



North School students and teachers gather to witness the 2024 solar eclipse.

Falls City witnesses spectacular Solar Eclipse

Eclipse photo by Chelsie Alexander

On April 8, 2024, Richardson County became the prime location in Nebraska to witness the awe-inspiring solar eclipse. The path of totality spanned across several states, including Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Ohio, Vermont, and Maine. However, Falls City had the privilege of experiencing the best view in Nebraska.

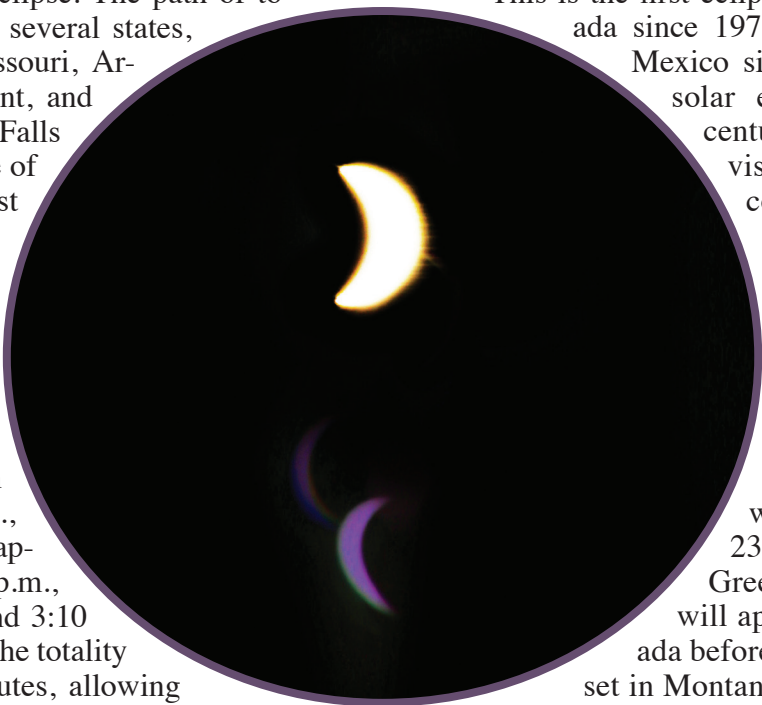
With an impressive 84.3 percent coverage, Falls City residents were treated to a mesmerizing celestial spectacle. The eclipse began at around 12:40 p.m., reaching its peak at approximately 1:55 p.m., and concluding around 3:10 p.m. The duration of the totality lasted over four minutes, allowing spectators to marvel at the wonders of the universe.

The sun, adorned with bright pink curls and loops in the corona, presented an extraordinary

sight. Students and residents gathered to witness this rare phenomenon, capturing the beauty and grandeur of nature.

This is the first eclipse visible from Canada since 1979 and the first over Mexico since 1991. No other solar eclipse in the 21st century will be totally visible from all three countries.

The last solar eclipse in the region occurred in 2017, which was a total solar eclipse. The next opportunity to witness a solar eclipse in our area will be on August 23, 2044. Starting in Greenland, the eclipse will appear mostly in Canada before ending around sunset in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. On August 12, 2045 another eclipse will travel similarly to the path of the 2017 eclipse with totality over Tulsa, OK and will move from California to Florida.



Journal deadline changed for two weeks this month

The Falls City Journal will have two early deadlines in the month of April. The deadline for the April 24 paper will be this 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 its regular day with no changes.

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

Sheriff reports end-of-year stats to Commissioners

Chairman Caverzagie called the regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie answered the roll call.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board

on maintenance and business with the County Roads Department.

Darveau reported that the secretary position vacancy has been filled. Research was completed on the possible purchase of a road groom, which would cost \$31,025.

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board this week to update them on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that 18 inmates are currently being held in jail.

Hardesty reported the year-to-date statistics for the department are as follows: 1651 calls for service, of which 898 were traffic stops, 181 total book in's, four of them were out-of-county holds, 32 arrests were by other agencies, and 145 were arrests by the Richardson County Sheriff's Office. During April 19-21, Sheriff's deputies will be incurring overtime to perform duties to enforce "drug-impaired driving" traffic stops. The condition and maintenance of the patrol vehicles were also discussed.

A report was approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the month of March, 2024 totaling \$5,145.83. A donation was also made from A&G (Please turn to Page 9)



Each week in April and possibly into May the Falls City Journal we will provide the people of Falls City an insight into their City Council Candidates.

This election cycle there are 13 citizens running for the City Council. Ward One has four candidates: Brent Shubert, Brian O. Poppe, Frank Killingsworth and Cory Mason.

Ward Two has four candidates: Joyce M. Jones, Kenny Killingsworth, Brittany A. Campbell and Judy Murphy.

Ward Three has three candidates: Sara Ruiz and Les Baker, Sarah Bangert.

Ward Four has two candidates, James Wisdom and Josh Kaster, they will automatically advance but if they chose to participate will be profiled. **A Ward map ran in the April 3 paper. The color coding on the map is correct, disregarding the "yellow boundary lines."**

We will not be profiling the City Council candidates again closer to the November election. But extra copies of these issues will be available at that time.

Two candidates will be nominated at the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. The top two vote getters will then appear on the November General Election ballot to then be duly elected. Each candidate was given the same set of questions.

This week we are profiling Ward Two, some wards may be broken into two week increments.

Brent Shubert and Cory Mason ran in the April 3 paper; Brian Poppe and Frank Killingsworth ran in the April 10 paper; Judy Murphy and Brittany Campbell are in this week's paper; Joyce Jones and Kenny Killingsworth will run in the April 24 paper; Sarah Bangert, Les Baker and Sara Ruiz will run in the May 1 paper and Josh Kaster will run in the May 8 paper.

This week we are featuring Brittany Campbell and Judy Murphy.

BRITTANY CAMPBELL CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL WARD TWO

Why did you choose to run for City Council?

I decided to run because I think it would be beneficial to our community to continue to have someone younger on the City Council. As a young adult, running for city council allows me to represent the interests and perspectives of my generation. Which in turn would hopefully get our younger generations to get more involved in our community.

Please describe your previous work in the community and how these experiences qualify you for a position on the Council.

I currently own two small businesses in our downtown. I see a lot of the community in both of my businesses. Because of this I am very involved in the community. Since I own the local coffee shop in town I have had the privilege to hear how the community feels about certain aspects of our city.

Give some examples of group decision-making you have been involved with and how these experiences could be utilized on the Council.

Owning my own businesses we are faced with decision making daily. I was also apart of our local PIE for a few years. I think both of these experiences could be utilized on Council. I have learned to take peoples opinions and make those work in my businesses.

Please describe how you would like Falls City to look in the next 5 years.

I would love to see more young adults get involved in our community, to see our small locally owned businesses continue to thrive and be supported.

What do you feel is the most important issue facing Falls City right now?

I think it's important to have full transparency with our community. I think change is also a good thing. Just because it's the way somethings always been done, doesn't mean it should continue to stay that way. If we want to see our community grow we have to give our youth a reason to come back.

Why should people vote for you?

I think I would be a good candidate for the City Council for many reasons. I think I would bring a fresh perspective to the table. I believe I could bridge a gap between generations on the council. My willingness to listen to residents can instill trust and confidence in my ability to represent them effectively. I am a mother of three children whom will be raised in Falls City. I hope that our city will continue to thrive and grow to give my children endless opportunities.

JUDY MURPHY CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL WARD TWO

Why did you choose to run for City Council?

During the past two decades, I have served a total of ten years on the city council. I believe it's important that I continue to give (Please turn to Page 3)

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Reflecting on progress



By Debra Johnston, MD

It's human nature to tell stories about the past, and doctors aren't immune to that impulse. The second year medical students rotating through my clinic have me reflecting on my own years as a fledgling physician, and the changes I've seen in my decades of practice.

I remember one late evening spent in the PICU watching over a toddler who had meningitis. At one point I turned and bumped into a bedrail, which came crashing down. Both my preceptor and I jumped, and I probably even shrieked. The child, however, didn't even blink. That's when we knew her illness had left her profoundly deaf.

The seasoned pediatrician I was with that month had started practice before the introduction of the Hib vaccine. As we talked about what we could do now for the child in our care, he told me stories from "the old days", when the PICU at Sioux Valley Hospital would perpetually have 2 or 3 children being treated for meningitis. Less than 10 years later, our unimmunized patient was the first case they'd had in months.

Early in my own practice, winter months would see at least a child or two here in Brookings hospitalized with rotavirus on any give day, and the occasional adult. They would be with us for a few days or even a week, getting IV fluids until the diarrhea slowed down. Our first vaccine had rare but serious side effects and was pulled off the market. The vaccine we've been using for nearly 20 years now has turned the illness into something that rarely lands a child in our hospital. To be sure, we still see rotavirus infections. It's just that far fewer patients are so sick that they require IVs.

This last year, we got a new weapon against another common childhood scourge. RSV has been a terror for longer than I've been in practice. It results in the hospitalization of nearly 2% of children before they turn 1. We now have two ways to protect infants. The first is a traditional vaccine given to expectant mothers later in their pregnancy. Mom's immune system responds by developing antibodies, which are transferred to the infant. Since babies' immature immune systems can't respond to the vaccine we have for RSV, we can't give them that vaccine. However, we have an antibody against RSV that can be given directly to newborns. We've had something similar for most of my career, but it was expensive and had to be given monthly, so we only used it in the highest risk children. This new version is much less costly, and requires only one shot.

These strategies don't teach the baby's own immune system to fight the infection. Instead, they provide temporary soldiers to wage the battle. That protection will fade, and the baby's immune system will still have to learn to fight RSV by catching it, but we will have delayed that day until the child is older, and less likely to get terribly sick.

I am optimistic that RSV, too, will become something we still see, but that doesn't cause the suffering it once did. And I wonder, what will my young colleagues someday tell their future students about medicine in "the old days"?

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SIX WORDS SEEM TO BE A LEGISLATIVE CURSE

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

"I believe I have the votes."

Those six words have become the curse of the Nebraska Legislature.

The buzzkill. The harbinger of failure.

Senator Kathleen Kauth of Omaha learned that on Day 56 of the 60-day session when her Sports and Spaces Act did little more than use up four hours of time when an attempt to end the opponent's filibuster fell two votes short. The measure fell off the agenda for good this year.

Likewise, a last-ditch attempt to return Nebraska presidential elections to a winner-take-all like 48 other states was admittedly going to be short of support after an attempt to amend the language to another bill.

Both of those measures had been stalled in committee, at least since last year, by committee chairs who were convinced there wasn't enough support to get them out of committee let alone through three rounds of rigorous debate by 49 senators.

And then there's Governor Jim Pillen's attempt to raise the state sales tax by a penny to pay for property tax relief. Again, the sponsor admits the votes aren't there.

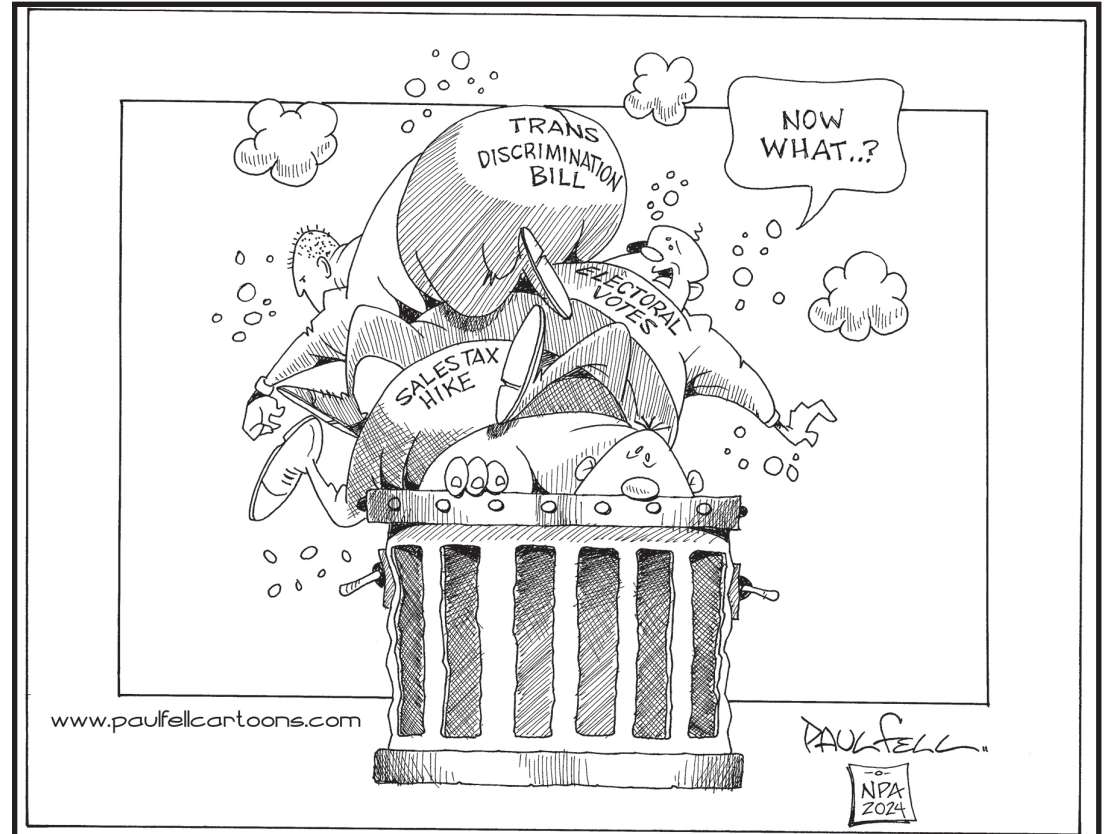
Hope springs eternal. But in the nation's only nonpartisan one-house Legislature, reality abounds. The math seems easy. There are 35 Republicans, 13 Democrats and one independent. Bills take 25 votes to advance, 30 if they deal with appropriations. It takes 33 votes to end a filibuster after four hours of debate.

There are a handful of Republicans who are willing to abandon the party ship and vote their convictions. Sometimes measures that are being forced on Nebraskans by a national party committee or some other special interest groups don't fare well. And rightfully so. Nebraska problems deserve Nebraska solutions, thank you very much.

Republican Senators Merv Riepe of Ralston and Tom Brandt of Plymouth did not vote at the end of four hours of debate, dooming the Kauth bill which would have required public, private and parochial schools to enact policies classifying communal bathrooms and locker rooms and sports teams either as male or female. It also allowed schools to create mixed sports teams.

Backers of the bill admitted there were few transgender students in Nebraska's K-12 schools, but they said the bill was proactive in creating protections for female athletes. Riepe and Brandt said they felt local schools and the Nebraska School Activities Association were better suited to handle the issue of transgender youths in schools and sports.

NSAA has already enacted a policy that allows its member schools to evaluate whether or not a transgender student can participate



in sports. Riepe gave fellow senators a copy of the policy.

Meanwhile, Pillen has acknowledged the political reality facing Republicans' decades-old push to award all five of the state's Electoral College votes to the presidential winner of the statewide popular vote. He was one of several state GOP leaders who said it was likely too late to make the change in time for the 2024 presidential election. Only Nebraska and Maine allocate electoral votes based on which candidate wins each congressional district.

Pillen also said he would entertain pausing or extending a planned decrease in state income taxes to help fund his property tax reduction plan. That plan (LB388) was placed in limbo when sponsors pledged to remove a controversial 1-cent hike in state sales taxes — a major component of the plan — to help finance a \$1 billion shift from local property taxes.

That started a search for a new source of funding to finance the proposal and sparked speculation that pausing the gradual income tax reductions might be the solution since it would provide a similar amount of revenue.

Revenue Committee Chair Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn is the chief sponsor of the measure. She pledged that she wouldn't bring the

bill back unless she could get agreement on how to replace the lost revenue.

Pillen has warned that a special session might be necessary to get Nebraskans the property tax relief he has promised. He said it might take until Christmas

to do that.

To his credit, I haven't heard him say, "I believe I have the votes."

J.J. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 25 years.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: SHAKESPEARE

ACROSS

- 1. Type of help center
- 6. Fake tooth
- 9. What geysers do
- 13. Lagoon wall
- 14. Acronym, in brief
- 15. Syrup producer
- 16. Papal court
- 17. It often comes with Aloha!
- 18. External
- 19. *Richard III: "A horse! A horse! My ___ for a horse!"
- 21. *Romeo and Juliet: "Parting is such sweet ___"
- 23. Animal's nose
- 24. Fail to mention
- 25. Capone's family
- 28. *Hamlet: "O, this is the poison of ___ grief"
- 30. Soap froth
- 35. Iris holder
- 37. "He ____, She Said"
- 39. ___ Apso
- 40. Cheap form of payment?
- 41. Bert's roommate
- 43. Not in favor
- 44. Hipbone-related
- 46. The Destroyer, in Hinduism
- 47. Thomas the Engine's warning
- 48. "Heart of Darkness" author
- 50. Brewer's kiln
- 52. Beer choice
- 53. Not a verb
- 55. Comic cry
- 57. *The Tempest: "We are such stuff as ___ are made on"
- 60. *As You Like It: "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely ___"
- 64. Primatologist's concern, for short
- 65. "This land is your land"?
- 67. *Macbeth: "Our ___ master's murderer!"
- 68. Scoundrel
- 69. Hi ___ monitor
- 70. Wombs
- 71. "A Visit from St. Nicholas" begin-
- 72. Teacher's favorite
- 73. Got ready for a close up

DOWN

- 1. Nordstrom's outlet
- 2. Purse for the red carpet
- 3. Cape on Tierra del Fuego
- 4. Set straight
- 5. Like a knife
- 6. Comes before a storm?
- 7. The "place with the helpful hardware folks"
- 8. Spectrum maker
- 9. Wild ox of India
- 10. Plotting (2 words)
- 11. Multitude
- 12. Having Everything Revealed, singer and songwriter
- 15. *Hamlet: "When we have shuffled off this ___ coil"
- 20. Corpulent
- 22. Tin Woodman's "medicine"
- 24. "Two cents"?
- 25. *Twelfth Night: "If ___ be the food of love, play on"
- 26. Convex molding
- 27. Nigeria's western neighbor
- 29. Listening devices
- 31. *Hamlet: "To be, or not to be: ___ is the question"
- 32. Capital of Vietnam
- 33. Bar by estoppel
- 34. Indian restaurant condiment
- 36. Petri dish filler
- 38. Prima donna
- 42. Artist's tripod
- 45. High tea sandwich
- 49. P rignon's honorific
- 51. Destroy a document (2 words)
- 54. Seize a throne
- 56. City in Japan
- 57. Type of sailing vessel
- 58. Capital of Latvia
- 59. Outback birds
- 60. "Blast from the ___"
- 61. "The ___ of Tammy Faye," movie
- 62. Uncommon
- 63. Went down slippery slope
- 64. Cathode-ray tube
- 66. *Merchant of Venice: "But love is blind, and lovers cannot ___"

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From the Journal Files By Brian McKim 75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, April 17, 1949 to April 23, 1949

Myron E. Hunzeker, a Humboldt graduate attending Peru St. College, was one of 22 chosen by the office of Navy Officer Procurement in Kansas City, Missouri, for Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarships.

Marilyn Slagle spelled 100 seventh-grade words for the only perfect score in the annual written spelling contest for Richardson County grade school pupils.

More than 600 Missouri Pacific employees and their wives were expected in Falls City for a banquet and dance at Prichard Auditorium. The railroad held the big party to recognize the excellent safety records in 1948.

Charles Hunley ran the second-fastest 440 in the state when he ran a 53.4 at a triangular in Nebraska City.

Ray Novak was pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Given Spragins as Service Manager at his shop located at 1424 Harlan St.

At Gates Texaco Service at 14th and Harlan St. you got a free radiator flush and cooling system inspection with every oil change and lubrication.

Chaney's edged Rexall Drug Store by one pin to win the team events championship in the Parish Bowling League tourney. Individuals on the winning team included Glenn Boyd, Dr. J.C. Gullispie, Shari Timothy, and Mary Bolejack.

More than 130 people attended the spring formal dance at the Country Club. The Riley Smith Orchestra of Lincoln provided music. The event included a roast turkey dinner.

An ad read, "For rent, large 3-room furnished apartment with private entrance, \$62.50, utilities paid."

Paul Weinert left for Westmar College at Le Mars, Iowa, after visiting his parents' home over the weekend. Marvin Ketterling of Streeter, North Dakota, spent the weekend at his house guest.

The city council granted John R. Brumfield a building permit for a residence and garage at 1715 Fair Street.

The Army executed a strategic withdrawal from Falls City. Sgt. Jerry Shipman, in charge of the recruiting substation in Falls City, was notified to close the office. The office, which opened in 1947 at the courthouse, had recruited nearly 700 men for the Army and Air Force.

A plaque commemorating Babe Ruth was unveiled during a ceremony at Yankee Stadium in New York.

A delegation from the Falls City Junior Chamber of Commerce represented the group at the state Jaycee convention in Fremont. The group included Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Tom Davies Jr., and Bob Beck.

At the Junior High School, 72 needy Falls City grade schoolers were given their first shots of diphtheria toxoid in connection with a child welfare program being undertaken by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Between 250 and 300 members turned out for an Elks dinner and initiation held in the club rooms at the lodge. The local Elks lodge boasted membership numbers of 390 individuals.

A state-federal crop statistician placed the 1948 Richardson County corn crop at 5,139,500 bushels and valued at \$6,681,350. He also put the wheat crop at 984,750 bushels and worth \$2,058,150.

The Falls City Junior High track team placed fifth at the Nebraska City meet. Keith Oslin was the only FC athlete to win an event, tossing the 8-pound shot 39 feet, 4 inches to grab the blue ribbon.

50 Years Ago, April 17, 1974 to April 23, 1974

Falls City wasn't so different when it came to municipal problems, said Bob Sargent, mayor of Beatrice. He cited the biggest hassle in Beatrice as the salvation of the downtown area.

Mr. and Mrs. David Karst purchased Nixon's Grill at 1507 Harlan St., which would be known as Casey's Grill moving forward.

Steve Kopetzky won second place as Nebraska's representative in the regional portion of the National American Legion oratorical contest at Arvada, Colorado. He was competing against winners from Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

The new Qualityprint building in the 1200 block of Stone Street was constructed using a new type of construction. The walls were 8x10 pre-cast concrete slabs weighing approximately 7,000 pounds. The slabs were welded together and then caked. The walls were erected in a little over a day.

Mike Butler, 26, who played football at Pius X and Nebraska Wesleyan, was hired as the head football and track coach at Falls City High School.

Bud's Package Store, located at the corner of 12th and Harlan, held its grand opening. The business, which Bud Marrs owned, was moved from its former location at 14th and Harlan.

Michelle Coleman, a senior at Falls City High School, was among the top 113 scorers in a field of more than 1,860 Nebraska seniors.

A Phillips Petroleum Co. spokesman predicted that the price of gasoline would reach 75 cents per gallon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Eickhoff and Miss Dora Eickhoff of Falls City were among more than 100 farm people who attended a recent national farm business conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Charles Mason, who lived at 806 Harlan, celebrated his 95th birthday. A dinner was held in his honor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L.R. Dodds.

Linda Lantzy placed third in the Nemaha Valley Soil and Water Conservation district speech contest at Tecumseh.

The Summer Recreation fund drive had received a total of \$6,123 in contributions, closing in on its goal of \$7,500.

Wayne Friedly, publisher of the *Humboldt Standard*, was presented with a plaque at the Nebraska Press Association Convention in Omaha for his past years of service as president of the Nebraska Press Advertising Service.

Colleen Chapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chapp, was named "Nebraska Student Nurse of the Year" at the 25th annual Nebraska State Student Nurses Convention in Omaha.

25 Years Ago, April 17, 1999 to April 23, 1999

Falls City High School inducted 16 new members into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. The new members included Lindsay Zimmerman, Erin Borg, Peter Carter, Jeff Druba, Ben Froeschl, Valerie Kennedy, Jason Palmer, Roberta Thompson, Sarah Baker, Cassie Brandt, Ashely Eickhoff, Andrew Hopp, Devon Kottich, Kristen Marteny, Lisa Palmer, and Sarah Rasmussen.

Steve Kottich, chairman of the Citizens Review Committee, gave the mayor, City Council and citizens an update on its progress and activities concerning upgrading Prichard Auditorium.

Peru State junior Wes Haveman was 3-5 with a 7.86 ERA for the 14-28 Bobcat baseball team.

Advanced tickets for the Tiger Booster Club Athletic Banquet could be bought at Falls City High School or from Hank at Armbruster's for \$7.50.

Peru State Times staff members won four awards in the 1999 Nebraska Press Association Collegiate Newspaper Contest. Debbie Sailors, Time editor, took third place in the Best News Photo category.

Art students Craig West, Meghanne Barker and Ryonee Driver were named Junior Duck Stamp contest winners. Drive placed second and Barker third in the senior division, while West won the junior division.

Jessi Bents and Brian Lemerond were named *Journal* Athletes of the Week. Bents, a sophomore at HTRS, won three gold medals at the MUDECAS track meet, while Lemerond set a meet record in the 3200, running the eight-lap race in 10:02.56.

After meeting with representatives of Richardson County, members of the Nebraska Jail Standards board voted to grant the county an extension regarding jail compliance. Board Chairman Jim Sefried said the extension would give the county time to review the complicated compliance issue with human safety fire codes.

KNOW YOUR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES WARD TWO

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back to the community. The best of Falls City is its people and it is an honor to serve them, whether through volunteering on boards and committees, or as an elected official. Our City Council members serve an important role in maintaining and improving the quality of life in Falls City, and I want to continue to contribute to that effort.

Please describe your previous work in the community and how these experiences qualify you for a position on the council.

Having previously served on the city council, I have an understanding of City government structures and processes. This experience will allow me to begin on day one as an effective member of the council. Additionally, I am a dedicated listener and one of the most important things that any Council member can do, is listen to the citizens. My goal is to represent their interests and needs, as well as helping the city, as a whole, remain a prosperous community.

Give some examples of group decision making you have been involved with and how these experiences could be utilized on the council.

I was on the council during several important decisions for Falls City. These included the Aquatic Center and the F.C. Library and Arts Center, for which I am most proud of. Before I was even on the Council, I had been involved in the fundraising effort for the new library. I feel it is a vital asset, not only for the city, but also for the surrounding community. Furthermore, the wide variety of resources available draws people from far & wide. My hope is that someday, city funds will allow for expanded open hours. I would especially like to see the facility open on Saturday, which is when many people visit Falls City to do research, etc., only to find the library is closed.

Please describe how you would like Falls City to look in the next 5 years.

Falls City is at a critical juncture. The 2020 census showed us another decade of declining population. I would like to see people stay in our city and return here to live. We must remain a vibrant, inclusive community with robust employment opportunities. To remain strong and grow, we must also continue to attract business investments from new companies, as well as retain our existing companies. Our high economic conditions and our standard of living are a plus in our quest to achieve these goals. Being able to manage priorities in the face of limited resources is always a challenge, but with a strong team of city leaders and the participation of our citizens, I know Falls City will be even better five years from now, I have always urged people to attend Council meetings and will continue to encourage them to do so. Council meetings are held twice a month and are open to the public.

What do you feel is the most important issue facing Falls City right now?

Important issues currently facing Falls City include our local infrastructure. This is being dealt with on an ongoing basis. We must continue to have well maintained streets, reliable utilities and sufficient foresight to prevent any possible failures. We need to offer affordable housing and safe living conditions, with ample opportunities for recreation and entertainment. We have excellent parks; a top notch baseball/softball sports facility; a city auditorium-and hopefully, someday a civic center. We have strong schools for the families with children-an important factor in any city, for remaining vital. I believe a strong & effective working relationship between the Mayor, City Council, Chamber of Commerce and our Economic Development Group are all essential in sustaining our current status and future growth.

Why should people vote for you?

Voting is such an important part of our responsibility as citizens. When I vote, whether it be during an election or as a member of the city council-I do my homework. I want to have the confidence that I am making the best decisions for all. Proper skills, abilities, professionalism and commitment are all important qualities to possess. I am not a politician, per se; I am a citizen of Falls City who just wants to do good for our community. I have no personal agenda. I will not make promises I can't keep. I will listen & talk to anyone, in any part of the city. If I don't know an answer to a question-I will say so and try to find it. My experience works for you. I humbly ask that you cast your vote for me in the upcoming election. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Falls City Educational Foundation accepting nominations for outstanding faculty and staff awards

The Outstanding Teacher Award was established in 2013, and the Outstanding Classified Employee Award was established in 2016 to recognize outstanding teaching and service in the Falls City Public Schools.

Falls City Public School honors those who have demonstrated excellence in teaching, collegiality, and contributions in promoting high-quality education in our school district. Please take the time to consider nominating individuals for these awards.

Awards presented include Outstanding Secondary Educator, Outstanding Elementary Educator, and Outstanding Classified Employee. The awards will be presented during the Pre-Service session on August 12th.


Nominations submitted on the appropriate form will be accepted by the Foundation from any patron or employee of the school district. The form is available for download on the home page of the Falls City Public Schools website: <https://www.fctigers.org/documents/district/district-communication-letters/outstanding-educator-award-applications/602225> or picked up at the Central Office.

Nominations are due in the Central Office by June 7, 2024.

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SOCIETY

Stella Community Church Circle Submitted

The Stella Community Church Circle met on March 26, 2024. Co-president Cathy Donahoe and the group sang the birthday song to Penny States. The meeting was then opened with Pastor John States giving a prayer. President Donahoe's devotion was regarding Good Friday thoughts from Isaiah. Everyone sang "I Would be True". Roll was called by Secretary Elizabeth Ketner. Nine members answered with a verse on honesty, and also donating a canned good for the county food pantry.

Mrs. Ketner read the minutes of the February 27, 2024 meeting. They were approved as read.

Donna Monnette gave the treasurer's report for the Easter lilies. Mrs. Ketner had a bill for a new flag for the church's basement. Carolyn Bredemeier made a motion to allow her bill, and it was seconded by Vicki Beilke. All voted Aye. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Some money was received from the Mason family after the funeral. It was deposited in the Memorial Fund.

There was a discussion on the food pantry collection. Mrs. Donahoe thought it could be donated to Falls City and Humboldt alternatively. The Assembly of God Church in Falls City distributes food weekly. Mrs. Monnette made a motion that Circle's food items be given alternately to either Falls City or Humboldt. Mrs. Ketner seconded the motion and all

voted Aye.

Fellowship Day has been set for April 28th, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Bredemeier spoke to Pastor Gfeller and she will present a program. A possible theme right now is- "Bloom Where You Are Planted". The table decoration will be flowers from the Stella arboretum. The banquet committee is in charge of the food. Those attending will need to tell the committee if they will be bringing guests.

The faucet for the upstairs bathroom was shown and it was determined it will be perfect to fill buckets with. Mrs. States made a motion to buy the faucet and Mrs. Kelsay seconded the motion. Mrs. Beilke made the motion to allow the bill (to Mrs. Donahoe) and Mrs. States seconded it. All voted Aye.

The proposed change in meeting dates was discussed. Circle's year will begin in September as usual, run through December, hold no meetings in January and February, begin again in March and go through June. And no meetings in July and August as usual. Mrs. Kelsay made the motion to that effect, and it was seconded by Mrs. States. All voted Aye.

Mrs. Ketner said she had thought the new flag would have relaxed its wrinkles, and Mrs. States said she would steam them out. The old flag will be properly retired.

Mrs. Bredemeier said she had been asked about providing 3-4 dozen sweet rolls for the after-Sunrise Service breakfast in Shubert. She said she agreed.



JH QUIZ BOWL-Falls City Sacred Heart hosted the 2024 Junior High Richardson County Quiz Bowl on Monday, March 25. It was a friendly pool play competition where every team competed well. One of the Falls City Middle School teams placed first and the HTRS team placed second.

The first place team for Falls City, pictured above, L-R: Elijah Leyden, Brandon Feighner, Kenley Alexander, Carter Rumbaugh, and Camden Jean.

The second place team for HTRS pictured below, L-R: Liam Hilgenfeld, Dee Goodlander, Izzy Standerford, PJ Howe, Ty Dunekacke, and Jack Hilgenfeld.



Missouri Western names Kukur to Fall 2023 Dean's List

Missouri Western named 475 students to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester of 2023.

Eliza Kukur of Falls City was named to the list.

Students who carried 12 or more hours of graded credit and earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better qualify for the honor.

Missouri Western names Littrel to Fall 2023 President's List

Missouri Western named 354 students to the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester of 2023.

Madison Littrel of Falls City was named to the list.

Students who carried 12 or more hours of graded credit and earned a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the honor.

NDOT seeks creative safety messages

"Don't Fly Through Nebraska, Slow Down." The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) invites you to contribute clever and insightful "Friday Safety Messages" for display on electronic message boards along Nebraska's Interstate and other major highways. These messages will be featured every Friday, and the more creative, the better.

Perhaps you've caught a glimpse of some of these messages over the past few years, including "Save

The Madness For The Court, Drive Safe," in reference to the NCAA Basketball Tournament,

or a St. Patrick's Day reminder to "Hold On To Your Pot O' Gold, Drive Sober." Many of these short safety snippets have ties to holidays or special events, such as the Olympics, current events, back-to-school or sports.

After a successful launch in 2017, the NDOT, in partnership with the Nebraska State Patrol, wants to continue that effort, reaching out to the public for witty, creative messages to display on Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) across the state. A new safety message will be posted every Friday, for 24 hours from 12:00 a.m. Friday to 12:00 a.m. Saturday, on overhead DMS along I-80 and I-29, reminding motorists to consider all aspects of driving and safety.

Submissions for safety-oriented messages will be accepted from April 1 to April 30. Contributors are encouraged to focus on safe driving topics, incorporating tie-ins with holidays and upcoming events throughout the summer and early fall of 2024. Messages should consist of three lines, with a maximum of 18 characters per line (including spaces). These will be evaluated to conform to regulations and edited for clarity.

For more information, visit ndot.info/FSM. To submit a message, visit ndot.info/submit-a-FSM.

Don't delay. Send your Friday Safety Messages today, and remember: "Don't Fumble Your Life Away, Buckle Up!"

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

April 3 to April 4, 2024 calls: not received.

April 4 to April 5, 2024 calls: four miscellaneous, one motorist assist, five burn permits, one domestic disturbance, three ambulance/EMS, one animal call, one theft, one referred to another agency, one information only, one investigation, one 911 call, one dog and cat nuisance, two violate protection order, one escape when under arrest on felony charge, one obstruct a peace officer, one resist arrest second/subsequent offense, one possess or use drug paraphernalia.

April 5 to April 6, 2024 calls: two suspicious subject or vehicle, one investigation three burn permits, one motorist assist, four miscellaneous, two nuisances, two information only, one HHS intake/referral, two thefts, one vandalism, one assault, one animal call, one ambulance/EMS, one 911 call, one citation for speed, one citation for plates not clear and visible, one citation for fail to use turn signal, two citations for violate harassment protection order, one citation for escape when under arrest for felony, one citation for obstruct peace officer, one citation for resist arrest second offense, one citation for possess drug paraphernalia, one warning for speed.

April 6 to April 7, 2024 calls: two 911 hang up/misdials, one miscellaneous, one vandalism, three ambulance/EMS, one fire call, three 911 calls, two citations for invalid registration, one citation for speed, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

April 7 to April 8, 2024 calls: one referred to other agency, one accident, two 911 hang up/misdials, one ambulance/EMS, two animal calls, one motorist assist, one suspicious subject or vehicle, one domestic disturbance, one HHS intake/referral, one fire call (Falls City Rural Fire), three 911 calls, one citation for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for no license on person, one fail to use seatbelt, one warning for invalid registration.

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- WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- WHEREAS, trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and
- WHEREAS, Falls City has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mark Harkendorff, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 26, 2024 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY AND TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR TREES AND WOODLANDS, AND

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

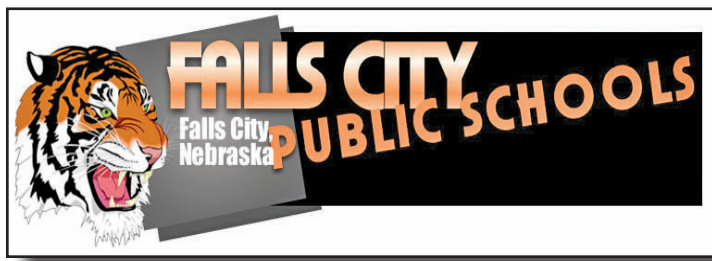
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FCPS Superintendent's District Update

By Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Nebraska State Speech Qualifier Gunner Lippold - Demonstrating his talent for public speaking, Gunner Lippold earned a selection in the NSAA State Speech Championships 2024 Class C1 Oral Interpretation, Oral Interpretation Humorous Prose in March 2024. Lippold's qualification for the Nebraska State Speech Championships is a credit to his hard work and persistence, having shown dedication and talent. In addition to highlighting Lippold's individual accomplishment, and his trip to the State Championships, he also performed his humorous speech for the BOE and audience.

Education Committee has advanced LB 1331 - The Legislature advanced LB1331 Wednesday intended to drive down property taxes by doubling the amount of state aid going to schools, boosting foundation aid from \$1,500 per student to \$3,000. The end result would be more state aid to public schools but not a new investment in education. With the increase in foundation aid allocated per student, it is not responsive to the differing needs of students and districts. The bill's advancement cannot pass without a companion bill to raise state revenue. The amendment to fund LB388 would have increased the state sales and other taxes and imposed additional property tax revenue caps on city and county governments. Lawmakers did however advance LB388 without the amendment. Because of revenue caps on schools, the resulting increase in state aid would drive down school property taxes.

The Legislature's agenda for Day 57, Tuesday, April 9th, includes a host of second-round measures, including two education-related package bills (LBs 1329 and 1284). It also includes a revisit on the issue of public funds for private schools (LB 1402). LB 1329 includes changes relating to (i) handguns and firearms in school environments; (ii) classification of school districts (iii) excessive absenteeism, (iv) the enrollment option program, (v) educational certificates, permits, and endorsements, (vi) grants relating to school mapping data, (vii) debt collection activities, and (viii) the use of maps for schools. LB 1284 includes changes to (i) teacher incentive programs, (ii) a pilot program to distribute menstrual products in schools, (iii) a Dyslexia Research Grant Program, (iv) a professional learning system relating to instruction in reading, (v) a statewide computer science education expansion program, (vi) provisions relating to school psychologists, and (vii) certain scholarship programs.

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) 2320 Negotiations; 2) 4266 Data Breach Response; 3) 4281 Strength and Conditioning Facility Usage After Regular School Hours; 4) 4290 Activities Program; 5) 7120 Dispensation of Medicine.

2. Approved Resignation Effective at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year: 1) Caitlin Shafer, Elementary Teacher.

3. Approved the Certified Employment Contracts for 2024-2025: 1) Ashleigh Eickhoff, Secondary School Counselor; 2) Kylie Whitney, Special Education Coordinator; 3) Emma Shubert, Elementary Special Education Teacher.

4. Approved the K-12 Math Curriculum Purchase for enVision Math K-5 and HMH Math 6th grade through Algebra II.

5. Approved the Technology Replacement Proposal.

6. Approved Facility Improvement Projects for 2024.

7. Approved a 25 cent Increase for School Meals in 2024-2025.

8. Authorized the Superintendent to renew a \$500,000 Special Building Fund CD.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for May 13, 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.

District policy is that no person shall be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Aitken named to American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State

The American Legion Post 102 is pleased to announce that Thomas Aitken, a junior at Falls City, NE Sacred Heart, was generously sponsored by Falls City Post 102 and will join nearly 270 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State Program, June 2 - 8, 2024, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus. The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county, and state governments operate.

American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, take part in band and chorus, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied

activities as part of the citizenship training program.

Special lectures and addresses will be delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders throughout Nebraska. Invitations have been sent to the Governor and Secretary of State offices for special appearances at this year's program. National acclaimed motivational speakers are also scheduled to address the entire group.

The American Legion is dedicated to the motto of "Veterans Strengthening America." Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Legionnaires in more than 12,500 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Ethan Pruitt named a 2024 Shepherd Scholar at Emporia State University

Ethan Pruitt of Hiawatha, Kansas, is one of 12 recipients for 2024 were honored Thursday, April 4, in the Shepherd Scholars Recognition Ceremony and Reception at the Sauder Alumni Center's Butcher-Boertman Hall on the ESU campus. This year's scholarship winners feature nine native Kansans, including four students from Emporia, and three international students.

Pruitt is a junior majoring in Psychology with a minor in mathematics.

Augusta (BSB 44-Business Administration) and Hershel Shepherd began the Shepherd Scholars program in 1994 through a shared desire to give students encouragement in their educational journeys and reward their exemplary dedication to their academic work. Over the years, the family continued to grow the scholarships. Even after their passing, Augusta and Hershel's children - Jim Shepherd, Joyce French and her late husband Craig, and Judy Hawkins and her husband David - have continued to contribute generously to the Shepherd Scholars Fund.

"Giving these students the wherewithal to help them stay in school has been part of the guiding light behind us," Joyce French said. "The joy for us is to see the professors talk about the students and help the school graduate amazing citizens and people."

As one of the university's premier scholarship programs, the Shepherd University Scholarship carries stringent eligibility requirements: students must be Emporia State juniors who have completed at least 60 credit hours of coursework, carry a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0, and have at least two semesters' worth of coursework remaining

before graduation. Recipients are selected by a committee of ESU's Roe R. Cross Distinguished Faculty, which reviews all applications and reference letters.

"Through the years, I have seen Shepherd Scholarship winners, and others who have graduated from ESU, that professors have given trajectories that change those kids' worlds," she said. "That's one of the things I love about the professors introducing the students (during the ceremony). The university has done an amazing job of presenting these scholarships," said French.

Peru State College students serve as tutors for the Nebraska SMART tutoring program

Ten Peru State College students are currently serving as tutors for the Nebraska SMART (Success Made Accessible Through Rural Tutoring) tutoring program through the Nebraska State College System.

Nebraska SMART is a free virtual tutoring program for students in grades K-12 in Nebraska Educational Service Units 1, 4, and 13. Teacher education candidates from Peru State, Chadron State, and Wayne State remotely tutor students from ESUs 1, 4, and 13 through an online tutoring platform. The program is administered across the Nebraska State College System and supports students' homework needs in the areas of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies for all students in grades K-12.

Tutoring is offered from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the Spring 2024 semester through May 3 and will resume availability in the fall semester.

Tutors at Peru State College are full-time students in the teacher education program who have undergone background checks and specific training in methods courses.

The Nebraska Department of Education has recently granted funds to the Nebraska State College System to develop a program that offers tutoring services to K-12 students in Educational Service Units 1, 4, and 13. Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State College will each have up to 10 tutors and a faculty coordinator to oversee the program.

Nebraska SMART Director, Julie Dickerson (Crete, NE)

Peru State Liaison, Dr. Gina Bittner (Dawson, NE) and Rachel Wertemberger (Sabetha, KS).

Also, Addison Schneider (Humphrey, NE); Al-

lie Schneider (Humphrey, NE); Savannah Engelken (Seneca, KS); Layla McIntyre (Papillion, NE); Shawn Shackelford (Omaha, NE); Jordan Alves (Omaha, NE); Sidney Johansen (Powhattan, KS); Kylee Fischer (Bellevue, NE) and Taylor Hendricks (Omaha, NE).

Director: Julie Dickerson, Peru State Liaison: Dr. Gina Bittner, Professor - School of Education.

Students in Nebraska, from Kindergarten to 12th grade, who are under Educational Service Units 1, 4, and 13, can get online tutoring for free. The tutoring is provided by qualified tutors in specific subject areas. Students can either schedule an appointment with a tutor or log in to connect with the next available tutor in the queue. To get help, students should provide their homework or specify the topics they want to cover.

To receive tutoring services for their children, parents must first register them. Once registered, students or their parents can schedule a tutoring session at least 24 hours in advance. Additionally, students can join on-demand tutoring to be connected with the next available tutor.

Parents can register their student(s) at <https://nebraskasmart.tutorwithpearl.com/self-onboarding>. Students can connect with the next available tutor at <https://nebraskasmart.tutorwithpearl.com> and schedule a tutoring session at <https://nebraskasmart.tutorwithpearl.com>.

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

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DISTRICT COURT

Scott J. Bachman Sr., count one, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation for term of 30 months, jail term of six days, credit for time served, jail term for 25 days with start date of 11/25/2025, jail for term of 25 days with start date of 5/05/26; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Lucifer J. Jones, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes custody of the department of corrections for term of 20 months, credit for 85 days served; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Lucifer J. Jones, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, amended to theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes custody of department of corrections for term of 20 months; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Marchelle L. Prayliou, count one, possess firearm by prohibited person-first, amended to attempt of a class 1/1A/1B/1C/1D felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for minimum of 250 days and maximum of 251 days; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Joshua L. Carpenter, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr near school-first, amended to del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for minimum of six months and maximum of six years; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count five, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count six, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count seven, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count eight, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Joshua L. Carpenter, count one, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for minimum of six months and maximum of six years; count three, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count five, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count six, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count seven, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count eight, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Matthew T. Nix, count one, sex offender reg act violation, plead not guilty; count two, sex offender reg act violation, plead not guilty; count three, sex offender reg act violation, plead not guilty; count four, sex offender reg act violation, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Jeremy S. Carson, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count three, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count four, drive without ignition interlock, plead not guilty; count five, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead not guilty; count six, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead not guilty; count seven, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead not guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Aidan M. Davis, count one, possess controlled subs amended to attempt of a Class four felony, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Rachel A. Carter, count one, possess controlled subs, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count five, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count six, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count seven, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count eight, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count nine, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count ten, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count 11, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Sentencing scheduled for April 16, 2024.

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

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

Dellshawn E. Evans, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos control subs-sch 1,2,3, plead not guilty; count two, possess marijuana over 1 oz or 1 pound, plead not guilty; count three, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not

guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Pretrial scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Rylee J. Ralston, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Sara L. Nunez, count one, refuse to submit to test-third offense, plead not guilty; count two, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count three, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count four, refuse to submit to pretest, plead not guilty; count five, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Anastasia R. Schulenberg, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 16, 2024.

COUNTY COURT

Jordon D. McDonald, count one, no proof of insurance, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes bond forfeiture of \$85. Count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, possess or obtain legend drugs, plead guilty, found guilty; count four, possess or obtain legend drugs, plead guilty, found guilty; count five, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty.

Sommer D. Bullard, count one, dom asst-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to 45 days in jail, credit for six days served.

Andrew B. Hazen, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$1,500-4,999, amended to theft-rcv stolen prop \$501-1,499, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 29 days, credit for 22 days served; count two, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for term of 60 days.

Colton Seydel, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, speeding 11-15 mph, plead

no contest, found guilty.

James L. Sarver, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Kyle A. Hague, count one, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count two, assault-threaten/men mann/ mutual consent, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for term of 21 days, credit for 18 days served.

Josef A. Shiller, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for term of 30 days, credit for 23 days served; count two, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$300; count three, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Tyler J. Eaton, count one, drive during revocation/impound-2nd/3rd, amended to drive under susp/before reinstated, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.

William M. Carter, count one, DUI-.15+, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, jail for term of two days, credit for one day served, probation for term of 12 months, drug testing fee of \$60, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$300, license revoked for term of one year, interlock device; count two, amended to count dropped/dissmised.

Colby L. Elms, count one, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count two, criminal trespass-second degree/ device, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.

Taylor A. Rogers, count one, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-second, amended to possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300.

Kenneth Mills, count one, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Jerome J. Savoy, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count

two, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count three, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count four, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count five, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count six, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count seven, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count eight, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count nine, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count ten, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count 11, theft/shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty; count 12, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 8, 2024.

Colby L. Elms, count one, unlicensed animal, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, animal running at large, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Michelle L. Dodge, count one, possess fake ins. Policy/certificate/etc, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, forgery-second degree/\$0-500, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Travis L. Kephart, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and licensed revoked for one year; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Carly Jessepe, count one, parking: maximum time limit, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$10.

CITATIONS

Mahul Kumar Patel of Edmond, OK, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Novak)

Darlington Weimor of Hurst, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Sara Ross of St. Joseph, MO, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Wissman)

Richard Gamino of Bel-leair, FL, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

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Falls City pitcher Brock Niedfeldt delivers a strike against Omaha South at SNC Field.

The Tigers' rough stretch continues

The Falls City baseball team hit the road on Monday, April 8, 2024, crossing the Missouri River to take on West Nodaway High School in Burlington Junction, Missouri. The Tigers were hoping to stop a two-game skid. However, the Rockets had other things in mind. The now 3-1 Rockets scored eight runs in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back as they cruised to a shut-out win, 0-16.

FC threatened in the first, putting a pair of runners on base with only one out. However, a pop-out and ground-out stranded the runners on the paths. Kadyne Strecker laced a single up the middle in the second but was stranded at second after a pair of strikeouts and a flyout. The Tigers had something cooking again in the third. Bauer drew a walk and Zimmerman

singled to center with just one out. A sac bunt by Niedfeldt and a flyout by Mason Collier ended the inning with no runs.

FC had runners in every inning but couldn't find a way to break into the scoring column as they fell by 16 runs in four innings of action.

Zimmerman and Streckler each had two hits for the FC offense and Bauer drew a pair of walks. Jaiden Willman took the loss, surrendering eight runs on three hits and six walks in just one inning.

The Tiger JV came up just short on Monday, falling to the Rockets 6-7 in three innings. Niedfeldt went 1-1 with a RBI and a triple. Ty Karpinski added the only other Tiger hit. Dayton Sneath surrendered five hits and seven runs (three earned) in two innings of work on the mound. The loss dropped the FC JV to 1-5.

On Tuesday night at SNC Field, the Tigers dropped both ends of a doubleheader, falling to Omaha South 5-16 in game one and 2-5 in the nightcap.

The Packers sent 12 batters to the plate in the first inning and took a commanding 8-0 lead and never looked back. Bauer went 2-3 with a double and Brock Niedfeldt went 1-1 with a double. Collier finished the game 1-2 with two RBI. Niedfeldt took the loss, allowing ten hits and 16 runs over 2 2/3 innings.

In the nightcap, Falls City tied the game at 1-1 in the second when Collier doubled home Streckler. After falling behind 2-1 in the third, Cattrell smacked a double and scored on an error by the catcher to make it 2-2. Unfortunately, South scored one in the fifth and two more in the seventh

to secure the win.

Collier and Cattrell each doubled and Zimmerman and Willman singled for the Tigers. Cattrell took the loss, scattering three hits and three runs over six innings.

The Tigers closed out a busy week on Thursday with a doubleheader against the Bulldogs in Auburn. The home team took both ends of the affair, winning game one 9-4 and game two 7-1.

In game one, Willman scored on a single by Zimmerman to tie the game at 1-1 in the third. A ground out by Bowdy Jones scored Cattrell to make it 2-1 and a single by Bauer brought Zimmerman home to put FC in front 3-1. Auburn scored the subsequent eight runs to retake the lead, 9-3 and held on for the 9-4 win.

Bauer and Niedfeldt each had a pair of hits and Jones drove in two runs for the Tigers. Bauer took the loss on the hill, scattering four hits and five runs (two earned) over four innings.

In game two of the twin bill, FC trailed the entire game. Auburn plated single runs in the first and third innings to make it 2-0. In the fourth, Streckler drew a one-out walk and Collier reached on an error. After a strikeout, Willman was plunked on a 1-0 pitch to load the bases. Streckler then scored on a fielder's choice by Cattrell to cut the lead in half at 1-2. The Bulldogs added four runs in their half of the fifth and an insurance run in the sixth to make the final score 1-7.

Jones and Streckler each had a base hit to lead Falls City. Zimmerman took the loss, allowing six runs (five earned) over 4 2/3 innings of work.

The loss dropped FC to 2-11 for the year, while Auburn improved to 4-8.

The Tigers hosted East Atchison on Tuesday, April 16, and played at Hiawatha on Thursday and Raymond Central on Saturday.

Irish boys place second at Lewiston Invite

The Sacred Heart Irish track teams were in Pawnee City on Tuesday, April 9, for the Lewiston High School Track Invitational. The Irish boys came close to a team championship, falling to Freeman by one point, 95 to 94. Sacred Heart scored 43 points on the girls' side and placed fourth. Johnson-Brock ran away with the team title by scoring 143 points, 59 points ahead of second-place Freeman.

James Froeschl scored eight points in the 400m dash, placing second in 54.77. SH picked up 12 points in the 1600m run, with Alex Madsen (5:00.65) placing second and Brenden Lemerond (5:11.67) placing fourth. Madsen scored six more

points in the 3200m run, placing third in 10:51.77. The Irish scored a trio of medals in the 110m hurdles, with Joe Simon placing second (16.25), Rob Froeschl was third (17.15), and Elijah Canonico was sixth (18.47). SH earned three more medals in the 300m hurdles, with James Froeschl winning the gold (45.14), Rob Froeschl placed third (46.54), and Canonico was fourth (46.55). The 4x100m relay team of Jack Stice, Kayden Groth, Rob Froeschl and Simon ran a 47.55 for fifth, while the 4x400m team of Stice, Canonico, Simon and James Froeschl won the gold in 3:46.58. Sacred Heart's 4x800m team of Lemerond, Cole Taft, Madsen and Stice ran a 9:18.25 for third. The final points of the day came in the pole vault. SH's James Froeschl cleared 11-06 for second, Canonico went 11-00 for third and Lemerond placed sixth at 9-06.

Jentry Lechtenberg placed second in the 400m dash for the Lady Irish, covering the lap in 64.01. Alise Reschke scored a point in the 800m run, placing sixth in 2:44.32.

Sophomore Avery Santo scored a pair of medals in the distance events, placing fourth in the 1600m (6:18.56) and third in the 3200m (14:16.53). Dorothy Crouse placed sixth in the 100m hurdles, crossing the tape at 19.69. The 4x100 relay team of Emily Tubbs, Daycee Witt, Crouse and Destry Groth ran a 56.72 for sixth place. The 4x800 team scored four points, placing fourth in 11:48.72. Team members included Witt, Tubbs, Reschke and Emersyn Courtney. Courtney scored more points in the high jump, clearing 4-02 for fifth. In the pole vault, Brookelyn Bebermeyer went 7-00 for fifth and Lechtenberg leaped 13-10 in the long jump for sixth. Lechtenberg secured a third-place medal in the triple jump, jumping 30-08 for third. Hallie Jones scored six points in the shot put, placing third at 30-09.50 and one more in the discus, placing sixth at 88-04.

Sacred Heart hosted the Irish Invite on Tuesday, April 16, at Syracuse and will be at JCC on Saturday, April 20, for the MU-DECAS Meet.

Tiger athletes compete at Scott Nisely Invite

The Falls City track teams battled the wind at Syracuse on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Falls City can't seem to buy a day with warm weather and little to no wind. After having the last meet canceled due to weather, FC had to deal with 30 mph winds on Thursday. The Tiger girls scored 18 points to place ninth, while the boys finished with eight. The Syracuse Rockets won the girl's title with 113.40 points, Norris was second with 100, and Crete was third with 72.40. On the boys' side, Norris won the meet with 217 points, Beatrice was second with 84 and Syracuse was third with 69.

Jennifer Sweeney provided ten of the girls 18 points, winning the silver in the 3200m (14:23.25) and placing fifth in the 1600m (6:27.07). The Tiger 4x100m relay team of Ashleigh Kirkendall, Taylor Kreifels, Paige Young and Addi Miller scored two points and

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Seventeen horses owned by a Nebraska vet died. Neighbors want to know: Why is no one paying?

By *Destiny Herbers*
Flatwater Free Press

Shelby kept her head low, hanging toward the back of the pen as potential buyers stopped to admire her.

"Oh she's a pretty one. Which papers are hers?" an auctioneer asked at the Palmyra auction house on March 12.

Shelby's an impressive horse. She's got a thick body, golden coat and a stark blond mane.

But only a few months ago, her coat was dull and her hip bones protruded. Her skin pulled tight over her ribs.

Shelby is one of a few dozen horses who narrowly survived severe malnourishment while in the care of a southeast Nebraska veterinarian. She was seized by the Gage County Sheriff and moved to a Crete animal rescue after an estimated 17 horses owned by the vet died.

As Shelby regained weight, the animal neglect case stalled in the district court, frustrating local investigators, infuriating animal welfare advocates and driving Gage County residents to begin circulating a petition to recall the longtime county attorney.

In March, the 13-year-old horse sold for thousands – as did 36 other surviving horses – when she was auctioned off.

Despite the deaths, the two clinics owned by the veterinarian remain open. The state renewed Jennafer Glaesemann's veterinary license on April 1.

And when Shelby and the 36 others were auctioned off, most of the proceeds didn't go to the county, the animal rescue that nursed them back to health or to their continuing care.

Instead, the vet walked away with \$113,000.

How did we get here? Glaesemann bought Shelby in early 2022. She seemed a key addition to Glaesemann's breeding program, Blue Valley Quarter Horses.

Glaesemann, a licensed veterinarian in Nebraska, owns two clinics, Blue Valley Veterinary Clinic in Beatrice, where she operated her breeding business, and Pickrell Veterinary Clinic.

Her family's been in the area for generations. She grew up on her parents' farm in Fairbury.

And she's cared for southeast Nebraska animals since 2011, operating a vet practice that attracted attention long before the animal neglect case.

In 2015, Nebraska's attorney general determined that Glaesemann did not meet the standard of care when performing surgery on two separate animals. One died. The other needed a second surgery from another vet. The state eventually placed Glaesemann on a year-long disciplinary probation ending in June 2019.

After her probation, Glaesemann began to quickly grow her collection of breeding horses. When she bought Shelby in 2022, she was already pregnant with a pedigreed foal. Around the same time, Glaesemann stopped paying property taxes on two Gage County parcels. One of the properties was put up for a tax sale due to the delinquent taxes.

The next summer, the Gage County Sheriff's Office started to get concerning calls.

People reported seeing skinny horses. Some of them were laying down, unmoving.

Between June and August, the department investigated 12 reports of animal neglect at Glaesemann's veterinary clinics, police records show.

Around that time, Gage County was preparing the fairgrounds, which adjoin Glaesemann's Beatrice clinic, for the county fair. Workers and locals complained of a foul smell and an "ungodly" amount of flies.

Police went to investigate, and found approximately 11 rotting horse carcasses dumped together in one of Glaesemann's fields. With her cooperation, they hired a local

excavation company to dig a large trench and bury the horses before the fair.

By mid-August, police estimated a total of 17 horses had died on the veterinarian's property. The department executed another search warrant to seize the remaining animals.

Immediately after the seizure, the American Quarter Horse Association revoked Glaesemann's membership and her breeding business's registration.

"The reports of inhumane treatment, neglect, condition and deaths of horses involved in this case are deeply concerning to AQHA," spokeswoman Kyla Jones said in a statement. Glaesemann declined to be interviewed for this story.

Sheriff Millard Gustafson was also concerned by what he and his deputies found. In an interview, he said they occasionally saw bales of hay and buckets of water near the horses, but there wasn't enough space or grass for grazing.

In the complaint, C.J. Fell, a livestock investigator for the Nebraska Brand Committee, assessed the living horses and found most to be extremely emaciated, with bones prominently visible.

Glaesemann told police that she had lost employees and assistance, court records show, and that she was "basically the sole provider of care for the horses."

Police cited Glaesemann for 39 misdemeanor animal neglect charges and took the remaining horses, after seizing that number of horses from her clinics and other properties, Gustafson said.

"My priority was to get the animals away from Glaesemann's possession, and we did," Gage County Attorney Roger Harris said.

Stalled out After authorities seized the horses, they took them to Epona Horse Rescue in Crete.

Ideally, livestock seizures operate on a tight timeline, said David Rosengard of the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Nebraska law says the dispersal hearing should be held "as soon as practicable" to place animals in permanent homes immediately.

The Gage County Sheriff's Office seized Glaesemann's living horses on Aug. 17, and the hearing was scheduled on Sept. 5.

Glaesemann filed a motion that delayed the hearing for a month.

Then came more motions, and more delays.

The seized horses sat in limbo at Epona.

"It should've never took that long. But that's not in my neck of the woods," said Gustafson, Gage County's sheriff. "That's the county attorney, he's the one that makes those decisions, about how they're gonna do it and let it drag on. So that's on him and what he wants to do with it."

Why did they die? Harris ultimately decided against filing criminal charges against Glaesemann.

He told the Flatwater Free Press he decided not to press charges in part because some horses tested positive for equine parvovirus, so animal abuse could not be proved beyond reasonable doubt.

Of the 39 living horses, five tested positive for equine parvovirus antibodies, said Lin Guyton, owner of the rescue, meaning they were infected at some point.

Because equine parvovirus was discovered in 2018, experts are still researching the disease, and sometimes have conflicting opinions, Harris said. The county attorney's office consulted with veterinary schools and local animal husbandry experts to learn about the virus.

But parvovirus is fairly common, said Mason Jager, a veterinary pathologist who searches the virus at Cornell University. The vast majority

are asymptomatic or mildly ill for a few days.

Very rarely, a horse can develop a fatal infection, which causes a rapid death from liver failure.

Weight loss is not considered a symptom of equine parvovirus, Jager said, because the disease is short-term.

The Gage County horses were all underweight, investigation records show, including horses that never tested positive for parvovirus.

After the horses were taken to the rescue, their conditions improved quickly with access to food, water, salt and minerals, Guyton said.

Two of the horses that died were necropsied at a University of Nebraska-Lincoln lab. The veterinarian who reviewed the results determined that they died of "prolonged poor nutrition" from neglect, court documents said.

Harris said that those same two necropsies showed liver failure, which led him to believe parvovirus could have killed them.

Harris didn't file charges because he felt there could be doubt that the vet abused the horses, he said. He didn't want to move on the civil case until he reached that decision.

"They want my office to criminally prosecute somebody when it wasn't justified by the facts. I'm not gonna do it, never have and never will," Harris told the Flatwater Free Press.

A community strained Guyton's rescue herd nearly doubled in size with the addition of the Gage County horses. It was a strain on her resources, she said, forcing her to rely heavily on volunteers and donations from the community.

As spring drew near, the donation money – some \$75,000 raised – ran dry.

The situation reached a fever-pitch at the end of February. Guyton began billing the county directly for the horses' care, \$7,728 in January and another \$16,095 the next month.

Shortly after she sent the county the first bill that wasn't covered by donations, the county attorney scheduled an auction for March 2.

Guyton had attempted to buy the horses outright, offering the county attorney's office up to \$30,000 plus waiving February's bill.

Harris never responded.

"My situation is if we're forced to sell some animals like that, we're going to go to a public auction ... everyone's gonna have a chance at it" Harris said.

The auction was ultimately canceled.

Over the next two weeks, Harris reached a deal with Glaesemann. The county would auction the horses, for real this time, on March 12, and she would turn over their registration papers.

As part of that deal, Glaesemann is not allowed to own horses in Gage County for two years. In exchange, Harris will not press criminal charges related to the estimated 17 horses that died or the 39 horses seized.

Residents of Gage County have expressed their frustration with the lack of criminal charges across social media, in-person protests and an email campaign. People have made personal accusations against Harris on Facebook and over the phone, he said, accusing him of having connections to Glaesemann.

He said he'd never met Glaesemann before the case, and had never used her veterinary services.

"I don't care whose names are on the reports as far as accused of crimes, I'll pursue it no matter who it is," Harris said.

Kerri Barnard Jones, a longtime Gage County resident and horse owner, filed a petition to recall Harris from his position as county attorney in the weeks following the auction.

Two years ago, Jones called in a report to Gage County police after she saw "super malnourished" horses on Glaesemann's property near the Kansas border, she said.

For Jones, Harris' refusal to file criminal charges against Glaesemann was the final straw.

"He's made Gage County the laughingstock of Nebraska," Jones said. "It's just embarrassing."

The petition is circulating

now. Jones will have to gather signatures from around 2,300 registered Gage County voters over the coming weeks.

Other community members have focused their attention on Glaesemann.

Jim Luers, a former prosecutor for neighboring Lancaster County, filed an official complaint with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services concerning Glaesemann's veterinary license and the horses.

DHHS spokesman Allan Ullis said the department "isn't allowed to provide any information surrounding a complaint or ongoing investigation."

That department renewed Glaesemann's license on April 1. Glaesemann is still a practicing veterinarian, and both her clinics have remained open throughout the case.

An auction, at last

On March 12, the stands at the Palmyra Livestock Market filled with people: Prospective buyers, spectators, TV reporters and a contingent of green-shirted Epona rescue volunteers, determined to help the rescue buy as many of the horses as possible.

Bidding proved fierce. "These horses are going for ridiculous prices," Guyton muttered to a rescue volunteer, dismayed because they were worth more after six months of rehabilitation at her rescue.

Most of the horses sold for \$4,500 or more. Three went for \$13,000 each. At a previous Palmyra Livestock Market sale, horses sold for between \$475 and \$3,900.

By auction's end, Guyton and her volunteers had bought about 19 of the Gage County horses, including Shelby. She estimated they spent more than \$100,000.

In total, auction-goers spent around \$185,000 on the horses.

Nebraska law requires the proceeds to go toward sale expenses, any unpaid costs of care and payments, and then go to anyone who has a lien on the animals.

After that, the leftover money goes to the animals' owner.

That's how Glaesemann received \$113,128.75 after the unpaid care bill and her unpaid property taxes and other debts and collections were deducted.

Epona Horse Rescue will not be reimbursed for costs covered by donations.

Gage County should've billed Glaesemann for every month of care, whether or not they were covered by donations, Guyton said. She didn't know when they were collecting donations that it would end up this way.

"People are pissed off on a whole new level," Guyton said.

Harris pushed back against donors who are now angry about the payout Glaesemann received. It's due process for civil forfeiture, he said. Donors should have considered where the money was going to go.

"You take somebody's property in this country, there's an accounting that has to happen," Harris said. "You got some people that don't believe that with this case. I scratch my head on that ... I didn't realize Gage County had crossed over into China or something."

Most of the surviving horses at the center of this case will now be adopted out to new homes through the horse rescue. That includes Shelby. She's doing well now, and Guyton is looking for a trustworthy and loving permanent home for her, she said.

Two of the horses that the rescue didn't manage to buy, a heavily pregnant mare and young stallion, are now living at a farm in Fairbury, visible from the road.

Kerri Barnard Jones, who is leading the push to recall Harris, drove by to see them after the auction. She knows the owner of the property: Glaesemann's mother.

Glaesemann is prohibited from owning horses in Gage County for two years. But her parents' property is in Jefferson County.

"There's a lot of people in this part of the country that are not going to let this go. Because this is horrific," Guyton said. "Somebody has to care. There has got to be some justice for these horses."

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Tiger athletes compete at Invite

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placed fifth in 56.39. The 4x100.25 field relay team covered the lap in 1:05.98 for fourth and the 4x400 team of Ella Glathar, Ava Armbruster, Paige Young and Kreifels ran a 4:47.46 for fourth place.

Daniel Hollens earned a medal in the 100m dash for the men, breaking the tape in 11.49 for fourth. The Tigers earned another medal in the 400m dash when Isaac Frederick placed fifth in 54.63. The 4x100m relay team of Frederick, Keifer Adams, Wyatt Kreifels and Hollens placed sixth in 48.71. The final points for Falls City came in the 4x800m relay. Ryker McCullough, Lathan Richey, Hayden Findlay and Dustin Stillen covered the two miles in 10:49.62 for sixth place.

Falls City will be in action again on Thursday, April 18, in Louisville and again on Monday, April 22, 2024, when they host the Falls City Invitational at Jug Brown Stadium.

Titans have a strong showing at PC

The HTRS track teams competed at the Lewiston Invitational on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, hosted at Pawnee City High School. The Titan boys team scored 52 points and placed fifth, while the Lady Titans placed sixth with 40.

Miranda Rist placed sixth in the 100m dash for the Lady Titans, covering the distance in 14.26. Sherman Grayson won a pair of gold medals, winning the 1600m run in 6:10.85 and the 3200m run in 13:27.79. Makena Dunlap placed fourth (19:42) in the 100m hurdles and the 4x400m relay team ran a 4:40.14 for sixth. Rist secured another medal in the high jump, placing third at 4-06. Elie Bstandig added a fifth-place medal in the shot (29-06.25) and a fourth-place finish in the discus (91-05).

JJ McQueen continued his dominance in the 100m dash, winning the event in 11.45. McQueen also scored six points in the 200m dash, placing third in 23.68. The Titan 4x100m relay team completed the lap in 47.13 for the silver medal. Brogan Dunlap earned medals by winning the gold in the pole vault (11-06) and placing third in the high jump (5-04). Teammate Hunter Bohling also scored in the vault, clearing 10-06 for fourth. Bohling added another medal, placing third in the shot put with a throw of 40-10 and Kameon Dettmann cleared 10-06 for fifth in the pole vault.

HTRS competed in the Irish Invitational on Tuesday, April 16, in Syracuse and the MUDECAS Meet on Saturday, April 20, at Freeman High School in Adams.

Tigers golfers busy on the courses

The Falls City golf squad competed in Hiawatha on Friday, April 5, 2024. Falls City shot a combined team score of 196 and finished third. Maur Hill had the low score of the day with a 167 and the host school shot a 186 for second.

Luke Siebert of Maur Hill won the individual title with a 40. Falls City's Chase Brown finished with a 46 and placed eighth.

Other individual results from Friday had Robert Gilkerson with a 48, Ethan Morris and Jackson Bauman with 51s and Eric Heinzelman and Rome West with 52s.

The Falls City JV team played at the Sabetha Country Club on Friday, April 5. The two-person team of Wyatt Counce and Peyton Brown shot a 59, while the team of Wyatt Wason and Tommy West had a 73. Individually, Danyelle Kuker shot a 58 and Gavin Cole had a 60.

The golf team participated in the 2024 HTRS Invite at Kirkman's Lakeview Golf Course on Tuesday, April 9. The Tigers (391) placed fourth out of six teams, while the Titans (626) had just two varsity golfers and placed sixth.

Ethan Morris was the Tigers' top golfer, firing a 45 on the front nine and a 44 on the back for an 89. Morris's score placed him 12th overall for the day. Next in line for FC was Robert Gilkerson. Robert had a 47 going out and a 45 coming back in for a 92 and a 14th-place finish. Eric Heinzelman shot a 97 (50/47), Chase Brown had a 57/56 for a 113 and Rome West finished with a 61/61 for a 122.

For the Titans, Carson Refsdal shot a 58 on the front nine and a 53 on the back for a 111 and Isaac Seitz had a 56/63 for a 119.

Isaac Beethe of JCC had the low score of the day, a 76, followed by teammates Keegan Jones, who had a 77 and Jack Waring, who had an 80.

The Titan JV team was led by Johnathan Koch with a 57. Gray Sherman finished with a 79 and Luke Hunzeker added an 84.

Please join
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OBITUARIES

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(CHECK ONLINE FOR LATE OBITUARIES THAT DIDN'T MAKE THIS WEEK'S PRINT EDITION)

Elaine Griebel

Elaine Griebel, 75, of Falls City, NE, passed away April 10, 2024 at Falls City. She was born March 2, 1949 at Falls City to Walter and Emma (Scholl) Strecker.

Elaine was raised in the Barada area before moving to Falls City and graduating from Sacred Heart High School in 1967. Following graduation, she attended business school in Lincoln, NE and then worked at State Farm Insurance Company doing clerical work for the next 29 years. She took early retirement in 2002 and moved back to Falls City where she volunteered for the Humane Society and Falls City

Public Schools as a mentor. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Elaine is survived by her daughters, Anne (Anthony McCoy) Marie White of Lincoln, Michele Lynn Griebel of Omaha, NE, five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren and Darlene Nemecheck and many close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Caroline Gerdes, Bernice Hartzell and a brother, Raymond Strecker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Jim Meysenburg officiating. Interment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Tuesday at 7:30 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the rosary.

Mary Little

A memorial services for Mary Little, who passed away December 31, 2023, will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Wayne Shafer officiating.

Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

ACCIDENTS

On April 9, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports Brianca McNett of Hiawatha, KS was driving south on McLean St. and struck a vehicle owned by Destinee Arnold of Falls City on the driver's side with own mirror on passenger side. The Arnold vehicle was facing south, parked.

An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Arnold vehicle; and estimated \$500 in damage was done to the McNett vehicle owned by Amy Provo of Hiawatha, KS.

Plat book's for sale at Courthouse

A new revised edition updated of the Richardson County Plat Book is now available for purchase at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk, Room 203, Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City. The update includes information as of October 5, 2023. Cost is \$30.00 (cash or check only).

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

March 29, 2024

Taylor C. Martin, 24, Tulsa, OK was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear.

Barry B. Davis, 32, Oklahoma City, OK was arrested on a Cass County warrant and Driving Under Suspension.

March 30, 2024

Pelep B. Pelep, 49, Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

April 1, 2024

Jason I. Lester, 22, Junction City, KS was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Amanda R. Morriss, 42, Quitman, MO was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

April 2, 2024

Darryl L. Chestnut, 58, Bern, KS was arrested on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

Hunter D. Frey, 20, Dawson, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance X's 2 and Possession of a Legend Drug X's 2.

April 3, 2024

Jose M. Elizondo, 23, Theft River Falls, MN was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Possession of Marijuana less than one ounce, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, No Proof of Insurance and Speeding 6-10 MPH County/State.

Cody W. Gaston, 38, Horton, KS was arrested on an Otoe County warrant.

Jose M. Arpero, 38, Jamestown, ND was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

April 4, 2024

Rolando Loera, 42, Frazer, MN was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

April 5, 2024

Justin L. Lawless, 39, Owensville, MO was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear.

April 9, 2024

Jeremy S. Carson, 37, Sabetha, KS was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear.

April 10 2024

Cassandra L. Smith, 30, Falls City, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver within 1,000 feet of a Playground (Concentrated THC), Possession of Money while Violating a Drug Statute, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Concentrated THC), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Clonazepam), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Amphetamine and Dextroamphetamine), No Drug Tax Stamp (Concentrated THC), No Drug Tax Stamp (Clonazepam), unlawful acts relating to drugs, unlawful acts relating to drugs (maintaining a drug house), possession of marijuana less than one ounce and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff reports end-of-year stats to Commissioners

(Continued from Page 1) Steakhouse for the benefit of the Drug Dog program in the amount of \$250.

An update obtaining Managed Call Handling (MECH), Lumen and to be included and part of the Southeast Regional Governing Committee was given. Sheriff Hardesty said that the Southeast Regional Governing Committee will be holding a formal meeting on Friday, April 12, in Beatrice, at which time consideration will be made to allow acceptance of Richardson County into the organization. If accepted, Richardson County would be approved to obtain the Managed Call Handling LUMEN that is provided through the Century Link Master Service Agreement Public Safety Version.

Lumen® Next-Generation 9-1-1, moves emergency communications to the cloud without investing in new hardware and keep your legacy systems intact during the switch. The exclusive dashboard makes it easy to view system performance metrics in near real time.

A newly hired deputy, Lucas Geyer, will be attending the Law Enforcement Training Academy beginning April 28.

The Sheriff said there was damage done in the Jail weeks ago by an inmate and those repairs have been made. He also reported that he is corresponding with the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad to develop an agreeable fee schedule with them for their services when transporting inmates when necessary to medical facilities.

The Commissioners visited the jail for their quarterly inspection. Sheriff Hardesty showed the Commissioners the repairs and improvements to the holding cell that need to be considered. The Board determined the facility was found to be in good order.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, presented to the Board a Memorandum of Understanding with N. Humboldt Rural Water District (Richardson County Rural Water District #1) to install the NRIN equipment on the water tower. The Memorandum of Understanding with N. Humboldt Rural Water District (Richardson County Rural Water District #1) to install the NRIN equipment was approved.

proved. Kirkendall informed the Board that Cooper Nuclear training drills are scheduled for the following dates: Tuesday, April 16 and May 21. There are two vacancies on the Radiological Response Team that need to be filled and the Board approved the request to fill these vacancies.

Kirkendall also presented the certificates of annual training completion for 2024 as required by NE State Statute 2-954.02 for Nebraska County Weed Control Superintendents.

The Commissioners went into executive session at 10:00 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty and Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and County Clerk Eickhoff. The executive session closed at 10:37 a.m. and returned to the regular meeting agenda. The Commissioners went back into executive session at 10:38 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel to review collective bargaining negotiations and for the protection of the public interest via teleconference. They came out of the executive session at 11:01 a.m. and returned to the regular meeting agenda.

Sickel made a motion to approve the request from the Nebraska Association of Public Employees, AFSCME Local No. 61, representing the Richardson County Department of Roads employees to enter into mediation with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). (Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) is an independent public agency for alternative dispute resolution and conflict management. It provides mediation and conflict resolution services in the private, public, and federal sectors.) The motion was approved.

A sub-division for Carin S. Gerdes located in S7, T3, R15, and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-34 was approved, as well as payment of all the claims submitted during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

GARAGE SALE
1405 McLean St.
Falls City, NE
Sat., April 20th
8am-?

Celebration of Life
for
Donna (Ray) Kaul
An open house to celebrate the life of Donna (Ray) Kaul will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Gourmet Gatherings a/k/a "The Parlor" 123 S. Washington Street, Sabetha, Kansas. No formal program will be presented so please feel free to come at any time during the open house to remember Donna and visit with her family and friends. Light appetizers and treats will be served.

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Road work begins on west 14th Street in Falls City

Road construction began on Monday, April 8, at 14th Street from Harlan to Stone Street in Falls City. The much-needed street improvement had been identified as part of the Falls City One and Six-Year Street Improvement Plan since the early 2000s. The section has a deteriorated substructure that needs to be addressed and receives heavy semi-traffic. The area of West 14th Street will be closed for an extended time for construction. It will involve removing the brick surface and in-

stalling a new concrete street, including a new concrete intersection at 14th and Stone. This Phase One project encompasses the replacement of approximately 1,440 square yards of concrete pavement, 746 tons of asphalt, and 903 tons of asphalt overlay, along with all associated removals, milling, rim/valve adjustments, seeding, and blanketing. The City of Falls City contracted with Olsson, Inc. for the engineering and Constructors, Inc. for the

construction for a total project cost of approximately \$750,000.00. From 14th Street, Stone to Harlan will be concrete, and the majority of the other improvements will be asphalt mills and overlays. Truck traffic can be re-routed through Chase Street. Traffic needing to get to Dollar Fresh Market can use 13th Street or Chase Street. Traffic needing to get to the Falls City Elks Club can use the north entrance on Stone Street.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

On March 26, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Sharon Walker of Falls City stated she was stopped on Harlan St. to turn left on to 7th Street when she was hit by Crystal Thompson of Falls City. Thompson stated her

doctor was calling so she looked down at her phone to answer it. Thompson advised when she looked up she did not see Walker was stopped in time and hit her. There was 57 ft. from the point of impact to where the vehicles came to a rest. Both vehi-

cles were totaled. On April 7, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, an unidentified witness left a note at the front desk of the Grand Weaver Hotel which included license plate numbers. An employee of the "Den" advised

that the witness described a black truck as well. Desire Mowery provided a statement advising that she was driving and that due to the stalling motor she did not notice the collision had occurred. A vehicle owned by Casey Cochran of Falls City, appeared to have a softball sized indentation in

the driver side rear bumper. A second vehicle owned by Kyle Black of Falls City did not appear to have any damage to the rear bumper but did have a height and shape appearing consistent with the damage seen on the Cochran vehicle. The owner of the Black vehicle advised that there was

no new damage seen. Only miscellaneous old damage was observed. Black's vehicle was not on scene when Law Enforcement arrived on scene. The Cochran vehicle was parked legally with no occupants. An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Cochran vehicle

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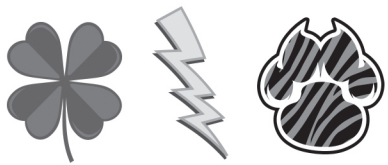
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SCHOOL MENU:



FALLS CITY SACRED HEART IRISH

Wednesday 17- Taco Bowl, Cornbread, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Frosted Graham, Milk
Thursday 18- Sausage Patty, Egg Patty, Tri Tater, Applesauce, Mini Pancakes, Milk
Friday 19- Pizza, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Cookie, Milk
Monday 22- Mini Corndogs, Garlic Noodles, Carrots, Pineapple, No Bake Cookie, Milk
Tuesday 23- Sloppy Joe, French Fries, Peaches, Muffin, Milk

FALLS CITY TIGER'S

Wednesday 17-
North & South: Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Cooked Carrots, Pineapple, Milk
Middle School: Cheesy Goulash, Cooked Carrots, Peaches, French Bread, Milk
High School: Hot Lunch: Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Cooked Carrots, Fruit, Milk
Combo Line: Burrito, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

Thursday 18-
North & South: Pancakes, Yogurt, Sausage Patty, Has Brown Patty, Dragon Punch, Peaches, Milk
Middle School: Chicken Flatbread, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk
High School: Hot Lunch: Beef Burger Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Grapes, Milk
Combo Line: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

Friday 19-
North & South: Fish Sticks, French Fries, Broccoli, Pears, Ranger Cookie, Milk
Middle School: Mr. Kraft Special: Stromboli, Hash Browns, Broccoli, Pineapple, Milk
High School: Hot Lunch: Fiestada, Oven Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Milk
Combo Line: Taquitos, Seasoned Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

Monday 22-
North & South: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Hot Roll, Milk
Middle School: Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Green Beans, Pears, Milk
High School: Hot Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
Combo Line: Crisпитos, Chips, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday 23-
North & South: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli, Pears, Milk
Middle School: Chicken Patty, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, Milk
High School: Hot Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Corn, Strawberries, Milk
Combo Line: Chicken Strips, Curly Fries, Vegetable Bar, Fruit, Milk

HUMBOLDT HTRS TITAN'S

Wednesday 17- Grilled Chicken/Bun, Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Fruits & Vegetables Bar, Green Beans, Milk
Thursday 18- Cook's Choice, Milk
Friday 19- Ham & Cheese Wrap, Carrots, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk
Monday 22- Pulled Pork/Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk
Tuesday 23- Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fruit & Vegetable 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

Catfish/Grilled Chicken Breast
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 Loaded Baked Potato Soup in Bread Bowl

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****Apr 4: 11-1:30****
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****Apr 9: 11-1:30****
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Monday: CLOSED

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Wing Wednesday
 5-9pm

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1305 Harlan St., Falls City, NE
 402-245-3525 • Delivery? NO

Hours:
 M-Th 7am-9pm, Fri 7am-9:30pm
 Sat 8am-9:30pm, Sun 8am-8pm

APRIL SPECIALS:

- Garlic Butter Bacon Cheeseburger
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- Blackout Slush Float
- \$1.99 Crispy Tender Wraps (Cheesy Baja & Hickory BBQ)

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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

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Pastor Mike Hader
402-245-4584

Bethel Global Methodist Church

(70654 656 AVE) (1/2 mile N of Preston Corner)
Sunday: Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Choir, 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Mike Hader
402-245-4584

Big Lake Baptist Church

(213 Lake Shore Drive)
Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. We welcome you to all of our services.
Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor

Church of Christ

2701 Barada St.-245-5857
Sunday: Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study (classes for all ages), 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study for all ages, 6 p.m. "Preach the Word . . . for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:2-4.
Josh Maxwell, Preacher,
402-245-7148

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(23rd & Barada)
402-245-3324
www.fallscitylcms.blogspot.com
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 om



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402-245-4245 (church)
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(1902 Lane St.)
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
402-245-5209

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ

(1322 Stone Street)
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Pastor, Grant Speece
402-980-5960 cell

First Church of Nazarene

(1812 Wilson)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; morning worship, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Rob Wheeler, Pastor
402-245-3755

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

(20th & Harlan)
Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m., Also online: YouTube
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Mondays: Diaper Closet, 4:00-6:00 pm. 2nd & 4th Wednesday: Mosaic Table 6:00-7:30 pm. Basement-Use East side door (Chairlift Accessible)
Richard Kent Martin, Pastor
402-245-2650

First United Methodist Church

(1700 Harlan St)
fumc@sento.net
402-245-3281
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Tim Boatright, Pastor

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(Highway 62, east of Stella)
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Office: 402-883-2110
Dave Lockard, Pastor



Immaculate Conception (Rulo)

Sunday Confessions, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.
Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor

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Pastor

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Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor
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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA

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402-245-3828
Sunday: 9a.m.-Sunday School (pre-school thru adult, during school year); 10a.m.-Worship; Wednesday: 6:30p.m.-Confirmation; 7:30p.m.-Choir Practice. Call for Youth, Bible Studies and Women's Group schedules. God's Work. Our Hands.
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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

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Fr. Kenneth F. Hoelsing, Pastor

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan)

www.stthomasfallscity.org
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist (coffee, tea and conversation follow worship) We invite you to worship with us at any of our services. We will pray for you, your friends and loved ones.

Stella Community Church

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

The Four Mile Church (South of Humboldt)

Sunday: Church services, 9:00 a.m. A Reformed church endeavoring to teach and to practice Biblical principles of the Reformation.
Howard Blecha, Pastor

Riverside Fellowship

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David Showalter, Pastor

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Chad Berry, Pastor
Office phone: 245-3890 valleyavenue.org

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(400 Walnut St.)
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verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com
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DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 8, 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 Dave Mezger and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 4.1. Meeting Minutes
- 4.2. Bills for Payment
- 4.3. Review Treasurer's report
5. REPORTS
- 5.1. Principal Lovetchek discussed the recent student recognitions & upcoming events.
- 5.2. Assistant Principal Standford discussed upcoming events, field trips, conferences & testing.
- 5.3. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
- 5.4. Committee Reports
- 5.4.1. Building and Grounds HVAC in commons area & landscaping - looking at different companies to complete these. 30 second shot clock & score table. Parking lot at football field.
6. AGENDA ITEMS
- 6.1. Approve board member's leave of absence
- 6.2. HTRSEA Modified Bargaining Agent Letter
Motion to approve passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 6.3. Personnel
- 6.3.1. Resignations:
Megan Engel
Jennifer Bates
Amy Werts
- 6.3.2. Hires:
Jeffrey Tlamka
Motion to approve the three resignations & one hire passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 6.3.3. Administration Contracts
Motion to renew the Assistant Principal & Principals contracts passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yea: 4, Nay: 2
- 6.4. American Fence Bid
Motion to proceed with the received passed with a motion by Kyle Hilgenfeld and a second by Neal Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 6.5. Purchase Three Box light Screens
Motion to approve the purchase passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
7. Superintendent Griffith Report
8. Board Member Concerns
Motion to go to executive session at 7:19pm passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- Motion to go out of executive session at 7:49pm passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
9. ADJOURN

Adjourn at 7:57pm
Respectfully submitted,
Chantel Farwell

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Cardmember Service...	Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund	8,309.41
Cleaning Cousins, Llc, Teacher Supplies + Pbis + Steam		172.60
Das State Accounting - Central Finance, Tech / Ocio		267.63
Dell Inc, Tech-Computers		
Hardware		102.68
Dietze Music House, Po 7855		855.80
Dstk Phillips, Inc Repairs To Water Lines & Maint Parts		1,465.94
Eakes Office Solutions Printer Part + Egoldfax Contract		71.78
Electronic Contracting Co., Alarm Monitoring Services		211.00
Essential Screens, Emplmt		
Background Screenings		121.35
Esu #4, Sped		7,238.28
Esu #6, Tech Hosting Services & Workshops		156.23
Falls City Sanitation, Trash		
Utilities		561.70
Farm & City Supply, Bus Maintenance Supplies		829.90
Fiber Platform, Llc, Distance Learning		430.87
Heathwood Oil Co., Oil		408.12
Home Depot Pro, The, Maintenance Supplies		439.30
Hometown Leasing, Staple Copier Lease		2,824.95
Htrs Payroll Acct, Payroll Expenses		551,606.74
Humboldt Standard, Advertising		227.99
Koch Auto Service, Bus Maintenance Parts		607.98
Ksb School Law, Legal Services		721.00
Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services		2,449.50
Merz Farm Equipment, Bus Vinyl Logos		564.18
Metal Doors & Hardware Co, Padlocks+Covers		1,183.84
National Therapeutic Associates, Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped Services		1,902.75
Nebraska Transition College, Spring Quarter Lo		3,468.00
Nemaha County, 2019 Homestead Correction		1.25
Nifco Mechanical Systems, Sprinkler Inspections & Repairs		1,442.52
Nppd, Elec-Utilities		4,545.28
Pawnee Republican, Advertising		93.75
Schendel Pest Control, Pest Control-Spraying		72.00
Station Service Center Inc., The, Fuel/Sped Fuel		4,472.50
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Student Assurance Services Inc, Student Insurance		820.15
Surnali, Llc, Ee Drug Testing		340.00
Teachergeek, Steam Cart		8,248.00
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Tk Elevator Corporation, Elevator Maintenance		543.26
Truck Center Companies, Bus Heater Stepwell		781.86
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Wilcock, Joy, Occ Therapy - Sped Services		4,393.98
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Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.
Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance and business within the County Roads Department this past week.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve both bids received at last week's meeting for the purchase of road rock during 2024: 1) Norris Quarries of Maitland, MO for 1 1/2" road rock (surface) at \$15.40/ton; 2) Martin-Marietta quarries at DuBois for 1 1/2" crusher run for \$20.50/ton, 1" clean for \$28.10/ton, 1/2" chips for \$32.40/ton; and at Weeping Water for crusher runs at \$20.50/ton and clean stone at \$28.05/ton. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Sickel also suggested that the Road Department consider the area in the west further as to when to haul from the Maitland, MO.

Bids were received from Mr. Darveau also gave a report on an equipment demonstration by Road Groom Manufacturing on the road groom machine that was held last week at the County Shop for employees.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week due to activities at the Law Enforcement Center.

Donations were received from the following for the benefit of the Drug Dog program: Farm & City Supply of Falls City-\$200 and Koch's Auto of Dawson-\$500.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Fee Reports
Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of March, 2024, Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court \$1,747.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk \$6,304.50; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds \$206.98.

Monthly Operating Statement
The Board reviewed the March, 2024, monthly operating statement. **Claim filed by John D. Cooper**
A motion was made by Caverzagie to forward to the county's insurance carrier a claim filed by John D. Cooper of Humboldt, NE with regards to a court case that he references in the claim, CR20 186. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Sub-division Resolution 2023-2024-33
A motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Robert J. and Tamela Witt located in S12, T1, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-33. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 76)

Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center
A motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into an agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center to provide services for juvenile detention. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. (Resolution Book 27, Page 77)

Other
Payments were received for the Opioid Settlement funds totaling \$19,736.69.

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

GENERAL FUND

Amazon Capital Services, supp	25.73
Best Buy, supp	1,323.66
Clerk of District Court, fees	252.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv	10858.16
County Treasurer, fees	2027.42
Culligan of Percival, serv	203.60
East Richardson RWD #2,	

serv	326.17
Falls City Mercantile, serv	148.40
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Family Medicine, serv	133.00
Frontier Bank, supp	96.81
Humboldt Standard, ads	82.17
Kirkendall, Brian, reimb	30.66
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
MIPS Inc., serv	3218.84
Nebraska.Gov, fees	105.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal, serv	72.00
Nemaha County Clerk, serv	6090.79
OneNeck IT Solutions, LLC, serv	843.10
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv	80.00
Richardson County Court, fees	702.25
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct, reimb	783.12
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1048.08
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct, reimb	258.78
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24216.62
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	246.56
Sisco, Emily, serv	2000.00
SNC, serv	2218.46
SumnerOne, serv	41.04
Townsend, Joshua, reimb	277.68
Verizon Wireless, serv	303.68
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	10.96
Payroll Expense	113563.91
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$171,758.65

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
Capital One Trade Credit, serv

serv	125.34
Culligan of Percival, serv	80.00
East Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	9824.89
NMC, Inc., serv	35351.87
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock	3697.39
Northern Safety Co., Inc., supp	166.92
OPPD, serv	82.07
Quill LLC, supp	87.96
SNC, serv	103.85
UniFirst Corporation, supp	55.95
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv	6366.57
Payroll Expense	33735.04
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$89,723.85

REGISTER OF DEEDS PERSEVE FUND
MIPS Inc., serv

serv	315.57
TOTAL REGISTER OF DEEDS PERSEVE	\$315.57

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS
Combined Public Communications, serv

serv	1740.53
SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	\$1,895.53

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 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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E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of April:

General Fund --	\$71,218.74
Payroll --	\$468,568.98
NCECBVI --	\$21,991.63
Federal Programs --	\$13,809.86

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 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 their Annual Meeting in the ESU 4 Conference Center on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Agendas for both meetings are kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

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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.

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 OF ORGANIZATION
BEK TRANSPORTATION,
LLC**

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Bek Transportation, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on March 27, 2024 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

1. The name of the company is Bek Transportation, LLC.
2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is:
1114 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Treyvin Bek, 1114 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355.
4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486

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**NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
Estate of Keith Gerweck,
Deceased.
Estate No. PR24-4**

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Nancy R. Lyons as Personal Representative has been filed herein and is set for hearing in the Richardson County Court on May 13, 2024, at 9:15 a.m.

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

Michael R. Dunn, #16825
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**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
Estate of Betty L. Stoller,
Deceased. Estate No. PR24-10**

Notice is hereby given that on April 11, 2024, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Jeffrey L. Stoller whose address is 426 W Beal, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521 has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 17, 2024 or be forever barred.

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**CERTIFICATE OF
ORGANIZATION
LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Name of the limited liability company: Ag Vitals LLC. Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 1803 Lane St., Falls City, NE 68355. Name of the initial agent for service of process: Ashley K. Keithley. Street, mailing address, and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 1803 Lane St., Falls City, NE 68355.

/s/ Brandon J. Keithley
Signature of Organizer

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**NOTICE
In the County Court of
Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Caroline R. Palmer,
Deceased
Estate Number: P245-7**

Notice is hereby given that on March 27, 2024 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Douglas W. Sailors was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 3, 2024 or be forever barred.

Bethany Godemann, Registrar
1700 Stone Street, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

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

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**NOTICE
In the County Court of
Richardson County, Nebraska.
In the Matter of the Trust of
Carol W. Anderson. Case No.
PR24-8**

Take notice that a Petition has been filed for the registration of a Trust created by Carol W. Anderson, and for the appointment of Name as Trustee, and said matter is set for hearing in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska located in Falls City, Nebraska on the 10 day of April, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock A.M.
Dated this 28 day of March, 2024.

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

WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz #12807
Samantha K. Scheitel #26389
1719 Stone Street, P.O. Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
(402)245-3015

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Notice is hereby given that Windle Farms, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 2810 Old Hwy 73, PO Box 627, Falls City, NE 68355. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Sally J Wilhelm, 2810 Bill Schock Blvd., PO Box 627, Falls City, NE 68355.

10-17-24
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B.O.P.W.

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS
March 21, 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 21st day of March, 2024, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Joy, Koop-

man, Rieger. Absent: Froeschl, Johansen. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Rieger 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 March 1 and 14, 2024, special meetings and March 7th regular meeting are hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for March 21, 2024, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Claims for March 2 through March 15, 2024, are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for March 21, 2024, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Froeschl, Johansen. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
DIRT REPAIRS TO EXPOSED
WATER MAIN FROM
WATER TREATMENT PLANT
LOCATED 0.75 MILES SOUTH
OF RULO**

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Rieger for Trevor to negotiate repair cost of no more than \$5,000 of which will be a match to RWD #2's share of repair cost. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Froeschl, Johansen. Motion carried.

**REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST
OF \$50 DISCONNECT FEE TO
423 E 23RD STREET/SARA
HOWARD**

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Rieger to deny request to reimburse \$50 disconnect fee to Sara Howard. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Froeschl, Johansen. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT
6:20PM**

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 March 21, 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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VILLAGE OF VERDON

**VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL**

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

Chairperson Koso called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Gary Cochran, Vicky Cochran, Denise Koso, Lois Miller. Absent: None

Clerk Dawn Bennett was also present.

GUESTS: None
MINUTES: Motion by Koso, seconded by V. Cochran to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by G. Cochran, seconded by V. Cochran to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

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

APRIL 2024 CLAIMS: Motion by V. Cochran, seconded by Miller to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

All claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. April 2024 water shut off notices were reviewed. Will contact the homeowner of the house that has been shut off and non-payment made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: General:

1) It was reported that the additional repairs at the VCC have not been done yet – need to contact the contractor and ask to get it finished before May 14th due to the building being used for the election. Streets: 1) It was reported that the new sign on 6th Street has been installed. 2) The newspaper will have the advertisement for armor coating bids in April. Water: Clerk reported that the Lead Service Line Inventory surveys were sent out to all water customers on March 29th along with their water bills. Sewer: No update on when the #1 pump at the lagoon would be replaced. Cemetery: The entrance

sign still needs installed. Parks: 1) The Mini-Park swings have been repaired by G. Cochran. It was reported that the mural is to be done by art students. 2) The removal of a tree at the School Park has not been done yet. 3) Discussion was held on repairing the flag pole at the School Park. G. Cochran will do the repairs. 4) It was reported that the new Playground Equipment has been ordered.

2. PEOPLE SERVICE CONTRACT: Discussion was held again on the renewal of the contract with PeopleService. They will include the quarterly reports to the Board and submit a new contract with this included.

3. WATER HOOK UP AT COCHRAN PROPERTY: It was reported that the contractor is checking on getting it done.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. HJP PEST CONTROL: A motion was made by Bahr and second by Koso to accept the contract with HJP Pest Control for the 2024 mosquito spraying. All Trustees present voting YEA.

Motion by G. Cochran and second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. and all Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned.
Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk
The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be on May 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**VILLAGE OF VERDON
MARCH 2024 CLAIMS**

EFTPS, Ex	\$250.14
Vice Contracting, Se	\$14,925.00
People Service, Se	\$1,581.98
Verdon Library, Ex	\$25.00
RCRWD #2, Se	\$1,850.08
Seneca Sanitation, Se	\$1,437.00
SNC, Se	\$92.38
NE Public Health Lab, Se	\$15.00
Kawres, Se	\$10.00
Farm & City Supply, Su	\$120.97
NPPD, Se	\$994.35
Gary Cochran, Re	\$526.00
Chuck Bennett, Se	\$175.00
OPPD, Se	\$129.96
Dawn Bennett, Re	\$332.75
Dawn Bennett, Sa	\$997.53
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Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk/ Treasurer	ZNEZ

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Reminder:**

**Real Estate & Personal Property
Taxes Due.**

1st half due by April 30th

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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.

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WORK WANTED

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- Reconciling accounts, processing payments and bill pay
- Managing employee payroll and tax reporting

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CUSTODIAN WANTED

HTRS Public School #70 is now accepting applications for a daytime custodial position. Applications are available at the Main Office Entrance at 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or online at <https://www.htrstitans.com/page/employment>. Please mail applications to Dr. George Griffith, HTRS Public School 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or email to georgegriffith@htrstitans.org. Phone number: 402-862-2235, for any questions.

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A brief history of Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated each April and draws attention to a range of issues affecting the environment. Earth Day aims to raise awareness in the hope of inspiring change.

Earth Day is observed on April 22. According to National Geographic, the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson was inspired to begin a national celebration uniting the environmental movement after witnessing environmental activism in the 1960s. With the help of Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University, Nelson organized the first Earth Day. Twenty million people participated in events across the United States and strengthened support for environmental legislation like the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Earth Day was expanded to a global initiative in 1990 under guidance from Hayes. Nearly 200 million participants in more than 140 countries now join together in the name of protecting the planet. Awareness continues to be raised each year regarding renewable energy and climate change.

One of the hallmarks of Earth Day celebrations is the planting of trees. Researchers estimate roughly 15 billion trees are cut down each year across the globe. By planting a tree every Earth Day, people can make a difference. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen and bolster ecosystems for wildlife. Shade trees can reduce reliance on fans and air conditioning systems.

The main message of Earth Day 2024 is the need to commit to ending reliance on plastics, says EarthDay.org. The goal is a 60 percent reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040. Plastics are bad for the environment a growing body of research indicates they have an adverse effect on the major systems of the body, including immune, respiratory, digestive, and hormonal systems.

Everyone can do their part to promote the ideals behind Earth Day. For 54 years, millions of people have been advocating for change to benefit the planet and human and animal health, and that fight is ongoing.



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The Richardson County Courthouse will be closed Friday, April 26th in observance of Arbor Day

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH FROM 7 TO 11 AM

IN THE PARKING LOT EAST OF PRICHARD AUDITORIUM BY: FALLS CITY SANITATION

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF FALLS CITY ACCEPTING LARGE & BULKY TRASH, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, BUILDING MATERIALS & METALS
NO TIRES, HAZARDOUS WASTE OR TOXIC CHEMICALS

PAPER SHREDDING

FROM 9 TO 11 AM

AT THE PARKING LOT EAST OF PRICHARD AUDITORIUM BY: PAPER EATERS MOBILE SHREDDING SERVICES
ONLY FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES. PLEASE NO BUSINESSES.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

FROM 10AM TO 2PM

AT KAWRES SUPERSTORE, 1515 STONE STREET ACCEPTING ELECTRONICS SUCH AS COMPUTERS & PRINTERS
NO FLAT PANEL TVS

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2024 THEME PLANET VS. PLASTICS

This year, we rally behind the theme Planet vs. Plastics

This emphasizes our collective commitment to tackle the plastics crisis head-on, aiming for a bold 60% reduction in plastic production by 2040 and aspiring to forge a plastic-free future because recycling is not the answer.

To achieve a 60% reduction goal, we are:

1. Raising public awareness about plastic's harm to human and biodiversity health, pushing for research transparency. Read our report **BABIES VS. PLASTICS** to learn more about how plastics, microplastics and their additive chemicals can hurt our children.
2. Proposing to phase out single-use plastics by 2030 and embedding these commitments in the United Nations Global Plastic Treaty on Plastic Pollution in 2024.
3. Advocating for policies aimed at combating the environmental impact of **fast fashion** which relies on the use of synthetic materials made of plastics, such as polyester and nylon.
4. Calling for investment in innovative technologies aimed at finding sustainable alternatives to plastics because plastics are made from oil and toxic chemicals.

Join us in the Planet vs. Plastics movement!

Become part of the solution. Together, we can create a future where our planet thrives without the burden of plastics.

Visit EARTHDAY.ORG to learn more and get involved.