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Falls City Care Center hosts Flag Plaza Dedication Ceremony

By Nikki McKim; photo by Chelsie Alexander

The Falls City Care Center hosted a moving Flag Plaza Dedication Ceremony, held in part to honor the Veterans residing at the facility and dedicate a new flag pole. The event, which took place on Flag Day, was attended by residents, staff, and community members. Chris Young, the Falls City Care Center Administrator, opened the ceremony with a warm welcome, recognizing the residents who proudly served our Country in the Armed Forces. Those residents included Hank Schwartz, Gordon Fankhauser, Delmer Hullman, Dr. Tom Burton, Denzil Bell, Larry Ebel, and Robert Zeigler. Young then introduced Pastor Ron Russell, who offered

an invocation. A significant part of the ceremony was the retirement of the old flag. As the Color Guard prepared, the crowd asked to stand during the ceremony. The ceremony was marked by the retiring of the colors from the soon to be retired flag pole. Special care of the flag is taken to see that no part of it touches the ground. The flag was carefully folded by the Boy Scout Troop 396 during the ceremony. In its place, a new flag was raised, symbolizing a fresh start and renewed commitment to the values it represents. Specialist Shane Sutton, a Veteran of the US Army Reserves, shared a heartfelt message during the ceremony.

"When we talk about our flag, we're talking about freedom," said Sutton. "It's not just the freedom we have today; we're talking about the freedom that millions of Americans, men, and women have fought to defend since our country was founded nearly 250 years ago." He reminded the audience of the many men and women who have fought and died to keep us all free. Shane and his wife, Alisha Sutton, were recognized for their contributions to the community. Alisha, the Vocal and Music Director for Falls City Public Schools, has made significant impacts through her work in music education. Adding to the event, students from Falls City High School performed.

Chris Young also highlighted the unique elements of the flagpole and the collaborative effort that made the Flag Plaza dedication possible, extending special thanks to everyone who contributed, including Mayor Harkendorff, Falls City Journal-Chelsie Alexander, Charmaine Flint; Lantis Enterprises Falls City Care Center cook and staff, Jeff, Kim, Debbie, Susan, Lisa and others who helped prepare the new flagpole; John Neville, Brad Rosenberger of JB Construction and anyone else involved in making the project a success. "The goal of this Flag Plaza was to bring the flag closer to the residents and, most importantly, grant ease of access to the flagpole and the flag or flags flying on the flagpole. This location does just that," said Young. The ceremony concluded with a benediction from Pastor Ron, followed by a social gathering where attendees enjoyed cupcakes and drinks.

Falls City Golf Course to host annual CMC event

Husker legends will again descend on the Falls City area this week for the annual Golf "Fore" Good Health two-day event at the Falls City Golf Course. The annual event enters its 13th year and supports the CMC Foundation and improving health and wellness throughout Richardson County. In previous years, the CMC Foundation has raised funds to assist with cancer/awareness, traumatic brain injuries, 3-D Mammography, wellness exams/screening, an in-house MRI machine and more.

Husker Greats will be on hand for the meet and greet on Thursday, June 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The event, which is open to the public, will include a meet and greet catered by the Country Cabin Food Truck. For tickets, contact Linda Santo at lsanto@cmfc.org or call 402-245-6704. Tickets in advance are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 10 & under. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event for \$25.

Along with the meal on Thursday, attendees will have the opportunity to mingle with Husker legends at the golf course. Clester Johnson, Tommie Frazier, Ricky C. Simmons, and 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier will attend Thursday night's meet and greet.

Frazier led the Big Red to consecutive titles in 94 and 95, finishing his Husker career with a 45-4 mark and runner-up in the 1995 Heisman Trophy race. In 2013, Touchdown Tommie was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Rozier was part of the trio "The Triplets," which included himself, Irving Fryer and Turner Gill. The 1983 Heisman Trophy winner is often called the "best dressed" at the Heisman ceremony each year. In his senior season in Lincoln, Rozier led the country with 2,148 yards rushing and 29 TDs. For his career, 1/3 of the triplets rushed for 4,780 yards and 29 scores.

Ricky C. Simmons left Texas for Lincoln in 1979 and four years

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Council approves renewal of employee health insurance plan

The City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall on Monday, June 17, 2024. Council members Leyden and Ractliffe were absent from the roll.

Under the City Administrator's report, Anthony Nussbaum updated the Council on firework guidelines for the Fourth of July. Fireworks are allowed within city limits from June 25 to July 7 but cannot be set off on public properties.

According to Nussbaum, Watts Electric is back in town and beginning underground electrical work soon. The boring will start near Dallas Jones Park, work through the residential areas and go north to the Downtown area.

Constructors have also mostly finished asphalt work in the area, including the court at Dallas Jones Park.

"We've got hoops and nets ordered, so that will be getting installed," said Nussbaum. "We did get a quote for the lighting. It's about \$13,000.00 to get that done. We'll be looking to toss that in the next fiscal budget unless we have any donors."

Under old business, the Council again tabled a resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding with Richardson County for transferring 911 calls to a secondary PSAP (public safety answering point). With no representation from the county in attendance, the Council voted to table the action for a second consecutive meeting.

Under regular business, a pub-

lic hearing was held to consider a zoning text amendment to allow for firearms and ammunition sales in a Residential Commercial Flex Zone. Previously, Isaac Knight, 2404 Harlan St., had filed for a conditional permit to operate a home firearms and gunsmith business out of his home. The zoning administrator denied the permit due to firearm and sales not being permitted in the Residential Commercial Flex Zone per a 2013 zoning ordinance. No one from the public spoke in opposition to the zoning amendment.

Knight spoke on his behalf. "My primary form of business will be firearm restorations, gunsmithing, cleaning and refinishing," said Knight. "For me to be able to conduct that business, the ATF says I have to have a Federal Firearms License, which is an FFL, and to get that I have to have this zoning approval."

The amendment would approve a zoning text amendment allowing a conditional permit process for a commercial flex zone.

"Right now, there is no process available within a commercial flex zone," said Nussbaum. "It's not permitted at this point and time."

The Council voted 6-0 to amend Article 5: Zoning Districts: Land Use Categories and Zoning Matrix to allow the conditional use type "firearms and ammunition sales" in the Residential Commercial Flex Zone.

The Council also authorized

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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 or we may step away for periods of time in the morning and return later. Thank you for understanding.

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All things Nebraska

Hope replaces homelessness on streets of Whiteclay after beer stores closed

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Over nearly 20 years, I lost track of how many times I was required to drive to Whiteclay to report on a protest about the beer stores there.

Those four stores sold up to 3.5 million cans of beer a year, and were the liquor stores of choice for the adjacent Pine Ridge Indian Reservation right across the Nebraska-South Dakota border.

Alcoholism is a horrible problem on the reservation - which annually ranks as one of the poorest areas in the country - even though alcohol sales and possession are banned there. So there was a steady stream of cars into Whiteclay, just two miles away.

The dusty, unincorporated village of about a dozen permanent residents became known as "The Skid Row of the Plains" for its beer sales, and the ever-present "street people," who would lounge along the highway that ran through town, openly drinking, urinating and worse as they drank.

It was a real black eye for the State of Nebraska. Few steps were taken to clean up the place, despite years of protest marches, led by Native American activists like Frank LaMere, Russell Means and Tom Poor Bear along with the Nebraskans for Peace. Various proposals by state lawmakers came and went.

But a recent visit showed some progress and glimmers of hope.

In 2017, the Nebraska Liquor Commission ruled that alcohol should not be sold in the unincorporated town, 23 miles from the nearest sheriff's office, because of a lack of local law enforcement to monitor it.

Now, the street people are gone, as are the empty beer cans, smell of urine and panhandling, and the occasional fight and even death among the vagrants.

In their place is a constant flow of vehicles from the Oglala Lakota reservation, bearing customers seeking groceries, ranch supplies and other goods sold at Whiteclay's supermarket, Abe's Store, and two "Dollar" stores.

There's a new tax preparation business, as well as a "makerspace," where local artisans and crafters can use high-tech quilting machines, leather-working tools and bead-working supplies to produce items for sale.

The Whiteclay Makerspace has its own retail store, as well as a website, where beautiful star quilts, jewelry and artwork are sold, supplementing the incomes of those in the area.

More importantly, the Makerspace has transformed a former liquor store into a facility of hope - "art over alcohol," they call it.

Down the road, shoppers in the parking lot of the Whiteclay Grocery say it's nice that you can visit and buy groceries without being panhandled or harassed. Same for those walking into the local ranch supply store, Abe's, a place that has a wonderful, sweet smell of livestock feed and leather.

Has the closing of Whiteclay's beer outlets solved the problems on the nearby reservation? No.

The flow of alcohol has shifted from stores in Whiteclay to homes and vehicle trunks on the reservation, where "bootleggers" sell bottles of vodka or water bottles mixed with liquor and even rubbing alcohol.

The scourge of drugs, mostly methamphetamines, have grown in recent years, but Sheridan County Sheriff Jeff Brewer recently told the Nebraska Examiner that his calls for service in Whiteclay for disturbances and fights are way down.

And predictions that the roadway between the reservation and Rushville, the next nearest town to sell alcohol, would become a "highway of death" haven't materialized, the sheriff said.

The nursing home in Whiteclay expanded a couple of years back, bringing some good jobs and a home for aging members of the reservation. And a tribal development group still hopes to establish a wellness center in the village.

But problems on the reservation remain - unemployment, high rates of suicide among youth, substance abuse, poor housing.

A national NPR interviewer once asked me what is the solution? The question caught me by surprise (I'm a reporter, not a policy maker), and finally I responded that I wasn't sure.

Better jobs and education would help, I offered, as would a reduction in substance abuse.

Overall, it's a region that needs "hope" that the future will bring better times.

Native Americans in that region still travel "a hard road," but the closing of the Whiteclay beer stores has helped.

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.



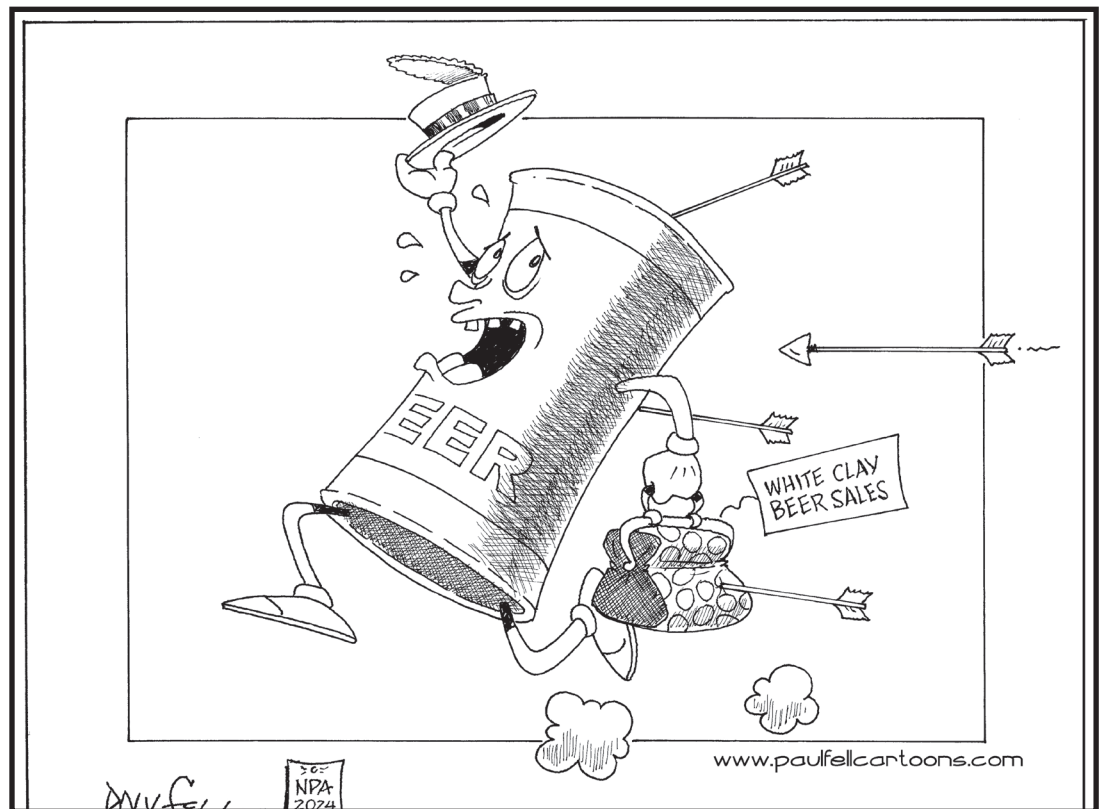
PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PARKS

By Jill Kruse, DO

Doctors write prescriptions for medications all the time. However, have you ever heard of a doctor prescribing a walk in the park? While this prescription will not fit in a bottle, it can pack some powerful health benefits. It may sound strange, but doctors actually can prescribe time outdoors to their patients with the help of a national program, ParkRx.org. This free online program can help a patient track their outdoor activity and discuss more outdoor exercise options with their doctor.

In South Dakota, health care providers can contact the Department of Health to get a "Park Prescription" pad that is redeemable for a free 1 day pass to any South Dakota State Park or a discounted annual pass. Minnesota, Iowa, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska all have "Walk with a Doc" programs where you can meet at a public location to walk with a doctor and other health-minded individuals. Spending time in nature has been proven to help both physical and mental health.

A review of 20 medical trials of participants who spent time in a forest environment found that their blood pressure was significantly lower after being in a forest than it was in a non-forest environment. Additionally, this improvement lasted for several days after being in the wooded area. These participants did not need to go for hikes, simply walking in, sitting in, or viewing the forest was able to give the participants lower blood pressures. This worked both for people with high blood pressure and normal blood pressure. It also showed improvement regardless of age as children, young adults, and older adults all



had similar findings.

One study found that children who spend more time outdoors have reduced rates of nearsightedness. Children who spent more time outdoors also have a lower risk of developing asthma according to another study. Increasing outdoor play also decreases BMI in preschoolers and lowers obesity in adults.

Time outside has also been shown to be associated with improved sleep and sleep quality. Spending time outdoors has been linked to improving the immune system and decreasing stress. While spending time in State Parks and Forests is beneficial, even walking around the local neighborhood and being in an outdoor "green space" has shown to have health benefits.

Of course, no medication is without side-effects. The great outdoors has bugs, you can get sunburned or there are uneven surfaces and loose gravel. So when you are going outside, remember to use sunscreen or wear a wide-brimmed hat and have bug repellent if going into areas where there are mosquitos and ticks. It is also important to have proper fitting shoes for your adventures to prevent blisters and slips or falls. With all the benefits

of spending time outdoors, it just makes sense that doctors should write prescriptions for outdoor activities. So get out into nature to stay healthy out there!

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ACROSS

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- Albanian mone
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- Like Bananas Foster
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- 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
- Smidgins
- *"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
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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim

75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, June 26, 1949 to July 2, 1949

Lightning struck Horstman Grocery Store in Shubert during a morning electrical storm, causing minor brick damage to the corner of the building.

Bob Chesnut delivered the first load of 1949 wheat to market in Richardson County. The grain came from the Dr. C.L. Husted farm southwest of Falls City.

The Rivoli Theater advertised that it was sorry it couldn't accommodate everyone who wanted to see "Ma and Pa Kettle." The movie would be shown for two more days before it left town.

Mrs. Lloyd Hahn, Red Cross safety chairman, announced that registration for the Red Cross swimming program would be held on the third floor of the First National Bank building. Three hundred twenty people participated in the school the year prior, with 123 earning certificates.

The ninth annual Bruhn reunion was held at Auburn Park, with 56 attendees. H.W. Bruhn conducted the business session during a basket dinner.

Shaffer's Market offered a free pack of Wrigley's gum with each \$10.00 purchase on June 29th. The offer was good all day.

Harmon Bros., 1321 Stone Street, offered new batteries for half price and a written guarantee on recapped tires.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sailors, 912 East 12th Street, were the parents of a son born at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital. John Steven weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and was born at 9:50 a.m.

Mark Hicks, Missouri Pacific engineer and his fireman M.T. Faller, both of Falls City, were injured in a freight train derailment at 24th and Boyd Streets in Omaha.

More than 40 friends showed up to honor Mrs. Amy Worrell on her 90th birthday at her daughter's home at 1703 1/2 Lane Street.

Humboldt telephone subscribers began dialing numbers instead of having an operator complete their calls.

Nationally prominent welterweight fighter Vince Foster worked out in the basement of the Oil City Theater. Foster, who was vacationing in the Rulo area, did some heavy bag work and sparred briefly with Bill Roberts and Cecil Bindrum.

Earl Drumm Jr., who was serving with an Army unit near Fairbanks, Alaska, was promoted to first sergeant, according to word received by his parents.

James Oil Co. had a Fourth of July tire sale at 1501 Harlan Street. Mansfield 6.00 x 16 tires were on sale for \$9.95 plus tax.

Rainfall totals for June reached 15.55 inches, overall, 11 inches above average for the month.

Some 7,450 6-week-old pheasants were sent to areas hard hit by blizzards the winter before, according to L.P. Vance of the State Game Commission.

50 Years Ago, June 26, 1974 to July 2, 1974

Randy Willey was one of 50 Chamber of Commerce Neighborhood Youth Corps employees who worked in the area for the summer. Ron Roggenkamp directed the program.

The Falls City class of 1939 was planning its 35th anniversary of their graduation. Mrs. N.L. Jones and Mrs. Matt Sikora had been receiving responses from alums and reported that 34 grads plus their spouses had indicated they would attend.

A fire destroyed a garage at the Fred Hahn farm nine miles northeast of town. A pickup, camper and car, along with tools and other items, were lost.

James Martin Cole left for Munich, Germany, to perform with the Mid-America band and choir. The tour included three weeks of concerts in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France and England.

The FDA said a new anti-rabies serum, produced from the blood of humans instead of horses, could be used for the treatment of people bit by rabid animals.

Burdeen Prater won two gold championships in two days, winning the title in Auburn on Tuesday and the championship in Seneca the following day.

For the first time in the 24-year history of the NBA All-Star game, players were to be selected by the fans. The Kansas City-Omaha Kings had five players on the ballot.

The Cornhusker Motor Club said only about half of Nebraska's service stations would pump unleaded fuel by the July 1 deadline.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Leecia Jane Messler and Thomas Avery Hillyard on June 15th.

Dan Hill returned from a basketball school at Northwest Missouri State University.

A house at 2322 Stone Street owned by Robert Ewing was being torn down. Everything above the basement was gone except for a stairway. Mr. Ewing assured the Journal reporter that it would be torn down before the new house was built.

Jim Mimick, Falls City High School drama and speech teacher for the previous three years, was released from his contract to accept a position in the Council Bluffs school system.

The engagement of Miss Ann Renee Saal to Ronald J. Hill was announced by the parents of the bride-elect, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saal of Falls City.

Bernard Kreifels began his duties as the new grand knight of Falls City Council 1336 of the Knights of Columbus in Falls City.

Dawson Rural Fire Chief Frank Hogue was pictured with his grandsons, Mark and Donnie, in front of the new fire truck. The new unit replaced the 1949 truck and had all the latest fire-fighting equipment.

25 Years Ago, June 26, 1999 to July 2, 1999

Two Falls City students at Southeast Community College at Milford were included on the Dean's List for the spring quarter. The list included Eric D. Froeschl, building construction technology and Jay W. Jackson, Chrysler apprenticeship program.

Lincoln boxer Ira Humm moved to 15-0 with a unanimous decision over John "Papa" Moore at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. A near-capacity crowd of 650 saw Humm successfully defend his Mid-American cruiserweight title.

Lisa Palmer and Jeff Huppert attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar at Dana College in Blair.

Nebraska Wesleyan Football Coach Brian Keller announced the 1999 student-athletes who would play football in the fall. The list included Nate Harmon, a two-year starting center from Falls City.

Twenty-four packs of 12-ounce Mountain Dew and Pepsi cans were on sale at Hinky Dinky for \$5.29.

Lisa Franzen won third place at the state level in the V.F.W. Art Contest.

Two hundred and thirty-five people attended the Falls City High School annual reunion. Marlene Bachman Hamilton, the incoming president, presided over the meeting and Paul Weinert gave the invocation.

A 200-pound bell that once graced St. John's Catholic Church at Barada was proudly displayed at the home of Del and Shirley Bowers outside Garland, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Haring of Salem were the parents of a boy, Christian Claus, weighing 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Brott announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Elizabeth, to Daniel R. Martin.

The second session of the Red Cross Learn-To-Swim program at the Falls City Municipal Swimming Pool was set to begin with 202 youth enrolled. In addition, 33 infants, toddlers and preschoolers were set to begin classes.

Four members of the Class of 1999 attended the alumni association reunion: Lisa Franzen, Rachel Thompson, Ryan Zeigler and Erin Kottich.

Dwight Johnson of the U.S. Small Business Administration honored WASP's Brad Albu at a ceremony at the Falls City Courthouse.

The yard at 1510 Crook Street, belonging to Glenda Simmonds, was selected as the Chamber of Commerce "Yard of the Week."

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the opening of a new checking account titled Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Fund. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy will front the \$17,000.

Steve O'Grady was appointed to the Falls City Airport Authority for the term ending at the end of 2024.

A request by the Falls City Elks Lodge #963 for a special designated liquor license for a beer garden in the parking lot on July 5, 2024, was passed on a 6-0 vote.

The Council also approved the recommendation of Award of Change Orders for Project Nos R2A014 and R2A021 of the 2020 Owner-Occupied Rehab Program. The funds for the 2020 OOR Program will now be fully obligated.

A resolution authorizing the City to assess unpaid vacant property registration fees totaling \$750 for the property at 1120 Lane Street passed unanimously. A certified letter was mailed to the property owners on March 8, 2023, and outlined why the property was deemed vacant and how to remove it from the list. The owner has 180 days to make efforts to remove the property from the list without being fined. A \$250 fee will be imposed after the second 180 days and a \$500 fee is imposed for the third 180 days. For every 180 days after, a \$500 fee will be imposed.

"What our authority is, if they don't pay those fees, is to then go lien the property, file on the deed," said Nussbaum. "If the property were to get sold, we could attain those fees at some point and time."

Eventually, the fees could outweigh the property's value, and the City could foreclose on it and process it through the abatement program.

Requests to block 17th Street between Harlan and Lane from 5-11 p.m. on June 28, 2024, for a com-

munity firework display sponsored by the United Methodist Church and a request to block 7th Street from Harlan to Stone and the 700 block of Stone Street from 5:00-11:59 p.m. on June 29, 2024, for the American Legion Fireworks event were passed.

The City passed a resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the sale of such property at a price that is in the best interest of the City.

The final item on the agenda was a discussion and action on renewing the employee health insurance plan.

Dan Duren, representing Benefit Management, addressed the Council and

stated that his recommendation was to stay with MEDICA for employee insurance.

Duren stated that the City currently has three different plans: the first is a traditional medical plan, while the final two are HSAs (health savings accounts).

"We really feel it's important to give your employees options when it comes to their healthcare," said Duren.

The approved renewal will increase by 8.3%.

According to Duren, MEDICA saved city employees over \$80,000 last year on routine prescriptions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Library and Community Foundation of RC receives Statewide Grant

The Library and Community Foundation of Richardson County has received a Statewide Grant from the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation through the Statewide Grants program. This grant was written by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council for the purpose of obtaining software to digitally catalog the art collection. The collection belonging to the Library and Community Foundation of Richardson County began over 100 years ago when art was donated to the former Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library. The gifting of art has continued throughout the years and the documentation of those gifts has been diligently put on paper by the library director and staff. As the collection has expanded and moved to the now Falls City Library and Arts Center, the need to update the records is important. The grant received allows for a digital program to be used to catalog the art and its donors. This will allow the foundation to easily access the archives and for the Stalder Gallery and the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council to be able to assist other venues in the loaning of works for exhibition.

The Stalder Gallery is also part of the WanderNebraska program. This program is the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation's "travel adventure program." The "Wander" program encourages visitors to experience the historically-focused museums and historical societies that highlight community historical preservation efforts throughout the state. You can pick up your booklet at the Falls City Library and Arts Center and scan the QR code for more information including prizes from the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation or visit WanderNebraska.com.

The Stalder Gallery and the Falls City Library and Arts Center are part of the WanderNebraska program as well as these other locations in Falls City: John Philip Falter Museum, Collections Museum, the Richardson County Historical Museum, and the Heartland Fine Arts Gallery.





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7	8 SURGERY AARON BROWN, MD OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGERY WILLIAM BURR, MD WOUND CLINIC	9 PAIN MANAGEMENT KARL HAAKE, MD UROLOGY KRIS CARLSON, MD DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP @3PM	10 SURGERY AARON BROWN, MD DERMATOLOGY TIFFANY ENGELKEN, APRN PODIATRY STEVEN SITEK, DPM	11 ONCOLOGY DAVID EINSPAHR, MD ORTHOPEDICS ADAM STREIT, DO MICHAEL MCCOY, MD NUCLEAR STRESS TESTS	12 ENT JASON LEPSE, MD CARDIOLOGY TONYA STALLBAUMER, APRN	13
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THE FC JOURNAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JULY 4 & FRIDAY, JULY 5. THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY 10 PAPER WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY BY THE END OF THE DAY.

THE JOURNAL WILL OPERATE ON A FLEX SCHEDULE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, SOME AFTERNOONS AND MORNINGS THE OFFICE MAY NEED TO CLOSE EARLY IF STAFF NEEDS TO BE AWAY FOR APPOINTMENTS, MEETINGS OR EVENTS.

SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234--Order of the Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Ten members of the Humboldt Chapter 234 Order of the Eastern Star met for a stated meeting on Thursday, June 6, at the Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. Worthy Matron Nancy Nemechek presided in the East. The meeting opened in long form after all singing the Opening Ode, "He Leadeth Me," and pledging allegiance to the American flag.

The secretary read the minutes of the May meeting with one correction and then approved. The special meeting for initiation on May 28 minutes were read and approved. Two bills were presented and approved. In the absence of the treasurer George Ketner gave the report on the general fund. Since the regular meeting date in July falls on the 4th, Debbi Dunn made a motion to hold the meeting on July 11, 2024. Motion was seconded and carried.

Sarah Horstmann, Worthy Matron of Queen Esther Ch. # 1 of Nebraska City, wishes to host the Grand Officers Visitation on August 17, 2024. Registrations will begin at 11:30, followed by a luncheon at 12:00 p.m. The Beatrice chapter will issue the invitations and Home Chapter of Plattsmouth volunteered to do the programs. Humboldt Chapter will be in charge of reg-

istrations. More details will follow. Communications included excerpts from the Nebraska Mason publication and Nebraska OES News. The latter contained biographies of the newly elected Worthy Grand Matron Sheli Rice and Worthy Grand Patron Keith Lindvall.

A memorial service was held for Past Worthy Grand Patron David E. Thienel, who passed away on May 6, 2024. He served as Worthy Grand Patron during 2007-2008 and was a member of Andrew Chapter #41 of Grand Island. Sarah Nims draped the charter in his memory.

Sickness and distress reports were given for Joan Wheeler, Sarah Nims and Donna Monnette, losing a brother. Trudy Fankhauser thanked the Worthy Matron upon being able to fill all the offices when Jennifer True was initiated into the order on May 28, 2024, at a special meeting. Visitors helping were our District Grand Supervisor Nan Rix and her husband Dennis who is also the new Associate Grand Patron of Nebraska OES. Other participants were Chris Kennedy, Grand Ruth of Nebraska, and Elaine Knapp of Brownville Chapter. Don Frank of Electa Ch. #8 of Lincoln served as the Worthy Patron during the meeting. Cookies and drinks were served following that meeting. Both meetings closed with prayer and singing of Closing Ode, "God Be With You."

Refreshments for the June 6 meeting were served by Mary Ellen Gaither and Nancy Nemechek.

Rotary news

Submitted

Five members of the Rotary Club met at Falter Museum on Thursday, June 13. In old business, Kathy read the 'Thank You' note that Emily Vitosh sent because she was the winner of the Rotary scholarship.

The bench at the Memorial Trail at the Community Medical Center that Rotary donated to is nearly finished.

Rotary plans to have a decorated car in the Parade for Cobblestone. The theme this year is 'Sports'. June 27th is Kathy's last meeting as president. Cate will become the new president at the close of the meeting.

Washburn announces 2024 spring graduates

Washburn University is pleased to announce the students in its spring 2024 graduating class.

These students completed their courses for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees - more than 1,200 from Washburn University, Washburn University School of Law and Washburn Institute of Technology.

Local students graduating included: Khalea Goodman of Sabetha.

Carissa Matthias and Hollie Williams of Hiawatha.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

June 6, 2024

Roy L. Bivans, 44, Humboldt, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for third degree sexual assault of a child.

June 7, 2024

Jason M. Brownell, 44, Falls City, NE was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

June 8, 2024

Athen W. Phifer, 47, Tulsa, OK was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana Less than one ounce, Driving Under Suspension, No Valid Registration, and Speeding.

June 11, 2024

Ty A. Larson, 26, Falls City, NE was arrested on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

Jake H. Jensen, 33, Eugene, OR was arrested for Driving Under Suspension and No Proof of Insurance.

June 12, 2024

Adam L. Burgett, 30, Humboldt, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Criminal Mischief.

Garrett A. Dekoning, 34, Pawnee City, NE was arrested on a Pawnee County warrant for Violation of a Protection Order.

Terry L. Alexander, 54, Falls City, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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 or mornings the office may need to close early or for a few hours if staff needs to be away for appointments, meetings or events. Thank you for understanding.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

June 12 through June 13, 2024 calls: two check welfare, six ambulance/EMS, one HHS intake/referral, two fire calls (Verdon Fire and Humboldt Fire), three animal calls, two nuisance, one motorist assist, one accident one disturbance, two 911 hang up/misdial, one information only, one warrant arrest, one records check, one referred to another agency, two miscellaneous, one traffic/driving complaint, seven 911 calls, one warning for speeding, one warning for fail to signal, four citations for animal at large, four citations for unlicensed animal, one citation for dangerous animal prohibited, one citation for fugitive from justice.

June 13 through June 14, 2024 calls: three referred to another agency, two information only, one investigation, one animal call, five nuisances, one fire call (Dawson Fire), three ambulance/EMS, four 911 calls.

June 14 through June 15, 2024 calls: five miscellaneous, two referred to another agency, one animal call, two 911 hang up/misdials, one information only, one investigation, three ambulance/EMS, one accident, two 911 calls, one citation for speeding, one citation for no valid registration, two warnings for no valid registration, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

June 15 through June 16, 2024 calls: one disturbance, one noise disturbance, two animal calls, one miscellaneous, one 911 hang up/misdial, three weather calls, one domestic disturbance, one found or lost property, one suspicious subject of vehicle, one referred to another agency, three ambulance/EMS, one 911 call, one citation for nuisance dog, one citation for animal at large, one citation for careless driving, two warnings for invalid/defective vehicle lighting.

June 16 through June 17, 2024 calls: one motorist assist, one 911 hang up/misdial, one information only, six miscellaneous, two animal calls, one disturbance, three ambulance/EMS, two 911 calls, one citation for disturbing the peace, one citation for dangerous dog.

June 17 through June 18, 2024 calls: one HHS intake/referral, one ambulance/EMS, two referred to another agency, four information agency, one phone/digital/mail scam, one disturbance, one motorist assist, one 911 hang up/misdial, one alarm, two miscellaneous, eight 911 calls, one warning for nuisance-grass over 12 inches, one warning for nuisance-appliances in yard, one misuse of learners permit (LPD), one improper/defective vehicle lighting.

June 18 through June 19, 2024 calls: one information only, two animal calls, one suspicious subject or vehicle, two nuisance, one fingerprint, one fire call (Humboldt Fire), one miscellaneous, one 911 hang up/misdial four 911 calls.

June 19 through June 20, 2024 calls: two referred to another agency, two information only, one animal call, one parking complaint, one loitering, two miscellaneous, one check welfare, one traffic/driving complaint, one theft, one ambulance/EMS, two 911 calls, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for fail to use child passenger restraint, one citation for no operators license.

June 20 through June 21, 2024 calls: one traffic/driving complaint, two referred to another agency, two burn permits, two miscellaneous, three 911 hang up/misdials, two suspicious subject or vehicles, one found or lost property, one ambulance/EMS, one fire call, seven 911 calls, one citation for trespass second degree, two citations for criminal mischief, one citation for no license on person, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for no valid registration, one warning for plates not clear and visible.

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SCC announces spring 2024 Dean's List

Southeast Community College released the names of 2,614 students who earned a spot on the Dean's List for the 2024 Spring Semester which ended on May 17.

A student must complete at least six semester credit hours in the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 to be recognized on the Dean's List. Classes with a grade of "P" (Pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum. The breakdown per campus is: Beatrice: 294; Lincoln: 1905; Milford: 410; Prison Education Program: 5.

In addition, 527 SENCAP students and 164 students from The Career Academy earned spots on the Dean's List.

Blake Allen, Electrical Technician of Nemaha.

Ava Armbruster, SENCAP of Falls City.

Isabelle Armbruster, SENCAP of Falls City.

Neveah Blecha, SENCAP of Table Rock.

Ethan Boatright, SENCAP of Falls City.

Ashton Bredemeier, Pharmacy Technician of Humboldt.

Josh Brown, SENCAP of Falls City.

Elianna Bruxellas, SENCAP of Humboldt.

Darcy Carlson, Practical Nursing of Sabetha, KS.

Alanna Crawford, Practical Nursing of Sabetha, KS.

Johnny Curtis-Parker, Practical Nursing of Hiawatha, KS.

Jayne Ewers, SENCAP of Shubert.

Rayce Farmer, Electrical Technician of Falls City.

Jett Farwell, SENCAP of DuBois.

Hayden Findlay, SENCAP of Falls City.

Adisen Fischer, SENCAP of Falls City.

Ashleigh Kirkendall, SENCAP of Falls City.

Stevie Goodpasture, Practical Nursing of Hiawatha, KS.

Kaylee Jeralds, SENCAP of Humboldt.

Ella Kobza, SENCAP of Rulo.

Rachel Kolbek, Associate of Health Sciences of Sabetha, KS.

Danyell Kuker, SENCAP of Shubert, NE.

Gavin Lechtenberg, Electromechanical Industrial Maintenance Technician of Falls City.

Vaughn Lenard, SENCAP of Falls City, NE.

Jakob Manning, SENCAP of Humboldt, NE.

Daly Martin, SENCAP of Falls City.

Jaylie McNealy, SENCAP of Humboldt.

Grace Morris, SENCAP of Falls City.

Sophia Nelson, SENCAP of Falls City.

Ruby Nguyen, SENCAP of Falls City.

Gabrielle Niedfeldt, Business of Falls City.

Xavier Oldham, Agriculture Management and Production of Hiawatha, KS.

Joseph Tyler, Computer Information Technology-Cybersecurity of Table Rock.

Sierrah Vermeer, SENCAP of Falls City.

Emily Vitosh, SENCAP of Falls City.

William Vitosh, Physical Therapist Assistant of Falls City.

Wyatt Wason, SENCAP of Falls City.

Paige Young, SENCAP of Falls City.

Daryl and Peggy Long donate 26 acres of land to Peru State College

Peru State College is thrilled to announce a generous donation of 26 acres of land from longtime supporters, Dr. Daryl and the late Peggy Long. This substantial gift, located adjacent to the college campus, represents a significant potential expansion of the college's footprint, and opens exciting new opportunities for the institution's growth and development.

The Longs have been dedicated advocates of Peru State College for many years, consistently supporting the College's mission to provide high-quality education and foster a vibrant learning community. Their latest contribution is a testament to their unwavering commitment to the college and its students. Dr. Long taught at Peru State for 50 years teaching chemistry, energy, and math among many other subjects. Mrs. Long taught for many years in area school districts.

"Peru State College is thrilled to receive this generous gift from Daryl and Peggy Long," said President Michael Evans. "This property will impact the College far into the future, and we're eager to start thinking about how to use it well to benefit our students. However we use it, this land will always be called the Long Farm, and we will install a bronze plaque recognizing Daryl and Peggy for their impressive contributions to Peru State. We are grateful for their kindness and support."

It is his late wife who Dr. Long credits for their ability to be financially successful as she taught and worked while he was completing his doctoral studies. Fortunately, they were able to grow their funds which have been used to provide not only the recent gift of land, but many other gifts to Peru State.

Dr. Long commented, "Peggy and I always believed in the power of education and the positive change it can bring to individuals and communities. Peru State College has a special place in our hearts, and we are honored to contribute to its growth and future success."

The Longs were the grand marshals for the 2017 Peru State homecoming parade. Most recently, Dr. Long was recognized with the College's Distinguished Service Award in 2022. Over the years, the Longs have provided two different sculptures, the "Power of Thoughts" statue sits in the lobby of the Jindra Fine Arts Building, while the "Cat in the Hat" statue is nestled in the Sesquicentennial Plaza next to the Performing Arts Center. Recently, Dr. Long formalized two endowments through the Peru State College Foundation which will provide continual support for the College's etiquette/financial planning dinners and to assist with the distinguished speaker series on campus.

Nestled in the hills of historic southeast Nebraska, Peru State College offers a mix of innovative online and traditional classroom undergraduate and graduate programs, including online graduate degrees in education and organizational management.

Doane University students announced to spring Dean's List

A total of 258 Doane University students made the university's Spring 2024 Dean's List, nearly a third of all students enrolled at Doane's Crete campus.

To make the Dean's List, undergraduate students enrolled on the university's Crete campus must earn a grade point average of 3.70 or higher in at least 12 graded credits during the semester.

A total of 807 undergraduate students were enrolled at Doane's Crete campus in the spring. The Dean's List is shared following the completion of each fall and spring semester. Local students making the Dean's list include Cameron Binder, junior, Auburn High School of Table Rock.

BCBS of Nebraska supports Nebraska high schools through new Healthy Home Team grants

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) is proud to announce the launch of Healthy Home Team, a community initiative that awards grants to Nebraska high schools to support the health and well-being of their communities.

As part of BCBSNE's mission of championing health and well-being, the Healthy Home Team campaign partners with high schools across the state to encourage students to live their best and healthiest lives.

Each year, BCBSNE will award 100 schools with a \$500 grant to support health and well-being activities and initiatives, along with a customized team spirit sign to proudly display in their athletic facilities. In addition, a panel of BCBSNE judges will announce one school in November to receive an additional \$5,000 grant to further support their students and community.

"We are thrilled to launch the Healthy Home Team campaign as part of our mission to champion the health and well-being of our members and the communities we serve," said Jeff Russell, president and CEO of BCBSNE. "At Blue Cross, we believe investing in our youth is an investment in the future of our state. Through this campaign, we hope to empower high schools to implement innovative programs that prioritize the well-being of their students and neighborhoods."

Starting Friday, June 7 until Friday, Aug. 2, interested schools can complete a short application for a chance to become a Healthy Home Team partner school. During the application process, schools will share how they will use the grant funds available through the campaign to promote health and well-being in their community if selected. Proposals for supporting health and well-being could include student wellness programs, community health efforts or athletics.

To learn more about the campaign and apply, visit NebraskaBlue.com/HealthyHomeTeam.



THURSDAY, JULY 4TH - HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm and to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-10pm. Registration CASH Drawings to win up to \$500 in CASH every 15 minutes from 10:30pm to 12am. Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the BIG PRIZE drawing for July 27th. Registration begins at 8:30pm.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY - JULY 5TH & 6TH

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-2am. (Excludes drawings every hour 8pm-1am.) Registration CASH Drawings to win \$500 every hour 8pm-1am. Hot Seat winners from 6pm-2am will get an extra entry into the Vehicle Giveaway on July 27th. One entry per person and you must be present in casino to qualify.

SATURDAY, JULY 27th

TRIPLE Vehicle Giveaway!!

You could win a FORD ESCAPE, FORD BRONCO OR TRUE AG MASSEY FERGUSON TRACTOR

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour 6:00pm-2am. (Excludes drawing at 1am) Registration drawing to win one of the three Awesome Vehicles will be at 1am. Who will be the winner and what vehicle will they win? At 1 am, one of the qualifiers will be going home with one of the 3 Awesome Vehicles! Consolation prizes will be given out to the remaining qualifiers. See the rules on the vehicle giveaway for all the details.

See Players Club Desk for Rules and Details

RC Cancer Fun, Inc. Presents "Party on the Patio"

Friday, July 5th @ Falls City Elk's Lodge

BBQ Dinner 5:30-7:30 (\$15/adults, \$10/child 10 & under)

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(Editor's Note - dismissal *without prejudice* means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).

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

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

COUNTY COURT

Keith A. Ferris, count one, violate sexual assault prot order/served, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to 275 days in jail, credit for 16 days served; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Wallesha A. Hubbard, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty; count two, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count three, speeding 21-35 mph, plead not guilty; count four, fail to use seat belt, plead not guilty. Pre-trial scheduled for July 1, 2024.

David R. Charles, count one, DV assault-third/threat/menacing manner, plead not guilty. Pre-trial scheduled for July 10, 2024.

Amanda Handley, count one, DUI-alcohol-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, probation for term of six months, drug testing fee of \$30, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$150, license revoked for term of 60 days, interlock device.

Rose M. Foster, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

DISTRICT COURT

Damian C. Rowland, count one, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count two, resist arrest-first, plead not guilty. Entry of plea was June 25, 2024.

Christina E. Sipple, count one, possess controlled subs, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$1,000 and seven days in jail, credit for time served; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Broderick C. Smith, count one, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty;

count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentencing was June 25, 2024.

Isaac A. Welling, count one, false imprisonment-first degree, plead not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count three, sexual assault-w/o consent-third degree, plead not guilty; count four, assault-cause bodily injury, plead not guilty. Pre-trial scheduled for July 9, 2024.

Amanda R. Morriss, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pre-trial scheduled for July 16, 2024.

CITATIONS

Andrea Fountain of Savannah, MO, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Keller)

Adam Burgett of Humboldt, count one, fail to yield right of way, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Oscar Espinosa Osoria of Houston, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Aitken)

Brandon Adams of Hiawatha, count one, traffic control violation, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Daniels)

Codi Tichy of Humboldt, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Jessica Borwick of Council Bluffs, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Holliday)

Bazaldua Rosa Isela of Perham, MN, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs; count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed. (Aitken)

Brianna Cambric of Houston, TX, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Shiley)

Elizabeth Tipton of Topeka, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Franks)

Montriel Sharpe of Houston, TX, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and

found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Hardesty)

Michele Frederick of Rulo, count one, speeding 16-20 mph municipal school, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$250 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Darrel Shufeldt of Beatrice, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200. (Holliday)

Matthew Wilhelm, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Jacob Moore of Verdon, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Franks)

Kassie Stanley of Bennet, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Saul Moreno Morales of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Courtney Burroughs of Philpot, KY, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Harrison Stover of St. Joseph, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Mercedes Miral of Altamonte Spring, FL, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Alyx Galli of El Dorado, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty,

found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Gannon Ogden of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wason)

Ganna Delikatna of Horton, KS, count one, violate no passing zone, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Lauren Danielson of Tulsa, OK, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Wyatt Gregory of Lineville, IA, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Jessica Dougherty of Falls City, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Crei Brye of Houston, TX, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Matthew Curtis of Mound City, MO, count one, plates not clear and visible, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use turn signals, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Colton Flint of Fort-scue, MO, count one, speeding 11-15 mph municipal school, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Alecia Sharpe of Topeka, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

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

Timothy Yoder of Brookings, SD, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Gooch)

Ranset Valdes Prieto Darias of Aurora, NE, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

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Blue Storm Juniors battle in 2024 SNBC Tourney

The Blue Storm Juniors entered the 2024 South-Eastern Nebraska Baseball Conference Tourney as the No. 8 seed and drew top-seeded Adams in the opener at SNC Field on Tuesday. Due to the weather, the game was halted and finished on Thursday. The Blue Storm made a valiant effort, falling behind 0-4 in the fifth inning, but continued to fight.

Orion Cattrell reached on an error to open the fifth. A groundout moved Cattrell to second and a single by Mason Collier drove in Falls City's first run of the game to make it 1-4. Unfortunately, Adams plated two runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth to earn the win, 9-1.

Collier led the team with a pair of singles and an RBI, while Jaiden Willman and Noah Howard each had base hits. Kam Huppert took the loss, allowing nine hits and nine runs (four earned) over five innings of work.

Thursday evening, FC faced the No. 6 seeded team from Auburn. FC struck first, taking a 1-0 lead after the top of the first. Willman and Huppert each reached on errors, with Willman later scoring on a steal of home plate. The FC lead was short-lived as Auburn scored four times in the bottom of the first to take the lead for good.

Trailing 1-4 in the fourth, FC rallied to keep the game close. Willman

singled to open the frame, followed by a one-out base knock by Collier. Willman later scored on a steal of home and Collier scored on a ground out by Howard to make it 3-4 after four innings. That's as close as Falls City would get as Auburn scored four runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth to make the final 4-10.

Toby Baxter, Willman and Collier all singled for Falls City. Howard and Elin Vonderschmidt added RBIs and Cattrell took the loss on the hill.

In the seventh-place contest, FC fell to third-seeded EMN, 1-13. Elmwood-Murdock/Nebraska raced out to a 9-0 lead after three innings and never looked in the

rearview mirror.

The Junior's lone run came in the fourth frame. Collier reached base on an error to open the inning. After a stolen base, Collier scored on a line drive by Callen Furnas to put FC on the board, trail-

ing 1-9.

Cattrell, Baxter and Furnas all singled for Falls City. Collier was saddled with the loss, allowing seven hits and nine runs (six earned) over three innings of work.

The Juniors will host

Doniphan County on Wednesday, June 26, at SNC Field, play at the Fort Calhoun Tourney on June 29-30 and wrap up the season with a home game against Sabetha on Tuesday, July 2.

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Late League results for June 18, 2024.

Team 1 (6.50) Malone, Kevin 45-37; Hankins, Dan 44-35; Merz, Mitch 67-40. Team 18 (3.50) Froeschl, Nathan 52-46; Heckenlively, Tim 44-34; Bennett, Chuck 46-35.

Team 2 (2.00) Simon, Steve 41-40; Gilkerson, Keith 46-38; Chesnut, Justin 48-39. Team 17 (8.00) Hullman, Ben 42-36; Craig, Jake 48-37; Dunn, Mike 55-40.

Team 3 (7.00) Bachman, Eli 40-38; Poppe, Brian 46-38; Jordening, Ron 50-37. Team 16 (3.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 41-38; Froeschl, Joe 47-37; Schawang, Cade 51-39.

Team 4 (5.00) Montgomery, Carter 40-38; Dunkhas, Gale 48-39; Keller, Bart 56-35. Team 15 (5.00) Daake, Brian 46-40; Godemann, Ted 46-34; Morris, Adam (F).

Team 5 (10.00) Ebel, Ron 41-37; Ferguson, Don 44-35; Malcolm, Terry 56-44. Team 14 (0.00) Anderson, Dusty 44-38; Froeschl, Lucas 48-41; Steele, Brendan 64-49.

Team 6 (3.50) Witt, Tom 46-43; Froeschl, Ethan 47-38; Buckminster, Blake 59-39. Team 13 (6.50) Gerweck, Rob 44-39; Courtney, Justin 52-40; Meysenburg, Fr. James 49-37.

Team 7 (9.00) Siel, Jake 39-36; Aitken, Bob 46-38; Hillyard, Mark 44-35. Team 12 (1.00) Van Dyke,

Kyle 46-37; Witt, Wade 53-42; Scheitel, Lane 53-36.

Team 8 (8.50) Liberty, Brandon 38-34; Kurgeweit, Lee 44-36; May, Mark 49-36. Team 11 (1.50) McNeely, Erik 51-43; McNeely, John 44-36;

Keithley, Alex 71-44. Team 9 (10.00) Harmon, Galen 48-38; Gooch, Blake 54-40; Witt, Bailey 55-29. Team 10 (0.00) Gist, Dick (F); Witt, Weston (F); Craig, Robbie 53-38.



Joe and Chaz Dunn



Thomas and Dick Gist

Annual Father Son/Daughter Golf Tournament

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Twenty-six teams participated in the 14th Annual Father Son/Daughter Golf Tournament on Fathers Day. For the second time in the tournament's illustrious history, a playoff was needed to crown a champion. After the teams of Thomas/Dick Gist and Chaz/Joe Dunn carded scores of four under par 31's, the playoff was set. The first hole was halved with a par four. Joe Dunn sank a ten foot birdie putt on the par five second hole to nail down the victory. It was the Dunn's second straight win.

A Flight winners were Malory/Mark Hillyard and Morgan Bachman/Mark Hodge with scores of 38.

B Flight winners were Hannah Siel/Terry Malcolm and Jake/Mike Simon with scores of 41.

Hot dogs and chips were enjoyed by all after the round.

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USDA Reminds Nebraska Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports

Agricultural producers in Nebraska should make an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office as soon as possible to complete crop acreage reports before the applicable deadline after planting is complete. The acreage reporting date for spring-planted crops, perennial forage such as pastures and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres is July 15, 2024.

"Many USDA programs require producers to file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline in order to receive program benefits," said Tim Divis, Acting FSA State Executive Director in Nebraska. "We've had the benefit of spring moisture in various locations across the state, but it slowed planting and therefore has delayed the acreage reporting process at some county FSA offices. Once planting is complete, please call your local FSA office as soon as possible to complete the acreage reporting process."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits, Divis said.

"We are asking producers to pay close attention to communications from their county FSA office as it may have processes in place to facilitate the completion of acreage reports, including specific timelines to return maps," Divis said.

Producers also should report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to plant. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the date listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

FSA offers continuous certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Check with FSA at the local USDA Service Center for more information on continuous certification.

Producers can access their FSA farm records, maps, and common land units through the farmers.gov customer portal. The portal allows producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries within farm records mapping. Producers can view, print and label their maps for acreage reporting purposes. Level 2 eAuthentication or login.gov access that is linked to a USDA Business Partner customer record is required to use the portal.

Producers can visit farmers.gov/account to learn more about creating an account. Producers who have authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via an FSA-211 Power of Attorney form, Business Partner Signature Authority or as a member of a business can now access information for the business in the farmers.gov portal.

For questions, producers should call their FSA county office. To find their FSA county office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

Preparing your home for the next natural disaster

We all want our homes to be safe, comforting spaces that offer refuge and protection from the outside world. The global pandemic has taught us this, as well as the importance of preparation – not just for illness – but also for natural disasters like fires, floods, earthquakes, and tornados.

Making sure your house is a secure and resilient structure is critical no matter where you live, as global warming has altered the climates and weather events of many regions. Fortunately, thanks to advances in design and innovative materials, building a stronger, disaster-proof home is possible.

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Butterflies and moths

By Nicole Stoner

Summer is really here. As an Entomologist, I love when insects become active, but I know not everyone feels the same about bugs. I do not like mosquitoes and other annoying bugs that bother me outside and I especially dislike those that do damage to my plants. However, most of our insects are beneficial and therefore do not need to be killed.

Beneficial Insects

Many of our insects are a benefit to us. Insects provide us with useful products such as honey and silk, eat or kill other insects, decompose things like dung and carcasses, and pollinate our plants. Without insects we wouldn't have many of our foods including apples and cucumbers and we wouldn't have more flowers and trees.

Pollination services are important to provide us with flowers and fruits that we enjoy every day. Approximately 75% of all plants need pollination from animals, including insects, the remaining plants can be self-pollinated or wind-pollinated. It is estimated that 1 out of every three bites you take is provided by bees. However, there are many other great pollinators including many beautiful butterflies and moths.

Butterflies: Butterflies are so interesting and they are beautiful on both the top and bottom of their wings. Each butterfly has a unique pattern and coloration to separate the different species. The Monarch butterfly is one of our most widely known pollinators and it has a copy-cat. There is another species called a viceroy that looks exactly like the monarch except that the viceroy has a line through both hindwings. It does this so predators leave it alone.

Another group of my favorite butterflies is the swallowtail butterflies. In Nebraska, we can find the Eastern tiger swallowtail, the black swallowtail, and the zebra swallowtail commonly. The Eastern tiger swallowtail is a yellow swallowtail compared to the black and zebra striped species. These all have a point that projects from the uniform rounded corner of the hindwings, as do all swallowtail butterflies.

And we can't forget the painted ladies, who migrate through Nebraska annually. The painted lady butterfly is a pinkish-orange butterfly with black blotches on the wings. Painted ladies are a butterfly that migrates through Nebraska every year from the south, they do not overwinter here. Some years, they come through in large populations.

Moths: Moths can be great pollinators as well. I was outside last weekend and a white-lined sphinx moth, also called a hummingbird hawk moth, came to pollinate my petunias. It is called that because it flies around plants with fast moving wings, similar to a hummingbird.

I also really enjoy Luna moths, which are less common in Nebraska but can be found on occasion. They are quite large, bright green colored moths with a few black spots that look like eyes on the wings. This is a unique moth with amazing color, they are always a treat to find.

And who can forget the cecropia moth, which is the largest moth native to North America. The wingspan can be up to 6 inches across. They are fuzzy and the wings are mostly gray/brown with spots of red and tan with a tan edge around both the front and hind wings. These are also so much fun to find. And if you get the opportunity to find a caterpillar, they are so interesting. The caterpillars are pale green with blue, red, and yellow knobs along the body.

Pollinators come in many forms but are always an important part of the ecosystem. Take time to look for and enjoy the butterflies and moths you find in your landscape, I know I always do!

If you have any further questions please contact Nicole Stoner at (402) 223-1384, nstoner2@unl.edu, visit the Gage County Extension website at www.gage.unl.edu, or like my facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/NicoleStonerHorticulture and follow me on twitter @Nikki_Stoner

Farm Service Agency seeking nominations for farmers and ranchers to serve on local county committees

Nominations are now being accepted for farmers and ranchers to serve on local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. These committees make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2024 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2024.

"Serving on a Farm Service Agency county committee is your chance to ensure that other producers who share your interests, your production practices, and your perspective are represented. County committee service is a unique opportunity in the federal government for citizen stakeholders to participate in the implementation of policy and programs at the local level," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Nominations are now open, and elections will begin in November; don't miss this chance to help FSA serve all producers."

Elections for committee members will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction and may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Customers can locate their LAA through a geographic information system locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/elections and determine if their LAA is up for election by contacting their local FSA office.

Agricultural producers may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee if they:

- Participate or cooperate in a USDA program.
- Reside in the LAA that is up for election this year.

A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority, women, urban and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster recovery, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as making decisions on county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Urban and Suburban County Committees: The 2018 Farm Bill directed USDA to form urban county committees and make other advancements related to urban agriculture, including the establishment of the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. FSA established county committees specifically focused on urban agriculture that work to encourage and promote urban, indoor and other emerging agricultural production practices. Additionally, the county committees may address food access, community engagement, support of local activities to promote and encourage community compost and food waste reduction.

Urban committee members are nominated and elected to serve by local urban producers in the same jurisdiction. Urban county committee members provide outreach to ensure urban producers understand USDA programs, serve as the voice of other urban producers and assist in program implementation that support the needs of the growing urban community.

The 27 cities with urban county committees are listed at fsa.usda.gov/elections and farmers.gov/urban. Of these, ten urban county committees will hold an inaugural election this cycle.

Producers should contact their local FSA office to find out how to get involved in their county's election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an FSA-669A nomination form. This form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

All nomination forms for the 2024 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by the Aug. 1, 2024, deadline. Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in November 2024.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

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Commissioners meet

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 19, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on road and bridge maintenance being done by the crews.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-45 to approve the Certification for Proper Completion of Project per County Bridge Matching Program Agreement for structures C007423425 and C007413030. The motion carried. (Resolution Book 27, Page)

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on business at the Law Enforcement Center the past several weeks and reported that currently there are 18 inmates in Jail. A report was approved for fees that were collected during the month of May, 2024 totaling \$2,947.28.

A motion was made to approve the corrected Memorandum of Understanding that was submitted to the County by the City of Falls City with some minor wording changes from the previous agreement that was presented at the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director reviewed the status of the Barada tower site. Kirkendall reported that the roof needs to be replaced on the building and is experiencing some difficulty finding a contractor to complete the replacement. He suggested that this tower site be considered surplus property of the County as it has not been in use for the past 18 months and NRIN is not planning on using this site as was previously planned.

The Board will consider the sale of this property at the next meeting.

Scott Miller and Steve Simon of Miller Farrell Insurance Agency reviewed the bid submitted at the June 5, 2024, meeting for the insurance coverage of Richardson County for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The agency is researching other options for specific property coverage that would be more cost effective and beneficial for the County. This matter will be reviewed and discussed further at the next meeting.

A motion was made to approve the contract with Medica Insurance for the county employee health insurance coverage from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

No agreement reached during special Commissioners meeting

A special meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The special meeting is to continue negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement with the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 representing the employees of the Richardson County Department of Roads. 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.

Ron Morrison a mediator with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Justin Hubly, NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, Bryan Dettmann and Ron Ramer, Road Dept. Union Stewards; special legal counsel for Richardson County, Jerry Pigsley and Sarah Carstensen were present for this meeting to continue negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement.

The final proposal that was presented on February 14, 2024, by Richardson County to the Road Department Union and the final proposal that was presented dated February 21, 2024, by the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 to Richardson County were presented and explained to the mediator, Ron Morrison.

A motion was made and approved to go into an executive session at 2:20 p.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley, Sarah Cartensen and Ron Morrison, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to review the contract negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement with NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 representing the employees of the Richardson County Department of Roads and for the protection of the public interest.

The executive session closed at 3:12 p.m. and returned to the regular meeting agenda.

No agreement was reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Grand Jury proceeds conclude in the District Court of Richardson County

On Thursday May 17, 2024 Richardson County District Court Judge Julie D. Smith called a grand jury to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Robert W. Reuter on September 15, 2023.

Under the supervision of Judge Julie D. Smith the grand jury convened on June 13, 2024 and, on the same day, Richardson County Attorney Ms. Samantha K. Scheitel, began presenting evidence regarding the death. The grand jury completed its deliberations the morning of, June 13, 2024. concluding that there had been no criminal conduct on the part of any individual as to the death of Mr. Robert W. Reuter. The grand jury returned what is called a "No True Bill" and issued a Grand Jury Report containing their findings and recommendations. This report has been filed with the clerk of the district court.

What does "no true bill" mean in legal terms? If the evidence does not persuade the grand jury that there is probable cause to believe the person committed a crime, the grand jury will vote a "no bill," or "not a true bill." When this occurs, the person is not required to plead to a criminal charge, and no trial is required.

Judge Julie D. Smith has signed an order discharging the grand jury and releasing its members from further service.

Independence Day in District 1

By Senator Slama

As Independence Day approaches, it is a time for our communities to come together and celebrate the birth of our great nation. This day is not just about fireworks and barbecues; it is a time to reflect on the freedoms we cherish and the sacrifices by those who came before us.

Our local celebrations are a testament to the spirit and gratitude of our community. In Nebraska City, you can find a family-friendly celebration including a parade, live music, cornhole, food vendors and a fireworks display. Meanwhile, Brownville hosts its annual 4th of July celebration with a freedom run, a dog show, a parade, and plenty of food and music, ending the day with a fireworks display.

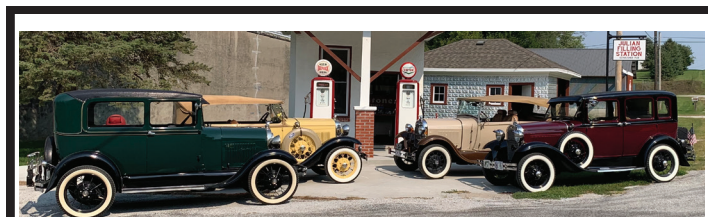
In addition to these events, keep in mind that there may be other gatherings in our community. Every neighborhood feels the energy of Independence Day as families and friends get together to honor our nation's history and values.

As we celebrate this Fourth of July, let us remember the things that unite us as Americans. I hope your Independence Day is full of joy and pride, whether you're spending it with family, going to an event, or simply enjoying the fireworks.

I also want to extend a big thank you to those who serve our country every single day- our military personnel, first responders and our healthcare workers. Your dedication and service keeps us safe and healthy and we are incredibly grateful for your contributions. It is because of your commitment that we are able to celebrate this Fourth of July in peace and security.

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

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

Elaine E. Hamilton

Elaine Elizabeth Hamilton passed away on April 19, 2024 in Medford, OR. She was born on August 8, 1940 to Freda and Lloyd Shouse. Elaine was a graduate of Falls City High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Freda and Lloyd Shouse and sister, Mary Lee Cook.

Surviving family is her daughter, Edie Johnson of FL; son Jim Hahn and family, Northglenn, CO; sisters Dorothy Holmberg, Higginsville, MO, and Kay Groff, Las Vegas, NV and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She requested cremation and no service.

Falls City Golf Course to host annual CMC event

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later, he was part of the "scoring explosion" team that finished second in the country after a 31-30 loss to Miami in the Orange Bowl. The Washington Federals of the USFL drafted the wide receiver. Then, in 1986, he signed with the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL. That dream was never realized as he chose a different path in life. After several stints in prison, Simmons turned his life around, now traveling across the country as a motivational speaker.

"As long as you have breath and life, you can always dust yourself off and restart," said Simmons last year in Falls City.

Johnson, a regular at the event, was a two-time national champion with the Big Red in 1994 and 1995. Johnson played during a time when the Huskers weren't necessarily pass-happy. During his four-year career, Johnson pulled in 34 passes for 556 yards.

On Friday, two more legends will join the group at the golf course for a four-person, 18-hole golf tournament. Fellow Heisman Trophy winners Eric Crouch and Johnny "The Jet" Rodgers will team up with sponsors to compete in the 18-hole tournament.


While playing for Nebraska, Eric Crouch passed Tommie Frazier as the all-time total offense leader and became the Big 12 All-Time ca-

reer rushing leader at the QB position. In his final season as signal caller, Crouch won the Davey O'Brien award for being college football's best quarterback and became Nebraska's third Heisman Trophy winner. As a starting QB, Crouch finished his days with a 35-7 mark. Crouch is often remembered for his astonishing 95-yard TD run at Missouri in 2001 and for catching a TD pass on "black 41 flash reverse pass" against No. 2 ranked Oklahoma in Lincoln as the Big Red defeated the Sooners 20-10.

The final legend has become synonymous with the event. The 1972 Heisman Trophy winner is known for his flamboyant style on and off the course. Johnny Rodgers is perhaps best known for his 72-yard punt return for a score against Oklahoma in the 1971 "Game of the Century." Rodgers averaged 15.5 yards per punt return in his career with seven scores. He also caught 143 passes for 2,479 yards and 25 TDs.

The general public is invited to the Falls City Golf Course on Friday, June 28, at 9:00 a.m. to watch the teams tee off at the No. 1 tee box.

There is also an online auction, which includes many lovely items, which can be found at <https://givebutter.com/CMC-Golf>.



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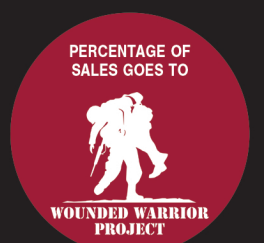
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Pediatricians can help teens quit vaping and using tobacco

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States and it almost always begins during adolescence. According to leading medical advocates, pediatricians have a role to play in getting kids to quit vaping electronic cigarettes and using other tobacco products.

Ten percent of American students report using tobacco products, according to the FDA. And while there have been declines in the use of cigarettes among adolescents, the popularity of e-cigarettes and other smokeless tobacco and nicotine products is on the rise. Smoking and vaping are both harmful to health, particularly to youth, whose brains are still developing and who are uniquely vulnerable to nicotine dependence.

That's why the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has developed the Youth Tobacco Cessation Progressive Web App. This new, free clinical decision resource, which can be used on a computer, tablet or offline mobile app, leads physicians through the following steps:

1. Ask: Screen for tobacco use with all youth, during every clinical encounter.
2. Counsel: Advise all youth who use tobacco to quit and have them set a quit date within two weeks.
3. Treat: Link adolescents to behavioral treatment extenders and prescribe pharmacologic support when indicated. After the visit, follow up to assess progress and offer support.

The web app also provides a flowchart for clinical interactions, links to product descriptions, an AAP policy and clinical report, sample counseling statements, behavioral support options, such as texting services, quitlines and online resources, and detailed information on pharmacologic support, including nicotine replacement therapy.

There is currently little data on successful youth tobacco treatment strategies. In the meantime, clinicians can leverage existing literature and promising practices to support tobacco cessation in young people. To learn more and to access the Youth Tobacco Cessation Progressive Web App, visit aap.org/HelpKidsQuit.

Tobacco use and nicotine dependence are significant health concerns. Pediatricians can use their vital, trusted role as a source of expertise, support and guidance to provide teens with confidential tobacco cessation care. (*State-Point*)

Did you know?

Mel Blanc, who played the voice of Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots.

C3PO is the first character to speak in Star Wars.

Dracula is the most filmed story of all time, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is second and Oliver Twist is third.

The longest movie in the world according to Guinness World Records is "The Cure for Insomnia," directed by John Henry Timmis IV. Released in 1987, the running time is 5,220 minutes (87 hours).

The first movie to use sound was "The Jazz Singer," released in 1927: the first words, spoken by Al Jolson, were: "Wait a minute, you ain't heard nothing yet."

In "Father of the Bride", Annie and Bryan marry on January 6. But in the opening montage of "Father of the Bride 2" there is a framed invitation of their wedding which states that they were married on October 9.

Towards the end of the Forrest Gump, Forrest narrates that his wife died on a Saturday. When he is at her grave in the next scene, the tomb stone shows her passing on March 22, 1982, which is a Monday.

In Terminator 2 – Judgement Day, Arnold Schwarzenegger received a salary of \$15 million; the 700 words he spoke translates to \$21,429 per word. "Hasta la vista, baby" thus cost \$85,716.

In the 1926 film version of Don Juan actor John Barrymore set the record for the most kisses ever in a single film. Barrymore embraced Mary Astor and Estelle Taylor 127 times.

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2025 Waste, Litter, and Scrap Tire grant applications accepted June 26 through Aug. 7

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) will accept grant applications for its 2025 Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive, Litter Reduction and Recycling, and Scrap Tire programs beginning June 26 until 4 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2024.

The grant term will be Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2025. Grant decisions will be announced in December 2024. Available grant funding is anticipated to be \$6 million for Litter grants and \$5.5 million for Waste grants with a maximum amount up to \$500,000 per application. This is a competitive application process. Applications will be reviewed and scored based on the submitted application.

Visit NDEE's website to apply online: <http://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DEE-WGS/>. The agency has multiple resources available to aid applicants in preparing their application, including:

- A grant application guidance document: <http://dee.ne.gov/publica.nsf/pages/WAS075>.
- A technical instruction guide on how to use the Waste and Litter grant application software: <http://dee.ne.gov/publica.nsf/pages/WAS066>.

Informational videos about the Waste and Litter grants: <http://dee.ne.gov/publica.nsf/pages/24-015>.

Eligible grant projects include, but are not limited to: Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants:

- Recycling systems and equipment – equipment used in integrated solid waste programs and projects, such as balers, shredders, densifiers, and trucks/trailers to collect recyclables
- Food and yard waste composting equipment – brush chippers, tub grinders, compost turners, and compost screens
- Household hazardous waste, electronic waste, and pharmaceutical collection events
- School chemical cleanouts
- Market development for recycled materials
- Deconstruction of abandoned buildings owned by the city/county (available to cities of the first class, cities of the second class, villages, and counties of 5,000 or fewer in population)

Scrap Tire Grants:

- Fifty percent reimbursement of crumb rubber for rubber modified asphalt, manufacturing, landscaping, or playground mulch
- Twenty five percent reimbursement of mats or tiles for playgrounds, poured-in-place playground surfaces, athletic tracks, and artificial

turf football, soccer, and baseball fields

- One hundred percent reimbursement of the cost of scrap tire cleanup events (political subdivisions, only)
- Fifty percent reimbursement of capital costs for processing, manufacturing, collection, and transporting scrap tires

• Cost-sharing for civil engineering uses (\$20/ton)
Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants:

- Public Education – funding to promote recycling and litter reduction awareness through educational activities and programs
- Cleanup – funding for cleanup activities on public spaces and roadways
- Recycling – funding for equipment and operating expenses

Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program (year-round applications accepted):

- Available year-round to political subdivisions for illegal dumpsites along a road right-of-way. There are no deadlines for applications. The applications are currently received on paper. For more information, visit NDEE's website: <http://dee.ne.gov/NDEE-QProg.nsf/OnWeb/IDCP>.

For more information, or to discuss a project contact:

Email: ndee.waste-grants@nebraska.gov
Phone: 402-471-2186
Website: <http://dee.ne.gov>.

Board of Equalization meets to hear property valuation protests

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie; Assessor Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff.

Property Valuation protests were heard for filings 2024-007 for parcel #740081381 and 2024-008 for parcel #740075551.

A motion was made by Karas to approve seven tax list corrections (1458 and 1460 through 1464) as presented by Assessor Riggs. The motion was approved;

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Board of Education District #70 Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education will have a special meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 1st, 2024. A copy of the agenda is available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 810 Central Ave.

Neal Kanel
Scott Ogle
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Board of Education District #70 Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education will have an Americanism meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:15 PM on Monday, July 1st, 2024. A copy of the agenda is available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 810 Central Ave.

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VILLAGE OF SALEM

VILLAGE OF SALEM JUNE 4, 2024

The Salem Village Board met June 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. Kean, Catlin, Vogele, and Wessel were present. Robert McHenry was also present.

The open meeting poster on the meeting room wall was acknowledged.

McHenry reported on the operation of the water system. Hydrants had been flushed in May. Also reported that he would be ordering repairs for meters.

The current rent for use of the Community building is \$45.00 per day. Vogele moved to increase the rent to \$65.00 per day, starting July 1, 2024, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Vogele, Wessel and Catlin voting yes. All current booked rentals will remain at \$45.00.

The bid from Andrew Tuckpointing LLC for tuckpointing on the Community building were reviewed. Wessel moved to proceed with the bid of \$30,631.00 for the south elevation, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Vogele, Wessel and Catlin voting yes. Catlin was asked to contact Andrew Tuckpointing for a contract for work on the south elevation only.

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

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:45, seconded by Wessel, Motion carried. Kean, essel, Strauch, Catlin, and Vogele voting yes.

The next meeting will be July 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

CLAIMS JUNE 2024

OPPD 452.46 (utility) general 66.00 comb. 40.15 FRHL 33.66 street 312.65

Rural Water District(water purchased for sale) water 1736.20

Robert McHenry 700.00 {salary} water operator water

Village of Salem/Water Fund 400.00 (transfer from general)

Ne Public Health Lab 15.00 (testing) water

Stataline Propane 316.00 (propane comb) general

Schendel Pest control 30.00 (service comb) general

Carolyn Glathar 8.87 (labels water billing) water

Carolyn Glathar (salary 500.00) street 200.00 water 100.00 general 200.00 withholding 38.25 (check 461.45)

Wolfe's printing 104.80 (water billing post cards)water

Brad Catlin 330.00 (mowing) street

Cemetery Claims June 2024

Bosselman Pump and Pantry 100.00 (Fuel for mowers)

Barb Brown 350.00 (mowing)

Marv Jane Wessel 90.62 (landscape flowers)

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CITY OF HUMBOLDT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBOLDT, HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. AT HUMBOLDT CITY HALL – 330 E. SQUARE, HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in the Humboldt Standard and in the three designated places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Affidavit of Publishing on file in the office of the City Clerk. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of the notice and the Agenda are on file in the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Present: Mayor Rhonda Dettmer; Council Members: Jan Wilhelm, Dale Oehm, and Kendra Douglas
Absent:

Mayor Rhonda Dettmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Dettmer asked all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Rhonda Dettmer resigned, and Council President Jan Wilhelm assumed the Mayoral position, allowing the Council meeting to continue. Wilhelm informed all those present of the Poster stating the Open Meeting Law on the East meeting room wall accessible to the public.

Council member Douglas made a motion to accept the June 4, 2024, meeting agenda as written, seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Oehm, and Douglas, voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Public comment was received by Colonial Acres Administrator Betsy Packett regarding the status of the Emergency Chlorination System installation. Library Board member Eliane Croston informed the public of the Library's 140th Anniversary Open House to be held on June 5, 2024, from 2-6 pm.

Council member Oehm made a motion to accept the May 21, 2024, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Douglas. Roll Call vote indicated Douglas, Oehm, and Wilhelm, voting in favor of the motion; whereupon motion carried.

Council member Oehm made a motion to accept the May 28, 2024, special meeting minutes, seconded by Douglas. Roll Call vote indicated Oehm, Douglas, and Wilhelm, voting in favor of the motion; whereupon motion carried.

Payroll: \$4478.70, Spectrum Enterprise: Auditorium/Telephone Expense \$59.98, Hannah Bender: Cemetery/Contract Labor Mowing \$2,900.00, Hannah Bender: Cemetery/Contract Labor Mowing \$1,000.00, Justin Cox: Cemetery/Contract Labor Sexton \$260.00, Falls City Sanitation: Fire/Rural Fire/Utility/Sanitation \$33.75, Tim Llewellyn: Fire/Rural Fire/Training \$356.41, Dearborn Life Insurance: Fire/Rural Fire/Rescue/Life Insurance \$96.32, Aue and Company: General/Legal & Professional Services \$600.00, Falls City Sanitation: General/Utility/Sanitation \$55.34, Lengemann & Associates P.C.: General/Legal & Professional Services \$8,700.00, New Horizons LLC: General/Contract Labor/9th Street Asbestos Abatement \$20,520.00, Phillips Plumbing: General/Contract Labor \$274.75, Railroad Management Co: General/Fees, Permits Licenses \$379.14, Schendel Pest Control: General/Repairs and Maintenance \$62.00, USABlueBook: General/Repairs and Maintenance Colonial Acres \$5,646.57, Capital Business Systems: General/Copier/Equipment Lease \$123.25, Spectrum Enterprise: General/Telephone/Internet Expense \$275.92, Capital Business Systems: Library/Telephone Expense \$80.47, Capital Business Systems: Library/Copier/Equipment Lease \$94.00, Midwest Homes & Restoration:

Park /Pool Repairs & Maintenance \$44,870.75, Spectrum Business: Rescue/Telephone Expense \$29.99, Falls City Sanitation: Rescue/Utility / Sanitation \$11.34, One Billing Solutions: Rescue/EMS Billing Fees \$441.89, Quill: Rescue/Materials & Supplies \$120.99, Martin Marietta: Street/Rock, gravel, borrow Expense \$1,198.67, Volker Trucking: Street/Rock, gravel, borrow Expense \$145.00, NE Nebraska Dept of Revenue: Water/Sales Tax Remitted \$1,145.34, Davis PHE, LLC: Water/Repair & Maintenance \$932.50, Midwest Homes & Restoration: Water/Repairs & Maintenance \$2,878.02, OPPD: Water/Utility \$1,336.77, PeopleService: Water/Sewer/Licensing/Maintenance Agreements \$11,122.00

Council member Douglas made a motion to approve the claims from June 4, 2024. This includes reissuing a \$1,000 check from the Cemetery fund for mowing services. The original check was issued to Glenn Bender, but due to his passing, it needs to be voided and reissued to Hannah Bender. The motion was seconded by Oehm. The Roll Call vote indicated that Wilhelm, Oehm, and Douglas voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

April 2024 Sheriff's report presented by Sheriff Hardesty, highlighting 177 hours of service and 63 calls. Sheriff Hardesty urges the public to report any suspicious activity.

A motion to accept the resignation of Ward II Council member Vicky Lynch was made by Oehm; seconded by Douglas. Roll Call vote indicated Douglas, Oehm, and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A motion to accept the resignation of Maintenance Supervisor David Boughton was made by Oehm; seconded by Douglas. Roll Call vote indicated Oehm, Douglas, and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Oehm motioned to appoint David Jasinski as a Full-Time Maintenance Technician at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, pending a 90-day review; seconded by Douglas. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Oehm, and Douglas, voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Douglas motioned to appoint Brad Willey as a Full-Time Maintenance Technician at a rate of \$18.50 per hour, pending a 90-day review; seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated Douglas, Oehm, and Wilhelm, voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A motion was made to approve JEO Engineer Agreement for the Colonial Acres Chlorine Feed System at a cost ranging from \$120.00 to \$305.00, with an expected total

cost of around \$20,000.00. The motion was made by Oehm and seconded by Douglas. Roll Call vote indicated that Oehm, Wilhelm, and Douglas voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

Council member Oehm motioned to approve the contract extension request with DED for the City Auditorium project CDBG20PW005, allowing for unforeseen expenses within the construction.; seconded by Douglas, Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Oehm, and Douglas voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

A motion was made by Douglas to approve the Nebraska Water Resources Association membership of \$105.00; seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated Douglas, Oehm, and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Council member Douglas motioned to approve the \$49,500.00 crack sealing bid from Midwest Armor Coating; seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated Oehm, Wilhelm, and Douglas voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Resolution 2024-06.04 authorizing the use of up to \$10,000.00 from the City Sales Tax Account for the Emergency Chlorination System to mitigate Legionella at Colonial Acres approved by Oehm; seconded by Douglas. Roll Call vote indicated Wilhelm, Oehm, and Douglas voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried.

Department Reports & Requests: Wilhelm advised that the fountain in Square Park is in desperate need of repair. She also reported that all Council members will have the City Hall keys returned to them.

Council member Oehm asks that we consider finding coverage for the City Clerk/Treasurer during Vacation/PTO so the City Hall remains open during business hours. Oehm requested an update on the progress of roof repairs for city properties. The clerk advised that once the initial checks, included in the meeting claims, are issued, Midwest Homes & Restoration will begin scheduling the remaining locations. Council member Douglas thanked Dave for his dedication and hard work during his employment with the city.

A motion to adjourn was made by Douglas; seconded by Oehm. Roll Call vote indicated Douglas, Oehm, and Wilhelm voting in favor of the motion, whereupon motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm. Regular meeting scheduled June 18, 2024, at 6 pm

ATTEST: Darla Hulsebus,
City Clerk /Treasurer
Jan Wilhelm, Mayor
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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,

JULIUS A. ZIMMERMAN AND HIS GRANTEE, 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.

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
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet weekly for a regular meeting on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m., Room 202 in the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Humboldt, Nebraska will receive sealed bids until 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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The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold a board retreat/workshop at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 8, 2024, in the ESU 4 Conference Center, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska.

www.esu4.org
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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
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19-26-3
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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 OF ORGANIZATION D & J UTILITY LLC

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. 1. The name of the company is D & J UTILITY LLC. 2. The designated office of the company is: 811 4th St. Humboldt, NE, 68376. 3. The company shall engage in and have the power to do any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. 4. The company commenced existence as of the filing of its Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State on June 14, 2024. 5. The affairs of the company will be managed by its member(s) pursuant to its operating agreement. Member and Registered Agent: Dallas C. Waggoner, 811 4th Street, Humboldt, NE 68376.

Angelo M. Ligouri,
Ligouri Law Office
1118 15th Street, P.O. Box 99
Auburn, Nebraska 68305
Telephone: (402) 274-5484
26-3-10
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a meeting of the City Council of the City of Humboldt, Nebraska will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at the City Hall, 330 E. Square St., Humboldt, Nebraska which meeting will be open to the public. An Agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

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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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VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

Regular Monthly Meeting June 3, 2024 Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on June 3, 2024 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Pro - Temp Gary Hays opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Will Surman. Donna Lockard was absent. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman Pro - Temp announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman Pro - Temp asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No Visitors. Chairman Pro - Temp moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Hays) to approve the May 6, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Borrego) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims with the addition of two claims. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. Motion and Second (Patchen/Surman) to not transfer funds to the water tower and USDA accounts this month. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. General: None. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Wood & Brush pile: Will not be open if the road is muddy. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Park: Water line to the restroom needs to be repaired. Library is open every other Saturday morning and Wednesday evenings. Check window for hours. Streets: Potholes and street repairs were discussed. Asphalt project will be later this month, weather pending. Motion and Second (Surman/Hays) to close Main street as needed for July 6 activities and fireworks. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried. Fire: Two firemen attended fire school in May. Fireman are working on cleaning out drainage tubes. The next regular board meeting will be Monday, July 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Patchen/Borrego) to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk

Name Memo Amount

Dearborne Group, Firemans Insurance-89.44
NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn...-55.25
Jennifer Buchner, Payroll...-676.01
United States Treasury, Tax Deposit-238.22
Borrego, Tom, Mowing.....-750.00
International League of Cities, Annual Membership.....-200.00
Aue & Company, Monthly Fee-175.00
NPPD - Community Building, Community Building-31.58
NPPD - Library, Library-31.58
Schenel Pest Control, Pest Control-80.00
NPPD - 8th & Elm, 8TH & ELM-13.48
NPPD -Streets, Streetlights...-325.41
Aaron Davis, Payroll.....-253.96
Tracy Milke, Payroll-507.92
Tracy Milke, Expenses May 2024.....-231.91
Aaron Davis, Mileage May-50.00
Midwest Labs, Testing-219.07
City of Falls City, Cleaning of blocked line-190.00
Davis PHE, Sewer Plant Blower-4,400.81
Rieschick Drilling Co. Inc. Well #3 Controls & Relay Card...-846.47
State of Nebraska PHEL, Water Testing-172.00
VOID *****VOID, Transfer to Water Tower acct.....0.00
VOID *****VOID, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account0.00

Southeast Telephone Company, Well Phone-107.10
Village of Stella, Sampler-15.00
Falls City Sanitation Service, Trash service-852.00
NPPD - Sewer, Sewer-266.28
NPPD - Wells, Wells-165.24
Paul Platter, Sludge Haul ...-200.00
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 11, 2024 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. The regular weekly meeting date has been changed to Tuesday instead of Wednesday due to the attendance of the County Board members at the Nebraska Association of County Officials County Board Annual conference in Kearney June 12-13. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sichel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sichel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting. Motion second by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting held on June 5, 2024. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done by the crews.

SHERIFF

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 Center the week.

It was reported that there was a clerical error made on the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Falls City that was presented at last week's meeting and the corrected document was submitted to the Board today for review and approval. A motion was made by Sichel to approve the corrected Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Falls City. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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.

COUNTY TREASURER

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

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve receipt #JC93406B of \$1,515,000 to replace receipts #JC93049A of \$690,000 and #JC93055B of \$825,000 at F&M Bank. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Budget-Making Authority

A motion was made by Sichel 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. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Cooperative Extension Service

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.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp10.99
Animal Health Center, serv ...724.20
Best Buy, supp412.09
Consolidated Management Co., serv9676.20
Detectachem, supp117.62
Embassy Suites-Lincoln, serv107.00
Falls City Journal, adv89.13
Falls City Sanitation, serv20.00
Family Medicine, serv352.00
Farm & City Supply, supp ..179.00
Ligouri Law Office, serv142.50
Lincoln Fire & Rescue, serv...106.97
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv30.00
Morehead, Amanda, reimb...48.24
Nartec, supp188.25
O'Reilly Automotive, supp ...43.41
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv ...80.00
Polaris Law Group, serv950.00
CR23-85 T. Alexander
Postmaster, supp95.20
Richardson County Court, fees1401.30
Richardson County CPR, serv110.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb262.15
Richardson County Mutual Aid, serv265.02
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb343.88
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc26905.07
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv269.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb303.95
Sisco, Emily, serv2000.00
SNC, serv2206.52
Spartan Nash, supp22.76
SumnerOne, supp116.00
Payroll Expense121613.75
TOTAL GENERAL FUND\$169,192.20

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

A1 Iron Corp, serv7434.34
Falls City Auto Supply, supp5984.90
Falls City Utility Department, serv358.66
Farm & City Supply, supp 1684.11
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, serv170.00
Harmon's OK Tire, serv ...13115.88
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc., serv112.50
Martin Marietta Materials, rock13759.06
Nebraska Public Power District, serv31.58
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock.333.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb31.00
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp1044.11
Rose Equipment Inc., supp.....294.81
SNC, serv105.34
Truck Center Companies, serv277.60
Unifirst, serv22.96
Verdon, Village of, serv31.76
Wiltse Electric, serv378.42
Payroll Expense34401.54
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND\$79,571.83

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND

Government Forms & Supplies, supp1059.60
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS PRESERVE FUND\$1,059.60

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

SNC, serv155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS ..\$155.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. 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 Richardson 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. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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On behalf of the family of Brittany Jo Munoz we would like to thank each and everyone of you that reached out with condolences, prayers, thoughts, meals, grace, plants, flowers, memorials, mercy, and kind words during our time of this unimaginable loss in our lives. It has been entirely touching watching and experiencing all the love for our beloved Brittany during this difficult time. Although the days ahead won't be easy it is absolutely comforting to know we have an exceptional support system that will be there for the difficult days that lie ahead.

We would specifically like to thank Cozy and Issac Knight for the wonderful slide show, friends of the family, friends of Brittany, coworkers, employers, family, Pastor Dave Lockard for an absolutely wonderful service, the Verdon community, and all of the individuals that provided and contributed to the meal after the service. A heartfelt thank you to the Verdon Community for use of the Verdon community center for the service and luncheon. A sincere thank you to the Verdon volunteer fire department for assisting with setting up for the service and luncheon. A very special thank you to Halls Funeral home for their exceptional services provided the utmost dignity and professionalism. Each and everyone of you all went above and beyond. We will forever be grateful for all of you and appreciate all you did during this time. I am sure I am probably missing mentioning someone, but we promise your kindness did not go unnoticed. We will carry on her legacy through actions of the heart as we all know she had the biggest heart of all.

Our sincerest appreciation,
Tito and LouAnne Munoz
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We will be closed on Thursday July 4 and Friday July 5. The Deadline for the July 10 paper will be by the end of the day on Wednesday, July 3rd.

The FC Journal will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. The Deadline for the September 4 paper will be 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 29th.

The FC Journal will be closed on Friday, September 13. The Deadline for the September 18 paper will be 1 p.m on Thursday, August 29th.

The FC Journal will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The deadline will be Thursday, Nov. 7 by noon.

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

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The Richardson County Courthouse will be closed Thurs., July 4th, 2024 in observance of Independence Day

Interesting facts related to Independence Day

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's July 4 celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind.

• There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

• More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag. And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.

• The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

• The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.

• July is a popular month for nations to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), The Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.

• John Adams, a Founding Father of the United States and the second president in the country's history, felt Americans should celebrate their independence from Great Britain on July 2. That's because the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.



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