to left, followed by a wild pitch and walk by Gavin Bauer. A one-out single by Kadyn Strecker drove both runners home to make it 2-0.

The Tigers scored their other run in the bottom of the fourth inning. Cattrell led off with his second double of the game, promptly stole third, and came in to score on an error to make it 3-11. Plattsmouth plated one run in the sixth and four more in the seventh to make the final score 3-16.

Zimmerman took the loss on the hill for FC, allowing five hits and six runs in two innings of work. Cattrell had two of the four FC hits, both doubles. Strecker went 1-3 with two RBI and Brock Niedfeldt added a single.

On Saturday in Crete, FC fell to the home team 2-11 in seven innings. Again, FC jumped out to a quick lead, 1-0 after one, but the Cardinals scored in every inning after the first to get the win.

Bauer drew a one-out walk in the first and pinch runner Bowdy Jones scored on an error to make it 1-0. After a run in the second by Crete tied the game, FC retook the lead 2-1 in the third. Bauer doubled to right and eventually scored on a sac fly by Strecker. The lead was short-lived as the Cardinals had five runners cross home plate in the third to take a 6-2 lead over the Tigers. Crete added single runs in the fourth and fifth and three more in

the sixth to earn the nine-run win.

Jones went 1-1 with a single and Bauer went 1-1 with a double and two walks for FC. Bauer took the loss, allowing eight runs and nine hits over five innings of action.

In the final game on Saturday, FC battled back to win a high-scoring affair against Fairbury, 15-14.

Falls City trailed 13-14 as they headed into the seventh inning. Cattrell reached on an error by the second baseman. After a stolen base, Cattrell scored on a game-tying single by Bauer. Zimmerman drew a walk and Strecker was intentionally walked to load the bases with no outs. A ground out by Mason Collier to the first baseman scored Bauer to give FC the walk-off win, 15-14.

The Tiger offense pounded out 11 hits, making up for the five errors on the defensive side. Bauer went 2-4 with three runs scored and Strecker, Niedfeldt and Gannon Ogden finished 2-3 with two RBI apiece.

Jones picked up the win, throwing two innings on the hill, allowing two hits and three runs.

FC plays at tenth-ranked Lincoln Christian on Thursday, hosts Omaha South on Saturday and is at Lincoln Lutheran on Monday, March 25.

## Statement from UNL Leadership on Alberts

Following are statements from University of Nebraska Interim President Chris Kabourek and Athletic Director Trev Alberts on AD Alberts' decision to accept the same position at Texas A&M University.

University of Nebraska Interim President Chris Kabourek:

"A short time ago, Trev Alberts informed me that he has accepted the athletic director position at Texas A&M, effective Friday.

I'm disappointed to see Trev leave, but I am grateful for his 15 years of service to the University of Nebraska. Both the Mavericks and the Huskers achieved great things under Trev's leadership and we wish him and his family all the best.

We have incredible momentum in Husker Athletics thanks to the hard work and

dedication of all our staff, coaches and student-athletes. We will not hit pause. As I've said many times, I've never been more excited about the future of the University of Nebraska and the opportunities we have to work together toward our vision to compete at the highest levels in all facets. I have full confidence we will find a visionary leader who will build on Trev's great work and keep the Huskers at the forefront in this changing landscape for college athletics.

In the meantime, my immediate focus is on doing everything I can to support our student-athletes, coaches and staff. I intend to name an interim AD very soon and will quickly begin the process for a national search for our next leader."

Athletic Director Trev Alberts: "Earlier today, I informed Interim President Kabourek that I will be resigning my position as Director of Athletics to accept the same role at Texas A&M. I recognize that the timing of this change is not ideal, and I apologize in advance for any negative impact that it might have.

I am grateful for the 15 years that I had the privilege to serve both the University of Nebraska-Omaha and my alma mater, UNL. My family and I want to say thank you for all the special memories that we were able to create together.

Nebraska is well positioned for the evolving changes within our industry. Tough decisions will need to be made and unity of vision and high execution will be necessary, but I am confident that leadership in Nebraska will rise to the occasion.

Nebraska Athletics is full of high character, hardworking and talented staff, and coaches. It was an honor to get to partner with them as we experienced unprecedented success."



There is a belief or superstition that suggests accidents, deaths, or bad luck tend to occur in threes. Well, we here in the great state of Nebraska have witnessed plenty of bad luck with our sports programs over the years.

Unless you've been cut off from the world for the last week, you are aware that former All-American Trev Alberts left his job as the athletic director at Nebraska for the same position at Texas A&M. We'll touch more on this in a minute. First and foremost, this ends the run of bad luck as far as I'm concerned. Alberts became the third former Husker to be hired and fail in the University of Nebraska Athletic Department.

The first former Husker to destroy the program was no one other than North Platte native Steve Pederson. Pederson and his wife graduated from Nebraska and he spent two stints working for the athletic department. He worked as a sports information assistant before taking over the recruiting coordinator job in 1992. In 2002, after time as the Pittsburg Athletic Director, he came home to take the same job. By 2007, the football program was in shambles and Pederson was shown the door. Many blame Pederson for singlehandedly destroying the football program.

The second mistake came in 2018 when Nebraska hired Wood River native and former Husker Scott Frost as Head Coach. Frost was never interested in wins or losses, just the attention that came with being the Husker Head Coach. In 2022, after suffering through three-plus years of excruciatingly bad football, Trev Alberts fired Frost on September 11, 2022. This was Alberts' first major mistake. Had he waited until October 1 to fire the coach, Nebraska would have owed Frost roughly eight and a half million dollars; instead, he did it in September, causing the Big Red to foot the entire buyout of \$16.4 million.

Now, on to the third Husker who helped destroy the Big Red, Alberts himself. As some of you may remember, I wrote a scathing column on July 17, 2021, concerning the possible hiring of Alberts as athletic director. Among my biggest concerns was that he tore down the UNO Mavericks Athletic Department. Not only did Alberts shut down an enormously successful football program, but he also cut off the wrestling program. UNO was no ordinary wrestling team; they were fresh of a national title and had just won their sixth title in eight seasons. These actions alone should have sounded alarm bells to everyone, they did to me.

Flash forward to last Wednesday. News was circulating about Albert's impending departure to College Station, Texas, home of the Aggies. No chance, right? Wrong. Alberts, who supposedly bled Husker red, left his adoptive state to become Athletic Director at a school in Texas. Alberts never cared about righting the ship in Lincoln; he only cared about boosting his resume to continue climbing the ladder. Good riddance to bad rubbish.

Alberts leaves behind a program that was on the upswing. Football is trending up, the volleyball team has been unbelievably successful, the baseball team is 13-5 and the men's and women's basketball teams have made the NCAA tourney. Remarkably enough, both basketball teams will play the Aggies in the first round of the postseason. The men's team is searching for its first NCAA tourney win; what a great time to get it. But let's not make this about Alberts. He doesn't deserve any more attention. He will fail at Texas A&M and be let go, only to bounce around, never again finding his way back home to Nebraska.

Then why did he leave? More will come out on this, but for now, he is blaming the Regents for not hiring a new president more quickly.

Husker fans won't and shouldn't forget how quickly a shiny object drew his attention elsewhere.

That's my version of the run of three bad luck events that have happened to Nebraska over the past 20+ years. Now, we can move on. Hire someone (not a former Husker) who wants the job as a destination, not a stepping stone. Things are moving in the right direction within the athletic department in Lincoln. The next hire will be the one who oversees a period of great success in the Husker Athletic Department, and it won't be a traitor named Trev Alberts.

Good Luck in College Station, Trev, your time will be short-lived.



Gannon Ogden delivers a strike against the Blue Devils on Friday evening in the season-opener at SNC Field.



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# “Rather than sitting here wasting my time talking to you today, I’d rather be making a film.”

A free-wheeling Flatwater Free Conversation with famed film director Alexander Payne, on “The Holdovers,” going to the Oscars, growing up Greek in Omaha, Giamatti, Costco and doing his work at the Elkhorn Public Library.

Mike: Welcome to Flatwater Free Conversation. I’m joined by Omaha, Nebraska, native and of course, award-winning filmmaker Alexander Payne. We appreciate you taking the time. I’m glad we could make this work.

Alexander Payne: Happy to be here. (Turns to camera.) He’s been at me for a while and I’ve been a little slippery, so we finally made it work today.

Alexander Payne, on growing up in Omaha: “We...kind of are conflict avoidant.”

Severe: I want to, first off, talk to me about growing up in Omaha and in Nebraska and how that influenced you in terms of filmmaking. Was that a big part of what you became?

Payne: I thought you said this is going to be easy. ... I think that’s a hard question to try to gauge because you try to glom on to what you’re conscious of and then there’s a whole vast arena that you’re probably unconscious of.

...I don’t know man, I don’t want to say stuff that’s very self-con... that we Omahans try to congratulate ourselves on. Nebraska’s like, ‘we’re nice, we’re honest, we’re plain-spoken.’ We are, I wouldn’t exactly say conflict avoidant, but kind of are conflict avoidant. And if we do have to enter into conflicts, we try to do so the most kind of fair-minded, let’s not get too upset about things kind of way.

Starting when I left Omaha and went to college in California and then graduate school, and so near San Francisco I went to Stanford, and I went to UCLA and obviously in LA for graduate school. I would invariably find that my best friends were fellow Midwesterners.

Somehow there’s a shared, I’m going to use that word again, ethos. There’s just a shared wavelength, a sensibility that we have.

And I find that we Midwesterners, we try not to be too proud ... but we’re kind of proud we have that vibe of basically being plain spoken, trying to be fair, fair minded. I always think about in this time of the much-discussed political divide, we grew up in a very Republican state and those of us who maybe weren’t so conservative, everyone still got along...

In terms of what I do in movies, it’s very interesting that Omaha in particular and Nebraska in general has produced so many people who have distinguished themselves in film over the years, going back to the silent days. ... When I trot that list out to people who are like, ‘oh you’re from Nebraska, how’d you get into the movies?’ I go, “well,” and I start reciting the list of famous names ... Harold Lloyd, Montgomery Cliff, Marlon Brando, Henry Fonda, Johnny Carson, on and on and on. It’s amazing how that works. Fred Astaire, of course.

Payne, on Being Greek-American: “I grew up within a subculture, an ethnic one.”

Severe: What about growing up in a Greek family? I grew up in an African-American family, you know, huge dinners, we had fun. I see Greek families on TV and on screen. Was it like that? You guys were around food at a restaurant in your family. What was like growing up in that family?

Payne: I came to feel lucky that I’m from a subculture within the tapestry of the mainstream culture in America. So I grew up very much with a not just American but Greek-American identity. I think more so than many other European ethnic groups, Greeks really cling to their heritage.

... So here’s a connection I’ll make, linking your two first questions, that as a Nebraskan going out to the coasts to do flashier work, in my case, film, I’m identified as being kind of from a subculture of, “oh yeah, he’s from Nebraska. In fact, he still lives in Omaha. Isn’t that interesting?”

Well, then within Omaha, I grew up within a subculture here, an ethnic one. I can’t say it’s Greek. I’m a Greek citizen now. I go to Greece a lot and they say “well you’re Greek” and I say, “that’s true but let’s be specific I’m actually not Greek I’m Greek American, right?” And these ethnicities forge their own kind of new hybrid identities in their country, the country they emigrated to.

But in both cases both as a Nebraskan in California and in New York, and as a Greek-American in general ... Sorry I’m being so long-winded, but you get to be a participant observer. So you’re participating in what you’re doing, but you’re also observing it because of your background from a subculture. Interesting.

Severe: What’s your favorite Greek restaurant in Omaha?

Payne: Oh that’s dangerous. I would be pilloried if I said one. Greek restaurants, Greek Islands is excellent. My family goes way back with their family. My father helped them when they were first getting started. Jim and Jenny’s Greek Village on 90th Street is excellent. Feta’s in both locations, if they still have their location out west, too. And that’s all I can think of right now. Is there another Greek place? There’s a couple of places that serve Greek food. There’s one like in Papillion, like in a mall.

Severe: Yes, she’s from South Omaha, but has a Greek ancestry, so it’s a mixed menu.

Payne: Is it good?

Severe: It’s good, yeah it is really good.

Payne: Just in general though, Greek food, and even in Greece, the best food is at home not at a restaurant.

Payne as a teenager: “It was scary. I was movie crazy.”

Severe: So both my sons are Lewis and Clark (Junior High, where Payne also attended.)

So I want to go back to then, did you already know what you wanted to be? Because a lot of us, I always wanted to be on TV as a little kid. Did you know exactly what you wanted to be even going back that far?

Payne: It was scary. Look, I was movie crazy ... at Lewis and Clark they used to have an 8th grade humanities program where, if you were kind of good at your studies, you were invited to participate in this special group.

Man, I remember in 7th grade being asked to give the 8th grade humanities class a lecture in film history because they knew how film crazy I was. And then in eighth grade I did the same thing. I had a film collection on, not even Super 8, but regular 8. And I had a little film collection. I brought my projector in and ran scenes, scenes which illustrated the points I was making.

And then I got into journalism. At (Creighton) Prep High School I was on the paper and then yearbook editor. Then I got to college and I just couldn’t go to law school like my parents were wanting me to do.

I wanted to go to film school. I wasn’t even thinking about being a director. I was just thinking it would be so cool to go to film school.

And as I said, I grew up in an immigrant family, second generation, but still you have the same ideals. It’s basically just law, medicine, and business that you’re allowed to go into.

But when I was a senior in college and got an acceptance letter in a film school, I just knew I had to try it. I had no idea if I’d be any good at it. But that didn’t matter. I just knew that I didn’t want to go on and do anything else in my life until I had at least tried it.

My dad had a restaurant. He was partners with his father. His father started a restaurant at 14th and Douglas in 1920. And my dad was in it the last 20 years of the restaurant’s life. And he got an 8mm projector as a bonus from Kraft Foods. And brought it home. And first my older brothers were like, what you do to get movies at the time is you go to the camera store.

So they got Abbott and Costello, and Frankenstein from Castle Films and we’d run movies. And I just completely fell in love with that. And soon enough my brothers

lost interest in it, but I never did. I still have the projector. And that kind of got me started.

On Getting Movies Made In 2024: “You still do need someone to give you some dough.”

Severe: How much is getting a project green-lighted changed in your almost 30 years of doing it?

Payne: It’s always hard. It’s degrees of more hard or less hard. It’s never easy. Never easy. Never easy. And even after I’ve had successes, it’s still hard to get the next one.

Because ... even though I’m considered to have a style or my movies are all in a certain sensibility ... it’s like, “oh yeah, we like your last one. What do you want to do next?”

(And I say) “Well here’s this.”

(And they say) “It feels too new and different or too risky.”

Also I don’t always go in for wanting to have big movie stars in my movies. I want to cast whoever I think is appropriate and when you don’t have big movie stars it immediately lowers their interest in financing it and, if they do finance it, (lowers) the budget you get.

But let me just say that, having said that it’s always kind of hard and tricky, obviously I’ve had some pretty good luck, right?

Severe: Yeah. It seems like it’s easier to make a movie now technically with the equipment we have right? But it seems like to me that convincing someone to give a bunch of money for an idea that’s in your head would be pretty hard to do.

Payne: Well look here. (Payne points at the camera.) We’ve got these wonderful cameras, which did not exist 15 years ago ... you can do an extremely high-quality movie on that camera with excellent sound, and then you can edit it on your laptop. And all of that used to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and lots of manpower to get all that stuff done.

Now the means of production is highly ... It’s been democratized, basically.

But to get something distributed theatrically, you really, in general, (need) a higher level of talent in front of the camera, the talent and the quality of the story and the efficiency of the storytelling. For that kind of stuff, and better production values and a little more visual scope, you do still need someone to give you some dough.

Payne’s first movie hits different in 2024: “It’s considered a much more subversive and ... bold film, which it kind of was not at the time.”

Severe: You have taken on some big topics in your movies. Go back to “Citizen Ruth” and the discussion on both sides of the abortion debate.

Roe (v. Wade) gets overturned by the Supreme Court. I wonder, as someone who dove deep into that to make a movie on it, your thoughts on the way it’s handled state to state?

Payne: Right. Well, first of all, “Citizen Ruth” ... Jim Taylor and I, my co-writer, thought it’d be daring and kind of subversive and fun to dive into abortion as a pool. But really thematically that movie isn’t about abortion. Thematically that movie is more about fanaticism and a comedy, a satire of fanaticism using the incendiary abortion debate.

But when ... Roe was overturned, Laura Dern and I fielded a lot of calls. Like, you know, it was a very small film. It cost \$2 million to make and made nothing at the box office. It got me started in my career and, you know, did its job. And we’re proud of the film and we had a good time making it and shot here at Omaha.

But it was kind of a double-edged sword. Laura Dern and I ... interviewed for the Washington Post and some other publications saying, “How do you feel that you made such a prescient movie?” And it’s, you know ... double edged because on the one hand, we were sad for the reason that that movie is still considered relevant, but also happy that people still watch it.

Severe: Well, it was one of the first things I thought about when it came down. And I understand why a reporter would start looking up movies that involve that, and you pop up.

Payne: Well, it’s a funny thing, too. When that movie came out, I didn’t get a single protest letter or complaint. Like, no, I think it was so under the radar. Or maybe, I thought, “I guess I pulled my punches too much.” It’s too nice or something.

Now ... by comparison it’s considered a much more subversive and bold film which it kind of was not at the time.

Payne on his movies: “Each movie kind of ... builds its own world. But you can’t avoid who you are.”

Severe: So are there threads ... of either Omaha or just your life in each one of your movies, or are they all just fresh thoughts?

Payne: Both.

I want each movie to be new and different and, to some degree, unlike anything I’ve done before. And I think I’ve done a pretty good job of that. Each movie kind of, this isn’t my term, but builds its own world. You know, you see Honolulu, you see rural Nebraska, you see, in the new one, you see Boston in 1970. Excuse me, Massachusetts.

But you can’t avoid who you are. So there are thematic concerns which tie them together. And then to your other part of your question, autobiographical things turn up even unconsciously. And other people may not know that they are autobiographical. I may not even know that they’re autobiographical until later ... when I see it and go, “oh, yeah, right, I was going through that at the time when I put that joke in...”

It’s kind of, it’s interesting when you see your movies, because my movies are all very personal, if not ostensibly autobiographical.

Payne on reuniting with his “Sideways” leading man in “The Holdovers: “I love Paul Giamatti.”

Severe: What is it about Paul Giamatti and your chemistry?

Payne: I love him. I love Paul Giamatti.

Severe: (Does it help) to have good chemistry with your actor? Especially if it’s a lead like that, it’s so much bigger...

Payne: It helps. It helps, because then a director has partners.

You don’t make a movie alone. So when I’m writing, I have my co-writer as a partner. When I’m scouting locations, I have the production designer and the location manager as partners in the moment of making the film, shooting the film. I’ve got the assistant director, but the key is the cinematographer. He or she and I are partners in that moment.

But then also, the director ... ideally should be, partners with the lead actor, because he or she is kind of team captain and will set the tone for how all the other actors kind of rally around the flag of the film you’re making. And I’ve had pretty good luck with that.

...It’s really beautiful, man, when you’ve got a good relationship with the leader. And I was so lucky I had that with Laura Dern in “Citizen Ruth,” and we remain close friends, but we had a very tight, creative sense of the movie we were making. And then I’ve had that also with Paul, with Paul Giamatti 20 years ago in “Sideways,” and now with this one. We just really get each other creatively.

Payne on telling a timeless story: “He’s asking the question, ‘what makes a film both popular and memorable?’”

Severe: One of my favorite things is the hero’s journey. I always loved that, going back to British lit. And I watched “The Holdovers” and I watched the way we think of Paul going through the movie. And we start learning things about his life. And at the end, he does a heroic act. Do you enjoy making movies like that, where you’re taking someone through that entire transformation? Or at least the person watching the movie is watching someone go through that transformation?

Payne: The older I get, the more interested I am in, “What is a classic story?” ...And I have a recommendation to make right now for anyone interested in story and movies. TCM just finished running a six-part documentary called “The Power of Film” with Howard Suber, who, in fact, had been a teacher of mine at UCLA.

And he’s retired now. He’s in his 80s. And some other UCLA folks got him to sit down and basically teach a distilled version of his class. And then they illustrated it extremely brilliantly with clips. And you learn so much about, “What is a story?” I mean, he’s asking the question ... “what makes a film both popular and memorable?”

Why do we have this canon of films that were popular in their day, and ... remain part of our collective consciousness?

And he answers it really well, and in ways that connect to what you’re asking about, about classic storytelling, the hero’s path, journey, what he or she needs to do, and then by extension, who are we?

So when you start to answer what is a story, you’re analyzing a story outside of yourself, but really what you’re doing is looking at something inside of yourself, and that’s why we respond

to it.

Alexander Payne on Star Wars: “The Empire Strikes Back... That’s the best one.”

Severe: I was gonna say that, because a big part of it is when you watch it too, right? Like where you are in your life. Like people my age defend the original Star Wars trilogy to the death. The kids who watch the prequels, they defend that because where they were...

Payne: They’re wrong.

Severe: I know they’re wrong! But where they were in their life, that was the movie that touched them because they were that age or where they lived.

Payne: Then when you have children, you should only show them the first three first. At the right age.

Severe: We did.

Payne: And especially “The Empire Strikes Back.” Which is the best one. That’s the best one! Can you name the director of “The Empire Strikes Back?”

Severe: I know exactly who it is, and right now it’s not going to ... I can see him. The mustache.

Payne: Irvin Kershner. But isn’t it interesting that the director of one of the most successful blockbuster films of all time remains largely unknown?

Payne on the pace of his filmmaking: “...I kind of want to speak only when I have something to say.”

Severe: Why only eight films in 27 years?

Payne: I’m slow with screenplay.

Severe: The writing of it?

Payne: Yeah, yeah. I want to be, rather than sitting here wasting my time talking to you today, I’d rather be making a film. But it’s the script. But, you know, I want to be doing it all the time. And at the same time, I kind of want to speak only when I have something to say. And conceiving, putting in the work to the screenplay, getting it all, that’s one thing I’ve been a little bit slow at.

Severe: It’s not crazy, because Tarantino’s only made a certain amount.

Payne: Yeah, Sergio Leone directed seven features in his lifetime, Stanley Kubrick 13. You know, quality, quantity, you can have that discussion, but I really envy the Hollywood directors of the studio system who would do three a year. Oh my God, all the filmmaking.

Payne, on getting nominated for Oscars: “Really groovy.”

Severe: What’s it like when you get nominated? “The Holdovers” comes out and right away, we’re talking Academy buzz. Film gets nominated, Paul Giamatti gets nominated, Mary Lamb gets nominated.

Payne: She’s probably going to win.

Severe: Yeah, I hope she does. ...What’s that feeling like the last couple of weeks or three weeks since the nominations came out?

Payne: Really groovy...Look, it’s so hard to get to make movies. It’s so hard to make a movie. It’s so hard to make a good one. It’s so hard to make a good one that gets enthusiastic distribution. It’s so hard to have one that gets enthusiastic distribution that then is considered for awards. Like, I’m in a really privileged place, like right now with this movie out and so forth, and that it got five Oscar nominations.

You know, you can’t, you can take it only so seriously, because the other part of you recoils at the idea of competition in the arts. How can you really say this is better than that? It’s apples and oranges.

I mean, so if you put aside that philosophical objection ... and kind of see, well, it’s for entertainment purposes only. It’s fun. I mean, this sounds like a cliché, but it’s really true. The fun thing is getting the nomination. Who wins? Yeah, it’s awesome. You know, I’ve won. It’s great. But the nomination is the real gift.

Payne, on “Downsizing”: “You mean why it tanked?”

Severe: Why did a movie like Downsizing with a great concept, Matt Damon’s a wonderful actor, I think the story is incredible, why do you think that wasn’t necessarily widely...

Payne: You mean why it tanked?

Severe: You can go with that if you want. Obviously the topic (climate change) can be divisive for a lot of people.

Payne: Yeah, it’s not that, I think it’s a really good idea. Jim and I were sitting on that idea for years, and we continue to stand by that idea. ... Were Jim Taylor and I to do that today, it’s probably an idea better served by a limited series than by a feature film. Because it’s a huge idea and you keep going, “Then this would happen, then this would happen, and then this would hap-

pen.” And then where do you break it off?

And so we wound up kind of trying to stuff 20 pounds of sausage into about a nine pound casing.

And then with often very flimsy narrative threads connecting one section to the other section ... might be more forgiven in a series where it’s like, “Oh, wait till you get to the fourth hour. You never could have seen that coming.”

Severe: Is (a TV or streaming series) something you’d be interested in doing? The Bear is one of my favorites.

Payne: I hear it’s great. I still haven’t seen it.

My brain currently, to date, defaults to movies. I like movies. And even nowadays, people are like, well, have you seen “Succession”? Have you seen “The Bear”? Have you seen this, that, and the other?

It’s like, yeah, I want to. And then when I go to turn it on, I say, “Well, what do I have recorded from TCM?” And I still default. Because there are so many magnificent older films to watch. I mean, literally, in your lifetime, you won’t be able to watch all the great films which have already been made!

Payne on future projects: “We’re thinking about Custer County, Nebraska.”

Severe: What about a Western?

Payne: Thinking about it.

Severe: Would you set it in Nebraska?

Payne: Yeah. In the Wild West, so 1880s, kind of 20 years after the Homestead Act. And we’re thinking about Custer County, Nebraska. Largely because a lot was written about Custer County, Nebraska. It’s a very documented county here in Nebraska. Now whether it would be shot there, I don’t know. I can’t say for sure because where do you find prairie? Where do you find that?

That’s why so many Westerns, going back even to “Unforgiven,” have been shot in Canada. I don’t like the idea of shooting in Canada, shooting an American story. But anyway, let’s not put the cart before the horse. First we have to get the script right.

Severe: What about a horror movie?

Payne: Love to make a horror movie. And occasionally, I watch some horror movies. And there are some good ones. The trouble with them that you have to figure out is...they all are really great, and then you’re let down by the ending.

And often the trouble with it is that the climax of the movie has also to serve sort of as the explanation of why that phenomenon has occurred, this abnormal phenomenon. And so great movies like “Hereditary” and “It Follows” and “Smile” are so awesome. The Exorcist, something like that. And “Rosemary’s Baby” is fantastic, because it just is, and it ends on a moment of horror.

There’s no release, like the horror’s just beginning.

Severe: And the poster, too, one of the best of all time.

Payne: In my apartment here in Omaha, not only do I have that one, but I have two Polish posters of Rosemary. At one point, my dream was to do my entire apartment in “Rosemary’s Baby.”

Severe: Wow.

Payne on writing: Yes, that man you saw working at the Elkhorn Public Library was Alexander Payne

Severe: Very good. So, yeah. So what’s next?

Payne: I’m going to go back to my apartment and put – I was at Costco just now – and put the groceries away.

Severe: Right. Professionally.

Payne: Oh, I got to get back to writing. This (“The Holdovers” awards buzz period) is a great period, but it just takes like a five-month plug out of my life because it’s hard then to really focus. Basically, I got to get back to writing. I don’t know what my next movie will be...

Severe: Are you at a spot in the house? Do you write in bed? Is there a guest room? Do you have to work a certain time?

Payne: I’m coming to the point now where I think it’s impossible to work at home. Even if you have a space set aside for yourself at home, you’ve got to get out of the house. I went to a public library today to work. I went to Costco and met a friend for lunch. But before that I put in a couple hours at, of all places, the Elkhorn Public Library.

Severe: Wow. Well, we appreciate it. Thanks for taking the time.

Payne: Yeah, I support Flatwater Free Press. We all should. Thanks for having me.

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# Nebraska's Priority Climate Action Plan submitted to the EPA

The State of Nebraska has its first-ever Climate Action Plan.

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has submitted the state's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 1. The PCAP is available on NDEE's website: <http://dee.ne.gov/ndeqprog.nsf/onweb/cprg>.

This PCAP was developed with a \$3 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the EPA through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The CPRG awarded funds to state and local governments to develop climate action plans to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG).

NDEE conducted outreach throughout the development of the PCAP to solicit input and feedback from Nebraska citizens and stakeholders. NDEE hosted webinars and online and in-person meetings to ensure the PCAP reflected the needs of Nebraska and its residents.

"Nebraska's Priority Climate Action Plan focuses on voluntary, incentive-based programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all economic sectors while promoting environmental stewardship and economic growth throughout the state, including low-income and disadvantaged communities," NDEE Director Jim Macy said. "This paired with the fact that the state is building on already successful programs and innovations gives us a strong action plan."

Now that Nebraska's PCAP has been submitted, the state is eligible to apply for funds to implement the GHG reduction measures outlined in the plan. The implementation grant funds are competitive, and

NDEE is currently working on Nebraska's application, due to the EPA April 1, 2024.

The GHG reduction measures included in the PCAP are:

- Promote energy efficiency and electrification upgrades for non-residential facilities
- Incentives for home energy efficiency equipment upgrades for low- and middle-income homeowners
- Residential pre-weatherization program
- Incentives for irrigation well conversion from diesel to electric
- Incentives for micro-solar arrays for critical infrastructure in low-income rural communities
- Funding for solar projects on unused/contaminated land, ag and industrial facilities, and parking lot/feedlot solar canopies
- Establish a Carbon Intensity Score Registry
- Provide incentives for regenerative agricultural practices
- Provide incentives for precision agriculture equipment
- Establish hub-and-spoke anaerobic digester/biogas hubs for agricultural waste
- Incentives to reduce food waste
- Incentives for production and use of biochar to reduce organic waste and sequester carbon in soil

In addition to the PCAP, the CPRG also provided funds for development of a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). While the PCAP focused on GHG reduction measures that can be readily implemented, the CCAP will provide long-term planning to continue reducing GHG emissions. The CCAP is due in August 2025. NDEE will continue its outreach efforts as it develops the CCAP.

# Happy National Agriculture Week

By Senator Julie Slama

This past week we debated LB 175 in which I participated. This week (March 17 through March 23) is National Ag Week, and as a rural, farming community, this is an important week for District 1. However, Nebraska agriculture entails much more than our corn, though we are the #2 ethanol producer in the nation. According to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Nebraska is the #2 producer of popcorn in the nation. We are also ranked 6th for soybean, sunflower, and sugarbeet production. Nebraska is home to the 4th highest amount of farm and ranchland, with 44,400 farms and ranches using up 89.4% of our state's land.

Of course, agriculture is not just about farming. Nebraska is home to many ranches. In fact, Nebraska is home to 22 million acres of rangeland. We are the #1 beef and veal exporter in the nation, ranked 8th for pork exports and 6th for the number of pigs and hogs.

Nebraska is home to many young ag producers. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture reported that 11% of our ag producers are under the age of 34. As a rural Nebraskan myself, I understand just how important our rural, ag communities and culture are not only to our state but also to our nation. I am proud to serve the Nebraska farmers and ranchers of District 1. One out of every four jobs in our state is related to agriculture. Farmers are some of the hardest-working people in our state, and our policymakers should recognize them as such. Thank you to our farmers and ranchers and their families who keep our state, and our nation, fed and running smoothly.

As always, I welcome your input on issues important to you. Follow along on my Facebook and Twitter pages, both entitled "Senator Julie Slama" for more updates, or contact me directly at Senator Julie Slama, District 1 State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509-4604; telephone 402-471-2733; email: [jslama@leg.ne.gov](mailto:jslama@leg.ne.gov).

## Starting seeds indoors

By Nikki Stoner

Winter can sometimes be very long, especially for a gardener. It is hard for us to stay indoors in the cold weather when we want to be outside working in our garden year-round. However, you can start your growing season early by starting seeds indoors. I have taken up the hobby of starting seeds indoors and it has continually expanded every year because I am enjoying it so much.

**Starting Seeds Indoors:** When starting transplants, use good quality seed and a sterile soil or soil-less mixture. For growing media, you can use potting soil, or a soil-less mixture that contains vermiculite, perlite, and/or peat moss. Choose growing media that is lightweight and well-drained and has been moistened prior to adding to planting containers.

Start the seeds in seed trays or other types of peat containers. You can reuse pots or seed trays from previous years, just make sure it is cleaned from year to year. You can recycle old food containers or make your own from newspapers or toilet paper tubes. Be sure that all recycled containers are cleaned thoroughly prior to use and have good drainage or drainage holes are punctured into the container.

Plants should be grown in temperatures between 70 and 75 degrees. Too cold or too warm can reduce the rate of germination or the plants may grow leggy or improperly. Seedlings need 12-16 hours of light per day. This light should be kept about 1 inch above the plants, as they grow, this light should be moved up with the seedlings. The light source can be as simple as a utility or shop light with one cool and one warm fluorescent bulb. Many lights for growing plants have a built-in timer to keep the lights on for up to 12 hours, but you can always purchase an inexpensive outlet timer to keep it on for 12-16 hours and off for the rest of the evening. The light should not be on continuously for 24 hours.

**When to Start Plants :** It is best to wait until after our last frost to plant transplants of warm season crops into the garden. It takes about 6-8 weeks to grow tomatoes and peppers from seed, so count backward from Mother's Day to determine when to start the plants indoors. Since Mother's Day this year is on May 8, you can start tomatoes and peppers in the next couple of weeks. I plant my tomatoes at 7-8 weeks prior to planting and the tomatoes at 6 weeks prior to planting as the tomatoes will grow faster.

**Transplanting Outside:** Prior to transplanting outdoors, plants should be hardened off to acclimate them to the outdoor conditions. 1-2 weeks ahead of planting outdoors begin moving your plants outside gradually into more wind exposure and more sunlight for longer periods of time as the hardening off period goes on. Plants started indoors have not developed a thicker cuticle to sustain Nebraska winds, so they need to be put into wind gradually to push them to grow stronger. They also are not used to the intensity of sunlight outdoors. Putting them from your home to outside abruptly could cause the plant to snap off in high winds or develop sunscald on the leaves.

If you have any further questions please contact Nicole Stoner at (402) 223-1384, [nston-er2@unl.edu](mailto:nston-er2@unl.edu), visit the Gage County Extension website at [www.gage.unl.edu](http://www.gage.unl.edu), or like my facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NicoleStonerHorticulture> and follow me on twitter @Nikki\_Stoner

# Commissioners to continue discussion on intersection where a chicken production facility may be constructed

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there are plans to construct a chicken production facility in that area and the transportation company that would service the facility would not be able to travel this road due to the grade of the hill on the road which is approximately now at six percent and would need to be four percent or lower. They would also like to request that a stop sign at the intersection be replaced with a yield sign and maybe caution signs on each side of the road approaching this intersection. The Board requested that Thies be scheduled on the agenda to meet with the Board during next week's meeting to review this matter further.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that Richardson County is holding 24 inmates, with 23 housed at the Richardson County Jail and one housed off-site. Maintenance items were also reviewed, and Sheriff Hardesty expressed that Nathan Stewart, who is in charge of maintenance at the Law Enforcement Center, has been doing an excellent job. The department has applied and is waiting for approval for the grant "You Text. You Pay." scheduled to begin April 1 through April 8. Sheriff Hardesty also informed the Board that plans are being made for a training course for the dispatchers, which will include six eight-hour sessions tentatively scheduled in May. It was also reported that Deputy Franks is continuing the coordination for a golf tournament to be held on June 29 to raise funds for the drug dog program.

Commissioner Karas reported that he and Sheriff Hardesty attended the HTRS school board meeting on Monday evening to discuss and consider reinstating a school resource officer for the 2024-2025 year. Sheriff Hardesty also reported that he plans to attend the upcoming community forums that HTRS has scheduled within the district area.

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator, could not meet with the Board this week and has rescheduled for next week.

The motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a sub-division for Douglas and Shiela Huppert located in S15, T1, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-29. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page )

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

# Husker Football Lettermen's Association responds to Trev Alberts' departure

The Husker Football Lettermen's Association (HFLA) expresses shock at the news of Trev Alberts' departure from the University of Nebraska but also extends gratitude for Alberts' dedicated service and significant contributions.

The association emphasizes its commitment to supporting the University of Nebraska in its effort to find a new athletic director. Highlighting the importance of involving the association in the selection process to ensure alumni interests are represented.

Echoing Governor Jim Pillen, a fellow Husker, the association stresses the urgency for the Board of Regents to appoint a new President who will work with the community and the association to quickly hire the next athletic director. The Husker Football Lettermen's Association, comprised of former University of Nebraska-Lincoln football players, cherishes the educational and athletic heritage of UNL and is dedicated to upholding the tradition and pride of Husker football.

The Husker Football Letterman's Association (HFLA) is made up of former football players of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (UNL).

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*Dementia Caregiver Support Group*  
 Monthly Meeting  
**Friday, March 22, 2024 @ 3:00 pm**  
**Community Medical Center - Falls City**  
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# SCHOOL MENU:



## FALLS CITY SACRED HEART IRISH

**Wednesday 20-** Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peaches, Roll, Milk  
**Thursday 21-** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Calif. Veggies, Applesauce, Cookie, Milk  
**Friday 22-** Cheese Pizza, Corn, Pears, Cookie, Milk  
**Monday 25-** Corn dog, Garlic Noodles, Carrots, Peaches, No Bake Cookie, Milk  
**Tuesday 26-** Hamburger/Bun, Peas, Pears, Pumpkin Bar, Milk

## FALLS CITY TIGER'S

**Wednesday 20-**  
**North & South:** Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Hot Roll, Milk  
**Middle School:** Chicken Patty, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Grapes, Milk  
**High School: Hot Lunch:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Grapes, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

### Thursday 21

**North & South:** Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans, Corn, Grapes, Milk  
**Middle School:** Mrs. Milam Special: Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Cooked Carrots, Pears, Milk  
**High School: Hot Lunch:** Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Cooked Carrots, Fruit, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Chicken Patty, Tater Tots, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

### Friday 22-

**North & South:** Fish Sticks, French Fries, Broccoli, Peaches, Snickerdoodle Cookie, Milk  
**Middle School:** Fiestada, Oven Potatoes, Corn, Pineapple, Snickerdoodle Cookie, Milk  
**High School: Hot Lunch:** Chicken Flatbread, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, Ranger Cookie, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Grape Uncrustable Sandwich, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

### Monday 25-

**North & South:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Hot Roll, Milk  
**Middle School:** Mr. Huppert Special: Chickne Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk  
**High School: Hot Lunch:** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Taquitos, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

### Tuesday 26-

**North & South:** Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Peas & Carrots, Strawberries, Milk  
**Middle School:** Beef Burger Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Strawberries, Milk  
**High School: Hot Lunch:** Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Strawberries, Cornbread, Milk  
**Combo Line:** Chicken Strips, Curly Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

## HUMBOLDT HTRS TITAN'S

**Wednesday 20-** Wisconsin Ham & Cheese Soup, Long John, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk  
**Thursday 21-** NO SCHOOL, Middle School Music Contest  
**Friday 22-** Fish Sticks, Bread & Butter, Macaroni & Cheese, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk  
**Monday 25-** Chicken Fajita with al the fixings/Tortilla Shell, Spanish Rive, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk  
**Tuesday 26-** Pulled Pork/Bun, Tri Tators, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk

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

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

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

### DINNER SPECIALS WEDNESDAY

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### DAILY SPECIALS

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

**TUES:** Pulled Pork Sando

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

**THUR:** Lasagna

**FRI:** LUNCH-Pollock or Catfish Fillets DINNER-@5pm Catfish Fillets or Prime Rib

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Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor

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402-245-3324  
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Holy Communion celebrated 2nd and 4th Sundays. Sunday: Divine service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m. First Tuesday Care & Outreach - 6:30 PM Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2:00 p.m.  
Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor

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Sunday: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, Nursery (or pre-school), Adult, 10:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hour, 6 p.m.  
Don Shafer, Moderator  
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**First Christian Church Disciples of Christ**  
(1322 Stone Street)  
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Sunday: Adult School, 9:30 am; Worship Service, 10:45am  
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**First Church of Nazarene** (1812 Wilson)  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; morning worship, 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
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**First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)**  
(20th & Harlan)  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m., Also online: YouTube  
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Tim Boatright, Pastor

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Office: 402-883-2110  
Dave Lockard, Pastor

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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.  
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 6, 2024 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 Tuesday, March 6, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-abstain, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024, meeting as presented with one correction being noted and completed. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

### ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

A notice to bidders was reviewed to solicit bids for the purchase of road rock to be received by and opened by the Board until Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. This notice was approved for publication.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Chief Deputy, Jeremiah Franks updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week, reporting that there are currently 16 inmates being held at the jail. A new employee to serve as the dispatch supervisor was hired and started duties on Monday, March 4, Ashley Fischer. It was also reported that plans are underway to organize a golf scramble at the end of June for the benefit of the K-9 Drug Dog program with all proceeds from the fund raiser event to assist in the maintenance and continued training of the drug dogs in Richardson County.

Motion was made by Karas to withdraw quote #Q-40817-1 with Omnigo Software, LLC and to approve the revised quote, #Q-40817-2 adding the additional costs for \$10,001.42 for interface service, making the total amount for this software package now \$124,837.60 payable over a 5 year period (1st-\$22,592.56, 2nd-\$23,722.20, 3rd-\$24,908.24, 4th-\$26,153.51, 5th-\$27,461.09). Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

### SENCA FC OUTREACH OFFICE

Sherry Huddleston of the Falls City SENCA Outreach office presented to the Board a report of activity from October, 2023 through January, 2024.

### KAYTLYN KENNEDY, EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator presented to the Board the 2023 Annual Extension report for the Richardson County office.

Also reviewed at this time was the current salary of the clerical position in the office and a request was made for this to be increased. The Board will consider this request further at next week's meet-

ing.

### BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested approval to fill an open position that has been vacant to assist on the radiological response team. There are 11 positions on this team and filling this vacancy will keep it at 10.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the EMA Director to fill the position on the radiological response team. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall also informed the board that the office would have to be closed March 26 thru March 29 as all staff members will be attending different trainings.

### CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the February, 2024 monthly operating statement.

### Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of February, 2024: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$213.49; Mary L. Eickhoff, Reg of Deeds, \$9,224.25; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court, \$1,003.00; Sheriff Hardesty, \$4,577.06.

### CLAIMS

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

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

### GENERAL FUND

Armbruster Motor Co., serv	154.73
Bennet, Pam, serv	100.00
BuckIT, serv	7103.33
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10958.40
Datashield Corp., serv	137.00
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	334.66
Falls City Journal, ads	2934.76
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Gravatt, Jere, serv	100.00
Handley, Dylan, serv	400.00
Hector, Amy, serv	200.00
Johnson County Hospital, serv	1025.27
Justice Data Solutions, serv	5100.00
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv	420.00
Meyer Laboratory Inc., serv	274.25
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Nestor & Mercure, reimb	500.00
Postmaster, supp	877.00
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv	146.41
Quill LLC, supp	215.10
Radiology Associates, serv	5.84
Richardson County Court, fees	815.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	696.59
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1339.80
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	392.28
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24152.59
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SNC, serv	2273.73
SumnerOne, serv	154.04
True Value Hardware, supp	29.34
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, supp	2795.02
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.68
Wolfes Printing, supp	122.74
Payroll Expense	114515.53
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$180,777.09

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan of Percival, serv	50.00
Department of Correctional Services, supp	100.00
East Richardson RWD #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	995.43
Farm & City Supply, supp	54.41
Hamilton Equipment Company, supp	73.77
Harmon's OK Tire, serv	110.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp	27.44
Mr. Automotive, supp	504.54
Nebraska Public Power District, serv	31.58
Newman Signs, Inc., supp	3040.00
NMC, Inc., serv	2302.34
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	16367.76
Omaha Public Power District, serv	120.99
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	36.98
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp	430.89

Salem, Village of, serv	23.70
SNC, serv	105.07
Stateline Propane Service, Inc, serv	142.73
Truck Center Companies, serv	24638.04
UniFirst, supp	55.95
Payroll Expense	32100.82
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$81,358.44

### DRUG COURT FUND

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1100.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$1,100.00

### SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	\$155.00

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 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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## VILLAGE OF VERDON

### VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 7, 2024 - 7:00 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Denise Koso.

She called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Gary Cochran, Denise Koso, Lois Miller. Absent: Vicky Cochran.

Chair Dawn Bennett was also present.

GUESTS: Cindy Fritz, Tiffany Jom, Terry Cummins

MINUTES: Motion by G. Cochran, second by Bahr to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by G. Cochran, second by Miller to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

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

MARCH 2024 CLAIMS: Motion by G. Cochran, second by Miller to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

All claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1. March 2024 water shut off notices were reviewed - there were two disconnections for non-payment - one has been reconnected

2. It was reported that the microwave dishes were installed on the water tower on 3-1-24 through the NRIN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

General: 1) It was reported that the restroom remodeling at the VCC has been completed. 2) a quote was received for other upgrades at the VCC. A motion was made by Koso and seconded by Miller to accept the bid from Vice Contracting for other upgrades at the VCC. All Trustees present voting YEA.

3) Koso updated the Board on the total cost for the new Playground Equipment at a total installed cost of \$81,200.00. The fundraising total so far is short of the cost so a motion was made by Bahr and second by Koso to pursue obtaining a loan through Frontier Bank and using a CD as collateral to make up the difference in cost to purchase the Playground Equipment, with Chairperson Denise Koso and Clerk Dawn Bennett as the authorized signatures on the loan. All Trustees present voting YEA.

Streets: Bahr will check to see which streets need armor coated this year. Water: It was reported that the Lead Service Line Inventory has to be completed and submitted by October 16, 2024. Surveys will be sent out to all water customers with the upcoming water bills. Sewer: It was reported that the #1 pump at the lagoon could possibly need replaced. If so, there is a spare pump in stock that can be used. Cemetery: The entrance sign still needs installed and was asked if it could be completed before Memorial Day. Parks: 1) The Mini-Park swing repair materials and hardware have been purchased. V. Cochran was not able to get the mural painting lined up and Cindy Fritz volunteered to talk to potential prospects for the project.

2) Discussion was held on the removal of a tree at the School Park. A motion was made by Bahr and second by G. Cochran to have the tree cut down. All Trustees present voting YEA.

2. BUILDING PERMIT FEES: After discussion it was decided to leave the building permit fee at \$25.00 as was approved at the December 6, 2023 meeting.

3. WATER HOOK UP AT COCHRAN PROPERTY: After discussion, a motion was made by Bahr and second by Miller to call Davis Plumbing to hook up the water on this property. All Trustees present voting YEA.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. PeopleService Contract: An Agreement was received from PeopleService to renew for services of the water and wastewater systems for three (3) years, June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2027. Discussion was held on the change of them not providing a quarterly report and if they could provide water shut-offs if needed. Koso will contact them and find out.

2. VCC rental April 21-30, 2024 by VCW for Murder Mystery: The Verdon Community Workers have requested the use of the Verdon Community Center from April 21-30, 2024 for set up and then clean up for the Murder Mystery fundraiser.

### 3. Library Board Liquor License:

A motion was made by Bahr and second by G. Cochran to allow the Verdon Library Board to apply for a Liquor License for the upcoming Murder Mystery Fundraiser. All Trustees present voting YEA.

4. Water Workshop: An update was given on the Water Workshop held in Shubert on March 6, 2024. Dawn Bennett, Denise Koso and Lois Miller attended.

5. Road signs for 6th Street: Discussion was held on the need for some new road signs on 6th Street due to the traffic that needs to slow down especially with the upcoming new playground equipment, bus stop area, etc. Bahr will order new signs.

Motion by Bahr and second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and all Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk  
The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be on April 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

### Village Of Verdon February 2024 Claims

EFTPS, Ex	\$258.04
Petty Cash, Su	\$23.71
People Service, Se	\$1,588.36
Verdon Library, Ex	\$25.00
R.C.R.W.D. #2, Se	\$1,397.60
Seneca Sanitation, Se	\$1,437.00
S.N.C., Se	\$92.37
NE Public Health Lab, Se	\$15.00
SE Area Clerks Association, Fe	\$10.00
Midwest Laboratories, Su	\$1.80
Lewis Implement, Ex	\$483.43
Farm & City Supply, Su	\$93.97
N.P.P.D., Se	\$926.43
F.c. Journal, Ex	\$51.84
Davis Phe, Llc, Se	\$299.46
16. Robert W. Aitken, Cpa, Se	\$1,050.00
Julie Vollmer, Se	\$550.00
O.P.P.D., Se	\$144.86
Dawn Bennett, Se	\$300.00
Dawn Bennett, Sa	\$997.53
Ex=Expense, Fe=Fee, Mi=Mileage, Re=Reimbursement, Sa=Salary, Se=Service, Su=Supplies	
Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk/Treasurer	ZNEZ

## State Transportation improvement plan amendment announced

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) require each state highway agency to develop a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP must list all highway and transit projects that will be using federal funds, as well as all regionally significant transportation projects using non-federal funding sources.

It covers a period of four years and in Nebraska is updated every year on Oct. 1st. Periodically, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) must amend the STIP to add or remove projects, to make adjustments to funding sources or estimates, or to update a project's scope of work.

An amendment, referred to as Amendment 4 to the 2024-2027 STIP, was available for public comment on the NDOT website [ndot.info/stip](http://ndot.info/stip).

The FHWA and the FTA will not approve the revision until the public comment period has ended and comments have been evaluated and incorporated in the revision as appropriate.

Copies of the Public Involvement Plan for the Nebraska Department of Transportation's STIP are available from one of the eight district offices.

A map with district office locations and contact information is below.

A copy of the proposed STIP Public Involvement Plan may be obtained upon request to the Communications & Public Policy Office, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, PO Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, or by calling (402) 479-4512 or email [jeni.campana@nebraska.gov](mailto:jeni.campana@nebraska.gov).

Under federal legislation, the Nebraska Department of Transportation is required to have a public involvement plan for the STIP in place. This plan can be viewed at: [ndot.info/stip](http://ndot.info/stip).

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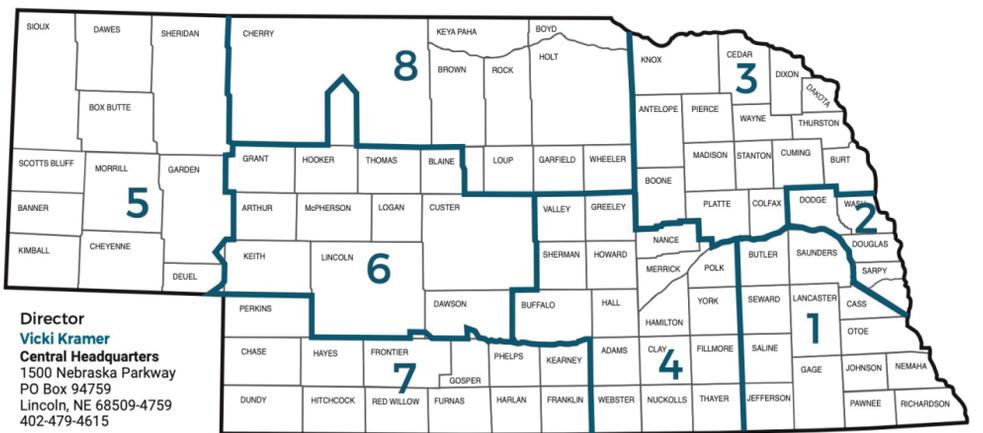
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## B.O.P.W.

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS February 15, 2024 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska

A regular 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 15th day of February, 2024, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Absent: None. 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 when the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Vice 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.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Johansen to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works 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 Board of Public Works 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 Board of Public Works that the minutes from the February 1, 2024 regular meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for February 15, 2024, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Claims January 13 through February 9, 2024, is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for February 15, 2024, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR SCADA ENGINEERING SERVICES IN AMOUNT OF \$185,000.00 TO HYDRO OPTIMIZATION AND AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Johansen to recommend execution of agreement to City Council. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

#### MID-AMERICA RAIL CAMPUS UPDATE - LUCAS FROESCHL

A discussion was held, no action taken.

#### LB977 UPDATE

A discussion was held, no action taken.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:47PM

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 February 15, 2024 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.

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## DISTRICT #56

### FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the February 12, 2024 School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024 in the Superintendent's office at the Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

#### 1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE - School Board members present were: June Bowers, Teresa Olberding, Dan Jones, Cassandra Goff, Scott Hollens and Anthony Johansen. Absent: None. President Teresa Olberding presided at the meeting. President Olberding announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

#### 1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES - None

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

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded to approve the agenda. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Johansen, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

- 1.0 Business Items:
  - 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
  - 1.2 Approval of Absences
  - 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
  - 1.4 Approval of Agenda
  - 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
  - 1.6 Approval of Claims
  - 1.7 Public Comment
  - 1.8 Approval of Treasurer's Report

2.0 Informational Items/Reports: 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: Tiger Branch Bank, South School Students

- 2.2 Principal's Reports:
- 2.3 Board President's Report:
- 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
- 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
- 2.4b School Improvement & Strategic Plan Update
- 2.4c District resources/Budget
- 2.4d Policy Governance
- 2.4e Building & Grounds Update
- 2.4f Superintendent Meetings
- 2.4g Board Member Meetings
- 2.4h Other
- 2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports:

#### 3.0 Old/New Action Items:

- 3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions
- 3.2 Resignations
- 3.3 Employment Contracts 2024-2025
- 3.4 School Calendar 2024-2025
- 3.5 Other
- 1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (regular and/or special meeting) - It was moved by Cassandra Goff and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 regular Board meeting; the voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.
- 1.6 PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- 1.7 APPROVAL OF THE TREA-

SURER'S REPORT - It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded to approve the January 31, 2024 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$2,736,370.57 in the Student Fee Fund of \$14,095.00; in the ICI Fund of \$216,184.11; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$1,430,076.54. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried. The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, an Elementary Activity Account Report and a School Lunch Account Report.

1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS - It was moved by June Bowers and seconded to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

#### 2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Tiger Branch of Frontier Bank provided information through a student showcase presentation by South School students Robbie Sanders, Ruby Eaton, Emma Goff, Alivia Seeba, and Jennifer Tandrup. The Tiger Branch is a pioneering initiative aimed at fostering financial literacy among young students, exclusively catering to students in Grades 3-5 at South School. During the board meeting, the students shared their firsthand experiences as tellers at the Tiger Branch Bank. As part of the program, students operate as tellers, managing deposits while gaining invaluable insights into financial responsibility. The Tiger Branch, sponsored by Frontier Bank and the Nebraska Council on Economic Development, emphasizes the importance of financial education from an early age.

#### 2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a ETHAN SULLIVAN FOR GALE DUNKHAS: Submitted a written report.

2.2b MEGAN ROBESON: Submitted a written report.

2.2c SHELLY LEYDEN: Submitted a written report.

2.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

2.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.4a Legislative and Organization Update: The bill advanced by a 44-0 vote on General File. LB 287 is being used as a vehicle for a technical cleanup measure, but also provides substantive changes to election laws, the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, and the Open Meetings Act. Beginning January 1, 2025, a public body has two options to give notice of its board meetings: (1) publish in a newspaper and post on a "statewide website"; or (2) post to the newspaper's website and post on a "statewide website." If the newspaper fails or neglects to publish timely notice, the public body can post the notice on its own website, as well as the "statewide website." Details of the "statewide website" are not entirely clear at this point but will presumably become available as LB 287 continues to advance. The bill would eliminate the newspaper publication requirement entirely and allow each board to designate its own method of giving notice. Boards that want to publish in the newspaper could continue doing so but would not be obligated by law.

2.4b School Improvement & Strategic Plan Update:

2.4c District Resources / Budget: State Aid Update: The Model of State Aid for 2024/25 under current statute has been completed for Nebraska school districts to review prior to the finalization in the coming months. The Basic Allowable Growth Rate for all school districts is 2.5%. As a comparison to the prior fiscal year 2023-2024, The Falls City Public Schools total state aid is modeled at \$1,462,183, which is a reduction of \$20,878. The reduction is due to the district's formula need in 2024-2025. It's also important to understand the budget certification could potentially change based on legislation in the 2024 session currently underway.

2.4d Policy Governance: Board Policies up for review and final reading include:

- 1) 6318 Employee Conduct and Appearance: This policy is up for review only.
- 2) 6319 Professional Boundaries Between Employees and Students: This policy is up for review only.
- 2.4e Building & Grounds Update: The Project Committee met on Feb-

ruary 9 to review recommendations for the 2024 facility improvements. A prioritized recommendation will be presented to the board for consideration in the coming months.

2.4f Superintendents Meetings: SENCAP Advisory Board, February 6, Lincoln; NRCSA Scholarship & Recognition Mtg., February 7-8, Lincoln; AASA National Conference on Education, February 15-17, San Diego, CA; NRCSA Legislative Forum, February 20, Lincoln; ESU4 Advisory Board, February 22, Auburn; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 14-15, Kearney.

2.4g Board Member Meetings: NRCSA Legislative Forum, February 20, Lincoln; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 14-15, Kearney.

#### 3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 6318 Employee Conduct and Appearance; 2) 6319 Professional Boundaries Between Employees and Students. It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded to approve the final reading on policy reviews and adoptions. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Resignations: 1) Victoria Zoeller, High School Language Arts Teacher - 28 Years; 2) Sara Barker, High School Guidance Counselor - 24 years; 3) Wendy Craig, South School Assistant Principal/Director of Special Education - 22 years. It was moved by June Bowers and seconded to accept the resignation of Victoria Zoeller, Sara Barker and Wendy Craig. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Employment Contracts & Reassignments for 2024-2025: 1) Timothy Ellis, Elementary Vocals Education; 2) Brent Krauter, High School Social Studies; 3) Meghan Robeson, Middle School Principal; 4) Karen Boatright, Internal transfer from 6th grade to High School Language Arts. It was moved by Dan Jones and seconded to approve the Employment Contracts & Reassignments for 2024-2025. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

3.4 School Calendar 2024-2025: It was moved by Cassondra Goff and seconded to approve the School Calendar for 2024-2025. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

#### 4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the protection of public interest, at 7:36 P.M. June Bowers made a motion and was seconded to go into executive session at 7:36 P.M. to discuss Litigation and Employment Negotiations. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Jones, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Johansen, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

It was declared to leave closed session by President Olberding at 9:15 P.M.

It was moved by Dan Jones and seconded to reenter open session at 9:15 P.M. The board reports discussing litigation employment negotiations. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Jones, yes; Olberding, yes; Johansen, yes; Goff, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

#### 5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dan Jones and seconded to adjourn at 9:16 P.M. with no further business. The voting was as follows: Jones, yes; Bowers, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Hollens, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

#### Falls City Public Schools February 2024 Claims

Affordable Home Maintenance, Maintenance Repairs.....	\$755.00
AGIRepair, Technology Repairs.....	\$237.00
Amazon Capital Services HS, MS, SS, NS, Nurse, CO, Technology & Maint Supplies.....	\$4,582.42
Armbruster Motor, Car Lease & Repair.....	\$430.45
Avant Assessment, HS Curriculum.....	\$239.40
B.G. Peterson, Maintenance.....	\$59.02

Carolina, HS Science Supplies.....	\$403.60
Central Office, Mileage and Workshop Expenses.....	\$3,152.23
Central Office, Bus Permit Mileage-Supplies-Cell Phones.....	\$234.51
Central Office, Payables with Due Dates.....	\$371.33
Total.....	\$3,758.07
Charter Communications, MS & HS Equipment Rental.....	\$8.97
Cintas, Mop & Rag Services (5-week month).....	\$647.25
Comfort Suites, HS Travel.....	\$196.00
CRSSA-C4K, Stipends.....	\$2,193.00
Das State Accounting - Central, Network Nebraska.....	\$267.63
ESU #4 Co-op, Registrations.....	\$90.00
ESU #6, Technology Hosted Services.....	\$230.95
Falls City Auto Supply, Bus Parts.....	\$998.40
Falls City High School, Registration & Supply Reimbursement.....	\$1,389.50
Falls City Journal, Advertising.....	\$63.73
Falls City Sanitation, District & Sixpence Waste Removal.....	\$828.00
Falls City Truck & Trailer, Tire Repair.....	\$108.50
Falls City Utilities, District Wide Utilities.....	\$34,632.60
Farm & City Supply, HS, Maintenance & Bus Barn Supplies.....	\$426.83
Fiber Platform, Internet Service.....	\$280.02
Follett School Solutions Software Renewal.....	\$4,730.04
Haug Communications, Bus Barn Supplies.....	\$119.00
Helena, Grounds Supplies.....	\$458.15
Herrick Bruxellas Properties, Building Rental & Utilities.....	\$460.00
Holiday Inn - Kearney, HS Travel.....	\$214.00
Holmes, Krystal, Tuition Reimbursement.....	\$983.00
Home Depot Pro, Maintenance Supplies.....	\$641.70
HyVee, Maintenance Supplies.....	\$7.96
Jones Air Conditioning, Maintenance Repairs.....	\$57.75
Malcolm, Mary SPED Contracted Services.....	\$5,177.56
Meyer Home Center Maintenance Repairs.....	\$2,975.23
Mr. Automotive, Bus Parts.....	\$351.51
NASB, Membership Dues and Policy Update.....	\$6,146.00
NCECBVI, SPED Contracted Services.....	\$6,154.00
Nebraska Central Equipment Bus Parts.....	\$1,880.17
Nebraska Safety Center, Bus Barn Registrations.....	\$255.00
NebSPRA, Software.....	\$500.00
NSBA, Registration.....	\$92.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal, Inspections.....	\$740.00
Nodaway Valley Bank, Copier Lease.....	\$3,985.00
O'Reilly, Bus Parts.....	\$251.02
Parent-Child Center, Meal Reimbursement.....	\$307.74
Pest Control Services Pest Control Services.....	\$150.00
PGH&G, District Legal Services.....	\$485.00
Primrose Oil Company, Bus Barn Supplies.....	\$595.39
Purchase Power, Postage.....	\$601.00
RehabVisions, SPED Contracted Services.....	\$3,415.10
Security Services, Inspections.....	\$865.00
Sioux City Truck Sales... Bus Barn Parts & Repairs.....	\$728.98
Sixpence, Childcare Scholarships.....	\$60.00
SNC, Telephone Service.....	\$1,336.23
Towle Realty, Sixpence Building Rental.....	\$525.00
Truck Center, Bus Parts.....	\$340.89
UCI, DOT Drug Test.....	\$255.00
UNL - Extension, Quarterly Wages UNL Ext. Educator.....	\$2,146.07
University of Nebraska Kearney... Tuition Reimbursement Agreement.....	\$1,645.25
US Bank, Travel & Registrations.....	\$276.52
US Bank, Supplies & Equipment.....	\$942.84
US Bank, Sixpence.....	\$457.15
Total.....	\$1,676.51
Water Engineering... Maintenance Agreement.....	\$237.32
Wolfe's Printing . Bus Barn & CO Supplies.....	\$74.02
Total.....	\$104,449.93
Payroll - Feb. 2024.....	\$1,028,368.02
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$1,132,817.95
ICI Fund Amazon, Arts NOW Supplies.....	\$1,642.79
Total.....	\$1,642.79
Grand Total.....	\$62,208.43

## VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

### Regular Monthly Meeting March 4, 2024 Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on

March 4, 2024 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 announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No visitors.

Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Lockard) to approve the February 5, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Surman/Hays) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims, with the removal of one claim and the addition of one claim. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried.

General: Motion and Second (Lockard/Hays) to get a debit card for the general account. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. Water Utility Board and Council workshop at the community building on March 6 at 5:30. Mowing: Motion and Second (Hays/Surman) to hire Tom Borrego for this years mowing. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. Spring Cleanup: Gary will arrange for dumpsters. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Board discussed scheduling a well inspection. Wood & Brush pile: Discussion about tube and drainage at the entrance. Need to request work order online. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Internet has been temporary installed for the meeting on Wednesday. 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. Ditches & Drainage work should start soon. On Wednesday, Hays will be picking up the barricades that were purchased. Fire: Surman gave update to the board regarding equipment that will need to be replaced. Board will wait on the decision to split the cost.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Hays/Surman) to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

Name	Memo	Amount
Dearborne Group, Firemans Insurance.....		-37.84
Municipal Emergency Services, SCBA Flow Test.....		-1,012.76
NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn.....		-43.89
Lockard, Donna, Reimb for fridge at CB.....		-748.00
Jennifer Buchner, Payroll.....		-676.01
Schenkel Pest Control, Pest Control.....		-80.00
Stella Ag, Lawn Supplies.....		-222.12
Aue & Company, Mo Fee.....		-175.00
Clerk Books, Software Renewal.....		-200.00
United States Treasury, Tax Deposit.....		-238.22
Buchner, Jennifer S, Reimb for toner.....		-62.94
NPPD - Community Building, Community Building.....		-40.84
NPPD - Library, Library.....		-32.94
USPS Office, 100 1st class stamps.....		-68.00
NPPD, 8TH & ELM.....		-13.48
NPPD -Streets, Streetlights.....		-325.41
Gary Hays, Reimb. for barricades.....		-903.60
Aaron Davis, Payroll.....		-253.96
Tracy Milke, Payroll.....		-507.92
Tracy Milke, Expenses Feb 2024.....		-155.57
Aaron Davis, Mileage Feb.....		-50.00
Southeast Telephone Company, Well Phone.....		-107.27
Falls City Sanitation Service, Trash service.....		-852.00
State of Nebraska PHEL, Water Testing.....		-287.00
Midwest Labs, Testing.....		-217.82
Paul Platter, Sludge Haul.....		-200.00
Village of Shubert - USDA Account, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account.....		-906.00
Village of Shubert - Water Tower, Transfer to Water Tower acct.....		-1,000.00
Lockard, Donna..Reimb. for Water Meter Reader.....		-1,590.00
NPPD - Sewer, Sewer.....		-296.59
NPPD - Wells, Wells.....		-428.07
USPS Office, 100 Postcard stamps.....		-53.00
Village of Stella, Sampler.....		-15.00

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# 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 working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

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

Mary L. Eickhoff  
Richardson County Clerk

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Richardson County Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the purchase of gravel for county roads pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 39-810 for the calendar year 2024.

**SEALED BIDS** clearly marked "County Road Rock" must be received by 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

The bids will be publicly opened and considered by the Richardson County Board of Commissioners at this time during the regular meeting.

Specifications for the rock must include a physical property report on the material that is being provided for within the bid.

Richardson County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any technicalities.

John Caverzagie, Chairman  
Richardson County Board  
of Commissioners

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### E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of March:

- General Fund -- \$80,803.12
- Payroll -- \$466,782.29
- NCECBVI -- \$26,975.06
- Federal Programs -- \$6,801.98

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, in the Carson Board Room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9:00 am in the ESU 4 Conference Center, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. Agendas for both meetings are kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

[www.esu4.org](http://www.esu4.org)

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### Invitation To Bid –

#### Mowing & Trimming Cemetery

The City of Humboldt, Nebraska will accept SEALED BIDS for mowing and trimming of the Cemetery until Thursday, March 28th, 2024, by 4:00pm. Bids are to be priced per each occurrence of mowing and trimming. Must carry General Liability Insurance and provide the City Hall with the Certificate of Insurance. Maps of the property are available by request at City Hall and tours can be scheduled by contacting the City Hall. Sealed bids must be sent or delivered to the office of the City Clerk, located at 330 E Square, P.O. Box 156, Humboldt, NE 68376 by Thursday, March 28th, 2024, by 4:00pm. All sealed bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for Mowing & Trimming Cemetery". Bids will be reviewed Friday March 29th, 2024. The City of Humboldt reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which in their opinion serves the best interest of the City of Humboldt, Nebraska.

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8

Annual election for the Treasurer of Drainage District No. 8, Richardson County, Nebraska, will be held from 8:30 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at the office of the County Clerk, Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, at which time and place the President will be elected to fill the vacancy of Merle S. Bachman whose term is expiring. Candidates for President shall file with John Bangert, Treasurer, by April 5, 2024. A business meeting will be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M., April 9, 2024, at Merle Bachman's Shed, Rural Rulo, Nebraska. It is requested that all owners within the District be present.

KEVIN VONDERSCHMIDT,  
Secretary  
NEALE. PARSONS  
Attorney at Law

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### Notice of Organization

Notice is hereby given that Timber Creek Acres LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 1821 Towle St, Falls City, NE 68355. The initial agent for process is Barbara Marie Gilkerson, 1821 Towle St, Falls City, NE 68355. The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The company commenced its existence on 2/21/24 and its duration shall be perpetual. Organizer: Tighe Anthony Gilkerson.

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### Notice Of Organization

Notice is hereby given that Paladin Firearms and Gunsmithing LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 2404 HARLAN ST FALLS CITY, NE 68355. The initial agent for service of process is USCA, INC., 1102 DOUGLAS ST OMAHA, NE 68102. The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Company commenced its existence on Feb 08 2024, and its duration shall be perpetual. Organizer Name: Isaac J Knight.

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## DISTRICT #70

### Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, March 11, 2024 7:00 PM Music Room, Humboldt

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.  
Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present, Leah Reyes: Present.

#### 1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER-ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\*

#### 2. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS

#### 3. PATRON COMMENT

#### 4. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Year: 6, Nay: 0  
4.1. Meeting Minutes  
4.2. Bills for Payment  
4.3. Review Treasurer's report  
5. REPORTS  
5.1. Principal Lovercheck – Mr. Lovercheck discussed past activities & upcoming activities.  
5.2. Assistant Principal Standerford – Mrs. Standerford discussed Parent-Teacher Conference numbers, PBIS and upcoming events.  
5.3. NASB Report - Neal Kanel  
5.4. Committee Reports  
6. AGENDA ITEMS

#### 6.1. APPROVE BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.2. 2024-2025 CALENDAR  
Motion to approve passed with a motion by Kyle Hilgenfeld and a second by Mike Kanel. Year: 6, Nay: 0  
6.3. SRO MOU for 2024-2025  
Motion to approve passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Year: 6, Nay: 0  
6.4. Purchase Ford F250 4X4 with Plow Bid total \$58,505  
Motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F250 passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Year: 5, Nay: 1  
6.5. PERSONNEL  
6.5.1. Resignation/Retirement: Kara Engles & Julie Buss  
Motion to accept Julie Buss' retirement and Kara Engles resignation passed with a motion by Leah Reyes and a second by Neal Kanel. Year: 6, Nay: 0  
6.5.2. Approve Employment, New Hires: Megan Vrbka - Ag Teacher, Alexis Bippes - Speech Path, Jeffrey Tlamka - School Psych, Alexander Nelsen 3-11 Custodian, Eldon Russell - Paraprofessional  
Motion to approve all but table Jeff Tlamka passed with a motion by Kyle Hilgenfeld and a second by Mike Kanel. Year: 6, Nay: 0  
6.5.3. Classified Pay Increase \$0.50/hr with base rate \$15/hr  
Motion to approve passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Year: 6, Nay: 0

#### 7. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT – Dr. Griffith discussed the upcoming strategy plan meetings & an update on the Day-care.

#### 8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

#### 9. ADJOURN

Adjourn at 7:31pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Chantel Farwell

#### Vendor Name Description Invoice Amount

Beatrice Mechanical Service, Parts & Repairs .....	783.20
Blecha's General Store, Keys..13.99	
Boomgarn, Renee, Custodial Parts.....	1,720.61
Brown Dog, Steam .....	260.66
Burger, Scott , Travel Expenses Reimbursement .....	992.28
Cardmember Service, Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund .....	6,055.52
City Of Humboldt Utilities-Water/ Sewer.....	1,125.29
Das State Accounting - Central Finance, Tech / Ocio .....	267.63
Dietze Music House, Music ...	408.90
Dstk Phillips, Inc, Supplies Repairs .....	216.85
Eakes Office Solutions Contract & Maint Supplies .....	2,477.71
Edgerton Exploit Center, Steam Night Program.....	1,156.36
Electronic Contracting Co., Alarm Monitoring Services .....	168.00
Engles, Kara , Mileage Reimbursement .....	53.60
Essential Screens, Emplmt Background Screenings ....	80.90
Esu #4, Workshops Therapy .....	8,196.83

Esu #6, Tech Hosting Services .....	61.23
Falls City Mercantile Co., Maint/ Sped/Kind Supplies.....	218.86
Farm & City Supply, Maintenance Supplies.....	14.70
Farwell, Chantel, Mileage Reimbursement .....	71.02
Fastenal, Bus Parts .....	5.67
Fiber Platform, Llc, Distance Learning .....	430.87
Heathwood Oil Co., Inc, Oil Drum+ .....	2,394.55
Home Depot Pro, The, Custodial Supplies.....	13,207.21
Htmc, Advertising Messages .....	153.00
Hrs Payroll Act, Payroll Expenses .....	562,317.77
Humboldt Chamber Of Commerce, Annual Dues .....	110.00
Humboldt Standard, Advertising .....	107.55
Kay Park Recreation, Aluminum Bleachers.....	4,364.04
Koch Auto Service, 2020 Freight Service Call/Tire Repair..	221.00
Ksb School Law, Legal Services .....	345.00
Kurita America Inc, Water Soft Contract.....	984.97
Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services .....	3,090.50
Nasb Nebraska Assn Of School Boards, Naep State Convention .....	115.00
National Therapeutic Associates, Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped Services .....	1,423.75
Nifco Mechanical Systems Repair Sprinkler.....	1,215.00
Pawnee City Schools, Smartgen Presentation.....	200.00
Pawnee Republican, Advertising .....	87.89
Pawnee True Value, Maintenance Supplies .....	91.95
Prime Communications, Inc, Camera Renewal .....	3,523.30
Sapp Bros., Fuel.....	197.84
Schmitt Music, Music Dept ..	97.00
School Specialty Llc, Po 7773 El .....	231.48
Station Service Center Inc., The, Fuel/Sped Fuel .....	4,425.10
Stepware, Inc, Keyboarding Curriculum .....	515.80

Strategic Service, Llc, Dishwasher Repair .....	2,758.86
Surnali, Llc, 2024 Membership Dues .....	100.00
Time Management Systems, Mo. Contract Or Service ..	242.00
Tk Elevator Corporation, Maintenance Elevator .....	543.26

Truck Center Co,.....	20,118.39
Verizon Business, Long Distance.....	91.24
Wilcock, Joy, Occ Therapy - Sped Services .....	3,462.48
Windstream Nebraska, Phone Utilities.....	733.36

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS BRENNER FIELD AIRPORT FALLS CITY AIRPORT AUTHORITY PROJECT NO. 3-31-0028-018/019

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. local time, on April 18, 2024, at the City of Falls City Offices, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355 and then publicly opened and read aloud, for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary to: Re-Seal/Repair Concrete Joints & Cracks, Panel Replacement, Marking of RW 15/33, Taxiways, Apron, Hangar Pavements. In general, this work will require the following approximate quantities:

JOINT AND CRACK SEALING (104,685 LF); 6-INCH CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPAIR (207 SY); PAVEMENT MARKING (43,556 SF)

Plans, specifications, and bid documents are on file and may be inspected at:

Midwest Engineering, Inc., 3260 Folkways Blvd, Suite B, Lincoln, NE 68504  
City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355

Nebr. Department of Transportation, 1600 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502  
Quest CDN (see below)

To be qualified to Bid, a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form MUST be obtained from either: 1) [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$25.00 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number **8992840** (Brenner Field Airport; Pavement Rehabilitation); OR 2) Midwest Engineering, Inc. at the above address for a fee of \$90 (nonrefundable).

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case #	Petitioner/Plaintiff	Respondent/Defendant	Plaintiff Attorney	Defendant Attorney
2481	State of Nebraska	Willet	County Attorney	Yoesel
2511	State of Nebraska	Gordon	County Attorney	Hahn
2544	State of Nebraska	Auffert	County Attorney	Mowbray
2759	State of Nebraska	Marfice	County Attorney	Ligouri
2760	State of Nebraska	Marfice	County Attorney	Ligouri
2798	State of Nebraska	Sailors	County Attorney	Fankhauser
13179	Frederick et al.,	City of Falls City, NE et al	Ginsburg	Halbert/Dunn
13802	Collins et al	West	Halbert	Griffiths/Beekman
13853	Standerford	NNRD	Fankhauser	Parsons
13929	Walker Feeders, Inc	Koster et al	Fankhauser	Girard
14025	Larry Nolte	Duerfeldt et al.,	Ligouri/ Kluender	Halbert
14157	Bantz et al	Southeast Consolidated	Sibbersen	Lantz
14226	County of Richardson	Usher et al.	Merz	Lantzy/ Brott
14412	Richardson County Bank & Trust Co	Rieschick	Lantzy	Dunn
14436	George	Georges	Cannon	Bausch
14493	Vice	German Mutual Insurance Association	Yoesel	Halbert
14501	Wissman	Wissman	Halbert	Parsons
14605	Ivey et al.	Farmers Cooperative Oil Association	Fortune	Goyette
14757	Steven Brott PR of Anna Simon	Simon et al	Brott	Knight/Kuhlman/ Parsons
14922	Larson	Larson	Dunn	Ligouri
15049	Fisher	Taylor	Yoesel	Downing
15198	Dutcher et al.,	Anderson dba Andee's Shorthorn	Downing	Hahn
15202	In the Matter of the Estate of Claude O Stumbo		Brott	Ligouri / Yoesel
15235	Price	School District #56 of Falls City, NE	Horan	Welch
15872	Koso	Towle Realty Company/Tober's Inc.	Massey / Bartle	Perry/Welch
16104	Hustead et al	Hustead et al	Merz	Petersen/Parsons
16123	Messler et al.,	Ferguson	Merz	Sapp
16145	Adams	Adams	Ligouri	

In the matter of exhibits in the above-entitled cases, appeal time having elapsed and there being no other motions pending:

IT IS ORDERED that the exhibits in the above-entitled matter have been returned to the Clerk of the District Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these exhibits be returned to the parties who offered the same upon request and that in the event that they are unclaimed within 30 days, that they may be destroyed by shredding.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

BY THE COURT:  
JULIE D. SMITH,  
DISTRICT JUDGE

I, Pamela Scott, Clerk of the Richardson County District Court, hereby acknowledge that I am in possession of the exhibits received, the same having been offered in the evidence in the above-entitled case, from Court Reporters for the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Pam Scott  
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

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# HELP WANTED

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## JOB OPENINGS

The Nemaha County Hospital,

Auburn, Nebraska has the following open positions:

**Registered Nurse:** "Come collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team to provide quality care, analyze physical and emotional needs, improve the lives of others, and utilize a wide variety of nursing skills." Full-time. 12-hour hour shifts, working every third week-end. Must have a current Nebraska RN license. \$10,000 sign-on bonus!

**Radiology Technologist:** willing to be crossed trained in CT, evenings. Must have ARRT, NE license and BLS certification.

**Full-time Environmental Services Worker:** 2:00-10:30 p.m. This position would be responsible for janitorial services for the hospital.

Apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital.applicantpool.com/jobs/>  
Call Codi Sailors, CHRO at (402) 274-6121 with any questions.

EOE Employer/Vet/Disabled



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## NOTICE

The City of Falls City is currently seeking applications for the below listed part-time/seasonal positions. Competitive starting wage and paid training. Applications will be received at the office of the City Clerk, at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska until 4:00 P.M. on March 25, 2024. The Job description and qualifications for the position are available at the office of the City Clerk. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions available are as follows:

- Laborers – Parks, Cemetery & Streets
- Laborers – Utilities
- Aquatic Center Manager/Assistant Manager
- Aquatic Center Lifeguards
- Aquatic Center Support Staff/Concessions

Anthony Nussbaum • City Clerk

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## KURTZ RURAL AVIATION MOUND CITY, MO

is seeking qualified candidates for the full-time position of operations/logistics manager



### EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Inventory and Vendor Relations
- Map and create work orders for growers
- Discuss pesticides and crop enhancement products with growers and any discounts/programs available, and timing of applications
- Create price lists with per acre pricing for growers
- Knowledge of financial tools and online data reporting
- Cover Crop paperwork programs (Agron forms)
- Awareness of all per acre input costs associated with row crop production
- Provide as-applied data
- Assist with questions, greet customers, public relations
- Online and Media presence consultant
- Continued training regarding agricultural application, i.e. state meetings, chemical company updates
- Management of support staff and logistics, including training, safety meetings and day-to-day operations

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in the agricultural field is needed
- Willingness to work with the public
- Production agriculture knowledge is helpful
- This job requires long hours during the "busy season," is a fast-paced environment and one needs to be focused along with always keeping safety and efficiency in mind

Necessary training will be provided

### COMPENSATION

- Salary (negotiable based upon experience, skill level and value brought to business)
- Benefits negotiable

**If interested please contact us at**

Office: (660) 442-5611 Garold: (660) 442-6282  
Kelton: (660) 442-6223 René: (660) 442-6283  
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# Tiger track season gets underway in Crete

The Falls City Tiger track season got off to a slow start at the Class C Doane Indoor Track Meet in Crete on Friday. The Tiger boys scored ten points to place tenth, while the Lady Tigers placed 13th with seven points. Bishop Neumann won the boy's meet with 101 points, Wilber-Clatonia was second with 84, and Tri County placed third with 80. On the girl's side, Bishop Neumann scored 104 points for the team title, Conestoga was second with 69 and Grand Island CC was third with 52.

Daniel Hollens scored all ten points for the boys by winning the 60m dash in 7.19.

Also in the 60m dash,

Aiden Wendlandt was 18th in 7.97. In the 400m dash, Bailey Thimmes was 17th (1:01.08), Cade Caudle was 26th (1:02.77) and Brock Caudle was 32nd (1:07.44). Lathan Richey competed in the 800m run, finishing 23rd (2:38.81) and Hayden Findlay was 27th in 2:46.47.

In the 200m dash, Isaac Frederick ran a 25.18 for 12th, Emmett Daake was 28th (27.02) and Devon Smith was 33rd in 27.38.

In the 1600, Dustin Stillen (6:10.98) was 21st. The 4x400 relay team of Thimmes, Wendlandt, Paxton Armbruster and Keifer Adams was tenth in 4:13.65. In the high jump, Richey went 5-02 for 18th. Devon Smith cleared 10-06 for seventh in the pole vault and in the long jump, Frederick (17-11.75) was seventh, Thimmes (17-00.25) was 14th and Adams 16-10.50 was 16th. Frederick (35-00.50) was 17th in the triple jump, Vaden Leyden (32-08.75) was 22nd and Preston Buckminster (31-07) was 23rd. In the shot put, Chase Simpson threw 37-03 for 13th, Braxton Harmon (33-10.50) was 23rd and Jacoby Bangert (29-04) was 36th. Simpson was eighth in the discus (116-08), Bangert (75-09) was 34th and Ryker Jones (69-10.50) was 35th.

For the Lady Tigers, Ashleigh Kirkendall placed third in the 60m hurdles in 10.10 and Jennifer Sweeney was sixth in the 1600m run (6:22.85).

Caitlyn McConnell placed 19th in the 60-meter hurdles (12.55). In the 60-meter dash, Taylor Krefiels placed ninth (8.50), Addi Miller placed 37th (9.80) and Jazzy Strecker placed 40th (9.92).

In the 400m dash, Ella Glathar was 11th in 1:10.66. In the 200m dash, Ava Armbruster (31.06) was 18th and Strecker (33.40) was 32nd. The 4x400 relay team of Krefiels, Glathar, Paige Young and Gabi Young was ninth (4:52.08).

In the pole vault, Armbruster went 8-00 for seventh. In the long jump, Paige Young was tenth (14-05), Gabi Young was 29th (12-00.50) and Jalin DePrey was 34th (10.06.25).

Paige Young was 16th in the triple jump (28-09.25), Jayme Ewers, 27-10, was 18th in the shot, Emily Vitosh (25-03.75) was 26th and Jordan Wilcox (23-08.50) was 32nd. In the discus, Vitosh was 31st (66-03.25) and Kaitlyn Kirkendall (57-07) was 33rd.



**INDUCTEES:** Back Row L to R: Ethan Morris, Gavin Bauer, Derek Helmick, Hayden Findlay, Gunner Lippold. Front Row L to R: Kaitlyn Kirkendall, Mylie Crawford, Ella Glathar, Jayme Ewers, Trinity Pierce.



**OFFICERS,** L-R: Ava Armbruster, Ashleigh Kirkendall, Grace Morris, Emily Vitosh.

## Falls City High School National Honor Society induction ceremony

On Wednesday, March 13, 10 new members were inducted into the Falls City Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The program began with an introduction and history of National Honor Society led by the principal, Mr. Gale Dunkhas. The four qualities embraced by the National Honor Society are Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.

The four qualities were described by the current National Honor Society officers. 2024 officers

are Ava Armbruster, president, Ashleigh Kirkendall, vice-president, Grace Morris, secretary, and Emily Vitosh, treasurer. The induction pledge was then recited and cards and certificates were distributed.

The ceremony was closed with a few words from Mr. Gale Dunkhas, principal/sponsor.

The new inductees include juniors; Mylie Crawford, Jayme Ewers, Hayden Findlay, Derek Helmick, Kaitlyn Kirkendall, Gunner Lippold, and Trinity Pierce. Sophomores; Gavin Bauer, Ella Glathar, and Ethan Morris. The National Honor So-

ciety officers served cake and punch to the new members and their families following the induc-

tion. Mr. Don Hogue and Ms. Sara Barker are the sponsors of the Falls City High School chapter.

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When business took Ken Stuart, the Post's Art Editor, to Chicago a year ago, he set out for the Art Institute, as an art editor should. But he never got there. On a Michigan Avenue corner near the Art Institute he saw a group of sailors gathered to observe the Chicago girls, as they battled for propriety against the famous Chicago winds. Mr. Stuart joined this gallery, and was so impressed with the scene that he mentioned it, as one wind lover to another, to John Falter, the artist. Falter went to Chicago to paint a typical windy day there, but found a corner he thought was far windier than it gets on Michigan Avenue. Falter chose a locality farther west—one corner of the Civic Opera House, where the wind howls down the Chicago River and gets a chance to work up real speed. Chicagoans probably will agree with Falter that it is windier where he was, but will agree with Stuart that the wind is prettier on Michigan Avenue.

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Celeste is married to Luke Jones and has four children, Madi, Hallie, Brynlie and Krew. They also own Jonesbrook Estates Assisted Living in Falls City. Outside of medicine, Celeste loves following her kids in sports, coaching softball and enjoys spending time on various business ventures.

Celeste will begin seeing patients on Monday, February 26, 2024.

To make an appointment with Celeste call the clinic, 402.245.4475

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