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Artists Andrew & Sarah McWilson

The Quilted Truck: “Everyone that we’ve met is a piece, a functional beautiful piece of this town, and all together it’s just this beautiful thing.”

Story and photos by Nikki McKim
 A mural celebration was held on June 12 in Falls City to unveil the newest mural adorning the side of the building at 16th and Harlan Street. Artists Sarah and Andrew McWilson brought the mural to life, which was described as a symbol of unity and creativity for the community. The idea for the artwork began a few years back when a mural on the Chaney’s building was so well received by the community that the concept of expanding the collection of murals began. Thanks to the collaboration of

Mitch Glaser, the building owner, and Chamber Director Amber Holle, Sarah and Andrew were invited to bring their artistic flair to Falls City. For the McWilson’s, who have been married for eight years, art is both a passion and a collaborative effort. They refer to themselves as ‘Hand In Hand,’ symbolizing not only their partnership but also their integration with the community. “We love public art because it’s inclusive. It’s for everybody. At the end of the day, we aim to capture a feel-

ing,” said Sarah. During their initial visit to Nebraska last fall, the couple “really fell in love with this place,” said Holle. She invited the duo to experience southeast Nebraska’s charm and soak in the essence of Falls City; from staying by Stanton Lake in their home on wheels to exploring the countryside in tractors and jeeps, they took in everything that the people and beauty of Nebraska had to offer.

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Commissioners to meet twice this week

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done by the crews. Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week due to other commitments. Ashley Fischer, dispatch supervisor met with the Board this week to update them on the routine business at the Law Enforcement

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Falls City staple Charles Radatz passes away

Charles Radatz, 81, of Falls City, NE, passed away June 11, 2024 at Omaha, NE. He was born January 12, 1943 at Gar-

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Two-night Hot Air Balloon Festival pays off on Friday as storms move in Saturday

Falls City was transformed into a vibrant hub of color and excitement during its annual Hot Air Balloon Festival Friday night. This beloved event, eagerly anticipated by residents and visitors alike, couldn’t have gone any better on Friday night with beautiful weather, gorgeous kites, balloons, bands and food. The temperatures were warm, but a light breeze kept the evening nice for the hundreds of people who attended the annual event. Attendees arrived from all over the tri-state area looking for a good time and found one with everything going off beautifully Friday night.

The festival began on Friday evening with a large kite show that could be seen for miles and the sounds of JB Acoustic. The usually quiet runways of Brenner Field buzzed with activity as crews prepared the hot air balloons for liftoff. The 7:00 p.m. liftoff was pushed back an hour as crews waited for the winds to die down a bit. While a few took off into the evening sky one by one, gracefully ascending with their colorful patterns contrasting against the sunset, four stayed back for the much-loved balloon glow. Chamber director Amber Holle said she was relieved Friday evening that the winds died down,

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All things Nebraska

Many have tried; few have succeeded in eliminating tax exemptions

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Many have tried, and few have succeeded in expanding the state's sales tax base by taxing things now exempt from taxation.

But that is where Gov. Jim Pillen is venturing in his pursuit of property tax relief.

His initial plan, which failed to win approval in the State Legislature this spring, would have imposed new taxes on a host of items that could be labeled "low-hanging fruit."

I mean who's going to get upset if we start imposing taxes on edibles infused with hemp, those slot machine-like "skill games," or pop and candy? How many folks will cry if we raise taxes on vaping products and cigarettes?

It reminded me of the old philosophy about taxation: "Don't tax you, don't tax me, tax that guy behind the tree."

But when it comes to eliminating tax breaks, you're going to face a gauntlet of lobbyists and special interests that worked hard to get a tax exemption in the first place. They don't want to give it up.

A decade ago, Gov. Dave Heineman proposed eliminating more than \$2 billion worth of sales tax exemptions to eliminate state income taxes, so we could be like neighboring Wyoming and South Dakota. No state income tax.

But at a public hearing on the idea, the line of lobbyists opposing the idea stretched into the hallway, and criticism of the proposal continued until midnight. The bill was eventually withdrawn.

This time around, Pillen is hoping to enlist taxpayers to rise up, and urge their state senators to ignore the phalanx of hired guns – the folks that wine and dine legislators, and organize their fundraisers – and rescind some exemptions.

The list of exemptions is over 100 items long, leaving about \$6.5 million of potential tax revenue uncollected, according to a recent story by Zach Wendling in the Nebraska Examiner.

The list is long, and includes such things as bull semen (used to artificially impregnate cows), biochips, repairs of cars and farm machinery, equipment used in manufacturing and data centers, groceries and (gulp) newspaper subscriptions.

There's a story behind every exemption – the biochip one was passed to help a Lincoln business grow and prevent it from moving out of state; bull semen is a business "input" for beef producers, as is equipment in factories and data centers; farm repairs were exempt to prevent "border bleed" of farmers buying parts from other states, where such parts were exempt.

Some exemptions seem to be a stretch. Why, for instance, is admission to a political event exempt, or a single-day ticket to visit the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha?

There's also some that are nearly untouchable, such as the tax breaks for churches and nonprofits, and the sales tax exemption on groceries.

Tax studies, such as the 2021 Blueprint Nebraska

Plan devised by state business leaders, have called for broadening the sales tax base by taxing more services. Under one option, even tax breaks on bills from doctors, lawyers, dentists, financial advisors and accountants would go away.

For a long time, the influential, business-oriented Tax Foundation has called for updating state tax systems by taxing more services. It points out that people now spend more money on services (like car and home repairs, dry cleaning and haircuts) than on "goods" like refrigerators and boats, so our current tax system is outdated and poorly focused.

But here's the kicker – major tax changes in Nebraska typically happen in response to a crisis. Is the state in a "crisis" right now over property taxes?

Yes, we all complain about high property taxes in the Husker State, and our eyes bug out when we see our new, much higher, valuations on our homes and farm ground.

Property taxes, overall, have risen 53% over the past decade (which translates into about 5% a year), so no one's very happy about that.

But a crisis? I don't see pitchforks in the street at this point. Sure, there's that petition drive for the EPIC Option tax, which would impose a consumption tax and eliminate nearly all other state taxes, but that has been labeled as a radical solution, and seems like a long-shot to make the ballot.

Meanwhile, the veterinarian governor is out doing town halls, pitching his ideas.

Best of luck. Getting 33 legislators to agree on any specific idea is a tall hill to climb (and Pillen says he wants a special session as early as July). Getting rid of state tax exemptions is like climbing Mount Everest.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.



EARLY

INTERVENTION

By Joanie Holm, R.N., C.N.P.

It has been a few years since my children were babies! Having spent my youth as a babysitter and a career in pediatrics, I was pretty comfortable in watching the developmental of babies, toddlers and young children. (Teenagers are another story for another day!!) That isn't always the case for young parents who may not have experience with this age group.

Babies develop in a somewhat predictable fashion. As you think of a newborn, you might think of the poor neck control which changes drastically over the next few weeks to months. Perhaps you think about the cooing, babbling and words that may start in the 8-10 month time frame.

As the parent, grandparent or care provider It is important to know the basic milestones so that you will be aware of a child who may have developmental delays and may need assistance. Early intervention is a system of services that helps babies and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities. Early intervention focuses on helping eligible babies and toddlers learn the basic and brand-new skills that typically develop during the first three years of life, such as:

- physical (reaching, rolling, crawling, and walking);
- cognitive (thinking, learning, solving problems);
- communication (talking, listening, understanding);
- social/emotional (playing, feeling secure and

happy); and
· self-help (eating, dressing).

The Grants for Infants and Families program (Part C) awards formula grants to the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Department of the Interior, and Outlying Areas to assist them in implementing statewide systems of coordinated, comprehensive, multidisciplinary, interagency programs and making early intervention services available to children with disabilities, aged birth through two, and their families. Under the program, states are responsible for ensuring that appropriate early intervention services are made available to all eligible birth-through-two-year-olds with disabilities and their families, including Indian children and families who reside on reservations geographically located in the state.

(Center for Disease Control- CDC- Early Intervention website)

To help monitor a child's developmental milestones, the CDC has put out a free development tracker app. The app offers photos and videos to guide you. This is an excellent way to follow your child's progress and intervene if needed. The earlier the intervention, the better for the child.

If you have concerns about your child's development, speak to your primary care provider who will help you with a referral for services.

Joanie S. Holm, R.N., C.N.P. is co-founder and president of Healing Words Foundation that supports Prairie Doc® programming. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org

How to build a better burger

Backyard barbecue season is starting to heat up. Although many people grill all year long, grilling season kicks into high gear in spring and summer.

Burgers will always be quintessential grilling fare. These tips can help anyone build a better burger.

Fat is key: For the most juicy, flavorful burger, you'll want a ratio of 80 percent meat to 20 percent fat. Some people like to eat lean, but with a burger, the fat will be necessary and it's better to select leaner meats for other dishes. Don't overwork the meat: Handling the burger patties too much can lead to dense, tough burgers. Gently shape the burgers into round, 1-inch thick, flat discs. To prevent the burgers from rounding in the middle during cooking, press a dimple with your thumb in the center of the patty to help it cook evenly. It's a smart idea to weigh each patty to ensure uniformity of size and even cooking.

Don't add salt early on: Salt added to the ground meat be-

fore it's shaped can draw the liquid out of the meat, leaving a dry burger behind.

Avoid overcooking: Most health authorities recommend not leaving any pink meat in a burger made from ground meat. According to BBC Good Food, burgers can be cooked for 5 to 6 minutes on each side for medium and 8 to 9 minutes per side for well done.

Flip as desired: The cooking resource Serious Eats debunked the myth that burgers should only be flipped once. Flipping the burger repeatedly, as often as once every 15 seconds, encourages faster, more even internal cooking and can dramatically reduce cooking time.

Keep the patties separate: Let everyone build their own burgers, as keeping the cooked meat away from the burger buns for as long as possible will reduce the chances of the juices making the buns soggy. Soft, squishy buns tend to make for good burger eating, as they will not overwhelm the meat with too much crusty bread.

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ACROSS

- Ice cream treat, pl.
- Albanian mone
- Desertlike
- Like Bananas Foster
- Paleozoic ____
- O. Henry's specialty
- Printer brand
- Always, to a poet
- Extended family member
- "Breaking Bad" father
- "The Lion King" father
- Unit of length of yarn
- "____ Me Maybe"
- *____ Anderson, he knew best?
- The Supremes, e.g.
- Subject matter, pl.
- Same as ayah
- Plural of #14 Across
- Like less processed grain
- Kind of shark
- U.S. Airline
- Short for "and elsewhere"
- Opposite of digest
- Flabbergast
- Like Gulf Stream
- Most achy
- Not much (2 words)
- Reggae's cousin
- Rapunzel's abundance
- Maintenance closet staple
- *____ Rock of "Everybody Hates Chris"
- *"Finding Nemo" father
- Golfer's sun protection
- Aloha prop
- Only daughter of Michael Jackson
- Not active
- Emergency Medical Services
- In the cooler (2 words)
- *Opie's father
- Egyptian boy king, for short
- Button on electrical outlet

DOWN

- Nth degree
- Not many
- Turkish money
- Online troublemaker
- Mike Brady's children, e.g.
- Malicious look
- Before, in the olden days
- Culture Club 1983 hit "____ Chameleon"
- Solo at LaScala
- Fish eggs, pl.
- Cuzco valley empire
- Yellow #5, e.g.
- Stream of revenue
- Dog____ pages
- Final, abbr.
- Medicated shampoo ingredient (2 words)
- *____ Evans Sr. of "Good Times"
- Idealized image
- "Prepare to meet your ____!"
- Wraths
- Exclamation in a stinky room
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- *"National Lampoon" father
- 1965 march site
- Garden staple
- Half a ticket
- Carl Jung's inner self
- Casual top
- T, in Greek
- Lethargy
- Speck in the ocean
- Heathrow craft
- Same as genie
- Pre-owned
- Type of parrot
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- Van Gogh's famous flower
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- Down Under runner
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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim

75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, June 19, 1949 to June 25, 1949

With the government's help, rural America was lighting up at a record pace. About three-fourths of the country's farms now had electric service, up from the two-thirds a year earlier. Only 11 percent of the farms had electricity in 1934.

The citizens of Falls City were sweating it out as high temps reached 93 degrees, the high mark of the year at that point. One year earlier, the high on June 20 was 70 degrees.

Mrs. William Rowland of Salem presented her husband with a new son on June 19 as a Father's Day present. The little boy, Everett Ray, was the couple's 12th child.

Sgt. First Class Roy Ramsey received an expert's rating with the carbine and Pfc. Rex Jones received a sharpshooter's rating with a pistol on an overnight trip to the Camp Ashland range.

A class of six boys and six girls took their first communion from Father Jerome Murray at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Hales Shows moved into City Park for a week-long carnival sponsored by the American Legion. Dr. L.V. Brennan, Legion commander, said the Legion would share in the revenue and that the post would donate a part of its share to finance the installation of lights on the City Park baseball field.

Defense Secretary Louis Johnson disclosed that he had authorized the Navy to refit two fleet carriers to handle atomic bombing planes at a cost of \$80,000,000.

Joe Sells of Rulo was recovering at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital from injuries received in an explosion in a water well at the Paul Frederick filling station in Rulo. Sells was injured when he lit a piece of paper and dropped it into the well.

City officials had made arrangements with Skelly Oil Co. to use crude oil to surface unpaved streets in the city. The crude would be purchased from Skelly for \$1 per barrel. It was estimated that 11 barrels would be needed to cover one block, and with two coats needed, it would cost \$22 per block.

Sixteen adults and children attended a wiener roast given for members of the Pilot Sunday School class of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Mrs. Donald Gilkerson, president, conducted the business session.

Contractors were moving in equipment for the big flood protection levee system which was to be built by the Army Engineers on the Nemaha bottoms south of Rulo.

With contributions for a light system at the City Park baseball fields reaching \$2,000, the committee signed a contract with Giant Manufacturing of Council Bluffs for the complete installation for \$6,610.50.

50 Years Ago, June 19, 1974 to June 25, 1974

Falls City's medical posture was enhanced with the announcement that Dr. Victor Arana had commenced a practice here and would be engaged in general surgery, gynecology and urology.

Walt Disney's "Robin Hood" was showing at the Rivoli Theater.

Lisa Prater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Prater of Humboldt, was selected to represent Nebraska at Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. Lisa attended Girls State in Lincoln and was one of two girls chosen to attend Girls Nation.

The state's recently passed no-smoking bill would go into effect on July 12. The bill prohibited smoking in certain public places, such as elevators, museums, libraries, hospital rooms and theaters.

Gary Ramer's ground ball scored the winning run in the seventh inning as Shubert's A team down Johnson 5-4 in Pee Wee league play. Dave Gordon struck out 14 and allowed two hits, while Don Anderson added two singles and a double.

Mr. and Mrs. William Keeling, 1702 Crook Street, observed their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner held at Breezy Hill.

In Dawson news, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fischer, Amy and David and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lundy had Father's Day dinner at Ken's Café in Sabetha.

Falls City girls Cindy Noll and Ann O'Grady were robbed while on their way to Colorado. The pair were sitting in their car at a rest stop on I-70 in Kansas while two girls accompanying them were inside. A masked man appeared with a gun and demanded their money, which they gave him, and he then ran away. The duo called their parents from the Junction City police department before continuing to Colorado.

Tony Mount clubbed a home run and a triple and Chris Rader added a three-bagger as Bohrer Bros. defeated Ideal Cleaner 14-12 in Cookie League competition.

Harley Frederick, 16, was released from Community Medical Center following a motorcycle accident two days earlier. Frederick was tossed off his bike when it hit a dog that ran across the street.

Jaycee Golf Tourney winners included Bill Dunbar, Tom Davies, Don Brecht and Neal Parsons.

A unanimous Supreme Court declared that states cannot demand that newspapers give political candidates free space to reply to editorial attacks.

Tickets were on sale for the Falls City Community Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" at the Elks Club ballroom. The play featured John Thomas as Oscar and Jeff Falter as Felix.

25 Years Ago, June 19, 1999 to June 25, 1999

Prichard Auditorium, termed "a city treasure" by Micheal Alley of Alley Poyner Architecture in his report to the mayor and City Council, was headed for an enhancement project that would make it even more functional and accessible in the years ahead.

Thieves broke into as many as 14 golf cart storage sheds at the Falls City Country Club. Keith and Julie Frederick were the parents of a daughter born on Sunday, June 13. Alysia Lee weighed 8 pounds and measured 21 inches long.

Matt Oliver launched a grand slam and John Martin pitched a no-hitter as the Falls City Legion Juniors defeated Syracuse 21-0.

Falls City High School and Peru State graduate Craig Stevens was named the head women's basketball coach at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Stevens had previously been a Morningside staff member for six years.

Falls City Sacred Heart's Nic Sikora was a three-sport academic all-state selection. A football, basketball and track performer, Sikora carried a 3.947 GPA and was ranked second in his class of 20.

Following an application to the Defense Department by Mayor Marshall Maddox and Larry Whalen, Falls City was designated a Korean War Commemorative Community from 2000 to 2003, the 50th anniversary of the beginning and end of the Korean War.

The descendants of the late Glen and Gladys Vice met at Indian Cave State Park for a potluck dinner. The evening was spent playing games, taking pictures and enjoying many laughs.

Creighton Blue Jays Ben Walker and Ryan Sears were special guests at the Pro-Tech basketball camp sponsored by Falls City Recreation, Inc. More than 80 kids participated in the 5th annual camp at Prichard Auditorium.

Denise Witt was chosen for the Nebraska Coaches All-Star basketball contest and Andrea Weaver was picked for the volleyball game.

The 4-H Super Shooter Competition winners included Drew Chandler, Mark Dunn, Lukas Goff, Mitch Bletscher, Randi Chandler, Brett McKim, Chris Godemann, Daniel Goff and Jason Sneathen.

"Yard of the Week" honors went to Neal and Jan Rumbaugh at 821 East 12th Street.

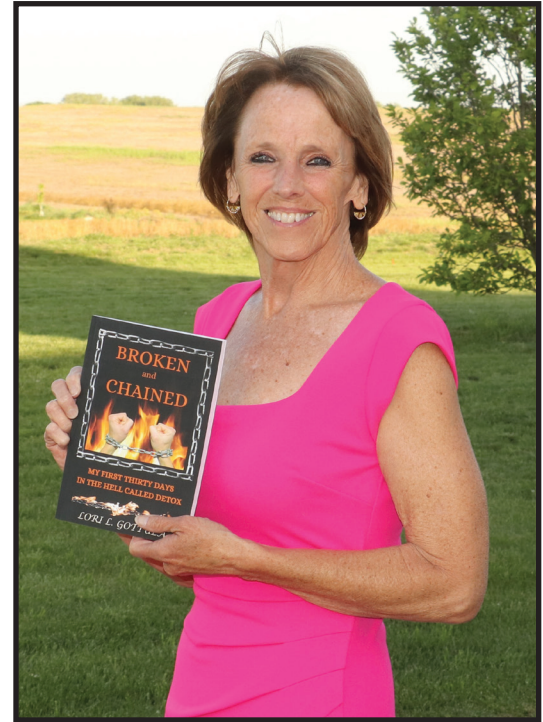
Second annual Women of Grace Not Perfection event coming up

A women's ministry gathering, the second annual Women of Grace Not Perfection event, sponsored by Blessedx3 Boutique, is scheduled for Sunday, June 23, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Mound City R-2 school, 708 Nebraska Street, Mound City, MO 64470. For a \$1 admission fee which

will benefit the Holt County Cancer Fund, Inc., patrons will enjoy a variety of vendors, a fashion show, shopping, fellowship, food stands, and fun. Vendors or those with food trucks wanting to participate in the event may contact Angie Hunzeker at 402-245-7558.

The fashion show will begin at 2 p.m., followed by testimony from Nebraska-based author Lori Gottula at 2:15 p.m. Gottula will be sharing testimony from her book, *Broken & Chained: My First Thirty Days in the Hell Called Detox*, which was published on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Her presentation, titled "Breaking the Chains", has a recommendation of parental guidance for children ages 13 and under due to adult subject matter.

"My husband, Randy, has talked a lot about Mound City because of his broadcasting connections. I am excited to give my presentation there, and motivate others to break the chains in their own lives," said Gottula. "We all have that one thing, or sometimes several things, that keep us



from living our dreams. It's time to break those chains and pursue our best lives." Gottula wrote her book in 2012 after going through the detox process because of an addiction to prescription painkillers due to a chronic back injury. She just recently found the courage to publish her work.

"God just kept poking at me to share my story, and I couldn't ignore His mission for me any longer," Gottula said. Gottula was afraid to publish the book because she and Randy are very visible in southeast Nebraska and the region; however, she felt the need to share her story to help others fight the chains in their own lives, no matter what those demons are.

"If sharing my trials will help others understand what it takes to break the chains of any addiction, then I've got to do it," said Gottula.

Gottula, who now lives with her husband on their family farm between Elk Creek and Steinauer, will have books available for purchase and will autograph them that day. The book is also available at Blessed x3 Boutique in Mound City and Falls City, NE, and through Amazon and other online booksellers. For more information, or to hire Lori to speak at a school, organizational meeting, convention, or at a church, contact her at gottula79@gmail.com.

Commissioners to meet twice this week

(Continued from Page 1) submitted to the Board for review and approval. A motion was made and carried to approve the corrected Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Falls City.

A check was received from the County's insurance carrier, EMC for the loss of the 2020 Ford Explorer patrol unit on April 1, 2024, totaling \$25,702.00.

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board pledge security receipts to be replaced at F&M Bank.

Commissioner Caverzagie made a motion to approve receipt #JC93406B of \$1,515,000 to replace receipts #JC93049A of \$690,000 and #JC93055B of \$825,000 at F&M Bank, the motion carried.

Commissioner Sickle made the motion to appoint the County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, to serve as the budget-making authority for the fiscal year 2024-2025 pursuant to NE §23-906. The motion carried.

Correspondence was received by Charles Stoltenow, Dean and Director of the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service regarding the increase that the County will incur for the cost share of the Extension assistant (4-H) salary increase.

The payment of all claims submitted was approved.

The meeting adjourned

at 10:00 a.m.

The Board will meet again at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, for a special meeting with the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 representing the employees of the Rich-

ardson County Department of Roads and again on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City.

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On May 28, 2024 according to accident/Falls City Police Department reports, William Randall of Falls City was backing from a garage area and didn't see a parked car owned by Judy Murphy of Falls City. Randall struck the parked car causing damage. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Randall vehicle an estimated \$3,000 in damage was done to the Murphy vehicle.

On May 27, 2024 according to accident/Falls City Police Department reports, Officer Levi Jones was informed via radio that there was an accident at Casey's Gas Station. Upon arrival he spoke with Alexin Brennan and Randi Prentice as well as Brady Keller, all of Falls City. Randi and Alexin advised that Randi was driving in the parking lot of Casey's to pick up their friend Summer. They saw Summer and abruptly stopped and backed the car in reverse before stopping again. Around that time they felt a collision with the vehicle behind them. Brady Keller advised he pulled into the gas station stall.



Thea's Gift and Thrift makes donation to Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad

Thea's Gift and Thrift volunteers Leona Knobbe and Helen Bieker present Robert Olberding with a \$500 donation to the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad. Thea's Gift and Thrift is an outreach of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and accepts donations of gently used household goods. In addition to the annual community donation, proceeds help with the support of Sts Peter and Paul Parish and Sacred Heart School.

The car in front of him then backed up, stopped approximately a foot in front of him, then continued backing until colliding with his vehicle. Brady advised he honked his horn before the collision. Randi was driving a gold 2005 Pontiac Grand Am SE Brady was driving a white 2023 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup.

An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the vehicle owned by Brennan driven by Prentice; an estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Keller vehicle.

On May 18, 2024 according to accident/Falls City Police Department reports, Eve Seeba of Falls City was parked facing south in the Dollar General Store parking lot. The Seeba vehicle was struck on the rear drivers side by an unknown vehicle. The second vehicle left the scene of the accident. An estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Seeba vehicle.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

May 30, 2024

Nikki E. Teitge, 44, Humboldt, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

May 31, 2024

Clinton R. Brown, 42, Auburn, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Alprazolam), Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, Habitual Criminal, Acts Declared Unlawful License/Driving, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Failure to Maintain Lane.

June 1, 2024

Aaron Estrada, 39, Weslaco, TX was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

June 2, 2024

Karyssa A. Deleon, 24, Topeka, KS was arrested for Driving Without an Interlock Device and Acts Declared Unlawful License/Driving.

June 3, 2024

Amanda L. Debnam, 41, Wathena, KS was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

Ty A. Larson, 26, Falls City, was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear for a Probation Sanction.

June 4, 2024

Aaron D. Gibson, 49, Robinson, KS was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Conspiracy to Commit a Class two Felony.

Jadian C. Rosado, Lincoln, NE was arrested on two Richardson County warrants for Failure to Appear for Probation Sanctions and a Full-Extradition warrant from Shawnee County, KS.

June 5, 2024

Hunter L. Carnes-Mock, 28, Falls City, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

New Arrivals



MAZE - Derek and Julianne Maze are proud to announce the birth of their son Viggo Alistair Maze. Viggo was born on May 13, 2024 weighing eight pounds seven ounces and was 21 inches long. His grandparents are Tom and Cindy Kopf and Scott and Karen Maze.

The office of Falls City Journal closed for Independence Day

The Falls City Journal office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 for Independence Day. The deadline for the July 10th paper will be Wednesday by the end of the day.

The Journal office will operate on a "flex schedule," for the foreseeable future. Some afternoons the office may need to close early if staff needs to be away for appointments, meetings or events. Thank you for understanding.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

June 5 through June 6, 2024 calls: three animal calls, three nuisances, one phone/digital/mail scam, one HHS intake/referral, one fire call (Rulo fire), one ambulance/EMS, one citation for nonresident violate 30-day immunity, one citation for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for fail to yield right of way.

June 6 through June 7, 2024 calls: four miscellaneous, one disturbance, one trespassing, one information only, one nuisance, three animal calls, one theft, one found or lost property, one 911 hang up/misdial, one motorist assist, one accident, one parking complaint, four 911 calls, one citation for terroristic threats, one citation for assault threaten/menacing manner, one citation for no operators license, one citation for no valid registration, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for misuse of school permit.

June 7 through June 8, 2024 calls: one traffic/driving complaint, three miscellaneous, four ambulance/EMS, one parking complaint, one nuisance, one disturbance, one motorist assist, one weather, one 911 hang up/misdial, one information only, one fire call (Falls City Fire), one referred to another agency, one accident, five 911 calls, one citation for trespass-second degree, one citation for disturbing the peace.

June 8 through June 9, 2024 calls: two ambulance/EMS, one accident, one 911 hang up/misdial, one animal call, one check welfare, one nuisance, one referred to another agency, one traffic/driving complaint, one 911 call, one warning for failure to yield ROW, one warning for no license on person.

June 9 through June 10, 2024 calls: two miscellaneous, one check welfare, one accident, three information only, one vandalism, one ambulance/EMS, one disturbance, one 911 call, one citation for burning ban violation

June 10 through June 11, 2024 calls: one burn permit, one information only, three nuisances, two records check, two check welfare, one HHS intake/referrals, one 911 hang up/misdial, two referred to another agency, one noise disturbance, two miscellaneous, one traffic/driving complaint, two ambulance/EMS, five 911 calls, one warning for speeding.

June 11 through June 12, 2024 calls: two animal calls, two miscellaneous, one information only, one theft, one burn permit, two nuisances, one check welfare, two 911 hang up/misdial, two motorist assist, two ambulance/EMS, two 911 calls, one citation for invalid registration, one citation for fail to use seat belt, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

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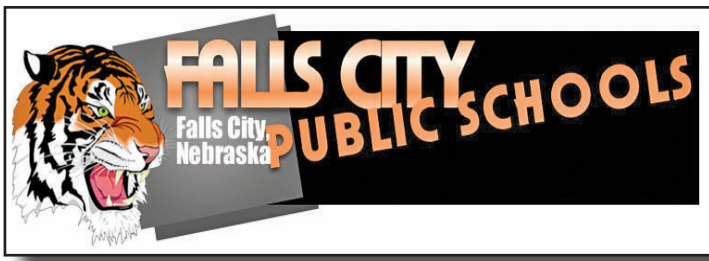
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FCPS Superintendent's District Update

By Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Legislative Update - The provisions of LB 71 become operative on July 19, 2024. This new law would allow children to remain in public pre-school until the mandatory kindergarten entrance age. As a result, eligible five-year-olds could now be accessing public pre-kindergarten, which could result in additional need and therefore additional costs. Relative to District 56 and the Parent-Child Center, the program capacity is currently near full with only 1 slot remaining for two days weekly. After consideration of the impact of LB 71, has been determined the district will actively research the provisions of 5-year-olds in preschool during the 2024-2025 school year. Implications to be considered include capacity space, full-day childcare needs, age grouping of 5-year-olds, preschool fees and financial considerations for increased staffing.

Additionally, this past legislative session, LB 1329 eased some of the statutory staff training requirements. In the past, some mandatory requirements were identified in the law for a set length of time. LB 1329 softened these mandates to "a reasonable amount as determined by each school board." This change in the law allows for more flexibility and local control. Boards have until the beginning of next school year to make this determination, and approved their resolution for District 56.

Transportation Report 2023-2024 - The school district's eight rural bus routes traveled 86,568 miles during the last school year, compared to 95,828 in 2022-2023. On average, the district's bus routes transported 232 students on a daily basis to and from school. The district's transportation program managed well in the 2023-2024 school year and the district is proud to have continued transportation services for the students in an efficient and healthy manner. District 56 is fortunate to have dedicated and experienced bus drivers, contributing to our stellar transportation safety record.

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) 2116 Nondiscrimination; 2) 2117 Public Participation at Board Meetings; 3) 4222 Complaint Procedure; 4) 5309 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds; 5) 5312 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds; 6) 6320 Employee Leave Under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

2. Approved a five percent wage increase for classified employees for 2024-2025.

3. Approved a new PreK-5 School Guidance Curriculum Character Strong for 2024-2025.

4. Approved the substitute teacher daily rate of \$175 for 2024-2025.

5. Approved a resolution on faculty and staff training requirements for 2024-2025.

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

McCord Scholarship to support teachers

Darlene (Critel '61) McCord and her husband David have endowed a new scholarship to support teacher education majors.

The McCords currently live in Omaha, though Darlene came to Peru State from her hometown of Waco, Neb. She taught for five years after obtaining her degree and substituted for many years after that while raising their family.

David is a University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate and owner of McCord En-

gineering since 1995.

Recipients of the new Darlene and David McCord Scholarship must attend Peru State College full-time, major in education, and have demonstrated financial need. The scholarship can be renewed if the recipient maintains those criteria in good standing.

The Peru State College Foundation offers nearly \$800,000 in scholarships annually via over 200 different awards.

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Sixpence hosts a Childcare recruitment night

In April Sixpence hosted a Childcare recruitment night. They invited Lucas Froeschl to speak about the high need for more Childcare providers. They also had a panel of Childcare Providers (pictured to the left, L-R) Stephanie Becker, Stephanie Gerdes, Vicki Froeschl, Chris Crawford, and Madison Bauman. These ladies answered questions and shared information about becoming a provider and some of the pros and cons.

There were several supporters set up with information to help anyone interested in starting up their own business. Corn-cat catering offered a free meal for everyone attending.

erond and Alex Madsen.

Eleventh grade: Thomas Aitken and Tate Wilcox.

Twelfth grade: Zachary Kafer, Makinley Scholl, Joe Simon and Jack Stice.

Falls City Sacred Heart announces honor roll

Falls City Sacred Heart has announced its fourth quarter Green and White honor roll. Below are the students who have earned a spot on the list.

Falls City Sacred Heart School Semester 2 2023-2024 Honor Roll Green (94-100 percent)

Seventh grade: Carlee Bailey, Rachel Bauman, Ava Bletscher, Josie Bletscher, Jenna Geisendorf, Payten Georges, Brynlie Jones, Kinley Lechtenberg, Bailey Lemerond, Aiden Scheitel, Kemper Sipple, Macy Taft, Cee-Jay Tisdell, Andrea Volmer, Elin Vonderschmidt, Stella Waller, Kamrie Wilson, Cash Witt and Treydon Witt.

Eighth grade: Adrian Coetzee and Ryann Westengaard.

Ninth grade: Hayden Clow, Emersyn Courtney, Renee Drummond, Willa Fritz, Kayden Groth, Hallie Jones, Isabelle Nussbaum, Charlie Rottinghaus and Ellery Vonderschmidt.

Tenth grade: Eli Geisendorf, Mason Goltz, Parker Hoffman, Avery Santo, Kyler Sipple, Cole Taft and Daycee Witt.

Eleventh grade: Thomas Aitken, Evan Bailey, Adisen Fischer, Kyle Frederick, Patrick Froeschl, Destry Groth, Clayton Keithley, Addison Keller, Jentry Lechtenberg, Ethan Neddenriep, Connor Nelson, Jocelyn Olberding, Annika Reschke, Henry Rottinghaus, Cole Schawang and Connor Tubbs.

Twelfth grade: Alexis Brewer, Madison Dougherty, Elle Falk, Leila Frederick, James Froeschl, Vaughn Lenard and Makinley Scholl.

White (91-93 percent)

Seventh grade: Lena

Delaney and Noah Howard.

Eighth grade: Austin Bangert, Milayna Croford and Mya Dougherty.

Ninth grade: Alise Reschke and Allarie Wilson.

Tenth grade: Cooper Knobbe, Brenden Lemerond and Alex Madsen.

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CITATIONS

Beth Fritz of Lincoln, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Mauricio Gulla Moreira of Decatur, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Matthew Wold of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

Heath Mitchell of Willow, OK, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Fernando Hernandez Reyes of Laredo, TX, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Alanna Minton of Hastings, NE, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Mike Mirelez of Falls City, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Ramirez)

COUNTY COURT

Mark E. Junker, count one, DUI-.08-first, amended to, careless driving, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead

no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for July 17, 2024.

Mark E. Junker, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 17, 2024.

Dustin A. Garrison, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead not guilty. Trial scheduled for August 28, 2024.

Tyler S. Wintz, count one, drive during revocation/impound-4th/subs, amended to drive during revocation/impound 2nd/3rd, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for July 17, 2024.

Corbin N. Smithson, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead guilty, found guilty; count four, fail to use child passenger restraint, plead guilty, found guilty. Trial scheduled for July 1, 2024.

Arthur A. Sheltroun, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order-MSD 2, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for July 3, 2024.

Tara L. Holmes, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and license revoked for one year; count two, no brake lights/turn signals, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Nicholas D. Streckler, count one, amended to count dropped/dropped; count two, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, amended to count dropped/dropped.

Austin H. Fearnow, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500 and proba-

tion to the court for six months.

Darcy Glander, count one, dogs & cats, nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Darcy A. Glander, count one, animal running at large, plead not guilty. Trial scheduled for July 8, 2024.

Shianne L. Mackey, count one, litter, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, weeds & grasses over 12", plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Aaron D. Levengood, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 3, 2024.

DISTRICT COURT

Jeremy S. Carson, count one, possess controlled subs, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dropped; count three, amended to count dropped/dropped; count four, drive without ignition interlock, plead no contest, found guilty; count five, amended to count dropped/dropped; count six, amended to count dropped/dropped; count seven, amended to count dropped/dropped; count eight, amended to count dropped/dropped. Sentencing scheduled for July 16, 2024.

Ty A. Larson, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes drug

testing fee of \$150, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$750, jail for term of 362 days, credit for 27 days served; count two, amended to count dropped/dropped; count three, amended to count dropped/dropped; count four, possess money while violate 28-416 (1), plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to 362 days in jail, credit for 27 days served; count five, amended to count dropped/dropped; count six, amended to count dropped/dropped.

Matthew T. Nix, count one, amended to count dropped/dropped; count two, amended to count dropped/dropped; count three, sex offender reg. act violation, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for term of 12 months, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$300; count four, amended to count dropped/dropped.

Zackary J. Bokelman, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty; count three, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 9, 2024.

Brandon C. Adams, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count

three, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count four, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 16, 2024.

Noel D. Johnson, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 9, 2024.

Mariann Flores, count one, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to count dropped/dropped. Sentencing scheduled for July 16, 2024.

Steven J. Dillard, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$1,000; count two, criminal impersonation/(1) (c)-first, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections for term of two years, credit for 30 days served; count three, amended to count dropped/dropped; count four, amended to count dropped/dropped; count five, obstruct a peace officer, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections for term of six months; count six, amended to count dropped/dropped; count seven, amended to count dropped/dropped; count eight, contempt of court, plea is mute, found guilty and sentenced to 14 days in jail.

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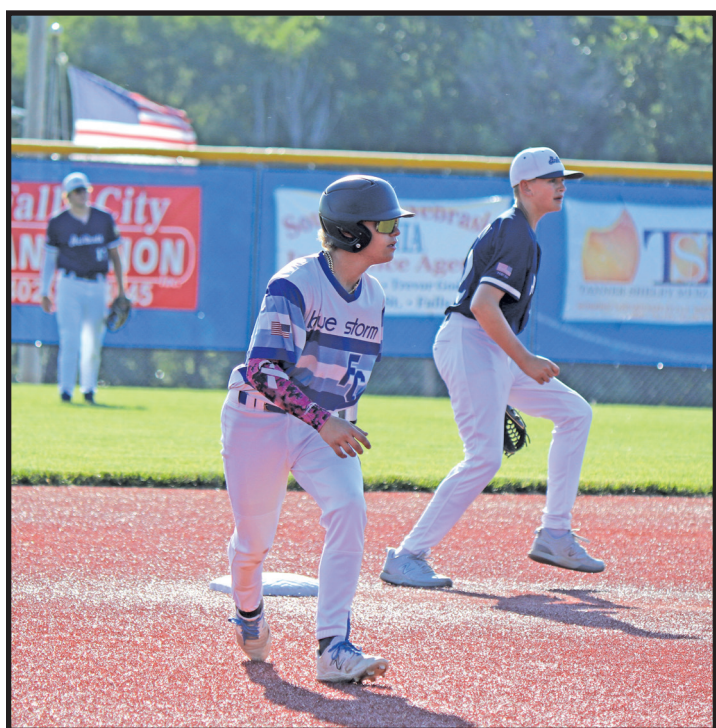
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The Blue Storm's Jaiden Willman works on a nice lead from second base in Wednesday's loss to Adams.

Juniors on the wrong side of three contests last week

The Blue Storm Juniors fell to the Adams Hellcats on Wednesday 1-9 in five innings at SNC Field. Adams plated three runs and had the bases loaded in the first when catcher Kam Huppert fired the ball to first, picking off the Adams runner to end the frame. In the bottom of the inning, Orion Cattrell led off by getting hit by a pitch. Two stolen bases and an error later, FC cut the lead to 1-3. Mason Collier drew a one-out walk and Noah Howard reached on an error to load the bases. Unfortunately, the next two FC batters struck out and the threat was ended.

Adams put together another three-run inning in the second to push their advantage to 6-1. The Blue Storm threatened in the third, putting a pair of runners on base with one out. However, both runners were caught stealing and Adams escaped the inning, holding on to their five-run lead. The Hellcats scored three times in the fifth, using three singles and an error to push their lead to 9-1.

Falls City attempted to rally in the bottom of the fifth. With two outs, the Blue Storm's Jaiden Willman doubled to left field. Back-to-back walks by Huppert and Collier loaded the bases, but a strikeout ended the game with FC on the wrong side of a 9-1 contest.

The Juniors were outthit 9-2 in the five-inning affair, with Willman leading the way with a double and Cattrell singling. Collier took the loss, allowing six hits and six runs (five earned) over 3 1/3 innings. Toby Baxter threw the final 1 2/3 innings, surrendering three and three runs (one earned).

FC traveled to Hiawatha for a doubleheader on Thursday night, falling in the opener 1-11 and 2-8 in the nightcap.

Post 66 scored first in the opener and never trailed. Pitcher Willman surrendered one run in the first, five in the second and five more in the fourth as the Blue Storm dropped the

contest. FC's lone run came in the third frame. With one out Toby Baxter reached base after getting plunked. Next, Grant Kobza drew a walk and a single by Cattrell drove in Baxter to make it 1-6.

With the score still at 1-6 in the fourth, Falls City loaded the bases, but a strikeout ended the frame with the runners stranded on base. Hiawatha responded with five more runs to end the game by the mercy rule in the fourth.

Cattrell and Collier had singles for FC, while Willman gave up seven hits and 11 runs but only one earned in three-plus innings of work.

The Juniors fell to 3-11 with a 2-8 loss in the second game on Thursday night. FC got a pair of one-out walks to open the game, but back-to-back strikeouts ended the Blue Storm threat. Hiawatha used a hit by pitch and four consecutive singles to take a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

In the second, Vonderschmidt walked to open the inning. A passed ball, a wild pitch and a sac bunt by Furnas made it 1-4. The Juniors continued to chip away in the third. A walk by Willman and a single by Huppert put two runners on with no outs. After a pick-off at third, Collier walked and Howard singled to load the bases. Huppert came in to score on an error by the catcher to cut the lead to 2-5. A strikeout and fly out to center field left all three runners stranded to end the frame.

Hiawatha added three runs in the third to make it 2-8. Falls City never really threatened again, falling to the neighbors to the south by six runs.

Huppert led the offense, going 1-1, with a pair of walks. Howard went 1-3 and Furnas added an RBI. Cattrell went three innings on the mound, allowing four hits and six runs (three earned).

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League results for June 11, 2024.

Team 1 (6.00) Ebel, Ron 40-37; Foster, Tim 41-31. Team 4 (2.00) Hays, Gary 39-35; Vonseggern, Bill 47-35.

Team 2 (3.00) Liberty, Brandon 37-34; Hillyard, Mark 43-33. Team 3 (5.00) Simon, Dan 40-35; May, Mark 45-32.

Team 5 (8.00) Borg, Dave 40-33; Hankins, Dan 43-33. Team 7 (0.00) Kopf, Tom 48-39. Bennett, Chuck 46-34.

Team 6 (6.00) Heinzelman, Denny 45-36; Romine, Alan 45-35. Team 8 (2.00) James, Charles 45-36; Mullins, Jim 53-41.

Late League results for June 11, 2024.

Team 1 (1.00) Dunn, Joe 37-36; Malone, Kevin 49-41; Merz, Mitch 64-37. Team 17 (9.00) Hullman, Ben 42-35; Craig, Jake 52-41; Dunn, Mike 52-36.

Team 2 (0.00) Simon, Steve 40-39; Chesnut, Justin 49-41; Gilkerson, Keith 47-38. Team 16 (10.00) Gist, Thomas 42-36; Schawang, Cody 42-32; Froeschl, Joe 44-33.

Team 3 (10.00) Bachman, Eli 36-33; Poppe, Brian 43-35; Jordening, Ron 48-35. Team 15 (0.00) Daake,

Brian 43-37; Godemann, Ted 48-36; Kopf, Tom 52-39.

Team 4 (2.00) Dunkhas, Gale 46-37; McNeely, Erik 39-30; Keller, Bart 65-44. Team 14 (8.00) Anderson, Dusty 43-37; Froeschl, Lucas 37-30; Harmon, Galen 43-32.

Team 5 (7.50) Scheitel, Trent 41-38; Ferguson, Don 42-32; Malcolm, Terry 53-41. Team 13 (2.50) Gerweck, Rob 42-37; Court-

ney, Justin 50-38; Meysenburg, Fr. James 50-38.

Team 6 (5.00) Witt, Tom 38-34; Froeschl, Ethan 46-37; Buckminster, Blake 56-36. Team 12 (5.00) Van Dyke, Kyle 46-36; Witt, Wade 46-34; Steele, Brandon 50-38.

Team 7 (7.50) Siel, Jake 35-31; Aitken, Bob 43-34; Fiegenger, Jarod 45-28. Team 11 (2.50) Davis, Darrin 39-34; McNeely, John 43-34; Bredemeier, Logan

50-26.

Team 8 (7.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 40-37; Kurpgeweit, Lee 42-33; May, Mark 46-31. Team 10 (3.00) Gist, Dick 40-35; Witt, Weston 44-37; Craig, Robbie 52-37.

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2701 Barada St.-245-5857
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The Quilted Truck: “Everyone that we’ve met is a piece, a functional beautiful piece of this town, and all together it’s just this beautiful thing.”

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The inspiration for their mural came from the unique “quilted trucks” they had first seen in a friends photograph, but then observed around Falls City- vehicles patched together with different parts, each telling a story of resilience and unity.

The quilted truck said Andrew, “The metaphor of it is really beautiful. Like you love this thing, it’s a sentimental thing. But also you want to keep the life of it going. So you find pieces and parts that work with it. And together, it makes it stronger and more functional. And I don’t know, the quilted truck. It’s like a metaphor for life. It’s a metaphor for this place. But everyone that we’ve met is a piece, a functional, beautiful piece of this town. And all together. It’s just this beautiful thing.”

The pair took inspiration from the farming community, the sunset over the cornfields, the golden hour light and the people in town.

“It might seem like just moments being lived in ordinary life. But that’s kind of it, right? I think that any chance we have to bring us back to the present moment and know that these times with community with people, that’s all life is,” said Sarah. “It was our goal to capture that. So when we saw that life being lived right outside our door at Stanton Lake, I was like, wow, this is just a beautiful moment of life in this place. And you guys have something really special. I feel like you guys have something really, really special that isn’t found everywhere and that we haven’t experienced it quite like this anywhere else. So we thank you all for being part of the fabric of this place.”

It took countless hours, three weeks, and many, many layers of the 22 gallons of paint for the mural to take shape. As the pair worked, the community rallied behind them, offering their support and resources. From the paint purchased at Farm and City to the lift provided by Justin Brewer, every detail fell into place with local contributions. The dedication and collaborative spirit of Falls City shone through as various individuals added their touch to the project, from power washing by Alex Seeba to tuckpointing work by Brandon Schawang, stencil print-

ing from KawRes and vinyl matching from Merz Inc. Everyone added a special touch to the project.

“Falls City is a very unique thing. You may not realize this, but it’s just really, really special,” said Andrew. “The fact that you have everything that you’ll need right here in town, and you’re not part of a bigger metropolis. I don’t know. We go to a lot of small towns, and there’s not quite the same energy, lifeblood, or sustainability that we see in other places. And I will say throughout our process of painting this like we’ve never had, the rootin, for us kind of energy that we’ve had here.”

Andrew thanked the town for being “a special place because not every place is like this place.”

The pair said they would love to be part of the Falls City community again in the future for another mural.

The unveiling of the mural was a moment of pride and joy for everyone involved and those who had passed by daily to watch the progress. From the community doodle draw weeks ago, which set the reference points for the artists to create their work, to the ribbon cutting, this artwork, rich with symbolism and poetry, serves as a deep connection between art and community.

Sarah and Andrew’s words are painted in the mural, “The train passes, and the squirrel crosses the path that leads me home. A robin sings a familiar song the breath between today and night here, I find my way quilted together in the wind and light different and the same all at once,” come together to bring you closer to the meaning, closer to finding a connection to your own story.

Holle, along with the Chamber Board and building owner Mitch Glaser, was a driving force behind the project. She expressed her gratitude to all who had made the mural a reality, especially to the artists Sarah and Andrew, who humbly shared their talent, highlighting the beauty of small-town life and the power of art to bring people together.

The mural serves as a reminder of the town’s charm and the power of art to weave stories and connections among its people.

OBITUARIES

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Charles Radatz

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navillo, IA to Arthur and Irene (Engler) Radatz. He married Karen Ott on May 25, 1968 at Manitowoc, WI. She passed away April 10, 2019.

Charlie was raised in Garnavillo and graduated the University of Iowa with a degree in broadcasting. He then worked for a local radio station until moving to Sheboygan, WI where he worked for WKTS Radio in sales, eventually becoming the general manager. In 1981 the couple moved to Falls City and purchased KTNC Radio Station. He sold the station in 2007 and retired. Charlie stayed busy volunteering for many organizations in Falls City and helping on many community projects. Most notably was his hard work in securing funding for the Rulo Bridge. He was a member and board member of EDGE, Jaycees, Lions Club, Elks, CRA and many others. He was also a census taker in 2020 and had been a substitute teacher. He was one of Falls City biggest cheerleaders and worked tirelessly to improve the town. He was also an active member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at 20th and Towle St.

Charlie is survived by his children, Jenny Liu and her husband Joseph of Overland Park, KS, Jeff and his wife Bonnie of Seward, NE, sister, Shirley Wagner of Farmersburg, IA and grandchildren, Sophia and Sean Liu. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and a sister, Yvonne Willman.

His funeral will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 10:30 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (20th & Towle St.) with Pastors Joanna Kathol and Miles Ruch officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Viewing will begin Tuesday afternoon at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Marilyn Coulter

Marilyn Coulter, 83, of Falls City, NE, passed away June 10, 2024 at Lincoln, NE. She was born December 27, 1940 at Rulo, NE to Man- nie and Grace (Hunker) Schulenberg.

She married Gary Coulter on October 17, 1959 at Hiawatha, KS.

Marilyn was raised at Falls City and had attended school in Rulo, Salem and Falls City. When married the couple established their home in Falls City where she and her husband operated the Derby Station which became Coastal Mart until 1996 when she took employment with Falls City Public Schools as a custodian at South School, she retired in 2005. She enjoyed reading romance novels, doing crosswords and gardening. She was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at 20th and Towle St.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Gary of Falls City, children, Randy and his wife Laura of Crete, NE, Sherri Hunziker and her husband Mike of Rulo, Kristi Mullins and her husband Jim of

Falls City, brothers, Dale Schulenberg and his wife Doris of Lincoln, NE, Richard Schulenberg of Lake Havasu, AZ, sisters, Delores Gill of Falls City, Marcele Kaster and husband Kenneth of Falls City, Linda Gibson of Kansas City, brother-in-law, Roger Crofford of Falls City, grandchildren, Josh Coulter, Nicole Fin- ner, Chrissy Garris, Carla Rhodd, Brandon Hunzeker, Travis Mullins and Ali Frederick and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Beverly Crofford, brothers-in-law, Frank Gill and Bob Gibson.

Her memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:30 AM at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (20th and Towle) with Pastor Joanna Kathol officiating. Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will greet friends at the church one hour prior to services.

Friends may sign the guest registry during regular business hours at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Eugene ‘Gene’ Hall Retrospective

The Stalder Gallery presents an exhibition of the works of the late artist Eugene ‘Gene’ Hall. The exhibition will open on June 20th and run through July 27th, 2024. A light reception hosted by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council will be held on June 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Stalder Gallery located inside the Falls City Library and Arts Center. Works on display are part of the collection of the late Dick and NiNi Frederick courtesy of their daughters Christine Brown and Mary Beth Frederick (nieces of the artist). Other works on display come from the Library and Community Foundation of Richardson County, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, local patrons, and Mike Hall (nephew of the artist).

Gene Hall was born in 1922 to Anna and J.M. Hall. Eugene was one of the nine children born in the Hall family. Nini Frederick was his sister. He was raised in Falls City and graduated from Sacred Heart School in 1940. He served his country in the Marine Corps. Gene graduated

from The American Academy of Art (Chicago) in 1949 and then studied painting and sculpture at the Kansas City Art Institute before returning to Chicago to study under Alexander Zlatoff-Mirsky. His work was well known nationally and internationally. Gene’s subject matter was diverse and at times spontaneous. In a gallery handout from the Welna Gallery in Chicago, Gene Hall was quoted as saying “the painting is only half the creation, the other half is completed when the viewer is elevated because of its existence.” Gene Hall passed away in 1985.

The Eugene ‘Gene’ Hall Retrospective can be viewed during regular library hours in the Stalder Gallery. The Falls City Library and Arts Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Any question concerning the exhibition can be directed to Curator, Christina Wertenberger.

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A Severe Thunderstorm moves over Falls City from the west to the Falls City Airport as Hot Air Balloon Festival goers leave the event Saturday night. (Photo by Nikki McKim)

Two-night Hot Air Balloon Festival pays off on Friday as storms move in Saturday

(Continued from Page 1) half the pilots were able to take flight, and half were able to put on the balloon glow.

Throughout the day on Saturday, festival-goers enjoyed a variety of activities. Kite flying, a kids' zone with bounce houses and games, and live music performances by Dixie Cadillacs and the Kyle Saylor Band added to the festive atmosphere.

Families spread blankets and set up spots as children ran around with the glow of the hot air balloons in the background. Food vendors lined the back of the area, providing delicious food for all.

Unfortunately, a severe thunderstorm halted the events, and the evening ended before any hot air balloons could go up the second night.

"Saturday, the weather was not as kind to us. The wind speeds were way too high for any balloon activity. After having this

happen at previous festivals, we knew we needed to add some more entertainment to still show everyone a good time," said Holle. "The kites were an excellent addition because they needed the winds. We also added kids' inflatables and two live bands. Mother nature decided to send a storm our way Saturday around 7:00 p.m., and thankfully, we were able to dismiss the crowd to their vehicles right before the rain and very strong winds hit Brenner Field."

The fireworks display was put on hold and will be held at a later date.

The event was sponsored by The Falls City Chamber, Family Fare, Midwest Homes and Restoration, Peggy's Quilting Service, Mosaic, F&M Bank, Wolfe's Printing, Edward Jones, El Camino Electric LLC, Farm and City, Falls City Care, Frontier Bank, Fast Global Solutions, Vision Inn Motel, Schawang Cattle Co., South-

east Community College, Community Medical Center, Ace Hardware and Dollar Fresh Market.

(Please turn to Page 14 for more photos)

PSC provides additional services for Public Safety Answering Points

The Nebraska Public Service Commission has entered into a five year contract with RapidSOS to provide its premium service UNITE to all 67 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in Nebraska.

An added safety platform, RapidSOS enhances the Next Generation 911 environment by providing caller location information to 911 centers even if a wireless carrier is unable to deliver a call. Among the suite of services offered through RapidSOS UNITE, are enhanced caller location information and single sign-on access.

"Many Nebraska PSAPs currently utilize RapidSOS," said PSC State 911 Director David Sankey. "Elevating all PSAPs to the company's UNITE modules, will provide even more tools to supplement caller location capabilities should a disruption in wireless service occur."

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"RapidSOS harnesses the power of technology and the data from our devices to connect communities directly to safety during an emergency," said Edward Parkinson, President of Public Sector at RapidSOS. "RapidSOS offers a separate and redundant pathway to 911 that connects citizens in need to 911, even during outages. We thank the State of Nebraska for putting its trust in RapidSOS. It is an honor to work with public safety in the state."

For more information about RapidSOS, visit www.rapidsos.com

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DAILY SPECIALS
MON: Chicken Fried Steak
Sandwich with one side

TUES: Pulled Pork Sando
WED: Meatloaf with roll, side
salad, veg, & Mashed Potatoes

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

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\$3.50

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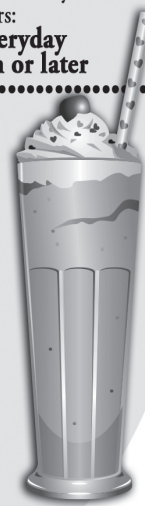
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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA Case No. CI24-59

Southeast Nebraska Land Bank, Plaintiff,
vs.
Timothy Kirkendall; Tia O'Grady, also known as Tia L. Hall; City of Falls City, Nebraska; Real property located at 1223 Lane Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355 and any and all other persons/entities claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein; Defendants.

To: All persons having or claiming any interest in and to: Lots 1 and 2, Block 133, City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, real names unknown.

You have been sued by Southeast Nebraska Land Bank. The object of the Plaintiff's Complaint is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 2024020 for the delinquent taxes on the real estate described above. The taxes due under the certificate are for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 plus interest at the rate of 14% per annum. The Complaint asks the court to find that the taxes are a lien against the real estate, as provided by law, and that upon establishment of such lien, the real estate, which may remain unredeemed, be sold at public sale to satisfy the decree so entered, together with interest and costs, including attorney's fees, as provided for and by Nebraska Revised Statute Section 77-1909, as amended, and that the defendants be forever barred of all claims upon, interest in, right or title to, lien upon or equity of redemption in the real estate upon confirmation of the sale. To defend this lawsuit, an appropriate response must be filed with the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355, within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. If you fail to respond, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA LAND BANK, Plaintiff,

Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 HALBERT LAW LLC

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Attorney for the Plaintiff
5-12-19
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 5, 2024 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, SICKEL and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman SICKEL. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by SICKEL to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, SICKEL-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by SICKEL. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, SICKEL-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. did not meet with the Board this week due to other business matters and projects happening within the County Dept. of Roads.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the week. It was reported that there was a total of 14 inmates in jail today and that for the month of May there were 49 bookings into the Jail with 3 of those from other agencies, 639 total calls for service during the month of May with 400 being traffic stops.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the Memorandum of Understanding that was presented by Ashley Fischer, Dispatch Supervisor at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center, with the City of Falls City for Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") made and

entered into on August 1, 2024, by and between the City of Falls City, NE hereinafter referred to as "Primary PSAP" and the County of Richardson, NE hereinafter referred to as "Secondary PSAP". Motion seconded by SICKEL. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, SICKEL-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. This matter will be considered by the City of Falls City at the next council meeting to be held on June 17.

A review was held regarding the past purchase of patrol units, the condition of the patrol units and plans to include the purchase of a patrol unit in the next fiscal year.

OPPD

Michaela Valentin JD, Government & Community Relations Manager of OPPD introduced to the Board Chris Meeks, Government & Community Relations Strategist who has joined OPPD in this department.

They informed and provided the Board with a general update on the generation growth that will be occurring in the next 10 years. There is also a website that is available for the citizens to inquire on the OPPD projects and to explain the future generation growth, www.oppdcommunityconnect.com.

INSURANCE BIDS

At 10:30 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids to purchase insurance coverage for Richardson County. One bid was received from Miller Farrell.

A motion was made by SICKEL to accept the bid only for the purpose of further review from Miller Farrell to provide insurance for the County. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, SICKEL-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The total premium amount included on the bid was \$313,023.40, a 9.3% increase from the prior year. The increase in premium was shown to be on auto, inland marine, property and umbrella coverages. The information included within the bid will be reviewed further to ensure that proper coverage is included for the next policy year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and the Board will consider approval of the premium and coverage at the June 19, 2024, meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the May 2024 monthly operating statement.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of May 2024: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$358.88; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$23,151.75; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court, \$1,560.00.

Sub-division

Motion was made by SICKEL to approve a sub-division for Anthony Kopf located in S24, T2, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-44. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, SICKEL-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page 90)

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

BuckIT, serv	7322.33
Cass County Sheriff, serv	59.60
Clerk of District Court, fees.....	255.00
Consolidated Management Company, serv.....	92.30
Dept Correctional Services, serv	813.15
East Richardson Rural Water, serv	411.07
Falls City Sanitation, serv	40.00
FC Utility Dept., serv	5820.27
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, fees	1824.00
CR23-671 B. Evans, CR24-34 S. Mackey	
Gastroenterology Specialties PC, serv	583.00
Humboldt Standard, adv	497.70
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	75.04
Koch's Auto Service, serv	169.49
Lancaster County Sheriff, fees	51.40
Lincoln Fire & Rescue Service, serv	91.45
Merz Ink, serv	540.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv	110.00
Miller-Monroe, notary	40.00
MIPS, serv	3218.84
NACO, dues	1741.16
Nebraska County Attorney's Association, reg	1100.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv	146.41
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash Acct., reimb	28.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct, reimb	673.82
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1183.23
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	423.64
Unifirst, serv	79.11
Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb	1131.25
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....	\$28,521.26

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Agco Finance, supp.....	497.89
Barco Municipal Products, supp	1670.40
Culligan of Percival, serv	80.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	85.86
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	17499.75
Norris Quarries, rock	7708.78
Northern Safety Co., Inc, supp	108.81
Quill LLC, supp	69.16
Rose Equipment Inc., supp	11949.30
Salem, Village of, serv	23.70
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$39,759.65

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp	200.14
MIPS, serv	315.57
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND.....	\$515.71

DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	220.00
TOTAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND.....	\$220.00
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Schwang Masonry, serv	1000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND.....	\$1,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, SICKEL-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the County Board members attending the Annual County Board Workshop sponsored by Nebraska Association of County Officials, the Board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 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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B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS June 6, 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 6th day of June, 2024, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: None. Absent: Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM, NO MEETING WAS HELD

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on June 6, 2024, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.
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DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, June 10, 2024 7:00 PM Music Room, Humboldt

Attendance Taken at 7:02 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 accept passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0

- 4.1. Meeting Minutes
- 4.2. Bills for Payment
- 4.3. Review Treasurer's report
5. REPORTS
- 5.1. Assistant Principal Standerford - Mrs. Standerford discussed the recent data retreat, where we are standing in preparation for 2024/25 school year and the upcoming schedules.
- 5.2. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
- 5.3. Committee Reports
6. AGENDA ITEMS

- 6.1. Approve board member's leave of absence
- 6.2. Strategic Plan Final Report - The Final Report was presented and discussed.
- 6.3. Donation to the Cheer Activity Account -Motion to accept the cheerleader's donation passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.4. Boxlight Board Purchase - Approve box light purchases with ESSERS funds passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.5. Handbooks
- 6.5.1. PreK-5 Handbook (Second read only) No Action
- 6.5.2. Draft 6-12 Student Handbook (First Read No Action)
- 6.5.3. Staff Handbook (First Read No Action)
- 6.5.4. Activity Handbook (First Read No Action)
- 6.6. Baseball Co-op with Auburn - Motion to table passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.7. Middle School Social Studies Textbook - Motion to approve to purchase new Social Studies books to update, passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.8. Personnel
- 6.8.1. Reassignment

Motion to move Mr. Lovercheck to WIN Program passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0

- 6.8.2. New Hires
Jennifer Eickmann - Elementary Teacher
- Joyce Strobel - Para
- Rhiannon Koehler - Para
- Motion to approve the 3 new hires passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.8.3. Interim Principal
- Motion to provide the interview committee the authority to negotiate and offer a contract with an interim principal for approval by the board passed with a motion by Leah Reyes and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
7. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT
8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Motion to go into executive session at 8:24pm passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and second by Neal Kanel.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:33pm passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and second by Leah Reyes.

9. ADJOURN
ADJOURNED AT 8:34PM
Respectfully submitted,
Chantel Farwell

CLAIMS

Act, Po 7943-8/9 Preact	357.00
Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc, Maintenance-Chemicals.....	100.75
Auburn State Theater, A/R Trip.....	792.00
Blecha's General Store, Cof.	13.99
Boommam, Renee, Maintenance Supplies	596.16
Boring, Sandy, Cupcakes - Retirement Party	90.00
Cardmember Service, Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund	8,421.30
Cleaning Cousins, LLC, Fcs/Kind/3rd	51.80
Coffey, Michael, Fl Trip Supplies Reimb	77.50
Dietze Music House, Music Supplies	180.60
Dsk Phillips, Inc, Tiny House Plumbing	504.45
Eakes Office Solutions, Copier.fax. maint Supplies.....	3,153.99
Electronic Contracting Co., Alarm Monitoring Services.....	168.00
Essential Screens, Emplmt Background Screenings	161.80
Esu #3, All Things Autism Ec Training	50.00
Esu #4, Ec & El Billing, Srs Fees + Hlth Screen.....	10,717.53
Esu #6, Tech Hosting Services	61.23

Esu 5, Po 7913 Workshops 195.00 || Esu Coordinating Council, Proofpoint Renewal | 467.40 |
Falls City Journal, Annual Library Subscription	50.00
Falls City Mercantile Co., Daycare	11.56
FC Sanitation, Trash-Utilities	561.70
Farm & City Supply, Maintenance Supplies	1,025.92
Fiber Platform, Llc, Distance Learning	430.87
Frontline Technologies Group, 2024-25 Absence/Sub Mgmt.....	4,262.40
Hometown Leasing, Staple Copier Lease	1,287.03
Htrs Payroll Acct, Payroll Expenses	550,684.15
Humboldt Standard, Po 7925	45.00
Jeanne's Distribution, Po 7943 Maint Supplies	432.00
Josten's, Diploma Covers.....	221.95
Knza Inc, Advertising-Radio	100.00
Ksb School Law, Legal Services	1,860.00
Kurita America Inc, Water Soft Contract	492.48
Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services	1,842.00
Mid-American Research, Gym Floor Finish	1,213.00
National Therapeutic Associates, Physical Therapy - Sped Services	1,541.75
Nebraska Life, Library Subscription	30.00
Nppd, Elec-Utilities	5,012.25
Pawnee Republican, Ads	145.50
Pcs Edventures!, Summer Steam Po 7878	5,462.68
Platform Athletics, LLC, Po 7874	1,000.00
Push Pedal Pull, Inc, Po 7911	292.00
Quill, Po 7899	414.80
Scholastic Inc, Po 7890 El Wkly Reader	975.12
School Nurse Supply, Po 7902 Nurse Supplies	2,008.95
School Specialty Llc, School Student Supplies.....	5,915.68
Squishy Circuits, Steam Supplies	653.58
Steffen Pineda, Sarah	
Translations	164.47
Sys-Kool, Llc, Po 7876	2,731.44
Time Management Systems, Monthly Contract Or Service.....	242.00
Tk Elevator Corporation, Elevator Maintenance	543.26
Verizon Business, Long Distance	81.58
Walsworth, Yearbook	3,125.00
Windstream Nebraska, Phone Utilities.....	109.79
Wonder Workshop Inc, Po 7843	2,995.00
Zaner-Bloser, Inc, Po 7921 Kind Curr	340.01
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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 accept passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0

- 4.1. Meeting Minutes
- 4.2. Bills for Payment
- 4.3. Review Treasurer's report
5. REPORTS
- 5.1. Assistant Principal Standerford - Mrs. Standerford discussed the recent data retreat, where we are standing in preparation for 2024/25 school year and the upcoming schedules.
- 5.2. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
- 5.3. Committee Reports
6. AGENDA ITEMS

- 6.1. Approve board member's leave of absence
- 6.2. Strategic Plan Final Report - The Final Report was presented and discussed.
- 6.3. Donation to the Cheer Activity Account -Motion to accept the cheerleader's donation passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.4. Boxlight Board Purchase - Approve box light purchases with ESSERS funds passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.5. Handbooks
- 6.5.1. PreK-5 Handbook (Second read only) No Action
- 6.5.2. Draft 6-12 Student Handbook (First Read No Action)
- 6.5.3. Staff Handbook (First Read No Action)
- 6.5.4. Activity Handbook (First Read No Action)
- 6.6. Baseball Co-op with Auburn - Motion to table passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Leah Reyes. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.7. Middle School Social Studies Textbook - Motion to approve to purchase new Social Studies books to update, passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.8. Personnel
- 6.8.1. Reassignment

Motion to move Mr. Lovercheck to WIN Program passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0

- 6.8.2. New Hires
Jennifer Eickmann - Elementary Teacher
- Joyce Strobel - Para
- Rhiannon Koehler - Para
- Motion to approve the 3 new hires passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
- 6.8.3. Interim Principal
- Motion to provide the interview committee the authority to negotiate and offer a contract with an interim principal for approval by the board passed with a motion by Leah Reyes and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 6, Nays: 0
7. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT
8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Motion to go into executive session at 8:24pm passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and second by Neal Kanel.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:33pm passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and second by Leah Reyes.

9. ADJOURN
ADJOURNED AT 8:34PM
Respectfully submitted,
Chantel Farwell

CLAIMS

Act, Po 7943-8/9 Preact	357.00
Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc, Maintenance-Chemicals.....	100.75
Auburn State Theater, A/R Trip.....	792.00
Blecha's General Store, Cof.	13.99
Boommam, Renee, Maintenance Supplies	596.16
Boring, Sandy, Cupcakes - Retirement Party	90.00
Cardmember Service, Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund	8,421.30
Cleaning Cousins, LLC, Fcs/Kind/3rd	51.80
Coffey, Michael, Fl Trip Supplies Reimb	77.50
Dietze Music House, Music Supplies	180.60
Dsk Phillips, Inc, Tiny House Plumbing	504.45
Eakes Office Solutions, Copier.fax. maint Supplies.....	3,153.99
Electronic Contracting Co., Alarm Monitoring Services.....	168.00
Essential Screens, Emplmt Background Screenings	161.80
Esu #3, All Things Autism Ec Training	50.00
Esu #4, Ec & El Billing, Srs Fees + Hlth Screen.....	10,717.53
Esu #6, Tech Hosting Services	61.23

stalled.

2. WATER HOOK UP AT CO-CHRAN PROPERTY: It was reported that the contractor will do this project as soon as he is available.
3. ARMOR COATING/PATCHING BID - HEIN CONSTRUCTION LLC: A bid was received from Hein Construction LLC for armor coating and patching. A motion was made by Bahr and seconded by Miller to accept the bid received from Hein Construction LLC. All Trustees present voting YEA.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SE NEBRASKA LAND BANK: A motion was made by Koso and seconded by Miller to approve Marilyn Capps as a new Board Member for the SE Nebraska Land Bank. All Trustees present voting YEA.
2. NUISANCE PROPERTIES & WEED NOTICES: Various properties were discussed as needing pursued as nuisance properties and sent weed notices.
3. VERDON FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Verdon Fire Department requested permission to close a portion of Main Street on June 8th for their Taco Bar Fundraiser. A motion was made by Koso and seconded by Miller to approve the request. All Trustees present voting YEA.

Motion by Bahr and second by Koso to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and all Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

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

VILLAGE OF VERDON MAY 2024 CLAIMS PAID

EFTPS EX	250.14
PeopleService SE	\$1,787.36
Verdon Library EX	\$25.00
R.C.R.W.D. # 2 SU	\$2,035.92
Seneca Sanitation Service, Inc. SE	\$1,437.00
S.N.C. SE	\$93.17
City of Falls City SE	\$570.00
Nebraska Public Health Environ. Lab SE	\$30.00
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Tom Borrego SE	\$550.00
Dawn Bennett RE	\$300.00
Farm & City Supply SU	\$41.96
Gerdes Lawn Care SE	\$475.00
N.P.P.D. SE	\$900.07
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
CASE NO. CI 24-67
LEGAL NOTICE

ROBERT L. OLIVER AND J. LESLIE OLIVER, Plaintiffs, vs. JULIUS A. ZIMMERMAN AND HIS GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OR ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT TWENTY (20) RODS NORTH OF A POINT THIRTY TWO AND ONE HALF RODS WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TEN (10), TOWNSHIP ONE (1), NORTH, RANGE SIXTEEN (16), EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE NORTH ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (144) FEET; OR TO A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH SIDE OF 15th STREET RUNNING EAST AND WEST IN FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, THENCE EAST FIVE (5) FEET; THENCE SOUTH ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (144) FEET; THENCE WEST FIVE (5) FEET TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING A STRIP FIVE (5) FEET EAST AND WEST BY ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (144) FEET NORTH AND SOUTH.

and, ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN COMMENCING AT A POINT TWENTY (20) RODS NORTH OF A POINT THIRTY TWO AND ONE HALF RODS WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TEN (10), TOWNSHIP ONE (1), NORTH, RANGE SIXTEEN (16), EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE NORTH ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (144) FEET; OR TO A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH SIDE OF 15th STREET RUNNING EAST AND WEST IN FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, THENCE EAST FIVE (5) FEET; THENCE SOUTH ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (144) FEET; THENCE WEST FIVE (5) FEET TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING A STRIP FIVE (5) FEET EAST AND WEST BY ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (144) FEET NORTH AND SOUTH,

REAL NAMES UNKNOWN, Defendants.

TO: Julius A. Zimmerman and his Grantees, assigns, heirs, devisees or legatees or any person claiming an interest in the following described real estate, to-wit: Commencing at a point twenty (20) rods North of a point thirty two and one half rods West of the Southeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section Ten (10), Township One (1), North, Range Sixteen (16), East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, thence North one hundred forty four (144) feet; or to a line parallel with the South side of 15th Street running East and West in Falls City, Nebraska, thence East five (5) feet; thence South one hundred forty four (144) feet; thence West five (5) feet to Place of Beginning, being a strip five (5) feet East and West by one hundred forty four (144) feet North and South.

and,

All persons having or claiming an interest in commencing at a point twenty (20) rods North of a point thirty two and one half rods West of the Southeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section Ten (10), Township One (1), North, Range Sixteen (16), East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, thence North one hundred forty four (144) feet; or to a line parallel with the South side of 15th Street running East and West in Falls City, Nebraska, thence East five (5) feet; thence South one hundred forty four (144) feet; thence West five (5) feet to Place of Beginning, being a strip five (5) feet East and West

by one hundred forty four (144) feet North and South,

REAL NAMES UNKNOWN;

You are hereby notified that on 3rd day of June, 2024, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, against you, the object and prayer of which is to quiet title by adverse possession in fee to them, the said Robert L. Oliver and J. Leslie Oliver, Plaintiffs, as against you and each of you, to the real estate above specifically described and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 29th day of July, 2024.

ROBERT L. OLIVER and J. LESLIE OLIVER, Plaintiffs, By: Michael R. Dunn One of Plaintiffs' Attorneys

Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Tracy A. Burns, #25398
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 TO BIDDERS

The City of Humboldt, Nebraska will receive sealed bids Monday, July 15, 2024 by 4:00pm for purchase of 1978 C60 Dump Truck. Sold in "As Is" condition and can be inspected at the City Maintenance Shop located at 115 Longbranch, Humboldt. The City of Humboldt makes no warranty - bidders shall be responsible for verifying condition. Equipment must be removed from the location within 14 days of acceptance of the bid.

Sealed bids must be sent or delivered to the office of the City Clerk, located at 330 E Square, P.O. Box 156, Humboldt, NE 68376 by Monday, July 15, 2024 by 4:00pm. All sealed bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for 1978 C60 Dump Truck". The City of Humboldt reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which in their opinion serves the best interest of the City of Humboldt, Nebraska. Darla Hulsebus, City Clerk

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In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Dion C. Grier, Deceased. Case No. PR24-26

Notice is hereby given that on June 7, 2024, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Guyon D. Grier, whose address is 204 N 12th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 19, 2024 or be forever barred.

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

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

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In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Jerry R. Crofford, Deceased. Case No. PR24-25

Notice is hereby given that on June 6, 2024, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that William P. Crofford, whose address is 2110 Fulton St., Falls City, NE 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 12, 2024 or be forever barred.

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Notice to Bidders
Richardson County does hereby declare as surplus and will offer for sale the following at Frederick's Consignment Auction:
Used/miscellaneous: wooden concrete forms, air compressors, tar machine, power washer, engine stand, cherry picker, generator.
All items being sold at Frederick's Consignment Auction on Saturday, June 29, 2024, sale starting at 9:30 a.m., 1517 East 14th Street, Falls City, NE. All items sold per Frederick's Consignment terms.

Steven J. Darveau, Jr.
Richardson County Highway Superintendent
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the State of Nebraska, Liquor Control Commission by Frederick Spirits, LLC, for a Class C Liquor License for their place of business located at 2602 Harlan Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing on July 1, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska at which time evidence will be heard bearing upon the propriety of the issuance of such license.
Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
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THIS REPORT WILL NOT BE MAILED.
HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO MAINTAIN A COPY, MAY PICK ONE UP AT THE FALLS CITY UTILITY OFFICE AT 2307 BARADA STREET.



City of Falls City Annual Water Quality Report For January 1 to December 31, 2023

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Falls City water system to provide safe drinking water.

Para Clientes Que Hablan Español: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information regarding this report, or to request a hard copy, contact:

DAVID T. AITKEN
402-245-4850

If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board/City Council. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the Village/City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Village Board/City Council.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment Availability:
The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the NDEE at 402-471-3376 or go to <http://ndee.ne.gov>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Sources of Drinking Water:
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up

substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of water used by City of Falls City is ground water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- * Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- * Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- * Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- * Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- * Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water Health Notes:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. All Community water systems are responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791), at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead> or at the NDEE Drinking Water Division (402-471-1009).

The City of Falls City is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, D1Z-ethylhexyladipate, Dibromochloropropane, Dinosorb, Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothal, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vydate), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, o-Dichlorobenzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane,

1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes (total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropene, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Chloromethane, Bromomethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,1,1,2-Tetra-chloroethane, Chloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropane, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbaryl, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methomyl, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor.

How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to the regulatory limits. Substances not detected are not included in the table. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be older than one year.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

AL (Action Level) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

N/A - Not applicable.

Units in the Table:

ND - Not detectable.

ppm (parts per million) - One ppm corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 million gallons of water.

mg/L (milligrams per liter) - Equivalent to ppm.

ppb (parts per billion) - One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 billion gallons of water.

ug/L (micrograms per liter) - Equivalent to ppb.

pCi/L (Picocuries per liter) - Radioactivity concentration unit.

RAA (Running Annual Average) - An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.

LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average) - An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters at each sampling location.

90th Percentile - Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90th percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

TT (Treatment Technique) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

City of Falls City										TEST RESULTS			Date Printed: 6/13/2024			NE3114705		
Microbiological				Highest Number of Positive Samples				MCL		MCLG		Likely Source of Contamination		Violations Present				
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2023																		
Lead and Copper		Monitoring Period		90 th Percentile		Range		Unit		AL		Sites Over AL		Likely Source of Contamination				
COPPER, FREE		2020 - 2022		0.024		0.00306 - 0.0419		ppm		1.3		0		Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.				
LEAD		2020 - 2022		1.36		0 - 1.71		ppb		15		0		Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.				
Regulated Contaminants		Collection Date		Highest Value		Range		Unit		MCL		MCLG		Likely Source of Contamination				
ARSENIC		8/8/2023		8.2		5.66 - 8.2		ppb		10		0		Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.				
BARIUM		1/13/2020		0.0342		0.0342		ppm		2		2		Discharge from drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.				
CHROMIUM		1/13/2020		0.812		0.812		ppb		100		100		Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.				
FLUORIDE		1/13/2020		0.289		0.289		ppm		4		4		Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge.				
NITRATE-NITRITE		10/30/2023		0.345		0.345		ppm		10		10		Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits				
Disinfection Byproducts			Monitoring Period		Highest RAA		Range		Unit		MCL		MCLG		Likely Source of Contamination			
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)			1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023		8.985		8.75 - 9.22		ppb		60		0		By-product of drinking water disinfection.			
TTHM			1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023		60.35		57.7 - 63		ppb		80		0		By-product of drinking water disinfection.			
Unregulated Water Quality Data				Collection Date		Highest Value		Range		Unit		Secondary MCL						
SULFATE				11/9/2021		123				mg/L		250						
During the 2023 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.																		
Violation Type		Category		Analyte		Compliance Period												
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2023																		
The City of Falls City has taken the following actions to return to compliance with the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act:																		
Additional Required Health Effects Language:																		
While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.																		
There are no additional required health effects violation notices.																		

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PUBLIC NOTICES & MINUTES: NIKKI@FCJOURNALNET OR CHELSIE@FCJOURNAL.NET

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 website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

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IN THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 23

Ariyonna Hinton, Petitioner
vs.
Jadian Rosado, Respondent.
Case Number:
BR-2024-DM-000024

NOTICE OF SUIT

To JADIAN C ROSADO and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Brown County, Kansas by Ariyonna Hinton against Jadian Rosado praying for an order granting a declaration of paternity; an order granting sole custody of the minor child of the parties to the petitioner; child support; attorney's fees including costs of this action; and such other relief as the court deems just and proper.

You are hereby required to answer or plead otherwise to the petition or pleading filed in this matter, on or before June 10, 2024, on which date this matter shall be heard at 2:30 p.m. in the District Court of Brown County, Kansas at 601 Oregon, Hiawatha, KS 66434, or the petition or other pleading filed will be taken as true, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
REMOVAL OF
MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS
ALL FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS
AT THE VERDON CEMETERY
NEED TO BE REMOVED BY JUNE 21, 2024
(EXCEPT THOSE IN PERMANENT URNS)
SO MAINTENANCE CAN CONTINUE.
VERDON CEMETERY BOARD

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Federal Universal Service Charge Notice

For the 3rd Quarter of 2024, beginning July 1, the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) Contribution factor will increase from 32.8% to 34.4%. This will result in an increase of the FUSC charge that appears on your monthly telephone bill. The factor is applied to services designated as interstate by the FCC and changes from time-to-time based on the needs of the Federal Universal Service Fund. The Federal Universal Service Fund was established and is maintained to ensure that all consumers, regardless of locations, have access to essentially the same telecommunications services at affordable prices. The Fund also assists schools, libraries, low-income consumers and rural health care consumers with assistance in obtaining telecommunications services.

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ESU #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of June:

General Fund -- \$148,818.61
Payroll -- \$473,954.42
NCECBVI -- \$26,787.55
Federal Programs -- \$6,363.28

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 pm on Monday, August 12, 2024, in the Carson Board Room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. The agenda for this meeting is kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

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HELP WANTED

Education/Enrollment Coordinator - Sac and Fox Nation The Sac and Fox Nation is seeking applicants for a full time (40 hrs/week) Education/Enrollment Coordinator.

Working within our four day work week, Monday thru Thursday 7:30 - 5:30. Full health benefits available. Pay range is \$14 to \$17 per hour. Officed at Reserve, KS. Non-Supervisory. Reports to Tribal Council. The purpose of this position is to review tribal enrollment, research tribal history and coordinate activities & reports within the education department. Responsible for reviewing requested enrollments on an individual basis, completing appropriate forms and maintaining tribal enrollment files both manual and computer records at the tribal level in addition to Bureau records. Responsible for the activities within the Nation's education department, working closely with students, communicating with school counselors and financial aid officers in monitoring students' progress and contacting local schools and educational groups to coordinate activities. Seeks additional sources of funding for educational opportunities. Performs other duties as assigned. This position requires a high school diploma or GED certificate and six (6) months administrative experience which has equipped the candidate with the skills to successfully perform the duties of the position. Must possess a valid state driver's license. Indian preference does apply. Application form and more complete job description can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742- 7471 Ext 2500 or via email julie.simmons@sacandfoxks.com. Submit the application form, cover letter, and resume, outlining your skills, background, and interest in the position to employment@sacandfoxks.com or submit a paper copy of the application form, cover letter, and resume to Julie Simmons 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 66434 or fax to (785) 742-3785 no later than 2 PM Thursday 07/11/2024

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The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full time opening for the Tribal Maintenance Technician position.

The purpose of this non-supervisory position is to provide general maintenance and repair of facilities and equipment owned by Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska in Reserve, KS to include but not limited to the following: Responsible for assisting in a variety of crafts and trades such as carpentry, electrical, painting, plumbing, small engine repair, concrete work, and grounds maintenance, often independently. Responsible for the caring and feeding of a small herd of buffalo. Basic knowledge of general safety rules for use of tools of the trade. Ability to perform light maintenance/repairs on equipment. Ability to operate tractors and power mowers. Ability to lift 80 pounds or more. Ability to acquire training in crafts and trades if needed/requested. Ability to work beyond 5:30 PM and weekend hours during inclement weather as needed. Performs other duties as assigned. Must possess a valid driver's license, have a mechanical aptitude, and be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Pay range is \$12 to \$16 per hour depending on qualifications. Benefits include employer pays 100% of BCBS health insurance, dental, vision, and short term disability insurance for the employee. If selected, applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment. We are working four 10 hour days: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. There may be instances where needs extends your day beyond 5:30 PM and into Friday or Saturday & Sunday (when necessary to deal with snow removal or feeding the buffalo). Indian preference does apply. Application form and more complete job description at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 66434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email julie.simmons@sacandfoxks.com Submit application form, cover letter, and resume at postal address listed above, or fax to (785) 742-3785, or email to employment@sacandfoxks.com no later than 2 PM Thursday 07/11/2024.

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is accepting applications for the following positions:

REGISTERED NURSE-DAY SHIFT

Part-Time hours working every 3rd rotating weekend from 5am-5pm. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit.

REGISTERED NURSE-NIGHT SHIFT

Full-Time or Part-Time hours working 5pm-5am with every 3rd weekend required. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit.

DIRECTOR OF CARDIAC REHAB

Part-time position working approximately 24 hours a week. Responsible for providing care that focuses on the preventive and restorative healthcare needs of cardiovascular patients. This would include physical assessments and monitoring patients during exercise sessions..

RADIOLOGY TECH

Full-time position with approximately 6 nights On-Call per month. Responsible for performing radiology exams as directed by practitioners to provide data for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease.

SONOGRAPHY TECH

Full-time position with approximately 6 nights On-Call per month. Responsible for performing sonogram exams as directed by practitioners to provide data for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease.

An excellent base salary is offered for these positions, which includes PTO and pension plan. If interested in these opportunities visit the hospital's website at www.sabethahospital.com or call Julie Holthaus, Human Resource Director at 785-284-1584.

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JOB OPENINGS

The Nemaha County Hospital,

Auburn, Nebraska has the following open positions:

Admissions Representative: Nemaha County Hospital has a full-time position available for an Admissions Representative. This is a full-time position, Monday-Friday, 8am to 4:30pm. Our Admissions Representative is a member of the Business Office and takes care of pre-admission phone calls, gathering insurance and demographic information, and signing patients into the Hospital. They provide support to the business office in the areas of patient account services, providing customer service, and answering telephone calls.

Registered Nurse: "Come collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to provide quality care, analyze physical and emotional needs, improve the lives of others, and utilize a wide variety of nursing skills." Full-time. 12-hour hour shifts, working every third weekend. Must have a current Nebraska RN license. \$10,000 sign-on bonus!
Radiology Technologist: willing to be crossed trained in CT, evenings. Must have ARRT, NE license and BLS certification.

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Apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital.applicantpool.com/jobs/> Call Codi Sailors, CHRO at (402) 274-6121 with any questions.
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INTERIM PRK - 12 INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer Public School is accepting applications for an interim PRK - 12 interim principal for the 2024-2025 school year. Candidates must hold or be eligible to hold a Nebraska Certificate with an appropriate endorsement. Candidates must be able to communicate with and work effectively with community members, students, and staff. They must also possess strong leadership skills.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, three letters of recommendation, and a copy of transcripts to Dr. George Griffith 810 Central Ave. Humboldt NE 68376 or email: georgegriffith@htrstitans.org by 3:00 pm June 30, 2024. HTRS is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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