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- SUN., OCT. 20**  
2PM: Gallery reception and talk by tribal members re: loway Here to Stay at the Stalder Art Gallery
- SAT., OCT. 26**  
Falls City Community Clean-Up
- MON., OCT. 28**  
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A replica of the keelboat used by the Lewis and Clark Expedition was docked in Rulo on Wednesday evening, October 9, 2024. The Discovery Crew left Omaha on Thursday, October 3, and were traveling down the Missouri River to Kaw Point in Kansas City. According to one of the crew members, the boat pictured has over 5,000 river miles under it belly. According to Robert Foster, executive director of the Boat House and Museum, "The keelboat's journey down the Missouri River will provide genuine living history and experiences for the public."

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As we approach the upcoming election season, the importance of local governance cannot be overstated. Local offices play a vital role in shaping the policies and initiatives that directly impact our communities. From commissioners to the Legislature, the leaders we elect influence everything from education and public safety to infrastructure and community development.

In this series, the *Falls City Journal* aims to provide our readers with essential information about the candidates running for these offices, as well as the issues you'll see on the ballot in November. We understand that making informed decisions at the ballot box is crucial. Therefore, we along with the Flatwater Press have compiled a comprehensive overview of the candidates, their platforms, and the key challenges we are facing.

We encourage our readers to engage in the electoral process, educate themselves about the candidates' positions, and participate actively in shaping the future of our community. Your voice matters, and every vote counts. Together, let's make informed choices for the betterment of Falls City and Nebraska. Happy reading and, most importantly, happy voting.

The *Falls City Journal* will not be covering any national politics this election season. We will rely on national media to keep the public informed. We feel it's our responsibility to keep our community informed on the local issues.

Falls City Council candidate information can be found in the April 3, 2024 thru May 8, 2024, *Falls City Journal's* which can be purchased at our office at 1709 Stone Street, or for current subscribers our e-editions are online for free with your subscription for reference at [www.fcjournal.net](http://www.fcjournal.net).

**Judges:** How it works-In Nebraska, judges are appointed by the governor, who selects an appointee from a short list of nominees put forward by a nine-member bipartisan commission. After at least three years on the bench, each judge must go before voters, who decide whether to retain that judge or remove them from office. If retained, the judge must go up for a retention vote every six years after that initial vote.

What do different judges do?  
County Court: County court is the lowest court and has 59 judges across 12 districts. The judges rule on civil cases — such as housing issues or injuries — with less than \$57,000 at stake, small claims worth less than \$3,900 and misdemeanor cases such as traffic violations. People with disputes regarding guardianship, conservatorship or adoption will also present their case to the court, and judges hear cases regarding issues with property ownership and a deceased person's will.

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## County signs emergency declaration

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met at the Richardson County Courthouse on Wednesday morning, October 9, 2024. Commissioners Sickel and Karas were present, and Caverzagie was absent.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr., updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done in the county. Darveau reported that his staff was beginning the installation of new posts and stop signs purchased through the Nebraska Department of Transportation Statewide Stop Sign Program.

Darveau said he plans to have a crew install signs on the west end of the county and another on the east end.

"It's going to take a while," said Darveau. "We have 488 signs to put up."

Darveau wanted to remind the public that shooting at or defacing signs is a crime. Darveau also mentioned that he has had no luck growing grass where the county has reseeded after completing dirt work.

"I've had zero luck getting grass to grow. I've been looking at a hydroseeder," said Darveau. "I'm going to get some prices on a hydroseeder. We've seeded some placed three and four times."

Darveau stated that he has researched trying to figure out the best possible solution.

"We are not getting the growth. If you are going to spend five or six thousand a year on seed, you are going to want it to start growing," said Darveau.

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## Falls City Foods, LLC receives loan forgiveness of \$155,250.00

The Falls City Council met at City Hall on Monday, October 7, 2024, for its regularly scheduled meeting. Councilperson Ractliffe was absent from the meeting.

The Council voted 7-0 for a resolution for the loan forgiveness of \$155,250 to Falls City Foods, LLC, for the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Contract #20ED001. The City of Falls City received a CDBG-ED grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, and the funds were conditionally granted to SEND, INC. to provide a loan to Falls City Foods, LLC for the purchase of equipment needed for an expansion project. It was noted that Falls City Foods had met the National Objective of creating ten full-time equivalent positions and maintaining the 20 full-time equivalent positions. Falls City received a Certificate of Completion from the Department of Economic Development to certify that the requirements were met and that the City could forgive half of the original loan amount.

City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum noted the City did not fund the project.

"We were the pass-through entity for that," said Nussbaum.

The Council passed a resolution to purchase the property at 1612 Fulton Street for the Rural Workforce Housing Fund Project. The resolution transfers the title from the Land Bank to the City. The City will pay the Land Bank \$6,532.68 for the lot and will be reimbursed once the house is sold.

The Council voted to authorize the destruction of City records in accordance with the records retention schedule.

A resolution to abate 906 Stone Street passed on a 7-0 vote. Once the abatement is completed, the property will be donated to the Land Bank.

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## Attention voters in all-mail precincts

The ballots for the All-Mail voting precincts, which are: Arago/Barada, Salem, East Muddy and Grant/Nemaha, will be mailed on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Voters who reside within these precincts will receive their ballots in the mail and should watch their mailboxes for them on October 17 and/or October 18.

Please notify the County Clerk's Office if you reside within one of these precincts and did not receive a ballot or if you have any questions regarding the All-Mail ballots.



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LETTER'S TO THE EDITOR

To Whom it May concern:

Bob Hallstrom will fight for farmers and ag producers Bob Hallstrom understands agriculture is the backbone of Nebraska. In a time when the agricultural industry faces numerous challenges, Bob's commitment to supporting local farmers is exactly what we need in the Legislature.

As a state senator, Bob will be a champion for agriculture and a dedicated advocate for the hardworking farmers and small business owners of Southeast Nebraska. I urge my fellow Nebraskans to vote Bob Hallstrom for Nebraska Legislative District 1. With Bob in office, we can be confident that the voices of farmers and small business owners will be heard.

Sincerely yours, Neal A. Kanel

Dear Editor:

My name is Nik Sandman. I am originally from Wauneta, home of the Wauneta Breeze which was an award-winning weekly right up till it ceased publication a few years ago. I farmed near there from when I got married till my farm sale in 2006. Then, I was a rural mail carrier for 15 years. I am now retired and live in Lincoln.

This year, Nebraskans have an opportunity that doesn't come along very often. The term of office of senator is the longest established by the Constitution, so we don't elect a senator but every six years. On top of that, the two main contestants are not either Democrat or Republican. One of them is an Independent, Dan Osborn. The other is Republican Deb Fisher. It seems the Democrats have managed to disqualify themselves and if you look at their national ticket, you can see why they are not bothering to run anyone for Senate in Nebraska. The Republicans have so dominated that they have come to take Nebraska for granted. A one party system is not healthy for the state (look what it's doing to California). So I would say that Nebraska is blessed to have an Independent vying for office at such a time as this.

My first question was whether Dan Osborn was really an Independent in the tradition of George Norris. I asked him and he told me that he has never been registered as anything other than an Independent. Since your party affiliation is a matter of public record, surely some enterprising journalist would have followed up on this by now. I am looking at you, editor. So I hope we can assume that he is really an Independent.

Another issue that is important to me is abortion. Donald Trump has moderated his position and says that he supports the states making their own laws. Dan's position lines up with that in that he would not be in favor of a federal law on abortion. It seems to me that Trump and Osborn could work together on this. It is a fraught issue that needs a lot of thought and prayer.

I have met and shook hands with both Deb and Dan, but my personal knowledge of both pretty much ends there. Dan is the younger and more ready to shake things up if that's what you think needs doing. He carries a copy of the constitution in his hip pocket. Deb has been a senator for going on 12 years, and she has a really nice retirement built up, so it might be a favor to her to release her to that while she can still enjoy it. I don't wish ill on either one of them. My only thought is, "Which one is going to be better for Nebraska?" I was, like my father before me, a life-long Democrat up till March 1, 2024. I also haven't voted for a Democrat since Jimmy Carter, so I have been living the independent life for a while now. I have thought about this quite a lot, and have decided to support Dan Osborn for Senator. Let me know if you think I'm wrong.

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All things Nebraska  
Problem gambling took down one of the greatest baseball players ever

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Was driving home from a fishing trip the other day when I heard the news - Pete Rose, probably the best hitter in the history of baseball, had died.

When I played in high school, I used a "Pete Rose" Louisville Slugger bat. It was as thick as a telephone pole, and almost as heavy.

But I was like a lot of people - we loved the way Rose played the game. All-out. Sliding head-first into the bases. Knocking down catchers in plays at home plate. And best of all, slamming hit after hit, and sprinting for an extra base. So I was hoping for some magic with the bat.

But Rose, as we all learned eventually, had a dark side. He was addicted to gambling.

So addicted that he couldn't give it up despite urging from friends. So addicted that he bet on his own team when he was a manager of his Cincinnati Reds. So addicted that he couldn't admit he had a problem until years later.

It cost him dearly - he was banned for life from baseball and barred from being admitted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Think of it: the best hitter in the history of the game can't be honored, officially, for his accomplishments.

Gambling, like a lot of other addictions, can be a powerful habit. It's sometimes not the winning that is addictive, professionals have told me, but it's the coming close to winning. So if you had a near miss, you bet again, because you were so close and next time you're going to punch your ticket.

I've seen this first-hand with a couple of high school buddies. They lost bets on the Saturday college football games, then lost on the Sunday pro games. Then it's time to "double down" on the Monday Night game of the week in hopes of recouping their losses.

It's a horrible addiction that pretty much destroyed the lives of my friends. One was so pathetically in debt that he asked a grieving husband, at the funeral of his wife, if he could lend him some money. I've got an old shotgun from the other buddy, who had to sell off his hunting guns to earn some cash because he was so far in the hole.

Problem gambling has been on the rise recently in Nebraska as new gambling casinos have opened, as so-called "skill games" have become common in convenience stores and bars, and as it gets easier and easier to place a bet on sports events with your cell phone.

Justin Antons, a licensed counselor who works for the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling, said that the problem gambling hotline operated by the Commission now gets eight to 15 calls a month for help, three to four times more than just a few years ago.

Both of my buddies were star athletes in high school, and seemingly had great things ahead of them. But Antons said that some people who played sports started betting on the games because they were passionate about athletics and wanted to stay involved, or, because they were good at sports, and believe they'll be good at betting, too.

Now I know buddies who bet socially, a few bucks a week, on the Huskers and



the like.

They do it for fun and don't overdo it. And there are plenty of people who go to the casino with a set budget - I'll bet this much until it's gone - and leave without draining their bank accounts.

It's like alcohol and even drugs. Some people can handle it, can moderate their use, and never have a problem.

But with other people, it's like pouring gas on a fire - they can never get enough, they can never give it up, no matter how hard they try.

So, when Pete Rose died, the sports pundits all praised his on-field accomplishments, and his fierce drive to excel. But his legacy is something else, how his gambling consumed his life, and left him an outcast to a game he mastered like no other.

By the way, counseling for problem gamblers is free via the state's Commission on Problem Gambling. Their toll-free number is 1-833-238-6837.

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.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD  
THEME: GREEKS AND ROMANS

ACROSS

1. Fountain order
5. Christian minister, abbr.
8. Betelgeuse or Deneb
12. Isaac's firstborn
13. Senegal's neighbor
14. Nobody (2 words)
15. Bangladeshi currency
16. Chopin's creation, e.g.
17. Like thick smoke
18. \*Greek goddess in 1995 Woody Allen movie title
20. \*Mars, to the Greeks
21. Ooze out
22. Edible tuber
23. \*Poet of "Aeneid" fame
26. \*Pair of writing tablets"
30. Outrage
31. A small part
34. European currency
35. Jousting pole
37. B & B
38. Sunni religion
39. Et alibi, abbr.
40. Newspaper VIP
42. First woman, Biblically-speaking
43. Return of disease
45. Washer, during a certain cycle
47. Last month
48. Belittle
50. Taro plant
52. \*Athenian Acropolis tourist attraction
56. Anticipate
57. Black-and-white cookie
58. Small European freshwater fish
59. #18 Across, to Romans
60. Big cat sound
61. Future atty.'s exam
62. Work units
63. Tight one, in football
64. Sunrise direction

DOWN

1. Facebook owner
2. Quickly, acr.
3. Hundred thousand, in India
4. Sahara's Berber people
5. R in R.E.M.
6. Wash out with solvent
7. Workbench holding device
8. \*Plato's famous teacher
9. Ripped
10. Black tropical cuckoo
11. \*Not black-figure, but \_\_\_-figure
13. Spacecraft's detachable unit
14. W.E.B Du Bois's org.
19. Oxygen-containing compound
22. \*Olive derivative
23. More reprehensible
24. About to explode
25. Kidney-related
26. Exertion
27. Christmastides
28. Have a hankering
29. \*Poet of "Iliad" fame
32. Ocean motion
33. "Wheel of Fortune" request (2 words)
36. \*I, \_\_\_
38. Like Bushmills whiskey
40. Boston time
41. \*Demosthenes of Cicero
44. Land parcels
46. Conifer's leaf
48. New York Jets' quarterback
49. Bakery offering
50. Pitcher
51. "Shoot!"
52. Minute opening
53. Civil space org.
54. #22 Across, pl.
55. Left after deductions
56. Map abbr.

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**75 Years Ago, October 16, 1949 to October 22, 1949**

A three-quarter-ton delivery truck owned by Falls City Mercantile, Co., was badly damaged by a fire while parked in the company garage. The blaze gutted the inside of the truck's cab and caused considerable damage to the wiring in the motor.

Excavations for the footing for an extension to the James Oil Company station at 15th and Harlan Streets had been started. The addition, which was approximately 28 by 40 feet on the west side of the present structure, would serve as a warehouse for merchandise.

A lost book of Bible literature, revealing details of Noah's early life for the first time, was found in an ancient cave in the Holy Land.

City officials moved to sell 12 city-owned lots at 18th and Barada St. The property, which had been given to the city in 1942 by the Horse Show Committee, was currently being used as a free parking lot.

Coach Jack McIntire's Tiger football team entered its contest against Nebraska City with an all-time mark of 20 wins, three ties and three losses.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Scheitel, Sr., who lived northeast of Falls City, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

An anniversary sale at the Penney Co. in Falls City boasted men's dress shirts for \$1.75 and Chenille Robes for \$3.33. The birthday marked the company's 47th year in business and 33rd year in Falls City.

Montgomery Ward in Falls City advertised a two-gallon can of oil for \$1.44 and a sturdy, streamline Hawthorne "50" bicycle for \$31.88.

John Akers of Stella was named president of the Richardson County Council of Churches and Christian Education at the annual convention held at the Presbyterian Church in Falls City.

Lauren Bacall, the husky-voiced actress wife of Humphrey Bogart, was suspended by Warner Brothers Studio because she refused to appear for rehearsal when the studio whistled.

Officers of the Falls City High School sophomore class were chosen. Charles Kottich was named president, Jerry Downey was vice president, and Milford Kirkendall was named secretary and treasurer.

Falls City Hardware, 1609 Stone Street, celebrated its first anniversary with a full-page ad full of specials for its customers.

According to a United Press survey, 78 persons had been killed in hunting accidents in the United States since September 1.

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall with 33 members and 10 officers present.

Sacred Heart defeated Dawson 48-24 and clinched the Little Ten six-man championship on its home field. Rich Harpenau and Chico Marx each scored three touchdowns for Coach Jug Brown's Irish.

**50 Years Ago, October 16, 1974 to October 22, 1974**

The Metro Paving Company was blacktopping the City parking lot in the 1700 block of Chase Street and the parking lot at the Pee Wee baseball diamond. A six-inch rock base was rolled and primed, and 2 1/2 inches of asphalt would cover it.

In the Men's League bowling at Center Lanes, Don Koso had the High 10, rolling a 187, 211, and 171 for a 569 series.

Charlie Finley, owner of the Oakland A's baseball team, was being sued by fans because they feared he was trying to move the A's to Seattle. The suit stated that Finley was failing to adequately promote the A's in Oakland, forcing down attendance and strengthening his case for a shift.

As part of its Homecoming Specials, Crosstown Café offered a 9-oz. sirloin, a choice of potato, salad, bread and butter, tea or coffee and ice cream for \$4.00.

Roy Rieschick received word that he had passed the National Water Well Association's Certification exam.

Construction work on the park along the "Little Rhine" creek in the southeast part of town was underway. The park board was to develop the city-owned property between 10th and 12th Streets and Morton and Wilson. The board was hoping for Federal Funding to help fund the project.

Mrs. Fred Hahn of Rulo was pictured showing off her wood carvings, which she would demonstrate at the upcoming Ne-Mo-Ka craft guild at Prichard Auditorium.

The Humboldt junior high football team moved to 5-0 with a 36-0 win over Johnson-Brock. Royce Drake, Kevin Herr and Rock Herr scored touchdowns to lead the Cardinals to the win.

Lincoln lost out in its bid to host the 1976 Summer Olympics swimming trials to Long Beach, California.

Five chartered buses left Falls City at 9:00 a.m. for the Nebraska-Kansas game in Lawrence. The Falls City Elks Lodge sponsored the trip.

"Zardoz," a science fiction film starring Sean Connery, was being shown at the Rivoli Theater.

Falls City's homecoming King and Queen were Don Sailors and Pam Younker, while Dawson-Verdon royalty included Jeff Lyons and Ann Ramsey.

Ronald J. Hill, 20, and Ann Renee Saal, 20, applied in county court for a marriage license.

Karen Huffles and Hank Prater were named King and Queen at Sacred Heart's homecoming contest.

Robert Busby of Warrensburg, Missouri, won the Tri-States Marathon in record time, traversing the 26.2-mile course in two hours, 21 minutes and 36 seconds. Busby, who led the field of 100 starters, broke the record by nearly five minutes.

**25 Years Ago, October 16, 1999 to October 22, 1999**

Southeast Nebraska Country Music Association members entertained at Jim Cook's Auto Xpress. Musicians included Gary Shefferd, Eddie Shafer, Bruce Stevicks, Kathy Vice, Larry Johnson, Bob Shields, Gerald Trull and Rev. John Cox.

Luke Jones of Shubert, a graduate of Sacred Heart, was selected as a member of the Nebraska Wesleyan University Touch of Class Swing Choir.

Brian and Kristen Poppe were the parents of a daughter born at Methodist Hospital in Omaha. Meredith Suzanne weighed 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.

Falls City senior cross country runner Katie Parsons qualified for the state meet by placing seventh at the C-1 district meet in Fairbury.

Gene Rowell was pictured with his ball from a hole-in-one at the Falls City Country Club. Rowell sank his shot on the par 3 No. 5 hole with a solid 9 iron.

Kellie Andreesen and Brent Shubert were the Journal Athletes of the Week. Andreesen was 92-of-95 setting with 25 assists and Shubert accounted for 226 yards of offense and rushed for three scores against Lourdes.

More than 1,000 fans showed up to watch Ira Humm win an eight-round decision over Eric "The Landlord" Davis. The event showcased the first professional boxing in Falls City since the 1950s.

Sacred Heart won its 11th-straight conference title by defeating previously unbeaten Southeast Consolidated 51-14. The game marked the 14th consecutive loss by the Mustangs to the Irish. Nate O'Grady and Nic Sikora each had three steps behind the line of scrimmage for the Irish.

The Auburn Bulldogs defeated the Tigers 43-8 to remain undefeated. This was Auburn's largest margin of victory over Falls City since 1983.

**FC Foods, LLC receives loan forgiveness**

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The Board approved using 1506 Stone Street for the Sunday Funday Event. Several organizations from the community will paint City picnic tables for use at a park. Recently, 24 picnic tables were rebuilt for use at Grandview and Dallas Jones Memorial Park.

The Council approved closing Lane Street from 19th to 26th Streets on Halloween from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Authorization was also given to execute an engineering contract for the Phase 9 Natural Gas Improvements Project, totaling \$37,300.00.

Officially called the 2025 Contractor Project, it will include a project from North 25th to 28th Streets between Hiland and Barada.

"This project is scoped within the submittal that we have for the PHMSA Grant," said Nussbaum.

The Council heard from a citizen who had complaints about properties, traffic, parking lots and dogs in his neighborhood.

Ron Kelley, 1617 Fulton Street, addressed his concerns with the Council and Police Chief Jamie Baker.

Specifically, Kelley wanted the Board to be aware of high school kids screeching tires, doing donuts in the parking lot, shouting profanities at him as they drive by, and blasting air horns. Kelley asserted that the problems sometimes go on until 2:30 a.m.

"It's the same ones over and over and over," said Kelley.

According to Chief Baker, the next step would be for Kelley to sign a complaint against the individuals.

"Ron and I have had this discussion," said Baker. "He just chooses not to at this time because it's a kid, and he's trying to appease it."

Councilperson Leyden advised Kelley to speak with the high school administration and try to resolve the parking lot issue.

"I don't know the school policies, but as far as the crowds and traffic, yes, it is all hours of the night and at both schools," said Councilperson Joe Buckminster.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 6:30 p.m.

**County signs emergency declaration**

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Darveau also informed the Board that he has crews working on cleaning out ditches around the county.

EMA Director Brian Kirkendall presented to the Commissioners an emergency declaration for a high-water event on June 19, 2024, that damaged public and private property, disrupted utility service and endangered the health and safety of the citizens of the county within the disaster area.

Kirkendall explained that the declaration pertained to the railroad bridge east of Falls City, which crosses the Nemaha River.

"They're redoing that bridge; while they were redoing it, the high water we had on June 19 piled up so much brush that it washed under and around and washed the bank out," said Kirkendall. "Washed the water line out that they just had put in. To put the new railroad bridge in, they moved the water line. It's going to cost them (the city) \$1,500,000.00 to move it."

According to Kirkendall, FEMA had declared the period in which the flooding happened a disaster.

"All we are signing this for is to cover the city; we're not filing any claims," said Kirkendall. "The city is doing this; I'm helping them with it."

Karas made a motion to approve the declaration. Sickel seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Sickel made a motion to accept the Cost Allocation Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, which was prepared by Maximus. Karas seconded the motion, and it carried.

Karas also read a correspondence from Stan and Joan Stalder from Humboldt which included a donation of \$200 from Stan Stalder of Humboldt for the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of candy and other items for distribution to the youth during events which the Sheriff Department participates in. Stalder passed away before receiving a thank you for his generous donation.

Sickel made a motion to pay the claims, Karas seconded the motion and it carried.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 10:00 a.m.

**Voting by mail? You need photo ID.**

**Write your Nebraska driver's license/state ID number on your ballot envelope or include a photocopy of your acceptable photo ID.**

A message from the Nebraska Secretary of State.

For more information on Voter ID, visit [VoterID.Nebraska.gov](http://VoterID.Nebraska.gov)

**GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING BALLOT REQUEST FORM NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Nebraska Driver's License or State ID Number: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

If you do not have a Nebraska license or state ID, include a photocopy of your ID (see VoterID.Nebraska.gov for valid IDs and how to get a free state ID) that has your picture and your name.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am a qualified elector of the State of Nebraska and will not be going to the polls on the day of said election, therefore I request an early voting ballot for the General Election occurring on November 5, 2024.

I am a registered voter in Richardson County at the following address:

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I request ballots be mailed to the following address: \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

I request to take the ballots with me, (or to the person I am acting as agent for).

The County Clerk or staff member may reach me at \_\_\_\_\_ to verify any information, which might be required, prior to sending the ballots to me.

**Voter's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

EARLY VOTING DEADLINES		
Request by mail	6:00 pm	Friday, Oct 25, 2024
Request in person	5:00 pm	Monday, Nov 4, 2024
Request by agent	7:00 pm	ELECTION DAY, Nov 5, 2024

**Mail Application to:** RICHARDSON COUNTY CLERK  
1700 STONE STREET, RM 203  
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**SOCIETY**

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

*Submitted by Donna Monnette, Secretary*

Thirteen members of the Humboldt Chapter# 234 Order of the Eastern Star met for a stated meeting on Thursday, October 3, at The Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. The meeting opened in long form with Worthy Matron Nancy Nemechek presiding. All present sang the Opening Ode, "He Leadeth Me," followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

The regular order of business included the reading of the September minutes which were approved. The Treasurer reported the balance in the general fund.

Correspondence included the Nebraska OES News. A new office assistant is Shellie Smith a past matron of Martha Washington Chapter #158. Reports of the past activities of the Grand Family were recorded.

A Thanksgiving letter was read from the Worthy Grand Matron Sheli Rice and Worthy Grand Patron Keith Lindvall. The 2024-2025 Service and Therapy Dog Committee are seeking to visit chapters to present their programs. They are Peggy Hitchcock, Jennifer Dierks, Samantha Walters, Cathy and Betty Kirby.

The Kansas-Nebraska Exchange has been rescheduled to November 22-23 at Bellevue, Nebras-

ka. Registration deadline is November 15, 2024. The Kansas OES Grand Officers will present the initiation work on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and the Nebraska Grand Officers will do the same on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Ron Giesselmann of the Fremont Children's Home requested help in purchasing fall and winter clothes for their children.

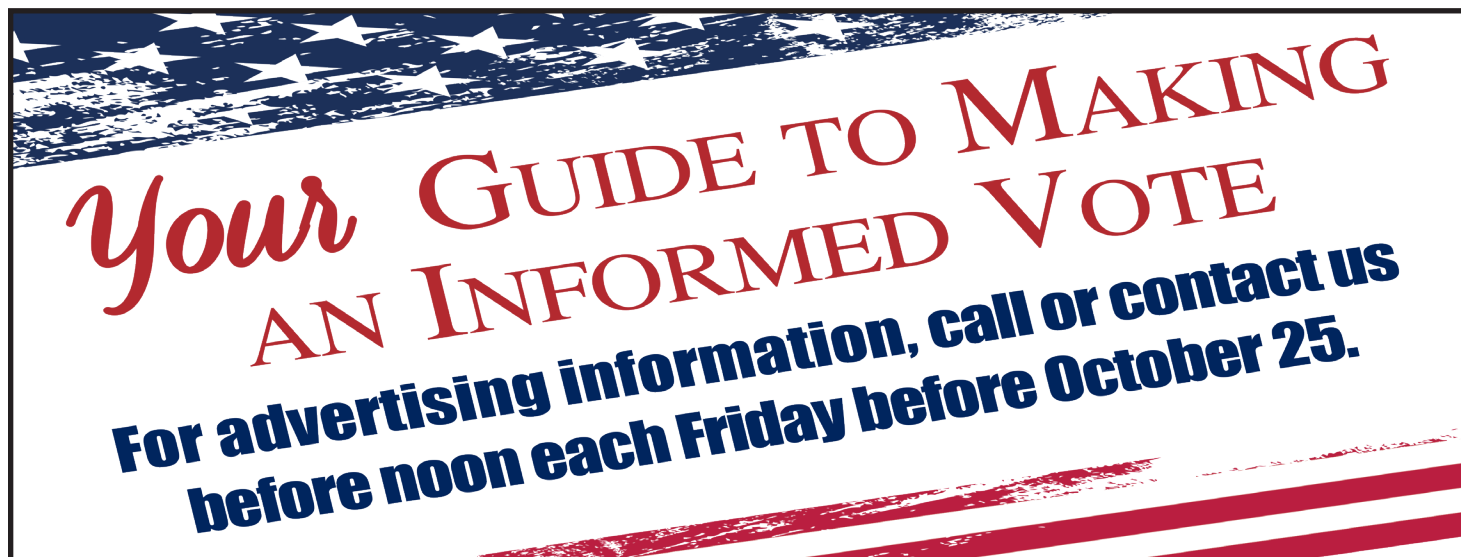
The Home Front News told of the many 4-H accomplishments of their children at recent fairs and State Fair--504 awards.

Elizabeth Ketner made a motion to send \$25 to each of the Children's Home in Fremont, Masonic home in Plattsmouth and Wranglers' 4-H Club. Motion seconded and carried. Nancy Nemechek amended the motion to include \$5 for each child at the Children's Home in Fremont for Christmas.

Wellness reports were given to Phyllis Williamson, Bob, and Ann Berggren. Sympathy was expressed to Alma Mach on the death of her sister recently.

The November meeting will include recognizing Brenda Kuker for her 50 years of membership. Officers for the new year will be nominated also.

There being no further business, the chapter closed in form with prayer and singing the Closing Ode, "God Be With you." Refreshments were served by Christina Joy.



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Additionally, they hold the preliminary hearing in felony cases. County courts also serve as juvenile courts, except in Sarpy, Lancaster and Douglas counties, which have their own separate juvenile courts.

District Court-The district courts are a level higher than the county courts. The 58 judges across 12 districts will hear felony cases, domestic relations cases and civil cases with more than \$57,000 at stake. Additionally, they serve as an appellate court for appeals in most county court cases.

There are 13 judges up for retention across five districts.

Workers' Compensation Court- These judges hear cases from across the state pertaining to health concerns caused by someone's workplace. One is up for retention.

**State Board of Education:** Richardson and Pawnee Counties are in District 5. Kirk Penner represents counties including Richardson and Pawnee and isn't up for reelection until 2027.

This information is about District 2 which includes Nemaha, Otoe and Johnson Counties.

The State Board of Education oversees education standards and forms policy, which must then be approved by the governor. For instance, the board passed the Computer Science and Technology Act and updated the respective curriculum earlier this year. It also narrowly rejected a proposal that sought to prohibit books with content deemed sexually explicit in school libraries.

What does a board member do?: Members oversee statewide assessments,

share their opinion regarding education-related legislation and approve a variety of academic programs for niche student groups, like programs for handicapped children and veteran education programs. They also submit the Department of Education's budget to the Unicameral and governor.

Each member represents one of the eight geographic districts spanning the state. The board is officially nonpartisan, meaning party affiliation does not appear next to candidates' names on the ballot. The board, which meets monthly, is responsible for selecting and hiring the education commissioner, who serves as the administrative leader of the Department of Education.

What's the big deal?: None of the incumbents are running for reelection after a term filled with contentious debates. The 2022 election added three conservative voices to the board. In the four races on this year's ballot, three have the option to have a Democrat representative — meaning the board will either be split politically or tilt toward conservatives.

Board meetings became a political battle ground in 2021 when a proposal to update health education standards sparked controversy for its stance on teaching "characteristics relating to identity, sexuality, and healthy relationships" in kindergarten and into high school, according to Nebraska Public Media.

Aside from politically divisive issues, school districts are suffering from rising student absenteeism and a teacher shortage. The department of education reported that 22 percent of students were chronically absent — or missing school about 10

percent of the time — in the 2022-23 school year. The department also said there were 362 teacher vacancies in 2023-24, up from 208 vacant positions in 2022-23.

Democrat Maggie Douglas and Republican Linda Vermooten are running for a seat that could maintain the split political makeup of the State Board of Education or tilt it in favor of conservatives.

Douglas, of Bellevue, is a mental health counselor and former teacher. Growing up, she attended Scottsbluff Public Schools. She now holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education, two master's degrees in education and a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling. She worked for 15 years in both public and parochial schools and she also was an adjunct math instructor at Metro Community College. She told the Flatwater Free Press she wants voters to know that she has invested in Nebraska's public schools and is running for office because she cares about students and teachers.

Vermooten, also of Bellevue, has 25 years of experience in the mental health field and has served as a professor and department chair of Grace University's master's program in clinical mental health. Additionally, she taught English as a second language in Lincoln, according to her campaign website. She told the Flatwater Free Press she is running to "elevate the level of education" for Nebraska students and wants voters to know she will bring a unique perspective to the board. She believes in transparency, accountability and collaboration and wants to develop solutions that work for all students.

The new board member

will replace Lisa Fricke. Fricke voted against the effort to ban books some say are sexually explicit in schools, saying it's a local issue, according to the Nebraska Examiner. Fricke also made the motion to postpone the 2021 proposal to teach information regarding sexuality, identity and healthy relationships in the K-12 curriculum and said "now is not the time to continue the process."

In the primary: Vermooten received 45 percent of the vote, Douglas received 35 percent and a third candidate — a Democrat — received the remaining 20 percent. If Vermooten wins, the seat would flip from a Democratic representative to a Republican.

On the issues: The candidates had differing opinions on issues that have become flashpoints on the board. Douglas strongly disagreed that the state board should have a hand in banning books deemed explicit, saying that should be handled at the local level. On the other hand, Vermooten said the board should have a hand in banning books it deems explicit.

They also disagreed when it came to diversity and inclusion efforts. Douglas said she strongly supports "diversity and inclusivity efforts in our schools" and Vermooten said she opposes what she called reverse racial discrimination.

Douglas' top priorities are to build relationships between the state board and District 2's schools and to recruit and retain teachers. Vermooten said her top three priorities are addressing proficiency rates, the teacher shortage and increasing vocational opportunities for students. The Nebraska State Education Association endorsed Douglas, and the Nebraska Republican Party endorsed Vermooten.

Maggie Douglas, 42, Woman, Democrat of Bellevue. Years in district: 3.5. Adjectives: Helper, learner, achiever, Website: [www.electmaggiedouglas.com](http://www.electmaggiedouglas.com). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/electmaggiedouglas](http://www.facebook.com/electmaggiedouglas). Instagram: [www.instagram.com/electmaggiedouglas](http://www.instagram.com/electmaggiedouglas). Linda Vermooten, 64, Woman, Republican of Bellevue. Years in district: 10. Adjectives: Enthusiastic, compassionate and outgoing. Website: [lindafornebraska.com](http://lindafornebraska.com). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LindaForNebraska/](http://www.facebook.com/LindaForNebraska/).



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*Walk-Ins also welcome M-W-F 8am-Noon starting October 21st*



**Nebraska renters: Help is available for past-due payments**

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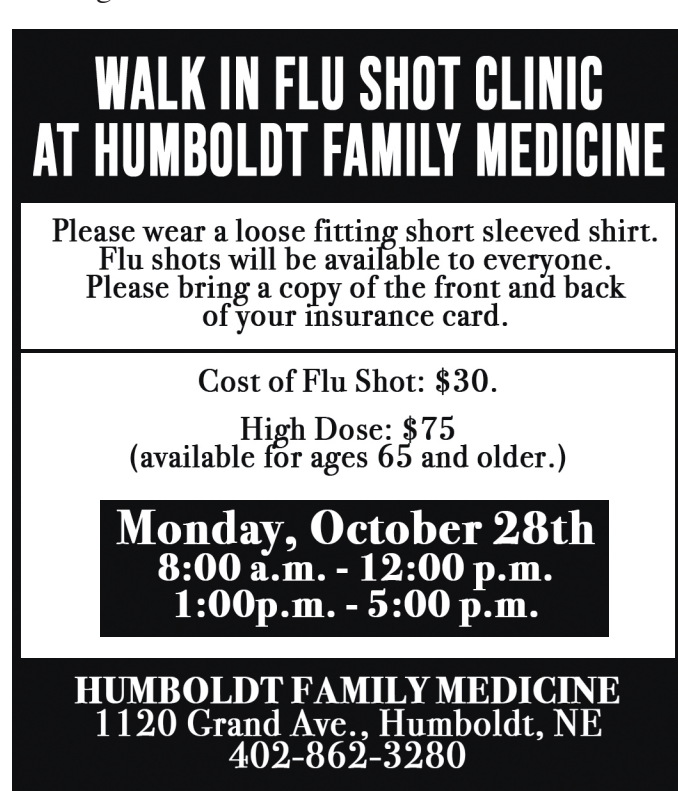
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# Tiger ESports having a great fall season

On October 8, the Tigers had two varsity Overwatch two matches, a varsity Super Smash Bros Ultimate match, and a Middle School Super Smash Bros Ultimate match and were one win shy of sweeping the night.

Overwatch 2 (2-2) defeated Mitchell, NE, 2-0 after school and in the evening defeated Kearney Catholic 2-1 in their most well-played match of the season. In weeks two and three, the team lost tough matches against Stanton, NE, and undefeated number one Freeman. The team consists of captains Deacon Jacobs (Fr.; Support) and Carter Rumbaugh (Fr.; DPS and Support), Avery Wendtlandt (So.; DPS and Support), Christian Saul (So.; Tank), Xaiver Luginbill (Fr.; DPS), Tripp Lippold (So.; DPS), and Dayton Snethen (So.; Support). Coach Nathaniel Syslo commented, "This group of young men has progressed much from week one and played their best against Kearney Catholic. They will have to continue to push themselves to prepare for number three David City next week and number six Bridgeport in Week 6." Both of those teams are currently undefeated.

The varsity Super Smash Bros Ultimate teams both defeated Wakefield, NE, on Tuesday. Team 1 (5-1) consists of Camden Jean (Fr.) and Deacon Jacobs (Fr.). Team two (4-2) consists of Carter Rumbaugh (Fr.), Asher Kuker (Fr.), and Xaiver Luginbill (Fr.).

Both Middle School Smash teams entered the day undefeated and tied at number one with each other and the Norris Middle School team. Team one, Liam Sutton (seventh) and Noah Jacobs (seventh), beat both of Hemingford's teams to remain undefeated at 6-0. Team two, Seth Jackson (seventh), Dierks Foster (seventh), and Zade Bents (eighth) went 1-1 against Hemingford and are now 5-1 overall.

On October 7, the varsity League of Legends team defeated Bridgeport, NE, to improve to 3-0 and a number two ranking, just behind number one Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, on their way to a third consecutive state appearance. Last year the team finished third at the state tournament held at Concordia University in Seward, which was an improvement from the previous year when they finished fourth. The team consists of captains Ethan Boatright (Sr.; Mid Laner) and Peyton Brown (Jr.; Jungler), Ethan Morris (Jr./ ADC), Royce Capek (So.; Support), Kamdyn Huppert (eighth; Top Laner and ADC), Dustin Stilen (Sr.; Top Laner and Support), and Brock Caudle (Jr.; Support). Coach Kory Huppert commented, "This is a very experienced team who are continuing to make adjustments. With the addition of Coach Syslo and his knowledge of the game, they've been able to progress their skills and work together as a team. Our goal is to be in that championship match at Midland University in November and put everything we've learned during this season to the test."

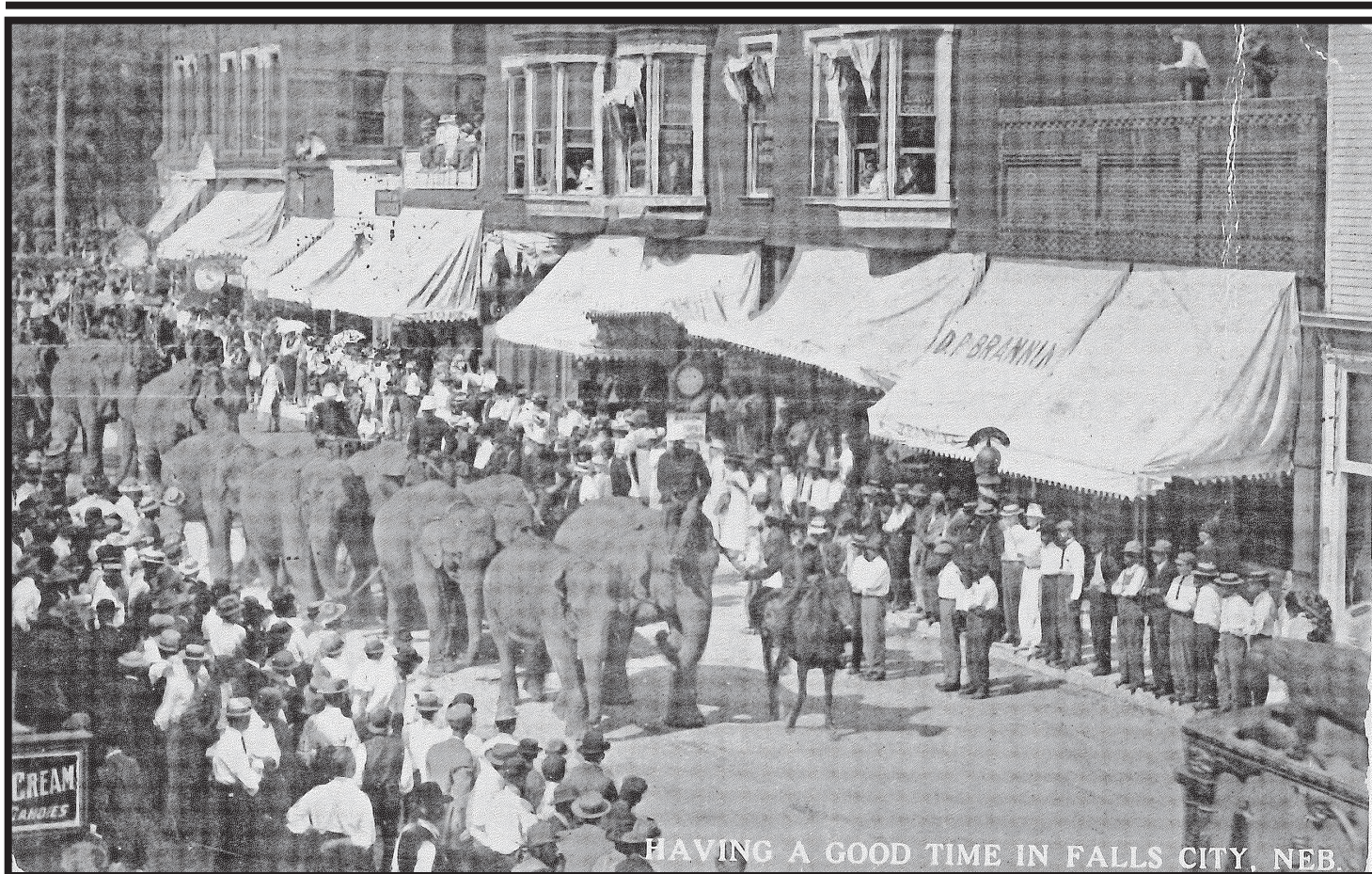
The Overwatch 2 JV team is also 1-2 on the season. That team consists of Benjamin Lee (seventh), Elijah Diltz (eighth), Andre Shafer (eighth), Corbin Lendermon (eighth), Seth Jackson (seventh), and Matthew Teddy (ninth).

Now in their fifth season, the Tiger ESports Program has twenty-eight varsity, junior varsity, and middle school student-athletes competing this Fall. Which are some of their strongest numbers to date. As the eighth team to become a part of the Nebraska Schools ESports Association in 2020, the NSESA now has over 110 teams across the state divided into four divisions based on school enrollment. Falls City is a Division 3 school along with Freeman, Syracuse, Auburn, Louisville, and Conestoga to name a few. Some of the Division 1 schools consist of several Omaha and Lincoln schools, along with Gretna, Norris, and several others.

Every Wednesday after school, the program also has a 6th Grade Club, where students with no failing grades can come in each week to learn and practice the games they'll have a chance to start competing in as seventh graders.

You can follow the program on Twitch by subscribing to the FCPSeSports Channel where they live stream their competitions and receive notifications when they go live for matches. You can also check out the standings and schedules at <https://nsesta.leagueos.gg/>.

## FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



This is a postcard with a stamp from 1912. The postcard reads, "Hello Elton, are you and did you get home. I got home all ok and he is working today. I feel pretty good today. This is main street of Falls City Nebr. From Mama."

### FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

**October 4 through October 5 calls:** two animal calls, one theft, one traffic/driving complaint, five ambulance/EMS, one suspicious person/vehicle, one gun permit, one referred to another agency, two check welfare, one HHS intake/referral, one miscellaneous, one noise disturbance, two 911 hang up/misdial, two 911 calls, one citation for resisting arrest-first offense, one citation for obstruct peace officer, one citation for no valid registration, one citation for no license on person, one citation for overtake/pass stopped school bus, one citation for speeding, two warnings for speeding, one warning for no valid registration, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

**October 5 through October 6 calls:** one noise disturbance, three ambulance/EMS, one 911 hang up/misdial, one information only, two suspicious person/vehicle, six fire calls (Humboldt, Falls City, Dawson, Stella, Verdon), two referred to another agency, one check welfare, ten 911 calls, one citation for no operators license, two citations for no valid registration, one citation for fail to use seatbelt, one citation for stop sign violation, one warning for plates not clear and visible.

**October 6 through October 7 calls:** one 911 hang up/misdial, three referred to another agency, two ambulance/EMS, one investigation, one suspicious person/vehicle, one theft, one noise disturbance, one miscellaneous, one animal call, one 911 call, one citation for fail to use fail to use designated lane, two citations non-resident violate 30-day immunity, one citation for fail to use seatbelt, one citation for drive under suspension, two citations for no valid registration, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for use of handheld mobile device while driving, two warnings for no valid registration, one warning for no proof of insurance, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for nonresident violate 30-day immunity.

**October 7 through October 8 calls:** information not received.

**October 8 through October 9 calls:** one gun permit, three referred to another agency, one animal call, one ambulance/EMS, one information only, one house watch, three miscellaneous, one vandalism, one HHS intake/referral, one theft, one 911 hang up/misdial, one suspicious person/vehicle, five 911 calls, one warning for unlicensed animal, one warning for animal at large.

### Sixty-five participate in Easton J Vonderschmidt Youth Memorial Tournament/Pee Wee Classic

The Falls City Golf Course hosted the first annual Easton J Vonderschmidt Youth Memorial Tournament/Pee Wee Classic on Sunday, September 29. The original date of September 22 was pushed back due to rain. The event was the brainchild of Jamie Vonderschmidt who wanted to offer an event for the area's youth, to recreate the former Pee Wee Classic and honor the memory of her son Easton. Sixty-five golfers aged 3-16 signed up for the inaugural event.

In the 3-6 age category, Peter Scheitel took first, Garrett Bachman was second, and Arie Montgomery was third. In the 7-12 age group, Owen Rebant won first place, Gavin Shubert took the silver, and Hadden Strahm was third. The 13-16-year-olds played a two-person scramble with JJ Lancaster and Brenden Lemerond taking first, Hayden Clow and Kyler Sipple placing second, and Cole Taft and Jaiden Willman placing third.

All participants received a gift bag and shirt.

### RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY



September 23, 2024

Brandon M. Reyes, 31, Humboldt, was arrested on a court commitment.

September 25, 2024

Richard M. Mondono, 39, Arlington, TX was arrested for nonresident violate suspension order.

Lisa N. Radley, 44, Hiawatha, KS was arrested on a warrant for issuing bad checks \$1,500-\$5,000 X's four.

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### Journal Thanksgiving schedule

The office of the Falls City Journal will be closed early on Wednesday November 27, and remain closed on Thanksgiving day and Friday, November 29. The deadline for the December 4 paper will be Wednesday by 10:00 a.m. Please plan ahead.

The Journal will print normally the week of Thanksgiving.



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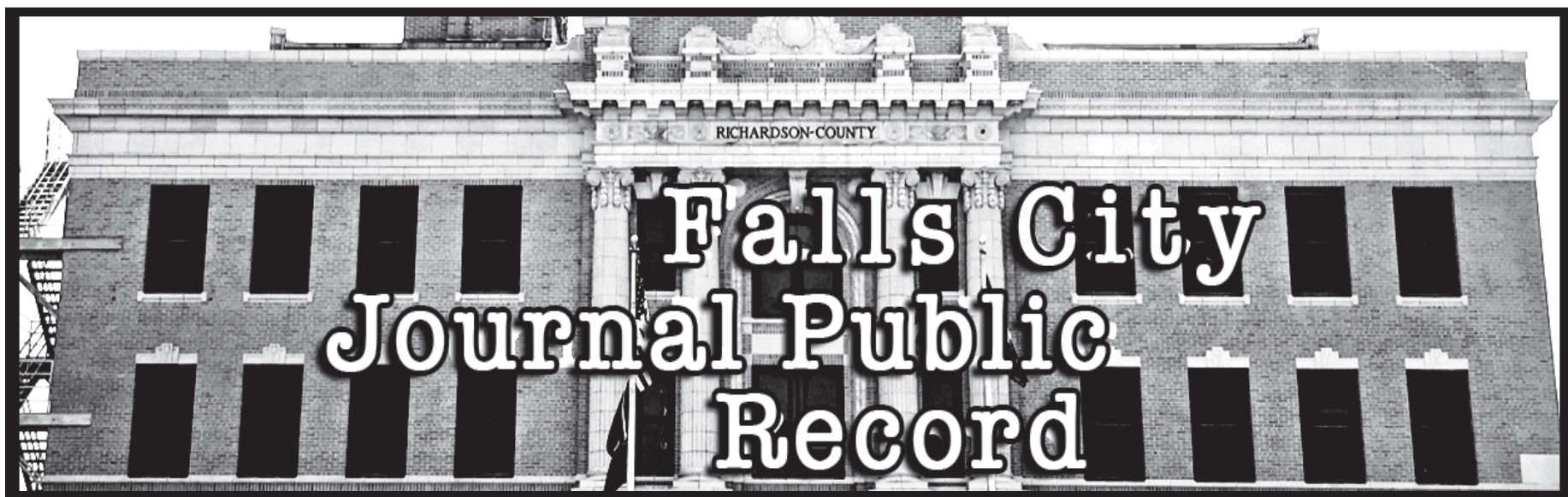
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**(Editor's Note - dismissal without prejudice** means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).

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

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

**CITATIONS**

Donna Powles of Cedar Creek, NE, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Aitken)

Blanca Rodriguez Gonzales of Topeka, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, bald or improper use of tires, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Patricia Snyder of Pawnee City, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Payne Sorrells of Sulphur, OK, count one, no motorcycle operator license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Kyrah Sarrameda-Rosario of Bellevue, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Holliday)

Timothy Creamer of Humboldt, count one, no motorcycle operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, bald or improper use of tires, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Norma Rivera of Ferris, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Victor Garcia Quezada of Carlsbad, NM, count

one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Novak)

Nicholas Cain of Dardanelle, AR, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Cheek)

Asha Maher of Frederick, MD, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Geyer)

Maelynn Bittner of Dawson, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Rene Erives Rios, of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Sierra Robinson of Lansing, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Thomas Bassett of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, nonresident violate 30-day immunity, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Charles Clary of Wathena, KS, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Bryan Tornez-Gonzalez of Omaha, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Shiley)

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

Michael D. Frederick of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph municipal school zone, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Kerianne Hager of Lincoln, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Jonathan Day of Oklahoma City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Justin Eiland-Robles of Mansfield, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Santos Gonzalez-Gonzalez of Porter, TX, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

Mitzel Villarreal of Dell Rapids, SD, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Franks)

Donald Wikle of Morrill, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Cheek)

Douglas Iske of Oklahoma City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

Rolando Rodriguez of Edinburg, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Jacob Holthus of Humboldt, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Robert Gilkerson of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 municipal school, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Georgia Goudy of Cypress, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Anderson)

Leticia Sanchez Morales of Topeka, KS, count one,

speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Clarence Keezer of Ansley, Ne, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Franks)

Ashley Picou of Falls City, count one, stop sign violation, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Stamper)

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Colby D. Brown, count one, possess firearm by prohibited person-first, plead not guilty; count two, criminal impersonation/(1)(c)-first, plead not guilty; count three, carry concealed weapon where prohibited, plead not guilty; count four, obstruct government operations, plead not guilty; count five, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for October 22, 2024.



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## Falls City Sacred Heart

**Wednesday, October 16**

Chicken Noodle Soup, Peas, Peaches, bread, Cinnamon Roll, Milk

**Thursday, October 17**

Goulash, Corn, Pineapple, Cheese Bread, Milk

**Friday, October 18**

Pizza, Broccoli & Cheese, Applesauce, Cookie, Milk

**Monday, October 21**

Mini Corndog, Garlic Noodles, Carrots, Pears, No Bake Cookie, Milk

**Tuesday, October 22**

BBQ Rib Patty, Smiles, Mandarin Oranges, Frosted Graham, Milk

## HTRS Titans

**Wednesday, October 16**

Wisconsin Ham & Cheese Soup, Bread & Butter Sandwich, Baby Carrots, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

**Thursday, October 17**

Salisbury Steak, Mash Potatoes/Gravy, Dinner Roll, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

**Friday, October 18**

Chicken Gyro/Flatbread, Spanish Rice, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

**Monday, October 21**

Quesadillas, Hot Vegetables, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

**Tuesday, October 22**

Scallop Potatoes/Ham, Dinner Roll, Fruit & Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

## Falls City Public Schools

**Wednesday, October 16**

**North & South School:** Chicken Nuggets, Potato Smiles, Broccoli, Pears, Sounce Milk **Middle School:** Cheesy Goulash, Cooke Carrots, Applesauce, French Bread, Sounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Cheesy Goulash, Cooked Carrots, Fruit, French Bread, Sounce Milk **Combo Line:** Crisпитos, Curly Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Sounce Milk

**Thursday, October 17**

**North & South School:** Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans, Corn, Pineapple, Sounce Milk **Middle School:** Fish Sticks, Lettuce Salad, Broccoli, Pineapple, Sounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Grapes, Sounce Milk **Combo Line:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Yogurt, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Sounce Milk

**Friday, October 18**

**North & South School:** Fish Sticks, Sweet Potato Fries, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Sniderdoodle Cookie, Sounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Holloway Special: Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, Pears, Apple Crisp, Sounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, Green Beans, Fruit, Ranger Cookie, Sounce Milk **Combo Line:** Fish Patty, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Sounce Milk

**Monday, October 21**

**North & South School:** Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Hot Roll, Sounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Sailors Special: Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pears, Hot Roll, Sounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, Sounce Milk **Combo Line:** Taquitos, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Sounce Milk

**Tuesday, October 22**

**North & South School:** Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Green Beans, Ruby Red Juice, Pears, Sounce Milk **Middle School:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Yogurt, Lettuce Salad, Broccoli, Peaches, Sounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Chicken Monte Carlo Sandwich, Sweet Potatoe Fries, Corn, Fruit, Sounce Milk **Combo Line:** Popcorn Chicken, Seasoned Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Sounce Milk

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## PSC NUSF-92 program supports cell tower construction

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved nearly \$5.5 million in funding (NUSF-92.64) for the construction of 10 cellular towers through the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) Dedicated Wireless Fund Program.

"Utilizing the Nebraska Universal Service Fund for the support and buildout of cell towers has proven to be yet another avenue the Commission employs to help improve communication to underserved and underserved areas," said Commission Chair Dan Watermeier.

UScellular will receive \$5,493,500 in grant funding support to build 10 tower sites near the communities of Bancroft, Bradshaw, Clearwater, Garland, Glenvil, Orleans, Page, Plymouth, Rising City and Sterling. UScellular has committed to completing construction of the towers within 24 months of approval of the funding.

The PSC allocated just over seven million dollars in Wireless Fund Program Support for the 2024 funding year. The remaining dedicated support allocated but not awarded will be rolled into the next wireless fund grant cycle.

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## GUEST SPORTS COMMENTARY

## Every Husker Fan has a Story

By Lyle Harmon

The current population of Nebraska, 1,961,504 people. It's a small population base compared to most states. Yet, several in the state have a common story to tell. They can point to a moment in time and tell you exactly when it happened. And the story doesn't just occur inside the borders of Nebraska, it happens outside the state as well. It has happened to hundreds, thousands – perhaps an uncountable number. The moment – when a Cornhusker fan is born.

I use the word born, because most aren't born fans. It's something that happens to them. They grow up aware of its existence and feel its presence but don't fully understand it. Like a long-lost family member they never knew, they hear stories from their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. They watch and see the happiness on their faces as they listen to the stories, hearing names they've never heard. The story tellers laugh, cry, talk of the bad times, the good times, and of better days ahead. The listeners hear the emotion in the words spoken. And because of all they have heard, they feel something even before their own birth occurs.

The moment for me came as an 11-year-old boy while my dad and grandpa listened to Lyle Bremser call a game on the radio. The year, 1971. It was a clear, crisp fall day, the sun shining. My dad, who was a mechanic at the time, was working on a farmer's tractor in our shop. Parked outside the shop, the game was on the radio of my dad's pickup, the windows rolled down and the volume turned up. My grandpa sat on an old wooden chair outside the door so he could hear better. My dad stepped out of the door and asked my grandpa the score as he wiped the grease from his hands with a red rag. I stopped playing to watch, and I could see something in their faces. It got my attention. Seeing they were listening to the radio with such interest, I decided I should listen to what Bremser had to say.

I crawled up into the back of my dad's truck. He had a set of old tires in the back, and I sat down in the middle of one and leaned back as if in a tube floating down a lazy river. I closed my eyes and let the sun, warm and comforting, shine on my face as I listened. It was the first game of the season against Oregon. As I sat with my eyes closed, I could see running back Jeff Kinney in his bright red and white uniform ripping through the Oregon defenders. I could hear the Memorial Stadium crowd as they cheered, and I could feel the excitement in Bremser's voice as he called the game. Nebraska won that day 34-7 and my world changed. I was hooked.

I had dreamed of what the team looked like listening to the radio. But seeing them on my grandparents' television with the volume turned down and listening to Bremser was a new level. To watch, in color, to see Kinney in his tear away jersey romp down the field against Oklahoma in the Game of the Century, was truly life changing. Afterwards, I took my football out in the yard and became Jeff Kinney. Throwing the ball into the air, catching it and running through Oklahoma defenders.

The last game of the '71 season, I snuck my transistor radio to bed so I could listen to the Hawaii game. With the time difference, I wasn't allowed to stay up that late, but having a radio and knowing the game was on, not listening was unthinkable. The '71 season was special, as Dad would buy a new colored television for Christmas so we could watch the Cornhuskers play Alabama in the Orange Bowl on New Years.

The 1971 season was the beginning of my story, and a dream was born. But within a year, my dream would be shattered.

Lyle Harmon is a native of Richardson County who has been following Cornhusker football for over fifty years. He's gone from being a diesel mechanic, an engineering shop technician, an illustrator, a draftsman, and finally a mechanical designer. You can find more of Harmon's work at [carrikerchronicles.com](http://carrikerchronicles.com).



## Students compete at Southeast area Land Judging

A total of 332 students and adults participated in the 2024 Southeast Area Land Judging competition held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 in Johnson County, Nebraska. The farm of Arlen (Kathie) and Andy (Amber) Grottrian of Johnson generously hosted the event. Participants from a record eighteen schools were brought together to test their skills in soil and land evaluation. The competition, designed to promote sustainable agriculture and expose youth to potential career opportunities, continues to grow in size and importance.

The land judging competition challenges students to gain a better understanding of soil structure and land evaluation. Students learn to recognize physical features of soil, determine land capability for crop production, and evaluate management practices needed for proper stewardship. "Soils are the foundation of agriculture in Nebraska" said Mike Burgert, District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) serving the Nemaha NRD.

The event was a collaborative effort between the USDA NRCS, Nemaha NRD, and Nebraska's Association of Resources Districts (NARD). Mark Willoughby, retired NRCS soil scientist volunteered his time for the ninth consecutive year as contest foreman. Landowners like the Grottrian family continue to play a crucial role in supporting the educational goals of the competition by offering their land as judging sites.

During the contest, participants had 20 minutes to judge each of the four distinct locations. A notable update this year was the continued use of scantron technology to streamline the scoring process.

"We typically see around fourteen schools participate," said Ashley Rippe, Nemaha NRD Information and Education Coordinator. "But this year, with a record eighteen schools participating, we were able to qualify an additional school for the State competition on October 16, 2024. It is very exciting to see the growth!" State qualifying teams include

1. Lewiston – Brody Wright, Cooper Swendener, Axel Seeman, Ashlynn Anderson
2. Pawnee City – Dylan Layne, Tyler Tegtmeier, Madolyn Gottula, Taelyn Blecha
3. Johnson County Central – Kayden Badertscher, Molly Weber, Riley Wellensiek, Stefani Peters
4. Johnson-Brock – Ellanor Gerdes, Andrew Hodges, Taryn Ottemann, Austin Meyer
5. Falls City – Bowdy Jones, Dayton Snethen, Malori Kuger, Taiylah Moore

In addition to the top qualifying teams, the top ten individuals will also advance to the state competition. Individual state qualifiers are Bowdy Jones (1), Dylan Layne (2), Axel Seeman (3), Ashlynn Anderson (4), Kayden Badertscher (5), Samuel Thomas (6, Meridian), Tyler Tegtmeier (7), Joely Weers (8, Diller-Odell), Madolyn Gottula (9), and Taelyn Blecha (10).

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## Lee Ferguson

Lee Ferguson, 90, of Falls City, NE, passed away October 7, 2024 at Lincoln, NE. She was born November 28, 1933 at Brock, NE to Hugh and Nainie (Robertson) Stoddard.

She married Robert Ferguson on November 29, 1953 at Brock, NE. He passed away March 4, 2023.

Lee was raised in Brock and graduated Brock Consolidated High School. She then went on to attend Peru State College for two years. When the couple was married, they made their home in Falls City. She worked at the courthouse in the treasurer's office and then as a bookkeeper at Richardson County Bank before having children. She returned to the work force three years after her youngest child was born. She started working part-time at Falls City Hospital in the business office. When the children were all in school, she went to full time. She became the office manager and then assistant administrator until her retirement at the end of 1994. Later she worked for the construction firm working at the hospital. She also worked for Don as the secretary of Ram Exterminators. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and held several

positions in the church. She was past president of Mrs. Jaycees, member PTA, Joy Belles, Pink Ladies, Falter Art Revue, Serosis, Richardson County Genealogy. She served on the boards of the Community Medical Center and Senior Citizens Board.

Lee is survived by her children, Nick and Don Ferguson both of Falls City, Gerry Ferguson and his wife Estella of De Kalb, MO, Barbie Bruss and her husband Logan of Bennet, NE, grandchildren, Dustin and Jordyn Ferguson, Erica and Dan Ferguson, Aaron and Brent Matthews, Amber Wagner, Dillon Ferguson, Rachel Barth and Jeffrey Bruss and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Robert Stoddard and a sister, Evelyn Jensen.

Her memorial service will be held on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM at First United Methodist Church with Lauri Beach officiating. Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 4-5:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials be made to family choice for later designation.

## Robert Plattner

Robert Plattner, 63, of Sabetha, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, after a brave battle with cancer at his apartment at the Apostolic Christian Retirement Village in Sabetha.

Robert was born in Sabetha on December 1, 1960, the ninth child of eleven children born to Walter and Joyce (Warrick) Plattner. Robert grew up on the family farm north of Sabetha, where he nurtured a deep connection to the land as a farmer and cattleman. During high school, Robert was an athlete who participated in basketball and football. He graduated from Sabetha High School in 1980. His love of sports continued throughout his life, and he was an avid fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals.

Robert found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He enjoyed music, watching sports, and drinking Mountain Dew. His loyal dogs were his faithful companions as he ran errands in Sabetha and worked around the farm. Robert was known to have a watchful eye on the weather, and was always eager to learn about the rainfall totals from others in the area. He had a deep appreciation for his community and the people in it. He genuinely cared for others, and treated them with respect and compassion, never hesitating to lend a helping hand. Robert's infectious smile and laughter, made it impossible not to laugh and smile along with him.

Robert fought his illness with remarkable strength and unwavering faith. He took comfort in knowing

that he was going to be with Jesus, and his belief in eternal peace carried him through his battle. Now, Robert is safe in the arms of Jesus, free from pain and suffering.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Gail, and his sister-in-law, Marge Plattner.

Although Robert never married and had no children, he was a loving brother to his five brothers and five sisters. Robert is survived by his nine siblings, Jim Plattner of Sabetha; Eileen (Kenny) Ellerman of Nortonville, Kansas; Neil Plattner of Sabetha; Erma (Fred) Thorne of Tonganoxie, Kansas; Ellen (Gerry) Hertzell of Sabetha; Randy (Sheryl) Plattner of Sabetha; Laura (Gary) Pyle of Morrill, Kansas; Gary (Denise) Plattner of Sabetha; and Becky (Tom) Rokey of Fairview, Kansas. He will also be deeply missed by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the NorthRidge Church in Sabetha. Prior to the service, a visitation was held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Sabetha Cemetery in Sabetha. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sabetha Community Hospital and to the Nemaha County Home Health & Hospice, both of Sabetha sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, Kansas 66534. Condolences may be shared online at [www.popkessmortuaries.com](http://www.popkessmortuaries.com).

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**CHARLES W. HERBSTER**  
 Produces the New Movie  
**TRUMP'S RESCUE MISSION: SAVING AMERICA**



**Charles W. Herbster at the world premiere of  
*Trump's Rescue Mission: Saving America*  
 during the 2024 Republican National Convention in Madison, WI**

**MADISON, WI** — Earlier this summer, during the 2024 Republican National Convention, President Donald J. Trump hosted the world premiere of the new movie, *Rescue Mission: Saving America*. The movie that premiered features amazing and true contrasts between President Trump's time in office when America was enjoying some of the most prosperous years in decades and Biden/Harris' destruction of America.

As the Executive Producer for the movie, Falls City native Charles W. Herbster was on hand with President Trump at the movie's world premiere in Madison, WI. Explaining how the movie was originally scripted to contrast Biden vs. Trump, Herbster shared, "In July, when the Democratic ticket switched to Harris as their nominee, our film editors went back to the cutting room floor and edited the movie to show the differences between President Trump and Kamala Harris. Let me tell you, there was even more to talk about with Harris! She is by far the most extremely liberal candidate to EVER run for the office of President. The movie is even more important now!"

"I am proud to be the Executive Producer for both versions of the film, created by my friend David Bossie and Citizens United." Herbster further encouraged, "This is a must watch movie, and a must share with your friends."

*Trump's Rescue Mission: Saving America* can be viewed at  
<https://citizensunitedmovies.com/pages/trumpsavesamericamovie>



Jacoby Bangert and Blakely Sells lead the team out of the tunnel on Friday night at Jug Brown Stadium.

## Tigers fall to Rockets at Jug Brown Stadium

The Tiger football squad fell for the third time in four games, losing to the Syracuse Rockets 54-15 on Friday night at Jug Brown Stadium. The Rockets' win marked their third consecutive after opening the season at 1-3.

Falls City received the opening kickoff and Coach Jack Bangert and crew were ready to pull out all the stops. On the game's first offensive play, Falls City ran a flea flicker reverse, with QB Blakely Sells uncorking a pass downfield to Jacoby Bangert for a gain of 48 yards to begin the contest. The Rocket defense held and forced a turnover on downs by the Tigers. Syracuse, eating up nearly 13 yards per play, drove 76 yards in six plays, scoring on a two-yard run up the middle to make it 6-0. The PAT pass made it 8-0 with 6:53 to play in the first.

Syracuse recovered an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff, giving them the ball at the FC 43.

Three plays later, Mason Lintz scored on a 29-yard run, which saw the running back cut against the grain for the score. The PAT pass from Schroeder to Lintz made it 16-0 at the 5:29 mark in the first.

A good kick return by Orion Cattrell put FC at Rocket 49 to begin the drive. However, the drive

bogged down, forcing a Tiger punt.

The Rockets drove to midfield, but Preston Buckminster pounced on a fumble, setting the Tigers up with plus field position at the Rocket 48.

On the next play, FC tossed an interception, giving Syracuse the ball right back. Two plays later, Syracuse scored on a toss sweep to the left, and Lintz raced into the endzone untouched for the 32-yard score. The PAT was no good as Syracuse led 22-0 with fifty-eight seconds remaining in the quarter.

The Rockets added scoring drives of 72 and 73 yards in the second quarter and led 35-0 at intermission.

Syracuse opened the third with a five-play scoring drive, taking a 41-0 lead with 9:06 to play in the quarter. On fourth and two at the FC 46, Cy Petersen ran the ball up the middle for the score.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Tieran Cox scored on a 54-yard run to make it 48-0.

A bright spot for FC, Jaxten Jorgensen sprinted down the right sideline for an 83-yard TD on the following kickoff. The Jorgensen PAT kick made it 48-7 with 11:33 to play in the game.

Syracuse ate over five minutes of game time on

the next drive, ending with a 21-yard TD run by Logan Jazbec to make it 52-7 with 6:12 to play.

On second and 18 at the Syracuse 39, Jorgensen took a handoff and went untouched for his second touchdown of the game. Bangert's PAT made the final score 54-15.

Syracuse's big line controlled both sides of the ball. The Rockets held a 518 to 132 edge on offense, including a 470-to-40-yard advantage on the ground. FC managed just five first downs but committed just four penalties for 45 yards.

Jorgensen led the ground attack for FC with 55 yards and a score on four carries. Sells completed 6/11 pass attempts for 80 yards and an interception. Tegan Alexander was all over the field on defense, finishing with 15 stops, including three for losses.

Rushing Stats: Jorgensen 5-55, 1 TD; Sells 1-1; Buckminster 1-0.

Passing: Sells 6/11-80 yards, 1 Int; Bangert 1/5-12 yards, 1 Int.

Receiving: Frederick 3-21; Bauer 2-21; Bangert 1-48; Jorgensen 1-2.

After beginning the season at 4-1, FC has gone 1-2 in the last three games, falling to 4-3 for the season. The Tigers will play at Wilber-Clatonia on Friday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. On Friday night, the Wolverines, 3-4, defeated Nebraska City 35-20.



Senior Hayden Findlay attacks the hill at the ECNC Meet at the Falls City Golf Course on Tuesday.

## Tigers host ECNC Cross Country Meet

On a beautiful early October day, Falls City High School hosted the ECNC Cross Country Meet at the Falls City Golf Course. Tuesday, October 7, marked the event west of town for teams from the conference. The Auburn Bulldogs won the girl's meet with 13 points, while Palmyra was crowned the champions on the boys' side with 19 points.

The Lady Tigers placed fourth on Tuesday with 59 points, and the boys were sixth with 102. A pair of girls medaled for the Tigers, with Jennifer Sweeney placing 12th (22:49.94) and Joah Anderson 14th in 22:53.31. Fellow Tigers Destiny Pierce (24:38.95) and Kinsie Riggs (24:39.85) were 21st and 22nd, respectively. Falls City's Madalyn Hawley placed 29th (26:56.19), and Hana Irizarry was 35th in 37:30.17. Liston Crotty of Auburn won the race in 20:33.72.

For the boys, Ryker McCullough brought home 11th place, crossing the line in 19:13.01. Lathan Richey ran a personal-best 21:10.84 to place 27th. Teammate Emmett Daake also ran a personal-record time of 23:02.60 for 36th, and Hayden Findlay was 41st in 23:54.86. Jobjiah Muthiani of Freeman won the race in 16:50.22.

Audrey Scrivens placed third in the middle school races at 8:40.74, and Peyton Weddle was close behind in fourth at 8:43.86.

Martin Irizarry placed fifth in 8:01.14 for the boys, and Ryder Hullman covered the 2400-meter course in 8:47.56 for 17th.

The teams are off until Thursday, October 17, when they travel to Branched Oak State Park for the Class C-1 District Meet. Teams competing include Ashland-Greenwood, Auburn, Conestoga, Falls City, Johnson County Central, Lincoln Christian, Lincoln Lutheran, Louisville, Malcolm, Palmyra, Raymond Central, and Syracuse.

For the girls, Sweeney currently sits in the 17th position in the district, Anderson is 20th, and Pierce is 26th. For the boys, McCullough has the 30th fastest time heading into districts.

## Tigers season ends at subdistricts in Hastings

The Tigers softball season ended Monday, falling in the first round of the Class C-1 subdistrict in Hasting to Ponca, 14-0. The Tigers, 1-23, entered the postseason as the No. 4 seed, while 4-25 Ponca was the No. 5 seed.

The Indians opened the game with two singles and a walk in the first three batters to face FC pitcher Jazzy Strecker. A hit by pitch, two wild pitches and a sac fly led to the game's first runs, giving Ponca a 4-0 lead with one out in the first. A line drive single, a wild pitch and an error made it 5-0, and an error on a stolen base made it 6-0 after the top half of the first.

FC looked to regain momentum in the bottom half of the frame. With two outs, Delaney Godemann reached on an error. A single to right field by Brylee Liberty put two runners on but a strikeout ended the threat for the Tigers.

Ponca added three more runs in the second to push their advantage to 9-0. Reagan McNeely opened the second for FC with a four-pitch walk. However, a fly out and two strikeouts left the runner stranded.

Ponca put the game out of reach in the third, using two walks, two errors, a hit by pitch and a base hit to make it 14-0.

Strecker gave the Tigers life in the bottom of the third, leading off with a single to the right fielder. A one-out base hit by Godemann kept the inning moving forward for FC. After Liberty's line out to center field, Bristol Titus worked a walk to load the bases. A strikeout ended the game for FC, falling to Ponca 0-14.

Falls City was outthit by the Indians 5-3 and committed seven errors compared to one by Ponca.

Strecker, Godemann, and Liberty collected singles for FC, while Titus and McNeely reached base by walking.

Strecker threw two innings in the circle, allowing four hits, 11 runs (seven earned) and walked five, while Liberty pitched one inning, surrendering one hit and three runs (0 earned).

The loss ended Falls City's season at 1-24. It marked the 13th time the Tigers were shut out this season. Ponca fell to top-seed Hasting St. Cecilia 10-0 in the next round.

## Lady Titans down

## Pawnee City

On Thursday, October 10, the HTRS Titans played in a triangular at Diller-Odell. The Lady Titans split the pair of contests on Thursday night, falling to the Griffins 16-25 and 19-25, but rebounded to down the Indians 25-10 and 25-22.

In the contest versus Diller-Odell, HTRS finished with 17 kills on 60 attacks with ten errors for a .098 hitting percentage.

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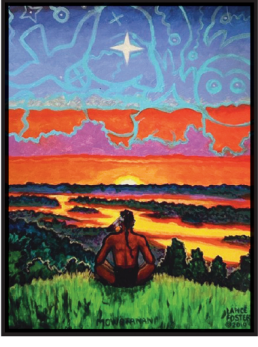
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Ella Glathar and Bella Johansen attempt a block in action versus Sterling on Saturday morning.

## Lady Tigers place second at home invite

The Falls City volleyball team rebounded nicely from a loss to Conestoga on Thursday to place second at the Falls City Invite on Saturday. The Lady Tigers finished the week at 2-2 and are 8-15 entering the ECNC Conference Tournament this week.

On Thursday, October 10, FC traveled north to take on the Cougars from Conestoga. Falls City battled closely in the first set, falling 23-25, then dropped set two 16-25 and the third 10-25. The Tigers were out-hit .210 in the three-set match.

FC ended the match with 19 kills and 19 errors on 109 attempts. Bella Johansen had eight kills, Carlea Dunkhas added five, and Taylor Kreifels finished with four. Gabi Young and Dunkhas had two aces, while Paige Young led the way with 19 digs. Gabi also led the squad with 17 assists.

Saturday morning began slowly for the Tigers

as they fell in three sets to Pawnee City 18-25, 26-24 and 22-25. Dunkhas led the attack with eight kills, Johansen had three ace serves, Paige Young added 20 digs, and Gabi Young contributed 19 assists.

Falls City fought back and claimed a two-set win in the next match against Sterling, 25-10 and 25-12. FC attacked much better, finishing with 21 kills and six errors on 48 swings for a .312 hitting percentage. Johansen and Kaitlyn Kirkendall had seven kills, Paige Young had four aces and six digs, and Gabi Young added 17 assists.

In the day's third match, FC dominated the Palmyra Panthers in two sets, 25-19 and 25-10. With the win, FC finished runner-up in the 2024 Falls City Invitational Tournament.

Falls City entered the 2024 ECNC Tourney as the No. 8 seed and played No. 2 JCC on Monday at 5:00 p.m. in Tecumseh.

## Lady Irish look for strong showing at Pioneer Conference Tourney

The Sacred Heart volleyball team needs a strong effort at the Pioneer Conference Tournament this week. They limped into the tournament, losing six of their last eight contests. The 13-13 Irish entered the conference tourney as the No. 4 seed and played the No. 5 seeded Lourdes Central Knights on Monday, October 14, at Lourdes Central High School in Nebraska City.

The Lady Irish had a light week as they prepared for conference play, dropping its only match of the week to the Savannah Savages 16-25, 21-25 and 12-25. *(Stats not provided)*

After conference play, SH will host a triangular on Tuesday, October 22, when they host Johnson-Brock and HTRS. The Lady Irish are currently No. 20 in the Class D2 wildcard point standings.

## Titans fall at Weeping Water

The HTRS football squad fell to 2-5 for the year with a 52-11 loss to the 6-1 Weeping Water Indians on Friday night at Weeping Water High School. Weeping Water dominated the second quarter, and it proved to be the difference. Leading 16-8 after the first quarter, Weeping Water outscored HTRS 24-0 in the second to take a commanding 40-8 halftime lead. The third period was played evenly with the defenses prevailing as the teams played to a 0-0 tie. However, the final twelve minutes belonged to the home team as they outscored the Titans 12-3 and won for the sixth time in seven contests.

Senior running back Hunter Bohling led the team with 78 yards rushing and a score. Freshman QB Bradyn Bowen completed 4/15 pass attempts for 14 yards and two interceptions. The Titans rushed for 89 yards while Weeping Water ran wild with 295 yards rushing on 42 carries. Tucker Bickford led the Indians with 161 yards and three touchdowns on 19 touches. The QB also completed 9/11 passes for 96 yards and a score.

On defense, the combination of Bohling and Emmett Glathar did all they could to slow down the Weeping Water rushing attack. Bohling finished with a game-high 13 stops, while Glathar was next with ten.

Rushing Stats: Dunlap 4-11; Bohling 10-78, 1TD.

Passing: Bowen 4/15-14 yards, 2 Ints.

Receiving: Dettmann 1-1; Dunlap 1-7; Bohling 2-6.

The 2-5 Titans wrap up the 2024 regular season on Friday, October 17, when they host the 5-2 JCC Thunderbirds. JCC enters the game on a three-game winning streak, having taken down Freeman, Omaha Christian Academy and Lourdes Central. Meanwhile, the Titans have dropped four of their last five and are looking to end the regular season on a high note.

## Falcons best Irish in battle on gridiron

In a battle of teams hoping to find their identity, the Freeman Falcons came out on top, defeating the Sacred Heart Irish 56-22 for their first win of the season.

A game that many thought the Irish had a good chance of winning quickly turned south, with the home team racing to a 49-0 lead in the third period. Sacred Heart was its own biggest obstacle, turning the ball over four times, three fumbles and one interception.

The Falcons got off to a great offensive start, driving 58 yards in eight plays, ending with an Easton Buss six-yard TD run. The PAT kick made it 7-0 at the 9:17 mark.

The Irish countered with an 11-play drive of their own, getting down to the Freeman four-yard line. However, unable to punch it in, the Irish turned the ball over on downs.

A determined Irish defense gave a great effort, stopping the Falcons on three plays and forcing the first punt of the game. Again, SH got inside the Freeman red zone but was turned away by the Falcon defense.

The home team took advantage this time, driving 62 yards for the second score of the contest. A 14-yard run by Buss made it 14-0 with 9:22 on the clock in the first half.

The wheels began to come off for the Irish after the second Falcon score. On the first play of the ensuing Irish drive, Freeman recovered a fumble on a pitch, setting them up on the plus side of the field at the Irish 27. Four plays later, Buss found Trevor Reed for a 12-yard TD pass, making it 21-0 with just under eight minutes to play in the second.

A three-and-out by the Irish brought in the punt unit for the first time. Freeman needed seven plays to cover the 61 yards, ending with a one-yard plunge by Buss to push the Falcon lead to 28-0 with 2:52 to go before the break.

When things aren't going your way, trouble has a way of finding you. Irish QB Tate Wilcox was picked off on the next drive, giving Freeman the ball at the SH 29. With six seconds remaining in the half, True Jurgens scored on a one-yard run to make it 35-0 at the half.

Things went from bad to worse as the Irish began the second half. On the first play of the third, Elijah Canonico put the ball on the turf, and Hudson Vetrovsky recovered at the SH 17. Four plays and 17 yards later, Buss had his fourth score of the game, making it 42-0 with just under nine minutes to play in the third.

Another fumble by the Irish set the Falcons up at the Sacred Heart 15. Three plays later, Bryce Bernhardt scored on a six-yard run to push the deficit to 0-49 for the Irish.

The silver lining for the Irish was they outscored Freeman 22-7 the rest of the way.

With 3:38 to play in the third, Wilcox sprinted for

a 42-yard TD. The PAT pass from Wilcox to Cole Taft made it 8-49. Freeman responded with another score two minutes later, but the Irish weren't done.

Sacred Heart's Henry Rottinghaus scored on a 28-yard run as time expired in the third to cut the deficit to 42 points at 14-56. The final points came when Brenden Lemerond hit Connor Nelson for a one-yard TD pass, capping off a seven-play, 45-yard drive. The PAT pass from Lemerond to JJ Lancaster made the final 22-56.

Sacred Heart had success on offense; they just struggled with turnovers and scoring in the red zone. The Irish rushed for 222 yards on 35 attempts, while Freeman ran 36 times for 239 yards. The Irish completed 3/10 passes for 28 yards, while the Falcons went 11/17 for 93. Each team was penalized five times, while the Irish finished with four turnovers and the Falcons had none.

Wilcox nearly broke the century mark on the ground, rushing 11 times for 87 yards and a score. Lemerond went 2-2 passing for nine yards and a score. Canonico and Rob Froeschl led the defense with nine tackles, while Toby Baxter had three stops, including a sack.

Rushing Stats: Canonico 7-16; Froeschl 5-11; Groth 4-30; Lancaster 1-5; Lemerond 2-13; Rottinghaus 5-60; Wilcox 11-87.

Passing: Lemerond 2/2-nine yards, 1 TD; Wilcox 1/8-19 yards, 1 Int.

Receiving: Nelson 2-9, 1 TD; Taft 1-19.

The 1-6 Irish will look to end the season on a high note when they host the 2-5 Cedar Bluffs Wildcats on Friday, October 18, at Jug Brown Stadium. The Wildcats are coming off a 58-14 setback against Elmwood-Murdock.

## Lady Titans down Pawnee City

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Elie Bstandig finished with 12 kills and just two errors for Coach Nic Sikora's crew. Laramie Glathar had five assists, seven digs and four kills.

In the second match of the evening, Bstandig led the offense with ten kills, three ace serves and five assists. Glathar was 9/9 serving with an ace, eight digs, 11 assists and six kills. Lillian Bowen added seven digs and three kills and was 10/10 serving.

The win boosted the Titans to a 12-11 mark heading into the Pioneer Conference Tournament. The sixth-seeded Titans hosted No. 3 seed Exeter-Milligan Friend on Monday at 5:45 p.m. A win would set up a match on Tuesday at HTRS High School, likely against Diller-Odell. The finals will be on Saturday, October 19, at 4:00 p.m. at HTRS. The third-place game will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday in Humboldt.

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INITIATIVE MEASURE 434

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 434

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that, except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.

A vote "AGAINST" will not amend the Nebraska Constitution in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to include a new section which provides: "Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters."

- For
- Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 434

**OBJECT STATEMENT:** The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Language

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

**TEXT: Article I of the Nebraska Constitution shall be amended by adding a new section 31 that states as follows:**

I-31 Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.

REFERENDUM MEASURE 435

Ballot Title and Text for Referendum Measure 435

Referendum Ordered by Petition of the People

A vote to "RETAIN" will keep in effect Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402 enacted in 2024 by the Nebraska Legislature. Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402 provides for \$10 million annually to fund education scholarships to pay all or part of the cost to educate eligible students attending nongovernmental, privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska.

A vote to "REPEAL" will eliminate the funding and scholarship provisions in Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402.

**Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402, enacted by the Nebraska Legislature in 2024, provides for \$10 million annually to fund education scholarships to pay all or part of the cost to educate eligible students attending nongovernmental, privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska.**

Shall Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402 be repealed?

- Retain
- Repeal

Full Text of Proposed Measure 435

**OBJECT STATEMENT:** The object of this petition is to repeal Section 1 of LB 1402, passed by the 108th Nebraska Legislature in 2024, which directs \$10 million dollars annually for financial grants-in-aid for eligible students to attend a qualifying privately operated elementary or secondary school in Nebraska.

Proposed Referendum to Repeal LB 1402 Section 1 (2024)

(underscored language indicates language added by LB 1402, strike through indicates language being removed by LB 1402)

**TEXT: A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education scholarships; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to provide for education scholarships; to repeal the Opportunity Scholarships Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 77-7101, 77-7102, 77-7103, 77-7104, 77-7105, 77-7106, 77-7107, 77-7108, 77-7109, 77-7110, 77-7111, 77-7112, and 77-7113,**

Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

**Section 1.** (1) The Legislature finds that: (a) Funds appropriated for the education of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are for a fundamental public purpose of state government and constitute an ordinary expense of state government; (b) Enabling the greatest number of parents and legal guardians to choose among quality educational opportunities for children will improve the quality of education available to all children; (c) Privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska satisfy the state's requirements for legal operation and provide quality educational opportunities for children; (d) Parents and legal guardians of limited means are less able to choose among quality educational opportunities for their children; and (e) Making it possible for more parents and legal guardians to be able to choose privately operated schools benefits Nebraska parents and taxpayers. (2) For purposes of this section: (a) Education scholarship means a financial grant-in-aid to be used to pay all or part of the cost to educate an eligible student attending a qualified school; (b) Eligible student means a resident of Nebraska who: (i) is receiving an education scholarship for the first time and is (A) entering kindergarten or ninth grade in a qualified school or the first grade level offered by the qualified school, (B) transferring from a public school at which the student was enrolled for at least one semester immediately preceding the first semester for which the student receives an education scholarship to a qualified school and is entering any of grades kindergarten through twelve, or (C) a member of an active duty or reserve military family transferring into Nebraska from another state or another country and is entering any of grades kindergarten through twelve in a qualified school; (ii) has previously received an education scholarship under this section and is continuing education at a qualified school until such student graduates from high school or reaches twenty-one years of age, whichever comes first; (iii) has previously received an education scholarship under the Opportunity Scholarships Act, as such act existed prior to its repeal by this legislative bill, and is continuing education at a qualified school until such student graduates from high school or reaches twenty-one years of age, whichever comes first; (iv) is the sibling of a student who is receiving an education scholarship and resides in the same household as such student; or (v) is currently enrolled in a qualified school and is a member of a family whose household income is no more than two hundred thirteen percent of the federal poverty level; and (c) Qualified school means any nongovernmental, privately operated elementary or secondary school located in this state that (i) is operated not for profit, (ii) complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C., 1981, as such section existed on January 1, 2024, (iii) complies with all health and life safety laws or codes that apply to privately operated schools, and (iv) fulfills the applicable accreditation or approval requirements established by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 79-318. (3) The State Treasurer shall establish a program to provide education scholarships to eligible students to pay the costs associated with attending a qualified school. Under such program, the State Treasurer shall: (a) Establish a priority system for awarding education scholarships under the program. Such priority system shall: (i) Give first priority to: (A) Eligible students who received an education scholarship under this section or under the Opportunity Scholarships Act, as such act existed prior to its repeal by this legislative bill, during the previous school year; and (B) The sibling of a student who is receiving an education scholarship, so long as the sibling resides in the same household as such student; (ii) Give second priority to: (A) Eligible students whose household income levels do not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level; (B) Eligible students whose application for the enrollment option program established in section 79-234 has been denied; (C) Eligible students who have an individualized education program; (D) Eligible students who are experiencing bullying, harassment, hazing, assault, battery, kidnapping, robbery, sexual offenses, threat or intimidation, or fighting at school; (E) Eligible students who are in foster care; and (F) Eligible students who are in a family with a parent or guardian in an active duty role in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or in the National Guard, or whose parent or guardian was killed serving in the line of duty; (iii) Give third priority to eligible students whose household income levels exceed one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level but do not exceed two hundred thirteen percent of the federal poverty level; and (iv) Give fourth priority

to eligible students whose household income levels exceed two hundred thirteen percent of the federal poverty level but do not exceed three hundred percent of the income indicated in the income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program in 7 C.F.R. part 210; (b) Limit the maximum scholarship amount awarded to any eligible student to the cost necessary to educate the eligible student at the qualified school such student attends; and (c) Limit scholarship amounts awarded to eligible students in a manner that assures that the average of the scholarship amounts awarded per student does not exceed seventy-five percent of the statewide average general fund operating expenditures per formula student for the most recently available complete data year as such terms are defined in section 79-1003. (4) The annual limit on the total amount of education scholarships awarded under this section for fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter shall be ten million dollars. (5) On or before December 1, 2025, and on or before December 1 of each year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall electronically submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature that includes the following: (a) A summary description of the State Treasurer's policies and procedures for awarding education scholarships; (b) The number of eligible students receiving education scholarships in the most recent fiscal year; (c) The total amount of education scholarships awarded in the most recent fiscal year; (d) The number of eligible students currently wait-listed or denied from receiving an education scholarship and the reason for the wait-listing or denial; and (e) The demographic information of eligible students receiving education scholarships, including, but not limited to: (i) Income level; (ii) Grade level; and (iii) Geographic location. (6) The State Treasurer may enter into contracts with up to three program managers for the purposes of carrying out the education scholarship program described in this section. (7) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate ten million dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter to the State Treasurer for the purpose of providing education scholarships as provided in this section. (8) Up to seven and one-half percent of the funds appropriated for purposes of this section may be used by the State Treasurer, or by the program managers with which the State Treasurer contracts, for administrative expenses. (9) This section shall not be construed as granting any expanded or additional authority to the State of Nebraska to control or influence the governance or policies of any qualified school due to the fact that the qualified school admits and enrolls students who receive education scholarships or as requiring any such qualified school to admit or, once admitted, to continue the enrollment of any student receiving an education scholarship.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 436

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 436

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will enact a statute which: (1) provides eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs; (2) entitles employees of employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of such time annually and those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of such time annually; (3) specifies conditions regarding paid sick time; (4) prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising such rights; (5) adopts documentation requirements; and (6) establishes enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations.

A vote "AGAINST" means such a statute will not be enacted.

**Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) provides eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs; (2) entitles employees of employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of such time annually and those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of such time annually; (3) specifies conditions regarding paid sick time; (4) prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising such rights; (5) adopts documentation requirements; and (6) establishes enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations?**

- For
- Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 436

**OBJECT STATEMENT:** The object of this petition is to enact a statute to provide eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs, to entitle those employed by

employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of earned paid sick time per year, to entitle those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of earned paid sick time per year, to specify conditions for accruing and using earned paid sick time, to prohibit retaliation against an employee for exercising rights granted under the statute, to adopt certain notice and documentation requirements, and to establish enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations of the statute.

Proposed Statutory Language

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

**TEXT: FOR AN ACT relating to employment; to adopt the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; and to provide severability.**

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska:

**Section 1. Act, how cited; declaration of purpose.** (1) Sections 1 to 11 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. (2) The purpose of the act is to provide eligible employees in Nebraska the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs and provide certain provisions naturally and necessarily related to that purpose.

**Sec. 2. Terms, defined.**

For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act: (1) Department means the Department of Labor; (2) Employ means to permit to work; (3)(a) Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but does not include an individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty hours in a calendar year. (b) Employer does not include an "employee" as defined by 45 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; (4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative, or organized group of persons who employs one or more employees. (b) Employer does not include the United States or the State of Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions; (5) Family member means: (a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis; (b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse; (c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor child; (d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws of any state; (e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological, foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's spouse; or (f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship; (6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services; (7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 4 of this act, and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than that provided under section 48-1203; (8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation; (9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; (10)(a) Small business means an employer with fewer than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time, part-time, or temporary employees. (b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and (11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as determined by the employer.

**Sec. 3. Accrual and carryover of paid sick time; paid sick time following transfer or return after separation from employment.**

(1) All employees shall accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every thirty hours worked. Unless the employer selects a higher limit, this section does not entitle an employee to earn or use more than: (a) Forty hours of paid sick time in a year for an employee of a small business; or (b) Fifty-six hours of paid sick time in a year for an employee of an employer that is not a small business. (2) Employees who are exempt from overtime requirements under 29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., shall be assumed to work forty hours in each workweek for purposes of paid sick time accrual unless their typical workweek is less than forty hours, in which case paid sick time accrues based upon that typical workweek. (3) Paid sick time as provided in this section shall begin to accrue at the commencement of employment or October 1, 2025, whichever is later. An employee shall be entitled to use paid sick time as it is accrued. An employer may provide all paid sick time that an employee is expected to accrue in a year at the beginning of the year. (4) Accrued paid sick time shall be carried over to the following year. A small business is not required to permit an employee to use more than forty hours of paid sick time per year, and other employers are not required to permit an employee to use more than fifty-six hours of paid sick time per year. Alternatively, in lieu of carryover of unused paid sick time provided pursuant to this section from one year to the next, an employer may pay an employee for unused paid sick time provided pursuant to this section at the end of a year and provide the employee with an amount of paid sick time that meets or exceeds the requirements of subsections (1) and (3) of this section that is available for the employee's immediate use at the beginning of the subsequent year. (5) Any employer with a paid leave policy, such as a paid time off policy, who makes available an amount of paid leave sufficient to meet the requirements of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act that may be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions as paid sick time under the act is not required to provide additional paid sick time under the act. (6) At its discretion, an employer may loan paid sick time to an employee in advance of accrual by such employee. (7) If an employee is transferred to a separate division, entity, or location, but remains employed by the same employer, the employee is entitled to all paid sick time accrued at the prior division, entity, or location and is entitled to use all paid sick time as provided in the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. When there is a separation from employment and the employee is rehired within twelve months of separation by the same employer, previously accrued paid sick time that had not been used shall be reinstated. The employee shall be entitled to use accrued paid sick time and accrue additional paid sick time at the commencement of employment.

**Sec. 4. Use of paid sick time; employee notice and documentation; multiemployer paid sick time fund, plan, or program.**

(1) Paid sick time shall be provided to an employee by an employer for: (a) An employee's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; an employee's need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or an employee's need for preventive medical care; (b) Care of a family member with a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; care of a family member who needs medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; care of a family member who needs preventive medical care; or in the case of a child, to attend a meeting necessitated by the child's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition, at a school or place where the child is receiving care; or (c) Closure of the employee's place of business by order of a public official due to a public health emergency; an employee's need to self-isolate or care for the employee or a family member when it has been determined by the health authorities having jurisdiction or by a health care professional that the employee's or family member's presence in the community may jeopardize the health of others because of exposure to a communicable disease, whether or not the employee or family member has actually contracted the communicable disease. (2) Paid sick time under this section shall be provided upon the oral request of an employee. When possible, the request shall include the expected duration of the absence. (3) An employer that requires notice of the need to use paid sick time in accordance with this section shall provide a written policy that contains reasonable procedures for employees to provide notice. An

employer that has not provided to the employee a copy of such written policy shall not deny paid sick time to the employee based on noncompliance with such a policy. (4) An employer shall not require, as a condition of an employee's taking paid sick time under this section, that the employee search for or find a replacement worker to cover the hours during which the employee is using paid sick time. (5) Paid sick time under this section may be used in the smaller of hourly increments or the smallest increment that the employer's payroll system uses to account for absences or use of other time. (6) For use of paid sick time for more than three consecutive work days, an employer may require reasonable documentation that the paid sick time has been used for a purpose covered by subsection (1) of this section. Reasonable documentation shall include (a) documentation signed by a health care professional indicating that paid sick time is or was necessary or (b) if the employee or a family member did not receive services from a health care professional, or if documentation cannot be obtained from a health care professional in reasonable time or without added expense, a written statement from the employee indicating that the employee is taking or took paid sick time for a qualifying purpose covered by subsection (1) of this section. (7) An employer signatory to a multiemployer collective-bargaining agreement may fulfill its obligations under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act by making contributions to a multiemployer paid sick time fund, plan, or program based on the hours each employee accrues pursuant to the act while working under the multiemployer collective-bargaining agreement, if the fund, plan, or program enables employees to collect paid sick time from the fund, plan, or program based on hours they have worked under the multiemployer collective-bargaining agreement and for the purposes specified under the act. Employees who work under a multiemployer collective-bargaining agreement into which their employers make contributions as provided in this subsection may collect from the paid sick time fund, plan, or program based on hours they have worked under the multiemployer collective-bargaining agreement and for the purposes specified under the act.

**Sec. 5. Exercise of rights protected; retaliatory personnel action prohibited.**

(1) It shall be unlawful for an employer or any other person to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right protected under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. (2) An employer shall not take retaliatory personnel action against an employee or former employee because the person has exercised or attempted to exercise rights protected under the act. Such rights include, but are not limited to, the right to request or use paid sick time pursuant to the act; the right to file a suit or complaint or inform any person about any employer's alleged violation of the act; the right to participate in an investigation, hearing, or proceeding or cooperate with or assist the department in its investigations of alleged violations of the act; and the right to inform any person of the person's potential rights under the act. (3) It shall be unlawful for an employer's absence control policy to count paid sick time taken under the act as an absence that may lead to or result in a retaliatory personnel action or any other adverse action.

**Sec. 6. Notice and posting.**

(1) Employees shall give employees written notice of the following at the commencement of employment or by September 15, 2025, whichever is later: That beginning October 1, 2025, employees are entitled to paid sick time; the amount of paid sick time; the terms of its use guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; that retaliatory personnel action against employees who request or use paid sick time is prohibited; that each employee has the right to file a suit or complaint if paid sick time as required by the act is denied by the employer or the employee is subjected to retaliatory personnel action for requesting or taking paid sick time; and the contact information for the department where questions about rights and responsibilities under the act can be answered. (2) The notices required in subsection (1) of this section shall be provided in: (a) English; and (b) Any language that is the first language spoken by at least five percent of the employer's workforce if the department has provided a model notice in such language. (3) The amount of paid sick time available to the employee, the amount of paid sick time taken by the employee to date in the year, and the amount of pay the employee has received as paid sick time shall be recorded in, or on an attachment to, the employee's regular paycheck. (4) Employers shall display a poster that contains the information required in subsection (1) of this

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section in a conspicuous and accessible place in each establishment where such employees are employed. If an employer does not maintain a physical workplace or an employee teleworks or performs work through a web-based or app-based platform, the employer shall provide notice of such information via electronic communication or a conspicuous posting in the webbased or app-based platform. The poster displayed shall be in: (a) English; and (b) Any language that is the first language spoken by at least five percent of the employer's workforce if the department has provided posters in such language. (5) The department shall create and make available to employers, in all languages spoken by at least five percent of Nebraska's workforce and any language deemed appropriate by the department, model notices and posters that contain the information required under subsection (1) of this section and for employers' use in complying with subsections (1) and (4) of this section.

Sec. 7. Department of Labor; enforcement and implementation powers; rules and regulations. (1) The department shall be responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the act. (2) The Commissioner of Labor may subpoena records and witnesses related to the enforcement of the act. The commissioner or his or her agent may inspect all related records and gather testimony on any matter relative to the enforcement of the act when the information sought is relevant to a lawful investigative purpose and is reasonable in scope.

Sec. 8. Enforcement. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation. (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved. (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section. (6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees. (7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest

has been resolved. (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than four calendar years after the cause of action accrues.

Sec. 9. Confidentiality and non-disclosure. (1) Unless otherwise required by law, an employer shall not require disclosure of the details of an employee's or an employee's family member's health information as a condition of providing paid sick time under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. (2) Unless otherwise required by law, any health information possessed by an employer regarding an employee or employee's family member shall: (a) Be maintained on a separate form and in a separate file from other personnel information; (b) Be treated as confidential medical records; and (c) Not be disclosed except to the affected employee or with the express permission of the affected employee.

Sec. 10. No effect on more generous paid sick time policies or laws; nonwaiver of rights and remedies. (1) The Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act provides minimum requirements pertaining to paid sick time, and nothing in the act shall be construed to: (a) Prohibit an employer from the adoption or retention of a paid sick time policy more generous than the one required by the act; (b) Diminish the obligation of an employer to comply with any contract, collective-bargaining agreement, employment benefit plan, or other agreement providing more generous paid sick time to an employee than required by the act; (c) Diminish the rights of public employees regarding paid sick time or use of paid sick time as provided in state or local law; or (d) Preempt, limit, or otherwise affect the applicability of any other law, regulation, requirement, policy, or standard that provides for a greater amount, accrual, or use by employees of paid sick time or that extends other protections to employees. (2) The rights and remedies under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall not be waived by any agreement, policy, form, or condition of employment. Any such waiver shall be void and unenforceable.

Sec. 11. Severability. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 437

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 437

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will enact a statute that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of an allowable amount (up to five ounces) of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient with these activities.

A vote "AGAINST" means such a statute will not be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of an allowable amount (up to five ounces) of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient with these activities?

- For
Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 437

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to enact a statute that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of limited quantities of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient in these activities.

Proposed Statutory Language

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dicates language being removed)

TEXT: AN ACT relating to cannabis; to adopt the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. Sections 1 to 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act: (1)(a) Allowable amount of cannabis means up to five ounces of cannabis. (b) Allowable amount of cannabis does not include the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis as part of topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other preparations; (2)(a) Cannabis means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its resin. (b) Cannabis includes marijuana, hashish, and concentrated cannabis. (c) Cannabis does not include hemp, as defined in Section 2-503(13) of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act, nor does it include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, or cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; (3) Cannabis accessories means any equipment, products, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in storing, vaporizing, or containing cannabis, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing cannabis into the human body; (4) Caregiver means: (a) In the case of a qualified patient who is eighteen years of age or older and is not under the protection of a legal guardian, a person who: (i) Is at least twenty-one years of age; and (ii) Has been designated by a qualified patient in a signed affidavit; (b) In the case of a qualified patient who is younger than eighteen years of age or a qualified patient under the protection of a legal guardian: (i) The legal guardian or parent with authority to make health care decisions of the qualified patient; or (ii) A person designated in a sworn affidavit by the legal guardian or parent with authority to make health care decisions; or (c) A health care facility as defined in section 71-413 or a home health agency as defined in section 71-417, if the facility or agency has been designated by a qualified patient or the legal guardian or parent with authority to make health care decisions of a qualified patient in a sworn affidavit and if the facility or agency has agreed in writing to serve as a caregiver for the qualified patient; (5) Health care practitioner means a physician, an osteopathic physician, a physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act or who is licensed in any state and practicing in compliance with the Uniform Credentialing Act; (6) Qualified patient means: (a) An individual eighteen years of age or older with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner; or (b) An individual younger than eighteen years of age with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner and with the written permission of a legal guardian or parent with authority to make health care decisions for the individual; and (7) Written recommendation means a valid signed and dated declaration from a health care practitioner stating that, in the health care practitioner's professional judgment, the potential benefits of cannabis outweigh the potential harms for the alleviation of a patient's medical condition, its symptoms, or side effects of the condition's treatment. A written recommendation is valid for two years after the date of issuance or for a period of time specified by the health care practitioner on the written recommendation.

Sec. 3. (1) Subject to the requirements of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, it shall not be an offense under state law for a registered cannabis establishment, its employees, and its agents to possess, manufacture, distribute, deliver, and dispense cannabis for medical purposes, provided such conduct complies with applicable rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act. (2) Conduct protected by this section shall not be subject to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Sec. 4. (1) For purposes of providing the necessary registration and regulation of persons that possess, manufacture, distribute, deliver, and dispense cannabis for medical purposes pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission is created. (2) The commission shall consist of no fewer than three and no more than five members. (3) The three members of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission shall be ex officio members of the commission, serving terms and receiving appointment in the same manner as provided in section 53-105. (4) The Governor may appoint two additional members, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature, to serve with the members of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission as members of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission. The members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall serve six-year terms. (5) The Governor may reappoint members of the commission, subject to approval by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature.

Proposed Statutory Language (underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

TEXT: AN ACT relating to cannabis; to adopt the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act: (1)(a) Cannabis means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its resin. (b) Cannabis includes marijuana, hashish, and concentrated cannabis. (c) Cannabis does not include hemp, as defined in Section 2-503(13) of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act, nor does it include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, or cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; (2) Cannabis accessories means any equipment, products, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, composting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, vaporizing, or containing cannabis, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing cannabis into the human body; (3) Cannabis for medical purposes means cannabis, cannabis products, and cannabis accessories intended for qualified patients pursuant to any law enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act or at any time thereafter and which makes penalties inapplicable to the use of cannabis by qualified patients for the alleviation of a medical condition, its symptoms, or side effects of the condition's treatment; (4) Cannabis prod-

ucts means products that are comprised of cannabis, cannabis concentrate, or cannabis extract, and other ingredients, and that are intended for use or consumption, such as, but not limited to, edible products, ointments, and tinctures; (5) Commission means the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission; (6) Registered cannabis establishment means a private entity registered pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act that possesses, manufactures, distributes, delivers, or dispenses cannabis for medical purposes; and (7) Registration means a registration granted by the commission to a private entity that processes, manufactures, distributes, delivers, or dispenses cannabis for medical purposes.

Sec. 3. (1) Subject to the requirements of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, it shall not be an offense under state or local law for: (a) A qualified patient to use, possess, and acquire an allowable amount of cannabis and cannabis accessories for the alleviation of a medical condition, its symptoms, or side effects of the condition's

treatment; or (b) A caregiver to assist a qualified patient with the activities set forth in subdivision (1)(a) of this section by possessing and acquiring an allowable amount of cannabis and cannabis accessories on behalf of the qualified patient and delivering an allowable amount of cannabis and cannabis accessories to the qualified patient. (2) Conduct protected by this section shall not be subject to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 438

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 438

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will enact a statute that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and that establishes a Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate such activities.

A vote "AGAINST" means such a statute will not be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and that establishes a Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate such activities?

- For
Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 438

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to enact a statute that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and establishing a Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate such entities.

Proposed Statutory Language

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TEXT: AN ACT relating to cannabis; to adopt the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act: (1)(a) Cannabis means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its resin. (b) Cannabis includes marijuana, hashish, and concentrated cannabis. (c) Cannabis does not include hemp, as defined in Section 2-503(13) of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act, nor does it include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, or cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; (2) Cannabis accessories means any equipment, products, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, composting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, vaporizing, or containing cannabis, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing cannabis into the human body; (3) Cannabis for medical purposes means cannabis, cannabis products, and cannabis accessories intended for qualified patients pursuant to any law enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act or at any time thereafter and which makes penalties inapplicable to the use of cannabis by qualified patients for the alleviation of a medical condition, its symptoms, or side effects of the condition's treatment; (4) Cannabis prod-

ucts means products that are comprised of cannabis, cannabis concentrate, or cannabis extract, and other ingredients, and that are intended for use or consumption, such as, but not limited to, edible products, ointments, and tinctures; (5) Commission means the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission; (6) Registered cannabis establishment means a private entity registered pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act that possesses, manufactures, distributes, delivers, or dispenses cannabis for medical purposes; and (7) Registration means a registration granted by the commission to a private entity that processes, manufactures, distributes, delivers, or dispenses cannabis for medical purposes.

Sec. 3. (1) Subject to the requirements of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, it shall not be an offense under state law for a registered cannabis establishment, its employees, and its agents to possess, manufacture, distribute, deliver, and dispense cannabis for medical purposes, provided such conduct complies with applicable rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act. (2) Conduct protected by this section shall not be subject to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Sec. 4. (1) For purposes of providing the necessary registration and regulation of persons that possess, manufacture, distribute, deliver, and dispense cannabis for medical purposes pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission is created. (2) The commission shall consist of no fewer than three and no more than five members. (3) The three members of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission shall be ex officio members of the commission, serving terms and receiving appointment in the same manner as provided in section 53-105. (4) The Governor may appoint two additional members, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature, to serve with the members of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission as members of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission. The members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall serve six-year terms. (5) The Governor may reappoint members of the commission, subject to approval by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature.

Sec. 5. The power to regulate all phases of the control of the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered cannabis establishments in the state pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act is vested exclusively in the commission.

Sec. 6. The commission shall: (1) No later than July 1, 2025, establish criteria to accept or deny applications for registrations, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing reasonable rules, regulations, and eligibility standards for such registrations; (2) No later than October 1, 2025, begin granting registrations to applicants that meet eligibility standards and other requirements established by the commission; (3) Grant, deny, revoke, and suspend registrations based upon reasonable criteria and procedures established by the commission; (4) Have the authority to adopt, promulgate, and enforce distinct sets of rules and regulations for different categories of registered cannabis establishments; (5) Administer oaths or affirmations as necessary to carry out the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; (6) Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of any records, books, memoranda, documents, or other papers or things at or prior to any hearing as is necessary to enable the commission to effectively discharge its duties; (7) Inspect the operation of any registered cannabis establishment for the purpose of verifying compliance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission; (8) Have the authority to impose, subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act, administrative fines for each violation of any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; (9) Collect admin-

istrative fines imposed under this section and remit the fines to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska; (10) Establish procedures for the governance of the commission; (11) Acquire necessary offices, facilities, counsel, and staff; and (12) Do all things necessary and proper to carry out its powers and duties under the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, including the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations and such other actions as permitted by the Administrative Procedure Act.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 439

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 439

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that all persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability is defined as the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

A vote "AGAINST" will not amend the Nebraska Constitution in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to include a new section which provides: "All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures."

- For
Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 439

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide all persons the fundamental right to abortion without interference from the state or its political subdivisions until fetal viability, which is the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures; or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Language

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

TEXT: Article I of the Nebraska Constitution shall be amended by adding a new section 31 as shown:

I-31 All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

Respectfully submitted, Robert B. Evnen Secretary of State (Publish three times, weeks of Oct. 14, Oct. 21, and Oct. 28)

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**CITY OF FALLS  
CITY CLAIMS**

**City of Falls City, NE By Fund  
Payment Dates  
8/31/2024 - 9/27/2024**

**Vendor Name Description  
(Payable) Amount  
FUND: 100 - GENERAL**

Principal Life Insurance  
Comp. Dental Ins .....597.04  
Principal Life Insurance Comp.  
Vision Ins .....141.00  
Principal Life Insurance Comp.  
Dental Ins .....597.04  
Principal Life Insurance Comp.  
Vision Ins .....141.00  
Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax  
Percentage .....154.66  
Aflac AFLAC .....12.23  
Aflac AFLAC .....267.81  
Aflac AFLAC .....30.00  
CWA dues CWA Union dues .....50.46  
Medica Ins Group health .....18,962.01  
IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW  
Union Dues .....153.66  
International Union of Operat.,  
IUOE Union Dues .....149.70  
Dearborn Life Insurance Com.,  
Life Insurance .....266.19  
Nebraska Child Support Paym.,  
Child Support .....259.39  
Nebraska Child Support Paym.,  
NE Child Support 2 .....193.85  
Nebraska Child Support Paym.,  
Child Support .....204.01  
Nebraska Dept of Revenue  
Garnishment .....250.00  
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax .....30.00  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....352.42  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....315.64  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....222.44  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....252.86  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....207.94  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....222.44  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....309.32  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....229.02  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....266.60  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....211.10  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....244.70  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....264.88  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....531.14  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....15.26  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....326.44  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....207.76  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....324.52  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....214.32  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....191.26  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....320.16  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....341.02  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....339.32  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....178.68  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....165.70  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....284.56  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....219.94  
Ameritas Retirement 501a 157.82  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....289.64  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....320.24  
American Natl Bank HSA .....100.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....30.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....100.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....50.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....100.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....20.00  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....396.16  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....389.18  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....370.42  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....427.90  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....370.12  
Nebraska Department of Reve.,  
State W/H Tax .....3,377.64  
Department of the Treasury Federal  
W/H .....7,148.45  
Department of the Treasury  
Medicare Tax .....2,492.44  
Department of the Treasury Social  
Security Tax .....10,657.54  
Quill Corp supplies .....39.44  
Verizon august 2024 .....42.90  
Pest Control Services of SE NE  
service .....50.00  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC july  
2024 .....380.00  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC july  
2024 .....540.00  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
august 2024 .....159.17  
Utility Dept city hall lease .....31.00  
Utility Dept city hall lease .....38.43  
Utility Dept city office .....103.93  
Utility Dept city office .....139.56  
Utility Dept city office .....1,513.70  
General Petty Cash misc .....30.45  
General Petty Cash misc .....292.00  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....81.00  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....13.64  
Nebraska Department of Reve.,  
State W/H Tax .....3.44  
Department of the Treasury  
Medicare Tax .....3.30  
Department of the Treasury Social  
Security Tax .....14.08  
Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax  
Percentage .....163.66  
CWA Dues CWA Union  
Dues .....50.46  
Medica Ins Group Health .....18,962.01  
IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW  
Union Dues .....153.66  
International Union of Operat.,  
IUOE Union Dues .....149.70  
Dearborn Life Insurance Com.,  
Life Insurance .....266.19  
Nebraska Child Support Paym.,  
Child Support .....259.39  
Nebraska Child Support Paym.,  
NE Child Support 2 .....193.85  
Nebraska Child Support Paym.,  
Child Support .....204.01  
Nebraska Dept of Revenue  
Garnishment .....250.00  
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax .....30.00  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....362.80  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....315.64  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....222.44  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....252.86  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....207.94  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....222.44  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....327.32  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....246.74  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....291.80  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....211.10  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....244.70  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....276.72  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....335.12  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....183.06  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....311.04  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....223.38  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....282.52  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....203.52  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....193.92  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....357.90  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....344.50  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....350.68  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....180.34  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....165.70  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....284.44  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....219.90  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....157.82  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....288.42  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....273.82  
American Natl Bank HSA .....100.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....30.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....100.00

American Natl Bank HSA .....50.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....100.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....20.00  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....371.64  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....389.18  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....348.10  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....372.80  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....353.40  
Nebraska Dept of Reve, State  
W/H Tax .....3,290.12  
Department of the Treasury Federal  
W/H .....7,034.22  
Department of the Treasury  
Medicare Tax .....2,720.68  
Department of the Treasury Social  
Security Tax .....11,633.08  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC legal  
service .....680.00  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC legal  
service .....420.00  
Amazon Capital Services copy  
paper .....462.50  
Tyler Tech Inc service .....1,160.00  
Amazon Capital Serv supplies .....26.78  
Amazon Capital Serv supplies .....24.28  
Pro Serv service .....55.00  
Quill Testing annual fees .....270.00  
UCCI Corporation supplies .....29.99  
Fund 100 - General  
Total: .....117,756.36

**FUND: 110 - POLICE**  
Verizon august 2024 .....1,011.67  
Das State Accounting - Center,  
teletype .....537.60  
Pest Control Services of SE NE  
service .....50.00  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC july  
2024 .....3,311.00  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
august 2024 .....2,029.33  
Police Dept Petty Cash misc .....77.00  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC legal  
service .....2,562.00  
Amazon Capital Services copy  
paper .....231.25  
Fund 110 - Police Total: .....9,809.85

**FUND: 115 - ANIMAL  
CONTROL**  
Farm & City Supply 250w  
bulb .....3.99  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
august 2024 .....73.00  
Utility Dept animal control .....15.63  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....12.50  
J P Cooke Co supplies .....36.55  
J P Cooke Co supplies .....100.00  
Nebraska Dept. Of Agricul, annual  
fee .....275.00  
OPPD service .....45.02  
Fund 115 - Animal Control  
Total: .....561.69

**FUND: 120 - FIRE**  
Utility Dept fire station .....64.78  
Utility Dept fire station .....39.27  
Utility Dept fire station .....44.67  
Utility Dept fire station .....219.58  
Utility Dept fire station .....3,733.30  
Utility Dept ambulance bldg .....31.00  
Utility Dept ambulance bldg .....61.30  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....12.50  
Farm & City Supply v belt  
1/2"x45" .....39.98  
Fund 120 - Fire Total: .....4,246.38

**FUND: 130 - BUILDING  
INSPECTIONS & CODE  
ENFORCEMENT**  
Verizon august 2024 .....42.90  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....12.50  
Fund 130 - Building Inspections &  
Code Enforcement Total: .....55.40

**FUND: 150 - PARKS**  
Farm & City Supply fiberglass  
tape .....34.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....5.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....7.99  
Farm & City Supply keys .....73.26  
Farm & City Supply dump  
trailer .....12,422.00  
Helena Chemical Co tordon  
rtu .....18.60  
FC Mercantile paper towels .....42.35  
Home Lumber Company decking  
board .....39.98  
Meyer Home Center flush  
handle .....234.24  
Meyer Home Center supplies .....8.60  
Falls City Sanitation Service  
august 2024 .....65.00  
Falls City Sanitation Service  
august 2024 .....130.00  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
august 2024 .....650.19  
Utility Dept legion park .....75.12  
Utility Dept morehead  
field/irrigation .....1,283.46  
Utility Dept grandview park .....39.92  
Utility Dept grandview park .....79.63  
Utility Dept hartman field .....39.00  
Utility Dept f&m bank field .....39.00  
Utility Dept snc field .....39.00  
Utility Dept 4th barn .....39.82  
Utility Dept riding club site .....37.30  
Utility Dept riding club site .....44.47  
Utility Dept park dept new  
shop .....38.43  
Utility Dept park dept new  
shop .....119.71  
Utility Dept camper .....125.73  
Utility Dept camper .....260.35  
Utility Dept volleyball .....55.83  
Utility Dept cabin .....56.78  
Utility Dept camper .....169.64  
Utility Dept north camper .....175.93  
Utility Dept aquatic center .....1,027.65  
Utility Dept aquatic center .....1,588.50  
Utility Dept aquatic center .....2,457.62  
Utility Dept dallas jones tennis  
court .....46.11  
Utility Dept old snack shack .....69.91  
Utility Dept dallas jone irr .....7,569.46  
Utility Dept dallas jone irr .....41.60  
Utility Dept new snack  
shack .....368.17  
Utility Dept new snack  
shack .....159.52  
Utility Dept snackshack irr 64.90  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....37.50  
Farm & City Supply key kwikset  
kwi-ace .....4.77  
Farm & City Supply hand truck  
convrt 600lb .....119.99  
Farm & City Supply shlvng  
unt .....79.99  
Farm & City Supply screws .....2.64  
Farm & City Supply screws .....2.40  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....1.98  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....0.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....6.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....0.69  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....2.79  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....12.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....0.14  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....0.68  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....1.40  
Farm & City Supply  
supplies .....149.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....0.72  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....6.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies 13.77

Farm & City Supply supplies .....19.98  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....81.98  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....8.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....3.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....59.40  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....0.69  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....3.96  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....5.99  
Scheitel Feed & Seed fescue .....95.00  
Scheitel Feed & Seed Scheitel Feed  
& Seed - 5-way f .....285.00  
Amazon Capital Services led  
digital wall clock .....26.98  
O'Reilly Automotive Inc  
supplies .....61.99  
O'Reilly Automotive Inc  
supplies .....9.99  
Shelby Kuker refund cabin  
deposit .....50.00  
Fund 150 - Parks Total: .....31,007.10

**FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM**  
Farm & City Supply keys .....73.26  
Pest Control Services of SE  
NE service .....50.00  
Amazon Capital Serv  
supplies .....52.84  
Amazon Capital Services  
supplies .....38.88  
Amazon Capital Services  
supplies .....31.99  
Falls City Sanitation Service  
august 2024 .....130.00  
Utility Dept auditorium .....346.97  
Utility Dept auditorium .....324.42  
Utility Dept auditorium .....3,630.51  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....12.50  
Unifirst Corporation mops .....60.01  
Unifirst Corporation mops .....60.01  
Unifirst Corporation mops .....67.45  
Unifirst Corporation mops .....68.35  
J.F. Ahern Company spinkler  
inspection .....397.00  
Bill Weaver cut keys .....14.00  
El Camino Electric service .....500.00  
Mark Heiman service .....100.00  
Fund 151 - Auditorim  
Total: .....5,958.19

**FUND: 170 - LIBRARY**  
Southeast Community College,  
k kirkendall .....111.75  
Kawres adapter .....15.00  
Falls City Sanitation Service  
august 2024 .....65.00  
Utility Department library .....57.88  
Utility Dept library .....1,245.16  
Utility Dept library .....3,097.85  
Ingram books .....1,987.71  
Library Petty Cash misc .....429.14  
Library Petty Cash misc .....59.84  
News-Press NOW Media  
Group renewal .....11.99  
Gering Public Library book .....31.00  
Richard Gilkerson august  
2024 .....180.00  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....37.50  
Airadvce InC 1 year  
subscription .....600.00  
True Value Hardware supplies .....8.49  
True Value Hardware supplies .....6.49  
Amazon Capital Services copy  
paper .....231.25  
OCLC, INC. service .....2,145.79  
Pest Control Services of SE  
NE service .....60.00  
Easy Squeegee Window Clean,  
service .....220.00  
Nebraska Library Commiss,  
annual fee .....500.00  
J.F. Ahern Company spinkler  
inspection .....397.00  
Fund 170 - Library Total: .....11,498.84

**FUND: 180 - CEMETERY**  
Amazon Capital Services troy bilt  
trimmer weed eater c .....27.87  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
august 2024 .....526.13  
Utility Dept cemetery .....164.39  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....12.50  
Jones & Jones service .....2,000.00  
Fund 180 - Cemetery  
Total: .....2,730.89

**FUND: 190 - STREETS**  
Verizon august 2024 .....85.80  
Michael Todd Industrial Supply  
Michael Todd - light .....196.66  
Michael Todd Industrial Supply  
Michael Todd - light .....202.97  
American Equipment Co American  
Equipment - ladder .....1,880.00  
159 Lumber & Rentals epoxy  
adhesive .....196.50  
159 Lumber & Rentals supplies .....52.99  
159 Lumber & Rentals supplies .....23.99  
159 Lumber & Rentals lumber .....49.48  
159 Lumber & Rentals lumber .....60.00  
159 Lumber & Rentals lumber .....50.40  
Concrete Industries, Inc  
concrete .....3,662.10  
Rega Engineering Group Inc  
champions crossing .....4,726.47  
Falls City Sanitation Service  
august 2024 .....65.00  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
august 2024 .....1,248.86  
Utility Department dist 56 ss  
stop sign .....39.27  
Utility Department dist 56  
stop sign .....39.41  
Utility Dept street .....57.88  
Utility Dept street .....71.61  
Utility Dept street .....218.62  
Utility Dept street light .....7,337.64  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....112.50  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....25.00  
Excel Development Group  
Wilderness Falls III Street  
Imp .....236,111.35  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....4.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....9.59  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....16.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....17.49  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....19.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....23.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....34.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....45.98  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....5.59  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....9.59  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....32.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....13.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....23.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....31.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....33.99  
Mr Automotive supplies .....75.96  
Mr Automotive supplies .....27.93  
Merz Ink vinyl lettering .....405.00  
Kraft Tool Company dbl  
button clip 1-3/4" dia .....30.83  
ROSE EQUIPMENT CO.  
Rose Equipment - tar .....1,875.95  
ROSE EQUIPMENT CO.  
Rose Equipment - tar .....1,867.45  
ROSE EQUIPMENT CO.  
Rose Equipment - tar .....1,975.40  
ROSE EQUIPMENT CO.  
Rose Equipment - tar .....1,838.55  
Falls City Merc hand soap .....195.31  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....57.98  
Home Lumber Com supplies .....32.99  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....17.99

Home Lumber Co supplies .....24.50  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....8.78  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....26.97  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....15.99  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....6.00  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....54.95  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....54.95  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....54.95  
Home Lumber Co supplies .....24.99  
UCI Testing annual fees .....240.00  
American Equipment Co American  
Equipment - snow p .....2,251.65  
American Equipment Co American  
Equipment - snow p .....2,251.65  
American Equipment Co American  
Equipment - snow p .....270.79  
159 Lumber & Rentals  
Rebar .....1,464.00  
Fund 190 - Streets  
Total: .....271,992.15

**FUND: 195 - MECHANIC  
SHOP**  
Mr Automotive ultra black .....6.88  
Mr Automotive filter .....8.26  
Tri-State Truck & Tractor  
Repa gear lube pint .....61.90  
Falls City Auto Supply filters .....22.70  
Falls City Auto Supply filters .....7.59  
Falls City Auto Supply pico .....3.72  
Falls City Auto Supply micro  
fuse .....2.45  
FC Auto Supply filter .....7.59  
Falls City Auto Supply carb  
clnr .....14.30  
FC Auto Supply supplies .....11.76  
FC Auto Supply supplies .....3.04  
FC Auto Supply supplies .....3.16  
FC Auto Supply supplies .....3.16  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
august 2024 .....103.70  
Farm & City Supply 85w140  
gear oil 2gal .....54.99  
Mr Automotive supplies .....25.33  
Mr Automotive battery .....150.39  
Mr Automotive 9006b1 stand 5.05  
Mr Automotive supplies .....32.19  
Mr Automotive filters .....9.60  
Falls City Auto Supply filter .....8.57  
Falls City Auto Supply filter 25.58  
FC Auto Supply supplies .....109.98  
FC Auto Supply supplies .....43.49  
Agco Plus hitch adapter .....49.29  
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop  
Total: .....774.67

**FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING**  
Lumen service .....8,395.55  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC  
legal service .....780.00  
Northeast Community  
College training .....560.00  
Fund 205 - Dispatching  
Total: .....9,735.55

**FUND: 240 - CDBG -  
OWNER-OCCUPIER  
REHABILITATION  
PROGRAM**

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC legal  
service .....320.00  
Fund 240 - CDBG - Owner-  
Occupier Rehabilitation Program  
Total: .....320.00

**FUND: 280 - HOUSING  
ABATEMENT/DEMOLITION  
PROGRAM**

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC july  
2024 .....400.00  
General Petty Cash misc .....35.18  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC  
legal service .....290.00  
Gerdes Lawn Care LLC  
service .....173.18  
Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/  
Demolition Program Total: .....898.36

**FUND: 281 - SIDEWALK  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Travis L Hayes sidewalk  
impovement .....1,400.00  
Fund 281 - Sidewalk Improvement  
Program Total: .....1,400.00

**FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC**

Principal Life Insurance Comp.,  
Dental Ins .....498.13  
Principal Life Insurance Comp.,  
Vision Ins .....84.97  
Principal Life Insurance Comp.,  
Dental Ins .....452.95  
Principal Life Insurance Comp.,  
Vision Ins .....73.15  
Principal Life Insurance Comp.,  
Dental Ins .....45.18  
Principal Life Insurance Comp.,  
Vision Ins .....7.77  
Ameritas Billing 457 After Tax  
% .....248.64  
Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax  
Percentage .....1,142.17  
Aflac AFLAC .....32.72  
Aflac AFLAC .....151.53  
CWA Dues CWA Union  
Dues .....179.50  
Medica Insurance Group  
Health .....19,496.51  
Collection Services Center  
Child Support .....595.38  
IBEW Local Union #1536  
IBEW Union Dues .....378.39  
Dearborn Life Insurance  
Com... Life Insurance .....204.79  
Ameritas Pension 457  
Pre-Tax .....250.00  
Ameritas Pension 457  
Pre-Tax .....300.00  
Ameritas Pension 457  
Pre-Tax .....68.26  
Ameritas Pension 457  
Pre-Tax .....300.00  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....415.68  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....316.08  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....298.22  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....412.42  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....306.92  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....309.54  
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Ameritas Retirement 501a .....681.10  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....248.90  
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Ameritas Retirement 501a .....435.22  
American Natl Bank HSA .....200.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....71.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....65.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....160.00  
Department of the Treasury  
Medicare Tax .....2,436.44  
Department of the Treasury  
Social Security Tax .....10,418.08

Nebraska Department of Reve...  
State W/H Tax .....3,437.72  
Department of the Treasury Federal  
W/H .....7,252.25  
Dollar Fresh water, food .....21.93  
OPPD august 2024 .....12,831.96  
OPPD august 2024 .....119,074.83  
Farm & City Supply rockr switch  
lited spst .....10.31  
Farm & City Supply telescoping  
handgun .....37.61  
Farm & City Supply term rmng  
ins12-10g8-10sd .....17.19  
Farm & City Supply valve check  
w/1 sleeves .....17.19  
Farm & City Supply quick-flow  
gas can 2 gal .....24.71  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....7.08  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....30.08  
Farm & City Supply raid wasp &  
hornet .....19.33  
Farm & City Supply Farm & City -  
6-40 GPM 4-digit .....2,536.91  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....9.23  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....3.00  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....18.26  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....8.27  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....5.12  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....5.13  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....3.42  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....5.13  
Farm & City Supply compound  
sweep 25lb bag .....32.23  
Farm & City Supply Farm & City -  
honda generator .....483.50  
JB Fluid Solutions Inc. JB Fluid  
Solutions - Titan breat .....516.92  
JB Fluid Solutions Inc. JB Fluid  
Solutions - Titan breat .....308.58  
Amazon Capital Services  
supplies .....65.16  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC july  
2024 .....3,659.00  
Jeo Consulting Group Inc 2021  
electrical dist .....19,210.51  
Amazon Capital Services  
Desk .....227.69  
Amazon Capital Services  
Desk .....199.98  
Helena Chemical Co gly star 5  
extra .....91.38  
Healy Law Offices, LLC  
service .....568.75  
Falls City Mercantile hardwood  
brown roll towels .....40.91  
Subsurface Solutions Subsurface  
Solutions - ring cl .....361.81  
Subsurface Solutions Subsurface  
Solutions - ring cl .....289.78  
Omaha Pneumatic Equipment  
roper part #g14-338 Mech  
seal .....115.62  
RESCO Resco -  
transformer .....35,956.60  
McMaster-Carr chemicals .....38.97  
McMaster-Carr chemicals .....9.72  
McMaster-Carr chemicals .....9.85  
UCI Testing t chestnut .....75.00  
Quill Corporation supplies .....44.17  
Quill Corporation supplies .....9.86  
Southeast Community College  
customer service training .....111.75  
Southeast Community College  
customer service training .....111.75  
Wesco Distribution Wesco -  
insulators .....877.20  
Husker Electric Supply Husker  
outstanding socket/TS .....855.70  
Grainger automatic fill buret .70.41  
Verizon cell service .....42.90  
Verizon cell service .....136.38  
El Camino Electric pvc .....208.50  
Falls City Sanitation Service  
august 2024 .....65.00  
Falls City Sanitation Service  
august 2024 .....130.00  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
fuel .....1,117.18  
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc  
fuel .....68.71  
Utility Dept repair shop .....41.93  
Utility Dept inv bldg .....62.22  
Utility Dept inv bldg .....175.37  
Utility Dept inv bldg .....555.45  
Utility Dept power plant .....180.27  
Utility Dept power plant .....1,214.91  
Utility Dept station power .....2,191.94  
Utility Dept station power .....1,983.12  
Utility Dept plant  
water/hi-low .....457.39  
Utility Dept power plant .....779.51  
Utility Dept power plant  
unit 9 .....5,223.39  
Utility Department power plant  
unit 9 .....3,865.49  
Dessie Scholl 1122 Stone .....600.00  
Utility Dept Petty Cash misc .....140.00  
Utility Dept Petty Cash misc .....14.80  
Fast Forward thermal & gis  
work .....32,500.00  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....37.50  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....68.50  
OneNeck It Solutions microsoft  
365 .....25.00  
Sacred Heart School Sacred Heart -  
trash bags .....600.00  
Ameritas Billing 457 After Tax  
% .....248.64  
AMERITAS BILLING 457  
Pre Tax Percentage .....1,256.82  
CWA Dues CWA Union  
Dues .....179.50  
Medica Insurance Group  
Health .....19,496.51  
American National Bank  
HSA .....666.68  
Collection Services Center  
Child Support .....595.38  
IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW  
Union Dues .....355.77  
Dearborn Life Insurance Com  
Life Insurance .....204.79  
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax .....250.00  
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax .....300.00  
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax .....68.26  
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax .....300.00  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....365.44  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....290.88  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....273.02  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....454.72  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....328.52  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....369.32  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....305.36  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....396.52  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....264.76  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....262.46  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....276.62  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....264.78  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....288.00  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....284.84  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....201.28  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....306.96  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....428.44  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....250.92  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....219.38  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....224.74  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....409.34  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....188.06  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....342.96  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....310.80  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....385.26  
Ameritas Retirement 501a .....418.34  
American Natl Bank HSA .....200.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....71.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....65.00  
American Natl Bank HSA .....160.00

American Natl Bank HSA .....20.00  
Department of the Treasury  
Medicare Tax .....2,294.28  
Department of the Treasury Social  
Security Tax .....9,810.14  
Nebraska Department of Reve  
State W/H Tax .....3,185.77  
Department of the Treasury Federal  
W/H .....6,507.06  
Falls City Post Office billing  
postage .....313.49  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....54.99  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....8.99  
Farm & City Supply alkaline d  
battery .....21.49  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....8.59  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....3.00  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....30.09  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....21.26  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....27.44  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....20.41  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....12.55  
Farm & City Supply torch  
trigger ace .....29.01  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....12.89  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....17.83  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....34.29  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....9.67  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....59.11  
Farm & City Supply credit .....63.98  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....10.31  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....21.49  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....1.49  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....5.14  
Farm & City Supply supplies .....10.31  
Farm & City Supply scotts  
wizz spreader .....36.54  
Farm & City Supply ex cord .....26.86  
Merz Ink vinyl .....101.25  
UCI Testing annual fees .....930.00  
Rycom Instruments, Inc Rycom -  
locator .....507.94  
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC  
august 2024 .....545.00  
Amazon Capital Serv supplies .....19.46  
Amazon Capital Serv supplies .....13.09  
Amazon Capital Serv supplies .....13.08  
Amazon Capital Serv supplies .....79.48  
Amazon Capital Serv supplies .....12.91  
Amazon Capital Serv copy  
paper .....231.25  
Municipal Energy Agency of NE  
August 2024 .....93,666.57  
Wesco Distribution Wesco -  
electric inventory .....90.30  
Harmon's OK Tire repairs .....15.00  
Harmon's OK Tire repairs .....25.00  
Farmers Repair & Machine  
Sh supplies .....22.50  
159 Lumber & Rentals Fine Black  
Marker 48-22-3100 .....3.18  
159 Lumber & Rentals Fine Black  
Marker 48-22-3100 .....102.72  
159 Lumber & Rentals Fine Black  
Marker 48-22-3100 .....172.80  
Border States Border States - ped  
for project .....613.06  
ATCO International brake-solv  
ii .....168.36  
Industrial Inspection & Analysis  
Industrial IA - equipment  
insp .....472.50  
Industrial Inspection & Analysis  
Industrial IA - equipment  
insp .....127.32  
Industrial Inspection & Analysis  
Industrial IA - equipment  
insp .....945.00  
Industrial Inspection & Analysis  
Industrial IA - equipment  
insp .....945.00  
Industrial Inspection & Analysis  
Industrial IA - equipment  
insp .....450.00  
Industrial Inspection & Analysis  
Industrial IA - equipment  
insp .....150.0

CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS

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Table listing various supplies and services such as Hach Chemical Co HACH testing supplies, Quality Fence LLC Move fence, and Amazon Capital Services copy paper.

FUND: 620 - GAS

Table listing gas-related services and supplies including Clayton Energy Corp, Farm & City Supply, and various utility bills.

FUND: 630 - WASTEWATER

Table listing wastewater-related services and supplies including Farm & City Supply, R/S Electric Motor Service, and FC Post Office billing.

Table listing various supplies and services such as Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha, Amazon Capital Services, and Brown Co Transfer waste.

REPORT SUMMARY

Table showing fund payment amounts for various categories like General, Police, Animal Control, and Fire.

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Table listing account numbers, account names, and payment amounts for various services and supplies.

Table listing various services and supplies such as Professional Service, Office Supplies, Postage, Books & Periodicals, and Technology.

Table listing various services and supplies including Capital Outlay, Gas, Telephone, Vehicle, Heat/Gas, and Water/Sewer.

PROJECT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Table showing project account key payment amounts for various categories like None, Grants Issued, and Payroll.

NOTICE

In the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Patricia May Burns, John and Jane Doe, and All Persons Having and Claiming an Interest in Complaint and to Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 67, Original Town of Rulo, Nebraska, Defendants.

TO: Patricia May Burns, John and Jane Doe, real names unknown and All persons having or claiming any interest in complaint and to lots 4, 5, and 6, block 67, Original Town of Rulo, NE

You are hereby notified that on June 21, 2024, Plaintiff Kathie M. McKern, filed a Complaint in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska against each and every person having or claiming any interest in the referenced property, described as follows:

Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 67, Original Town of Rulo, Richardson County, Nebraska. The object and prayer of said Complaint is to obtain a quiet title of the real estate as above-described. You and each of you are required to answer said Complaint on or before September 16, 2024.

Kathie M. McKern, Plaintiff. Dylan L. Handley (24152) Handley Law Office 217 E 18th Street Falls City, NE 68355 Telephone: (402) 245-3088 Fax: (402) 245-2664 Email: dylanhandley@hotmail.com Attorney for Plaintiff

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an Execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska in an action wherein Megan Ann Kirkendall, is the Plaintiff and Travis Randall Kirkendall is the Defendant. Case# C1 16-147, I will sell on November 1st, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the 1st floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state the following real property, to wit:

The transferable interest of Travis Randall Kirkendall in Blue Collar Auto Sales and Repair LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company in Richardson County, Nebraska Dated this 4th day of October 4, 2024.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty, Jr. Richardson County, Nebraska 9-16-23-30 ZNEZ

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk ZNEZ

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an Execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska in an action wherein Southeast Nebraska Land Bank, is the Plaintiff and Timothy Kirkendall; Tia O'Grady, also known as L. Hall; City of Falls City, Nebraska; Real Property located at: 1223 Lane Street, Falls City, NE 68355; And all other persons having any right, title or interest in or to the foregoing real estate, real names unknown, is the Defendant. Case# C1 24-59, I will sell on October 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the pt floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state the following real property, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 133, City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska

Sheriff Rick Hardesty, Jr. Richardson County, Nebraska 2-9-16-23 ZNEZ

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Donna M. Rocha Plaintiff Vs. Jerome D. Rocha Defendant

Case No. CI24-19

NOTICE OF DIVORCE PROCEEDING

TO: Jerome D. Rocha, whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, and is the defendant in said proceeding: You are notified that on February 22, 2024, the plaintiff, Donna Rocha filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, at case no. 1924, the object of which is to obtain a dissolution of marriage on the ground that the marriage is irretrievably broken and to obtain an equitable division of the property, among other things.

You are required to answer said Complaint on or before November 18, 2024, or said Complaint again you will be taken as true.

/s/ Donna Rocha 9-11-2024 1017 H St. Apt 504 Auburn, NE 68305 308-470-1732 dollyrocha8@gmail.com 2-9-16 ZNEZ

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of the limited liability company: Rebel's BBQ LLC. Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 12020 Shamrock Plz Ste 201 #413230, Omaha, NE 68154. Name of the initial agent for service of process: USCA, Inc. Street, mailing address, and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 1102 Douglas St., Omaha, NE 68102. Effective date if other than the date filed: 8-9-24.

/s/ Justin Baker Organizer 16-23-30 ZNEZ

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of the limited liability company: Breezy Hill Childcare LLC. Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 70375 652 Ave, Falls City, NE 68355. Name of the initial agent for service of process: Ashley K. Keithley. Street, mailing address and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 1803 Lane St., Falls City, NE 68355.

Effective date if other than the date filed: 9/30/24.

/s/ Christina Ann Crawford Name of Organizer 9-16-23 ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF VERDON

VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 2, 2024 - 7:00 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

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

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Vicky Cochran, Denise Koso, Lois Miller. Absent: Gary Cochran. Clerk Dawn Bennett was also present.

GUESTS: Julie Phroper, Debra Nelson, Erin Jarred, Brenda Streit, Leota Specht

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by V. Cochran to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Koso, second by Bahr to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

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

OCTOBER 2024 CLAIMS: Motion by Koso, second by V. Cochran to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

All claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: General: N/A Streets: It was reported that the semi-truck has been moved from the middle of the street. Water: 1) It was reported that there is not an update/response on the water tower maintenance.

2) Clerk reported that the Lead Service Line Inventory is due by October 16th and needs some help in getting it completed. A motion was made by Miller and second by Bahr to allow Clerk to have Chuck Bennett help with getting the Inventory completed. All Trustees present voting YEA. Sewer: It was reported that the replacement of the #1 pump at the lagoon will be completed when it works for those installing it. Cemetery: The entrance sign still needs installed. Parks: 1) It was reported that the new playground equipment has been delivered and that the company will install the second week of November. 2) It was reported that we are waiting on drawing suggestions for the Mini-Park mural painting. 3) It was reported that a volunteer will be painting the Mini-Park swings.

2. WATER HOOK UP AT COCHRAN PROPERTY: Still not finished yet.

3. NUISANCE/UNSAFE PROPERTIES & WEED NOTICES: Discussion was held on the nuisance and unsafe properties and the weed notices that were sent out. One resident did not pick up his certified letter so it will be hand-delivered to him.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Building Permit Approval: A motion was made by Bahr and seconded by V. Cochran to approve the building permit application from Rachel Horn. All Trustees present voting YEA.

2. Closing of Street: The Community Workers are requesting permission to close a street during the Haunted House and Trunk or Treat activities. A motion was made by Koso and seconded by V. Cochran to allow the street to be closed during these activities. All Trustees present voting YEA.

3. Humane Society of Richardson County: Julie Phroper, representative with the Humane Society of Richardson County, was present and discussed the overpopulation of cats in the Village and possible remedies to the problem.

Motion by Miller and second by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. and all Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned. Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk

The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be held on November 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Village Of Verdon September 2024 Claims Paid

Table listing various claims and amounts such as EFTPS EX, People Service SE, Verdon Library EX, R.C.R.W.D. #2 SU, Seneca Sanitation Service, Inc, SE, S.N.C. SE, Nebaska Public Health, SE, Petty Cash SU, SENDD FE, Tom Borrego SE, Gerdes Lawn Care SE, NPPD SE, Sewer Sinking Fund EX, Water Money Fund EX, OPD SE, Dawn Bennett RE, Dawn Bennett SA, EX=MILEAGE, RE=REIMBURSEMENT, SA=SALARY, SE=SERVICE, SU=SUPPLIES.

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk ZNEZ

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY BY NOON



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 2, 2024 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2024, meeting as presented.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickel.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the quotes obtained for the purchase of a 2024 semi-truck from government contractors: 1) Truck Center Companies of Omaha, NE a 2025 Western Star for \$159,250 which is priced through the State of Nebraska contract award #15419 OC and 2) RDO Truck Centers of Omaha, NE for a 2025 Mack for \$161,768 which was priced through Sourcewell contract #032824-MAK.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to purchase the Western Star truck from Truck Center Companies of Omaha, NE for \$159,250 as priced through the State of Nebraska contract award #15419 OC. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that there are 9 inmates currently being held in the jail. The NE State Jail Inspection is also being conducted today.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to terminate the agreement that was executed on May 1, 2024, with GeoComm, Inc. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Notice was also received that the cost of the jail inmate meals provided by Consolidated Correctional Foodservice a division of Consolidated Management Company will be increasing on October 3, 2024 as provided for in the contract section 3.2 (a) which is based on the CPI increase of the prior year, which is 4%.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order. The ceilings in the padded cell and holding cell areas have been replaced and were found to be in a better condition than what was originally installed.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Agreement with County Attorney Office

Motion made by Sickel to enter into an agreement with the Richardson County Attorney's office to approve the reimbursement of office expenses and rent incurred by Weaver & Merz Law Office. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page

Special Mitigation Funding Opportunity

The Board received correspondence from the NE Department of Natural Resources regarding a special mitigation funding opportunity for flood-prone properties in Nebraska. For Richardson County those properties approved for the opportunity are located in the Lewis and Clark Estates area south of Rulo.

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for September, 2024.

Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of September, 2024:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$347.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$10,031.50; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court, \$1,218.00.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Ankrom, Jami, reimb .....348.40 BuckIT, serv .....8751.60 Clerk of District Court, fees 222.00 Culligan, serv .....33.60 East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv .....249.76 Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb .....284.88 El Camino Electric, serv .....1376.25 Falls City Sanitation, serv .....40.00 Falls City Utility Dept., serv .....6193.99 Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv .....5661.00 CR24-98 T. Alexander, CR23-112 T. Alexander, CR24-113 R. Carter, CR24-107 R. Merryman, CR24-40 T. Rogers, CR24-108 C. Smith, CR24-101 A. Tull, JV22-26, JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV22-14, JV23-20, JV21-20, JV24-4

Generators for Sale, serv...1226.60 Godemann, Bethany, reimb.....5.00 Hillyard, supp.....196.16 Humboldt Standard, adv .....64.00 Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb .....183.58 Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv .....110.00 Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv .....30.00 MIPS, serv.....3277.10 Nemaha County, reimb .....6337.91 NSA/POAN, reg .....440.00 OneNeck IT Solutions, serv 991.00 Postmaster, supp.....1298.50 Prochaska & Assoc., serv...200.45 Restraint Chair, supp.....2900.00 Richardson County Court, fee.....771.40 Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb .....664.23 Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc .....24699.39 Security Equipment, serv .....261.78 Sentco.net, serv .....475.38 Sisco, Emily, serv .....2000.00 SumnerOne, serv .....41.04 TK Elevator, serv .....402.87 University of NE, supp .....2504.25 Verizon, serv .....204.89 Visual Edge IT, serv .....723.38 Woods & Aitken, serv .....595.00 Payroll Expense .....11175.04 TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$185,540.43

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Culligan, serv .....50.00 Haug Communications, rent.....900.00 Martin Marietta Materials, rock .....16988.03 NPPD, serv .....42.11 Norris Quarries, rock .....5759.74 OPDP, serv .....82.73 Rueter's, supp.....32.60 Sapp Bros., fuel .....935.25 Unifirst, serv .....53.12 Woods & Aitken, serv .....1527.61 Payroll Expense .....31870.14 TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$58,241.33

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND MIPS, serv .....319.05 TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND.....\$319.05

ADJOURNMENT

A adjournment was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Court-house, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk ZNEZ

HELP WANTED

DV ADVOCATE - SAC & FOX NATION - FULL TIME

Preferred qualifications include 2 years of experience in advocacy or case management or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Education in the field of Criminal Justice, Counseling, Social Work or Psychology or related fields a plus. Will consider qualified applicants with work history and experience in case management, with domestic violence and sexual assault survivors or other qualities that fulfill the job description.

This position will include working with Native American families and individuals who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, assistance with client resources, referrals, transports to and from appointments and crisis intervention. This person will be responsible for assisting in child welfare cases involving domestic violence, advocating for the families being served and educating the public.

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 tammy.epple@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 11-7-2024.

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No snow to remove, no grass to cut, just an urban lifestyle in beautiful one bedroom furnished apartments. Kitchen appliances, including washer and dryer; utilities, cable, and Wi-Fi all are included in the monthly lease rate. This is a non-smoking building, and no pets are allowed.

Call 402-245-2448 to schedule a showing.

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The City of Humboldt, Nebraska, will be accepting applications for the Maintenance Department. The right person must be a self-starter and have the ability to prioritize work. Must be skilled in operating equipment including but not limited to lawn mowing, street repair and snow removal. Various other tasks as assigned.

Applications are available at City Hall 330 E Square Humboldt, NE 68376 or email resume with cover letter to humboldt.clerk@gmail.com

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SABETHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HELP WANTED is accepting applications for the following positions:

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HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE NURSE

Part-time position working 32 hours a week and some On-Call required. Must be a Registered Nurse or a Practical Nurse, licensed in the state of Kansas. Job duties include providing skilled nursing care in the patient's home to individuals who qualify.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE: Semi-Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Falls City Water Department will begin its semi-annual fire hydrant flushing on October 14th, 2024. This important maintenance work is expected to last for approximately three weeks and is essential for ensuring the proper function of our hydrants and maintaining high water quality throughout the city.

During the flushing process, residents may experience temporary low water pressure or slight discoloration in their water. If discoloration occurs, simply run your cold water tap for a few minutes until it clears. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this routine maintenance.

For more information or questions, please contact the Utility Office at 402.245.2851. Thank you for your cooperation!

Trevor Campbell Public Works Director City of Falls City

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# It's time to Winterize!!

## How to prepare your car for winter

Summer and fall can stake their claim as road trip season, and even devoted drivers may admit that winter is generally a less desirable time to take to the open road. The elements factor heavily into that reputation, as fewer hours of daylight, snow and ice are just some of the variables that can make it less enjoyable, and potentially more dangerous, to drive in winter.

In anticipation of adverse driving conditions, vehicle owners can take various steps to prepare their cars and trucks for winter.

- Upgrade your wiper blades. Perhaps nothing is compromised more than visibility when driving in winter compared to other times of year. Snow makes it hard to see when driving, but fewer hours of daylight also can affect visibility. In fact, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that approximately half of all fatal crashes occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., even though the number of drivers on the road during those hours is considerably lower than it is during the daytime. The difficulty of driving at night is even more significant when wiper blades are not up to the task of keeping rain and snow off drivers' windshields. Prior to winter, inspect wiper blades and upgrade them, if necessary. Streaks left on a windshield are a tell-tale sign that blades need to be replaced.

- Purchase winter tires. Winter tires may not be necessary in regions with relatively mild winters. However, drivers accustomed to winters marked by heavy snowfall and/or icy roads should consider replacing their existing tires with winter tires. Many newer vehicles are now equipped with all-season tires, which the tire experts at Bridgestone note provide great performance but are not designed to handle extreme winter conditions like snow and ice. Winter tires are specially designed to handle such conditions, making them a worthy investment for drivers who live in regions where it's not unusual to encounter snow and ice throughout the winter.

- Study up on your engine oil. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend different grades of oil depending on the range of temperatures a car or truck will be driven in. The owner's manual will likely indicate if the manufacturer recommends using a different type of engine oil in especially cold temperatures. Even if the manual does not include such a suggestion, drivers can seek the advice of a local mechanic.

- Schedule a pre-winter tuneup. Even if a vehicle is not due for a tuneup, it can be wise to have it looked over by a local mechanic before the arrival of harsh winter weather. A mechanic can check the radiator, hoses and other components that could be affected by especially cold weather in the months to come. If any issues are found, address them immediately. After all, it's better to be proactive than leave yourself vulnerable to breakdowns or other issues once the mercury drops.

As fall gives way to winter, drivers can take steps to keep their cars running strong and safe in the months ahead.

## How to prepare for winter storms

Winter arrives with fanfare as Christmas, Chanukah and New Year's Eve all take place within days of the first day of the season. Parties and shopping may distract people from the weather around them, but after resolutions are made and the decorations are packed away, it's not long before it's time to confront winter's wrath.

Storms are commonplace in January and February in many parts of the world, and even March storms are not unheard of. Knowing how to prepare for storms can keep people safer and prevent home damage. If a storm is forecasted, follow these guidelines.

- Charge a mobile phone and other electronic devices to full battery in advance of the storm in case power goes out.

- Stock the home with extra batteries for flashlights and battery-powered devices, such as a portable radio.

- Invest in a car charger to charge devices if the power is out for some time.

- Keep a supply of canned or boxed nonperishable items, as well as convenience foods that do not need to be cooked, like granola bars.

- Periodically check to ensure that the first aid kit is stocked with items that have not expired.

- Refill medications so that they are on hand in the event weather makes it challenging to get to the store.

- Keep emergency supplies of bottled water. If you forget this, fill the bathtub up with fresh water. Extra water will be needed for toilet flushing if yours is a septic system.

- Have warm blankets on hand and sleeping bags for each person in the home.

- Unplug all electronic devices if the power goes out to protect against a surge and damage when the power is restored.

- Exercise caution when burning candles, opting for flashlights and lanterns instead.

- If it's very cold outside, move refrigerated and frozen items outdoors so they do not spoil in an unpowered refrigerator.

- Do not use gas stoves, charcoal grills or other open-flame heat sources for warmth indoors. Carbon monoxide gas can build up inside and prove deadly.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using a backup generator for power.

- Stock up on gasoline for vehicles and to power gas-driven generators.

- Use power company websites and apps to report outages and stay apprised of restoration status.

- Be cautious of downed power lines in the area when driving or walking.

Winter storms can be beautiful but dangerous without ample preparation.

## The benefits of energy-efficient homes

Consumer efforts to be more eco-conscious are more and more noticeable. For proof of that, one need look no further than the increase in vehicle charging stations. Such stations are more accessible than ever and illustrate that consumer preference is increasingly leaning toward products that leave as small a carbon footprint as possible.

Another indicator of a growing interest in eco-friendly products is the popularity in energy-efficient homes. In fact, a recent survey from the National Association of Home Builders found that energy-efficient features are among the most sought-after "must-haves" among homebuyers. Among those surveyed, 83 percent desired Energy Star-rated windows, 81 percent wanted Energy Star-rated appliances and 80 percent preferred energy-efficient lighting.

Though eco-conscious sensibilities compel millions of homeowners to make their homes more energy-efficient, that's not the only reason to upgrade your home. The following are a handful of the many benefits of energy-efficient homes.

- Save money: Inflation was one of the biggest stories of 2022, as the cost of living rose dramatically in the wake of world events. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation led to an overall 6.5 percent increase in prices. But that increase was dwarfed by the cost of electricity, which increased by 14.3 percent in 2022. Energy-efficient appliances can help homeowners overcome that spike, as the U.S. Department of Energy indicates upgrading to such products can help homeowners reduce their energy costs by as much as 30 percent.

- Improve resale value: As the NAHB survey indicates, modern homebuyers want energy-efficient homes. They're also willing to pay more for such homes. Research from the mortgage lender Freddie Mac found that homes with energy-efficient ratings sold for nearly 3 percent more on average than homes without such ratings.

- Live healthier: The benefits of energy-efficient homes aren't just economic, though health-related benefits certainly produce an economic incentive as well. According to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, insulation and air sealing protect individuals from heat waves and other ripple effects of climate change. The ACEEE notes that weatherization can improve indoor air quality and comfort, a notable benefit for asthma sufferers and seniors. In fact, the ACEEE estimates that integrating energy efficiency programs in homes could reduce seniors' risk for falls in their homes, potentially saving \$2 billion in fall-related health care costs over the next decade, and improve asthma outcomes, which could reduce health care costs by as much as half a billion dollars.

Energy-efficient products and practices pay numerous dividends, making them a worthy expenditure for any homeowners looking to upgrade their homes.

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- \*Check Furnace Filter
- \*Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- \*Clean Dryer Vents
- \*Remove Weeds/Brush from around Fire Hydrants (Do NOT cover w/snow)