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## Public Budget Hearing and Hearing to set tax levy scheduled for next week

Chairman Caverzagie called the regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie answered the roll call.

Caverzagie moved to approve the agenda with a change in the time for the appointment with Mona and Ted Godemann, which was to be at 10:45 a.m., and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. The motion passed.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance this week.

Additional quotes were sought regarding the need for repairs and improvements to the bridge that leads into the County Shop area at Falls City. Two additional quotes were sought from those local contractors unable to provide a quote at this time: Campbell Construction, LLC and Schawang Masonry, LLC. A quote received from Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. and presented at last week's meeting was considered. Sickel motioned to approve the quote from Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. to make repairs and improvements to the bridge that leads into the County Shop area for a price of \$49,385.35 and to consider a contract for the project at a later meeting; the motion was approved.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that nine inmates are currently being held in jail. It was also reported that a patrol unit was damaged from hitting a deer this past week, and plans are being made to get the repairs done as soon as possible.

Doug Sailors requested to meet with the Board regarding the sale of the County-owned parcel of real estate located in S14, T3, R16. This parcel is the site of the communications tower the County has used but has now deemed surplus. This parcel has been advertised for sale and will be of-

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## Wilderness Falls III holds ribbon cutting ceremony

Falls City EDGE and Excel Development Group hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Wilderness Falls III affordable senior housing development on Friday, August 16, at W 31st Street and Victory Way, Falls City, (South of the Community Medical Center).

The new homes allow our Nebraska seniors to age in place and be able to stay in Nebraska.

"As Mayor of Falls City, I express gratitude for the ongoing collaboration between our city and Excel Development on the Wilderness Falls III project. This partnership strengthens our community by providing additional choices in quality affordable housing for our citizens aged 55 and above." - Mark Harkendorff, Mayor of the City of Falls City

"Midwest Housing Initiatives was excited to partner on the third

phase of the Wilderness Falls III housing development! Affordable housing, especially for seniors, is in high demand and we are happy to continue our work to address that challenge." - Corey Vandeweghe, President, Midwest Housing Initiatives

The Wilderness Falls III Development was Awarded the Following: \$288,860 of Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) for 10 years and \$288,860 of State LIHTC for six years from the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)

-\$750,000 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds (HOME) from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED)

-Tax Increment Financing (TIF) from Falls City of \$55,000, Falls (Please turn to Page 3)

## NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station implementing mobile notification system

Nebraska Public Power District's (NPPD) Cooper Nuclear Station will soon be implementing the use of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) national alert warning system which could be used to share emergency notifications to mobile devices and over radio and TV broadcasts.

FEMA's system is called the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System. Better known as IPAWS, it works by sending local emergency messages to the public through mobile phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts, to radio and television via the Emergency Alert System, and also on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Weather Radio. In the case an emergency notification would need to be shared from NPPD about Cooper, IPAWS would send a notification

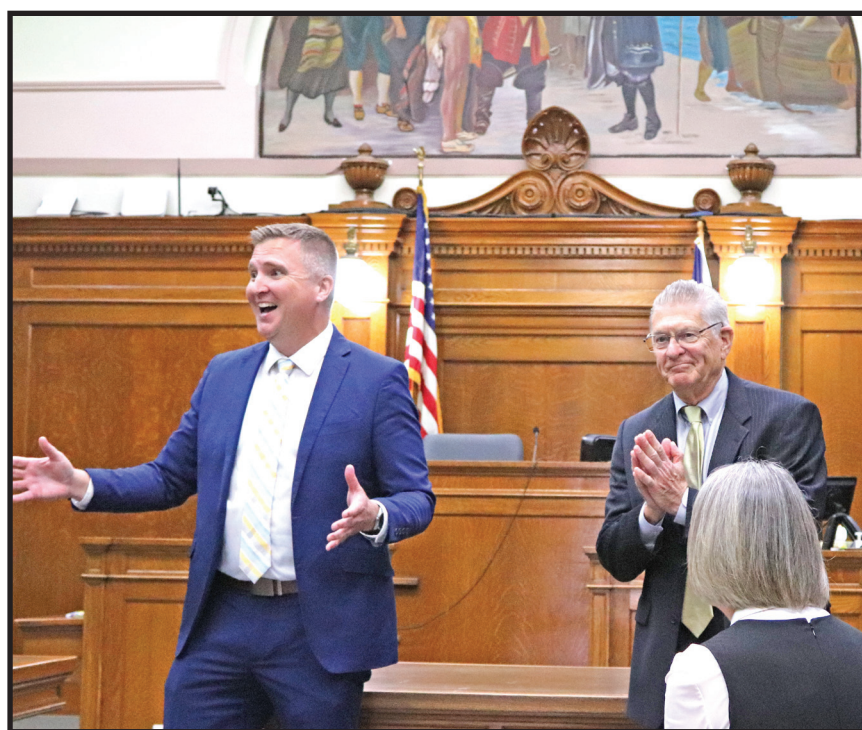
to phones, radios, and TVs in a roughly 10-mile radius around the plant. This system is widely used by nuclear operators across the country as well as other agencies for emergency messages such as tornado warnings or amber alerts.

NPPD currently has sirens installed within a 10-mile radius of the plant that would sound in the case of an emergency. IPAWS will allow for NPPD to transition away from the use of sirens. As a part of the process to implement this system, NPPD will be testing IPAWS throughout the 10-mile radius surrounding the plant to ensure it operates properly. This system is able to notify anyone within the 10-mile radius and does not require anyone to sign up through a specific app or service.

"When sirens go off, it may not be clear whether it is a test or what the emergency may be. In some cases, it may be hard for people to hear the sirens inside their homes. Using the FEMA public alert warning system will allow for messages about emergencies to be shared in a quick, clear, and concise manner," says NPPD Emergency Preparedness Manager Matt Nee.

Additional information will be shared with the public, including when the system will go live. This transition could be as early as January 1, 2025. There is a test of the sirens scheduled for September 17 in Nemaha and Richardson Counties, and on September 18 in Atchison

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Judge Rick Smith and Chief Justice Heavican

## Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice makes stop in Falls City

The District Courtroom on the third floor of the Richardson County Courthouse was packed as Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican and Associate Judges were present for a visit and community discussion. The stop was the first of nine visits to courthouses and one stop at Doane College made by the entourage from Lincoln.

The Chief Justice opened the event with a few introductions and brief remarks. Fellow State Supreme Court Justices present included Stephanie Stacy, Jeffrey Funke, Jonathan Papik, and John Freudenberg.

Heavican thanked Falls City for hosting the group and commented on the beautiful courthouse.

"You keep it up so well, and the county commissioners and everybody else. It is a symbol of community pride," said Chief Justice Heavican. "The whole community looks pretty darn good. The downtown is all spruced up; that's a really great thing. We really appreciate all the support that you give the courts here and probation."

Justice Heavican advocated for the State to take more judicial expenses away from the counties.

"In the meantime, it's always going to be a partnership between the counties and the states," said Heavican. "I am a firm believer that between both the counties and the State, we do a pretty darn good job. I'm very proud of the local clerks. Clerks of the District Courts and Clerks of the County Court, and all of the Sheriffs and law enforcement folks and everybody else involved."

At that point, he introduced Rick Smith, County Court Judge for Richardson, Pawnee and Nemaha.

"I believe I am one of three county court judges in the state that

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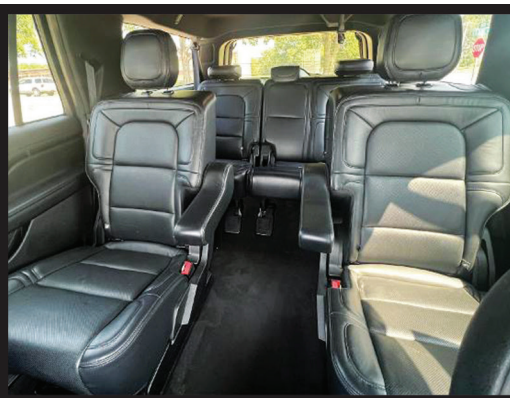
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## All things Nebraska

### Forget about property taxes and abortion: get out, time to enjoy autumn

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Back in the day, the Omaha World-Herald provided me with a company car and the instructions: "drive across the state and find some stories."

It was obviously a more formal command than that, something like "if you like your job, you'll write something interesting."

It was an incredible adventure in various vineyards of Ford Taurus'.

On the road, you realize that there are fascinating stories - sometimes tragic and sad, sometimes heart-warming and uplifting - in every corner of the state.

You recognize that Native Americans were correct: "Nebraska" is an Indian word for "long way across."

(I once filed a story in Chadron at noon, jumped in my news-wagon, and sped across the state to make a gig that night with an Irish folk band at downtown Omaha's Dubliner Pub. Only a wee bit over the speed limit.)

You also learn that fall is the best season in Nebraska to get out and enjoy the state. The nights grow cool, the bugs go away, and the towering fields of corn make way for broader vistas.

So rather than write about property tax reductions that didn't quite happen, or competing ballot issues on abortion rights that did, let's talk about the best things to do in Nebraska in autumn.

The best, obviously, is cheering on the Huskers, or our favorite local sports teams.

The amber-colored, harvest moon that rises above high school football fields in October cannot be beat. And hope springs eternal in Lincoln that good ol' NU can return to glory and a bowl game in football. And I can't wait to see this year's Husker volleyball team.

A fall tradition in our family when my daughter was young was a group campout at Indian Cave State Park. We always went in mid-October, when the trees there were peaking in their autumn colors.

It didn't hurt that the park held a Halloween decorating contest in the campgrounds that drew some pretty elaborate, creative and scary campsites. Of course, they handed out candy, and there was a haunted hayrack ride.

There are some mighty fine town festivals in the fall, too. Can you find

tastier caramel apples than those served at the late September Apple-Jack Festival in Nebraska City?

And, as a lover of Irish folk music, there's a can't miss fest of Irish music, dance and verse in Greeley on Sept. 21.

That's halfway to St. Patrick's Day (for the non-Irish) but this central Nebraska farm town settled by the Irish doesn't do anything halfway for this festival, bringing in top bands, a pipe and drum corps, and even the state poet, Matt Mason.

It's one of the best times of the year to do a float trip down one of the state's many rivers. The crowds have gone home, for the most part, from the scenic Niobrara, which was recently deemed one of the world's top "quiet trails" by an international group dedicated to preserving such places.

"Silence is the think tank of the soul," says one of its advocates.

In the fields, there's work to be done to harvest the corn and soybeans before the cold winds of winter come (and before the prices go down again).

School is back in session, so for parents, it's a marathon of choir and band concerts, dance classes and sports games and practices.

But if you can get out, fall is the best time of year to sit around a fire pit, hike through the forest, or share a glass of beer or wine with buddies.

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.



### OUR BRAIN'S HAPPY HORMONES

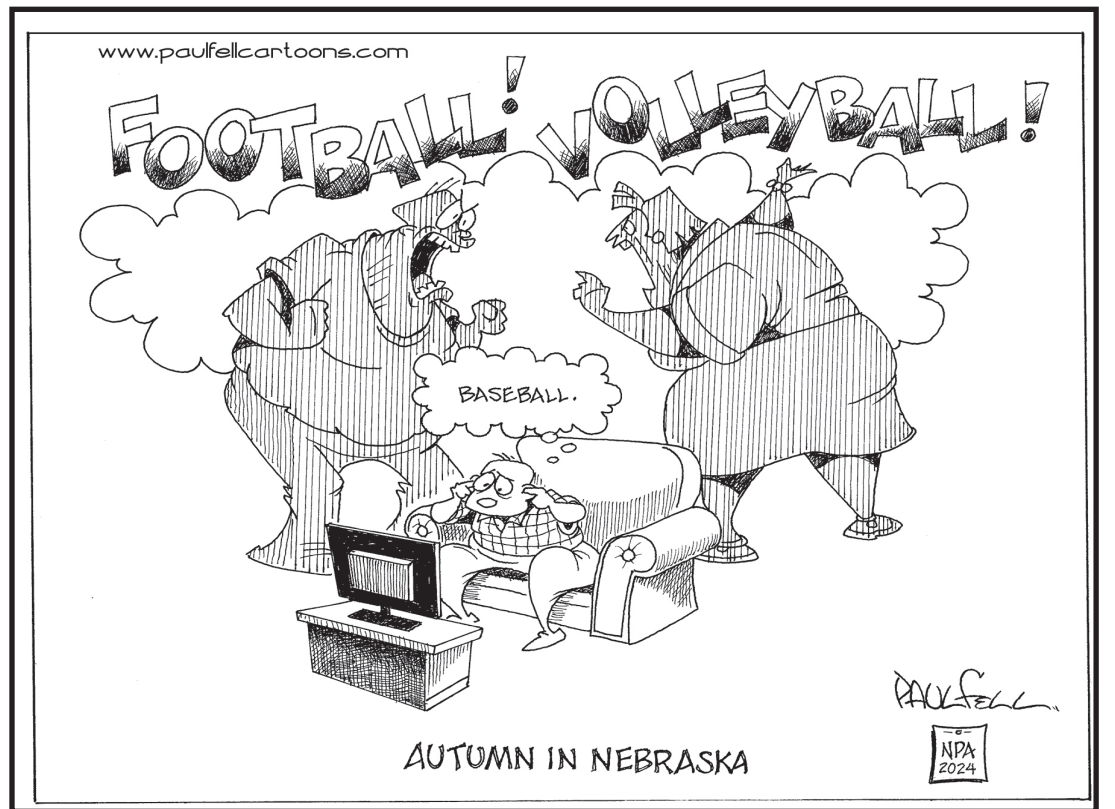
By: *Curstie Konold MPH, LCSW, QMHP*

Our brain releases chemicals into our body that impact functions in our body, such as our mood. There are four chemicals that commonly support "feeling good," and they are also known as "happiness chemicals." These four chemicals are dopamine, oxytocin, serotonin, and endorphins.

Dopamine provides us with pleasure, motivation, and learning. Known as the reward chemical, dopamine may help us feel determined to accomplish our goals or meet our needs. Oxytocin is often known as the love hormone, and it creates a feeling of trust and security in maintaining relationships and bonding with others. Serotonin is often known as the mood stabilizer, and is the chemical that helps in regulating our moods. It often helps us with accepting ourselves, the people around us, and feeling significant within our relationships. Finally, endorphins are the natural "pain killer" in our body that releases a response to pain or stress to help in alleviating physical pain, anxiety, or depression. When we have a deficiency in each of these hormones, it can affect us in negative ways.

Dopamine deficiencies can lead us to procrastinate, have low self-esteem, lack motivation, have low energy, feel fatigued, struggle to focus, and feel anxious or hopeless. Natural ways to increase dopamine levels in our body may include meditation, self-care, creating long term goals, creating a daily to-do list to maintain organization, celebrate small wins, regular exercise, and being creative through writing, music or art.

Oxytocin deficiencies can leave us feeling lonely, stressed, lack motivation, have low energy or fatigue, feel disconnected, feel anxious, and experience insomnia.



nia. Some natural ways to increase oxytocin may include physical touch from a loved one, socializing, massage, acupuncture, listening to music, regular exercise, meditation, or giving others compliments.

Serotonin deficiencies can lead to low self-esteem, feeling overly sensitive, feeling anxiety, having panic attacks, mood swings, feeling hopeless, feeling nervous about social events, experiencing obsessions, and experiencing insomnia. Natural ways to increase serotonin may be spending time outdoors, meditating, regular exercise, cold showers, sunlight and massage.

Endorphin deficiencies can lead to anxiety, depression, mood swings, aches and pains, insomnia and impulsive behavior. Natural ways to increase endorphins may be laughing, creating music, art or writing, eating spicy foods, regular exercise, stretching, massage, and helping others.

By working to become aware of deficiencies we may be experiencing within our body, we can implement natural skills to increase release of the happiness chemicals. This is one positive way we can take care of our mental health and increase our mood in a positive way.

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### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL

#### ACROSS

- 1. Soothing concoction
- 5. \*The Magic School ride
- 8. Mama's husband
- 12. Dwarf buffalo
- 13. Moneyed one
- 14. "M\*A\*S\*H" extra
- 15. Soon, to Shakespeare
- 16. Sheltered, nautically
- 17. \*Abacus user, e.g.
- 18. \*School jacket-wearer
- 20. TV classic "Happy \_\_\_\_"
- 21. What hoarders do
- 22. Speech-preventing measure
- 23. \*Pencil end
- 26. Deep regret
- 30. Indian restaurant staple
- 31. What cobblers often do
- 34. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
- 35. Embedded design
- 37. \_\_\_\_ Khan
- 38. Contending
- 39. \*Don't forget to cross them
- 40. Plural of flora
- 42. Rolodex abbr.
- 43. Sultry or carnal
- 45. \*Rydell High School movie
- 47. Defensive one on the gridiron
- 48. Oodles
- 50. \*Some PTA members?
- 52. \*It involves elements
- 56. Cuban dance
- 57. Burkina Faso neighbor
- 58. Opera solo
- 59. Boot-shaped European country
- 60. Oil org.
- 61. Review a service
- 62. Say "No!"
- 63. Animal's nose
- 64. Perceives with an eye

#### DOWN

- 1. Jezebel's idol
- 2. Beheaded Boleyn
- 3. Plunder
- 4. Certain rays
- 5. Plural of #1 Across
- 6. Part of an eye, pl.
- 7. Witnessed
- 8. \*Field of education
- 9. \_\_\_\_ Walker, American Girl doll
- 10. \*Inspiration for circular charts, pl.
- 11. Acronym, abbr.
- 13. Zimbabwe's capital
- 14. Address to a woman
- 19. Nail salon file
- 22. Toothpaste type
- 23. \*Marks in English
- 24. Hindu queen
- 25. "Hannah and Her Sisters" director
- 26. End of line
- 27. Yogurt-based dip
- 28. \*Opposite side over hypotenuse, pl.
- 29. Bald symbol
- 32. \* \_\_\_\_ monitor
- 33. Bigheadedness
- 36. \*All-school get-together
- 38. Giuseppe \_\_\_\_ of opera fame
- 40. Temporary craze
- 41. Parthenogenetic
- 44. Recant or retract
- 46. \*English homework, pl.
- 48. \*Circle, e.g.
- 49. Paparazzi's target
- 50. Remote control option
- 51. Middle Eastern sultanate
- 52. "Follow me!"
- 53. Genealogy plant
- 54. Agitate
- 55. Puppy barks
- 56. Antonym of keep

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# From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim

75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, September 4, 1949 to September 10, 1949

Mrs. Ralph Weddle of Shubert missed the jackpot question on the "The Hollywood is Calling" giveaway program. Despite missing the question, she was given a new wristwatch as a prize. Mrs. Weddle was home when her phone rang, and she tuned in to the radio to listen. Had she answered the question correctly, she would have won prizes worth \$104,000.

Nearly 450 railroad employees who called Falls City home, were threatened with the loss of income as train and engine men prepared to go on strike with the Missouri Pacific lines over wartime grievances.

The Falls City VFW baseball team defeated Dawson 14-5 and picked up its 21st win of the season.

Coach Cecil Davis began his third season as coach at Stella with 16 boys vying to make the six-man squad.

Bud Marx resigned from Falter's Store and took a traveling position with the Wholesale Supply Company.

Enrollment for the Falls City Public Schools grew from 1,199 in 1948 to 1,216 in 1949. The freshman class at the high school had 122 members; the sophomore group consisted of 101, juniors at an even 100, and the senior class had 86 members.

For \$95.00 you could take a 14-day vacation to California on a Greyhound Bus. The ticket included transportation, hotels and sightseeing.

Harold Huettner, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huettner of Rulo, was thrown by a horse and trampled. The youth suffered three broken ribs on his left side and was receiving treatment at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital.

An additional 28 candidates for the Falls City High School football team checked out equipment, bringing the total to 58 for the fall team. The No. 1 unit included Frank Falloon, Dave Rush, Byron Meinzer, Ted Kiekhaefer, Vernon Honea, Cliff Dale, Pat Ferguson, Tom Percell, Charley Hunley, Virgil Kottich and Wayne Nanomantube.

Henry J. Calnan of Troy, KS, published his first issue of the White Cloud, Kansas Press the week prior. It was White Cloud's first local Newspaper since the White Cloud Tribune, operated by E. E. Reynolds, which ceased publication in 1946.

According to an ad by Gus Wendt, superintendent of the City's Water and Light Department, water would be shut off between 14th and 19th streets on Stone that evening for three hours while repairs were made. The estimated three-hour job would begin at midnight.

50 Years Ago, September 4, 1974 to September 10, 1974

Republican National Chairman George Bush was named to head the U.S. mission in China and was succeeded by Mrs. Mary Louise Smith of Iowa. Mrs. Smith had been the co-chairman of the National Committee since March of 1974.

According to weather recorder Tom Casey, Falls City recorded over eight inches of rainfall in August, four inches above normal.

A total of 122 horses were in the Grand Entry of the Dawson-Verdon Horse Show held at the Verdon arena. The Stella Saddle Club won the prize for having the most riders.

Patty Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fisher, showed the champion Chester White market gilt at the Nebraska State Fair Swine Show.

Bill Myles, offensive line coach at Nebraska and Mark Doak, Husker offensive lineman, were the speakers at a jam-packed Vets Club membership stag.

Army National Guard helicopter pilots were ordered to fly at a higher-than-usual altitude due to reports that jittery farmers were taking shots at the helicopters. Helicopter sightings had been reported in connection with an outbreak of cattle mutilations in recent weeks.

Law enforcement officials throughout the Mideastern section of Nebraska reported sightings of moving lights in the sky. Assistant Fremont Police Chief Francis Hurt reported sightings lasting nearly four hours. He said the lights appeared to hover and move away with absolute silence.

Mike Simon, who had recently resigned as City Clerk after serving two years in that stint, had taken a position as manager of the Lakewood Property Owners Association in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Karen Meinzer received a purple ribbon in the coat or suit division of the Nebraska State Fair 4-H Dress Revue.

According to Health Education and Welfare Secretary Caspar Weinberger, unless checked, inflation would add more than \$9.1 billion to the price Americans were paying for medical care over the next two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oberst and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Kottich announced the engagement of their children, Miss Dianna K. Oberst and Douglas S. Kottich.

The Falls City Council approved the appointment of Martin R. Gist, 26, as city clerk, effective immediately.

Nancy Workman, a 17-year-old Table Rock High School senior, was named the 1974 Richardson County Fair Queen. The King was Dr. A.P. Stappenbeck, a physician in Humboldt for 34 years.

25 Years Ago, September 4, 1999 to September 10, 1999

Six lucky individuals would pad their billfolds at the annual Farmer-Merchant Banquet in the Chamber of Commerce cash raffle. Prizes includes one \$500 prize and five \$100 prizes.

The Labor Day weekend drew roughly 7,500 visitors to Indian Cave State Park. Dick Webb, park superintendent, said the rainy weather held down numbers on Saturday, but the rest of the weekend was bustling.

The City Council met and approved a public hearing for the city's 1999-2000 budget, which provided for an approximated 10 percent increase in property tax askings. Councilperson Bill Vossen, chairman of the Finance Committee, set the budget at \$511,714 and stated that it took a lot of cutting to get the figure down to that. Vossen stated that each department was forced to make cuts.

Army Pvt. Jef E. Frost arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia, to complete his basic training.

The Southeast Consolidated football team spoiled the debut of the Humboldt Table-Rock football team, winning 35-24. Curtis Aue led Southeast with 13 carries for 95 yards, while QB Brent Shubert completed 6/15 passes for 99 yards, two TDs and an Int. Matt Mezger of Humboldt Table-Rock completed 4/6 pass attempts for 108 yards.

The Peru St. football squad fell to Doane 30-24 to open the season. Southeast Consolidated graduate Wes Haveman completed 19-35 passes for 197 yards and ran eight times for 33 more. Tiger alum Todd Liberty caught five passes for 49 yards. Sacred Heart graduate Travis Kopf was in uniform for Doane.

Orion Samuelson, whose syndicated National Farm Report was heard daily on more than 260 radio stations, was the featured speaker during Conklin's fourth annual National Field Days held at Carico Farms.

Victory Village at 1010 East 21st Street, held an open house to introduce the facility to the public.

Mike and Cheryl Finck were the parents of a son, Nathaniel Scott, born at Falls City Community Center. Nathaniel was welcomed home by big brothers Clifton and Clayton.

The Tiger softball team moved to 2-0 with an 8-3 win over Auburn. Rachel Isaacs went 3-3 in the game, including a fourth-inning triple.

The Falls City 3-State Stockyard softball team finished third at the Midwest State Championships in Hutchinson, Kansas. Darcy Zimmerman led the team with a .760 average, while Mark Bippes was next at .666.

Nate O'Grady rushed for 253 yards on 19 carries, scored four TDs and recorded 18 tackles when Sacred Heart defeated Sterling 31-24 to open the season.

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City paying for half the road infrastructure cost, permanent financing from Horizon Bank of \$229,988, and deferred developer fee of \$126,237 rounded off the total capital stack for the \$4,952,827 affordable housing development.

"NIFA is proud to be a partner in all three phases of the Wilderness Falls Development. As evidenced in Nebraska's 2022 Strategic Housing Framework, quality affordable housing in all areas of our state is critical for the growth of our communities. Congratulations to Falls City, Midwest Housing Initiatives, Excel Development, and the many project partners," said Shannon R. Harner, NIFA Executive Director.

"Developing affordable, high-quality housing is a top priority for our state," said K.C. Belitz, director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED). "It's especially important to provide reasonably priced housing options for our senior citizens, many of whom are on fixed incomes. DED is grateful to support the Wilderness Falls III project through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Thank you to Midwest Housing Initiatives, community leaders in Falls City, Excel Development Group, and the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority for coming together to create these beautiful new duplexes."

All 16 units in the Wilderness Falls III development are two bedrooms and one bathroom and 1,379 total sq. ft.

Seven units are targeted to seniors making at or below sixty percent of the area median income (AMI) and pay \$625 a month in rent, seven units are at fifty percent AMI and \$605 a month, and two units

are at 40 percent AMI and \$560 a month. Water, sewer and trash services are provided by the owner.

"Marble Cliff Capital is thrilled to celebrate the ribbon cutting of this new affordable senior housing development in Falls City. Wilderness Falls III represents our commitment to providing safe, decent, and sanitary affordable living options for our senior community. We believe this development will enhance the quality of life for our seniors 55 and over, ensuring they have a supportive and vibrant environment to call home," said Jack Kukura, President Marble Cliff Capital.

"Advantage Capital is once again proud to partner with Excel Development and Midwest Housing Initiatives on another impactful senior affordable housing development in Nebraska. Wilderness Falls III not only addresses the critical need for affordable housing but also fosters a sense of community and belonging among Nebraskans who desire to age in place. These types of developments would not be feasible without policy solutions designed to encourage the creation of affordable housing across Nebraska and the country, and Advantage is appreciative of our capital partners who help us both facilitate investment and increase the supply of affordable housing to those who need it most," said William Fiederlein, Vice President, Advantage Capital.

"We're very proud to be a part of the third phase of the Wilderness Falls III housing development and our continued partnership with Midwest Housing Initiatives in helping provide another high-quality affordable housing option to the Falls City community," said Brent Williams, President, Excel Development Group.

## Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice makes stop in Falls City

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presides over problem-solving court," said Smith.

Smith added that the First District has two Adult Drug Courts: one in Auburn and another in Wilbur.

"The idea behind those courts is that I think everywhere, but particularly here in rural and southeast Nebraska, many of our crimes are, if not directly drug crimes, they are directly related to substance abuse disorders. The idea behind problem-solving court is that if we can help people overcome those substance abuse disorders, hopefully, we can help them become law-abiding citizens and good members of our communities."

Smith explained that in Adult Drug Court, all of the defendants plead guilty at the outset to their felony charges, at which point their sentence is continued until a time when they can complete the Adult Drug Court. The program is intensively supervised, much more than regular probation.

The program takes 18 months, and if the participants successfully complete it, they are allowed to withdraw their guilty pleas, and the State dismisses their cases.

According to Judge Smith, one benefit to the community is that it reduces recidivism. Another benefit is the cost to taxpayers. Smith said his numbers may not be exact, but the savings are large.

"The approximate cost on average is \$4,400 a year to supervise a drug court participant, as opposed to approximately \$41,000 a year to incarcerate somebody," said Smith.

There are currently 23

adults participating in the drug court.

"The more people that we have succeed in the program, the better off we all are," said Judge Smith.

At the end of the presentation, District Court Clerk Pam Scott led the group on an educational tour of the

courthouse before leaving for its next itinerary stop.

Just over a week after his stop in Falls City, Chief Justice Heavican announced that he would effectively retire from his post on October 31, 2024, after 18 years on the high court.

## The office of FC Journal operating on flex schedule

The Falls City Journal office will be closed on Friday, September 13, 2024. The deadline for the September 18 paper will be Thursday, September 12 by 1:00 p.m.

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. We appreciate your understanding.

### PUBLIC NOTICE!

The Richardson County Treasurer's Office will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> until 1:00 pm for fraud training.



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## Heat stress on plants

By Nicole Stoner  
Extension Educator

We have had some very hot days recently! This can be quite harmful to our plants in the garden as well as our trees and shrubs.

Plant Response to Hot Weather-Wilting is occurring on many of our plants lately, especially on plants in the vegetable garden including peppers and cucumbers. These plants wilt in the heat and they look terrible, but they will be fine and still produce well. When you notice wilting on your plants, ensure that they are getting proper irrigation and are mulched properly. When plants are wilting due to heat or drought stress, they will often look much better or completely recovered in the mornings and be wilted later in the day. If the wilt lasts too long, it can lead to plant death.

Leaf scorch on trees can also show up in extremely hot weather. It can come from hot, windy days or improper irrigation. Leaf scorch is where the edges of the leaves will turn brown. It shows up as uniform brown around the entire edge or tips of the leaves. This isn't terribly damaging to the overall growth of the plant. Leaf scorch is common in trees like maples, sycamores and oaks.

Poor pollination occurs in the vegetable garden during the heat. Even though plants are producing, tomatoes may not be ripening. When temperatures are consistently as hot as they have been, tomatoes may develop on the plant but they don't turn red. According to Purdue University, the pigments responsible for the red color in tomatoes are not produced when the temperatures exceed 85 degrees. So, when we see long stretches of very hot weather, our tomatoes will not ripen. Also, at temperatures above 94 degrees, pollen becomes sterile, causing them to flower and not produce fruits. Give the

## NDOT announces \$18 Million in Federal grants for 24 Nebraska airports including Falls City

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarded \$18 million to 24 airports across the state. The grant funds are part of a nationwide initiative to enhance airfield safety and infrastructure.

Nebraska's airports are part of a broader vision, with the FAA distributing over \$123 million in grants to 235 airports in 35 states and the District of Columbia. These grants underline a national commitment to promoting safety, efficiency, environmental stewardship, infrastructure, and security across America's airports. The FAA's Airport Improvement Program, bolstered by approximately \$3.3 billion in annual funding, is dedicated to elevating the standards of aviation nationwide. A complete listing of grants is on the FAA website along with an interactive map with all the awards.

Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grants for Nebraska Airports City Airport Project Description Amount. Some of the airports included: Auburn Farington Field Design Hangar, elev. 215,000 Bassett Rock County Rehabilitate Apron, Taxiway, and Runway elev. 365,573. Falls City Brenner Field Rehabilitate Apron, Runway, Taxiway and Taxiway elev. 135,000. Nebraska City Municipal Construct Fuel Farm elev. 365,573.

plants some time and a little cooler weather, and they will produce plenty of fruits.

Helping Plants through Extreme Heat- There are some things you can do to help your plants get through these times of extreme heat. Ensure that your plants are receiving adequate moisture, continue to use that screw-driver method to ensure that water is necessary prior to irrigation and to ensure that you are irrigating deep enough to reach the plant roots. It is easy to overwater plants in extreme heat, so if the soil has adequate moisture, there is no need to water even when this hot. Water in the morning to avoid water loss to evaporation. It is not a recommended practice to water in the mid-afternoon, this doesn't help cool the plants off. Maintain a correct mulch layer around plants to retain water around the plant roots and to keep the roots cool.

Also, do not fertilize plants in extreme heat. During these times plant processes will slow down and fertilizer promotes growth that the plant cannot support. Fer-

tilizing a stressed plant will further stress it, this includes during stressful times of high temperatures. Deadheading flowers can help your plants get through the heat because they won't be pushing energy toward flowering and seed production and can focus their energy on sustaining roots and shoots.

If you have any further

## Lowe takes lead in County Fair Queen voting going into final week

Richardson County Queen voting as of August 29, 2024. Arrison Lowe 142,591,362; Shayfer Cumro 70,925,287; Lillian Bowen 59,898,143; Adisen Fischer 43,942,831; Kenadi McClarnen 31,513,641; Macy Vrtiska 17,779,704; Hannah Lindsey 13,197,663; Jorja DeJonge 13,094,566; Madie Bredemeier 9,659,765; Erynn Anderson 1,250,74.3

The following businesses are voting locations: Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc. AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc., American National Bank, Armbruster Motor Co. - Falls City, Bear Butte Enterprises, LLC, Berwick Cooperative Oil Company, Blecha's General Store, Bruna Bros Implement, LLC, Burgett Irrigation, Chaotic Coffee & Boutique, Community Insurance Group, Inc., Creative Thoughts- Pawnee, Davis Plumbing & Electric - Stella, Fankhauser, Nelsen,

## Aksarben announces the 2024 Aksarben Farm Family Award recipients for 100 or 150 years of consecutive farm ownership within one family

Aksarben has been honoring our state's agricultural heritage for nearly 130 years and began celebrating the dedication and perseverance of Nebraska farm families with Pioneer Family Farm awards in 1956. Since then, nearly 10,000 families have been recognized statewide with either a Pioneer (100 years) or Heritage (150 years) Family Farm Award. Paying homage to these families is something Aksarben looks forward to each year and, in partnership with Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska Fair Board Managers, we are excited to announce this year's honorees.

"Each year we get to reflect on the commitment of these Nebraska farmers who work tirelessly to feed, not just our nation, but the world. The dedication these families have to Nebraska is truly inspiring, and celebrating these milestones is such an important legacy," said Sandra Reding, Aksarben Foundation President.

Mark McHargue, President of Nebraska Farm Bureau, adds, "Nebraska Farm Bureau is proud to be part of this long-stand-

ing program. Farm and ranch families deserve to be recognized with this coveted and prestigious award which includes nearly 10,000 families in its alliance. These awards recognize the commitment to preserve and build Nebraska agriculture for future generations."

To commemorate their achievement, each family listed will receive an engraved plaque and gatepost marker at their respective county fair.

Some of the local 2024 Farm Families are as follows:

### 2024 Heritage Farm Families - Honoring 150 Years:

Johnson-Buethle Family Farm.  
Nemaha-Charles and Carolyn Gilbert Family Farm.

Richardson-Weinert Family Farm and Loennig Farm.

### 2024 Pioneer Farm Families - Honoring 100 Years:

Richardson-Williams Family Farm

For more information about the Aksarben Foundation, visit aksarben.org.

## FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATS

**August 22 through August 23 calls:** one found or lost property, one motorist assist, two burn permits, two information only, one warrant arrest, one animal call, one disturbance, three 911 calls, one warning for speeding, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, three citations for speeding, one citation for non-resident violate 30 day immunity, one citation for no seatbelt, one citation for ATV/UTV requirements.

**August 23 through August 24 calls:** one traffic/driving complaint, one referred to another agency, one 911 hang up/misdial, two information only, one suspicious activity/person/vehicle, four animal calls, two miscellaneous, three 911 calls, three citations for municipal parks hours, two citations for invalid registration, two citations for fail to seatbelt, one citation for animal at large second offense, one citation for ATV insurance and permit required, one citation for fail to signal/improper turn, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for improper/defective vehicle lighting, three warnings for invalid registration, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for muffler violation, one warning for ATV/UTV requirements, one warning for fail to dim headlights.

**August 24 through August 25 calls:** one check welfare, three animal calls, one accident one found or lost property, two traffic/driving complaint, one miscellaneous, one alarm, one referred to another agency, two ambulance/EMS, one 911 call, one citation for speeding, one citation for no valid registration, one citation for plates not clear and visible, one citation for no license on person, five warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, two warnings for no valid registration, one warning for plates not clear and visible, one warning for speed.

**August 25 through August 26 calls:** two disturbances, two 911 hang up/misdials, one referred to another agency, one check welfare, one assault, two miscellaneous, two thefts, one accident one animal call, one ambulance/EMS, two 911 calls, one warning for stop sign violation.

The Humboldt Lions Club would like to thank everyone who supported the Annual Peach Sale.

Funds went to projects in the Richardson County Community and as well as other surrounding areas.



# ATTENTION NEIGHBORS OF COOPER NUCLEAR STATION LIVING IN NEBRASKA

**At Noon on Tuesday, September 17th, Nebraska Public Power District, in conjunction with Nemaha and Richardson County Authorities, will perform a test of the Cooper Nuclear Station Alert and Notification System Sirens and the Federal Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS).**

**This test will consist of sounding of sirens located in Nemaha and Richardson Counties, and activation of IPAWS Test Alert messages within the 10-mile radius of Cooper Nuclear Station. The sirens will sound for approximately three and 1/2 minutes. IPAWS messages may be received on your phones. No action by members of the public is required for this test.**

**If you have any questions about this test, please call the Cooper Nuclear Station Emergency Preparedness Department at (402) 825-5682 for more information.**



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## Five County BBQ September 8 in Johnson

Southeast Nebraska voters have an opportunity to meet and speak with Republican elected officials and candidates for various state offices on Sunday, September 8th. A committee representing Nemaha, Johnson, Pawnee, Richardson, and Otoe County Republican Party organizations announces the plans for the Republican 5-County Barbeque that day at 5 pm at the Johnson Legion Hall located at 300 Main Street in Johnson.

The event will include a free meal, time to meet and greet candidates, remarks from candidates, and an opportunity to obtain campaign information such as yard signs and other campaign materials and find ways to volunteer for campaigns. There will be an auction running throughout the event for Husker football and volleyball tickets, patriotic and Trump-themed items and much more. Funds from these items will help offset the costs of the barbeque and all proceeds are shared between the five participating county Republican parties.

"We believe it is important for voters to have an opportunity to meet the candidates and hear directly from them," said Planning Committee Chairperson Ken Riley. "This gives area citizens a chance to ask the candidates questions directly. This is a great opportunity to see so many candidates in one location at one time."

Candidates and office holders who have been invited to participate include U.S. Senator Deb Fischer, U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts, Congressman Adrian Smith, Lt. Governor Joe Kelly, Senator Julie Slama, and more. The free meal is available on a first-come first-served basis.

# RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

## ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

August 16, 2024

Shyann N. Davis, 19, Omaha, NE was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (meth), obstructing a peace officer, false reporting, posses or obtain legend drug, tobacco/electronic nicotine use, possess marijuana one ounce or less, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Larry D. Newell, 42, Omaha, NE was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

August 17, 2024

Travis J. Batley, 20, Auburn, NE was arrested for driving under suspension, possession of marijuana less than one ounce, possession of drug paraphernalia, and speeding.

August 18, 2024

Jeffrey S. White, 60, Sabetha, KS was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, no valid registration, and an Otoe County warrant.

Kristen L. Peniska, 57, Lincoln, NE was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana less than one ounce.

August 19, 2024

Eduardo Castillo, 29, Lincoln, NE was arrested for driving under suspension and a Lancaster County warrant.

Laura E. Staten, 33, Oklahoma City, OK was arrested for possession of a controlled substance times two and driving under suspension.

Ethan R. Pedersen, 27, Scurry, TX was arrested for criminal impersonation, identity theft, and driving under suspension.

August 19, 2024

Timothy L. Androy, 37, Sidney, IA was arrested for driving under suspension, possession of marijuana less than one ounce, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

August 20, 2024

James M. Johansen, 46, Hiawatha, KS was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for failure to pay fines and costs.

August 21, 2024

Matthew R. Hillyard, 42, Humboldt, NE was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (meth).

Kaelin M. Criqui, 22, Melvern, KS was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a short-barreled rifle.

Avia E. Basche, 21, Pipestone, MN was arrested for driving under suspension.

August 22, 2024

Wendy E. Ramos, 32, Detroit Lakes, MN was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for failure to appear.

Andrew Gonzalez, 36, Frazee, MN was arrested for driving under revocation and no proof of insurance.

Jesse J. Stinnett, 43, Maitland, MO was arrested for possession of a controlled substance 10-27 grams (meth), possess a deadly weapon by prohibited person times four, possess deadly weapon while committing a felony times four, no drug tax stamp, possession of a controlled substance (concentrated THC), no proof of insurance, unlawful acts relating to drugs, unlawful/fictitious plates, no valid registration, possession of marijuana less than one ounce, second offense, possession of drug paraphernalia times three, and stop or park on roadway.

Jessica C. Bram, 30, Maryville, MO was arrested for possession of methamphetamine 10-27 grams, possess deadly weapon while committing a felony, no drug tax stamp, possession of a controlled substance (concentrated THC), possession of marijuana less than one ounce, and possession of drug paraphernalia times three.

August 23, 2024

Jonathan J. Fleener, 30, Bacliff, TX was arrested for driving under suspension, no operator's license, and a Douglas County warrant.

August 24, 2024

Jose G. Villalobos, 50, Clinton, IA was arrested on an extraditable warrant from Texas.

Rebecca N. Robertson, 52, White Cloud, KS was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

August 25, 2024

Michael J. Versnel Jr, 45, Wichita, KS was arrested for possession of a controlled substance times two and a habitual criminal enhancement charge.

August 26, 2024

Hugh R. Berry, 57, Belmond, IA was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for failure to appear.



WOMEN OF THE CLASS OF 1964: Back row, left to right: Ruth (Apel) Swaney, Ruth (Steinman) Driever, Mary (Gray) Sayre, Gay (Snethen) Sutter, Glenda (Clark) Gleason, Sharon (Rieger) Comer, Rita (Ruegge) Haddick, Patsy (Prosser) Wing, Cathy (Marquis) Weakland, Gloria (Jilek) Strope. Front Row, left to right: Judy (Merz) Batterman, Judy (Klaus) Boone, Janet (Klaus) Gibson, Celise (Alton) Schuler, Kathy (Schuler) Valasek. Not pictured: Nancy (Barker) Williams.

## Members of the Falls City High School class of 1964 held their 60th high school reunion August 23-24

Submitted by Gloria (Jilek) Strope

On Friday afternoon, some classmates met at Denny Heinzelman's Auto Parts store to decorate Denny's pickup for the Cobblestone Parade. That evening many classmates and spouses or friends enjoyed social time at The Den.

On Saturday morning 13 classmates met to ride or walk in the Cobblestone Parade. After the parade, alumni visited with friends or participated in the many local activities available for them.

On Saturday evening 20 classmates along with spouses and friends enjoyed dinner and conversations at the Elks Lodge. Ed Hunzeker gave the meal blessing. Denny Heinzelman was the emcee. Gay (Snethen) Sutter

read a poem, "The Empty Chair", and Larry Cook read the names and shared memories of our 36 deceased classmates.

Scrapbooks, photos, news clippings, and other memorabilia were placed on tables so all could see them and rekindle memories of the past. Ruth (Apel) Swaney brought flowers from her garden to create beautiful arrangements to decorate the tables.

The organizing committee of Sharon (Rieger) Comer, Rita (Ruegge) Haddick, Denny Heinzelman, Gloria (Jilek) Strope, and Ruth (Apel) Swaney thanks all their classmates for their enthusiasm in attending and assisting for the weekend. Everyone enjoyed visiting with friends, many of whom had come from a distance. The weekend weather was perfect and a good time was had by all!



MEN OF THE CLASS OF 1964: Back row, left to right: Larry Hahn, Carl (Ed) Hunzeker. Front row, left to right: Larry Cook, Denny Heinzelman, John Ogle.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Brian Vice, 807 Chase St, Brick Driveway/Sidewalk; \$300.00.

Debbie Raney, 2502 Towle St., Installation of Wall Support for Bowling Walls; \$29,052.37.

Donald and Elizabeth Coolidge, 2122 Crook St., Replace Fence; \$5,800.00.

Kim Kruse, 1617 Stone St., Replace AC and Furnace; \$12,000.00.

Richard Malcolm, 402 W 31st St., Replace Roof; \$10,000.00.

Tom Rawley, 2115 Abbott St., Replace AC and Furnace; \$8,000.00.

Megan O'Grady, 2201 Fulton St., Replace Roof and Gutters; \$13,721.50.

Aaron Moore, 1301 Fulton St., Replace Sewer Line; \$250.00.

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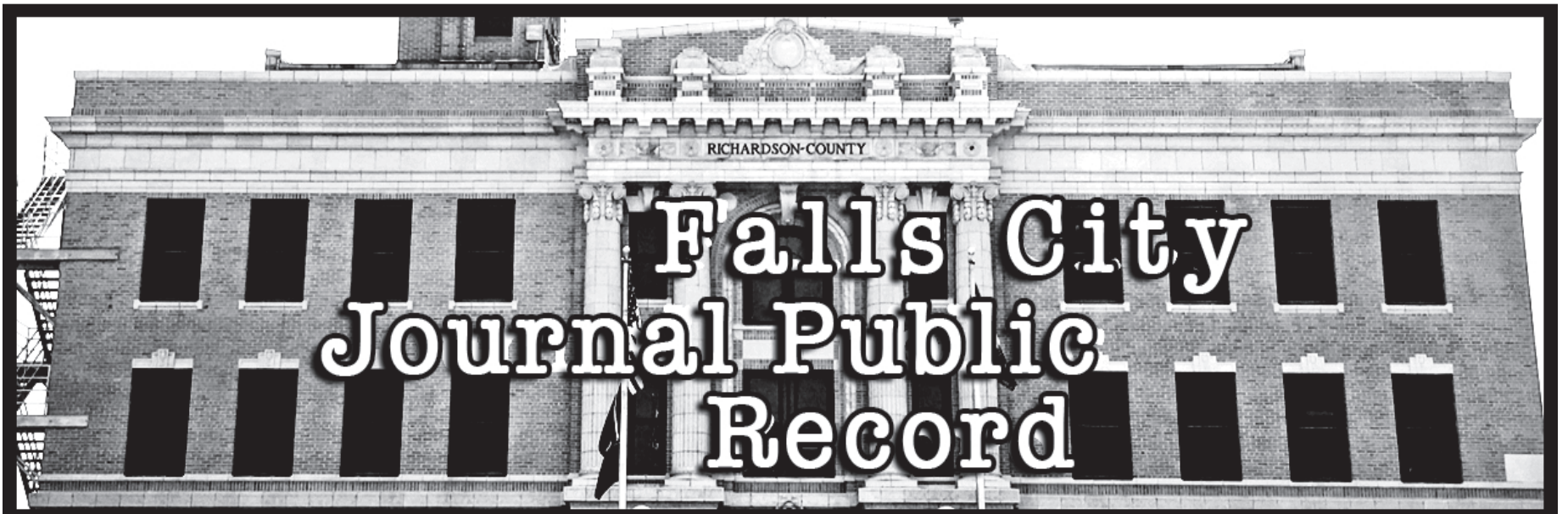
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**Legend drug** means drugs that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that are required by federal or state law to be dispensed to the public only on prescription of a licensed physician or other licensed provider.

**COUNTY COURT**

Leonides Magdaria-ga Viscay, count one, CMV-properly dist/secure load-first, amended to vehicle owner permits law violations, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Shianne L. Mackey, count one, assault-cause bodily injury, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, resist arrest-first, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 21, 2024.

Matthew J. Uitts, count one, obstruct a peace officer, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, resist arrest-first, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 21, 2024.

Matthew J. Uitts, count one, acts declared unlawful-license/driving, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 21, 2024.

Payton E. Murrell, count one, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, excess windshield or window tinting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Eric J. Holle, count one, willful reckless driving-first, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for September 25, 2024.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Mark A. Bratrsovsky, count one, possess defaced firearm, plead not guilty. Jury trial scheduled for October 25, 2024.

Mark A. Bratrsovsky, count one, conspiracy to commit a class one felony, plead not guilty. Jury trial scheduled for November 21, 2024.

Mark. A. Bratrsovsky, count one, del/d/d/m/p contrl subs near school-first, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, del/d/d/m/p con-

trl subs near school-first, plead not guilty; count four, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count five, unlawful acts relating to drugs, plead not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count seven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Jury trial scheduled for January 9, 2025.

Charles E. Anderson, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, terroristic threats, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence included probation for term of two years, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$240, jail for term of 20 days beginning March 1, 2025, jail for term of 20 days beginning September 1, 2025, jail for term of 20 days beginning March 1, 2026; count three, use firearm to commit a felony, amended to possess firearm while commit a felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for term of two years; count four, assault-threaten/menacing manner, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for term of two years.

Daniel L. Cash, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, possess firearm w/fel 2A drug violation, amended to del/dsp/dst/man/pos control subs-sch 1,2,3, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of minimum of 180 days, max of 181 days; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to dropped/dismissed; count seven, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Dustin R. Stone, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count three, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for September 24, 2024.

Riley A. McCauley, count one, del/d/d/m/p contrl subs to minor-first, plead not guilty; count two, del/d/d/m/p contrl subs to minor-first, plead not guilty; count three, possess contr subs, plead not guilty; count four, contribute to delinquency of child, plead not guilty; count five, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count six, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead not guilty; count seven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for September 10, 2024.

Thomas J. Galvin III, count one, theft-unlaw-

ful taking \$1,500-4,999, amended to unauth use propelled vehicle-first, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Thomas J. Galvin, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, amended to unauth use propelled vehicle-first, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, unauth use propelled vehicle-first, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$300.

Alijah N. Hernandez, count one, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 8, 2024.

**CITATIONS**

Jason Perez of Kyle, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

Eric Birt of Sabetha, count one, drive left of center, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Jeffrey Caswell of Airway Heights, WA, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Eric Hestermann of Humboldt, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Keren Gijon of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Shiley)

Kannon Kalton of Prior Lake, MN, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Holly Gudenkauf of Dawson, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

Cynthia Ralston of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Quinn Alderman of Olathe, KS, count one, no license on person, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Blake Rolfe of Rulo, count one, disobey traffic control device, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Mark Chronister of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

(Holliday)

Brock Fenton of San Antonio, TX, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Anderson)

David Gosney of Linwood, KS, count one, overtaking/passing prohibited, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Rowell)

Rachel Fritz of Verdon, count one, overtake/pass stopped school bus, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$500 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Diana Hankins of Falls City, count one, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Stamper)

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Gabi Young (left) and Ella Glathar (right) attempt a block in the first set against Southern on Thursday evening.

# Lady Tigers split in season debut

The Falls City volleyball team went 1-1 on Thursday to kick off the 2024 season. In the opener, Falls City took care of Southern in straight sets, 25-17 and 25-21. In the night's second match, FC hosted the Class C-2 No. 9th ranked Johnson-Brock Eagles. The Eagles flexed their muscles, showing why they are considered a powerhouse in southeast Nebraska. Johnson-Brock cruised in the first set, winning 25-6, before taking set two, 25-15.

In the opener, FC finished with 17 kills on 50 attempts for a .140 hitting percentage. Kaitlyn Kirkendall led the offensive attack with seven kills, while Carlea Dunkhas added four. At the service line, Gabi Young had a strong night with eight points and two errors, while freshman Bella Johansen was on fire, serving for ten points with only two errors. Paige Young was tops with seven digs,

while sister Gabi provided 12 assists. FC was overmatched in game two as Johnson-Brock cruised to the win. The Lady Eagles finished with a .278 hitting percentage, while FC finished at -.086. The Tigers finished the match with three kills on 35 attempts. Bella Johansen led the offense with two kills, while Dunkhas added one. Kirkendall was tops at the service line with six points, including three aces. Paige Young led the team with six digs, while Gabi Young added three assists.

The loss dropped FC to 1-1, while the win propelled Johnson-Brock to 2-0.

The Tigers will host a triangular on Thursday, September 5, with Johnson County Central and HTRS coming to town.



Coach Cody Hawley gives instructions to daughter Madalyn at the Auburn Invite on Friday morning.

# Tigers XC earn hardware in Auburn

The Falls City cross country team began the year at the Auburn Golf Course on Friday morning. The Lady Tigers had a strong showing, finishing third with 48 points. Auburn took first place with 18 points, and Platteview was runner-up with 27.

FC was led on Friday by freshman Joah Anderson. Anderson's 22:57.11 was good enough for 12th place, while sophomore runner Jennifer Sweeney was right behind in 13th at 23:18.92. Both runners earned medals on Friday. The Tigers' Destiny Pierce placed 21st on Friday, running a 26:26.79, and Kinsie Riggs was close behind in 22nd at 26:43.14. The final varsity runner on Friday was Madalynn Hawley, who ran a 30:27.66 for 29th place.

The Tiger boys finished seventh on Friday with 103 points. Cornerstone Christian won the team title with 21 points, Platteview was second with 44, and Louisville was third with 67. Individually, FC secured one medal on Friday morning, with Ryker McCullough placing ninth in 18:45.74. Other varsity runners included Lathan Richey, 27th in 22:20.09, Emmett Daake, 33rd in 24:21.52 and Hayden Findlay, 34th in 24:32.07.

Audrey Scrivens was fourth in 12:44.59 for the middle school girls race, and Alaina Jackson was ninth in 13:13.59. Martin Irizarry ran to a silver medal for the boys, crossing the line in 11:20.94, while Ryder Hullman placed 11th in 12:49.85.

FC ran at Plattsmouth on Tuesday, September 3.

# Lady Irish fall in season opener

The Sacred Heart volleyball team dropped a heartbreaker on Thursday night to begin the 2024 season. The Lady Irish were on cruise control in the first setting, winning 25-15. Lourdes Central came storming back in the second set to even the match with a 25-13 win. The rest of the game was a dogfight. SH took set three 26-24, but Lourdes again drew even, winning the fourth set 25-19. In the deciding set, Lourdes prevailed 15-14 to improve to 1-0.

As a team, SH finished with 44 kills on 151 attempts for a .093 hitting percentage.

Jentry Lechtenberg led the attack for the Irish with 20 kills on 47 attempts, while Daycee Witt hit .304 with eighth kills on nine tries. Destry Groth led the playmaking for Coach Ebel, finishing with a team-high 12 assists, while Dorothy Crouse was tops in digs with 27. Lechtenberg was tough at the net, finishing with a team-high four blocks, while Alise Reschke was right behind with three. In the end, Lechtenberg scored 28 points to lead the way, while Witt finished with 16.

The Lady Irish were at Rock Port on Tuesday, September 3 and host Bishop LeBlond on Thursday, September 5. SH will play in the Weeping Water Tourney on Saturday, September 7 and at Diller-Odell on September 10.

# Lady Tigers looking for consistency on the diamond

The Lady Tiger softball team lost both contests in the triangular at Auburn on Tuesday evening. In the opener against Wilber-Clatonia, FC fell 6-10 before dropping the second contest to the host school 0-12.

Jazzy Strecker led off with a single in game one on Tuesday. Strecker moved to third on a double by Emilou Schulenberg and scored on a ground out by Brylee Liberty.

The Wolverines plated three runs in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good, 3-1.

Trailing 1-8 in the fourth, Malori Kuker hit a one-out double to left field. After a stolen base, Kuker scored on an error to make it 2-8.

The Wolverines struck right back, pushing their lead to 2-10 heading into the fifth inning. Kenley Alexander and Strecker reached base after getting hit by pitches to lead off the fifth. A triple by Schulenberg closed the gap to 4-10 with no outs. A walk by Liberty and groundout by Delaney Godemann made it a five-run contest. A passed ball allowed Liberty to score, and FC was within striking distance at 6-10 with only one out. Unfortunately, a pair of strikeouts ended the contest, with FC falling 6-10.

FC finished the game with four hits, two by Schulenberg and one by Strecker and Kuker. Schulenberg led the team with two RBI, while Liberty and Godemann each had one. Strecker took the loss, allowing nine hits and ten runs (six earned) over four innings.

In game two, it was all Bulldogs. A seven-run first inning by Auburn sealed the win over the Tigers. The Bulldogs added three more runs to their lead, making it 11-0 after two. The Bulldogs added a single run in the top of the third to make the final 12-0.

The Tigers finished the game with three hits. Schulenberg led the way with a triple, while Kuker and Kayden Rego each singled. Godemann threw

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# MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League results for Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

Team 1 (0.00) Ebel, Ron 42-38; Foster, Tim 46-36. Team 8 (8.00) Mullins, Jim 47-35; Simon, Mike 47-32.

Team 2 (6.00) Daake, Brian 38-31; Hillyard, Mark 47-38. Team 7 (2.00) Kopf, Tom 54-44; Bennett, Chuck 45-33.

Team 3 (7.00) Simon, Dan 39-35; May, Mark 47-37. Team 6 (1.00) Heinzelman, Denny 53-44; Romine, Alan 50-38.

Team 4 (0.00) Hays, Gary 41-37; Vonsegger, Bill 52-40. Team 5 (8.00) Borg, Dave 42-36; Hankins, Dan 47-37.

Late League results for Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

Team 1 (8.00) Dunn, Joe 36-35; Malone, Kevin 48-38; Merz, Mitch 63-36. Team 9 (2.00) Simon, Dan 41-38; Harmon, Galen 42-33; Gooch, Blake 54-42.

Team 2 (2.00) Simon, Steve 40-40; Gilkerson, Keith 42-34; Witt, Bailey 62-41. Team 8 (8.00) Scheitel, Trent 40-38; Kurgewit, Lee 45-37; Witt, Rich 50-38.

Team 3 (7.00) Bachman, Eli 42-40; Poppe, Brian 45-37; Jordening, Ron 51-38. Team 7 (3.00) Siel, Jake 43-39;

Aitken, Bob 46-39; Fiegen, Jarod (F).

Team 4 (5.50) Montgomery, Carter, 34-32; McNeely, Erik 45-37; Keller, Bart (F). Team 6 (4.50) Witt, Tom 37-33; Froeschl, Ethan 47-39; Bueckminster, Blake 51-33.

Team 10 (1.50) Gist, Dick 41-36; Witt, Weston (F); Craig, Robbie 53-37. Team 19 (8.50) Hill, Dan 43-35; Ebel, Bryce 41-33; Sells, Austin 54-41.

Team 11 (2.00) Davis, Darin 46-42; McNeely, John (F); Leyden, Derrick 53-39. Team 18 (8.00) Froeschl, Nathan 41-33; Heckenlively, Tim 49-39; Bennett, Chuck (F).

Team 12 (4.50) VanDyke, Kyle 45-36; Witt, Wade 46-35; Scheitel, Lane 57-41. Team 17 (5.50) Hullman, Ben 43-37; Craig, Jake 47-36; Dunn, Mike 53-38.

Team 13 (8.00) Gerweck, Rob 46-40; Meysenburg, Fr. James 48-36; Courtney, Justin 47-35. Team 16 (2.00) Gist, Thomas (F); Schawang, Cody 49-40; Froeschl, Joe 43-34.

Team 14 (5.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 43-40; Froeschl, Lucas 45-39; Steele, Brendan 52-33. Team 15 (5.50) Daake, Brian 46-40; Godemann, Ted 48-37; Morris, Adam 49-35.

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# Letter to the Editor

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August 25, 2024

Nebraskans for Peace State Board supports American Democracy as stated in the US Constitution, with its openness to human rights for all people and its checks and balances in government through the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.

We urge our fellow Nebraskans to further democracy through widening perspective by reading writers one disagrees with and try to understand their thinking.

Nebraskans for Peace acknowledges the large number of newspapers in Nebraska and the existence of this newspaper. We view Freedom of the Press as a basic right necessary for a healthy democracy.

Sincerely,  
 Maggie Ballard, President  
 Nebraskans for Peace State Board  
 Omaha, NE

## PSC issues harvest reminders

With harvest season soon to get underway, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) reminds producers of the need to familiarize themselves with Nebraska Grain Laws.

"Understanding the law and how it affects producers/sellers is key to protecting assets," said Terri Fritz, PSC Grain Department Director.

Under the Grain Dealer Act if a producer/seller wants to ensure their transactions with a licensed grain dealer are covered by the grain dealer's security posted with the PSC, they must demand payment within 15 days of completion of their contract with the dealer. Producers/sellers who choose not to demand payment within 15 days after completion of their contract will be unsecured creditors of that dealer and forfeit any protection from the grain dealer's security.

Director Fritz said, "It the responsibility of the producer/seller to demand payment within a set timeframe to ensure they are covered."

Grain Warehouse operators are also reminded by the PSC of the Emergency Storage Policy. In order to store grain on the ground, an Emergency Storage application form, must be filed with, and approved by the PSC.

A list of licensed Grain Dealers, along with the PSC Emergency Storage 2024 memo and Emergency Storage application form can be found on the Grain Department page of the PSC website.

# OBITUARIES

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

## Phil Aitken

Phil Aitken, 72, of Falls City, NE, passed away August 27, 2024 at Falls City. He was born June 21, 1952 at Falls City to Thomas and Irene (Hahn) Aitken, Sr.

Phil enlisted in the U.S. Navy on August 15, 1973 at Omaha, NE. He last served on the USS Mauna Kea and earned a Good Conduct Medal and a Meritorious Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He was honorably discharged on August 14, 1977.

Phil was raised in Falls City and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1970. He attended Kearney State College and played one season of baseball. He then worked construction until enlisting in the Navy. Following his discharge, he became employed by the BNSF Railroad. He worked in several capacities over the years and retired in 2014 as a machine operator and a CDL driver, on a crew that repaired rail and signals. He was an avid mushroom hunter and en-

joyed time with his family and motorcycle riding. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Phil is survived by a special friend, Anna Fiegener of Falls City, brother, Robert and his wife Roxie of Falls City, sister, Mary Louise Donohue and her husband Terry of Omaha, NE, sister-in-law, Janet Aitken of Falls City, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Joe and his wife Sherye and Tom, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Jim Meysenburg as the presiding priest. Interment was in Falls City Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Monday at 4:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The family received friends following the rosary at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

## Connie Brandt

Connie Lynn (Lawson) Brandt, 75, of Lincoln, NE, peacefully passed away on Thursday, August 22, 2024. She was born in Lincoln on May 20, 1949, to H.D. "Corky" Lawson and Vivian Garnet (Johnson) Lawson.

She is survived by the luckiest daughters in the world, Krista (Mike) Miller and Cas-

sie (Tim) Adams, both of Lincoln; granddaughters Makenna Adams of Peoria, AZ, and Tessa Adams of Waverly, NE; youngest sister Cherie (Craig) Lawson Vendouris of Glendale, CA; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandnieces; granddogs Daisy, Gus, Jagger, and Ozzy; grandcats Tito, Bruno, and Stevie; and her beautiful and loyal feline companion, Engie.

Connie was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Because of her father's calling in Adventist education, Connie lived in Portland, TN, Grand Ledge, MI, and New Braintree, MA, where she graduated high school from Pioneer Valley Academy. She attended Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA, and received her bachelor's degree from Pacific Union College in Angwin, CA. Connie then moved to Atlanta, GA, to practice speech therapy. There she met and married Gary Brandt. They later moved to St. Louis, MO, and then to Falls City, NE, where Connie lived for 24 years before moving to Lincoln to be closer to her daughters.

Connie was a frequent

volunteer in the Falls City community, perhaps most notably at the Falls City Community Medical Center, where she served as board president and created and managed the annual health fair. She was tremendously involved in her daughters' education and activities and was their biggest cheerleader.

Connie was warm, gracious, and welcoming, especially to the many friends and family who visited. She patiently waited for many years to live in a house with space for her beloved swimming pool, not only because of how much joy it provided her, but because it gave her even more reason to host family and friends. She was never happier than when she was surrounded by those she loved.

Connie was preceded in death by her younger sisters, Carole (Joseph) Lawson Leonard and Cathie (Bill) Lawson Gullett; parents, Corky and Garnet Lawson; brother-in-law, William "Bill" Gullett III; sister-in-law Karen Brandt; and many family pets, including Heidi, BJ, CK, Sam, Doodlebug, and Smooch.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Connie to College View Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4801 Prescott Ave, Lincoln, NE 68506; Capital Humane Society, 2320 Park Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68502; and Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, 2121 N 27th St, Lincoln, NE 68503.

Connie requested that no services be held.

## Lawyers give high marks to State's Judges

The Nebraska State Bar Association (NSBA) released results of its 2024 Judicial Performance Evaluation. Lawyers responding to the poll recommend that 99% of the 142 judges evaluated be retained on the bench. Fifty-four percent of the judges evaluated were given a 90 percent or higher retention approval. Thirty-two percent of the judges received an 80-89 percent retention approval, and eight percent of the judges received a 70-79 percent retention approval.

The NSBA first used the Judicial Evaluation Poll in 1984. It is conducted biennially. "The poll provides an important way to provide feedback to the judiciary and to help the public better understand Nebraska's merit system for the selection and retention of judges by providing information useful in making an informed decision about judges standing for retention," said Hon. Tricia Freeman, President of the NSBA.

An electronic survey was sent to 5,307 active NSBA members residing in Nebraska, Council Bluffs and Sioux City, Iowa and Yankton, South Dakota. Attorneys were instructed to evaluate only judges with whom they had recent, firsthand professional experience; or in the case of appeals court judges, with whose written opinions they were familiar.

Ultimately, 1,022 members completed the evaluation. The American Bar Association Center for Bar Leadership, in Chicago, compiled the results. The results may be viewed at <http://www.nebar.com/Page/JPEResults>

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# SCHOOL MENUS

## Falls City Sacred Heart

Wednesday, September 4

Philly Sandwich, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Peach Crisp, Milk

Thursday, September 5

Pizza Quesadilla, Peas, Pineapple, Cupcake, Milk

Friday, September 6

Hamburger/Bun, Calif. Veggies, Mixed Fruit, Cookie, Milk

Monday, September 9

Goulash, Corn, Pears, Breadstick, Milk

Tuesday, September 10

Cheese Quesadilla, Smiles, Applesauce, Brownie, Milk

## HTRS Titans

Wednesday, September 4

Pizza, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk

Thursday, September 5

Goulash, Bread & Butter Sandwich, Hot Veggies, Fruits & Vegetables Bar, Milk

Friday, September 6

Tenderloin, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk

Monday, September 9

Hamburger/Bun, Smile Fries, Fruit & Vegetables Bar, Milk

Tuesday, September 10

Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Toast, Hot Vegetables, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk

## Falls City Public Schools

Wednesday, September 4

**North & South School:** Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Milam Special: Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Popcorn Chicken, Curly Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Thursday, September 5

**North & South School:** Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Beef Burger Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Italian Dunkers, Broccoli, Cooked Carrots, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Corn Dog, French Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Friday, September 6

**North & South School:** Cheeseburger, French Fries, Green Beans, Peas, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Pig in a Blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Chicken Monte Carlo Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Corn, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Taquitos, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Monday, September 9

**North & South School:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peas, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Chicken Quesadilla, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Tuesday, September 10

**North & South School:** Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Black Beans, Strawberries & Bananas, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Haines Special: Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

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Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before November 4, 2024, or be forever barred.

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### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CJF FARMS LLC

Notice is hereby given that CJF Farms LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on June 16, 2022 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is David Leon Frederick.

David Leon Frederick, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ  
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By: WEAVER & MERZ  
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### Village of Dawson IN Richardson County, Nebraska

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 10 day of September 2024, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Village Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	148,292.89
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	105,000.00
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	352,500.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	106,087.17
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	\$	458,587.17
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	13,130.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	19,911.88

#### Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	13,130.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	-

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 10 day of September 2024, at the conclusion of the budget hearing o'clock P.M., at Village Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2023	2024	Change
Operating Budget	296,000.00	352,500.00	19%
Property Tax Request	\$ 13,130.00	\$ 13,130.00	0%
Valuation	4,176,629	4,909,767	18%
Tax Rate	0.314368	0.267426	-15%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.267426		

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### Village of Salem IN Richardson County, Nebraska

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 10th day of September 2024, at 8:15 o'clock P.M., at the Community Building for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	135,618.92
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	100,000.00
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	175,000.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	166,174.08
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	\$	341,174.08
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	13,446.86
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	663.25

#### Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	13,446.86
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	-

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

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	2023	2024	Change
Operating Budget	175,000.00	175,000.00	0%
Property Tax Request	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 13,446.86	22%
Valuation	3,311,233	4,047,787	22%
Tax Rate	0.332203	0.332203	0%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.271753		

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### COUNTY OF RICHARDSON COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 10th day of September 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Richardson County Courthouse, Room 202, 1700 Stone St, Falls City, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Funds	Actual Disbursements 2022-2023 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2023-2024 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2024-2025 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)
GENERAL FUND	7,446,398.41	8,094,249.00	8,203,907.28	400,000.00	3,035,944.32	5,567,962.96
FEDERAL MATCHING	0.00	0.00	238,841.22	0.00	238,841.22	0.00
ROAD/BRIDGE	4,548,160.82	3,984,472.72	4,303,264.00	0.00	4,303,264.00	0.00
ROAD BUYBACK PROGRAM	655,852.42	0.00	2,480,964.14	0.00	2,480,964.14	0.00
ROAD/BRIDGE SINKING FUND	0.00	0.00	19,806.75	0.00	19,806.75	0.00
COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND	11,315.00	9,603.50	55,500.00	0.00	55,500.00	0.00
COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND	0.00	28,500.00	51,000.00	0.00	51,000.00	0.00
REG OF DEEDS PRESERVE & MODERNIZE	7,254.87	5,046.58	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	0.00	0.00	14,834.13	0.00	14,834.13	0.00
VETERAN'S AID	2,522.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	2,563.03	436.97
OPIOID SETTLEMENT	0.00	0.00	51,752.22	0.00	51,752.22	0.00
STOP PROGRAM DIVERSION FUND	105.19	8,026.11	18,400.00	0.00	18,400.00	0.00
COUNTY DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT	0.00	220.00	648.95	0.00	648.95	0.00
DRUG COURT	31,216.55	33,416.46	42,445.38	0.00	42,445.38	0.00
FEDERAL FORFEITURE	40.00	120.00	3,338.28	0.00	3,338.28	0.00
ARPA FUNDS-AMERICA RESCUE PLAN ACT	1,127,741.59	150,153.61	168,305.34	0.00	168,305.34	0.00
LATCF--LOCAL ASST & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY	0.00	45,223.99	54,776.01	0.00	54,776.01	0.00
INHERITANCE TAX	1,071,198.44	1,095,139.97	2,378,064.62	0.00	2,378,064.62	0.00
SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS	2,424.96	24,448.13	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	0.00
JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND	303,137.50	300,477.50	500,000.00	0.00	203,433.38	296,566.62
HIGHWAY ALLOCATION BOND REPAY FUND	114,735.00	114,240.00	256,400.00	0.00	137,258.51	119,141.49
NATURAL DISASTER FUND	178,225.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>15,500,327.99</b>	<b>13,894,337.57</b>	<b>18,883,248.32</b>	<b>400,000.00</b>	<b>13,299,140.28</b>	<b>5,984,108.04</b>
Unused Budget Authority created for next year						<b>2,433,987.76</b>

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### COUNTY OF RICHARDSON COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 11th day of September 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Richardson County Courthouse, Room 202, 1700 Stone St, Falls City, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

	2023	2024	Change
Operating Budget	20,320,489.06	18,883,248.32	-7.07%
Property Tax Request	5,857,122.65	5,984,108.04	2.17%
Valuation	1,674,625,309.00	1,829,263,457.00	9.23%
Tax Rate	0.000000	0.327132	0.00%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.320190		

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The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full time opening for the **Water Quality Coordinator** position. The Coordinator is responsible for conducting surface water sampling, data assessment, research, developing and writing monitoring strategies, quality assurance project plans and grants. The applicant must have computer experience and be willing to work in weather extremes. A bachelor's degree in Environmental Science or related field and direct experience is required. Must possess a valid driver's license. If selected, applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment. We are working four 10 hour days: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. There may be instances where client needs or conference attendance extends your day beyond 5:30 PM. Indian preference does apply. Application form and more complete job description at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 66434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com or amy.kahbeah@sacandfoxks.com. Submit application form, cover letter, and resume at postal address listed above, or fax to (785) 742-3785, or email to employment@sacandfoxks.com no later than 2 PM Thursday 09/26/2024. 35-36

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**Full-Time LPN:** working 12-hour shifts, 7p - 7a, and every 3rd weekend. Applicants must have a current Nebraska LPN license. Hospital experience is preferred. This position comes with benefits.

**Registered Nurse:** "Come collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to provide quality care, analyze physical and emotional needs, improve the lives of others, and utilize a wide variety of nursing skills." Full-time. 12-hour shifts, working every third weekend. Must have a current Nebraska RN license. \$10,000 sign-on bonus!  
**Full-time Medical Technologist:** 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. and "on-call" as needed. Technologists perform various clinical laboratory tests to obtain data for use in diagnosis and treatment of diseases, perform general phlebotomy and arterial blood specimen collection, and other duties. Requires Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology or a closely related field and current AMT or ASCP Certification.

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## GAMING COMMISSIONER SAC AND FOX NATION - FULL TIME POSITION

The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate opening for a full time Gaming Commissioner. Working four days (8-4:30)-32 hours a week with attractive benefits package offered. Officed at 1324 US Hwy. 75 in Powhattan, KS, 66527 the purpose of this position is to assure that the Tribal Gaming Operation is in compliance with the Tribal Gaming Ordinance, Gaming Commission regulations, as well as applicable Federal and state regulations. Shall have the primary responsibility for enforcing Tribal Law with respect to each tribal gaming activity or operations conducted on the Reservation pursuant to the Gaming Compact, including regulation of any management contractors, manufacturer/distributors and all gaming employees. The Tribal Gaming Commission shall also receive consumer complaints within the gaming facility and shall assist in seeking voluntary resolution of such complaints. Indian Preference does apply. This position requires a high school diploma or GED certificate. The appointed Gaming Commissioner must be able to qualify for a Category 1 gaming license. Preferred qualifications include 3 years previous Indian gaming experience.

Application form and more complete job descriptions can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com. Submit the application form, cover letter, and resume, outlining your skills, background, and interest in the position to employment@sacandfoxks.com or submit a paper copy of the application form, cover letter, and resume, to Kevin Burnison 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 66434 or fax to (785) 742-3785 no later than 2 PM Thursday 10/03/2024

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## TRIBAL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN SAC AND FOX NATION - FULL TIME POSITION

The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full time opening for the Tribal Maintenance Technician position. The purpose of this non-supervisory position is to provide general maintenance and repair of facilities and equipment owned by Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska in Reserve, KS to include but not limited to the following: Responsible for assisting in a variety of crafts and trades such as carpentry, electrical, painting, plumbing, small engine repair, concrete work, and grounds maintenance, often independently. Responsible for the caring and feeding of a small herd of buffalo. Basic knowledge of general safety rules for use of tools of the trade. Ability to perform light maintenance/repairs on equipment. Ability to operate tractors and power mowers. Ability to lift 80 pounds or more. Ability to acquire training in crafts and trades if needed/ requested. Ability to work beyond 5:30 PM and weekend hours during inclement weather as needed. Performs other duties as assigned. Must possess a valid driver's license, have a mechanical aptitude, and be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Benefits include employer pays 100% of BCBS health insurance, dental, vision, and short term disability insurance for the employee. If selected, applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment. We are working four 10 hour days: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. There may be instances where needs extends your day beyond 5:30 PM and into Friday or Saturday & Sunday (when necessary to deal with snow removal or feeding the buffalo). Indian preference does apply. Application form and more complete job description at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 66434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com Submit application form, cover letter, and resume at postal address listed above, or fax to (785) 742-3785, or email to employment@sacandfoxks.com no later than 2 PM Thursday 10/03/2024

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## SABETHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HELP WANTED

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### REGISTERED NURSE-DAY SHIFT

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

### REGISTERED NURSE-NIGHT SHIFT

Full-Time or Part-Time hours working 5pm-5am with every 3rd weekend required. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit. Night Shift differential now \$8.00/hr.

### NURSE ASSISTANT-NIGHT SHIFT

Full-time position working 3 twelve-hour night shifts per week with every 3rd rotating weekend required. Responsible for assisting patients with activities of daily living, providing personal care, comfort and assistance when necessary. Night Shift differential now \$3.00/hr.

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

### HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE NURSE

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### SONOGRAPHY TECH

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

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Full-time position with On-Call required. Responsibilities include scheduling, completing intake paperwork, preparing patients for procedures and following precise orders from providers

### HOUSEKEEPER

Full-time position with every 5th weekend required. Possibility of being cross trained in Dietary and Laundry Departments. Responsible for cleaning and servicing assigned areas of the facility.

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# NDEE awards nearly \$900,000 in Revitalize Rural Nebraska grants

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has announced the award of \$898,139 in grants to support nine projects that will demolish dilapidated commercial properties across the state.

The funds are provided through the Revitalize Rural Nebraska grant program. NDEE received applications from 15 communities during the application period earlier this year.

“The Revitalize Rural Nebraska program gives these grant recipients a unique opportunity to improve their communities,” NDEE Interim Director Thad Fineran said. “Removing these damaged and abandoned buildings will give properties a blank slate for redevelopment and provide a benefit to these cities and villages.”

Below is a summary of the 2024 grant awards by municipality:

Bloomfield – \$51,315 for the property on 108 South Broadway

Chester – \$39,649 for the property on 522 Thayer Avenue.

David City – \$47,250 for the property on 511 E. Street.

Deshler – \$200,000 for the property on

618 4th Street.

Falls City – \$17,000 for the property on 1817 1/2 Stone Street.

Oxford – \$300,000 for the property on 404 West Derby Street.

Tekamah – \$137,925 for the property on 141 South 13th Street.

Wakefield – \$25,000 for the property on 106-110 West 3rd Street.

Wymore – \$80,000 for the property on 207 S. 7th Street.

The Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program was established in 2023 by the Nebraska Legislature to fund the demolition of dilapidated commercial properties owned by a village or a city of the first or second class. This was a competitive grant process. To be eligible for funding, properties have to be owned by the applying municipality, abandoned or vacant for at least six months, and not on or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Recipient communities must also provide a local match. NDEE assessed applications for eligibility and competitive ranking with priority given to applications from villages and second-class cities.






## SEPTEMBER 2024

**LABOR DAY CELEBRATION - SEPT 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**LABOR DAY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
 Hot Seat drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12:00pm-4pm.  
 Hot Seat drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12am.  
 Hot Seat winners from 6pm-12am will get an extra entry into the Vehicle giveaway on September 28<sup>TH</sup>.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY!!**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
 Hot Seat drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm.  
 Hot Seat drawings to win up to \$400 in free play every ½ hour from 6:00pm-12am. Hot Seat winners from 6pm-12am will get an extra entry into the Vehicle giveaway on September 28<sup>TH</sup>.

**POW WOW**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
 Hot Seat drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm.  
 Hot Seat drawings to win \$500 in free play from 6pm-1am. Hot Seat winners from 6pm-1am will get an extra entry into the vehicle giveaway on September 28<sup>TH</sup>.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**END OF SUMMER VEHICLE GIVEAWAY!**  
 Whichever vehicle remains after the August 24<sup>TH</sup> drawing, will be the vehicle you will have a chance to win in September!! Which one will be remaining, the Ford Escape or the Ford Bronco?! You will know after the drawing on August 24<sup>TH</sup>!

Hot Seat drawings to win up to \$300 in free play or CASH every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat drawings to win up to \$1,000 in free play or CASH every ½ hour 6:00pm-12:30am. Hot Seat winners at 10:30pm, 11:30pm and 12:30am will automatically be added to the qualifier barrel for the vehicle. We will also draw a registration ticket out of the barrel at 10:30pm, 11:30pm and 12:30am to be added to the qualifier barrel for the vehicle.

Registration drawing to win the last of the Awesome Vehicles will be at 1am. Who will be the winner? At 1am, one of the qualifiers will be going home with the final Awesome Vehicle! Consolation prizes will be given out to the remaining qualifiers. See the rules on the vehicle giveaway for all the details.






## Join Peru State College for Community Night and Tenth Anniversary of Oak Bowl Renovation

It's hard to believe it has been ten years since the historic Oak Bowl underwent a massive transformation. But it has been.

Peru State College, its Athletic Department, and the Foundation are inviting all Bobcat alumni and friends to a celebration at the first home football game of the 2024 season, on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Bobcats will be facing Central Methodist (Mo.). Game time is 6 p.m.

The Athletic Department is hosting its “Community Night.” All kids will get in free. There will be a face painter and balloon artist and concessions will be handled by Game Time Eats. The Foundation will be saluting its Oak Bowl donors that evening in their suites.

Fundraising for the major renovation of the Oak Bowl began in the early 2010's. The nine million dollar project was part of a campus-wide master plan completed in 2012. While the State of Nebraska provided the majority of the funding, the College and Foundation secured the additional funds necessary for the present-day facility which is still considered to one of the best stadiums in the NAIA.

The results of the project were dedicated in the fall of 2014 which provided an artificial turf field, landscaping, lighting, and seating for 2,000 fans. Additionally, new construction provided for concessions, a souvenir store, restrooms, suites for special guests, and much-improved press box facilities.

A record of 2,934 were in attendance when the Oak Bowl was reopened. It would be great if the record attendance was challenged for the ten-year party.

For more information, contact the Athletic Department at 402-872-2350 or the Foundation at 402-872-2304.

## NPPD's Cooper Nuclear Station implementing mobile notification system

*(Continued from Page 1)* this test. County. A test of the IP-AWS system will also be conducted on these two days, and its possible individuals in the area will receive a test notification on their phones during this test. Additional information will be shared about this new system closer to the date it goes live. Emergency management information for Cooper can be found on NPPD.com/ep.

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