

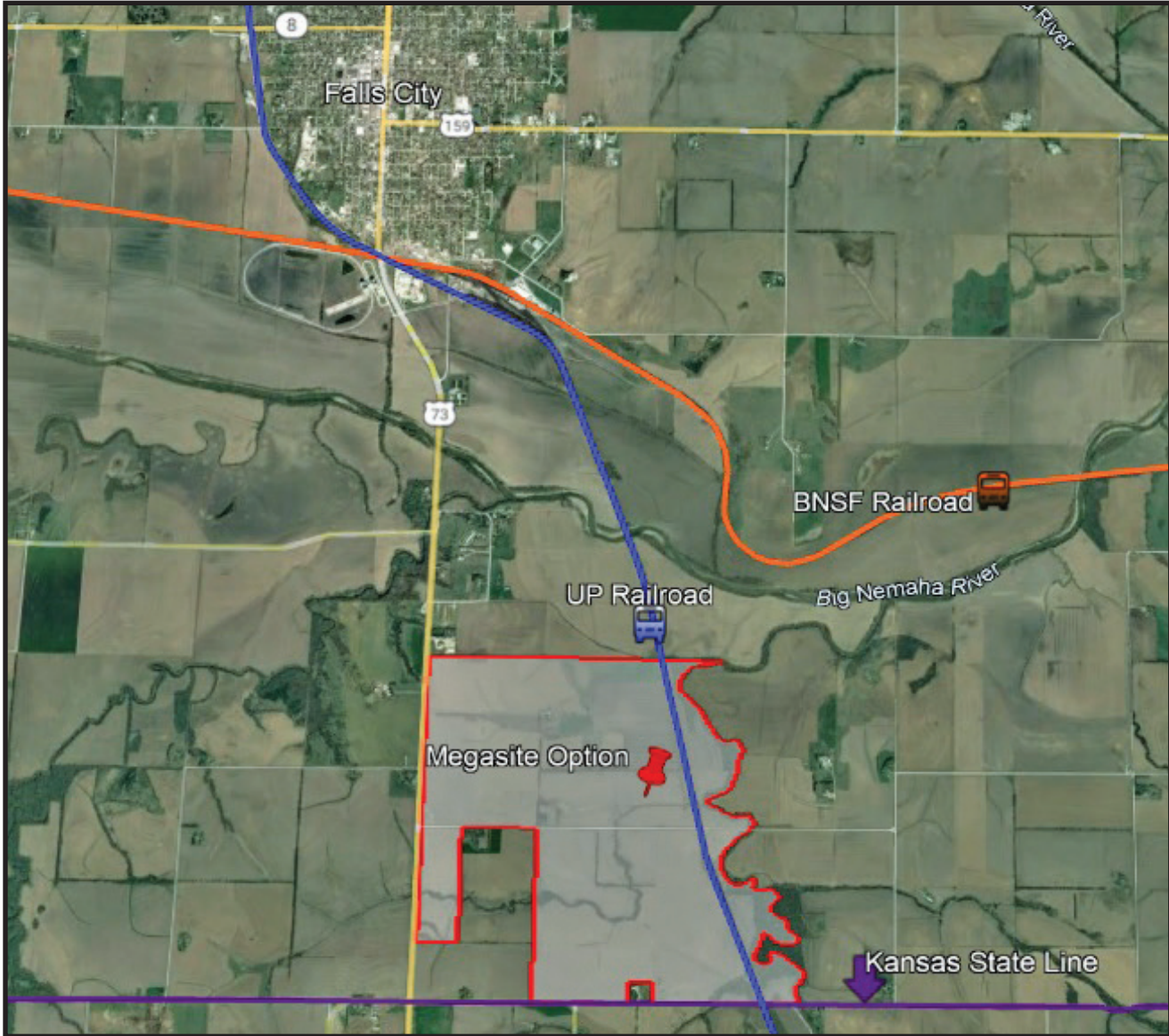
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Falls City selected for \$5 billion Production Facility

By Brian McKim
 Falls City EDGE is excited to announce that Citroniq Chemicals LLC, a biochemical manufacturer, has selected the Mid-America Rail Campus, south of Falls City, for a state-of-the-art facility. According to a press release from Citroniq Chemicals LLC, the project is part of the

Nebraska BioEconomy initiative, which aims to advance Nebraska's economic strength, fortify rural communities, and create sustainable high-paying careers.

The \$5 billion investment is one of the largest in state history. The projected scope will include an approximate 160 high-wage careers and cover 120 acres with an additional 300 acres dedicated to rail infrastructure. The site is located two miles south of Falls City. Its western border runs along Hwy 73, borders the Kansas state line, and includes the Union Pacific railroad towards the eastern border.

Citroniq Chemicals LLC is a U.S. owned innovator in biochemical manufacturing by Principals Kelly Knopp and Mel Badheka. The purpose of the proposed plant will transform un-denatured ethanol into bio-base polypropylene, reducing the reliance of petroleum-based alternatives while driving additional revenue streams to Nebraska's farms. Polypropylene pellets are the raw material used to extrude plastic parts into everyday consumer and automotive components. The plant intends to be operational in Richardson County by 2029. The plant will take approximately three years to construct once the engineering and pre-development work is complete.

In Falls City specifically, local sales tax is allocated to a special reserve fund designed for capital improvements, and the increase from this project will allow the expansion of funds for community projects.

"We're definitely going to look at the economic impact, it's going to be huge for the area," said City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum. "We will study the economic impact and how it affects the social aspects throughout the community so we can plan for housing, utility infrastructure, and other needs for this type of investment in Falls City."

According to information received from EDGE, the economic impact over the next three decades could be in the tens of billions. A formal study will lay out more data and guidance for implementation. EDGE expects as much as 75% of the new employees to seek housing in Falls City and have planned for that. Richardson County is a net negative commuter county, which means more workers live here than jobs are available. Falls City's educated and skilled workforce currently working in another county will have an opportunity to build their career and work in Falls City. This project is not expected to weaken our current industrial businesses but compliment their labor pool availability.

"We expect many of these jobs to be filled with skilled professionals that relocate to Falls City with their families," said Froeschl.

EDGE's subsidiary, Champions Crossing LLC, is managing the housing development south of the hospital. Eleven resident lots are available for new housing, with 17 more planned in subsequent phases. EDGE's other subsidiary, Falls City Area Properties LLC, secured owner-

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The storm moving into the west side of Falls City looking south.



A home with damage near 656 Ave and 711 Rd.

Falls City Grapples with aftermath of devastating windstorm, questions linger over classification and response

By Nikki McKim
 A powerful "Straight Line High Wind Event" tore through Falls City on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Downed trees and power lines transformed familiar streets into hazardous obstacle courses, homes and businesses suffered extensive damage, and a train derailed on the south side of town. Despite the widespread devastation, there were no reported injuries, a testament to the quick thinking of all residents. However, the storm's aftermath has led to questions surrounding the official classification of the event as a "straight-line wind event" by the National Weather Service (NWS) and concerns about the adequacy of local warning systems.

Power Outage: The storm dealt a devastating blow to Falls City's power grid, leaving nearly the entire city in darkness. The widespread outage disrupted vital services, including the water pumping station, traffic lights, grocery stores and gas stations. City utility crews, aided by mutual aid teams from Nebraska City and Auburn, launched into immediate restoration efforts, working tirelessly around the clock to bring power back online throughout the next few days. Despite their efforts, some residents were without electricity for days. The Salem circuit, responsible for powering areas west of Falls City, experienced a complete outage due to a transformer failure. A new transformer had to be installed before power could be fully restored.

Union Pacific Train Derailment: A 13-car train derailment occurred on the south side of town. No injuries were reported. The derailment of a 13-car Union Pacific train on the south side of town illustrated the powerful force of the storm. While no injuries were reported, the derailment added another layer of complexity to the already challenging recovery efforts, particularly in the area of the derailment and the following rains.

Homes battered, businesses disrupted: Across Falls City and east of town, homes and businesses bore the brunt of the storm. Roofs were peeled away like sardine cans down at Airlanco, fences crumbled under the onslaught of wind, and trees crashed onto houses and across streets, leaving many residents with significant property damage. A resident east of town described how the wind picked up his side-by-side and hurled it around to the back of his house. The window was blown out of the old Bill's Pawn Shop building; the old Potrillos restaurant building that caught fire several years ago had several bricks and damage spilled onto vehicles in the street below. The windows above the John Falter Museum shattered, raining glass on the sidewalk below. A light globe from the northeast side of the courthouse was carried down to the corner of the used Armbrusters car lot.

Impassable roads, piles of debris: Fallen trees and debris transformed numerous roads throughout the city, including roads near the schools and around Richardson County, into impassable barriers, hampering travel and delaying emergency response efforts. The City

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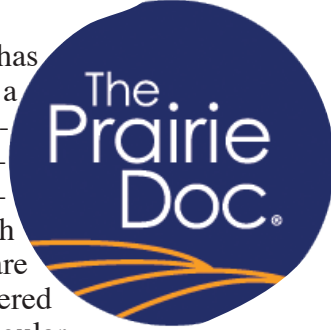


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Prairie Doc or Prairie Bot?

By Jill Kruse, DO

Artificial Intelligence or A.I. has gone from Science Fiction to a reality. This technology continues to evolve and find new applications in the world, including the world of medicine. With any new advancement, there are pros and cons to be considered when implementing it into regular use, especially in medicine.



In 2023 the Journal of Medical Internet Research published an article where they had ChatGPT take 2 of the 3 USMLE exams. Step 1 is taken by third year medical students and all physicians must pass all three tests in order to become licensed as a physician. The program was given 4 different practice tests and scored between 44 to 64.4% correct. Over 60% is considered a passing score. The headlines read that ChatGPT passes medical boards.

While this headline was shocking, reading the article gives more nuances to that declaration. There were three different AI programs used, and only one had a passing score for one of the four sample tests, the easiest step 1. When the exams themselves were broken down, the AI was able to answer the “easy” questions with the greatest accuracy. Questions were graded on a score from 1 (easy) to 5 (difficult). However, it was unable to answer any of the level 5 questions. When the program was given a “hint”, the performance increased to 22% correct of the level 5 questions. Students taking the test do not get hints.

For this article I decided to ask Chat GPT to list “5 ways AI will improve the practice of medicine in the next 5 years” and “5 ways AI may harm the practice of medicine in the next 5 years.” Here is what the program came up with.

Here are the 5 ways ChatGPT thought AI could improve the practice of medicine

- 1) Improved diagnostics and early detection
- 2) Personalized treatment plans
- 3) Efficient administrative workflows
- 4) Virtual health assistants and remote monitoring
- 5) Drug discovery and development

Here are the 5 ways ChatGPT thought AI could worsen the practice of medicine

- 1) Over-reliance on AI
- 2) Bias in algorithms
- 3) Privacy and data security risks
- 4) Job displacement and role redefinition
- 5) Increasing costs for AI implementation

AI is a tool that can be used. Like any tool in medicine, it needs to be tested for safety, accuracy, and effectiveness before widespread implementation. While ChatGPT could easily write this entire article for me in a matter of seconds, it would not be providing you with the personal connection or with the level of reverence and responsibility that each Prairie Doc feels. We take our motto to provide you with health information that is based in science and built on trust very seriously. We will watch as this technology develops and advances. We embrace progress while holding fast to our prairie roots of connection and community. You do not need to worry about Prairie Doc being replaced by Prairie Bot.

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All things Nebraska Big lake dreams dashed by feasibility report

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Like a comet that swings by the earth every few years, there’s been talk now and then about placing some huge development between Omaha and Lincoln along the Platte River.

Between the state’s two largest cities would be an ideal location for a new football stadium for the Cornhuskers, the reasoning goes. An airport there would attract more flights to and from our state. And wouldn’t a huge lake look great along Interstate 80 in that spot?

Back in the day, the idea was to dam up the Platte River and create a massive reservoir upriver from Ashland and Gretna. But those proposals were quickly shot down like pheasants on opening weekend after residents of Ashland – whose homes and businesses would be inundated by the lake – howled objections.

So a group of state legislators, flush with money during the COVID-19 pandemic, floated another idea: let’s dig an enormous sandpit lake, large enough to rival popular Lake Okoboji in Iowa, in the floodplain between Ashland and Gretna.

A sandpit lake – created by mining out the sand – wouldn’t displace any residents, they argued, and a 3,600-acre lake would lure tourists from out of state, inspire development of condominiums, parks and restaurants, and, best of all, help retain and attract population/workforce.

Then-State Sen. Mike Hilgers (now our attorney general) pitched the project as “a big swing.” And it was. The pretty conservative Nebraska Legislature rarely sticks out its collective neck. Floating a \$1-billion-plus project was thinking big, unusually big.

Lawmakers set aside \$20 million to determine if the lake – dubbed “Lake Mike” around the Capitol because three senators who backed the idea were named Mike (Mike Flood and Mike McDonnell were the others) – was feasible. That generated a glossy Powerpoint and brochure picturing marinas full of boats and lakeside, luxury condominiums – a literal Florida resort on the Plains.

Well, call off the boat parade. A report released recently ditched the idea of digging a massive sandpit between Ashland and Gretna because of projections that it would eventually seep “contaminants” into the wellfield that provides drinking water for the City of Lincoln.

That no-go conclusion must have been reached pretty quickly because the feasibility study quickly pivoted in scope from its original intent – looking at whether it would impact wellfields operated by Lincoln and Omaha – to other alternatives.

Don’t get me wrong – if Mother Nature had provided a massive water body between the state’s two largest cities, I’d love it, and I’m sure we’d see more residents in our state. “More people” has been sort of a Holy Grail over the years to solve all of the state’s problems, from our workforce shortage and high property taxes.

But instead, the Almighty gave us the Platte River: a mile wide and an inch deep as they say, “too thick to drink, too thin to plow.” The Platte is fun to run around in when the river’s down and it’s a braided sandy beach in summer, but not conducive for motor boats or jet skis.

The alternatives outlined in the recent big lake report seem more improbable than Lake Mike. Digging two sandpit lakes near Louisville would displace more people and some existing lakes, and the report admitted there aren’t many good sites for huge sandpits. So the report



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ACROSS

1. End of WW2 conference location
6. No longer is
9. Cake with rum
13. * ___ Asinoff, author of “Eight Men Out”
14. Invoice qty.
15. Fox crime drama, 2005-2017
16. *Baseball player’s representative
17. Pastrami’s partner
18. With irregular edge
19. *Last year’s World Series winners
21. *Brave contender
23. Certain tray content
24. Fail to mention
25. Nocturnal flyer
28. Team homophone
30. *Last year’s MVP Corey ___
35. Iranian monarch
37. Proactiv target
39. “Superman” star
40. Head of family
41. Button-up or button-down
43. Singles
44. Graduates
46. Symphony member
47. *Number in a baseball lineup
48. Say again
50. Brezhnev’s country
52. PST plus three
53. Mouth off
55. Brewed beverage
57. *Fall ___
61. *Two-time World Series MVP winner in 1970s
65. Two under on one hole in golf
66. Brewed alcoholic beverage
68. Grind down
69. #72 Across, in the olden days
70. *2003 World Series winner or Marvel leader, Stan
71. Plural of #62 Down
72. Eject
73. ___ excellence
74. Noise of contempt

DOWN

1. 1984, e.g.
2. Pond plant
3. Right to a property
4. Polynesian kingdom
5. Affirm to be true
6. TV’s “Storage ___”
7. Comedian Schumer
8. Iron setting
9. Bora ___
10. Any day now, formerly
11. Superlative of better
12. Not in port
15. Loud singer
20. Actress ___ Perlman, pl.
22. ___ the season!
24. Double-decker
25. Wilde of “The Picture of Dorian Gray” fame
26. Blue or gray swimmer
27. Drink like a cat (2 words)
29. Reply from a tunnel
31. Eon, alt. sp.
32. Robin Williams in “Aladdin”
33. 0 and 2, e.g.
34. Set to zero
36. *Touch to score
38. Son of Aphrodite
42. T in Ferrari TR
45. Uses #53 Across
49. ___ Chi
51. Break for Congress
54. Dandruff manufacturer
56. Ohio city
57. ___ pit
58. Nordic native
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60. A whole bunch
61. Crowd’s derision
62. Performer’s time to shine
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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim

75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, November 6, 1949 to November 12, 1949

A large barn and an estimated two to three thousand bales of hay burned to the ground at Verdon despite efforts by the Verdon Rural Fire Department. The barn and contents belonged to Ned Ray, who was out of town at the time of the fire.

Herman Shestak announced the purchase of Phelps Drug and renamed the business Shestak Drug. The store, 1610 Stone Street, sold drugs, cosmetics, tobacco, photography supplies, magazines, candy and had a fountain.

Roughly 130 students from the 11 high schools in Richardson County got an insight into county government operations. Each school was invited to send a roster of 12 students to fill the roles of county officials. After the government day at the Courthouse, the youngsters were treated to a lunch at the Elks Club as guests of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce.

The Wittrock Dairy firm was granted a building permit by the city council to construct a retail dairy and ice cream drive-in establishment in the 1000 block of Harlan Street.

An elusive Sacred Heart scaback with wings in his shoes, Chico Marx, topped the scoring department for the Irish with 126 points. The junior halfback scored 21 total touchdowns for the 6-1 Irish.

Ginseng, a plant that grows only in China and North America, started a different kind of gold rush in the rugged mountains of North Carolina. A mountaineer dug up a monster ginseng root weighing one and a quarter pounds and sold it for \$12.50.

A son, Darwin Wayne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Palmer, Route 1 of Falls City.

Roark's Recreation announced that a bowling exhibition by Joe Miller, for many years in the limelight of the bowling world, would be staged on the local alleys on November 18.

Dale Eickhoff placed second in the Dubs and Debs Bowling Tourney in Leavenworth, KS. He bowled an 813 and won \$50.

President Truman said that the price of gold in the United States would not be raised during his presidency. The present price was \$35 an ounce. The rate was fixed when the dollar was devalued in 1934. (Editor's note: the price of gold as of October 28, 2024, was \$2,724.97 per ounce.)

The Tiger football team won a thrilling finale, 16-12, over the Fairbury Jeffs. Coach Jack McIntire's bunch was taken to the limit by the home team. FC rushed for 228 yards and passed for another 31 in the win. Tom Percell and Don Simpson had touchdowns for the Orange and Black. Charlie Hunley added a fourth-quarter safety to make the final 16-12.

Harry and Harriet Curtis advertised the reopening of Pony Creek Tavern on November 15. The joint, which had been closed since the flood on June 2, served sandwiches, salads, french fries, coffee, and soft drinks.

An estimated 125 couples attended the Armistice Day Dance at Prichard Auditorium, sponsored by the American Legion.

50 Years Ago, November 6, 1974 to November 12, 1974

Voters in four county communities, including Falls City, rejected fluoridation for their water system by a 1,300 to 592 vote in the election. Humboldt, Rulo and Dawson also rejected the measure.

A total of 4,813 voters turned out in Richardson County. Sheriff L.D. Camblin was re-elected by a large margin, and Thomas J. Gist beat incumbent Henry Schepman by over 2,000 votes to win the race for county attorney. Nationally, turnout was 38%, the lowest mark since 1946.

The Dawson-Verdon volleyball team defeated Odell 15-2 and 15-4 to advance to the district final versus Barneston.

Veterans of World War I Barracks 1485 and its auxiliary met for a covered dish dinner at the G.A.R. Hall. The hostess committee included Mrs. Nolan Barker, Mrs. Bert Ehman and Mrs. Mary Durfee. Twenty-six were in attendance.

Vice-President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller and his brothers gave \$11.7 million to charity and pledged millions more in the coming year.

The dairy herd of Charles Sandfort of Humboldt was cited as the top dairy herd in Nebraska at the first annual awards banquet of the Nebraska State Dairyman's Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Georges of Shubert observed their golden wedding anniversary at the Shubert Christian Church with a reception from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Jo Bohrer, manager of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce, was invited to participate as a panelist at the workshop on industrial development in Lincoln.

Guy Cooper, chairman of the board of the O.A. Cooper Co. of Humboldt, was re-elected to the board of directors of the Nebraska Public Power Districts, subdivision 8.

Joe Fleskoski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Fleskoski, made the final cut of the 1974-75 Peru State College varsity basketball team.

Despite severe weather, the drive for old newspapers to be recycled netted nearly 20,000 pounds.

Mrs. Sally Stanton, 77, passed away at the Community Hospital. Mrs. Stanton and her husband, Charles, operated the Candle Light Cabin at Stanton Lake for years. Following her husband's death in 1945, she sold the lake and buildings to the city.

Dan Kean, 19, of Dawson, won the State Audition Piano contest, sponsored by the Nebraska Music Teachers Association, for a third straight time.

25 Years Ago, November 6, 1999 to November 12, 1999

A floating dredge of Nebraska Dredging was busy at the South Lake in Humboldt's City Park. Humboldt had received a \$100,557 grant from the Environmental Trust Fund for the project.

The Ne-Mo-Ka Craft Guild was sponsoring their 27th annual Craft Fair on Thanksgiving weekend at Prichard Auditorium. Approximately 70 vendors from Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska would be present. The Dawson-Verdon School Boosters were in charge of the lunch stand.

Karen Breiner, accompanied by the five-member country band "Midnight Express," provided entertainment at the Farmer-Customer Banquet.

The District 56 School Board voted 5-1 in favor of a design development plan for Falls City High School's nearly \$6 million construction and renovation plan.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile of Omaha had a big day at Prichard Auditorium. The drive's goal was 102 units, and 144 donors signed up.

Rodney P. Vandenberg, President and CEO of First National Bank and Trust, announced Judy Ivey's and Barbara Elliott's promotions.

The Irish football team fell in double overtime to Bancroft-Rosalie, 28-27, when running back Nate O'Grady was stopped a yard short of a two-point conversion. In the contest, O'Grady became the single-season rushing leader with 1,588 yards, breaking the previous record of 1,467 held by Steve Simon.

Bill Schock, the publisher of the Falls City Journal and a World War II bomber and German prisoner of war, gave the Veterans Day address at Falls City High School. Schock spoke on "Reflections of World War II."

Andrea Weaver, a 5-7 freshman for the College of St. Mary's volleyball team was fifth in the MCAC in serving percentage and second in reception attempts, passing percentage and digs. Weaver's sixth-ranked team in NAIA was 31-2.

The Falls City Middle School Students of the Month included Mark Dunn, Katie Sayer and Andy Strasil.

Heath Christiansen, a sophomore at Dawson-Verdon High School, was selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference in the summer of 2000.

A yearling stallion raised by Mike Marx was named Grand Champion Stallion at the American Royal Quarterhorse Show in Kansas City.

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-ship of a 3.2-acre lot that is zoned High Density Residential; ideal for apartments and townhomes.

Citroniq's investment will increase local and state revenue, allowing more support for community needs such as law enforcement, fire service, streets, schools, infrastructure, culture, recreation and community development.

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of EDGE, noted that eminent domain is not in play for this project.

"EDGE is a 501(C)(6) nonprofit private organization," said Froeschl. "We're contracted by the city and the county for economic development services. We do not have eminent domain capabilities, but we do have agreements in place with landowners willing to sell for these opportunities." The co-founders of Citroniq inquired about who may be affected by the project and have pledged to work with those impacted.

In 2006, the Nebraska Legislature passed Legislative Bill 924, which prohibits the use of eminent domain "if the taking is primarily for an economic development purpose."

Nussbaum added that Citroniq wants to find the best outcome for every individual in the area.

"The people who they are getting the land from, the people around the area and the community as a whole," said Nussbaum.

According to Nussbaum the Governor's Office feels the same.

"They want to build upon what we have, build upon the community, otherwise it doesn't have the positive effect that fits their mission."

"The whole Nebraska BioEconomy Initiative highlights supporting our rural communities," said Froeschl. "The Governor's Office chose Citroniq for Nebraska because they want to do this the right way. Governor Pille is adamant that businesses looking for incentives, cheap power, and use of our water resources are not being prioritized."

Froeschl stated the group originally visited in July of 2023, then talks seemed to simmer. The conversation became serious while attending the Bio Innovations Midwest conference in Omaha about six weeks ago.

"In turn, they picked Falls City because of all the building blocks that were put in place by previous EDGE Director, Beckie Cromer. This is the result of an organized, long-term plan, that was organized years ago."

"We were given notice at that show a few weeks ago that Falls City was back in play," said Froeschl.

After a follow-up visit, it became more of a reality.

"The following week, Kelly and Mel visited for a conference call with the landowners who are supportive of the project. We also met with some of the families that live in the area and discussed work-

ing towards an amicable solution."

This opportunity is enormous for the community. It provides a great opportunity to get the much-needed power supply upgrade to Falls City.

"Twelve to fourteen years ago it was quoted that Falls City was not investable," said Froeschl. "That is what started this momentum to lay a foundation for future opportunities. Part of the reason EDGE organized the options at Mid-America Rail Campus was to make Falls City investable. We had to give them a reason to build the electrical infrastructure. Citroniq's announcement should get us to the finish line."

In the Spring of 2022, EDGE worked with Senator Julie Slama in getting legislation passed by the Nebraska Legislature that allocates \$15,000,000 to "a city of the second class that is served by two first-class railroads, is within fifteen miles of two state borders, and partners with public power utilities for purposes of expanding electrical system capacities and enhancing redundancy and resilience." Falls City fits these criteria and will seek these funds to meet Citroniq's electrical needs.

Over 2,000 workers will be employed over the three-year construction of the site, arriving intermittently, and boosting local revenue from purchases like food, fuel, and lodging.

Once construction is complete, the plant will employ roughly 160 skilled professionals.

"The way I understand it, there are few, if any, unskilled positions at this plant," said Froeschl. "This operation will likely consist of educated skilled professionals with chemistry, engineering, and maintenance backgrounds."

Froeschl stated there may be people who already live in the area that have the skill set for the operation but commute out of county for better paying jobs.

"That's what this project and Nebraska's BioEconomy Initiative is all about," said Froeschl. "To allow the folks living in rural communities an opportunity to prosper and build their career at home."

Citroniq is committed to responsible water use and will process 300 gallons per minute of environmentally friendly potable wastewater. It's possible that a dedicated waterline could be built directly to the Missouri

River, bypassing the need for processing at the Rulo Water Plant.

"There is no ethanol plant there," said Froeschl. "Ethanol plants can sometimes give off a musty smell. That is not this."

The company will procure un-denatured ethanol by rail and ship the finished product by rail. The development is expected to build ten to twelve rail spurs with accommodations to park 4,000 rail cars. According to Froeschl the ethanol is almost pure alcohol.

"The process is clean and the potable water by-product will not contaminate our groundwater resources. It's not petroleum based, it's ethanol from corn."

The company is not seeking any incentives from the city or county.

"They're not coming in and asking what can you do for us, they've already picked us," said Nussbaum. "This is why eminent domain is not a thing this isn't a public project. This is private money. It's just what bank is backing them."

EDGE's mission is to encourage economic development and growth to improve the business conditions in Falls City, Richardson County and the surrounding area.

"EDGE exists for the benefits of its members, which includes the City of Falls City and Richardson County," said Froeschl.

According to Nussbaum, economic development is funded on the city-side through a 7% pilot on the utilities, which was placed there in the early 1990s.

"Our gas and electric, 7% of their revenue, goes back into our general funds," said Nussbaum. "And that is utilized to fund our economic development side. That's continued to go to the contracts for economic development. That goes to EDGE, it goes to our Chamber and Main Street Programs. It's not any component of tax dollars, it's 100% revenue generated by utility components, which is electric and gas, not water or sewer."

Citroniq Chemicals LLC has agreed to partner with EDGE on the future of the development to bring complimentary companies to Richardson County in the future. They will also offer house purchasing options to employees committed to working at their company for at least two years.

Stay tuned to the Journal for future articles on the formation of EDGE and details of how this project came to be.



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SOCIETY

CIRCLE MINUTES
Elizabeth Ketner, secretary

Minutes of church circle meeting, September 24, 2024

Co-president Vicki Beilke called the meeting to order at 2 pm in the church's basement. Pastor John States gave an opening prayer. Mrs. Beilke gave a reading titled "Climb 'til Your Dreams Come True". The group sang "Give of Your Best to the Master." Ten members who donated paper goods to the church answered the roll call. (Six members had perfect attendance during the past year.)

Secretary Elizabeth Ketner read the minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting. There was one minor correction, and the minutes were then declared approved. Circle's yearbook was gone over, and two members had changed telephone numbers.

Donna Monnette gave the treasurer's report.

Bills—Marian James had a bill for the Owings dinner. Dot Kelsay moved to allow the bill, which was seconded by Donna. All voted aye, and it carried.

Old business- Cathy Donahoe presented her mission report. Mrs. Monnette had her monetary report for the year. Mrs. Monnette also gave the banquet committee report mentioning the Federated Club meal and the friendship tea.

Seventeen Christmas plates were given out after the December meeting, and there will be a

report at either the October or November meeting. Thirty-two attended the friendship tea. Five funeral dinners were served in the past year.

Having co-presidents of Circle is working well.

New business- About 150 pounds of non-perishable foods have been delivered to SENCA. Money from the Fun Run has been added to the garage sale's bake sale. School supplies were delivered to SENCA, which delivered them to the various schools. There has been good participation in providing church flowers. It was reported that everything is ready for the garage sale, with prices to be marked on items soon. Members were reminded to have their bake sale items at the site by 8 am. Shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse project are available, and the shipping fee is \$ 10.00.

Mrs. Bredemeier motioned to cater the Fine Arts Day meal in March, and Mrs. Donahoe seconded the motion. All voted, Aye. And it was noted that the lessons for this year are women from the Bible, done in chronological order.

Cards were signed for Paulina Gossman, Ann Gould, Jan Mason, Nancy Hall, Kay and Russ Hicks, Jim Owings, Marilee Drumm, and the Bahr family. Mrs. Bredemeier said the Owings family thanked Circle for the funeral meal.

The meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bredemeier, and Chris Bredemeier as absentee hostess.

Pastor Appreciation Day was mentioned. Mrs. Monnette made a motion to continue this tradition, seconded by Joan Wheeler. All voted, Aye.

Richardson County Sheriff's Office receives grant for \$15,271.50 for eCitations and eCrash equipment

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office is receiving grant funding assistance for obtaining eCitations and eCrash equipment according to Bill Kovarik, Administrator of the NDOT Highway Safety Office.

"This highway safety grant funding in the amount of \$15,271.50 will aid the Richardson County Sheriff's Office in purchasing eCitation and eCrash equipment to better track citation and crash

information," Kovarik said. Nebraska has once again qualified for Federal Racial Profiling funds. The NDOT Highway Safety Office has utilized this funding to aid local area law enforcement in obtaining equipment that will improve tracking citation and crash data.

"This funding and the ongoing persistence of law enforcement personnel continues to impact injury and fatality crashes," Kovarik said.

PSC sets hearing date for Lumen outage investigations

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has set a November hearing date for telecommunications carrier Lumen (911-075/PI-248, 911-077/C-5581/PI-252) concerning three separate service outages/disruptions affecting 911.

The hearing was held in the Commission hearing room, beginning at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, November 4. The Commission had set aside, Tuesday, November 5, at 9:00 a.m., should a second day of testimony be required.

The three separate Lumen outages/disruptions occurred on August 31, 2023, April 17 and July 9, 2024, impacting 911 service over a wide area of Lumens' Nebraska network.

An initial public hearing regarding the August 31, 2023, Lumen outage was held by the Commission in January. As the Commission expanded its

investigation to include the two 2024 disruptions it conducted additional data requests and sought analysis from outside experts on network infrastructure specifically in the area of 911 network requirements.

During the hearing Commissioners and legal staff will ask questions and get answers directly from the telecommunications carrier. Testimony during the hearing may also include invited witnesses. A decision regarding the investigations will be made at a later date.

As the proceeding is an investigatory hearing, public comment will not be taken during the hearing.

Those choosing to observe the hearing in-person are reminded the Commission hearing room has a limited capacity. Individuals interested in watching the proceeding may also do so online at <https://psc.nebraska.gov/stream>.

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Wilderness Falls, 3106/3108 Victory Way, Replace Roof; \$30,420.89.

Wilderness Falls, 3105/3107 Victory Way, Replace Roof; \$30,420.89.

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Kristi Schulenberg, 804 E. 12th St., Replace Roof; \$8,995.29.

Rose Johnson, 904 Chase St., Replace Roof; \$11,097.99.

Vicky Bangert, 2224 Stone St., Replace Roof; \$12,735.96.

Jeffrey Bentley, 2716 McLean St., Replace Roof; \$7,155.75.

Art Dean, 2703 Abbott St., Replace Roof; \$10,706.63.

Thomas Carpenter, 919 Reavis St., Curb Cut; \$1,500.00.

Kimberly Riggs, 320 W. 24th St., Remodel Kitchen; \$20,000.00.

Neil Scrivens, 1006 Stone St., Replace Sidewalk; \$4,248.00.

Shawn and Tiffany Fouraker, 1706 Wilson St., Replace Sidewalk; \$2,700.00.

Shawn and Tiffany Fouraker, 421 E. 18th St., Replace Sidewalk; \$2,700.00.

W and D Auto Care, 1724 Harlan St., Replace Sidewalk; \$2,160.00.

Don Coolidge, 2122 Crook St., Replace Roof; \$15,869.00.

Stephen and Megan Randall, 2102 Harlan St., New Shop; \$30,000.00.

Larry Hahn, 2706 Towle St., Install Wall and Floor Supports; \$3,286.76.

Paul and Sara Rue, 3322 Bill Schock Blvd., Replace Roof; \$15,460.00.

Karl Erickson, 515 W. 25th St., Replace Roof and Gutters; \$38,268.75.

Mark and Susan Jones, 1809 McLean St., Replace Roof; \$8,300.00.

Mark and Susan Jones, 2424 Schoenheit St., Replace Roof; \$6,675.00.

Jason Mackey, 710 W. 14th St., Replace Roof; \$24,174.72.

Shirley Fritz, 818 Lane St., Replace Furnace; \$4,000.00.

ACCIDENTS

On October 22, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Eugene Ramer of Falls City was traveling south on Fulton Street and side swiped a vehicle owned by Betty Delvillar of Falls City that was parked on the west side of Fulton Street heading south. The Ramer vehicle suffered an estimated \$500 in damage; the Delvillar vehicle suffered an estimated \$1,500 in damage.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

October 21 through October 22 calls: one noise disturbance, two accidents, three ambulance/EMS, two miscellaneous, one animal call, two records checks, one investigation, one fire call, one referred to another agency, one HHS intake/referral, one alarm, seven 911 calls, two citations for unlicensed dog, two citations for nuisance dog.

October 22 through October 23 calls: two 911 hang up/misdials, two animal calls, four information only, one truancy, one referred other agency, one accident, one theft, five 911 calls.

October 23 through October 24 calls: one suspicious person/vehicle, one miscellaneous, one HHS intake/referral, one 911 call.

October 24 through October 25 calls: two animal calls, two vandalism, one sex offense, one referred to another agency, one miscellaneous, one check welfare, one information only, one suspicious person/vehicle, three 911 calls.

October 25 through October 26 calls: one referred to another agency, two information only, two miscellaneous, two ambulance/EMS, one accident, two 911 calls, two warnings for driving without headlights after dark, one warning for fail to yield ROW, one warning for no operators license on person, one citation for shoplifting.

October 26 through October 27 calls: four referred to another agency, three information only, one alarm, four ambulance/EMS, one motorist assist, one domestic disturbance, one disturbance, one 911 hang up/misdial, one warrant arrest, two miscellaneous, one HHS intake/referral, eight 911 calls, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for illegal U-turn, one citation for fugitive from justice, one violation for no proof of insurance, one citation for leave accident-fail to furnish info-first.

October 27 through October 28 calls: one ambulance/EMS, one information only, one referred to another agency, two miscellaneous, three 911 calls.

October 28 through October 29 calls: two 911 hang up/misdial, two animal calls, three miscellaneous, five records checks, one traffic/driving complaint, one found or lost property, one assault, one theft, one sex offense, one investigation, one referred to another agency, one information only, six 911 calls.

October 29 through October 30 calls: one alarm, two sex offenses, three miscellaneous, one disturbance, one referred to another agency, one domestic disturbance, one 911 hang up/misdial, one theft, one information only, six 911 calls.

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Falls City Middle School announces first quarter honor roll students

Falls City Middle School is proud to announce its first quarter Honors students. Regular Honor Roll consists of students who had a 3.5 to a 3.75 GPA and no D's or F's. High Honor Roll Students had a 3.75 to a 4.0 GPA and no D's or F's. The highest honor a Falls City Middle School student can receive is Titanium Tiger status. To be a Titanium Tiger the student must have a 3.5 or higher GPA, no D's or F's, no discipline incidents, score at grade level on their NSCAS English Language Arts or NSCAS Math, miss two or fewer days of school (the nurse excuses any doctor approved medical absences) and they must be involved in an extra-curricular activity. Titanium Tigers have shown excellence in all areas of the Middle School experience. Congratulations to all of our students who achieved these honors.

Titanium Tiger: Ashlyn R. Alexander, Josslyn L. Bangert, Zade A. Bents, Livianna K. Buckminster, Arryn L. Chandler, Corbin N. Cole, Bristol A. Coupe, Kacen L. Davis, Gavin J. Dean, Kennalyn C. Ehrhardt, Owyn J. Eickhoff, Dierks M. Foster, Benjamin C. Furnas, Gracie L. Gill, Brynna L. Glathar, Leah L. Goff, Kamdyn D. Huppert, Kreighton K. Huppert, Gerardo M. Irizarry, Noah S. Jacobs, Ava M. Jarred, Morgan R. Jeffries, Alaina F. Jackson, Madison L. Johansen, Asher J. McCullick, Nolan P. Nicholson, Keylee C. Olberding, Kylie M. Ramsey, Tatum L. Ramer, Collin A. Roberts, Kaytlin M. Rhodd, DeLana L. Richey, Leo A. Rue, Kehliawanna N. Savago, Leilani MR Schulenberg, Audrey G. Scrivens, Mason D. Simpson, Liam R. Sutton, Camdyn R. Vice, Peyton T. Weddle, and Sophia C. Wendtlandt.

Eighth grade high honor roll: Ashlyn R Alexander, Josslyn L Bangert, Livianna K. Buckminster, Arryn L. Chandler, Bristol A. Coupe, Kennalyn C. Ehrhardt, Brynna L. Glathar, Leah L. Goff, Adaesha L. Hall, Kamdyn D. Huppert, Gerardo M. Irizarry, Ayva J. Jean, Madison L. Johansen, Elisa K. Mount, Nolan P. Nicholson, Keylee C. Olberding, Kaytlin M. Rhodd, Collin A Roberts, Kehliawanna N. Savago, Audrey G. Scrivens, Abigail R. Spinner, Peyton T. Weddle, Hallie E Young.

Eighth grade honor roll: Andre A. Shafer, Braxtyn M. Bauman, Brantly R. Sells, Kacen L. Davis, Jackson E. Funk, Grace C. Gile, Gracie L. Gill, Mason S. Holloway, Ryder B. Hullman, Mia A. Brown, Tobey J. Barnhart, Zade A. Bents, Sophia C. Wendtlandt.

Seventh grade high honor roll: Corbin N. Cole, Gavin J. Dean, Turner A. Dunn, Owyn J. Eickhoff, Brooklynn L. Foster, Dierks M. Foster, Soleai A. Hanavan, Samuel L. Howard, Alaina F. Jackson, Seth W Jackson, Noah S. Jacobs, Isabel D. Janky, Ava M. Jarred, Morgan R. Jeffries, Sawyer D. Kafer, Ava R. Kieser, Corby L. Kuker, Lorelei E. Lowe, Tannar J. Maddox, Ashlyn J Pfohl, DeLana L. Richey, Myla E. Rumbaugh, Brody B. Scholl, Liam R. Sutton, Camdyn R. Vice, Lucas A. Wisdom.

Seventh grade honor roll: Andrew S. Timothy, Benjamin A. Lee, Bentley J. Shields, Braxton K. Moore, Chloe E. Dumont, Nicolas A. Heaton, Tatum L. Ramer, Aurora L. Woodruff

Sixth grade high honor roll: Elise I. Miller, Kreighton K. Huppert, Kylie M. Ramsey, Leo A. Rue, Rylee L. Kreifels, Ruth Y. Cordero.

Sixth grade honor roll: Asher J McCullick, Aubrey B. Campbell, Benjamin C. Furnas, Maverick J. Frederick, Hunter J. Driskell, Kasyn R. Lee, Lilly M. Kopf, Leilani MR Schulenberg, Mason D. Simpson.

FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



This is a postcard says "Property of Ray Bollman 719 Fulton taken in Barada in front of restaurant north of Butler store."

FCPS ESports teams preparing for the NSESA fall playoffs

On October 19, the Falls City Public Schools ESports Program competed in an online tournament hosted by Scribner Snyder Community Schools. The varsity League of Legends team (8-0, 5-0) went 3-0 to win their tournament. They defeated the #1 team in their NSESA Division 3/4, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (8-2, 6-0), twice, including an hour-long championship game that lived up to its hype. Most games average around 25-35 minutes. The Tigers also defeated the

#4 team, Scribner-Snyder Community Schools (5-3, 4-1). All three teams have a great opportunity to qualify for the NSESA Final Four Fall State Championship hosted by Midland University on November 22-23. The Tigers are hoping to qualify for their third consecutive state tournament in League of Legends and feel they have their best opportunity this time around to bring home a state championship for their school. The players who competed were Ethan Boatright (Mid), Peyton

Brown (Jungle), Dustin Stilen (Top), Kamdyn Huppert (ADC), Royce Capek (Support), and Kreighton Huppert (Support).

One Varsity Super Smash Bros Ultimate team competed in the tournament. Camden Jean and Asher Kuker went 4-2 and finished 4th out of nineteen teams. After losing their second match of the day, the team won three straight, including a couple of upset wins. They had some exciting matches and battled throughout the tournament. On October 21, both teams were defeated by the #2 and #3 teams in their division, David City 1 and David City 2. Both Falls City teams have opportunities to make strong runs to the quarterfinals in the upcoming NSESA Fall Playoffs. Still, they will need to be at their best in those quarterfinal matches to qualify for the Final Four at Midland. FC1 (Camden Jean and Deacon Jacobs) is 7-3, with their losses coming to three of the top

five teams in their division. They are in 12th place out of forty teams. FC2 (Ashed Kuker, Carter Rumbaugh, and Xavier Luginbill) is 6-4 and in 17th place.

The Varsity Overwatch 2 team finished 0-2 in their tournament. After losing their first match to the eventual champion, LCC, they played a great second match but lost a close one 1-2 to Scribner-Snyder. The team enters the NSESA playoffs with a record of 2-4.

On October 23, the Middle School Super Smash Bros Ultimate teams went 2-0, sweeping Plattevue's two teams. FCMS 1 (Liam Sutton and Noah Jacobs) is now 9-1 on the season and in second place behind 8-0 Norris MS. FCMS 2 (Seth Jackson and Dierks Foster) is in fifth place at 7-3. Both teams have great opportunities to qualify for the Middle School Online State Tournament this Fall if they compete well in the playoffs starting October 28.

Largest Veterans Day event in Lincoln history - St. Mark's Veterans Day celebration

St. Mark's United Methodist Church is hosting the largest Veterans Day event in Lincoln's history with over 1,900 expected guests on Sunday, Nov. 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. All veterans, active-duty service members, their families, and the public are invited to attend this free event.

This special service will honor and pay tribute to veterans and their families from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, Coast Guard, and Air Force.

The event will feature a performance by the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band, Raptor. Raptor is known for its high-energy music and dynamic stage presence with performances including rock & roll classics, patriotic favorites, and chart-topping hits. An iconic, crowd-pleas-

ing band, Raptor is usually booked out one year in advance.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Colonel Gerald D. Meyer (Ret.). The keynote address will be delivered by Major General Daryll L. Bohac (Ret.) with a reception to follow from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All veterans and active-duty service members are encouraged to wear their uniforms, hats, or colors - something that signifies their branch of service - and to sit with their families in the section designated for their branch.

Doors open at 4:15 p.m. While this event is free and open to the public, registration is required.

For more information and to register: <https://stmarks.org/veterans>.

For questions, please contact Doug McCallum at 402-489-8885 or dmc-callum@stmarks.org.

Journal Thanksgiving and hourly 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. The Journal office will operate on a "flex schedule," for the foreseeable future outside of holidays.

Some afternoons the office may need to close early if staff needs to be away for appointments, meetings or events or we may step away for periods of time in the morning or afternoon and return later.

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Commissioners hold regular weekly meeting won't meet this week due to election

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 30, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024, meeting as presented.

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the distress warrant report for 2023 taxes due. A total of two distress warrants have been issued and will be presented to the County Sheriff to pursue collection. The 2023 distress warrant report was approved as presented and the Sheriff was approved to pursue collection.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the board on road and bridge maintenance being done. It was reported that the truck purchased from Truck Center Companies of Omaha, NE on October 2, 2024, had been delivered and is in working operation. The crews are continuing to put up the new stop signs.

Information was received on the possible purchase of a loader and doing the finance through the NACO lease purchase program to help with budgeting plans that may be affected by LB34 of the special session of the legislature in 2024. The matter will be reviewed further.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the board on business within the Law Enforcement Center. It was reported that there were 13 inmates in jail. Deputies will be putting in some overtime during November 23 through December 1 which funds will be provided for through the Make It Click grant through the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of four in-car computers and programs from Brite in the amount of \$20,362.00

which \$15,271.50 will be reimbursed to Richardson County through the Nebraska Dept. of Highway Safety "Improving Data Mini-Grant" with matching funds from the County of \$5,000. The motion carried.

A revised quote was reviewed from Jim Hill's to create an enclosure at the jailor observation area at the Law Enforcement Center which will include the installation of the frame and 1/4" marguard as stated with the quote dated 10/24/24 making the total cost of \$11,000. A motion was made and carried to approve the revised quote with 1/4" marguard for this enclosure of the jailor observation area from Jim Hill's at the price of \$11,000.

A discussion was also held regarding the jail meals and alternatives to providing and further research is being done.

Kim Riggs, County Assessor presented to the Board the Contract for Services with Lake Mac Assessment, LLC of Ogallala, NE. The contract is to provide appraisal maintenance for Richardson County Assessor and help to build and adjust appraisal models in the CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system for the county commercial properties. To provide five, four-hour WebEx appraisal maintenance trainings to the Assessor to create/adjust depreciation tables for the commercial properties in Richardson County. The amount of the contract is \$2,500.00. A motion was made and approved to enter into the contract as presented.

Kristy Richardson, EMA Deputy Director presented to the Board the Annual Verification of Emergency Plan Letters of Agreement between Richardson County, NE and Nebraska Public Power District (Cooper Nuclear Station).

A motion was made that with no changes to the Richardson County Emergency Response Plan to authorize the Chairman to sign the An-

nual Verification form as presented. The motion carried.

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the FC EDGE presented to the Board the quarterly report and the activity of the organization. With a group of approximately 14 interested citizens in attendance for this report, Froeschl elaborated on agreements that are in place to develop the Mid-America Rail Campus which is being planned for a location south of Falls City and the discussion with potential prospects.

The Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024, audit report was received from the Nebraska State Auditor dated October 23, 2024.

A motion was made and carried to pursue a NACO Lease purchase plan to cover the expense of the replacement of the electronic system at the Law Enforcement Center to be installed by Electronic Contracting Company of Lincoln in the amount of \$251,388.45 that was approved by the County Board on August 21, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The Board will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, due to the General Election week. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.



Glen E. Oliver

Glen E. Oliver, 89, passed away on October 27, 2024.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Oliver (Withers); daughter, Barb (Larry) Koke; five granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be left to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Visitation was held Wednesday, October 31, 2024, from 9-10 AM with services following.

Randy Kermoade

Randy Lee Kermoade of Broomfield, CO passed away on September 14, 2024 at the age of 67 at Community Medical Center, Falls City, NE following a battle with cancer. He was born in Falls City, NE on March 5, 1957 to Marvin and Clara (Norton) Kermoade.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, November 8, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Steele Cemetery with Reverend Kenneth Humphrey officiating.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, 7:00-8:00 P.M. at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Ensley Meyerkorth

Ensley Meyerkorth, 7, of Shubert, NE, passed away November 2, 2024 at Auburn, NE. She was born August 13, 2017 at Omaha, NE to Cody and Mariah (Jackson) Meyerkorth.

Ensley attended Humboldt Elementary School. She loved Minnie Mouse and Mickey Mouse, the outdoors and her brother, Carter.

Ensley is survived by her parents, Cody Meyerkorth of Shubert, Mariah Meyerkorth and her partner Dane Belt of Red Oak, IA, brother, Carter Meyerkorth of Shubert, step-brother, Oggie Belt of Red Oak, IA, grandparents, Doug and Sherri Jackson of Nebraska City,

Linda Patchen of Shubert, Greg Meyerkorth of Verdon, great-grandparents, J. M. Jackson of Mound City, MO, Sharon Patton of St. Joseph, MO, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lila and Lavern Meyerkorth, Don and Joan Nixon, Donald Patton, Merry Jackson, and a cousin, Dameron Keeton.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Interment will be in Prairie Union Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 6-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Paul Weinert

Paul Malcolm Weinert, 94, was born on March 20, 1930, at home on the family farm northeast of Falls City, the first-born child of Harold and Verena (Malcolm) Weinert. He passed away October 31, 2024 at Lincoln, NE.

He attended District 54 School (Pig Hill) and graduated from Falls City High School in 1948. He then went on to graduate from Westmar College in 1952, earned a Master's of Divinity

at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL and a Master's Degree from the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

On February 22, 1952, he married Donna Lee Sickel. Donna preceded him in death on October 4, 2005. He then married Mary Jane Schawang Lampe on August 11, 2007.

Paul began full-time ministry in 1955 at the Derby, KS E.U.B. Church until 1956 and then the Worden, KS E.U.B. in 1959. In 1963 he was called to serve two churches in Julian, NE which were merged into the United Methodist Church and then the Brownville and Nemaha U.M.C.s in 1970, serving both churches for 25 years. He continued officiating at countless funerals and weddings and to "fill the pulpit" into his nineties.

In 1956, Paul accepted a teaching position with Verdon High School, prior to beginning full time ministry. He returned to teaching in 1963 at Falls City High School and continued there until his retirement in 1988. Paul was a member of the Nebraska State Education Association, serving on their Board of Directors for many years. After his retirement from teaching, he was an active member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Paul farmed his entire life with a passion for stewardship to the land and the family farm. In 2024, the Weinert farm was awarded the 150 Year Nebraska Heritage Farm Award.

Paul was very active in

his community, serving on the Falls City Council for 12 years and President of the Council in 1982, and as Mayor. He served on the Utility Board while on the council and the Civil Service Board for 24 years.

He was an active member of Rotary for many years and volunteered countless hours to community organizations and events. In 2018, Paul was honored for his civic service, when he was selected to be Grand Marshal of the Falls City Cobblestone Festival.

Paul was a member of the Zion Church until its closing and then the Bethel E.U.B. church (now Bethel Global Methodist). The Bethel church was built on a portion of the Weinert farm.


Paul was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna, parents, sisters, Mary Jean and Virginia, a brother, James in infancy, brothers-in-law, Jack and Don, and sister-in-law, Pat.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, brother, Charles, his children, Sue Weinert, Tom Weinert and his wife Gayle, Carol Thomas and her husband John, Greg Weinert and his wife Heidi, and Mary Beth Smith and her husband Craig, grandchildren, Drew (Ashley) Smith, Sarah (Jake) Huppert, Noah (Sabrina) Smith, Jesse Weinert, Sophia Weinert, Malcolm Weinert, Cambria Weinert, and Tristan Weinert; one step-great-grandchild, Thomas Hargis, step-children and step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, countless students and friends whose lives he touched.

His celebration of life will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Bethel Global Methodist Church with Pastor Mike Hader officiating. Interment will be in Bethel Zion Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 5-6:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

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



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FC grapples with aftermath of devastating windstorm, questions linger over classification and response

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of Falls City responded by opening its yard and tree waste facility to assist residents with clearing debris. Some residents from around the county worked tirelessly around the clock to help citizens at the site. Despite the city's efforts, some residents, like school bus drivers, found their driveways blocked, preventing them from leaving their homes.

The siren silence: A deafening absence fuels questions The absence of tornado sirens during the storm has emerged as a point of contention for some Falls City residents, who felt blindsided by the storm's sudden and ferocious arrival. While the Omaha NWS confirmed no tornado warning was issued for Richardson County, many residents who witnessed the storm firsthand firmly believe they experienced a tornado, not merely straight-line winds. They say the storm's path of destruction; swirling debris and the suction-like force support their claims. During the Emergency County Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Rick Karas asked Emergency Manager Brian Kirkendall why the sirens had not gone off. Kirkendall said, "To give a little explanation to that, the weather service is calling it a straight-line wind. They are not calling it a tornado at all. So that's still what they're calling it."

It was later explained that the sirens are set up to automatically sound if the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning; however, Emergency Management Director Brian Kirkendall, Sheriff Hardesty and Deputy Emergency Management Director Kristy Richardson can also manually sound them.

NWS Omaha-navigating the warning process amidst challenges: Seeking to address public concerns, Rebecca Kern of the National Weather Service in Omaha spoke with the *Journal* on Friday, offering insights into the complexities of the warning process and the specific challenges encountered during the wind event. Kern, who was on duty and responsible for issuing warnings that day, explained that decisions are made based on a synthesis of radar data, reports from trained storm spotters, and professional judgment.

In the case of the Falls City storm, Kern said she had received reports of winds advancing from Kansas but had no indications of the power of the storm activity within Richardson County itself. The lack of real-time information from the affected area posed a significant challenge in accurately assessing the situation.

"We were hearing nothing, absolutely not one phone call, not one message from anywhere in Richardson County," said Kern.

Based on her experience and available data, she initially issued a severe thunderstorm warning at 12:53 PM, alerting residents to the potential threats of wind, hail, and heavy rain. However, this initial warning did not meet the specific criteria to trigger the activation of tornado sirens or the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) system on cell phones, which are reserved for more imminent and life-threatening situations.

Upgrading the threat-The destructive tag arrives too late for some: The situation took a dramatic turn when Kern received a report of a 91-mph wind gust measured at the Falls City airport. This alarming reading, equivalent in intensity to an EF-1 tornado, signaled a significant escalation in the storm's severity. Recognizing the immediate danger, she upgraded the existing warning to include a "destructive tag," a designation intended to activate Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), even in the absence of a confirmed tornado.

"I'm like, oh, it's happening. Still silence from Richardson County. So none of our trained spotters that we trained down there, and nobody, no one had reported that anything was going on. So, hearing that the airport gusted to 91 miles an hour, it doesn't matter if anyone reports it or not; I'm issuing a destructive tag on a severe thunderstorm warning for that sort of straight-line wind."

However, this crucial upgrade, issued at 1:11 PM, arrived after the storm had already swept through a large portion of Falls City, severely limiting its effectiveness as an early warning system. Kern acknowledged that the delay in issuing the destructive tag stemmed from the warning system's inherent limitations.

Some phones received the warning later than others, and some not at all. Kern explained that this can be due to a couple of things: your phone's carrier, the software on your phone, when your phone was last updated and the version of phone you have.

Kern said that because the National Weather Service out of Omaha still didn't know what was going on in Falls City "on the ground," they issued a "super severe thunderstorm warning," which alerts your phone.

The warning some received stated: *Emergency Alert, National Weather Service: SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING in effect for this area until 1:30 OM CDT for DESTRUCTIVE 90 mph winds. Take Shelter in a sturdy building, away from windows. Flying debris may be deadly to those caught without shelter. Additional Details. This is an EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SITUATION with Tornado like wind speeds expected. Mobile homes and high-profile vehicles are especially susceptible to winds of this magnitude and may be overturned. For your protection, move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a building. This storm has the potential to cause serious injury and significant property damage.*

"Some counties and some municipalities have policies in place that if we do issue a warning that has like 70 or 80 mile per hour winds or greater in our text, that your sirens would go off, but it will trigger your phones. And so that's what I had to do. I had to create a new warning because I got that gust of 91 at Falls City. Again, we're not hearing anything, crickets, from Richardson County. And when I say that, I'm talking our spotters (public)," said Kern. "I'm like, what is happening down there when nobody's reporting anything."

Kern said she knew full well that the storm had passed some by the time the destructive tag phone alert was issued but was hoping the people "downstream" would be alerted and safe.

She said she heard from someone from the Richardson County Sheriff's Department and then contacted the Emergency Manager to receive a briefing.

The classification debate: straight-line winds vs. Tornado vs. gustnado: The official classification of the Falls City event as a "straight-line wind event" remains a contentious issue. Emergency Manager Brian Kirkendall said it was classified as straight-line winds during the Emergency Meeting with the County Commissioners.

The emergency declaration, which will help get the county assistance, states: "Richardson County has suffered from a Straight-Line High Wind Event that occurred on October 30, 2024, causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of the health and safety of the citizens of Richardson County within the disaster area."

Therefore, the Chair of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners has declared a state of emergency, authorized under Nebraska State Statute RRS 81-829.50 on behalf of Richardson County, and will execute for and on behalf of Richardson County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to all State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources he/she deems necessary in the fulfillment of his/her duties." It is signed by County Commissioner John Caverzagie and County Clerk Mary Eickhoff, dated October 31, 2024.

Declaring a state of emergency allows the county to access FEMA and state funds for disaster recovery. These funds would be essential for covering the costs of repairs to infrastructure, debris removal, and other expenses related to the storm.

On Friday, Emergency Manager Brian Kirkendall stated that he planned to get the county's drone up to assess damage that afternoon. He said he wasn't sure if the NWS would change their designation from straight-line winds to include a possible tornado and didn't think it made any difference for insurance purposes. He believed the damage began about a mile west of Falls City and there were no storm spotters on this storm.

During the Thursday Emergency Commissioner meeting, Sheriff Hardesty said he immediately started responding to emergency calls for help. He called County Commissioner Rick Karas to go to Humboldt to check for damage; they didn't suffer any damage.

"If you go to the northeast (of Falls City), you can see a clear path of twisted stuff," said Hardesty. "It's easier to see here, in town, because there's more buildings and stuff. You know, out in the county. I mean, yeah, like this coachman RV deal. You can see where it turned the steering and the front tires, and it turned it in their driveway. And then, he's the one who had his dog that opened, that sucked his dog out of the house, and he thought he was going to go out too."

Cindy Bangert told the *Journal* that at their home northeast of Falls City, her husband went out to close the Quonset, "He left, and 30 seconds later, it got really dark. I jumped up and looked outside and the wind was swirling in our cattle lot. It looked like a tornado. I ran downstairs to the basement. The whole time I was wondering if John had made it to the Quonset. I was frantically praying for his safety. After some time, I came upstairs and ran to the front door, still praying. It was pouring down rain, but I was putting my shoes on to find John. At that moment I looked out the window and the Quonset door opened and John emerged."

She said she had never been so happy to see him in all her life. John then shared what he had experienced.

"He did get the door down, and as soon as it went down, the building started to shake," said Cindy. "He remembered Jerome Portrey, telling him that when he was in WWII, the safest place to be was in a Quonset Hut. Jerome said that those buildings can withstand 120 mph winds. John said he was praying that Jerome was right. As he stood in the Quonset, John heard the train associated with tornadoes, and then the shaking stopped. It began to rain, and he decided he could leave the Quonset. We are grateful that we only lost trees and part of our barn roof. It could have been a very different story."

Kern with the Omaha National Weather Service emphasized that straight-line winds, particularly those associated with powerful thunderstorms, can generate wind speeds comparable to an EF-1 tornado, as evidenced by the 91-mph gust recorded at the Falls City airport. She highlighted that widespread straight-line wind events, while often overlooked, can be just as destructive as tornadoes, impacting a much broader area and causing significant damage to infrastructure and property.

In an attempt to explain the apparent swirling motion and suction effect witnessed by residents, the Kern pointed to the dry conditions before the storm. Dry soil, coupled with harvested fields, created an environment where the strong winds quickly lifted vast amounts of dust and debris into the air, creating the illusion of a rotating column of air, a phenomenon known as a gustnado. She also explained that gustnadoes, while visually similar to tornadoes, are short-lived and typically less intense.

Kern said some photos the *Journal* shared with her of what appeared to be a tornado were shared around the NWS office, and several meteorologists who have studied weather for several years agreed they were not tornadoes.

"There's definitely a nice shelf cloud in that picture," said Kern, "and a tornado like that would be doing a lot of damage that we would, you know, have drones up looking at. Now, that also being said, we haven't ruled anything out."

Kern also explained that what we had was equal to an EF one tornado, and it was very damaging wind over a large area. "Let's say a legit tornado would have only done damage, probably in a two-block-wide swath."

However, she emphasized that the investigation into the Falls City event has yet to be closed. The NWS routinely reviews data and analyzes evidence from past events, sometimes taking months or years to finalize their assessments and ensure accuracy. She encouraged residents to share any video evidence they may have captured during the storm, particularly footage clearly showing a rotating column of air attached to the cloud base, a defining characteristic of a tornado that would be critical in reevaluating the classification.

She did explain that it's possible to have straight-line winds and an accompanying tornado. This would be called a quasi-linear convective system tornado. They are also very narrow.

"They're like, tree toppers, they would take air conditioners off big roofs, like of a plant or something, very isolated damage," said Kern. "Now, we're not done with this yet. We're still going to be looking at things. We're not going to rush into it either. We want to make it what it is. And so, looking at the pictures is great, but we need solid video evidence of it attached to the cloud base. We need a funnel attached to the cloud base, but rotating about a vertical axis, not a horizontal axis, like a rolling pin, but like a vertical axis, like a figure skater would, and it must be attached to the cloud base. Otherwise, it's those gustnados."

Strengthening the Spotter Network: The absence of real-time reports from trained storm spotters in Richardson County significantly hampered the NWS's ability to accurately assess the situation on the ground and issue timely warnings. This experience highlights the critical importance of a robust and active network of trained storm spotters, particularly in rural areas where radar coverage may be limited, or ground-level events may go undetected.

Kern explained that Falls City is on the cusp/edge of the radar viewing area, where they can only see into the cloud base. About 11,000 feet is the closest to the surface they can see down here. She explained that Falls City has coverage, but it's not as low as they would like.

"There's a lot of those around the country, but radars are super expensive, so agencies just don't have the funding to put into that."

Empowering locals to become active participants in the warning process can significantly enhance the system's effectiveness. This will provide valuable real-time observations that can help meteorologists make informed and timely decisions.

To report something, the National Weather Service has a public phone number: 402-359-5166, or you can reach out on their Facebook page at NWS Omaha, their X/Twitter page.

Embracing a culture of preparedness-empowering citizens, fostering resilience: NWS Omaha, recognizing the need for enhanced communication and community engagement, has extended an offer to conduct outreach programs in Richardson County next spring, including storm spotter training classes. These classes aim to empower residents to become more weather-aware, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to identify severe weather threats, report them to the NWS, and take appropriate safety measures to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Understanding siren activation policies: Understanding tornado siren policies in Falls City and how they are aligned with NWS warning criteria in these types of situations may help the public understand protocols in the future. This review could include assessing the requirements for activating sirens, the communication protocols between the NWS and local officials responsible for activating sirens, when they would need to be activated manually, and the clarity and accessibility of information regarding siren activation procedures for the public.

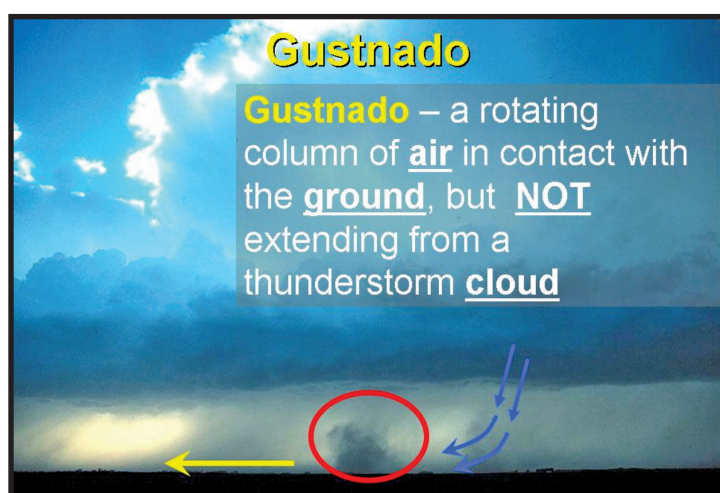
Kern said she had lost sleep over issuing a late destructive tag on Wednesday but said, "I always tell people, if you feel your life is in danger, do not wait for that siren. Do not wait for your phone to go off; seek shelter immediately. You don't have to wait for that reaffirmation that your life is in danger. And it sounds like many people there did that, which is awesome."

Mutual aid crews from Auburn and Nebraska City aided with power line repairs: These crews worked alongside Falls City utility teams to restore power to the community as quickly as possible. This collaboration was essential, as the damage to the power grid was extensive, affecting multiple circuits, transformers, and poles. The combined efforts of these crews allowed for the restoration of vital services like the water plant and downtown businesses, followed by the commercial district and residential areas.

Local contractors assisted city crews in keeping the tree and yard waste facility operational, and the local fire department helped control the burns near the facility: This allowed residents to dispose of the large amount of debris generated by the storm. Keeping this facility open and monitored throughout the weekend ensured safety and efficient debris removal.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Department and Falls City Police Department worked to clear roads and responded to calls for help: While the county did not sustain significant damage to its infrastructure, the Sheriff's Deputies and the Falls City Police Department focused on ensuring the safety of residents by clearing roads obstructed by trees and downed power lines. They also addressed specific incidents like downed live power lines. All emergency services responded to numerous calls for accidents and other issues with the lack of power around town throughout the past few days.

Falls City comes together to help clear debris and help those in need: Many in the community helped neighbors clear trees from yards, homes and roadways. Echoes of chainsaws and convoys of vehicles piled up with tree limbs headed to the tree yard facility showed the community's quick response and willingness to help one another.



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Wednesday, November 6

Beefburger, Tater Tots, Pears, Banana, Milk

Thursday, November 7

Orange Chicken, Savory Rice, Peas, Pineapple, Bread, Milk

Friday, November 8

Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie, Milk

Monday, November 11

Mini Corndogs, Garlic Noodles, Carrots, Pears, Milk

Tuesday, November 12

Hot Dog or Chili Dog, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Muffin, Milk

HTRS Titans

Wednesday, November 6

Cheeseburger Casserole, bread & Butter, Peas, Carrots, Choice of Fruit, Milk/Water, (no salad bar)

Thursday, November 7

Holiday Meal-No salad Bar, Turkey, Dressing, Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Bar, Dinner Roll, Milk/Water

Friday, November 8

Pizza, Choice of Fruit Cups, Celery Sticks, Carrots, Milk/Water (no salad bar)

Monday, November 11

Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Bread & Butter, Milk/Water

Tuesday, November 12

Taco Salad/Tortilla Chips, WG Cookie, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

Falls City Public Schools

Wednesday, November 6

North & South School: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Cherry Star, pears, Vanilla Pudding, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Mixed Fruit, Vanilla Pudding, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Vanilla Pudding, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Corn Dog, French Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Thursday, November 7

North & South School: Cheeseburger, Sweet Potato Fries, Corn, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Chicken Alfredo, Cooked Carrots, Pineapple, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Italian Dunkers, Cooked Carrots, Broccoli, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Burrito, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Friday, November 8

North & South School: Chicken Alfredo, Cooked Carrots, Broccoli, Applesauce, Breadstick, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Pig in a Blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Tater Tot Casserole, Green beans, Fruit, Cornbread, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Chicken Nuggets, Seasoned Fries, Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Monday, November 11

North & South School: Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Sailors Special, popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pears, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Taquitos, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Tuesday, November 12

North & South School: Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Green Beans, Ruby Red Juice, Pears, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & jelly Sandwich, Green Beans, Peaches, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Chicken Monte Carlo Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, California Vegetables, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Yogurt, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk



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The Lord of the Rings was first released as an animated movie in 1978, directed by Ralph Bakshi.

In the 1983 film "JAWS 3D" the shark blows up. Some of the shark guts were the stuffed ET dolls being sold at the time.

US Senator Barry Goldwater attended the opening night ceremonies and festivities at Bugsy Siegel's Las Vegas casino. Apparently he was furious that he was left out of the movie Bugsy.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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IN THE COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, A Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, Plaintiff

DONALD D STRODE, LUCILLE STRODE, TERRY STRODE, TRAVIS STRODE, et al.,
Defendants,
Case No. CI24-62
NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Donald D Strode, Lucille Strode, Travis Strode, John Doe, No. 1, and Mary Doe, No. 1, husband and wife, tenants in possession, real names unknown;

The heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives, and all other persons interested in the estate of any of the aforesaid Defendants who may be deceased, real names unknown;

All persons, having or claiming any interest in and to:

That portion of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company's (formerly Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company) Station Ground property at Humboldt, Nebraska, situated in the N½ NE¼ of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the Northwesterly line of said Station Ground property distant 200.0 feet Northeastly of the West line of said N½ NE¼, as measured along said Northwesterly line, said point being on the Southeastly line of Railroad Street distant 150.0 feet Northwesterly, as measured at right angles from said Railway Company's Original Main Track centerline, according to the recorded plat of Humboldt, Nebraska; thence North 71°58' East (assuming the West line of said N½ NE¼ to be true North) along said Northwesterly line a distance of 830 feet, more or less, to a rail monument at the beginning of a curve to the right; thence Easterly along a curve concave Southerly, having a radius of 2,060.08 feet, an arc distance of 150.0 feet; thence South 13°51'40" East, radially to said curve, 100.0 feet; thence Southwesterly along a curve concave southerly having a radius of 1,960.08 feet, an arc distance of 142.72 feet to a point of tangent, said point being South 18°02' East, 100.0 feet from said rail monument; thence South 71°58' West 830 feet, more or less, to a point South 18°02' East, 100.0 feet from the Point of Beginning; thence North 18°02' West, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

That portion of said Railway Company's Station Ground property at Humboldt, Nebraska, situated in the NW¼ NE¼ of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the intersection of said Railway Company's Main Track centerline, as now located and constructed with the West line of said NW¼ NE¼; thence Northeastly along said Main Track centerline 590.0 feet; thence Southeastly at right angles to said Main Track centerline 52 feet, more or less, to a point being 10.0 feet Southeastly, as measured at right angles from said Railway Company's most Southerly Elevator Track centerline, as now located and constructed, and the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing Southeastly at right angles to said Main Track centerline 70.0 feet; thence Northeastly parallel with said Main Track centerline 350.0 feet; thence Northwesterly at right angles to said Main Track centerline to the intersection with a line drawn

parallel with and distant 10.0 feet Southeastly, as measured at right angles from said most Southerly Elevator Track centerline; thence Southwesterly along the last described parallel line to the True Point of Beginning.

Defendants.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 17th day of May, 2024, the County of Richardson, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, as Plaintiff, filed its Complaint in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, against you and each of you and others; the hope and prayer of said Plaintiff being to foreclose tax sale certificates and subsequent taxes on the above described real estate and that an accounting be had by the Court of the amount due the Plaintiff from the Defendants in the several and separate causes of action therein and that in default of the payment of such sums to be found due the Plaintiff, within twenty days from the entry of the decree therein, said separate and several parcels of real estate described therein be sold as upon execution, as provided by law, to satisfy the separate and several liens against said real estate and that out of the proceeds of said sale, Plaintiff be paid the sum found to be due and owing, with interest and attorney's fee, to be taxed as costs, together with the costs of this action; that the right, title, interest, lien and claim of the Defendants and each of them be determined, found and decreed to be subsequent, junior, and inferior to the liens of this Plaintiff; that the purchaser of each of said premises at said sale be put in possession thereof; that the Defendants, and each of them, be foreclosed of all right, title, interest, lien, and equity of redemption in and to said real estate and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable in the premises.

You are required to answer said Complaint on or before the 13th day of December, 2024.

THE COUNTY OF RICHARDSON, A Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, Plaintiff

By /s/ Samantha K. Scheitel,
No. 26389
Richardson County Attorney

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IN THE COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, A Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, Plaintiff

JULIE HERRING, et al.,
Defendants,
Case No. CI24-60
NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Julie Herring, John Doe, No. 1, and Mary Doe, No. 1, husband and wife, tenants in possession, real names unknown;

The heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives, and all other persons interested in the estate of any of the aforesaid Defendants who may be deceased, real names unknown;

All persons, having or claiming any interest in and to:

The East Half of Lot Six (6), Block Eight (8), Original Town of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska.

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF T10 FARMS, INC.

Registered Office: 64906 702 Trail, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355

Registered Agent: Travis J. Witt

Corporation shall engage in any lawful business for which a corporation may be formed under the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act. The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is 10,000 shares and the authorized capital stock is \$10,000 to be fully paid and non-assessable on issue. Perpetual existence commenced on October 21, 2024 when Articles were filed with the Secretary of State. Affairs are to be conducted by the Board of Directors and officers authorized by the Bylaws and the Board.

Travis J. Witt, Incorporator
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Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska Estate of
John M. Ryan, Deceased
Estate Number: PR24-48

Notice is hereby given that on October 25, 2024 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Patrick F. Ryan, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 6, 2025 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
1700 Stone Street, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Dylan L. Handley (24152)
Handley Law Office
217 E 18th Street
Falls City, NE 68355
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dylanhandley@hotmail.com

6-13-20
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Notice of Amendment to Certificate of Organization
Notice is hereby given that Timber Creek Acres LLC has filed a Statement of Change with Nebraska Secretary of State to change its address to 70910 645 BLVD Salem, NE 68433 and registered agent to Barbara Marie Gilkerson, 70910 645 BLVD Salem, NE 68433.
Organizer: Tighe Anthony Gilkerson.

6-13-20
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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450. ZNEZ

NOTICE

A total of 145 cases will be heard by the Board in November 2024. The following case(s) sentenced in Richardson County will be seen by the Board of Parole.

November 27, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

Community Correctional Center - Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska
Ralph, Joe 218142
Manu/Dist/Del/Disp or Poss W/I

ROSALYN COTTON, CHAIR NEBRASKA BOARD OF PAROLE

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 23, 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 23, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sichel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Vice -Chairman Sichel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room. It was also noted that in the absence of County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff that Deputy County Clerk, Stacey Bailey would be serving as Secretary for this meeting.

A motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024, meeting with a change in the 1st sentence from Sichel to Caverzagie and the remainder as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this past week. It was reported that the new stop signs were being installed.

Mr. Darveau also reported that the response and compliance has been good with the landowners who have received notices regarding the overhanging and overgrown brush along the road right-of-way. Additional notices are being prepared to be sent to additional landowners in the next month.

Information was also presented to the Board for consideration regarding the possibility of leasing a loader from NE Machinery Company or Murphy Tractor. This will be discussed further at the next meetings.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Center Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported there were 12 inmates currently held in the jail.

Notification was also received that the E-Citation grant has been received in the amount of approximately \$20,300 for the purchase of equipment in which the county must contribute \$5,000 of this amount.

Discussion was also held on the upcoming renewal of the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Humboldt in August of 2025.

The quote received from Jim Hill's regarding the plans to create an enclosure at the jailer observation area from the countertop to the ceiling with a metal frame and Marguard was further discussed. More research and planning will be done this week and reviewed further at next week's meeting.

COUNTY ASSESSOR
County Assessor, Kim Riggs presented to the Board a contract with Lake Mac Assessment. It was determined that this contract needed to be reviewed by the County Attorney before the County Board would consider.

It was also reported to the Board that the Assessor's Office are reviewing the commercial properties. **SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION**
Shannon McQueen of the SENCA Head Start program in Falls City presented to the Board an update on the activity and success of the program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Sichel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:15 .am. with EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall; Sheriff Hardesty; Deputy Sheriff, Jeremiah Franks; Patty Brown, Deputy of Elections and Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Notification was received from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency that Richardson County has been awarded the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$39,092.39 (EMK-2024-EP-05001 / 97.042).

CLAIMS

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

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during

regular business hours.)
GENERAL FUND
Amazon, supp13.61
AT&T, serv 1271.56
Farm & City Supply, supp ...29.98
Handley Law Office, serv... 1206.50
CR23-117 S. Watkins
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins1487.56
Medica, ins59748.16
Merz, Douglas, reimb430.70
Midwest Special Services, serv410.70
NCEA, dues 120.00
Nestor & Mercure, reimb...300.00
Physicians Lab, serv3174.00
Principal Life, ins36.79
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv112.00
Tedder Industries, supp 180.19
Tyler Technologies, serv898.00
Unifirst, serv 87.94
Universal Medical, supp .4122.06
UNL, reimb4902.16
Vision Care Direct, ins 3.72
Wolfe's Printing, supp165.04
TOTAL GENERAL FUND\$78,700.67

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
Black Hills Energy, serv 40.99
Capital Business Systems, serv527.36
Capital One Trade Credit, supp406.91
Falls City Journal, adv 66.00
Myers Tire Supply, supp 94.70
MPPD, serv136.85
Rulo, Village of, serv25.00
Safety-Kleen Systems, supp390.70
Sapp Bros., fuel6859.03
Truck Center Companies, truck159250.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND\$167,797.54

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sichel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Stacey Bailey,
Deputy County Clerk
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DISTRICT #70

Public Meeting Notice Board of Education District #70

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on November 11th, 2024 in the Music Room. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Scott Ogle
Board President
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NOTICE OF RICHARDSON COUNTY SCHOOL LAND LEASE SALE

Notice is hereby given that an authorized representative of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds of the State of Nebraska will offer for lease at public auction on the day and time set forth below, at the office of the County Treasurer of Richardson County in Falls City, Nebraska, the following educational lands within said County:

DATE: November 18, 2024 TIME: 2:00 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather and/or bad roads, the Board's Field Representative may postpone the sale until December 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. If this occurs, the County Treasurer and the Board's Lincoln Office will both be notified at least 90 minutes prior to the originally scheduled sale time.

TRACT	DESCRIPTION	SEC.TWP.RGE	2025 RENTAL	LEASE EXPIRATION
2a	All that part of Lot 4 lying North of Big Nemaha River (20.8 acres, more or less)	36-02-13E	\$2,590.00	December 31, 2029
Predominant Land Use: Dryland cropland This tract is located 6 miles southeast of Humboldt, NE. Improvements to be sold include: None.				
2b	All that part of Lot 4 lying South of Big Nemaha River (19.2 acres, more or less)	36-02-13E	\$2,904.50	December 31, 2029
Predominant Land Use: Dryland cropland This tract is located 5 miles southeast of Humboldt, NE. Improvements to be sold include: None.				
3	NW¼SE¼ (40 acres, more or less)	16-01-14E	\$2,412.00	December 31, 2029
Predominant Land Use: Grassland This tract is located 6 miles south and 1 mile west of Dawson, NE. Improvements to be sold include: 160 rods of fence. Total Value: \$1,160.00				

Any item(s) listed above as "personal property" are subject to removal by the previous lessee. All right, title and interest in any items listed as "Trust owned", shall remain with the School Land Trust.

To be eligible to bid on a school land lease, you must be able to contract in accordance with Nebraska Law and have deposited with a representative of the Board, or with the County Treasurer of the County in which the land is located, a bank draft, cashier's check, certified check or money order made payable to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds equal to the 2025 rental of said tract. Said rental deposit may be submitted at any time until the tract is announced "Sold".

If more than one qualified bidder is interested in a lease, it will be sold subject to Board approval, to the party bidding the highest bonus, in addition to the first year's rent, at the auction. Bonus bids must be paid to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds immediately following the auction. Bonus bids are a one-time payment covering the entire term of the lease.

All sales of educational land leases at public auction are non-revocable offers from the bidder, which shall become binding contracts only upon acceptance and approval by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. Leases will be effective January 1, 2025, or upon acceptance and approval by the Board, whichever occurs later.

Leases will be issued only to those who sign the "Lease and Application" in person or through an Attorney-in-Fact who presents a Power of Attorney at the time of the auction. A sample Power of Attorney form is available on the Board's website. Lease assignments submitted to the Board within 30 days of the auction will be processed without fee. The Board's standard form lease sets out the terms of the lease of the real estate to which this notice pertains; provided, however, any additional stipulations pertaining specifically to this real estate, which are included in this notice, shall become a part of the complete terms of the lease pertaining to this real estate. The Board's standard form lease may be inspected at the County Treasurer's office or on the Board's website and a copy, which includes any additional stipulations pertaining to this real estate, can be obtained by contacting the Board's Lincoln office or the Field Representative for this county named above.

The successful bidder shall, within thirty days of the date of Board approval, pay the amount of the value of the improvements (and growing crops, if applicable) as stated above, to the County Treasurer of the County wherein the land is situated. If such payment is not made on time and in full, all payments made by the successful bidder to the Board may be declared forfeited and a new lease or sale of the land may be authorized. All improvements affixed to the land which are not listed above are and shall remain owned by the School Trust. No improvements shall be placed on the land by Lessee without the prior written approval of the Board; and any improvements made by Lessee without the prior written approval of the Board shall be permanently owned exclusively by the Board.

All monies received by the Board's agents will be deposited subject to approval of the lease by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. In the event a lease is not approved, the appropriate refunds will be issued.

Rental is subject to change by the Board semi-annually at any time during the term of the lease.

Your attendance at this auction is at your own risk. The Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall not be liable for any exposure to, or contraction of, any illness or injury. The Board of Educational Lands and Funds reserves the right to restrict attendance at this auction.

For further information contact:

CHRIS KOZISEK
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
David City, NE 68632
CELL: 402/340-4625

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DISTRICT #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, November 11, 2024 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School

The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

- 1.0 Business Items:
 - 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2 Approval of Absences
 - 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
 - 1.4 Approval of Agenda
 - 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 1.6 Approval of Claims
 - 1.7 Public Comment
 - 1.8 Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
 - 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: FFA Land Judging Team
 - 2.2 Principal Reports:
 - 2.3 Board President's Report:
 - 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
 - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
 - 2.4b School Improvement & Strategic Plan
 - 2.4c District Resources / Budget
 - 2.4d Policy Governance
 - 2.4e Superintendent Meetings
 - 2.4f Board Member Meetings
 - 2.4g Other
 - 2.5 Board Committee Reports:
 - 2.6 Board Member Reports:
- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
 - 3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions
 - 3.2 District Audit and Financial Report, August 31, 2024
 - 3.3 Strategic Plan Goals 2024-2025
 - 3.4 Resignation
 - 3.5 Other

4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

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VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, October 7, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Jim Donahoe, Rick Ramer, Ray Lovett and Heath Stanley
Absent: Paulina Gossman
Guests: Ira Hall
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Stanley and Roll call was taken. Chairman Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Motion by Ramer and second by Lovett to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yea.
Motion by Ramer and second by Donahoe to approve the minutes of the August meeting as presented. All voted yea.
Motion made by Donahoe and second by Ramer to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All voted yea.
Motion by Ramer and Second by Lovett to approve payment of the claims and payroll as presented. All voted yea.
COMMUNICATIONS: It was

noted that the village lost an important person involved with the Village for many years this past month. Vicki Owings, village clerk, will be missed.
Streets: Hole in main Street
Street lights: none
Park: none
Water and Sewer: Water line repaired by wells, sewer main unplugged by Watkins, water line to Lundy's completed, repair on return trolley at wastewater plant
Maintenance man: none
Planning: Stella Ag awning
Tree Board: 3 trees available to plant

Library: Update on library board. Board consists of one librarian, one board member and two people from community

Old business: Clean up properties. Will contact sheriff to present options to the board member.
Complaints about roosters in town.

Trees along the street need to be trimmed 14' above street.

Christmas tree: Estimated price to transplant a tree is approximated \$900. Motion made by Donahoe and second by Ramer to hire Lucas Gudenkauf to transplant the tree. All voted yea. The board would like to thank Rita Seid for donating the 14-16' spruce tree for our Christmas tree.

New Business: Motion made by Donahoe and second by Ramer to purchase the Halloween candy for the village Halloween for no more than \$100. All present voted yea.

Motion by Stanley and second by Ramer to purchase a laptop computer for the village. All present voted yea.

Motion made by Ramer and second by Donahoe to pay for the sidewalk repair. All present voted yea. No water shut offs.

Motion made by Donahoe and second by Ramer to adjourn

Jana Wheeler
Village Clerk

**Claims and Payroll
October 7, 2024**

Jana Wheeler, Clerk wage ...	\$550.00
Tracy Milke,Water/Sewer Operator wage	350.00
Tracy Milke, Mileage, supplies, postage	166.35
Aaron Davis, Assistant Water Sewer wage	300.00
Ira Hall, Librarian 7.5 hrs	60.00
Denny Bahr, 1 mowing.....	140.00
Jody Bahr, Com bldg, cleaning....	25.00
OPPD, Well electricity.....	623.98
SE NE Communications, 2080 General	\$114.27
2232 Library	\$50.82
2392 Pumping	\$56.11
.....	221.20
Berwick Coop Oil, Streets fuel	\$123.58
Com Bldg	\$40.00
Pump House	\$72.50
.....	236.08
Davis PHE, LLC, Curb stop	\$432.42
Well house leak	\$380.00
Water line by Lundy's	\$845.35
.....	1657.77
JEO Consulting, Services ...	1140.00
NE Public Health Environmental Labs, water test.....	15.00
Animal Health Center, Animal Control Contract.....	30.00
FC Journal, Publications.....	370.59
Heath Stanley, reimbursement for Wall Drop box	136.10
American Recycling & Sanitation, trash.....	1227.60
NPPD, Streets.....	474.28
Sewer.....	484.91
Greenhouse.....	89.29
Siren.....	31.58
Village Barn.....	47.56
Water.....	48.28
Library.....	6.32
Community Bldg	25.26
.....	1207.48
KMW Construction, LLC, New sidewalk, ramp	4290.00
Casey Agency, Inc, ins.....	9839.00
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Required: high school diploma or GED certificate, valid

driver's license, and maintain a clean driving record. There may be instances where transports or conference attendance extends your day beyond 5:30 PM. Preferred qualifications include previous CHR/CNA experience working in the medical field and/or associate's degree in health sciences. Pay depending upon qualifications. Indian preference does apply.

Application form and more complete job descriptions 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 or brenda.guilliams@sacandfoxks.com or kim.ehler@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 by 2 PM Thursday 11-7-2024. 44

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POSITION OPENING

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JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL

has the following open positions:

- Full-time LPN wanted for our Home Health Department at Johnson County Hospital. Monday - Friday daytime hours and occasional weekend visits. Applicant must have a current LPN license in the State of Nebraska.
- Fulltime and Part-time Dietary Cook/Aide wanted at Johnson County Hospital. Hours will vary to include day and evening shifts depending on staffing needs and will include every other weekend. Experience cooking in a large facility preferred.
- Coder wanted for Johnson County Hospital. This position is approximately 40 hours per week, Monday - Friday and an occasional Saturday morning. Applicant must have experience in coding and knowledge of insurance billing practices. This position will also be a backup for admissions and the reception desk.
- Fulltime Housekeeper wanted for Johnson County Hospital. This position is daytime hours Monday thru Friday and a Saturday morning rotation. Prefer experience cleaning in a large facility, but will train the right person. Send application or apply in person at Johnson County Hospital, 202 High St., Tecumseh, NE 68450. Atten.: Susan H.,HR 402-335-3361 or email application to shessheimer@jchosp.com. Applications may also be obtained on our website at jchosp.com EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled

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JOB OPENINGS

The Nemaha County Hospital, Auburn, Nebraska has the following open positions:

- Full Time Radiology Technologist:** cross-trained in CT. The position is overnight, Monday- Thursday, working 10-hour shifts with a weekend call rotation every 3-4 weeks. Applicants must have ARRT, a Nebraska License, and be BLS Certified.
- Part Time Stock Clerk:** This position will help organize, prep, and stock areas of the hospital and support Central Supply. Hours are Monday through Friday, 4 hours a day for a total of 20 each week. Strong computer skills and an inventory background are preferred.
- Full-Time LPN:** working 12-hour shifts, 7p - 7a, and every 3rd weekend. Applicants must have a current Nebraska LPN license. Hospital experience is preferred. This position comes with benefits.
- Registered Nurse:** "Come collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to provide quality care, analyze physical and emotional needs, improve the lives of others, and utilize a wide variety of nursing skills." Full-time. 12-hour hour shifts, working every third weekend. Must have a current Nebraska RN license. \$10,000 sign-on bonus! Apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital.applicantpool.com/jobs/> Call Codi Sailors, CHRO at (402) 274-6121 with any questions. EOE Employer/Vet/Disabled



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LT Fred Sikora to speak at FCHS Veterans Day assembly

LT Fred Sikora will be the honored guest speaker for the combined FCHS/FCSH Veterans Day Assembly at Falls City High School on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 11:00 am in the FCHS gym.

Fred, a Falls City native and 1967 graduate of Falls City High School, began his college studies at Peru State College. He transferred to UNL Teachers College graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Science Education in 1971.

In May, 1972, Sikora enlisted in the US Navy and was selected to attend Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. After graduating, LT Sikora was assigned to the Commander Seventh Fleet Staff aboard the USS Oklahoma City, CLG 5, but before leaving on the ship, he completed two months of communications officer "Cryptoboard/Cryptoanalyst" training school in San Diego, CA. LT. Sikora then embarked to Yokosuka, Japan, the ship's home port. The ship required a minimum of 24 feet below the water line to navigate.

He had assignments in North/South Vietnam and coastal waters, South Korea, Philippines, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Guam. During active duty time from July, 1972 - April 1975, LT Sikora had many different assignments including assistant admin-

istrator officer, staff briefing officer, top secret control officer assistant scheduling officer, and communications carrier. Sikora received the following: Combat Action ribbon, Navy Unit commendation, National Defense medal, Vietnam Unit citation, Vietnam Campaign ribbon, and Vietnam Service medal.

After his service to his country, Fred went back to school and in 1976 received his Master's Degree in Education from UNL. In 1979, he and his wife Pamela Tubach Sikora moved back to Falls City and purchased the Lichty Tubach Sikora Insurance Agency. They had three children, Douglas, Jennifer, and Nicholas.

Fred's hobbies and passions include performing and listening to vocal and instrumental music, playing guitar and bass guitar, his grandchildren's activities, taking care of his client's insurance needs, and playing and singing for mass at St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church.

Other events taking place on Monday, November 11, include a Veterans and Family Coffee at FCHS at 10:15 a.m., the Veterans Day Parade at 1:30 p.m. down Stone Street, following the parade, a Reception for Veterans and families at the Elks Club, and ending with a 6:00p.m. dinner at The Legion Club, 721 Harlan Street with LT. Sikora, guest speaker.



Emily Crouse and Jentry Lechtenberg team up for a block against the Sterling Jets in the first round of the Class D2-1 sub-district.

Lady Irish fall in sub-district final

The Sacred Heart Irish volleyball team finished below .500 for the year, the first time it has done so since the 2003 squad, which went 9-20. The 2024 team fared better but ended the season two games below .500, at 15-17.

The top-seeded Irish hosted the Class D2-1 sub-district at the Roh Activity Center on Monday, October 28 and Tuesday, October 29.

The Lady Irish cruised past the No. 4 seeded Sterling Jets on Monday, 25-11, 25-11 and 25-9. Sterling's season came to a halt with a 1-26 record.

The Irish finished the match with a .262 hitting percentage, completing 26 of 61 attacks with ten errors. Meanwhile, SH held the Jets to a -.205 percentage, with just six kills on 39 attempts. Senior Jentry Lechtenberg paved the way for the Irish with nine kills, while Ryann Westengaard added six and Hallie Jones had four. Destry Groth and Westengaard each served 15 points, with Groth serving four aces and Westengaard finishing with three. Groth also added a team-best nine digs, while Daycee Witt finished with a match-high 23 assists.

The win set up a rematch with the No. 2 seed HTRS Titans on Tuesday. The Irish entered the game having won all four matchups with HTRS this season, having won eight of nine sets. The Lady Titans had other thoughts in mind. Sacred Heart dominated the first set, 25-11, and everything seemed to go the Irish way. HTRS stormed back to take the next three sets, 25-21, 25-23 and 25-3, to advance to the district final.

In the first set, Sacred Heart built a 10-4 lead after a service ace by senior Lechtenberg. However, back-to-back points from Macy Vrtiska cut the gap to 12-10. Ryann Westengaard put the game out of reach, serving nine straight points, as the Irish increased their lead to 22-10. A hitting error by the Titans ended the first set as the Irish led 1-0.

Sacred Heart again got out of the gate quickly. A kill by Lechtenberg put the Lady Irish in front 5-1 early. Kills by

Lillian Bowen and Macy Vrtiska helped HTRS cut into the lead and a tip by Laramie Glathar gave the Titans their first lead of the set at 10-9. The game remained tight throughout, but HTRS maintained their advantage. Leading 24-21, Elie Bstandig's kill ended the game, tying the match at one game apiece.

In the third, HTRS led early, 5-3, but kills by Lechtenberg and Crouse kept the Irish close. Later in the set, a block by Vrtiska gave HTRS its largest lead at 17-10, but the Irish kept chipping away. With their backs against the wall and trailing 20-24, SH got three straight points, but a Vrtiska block ended the set with a 25-23 win for the Titans.

The fourth set was similar to the previous two, as the teams battled back and forth. After an Irish hitting error, HTRS took a five-point lead, 11-6, midway through the set. Again, SH fought and clawed. A hitting error by the Titans and an ace by Lechtenberg gave SH a one-point advantage, 16-15. From then on, it was back and forth, with neither team capable of putting the nail in the coffin. Lechtenberg put together consecutive kills to make it 21-20, but Vrtiska responded with a kill to keep it tied at 21-21. Two straight points by HTRS made it 23-21, but Lechtenberg powered another kill to keep it close. A hitting error by the Irish and a tip point by Bstandig gave the Lady Titans the 25-23 win.

HTRS finished the match with a .115 hitting percentage, completing 42 of 113 kill attempts with 29 errors. Bstandig had the hot hand for Coach Nic Sikora. Bstandig finished with 17 kills on 40 attempts, Vrtiska added ten kills on 25 swings, and Bowen added nine kills on 20 tries. Defensively, Vrtiska was trouble up front for the Irish, finishing with four blocks. Maddie Bredemeier had a team-high 12 digs and Glathar added 16 assists. (Stats for SH not submitted)

With the loss, Sacred Heart's season ended at 15-17; with the win, HTRS advanced to face Leyton in the district final.



Laramie Glathar pounds a kill versus Lewiston in sub-district action last Monday.

Lady Titans destroy Lewiston en route to sub-district championship

In the opening match of the Class D2-1 sub-district volleyball tourney in Falls City, HTRS obliterated the Lewiston Tigers 25-10, 25-14 and 25-8 to move on to the finals against the top-seeded Sacred Heart Irish.

Monday night was all Titans, as they dominated the 4-21 Tigers throughout the three sets. The Lady Titans were on fire, hitting a .368 percentage, completing 32 of 68 attacks with only seven errors. Laramie Glathar and Elie Bstandig led the Titans with 13 kills, while Lillian Bowen added four. At the service line, HTRS went 74 of 83 with 15 aces. Bowen led the charge with five, while Glathar, Bstandig and Lily Wamsley had two. Maddie Bredemeier led HTRS with five digs, and Glathar led the way with 14 assists.

On Tuesday night, HTRS needed four sets to get the win over the Sacred Heart Lady Irish. The Titans fell in the opener 11-25 but rebounded to win three straight, 25-21, 25-

23 and 25-23. (See the Irish story for details of the match)

The Titans advanced to the Class D2-2 District Final on Saturday at Kearney Catholic High School. HTRS, the No. 15 seed, played the No. 2 seed and 32-0 Leyton Warriors. The Warriors entered the match having won 71 of 77 sets played this season.

The Titans battled early versus the Warriors, falling in a nail-biter in the opener, 22-25. Leyton then flexed, showing why they were undefeated throughout the season, downing the Titans 25-15 and 25-7 to earn the three-set sweep. The loss ended the HTRS season at 16-15, while Leyton punched their ticket to the State Tournament with a 33-0 record. The Warriors earned the top seed at the NSAA State Tourney that begins on Thursday, November 7. Leyton will play the No. 8 seed Meridian at PBA at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.

(Stats for Leyton contest not submitted)

Tigers season ends at the hands of Omaha Roncalli

The fifth-seeded Falls City Tigers (9-19) fell to the fourth-seeded Omaha Roncalli Catholic Crimson Pride in three sets in the opening round of the Class C1-3 sub-district at Ashland-Greenwood on Monday, October 28, 2024. FC went down in straight sets to the Crimson Pride, 10-25, 20-25 and 13-25.

A kill by Carlea Dunkhas put FC ahead 5-2 in the first set; then the Crimson Pride closed it out on a 23-5 run to take the opener.

In the second set, an ace serve by Gabi Young gave Falls City the lead, 14-13, at the midway point. Later in the set, a block by Taylor Kreifels tied it up at 20-20. Again, a strong finish by Roncalli gave them the five-point win, 25-20.

In the final set, with the score tied at 3-3, Kaitlyn Kirkendall scored a kill, giving the Tigers hope and a 4-3 lead. Moments later, Ella Glathar hit a cross-court kill to keep the Tigers in front, 5-4. An ace serve by Dunkhas helped FC keep pace at 10-12, but Roncalli outscored FC 13-3 down the stretch to earn the three-set sweep.

The Tigers ended the match with a .011 hitting percentage, completing 19 of 92 attacks with 18 errors. Kirkendall was the team leader with six kills, Bella Johansen added five, and Dunkhas and Kreifels added three each.

At the service line, the Tigers were 44/52 with four aces and eight errors. Johansen had two aces, while Dunkhas and Gabi Young each had one. Kreifels and Gabi Young each supplied two blocks on defense, while Paige Young was the leader in digs with 14.

As she had done all season, Gabi Young led the team in assists with 15 while chipping in 13 digs.

The loss dropped Falls City to 9-19 for the season, losing seven of their final nine contests. Meanwhile, the following night, Roncalli fell to top-seed Ashland-Greenwood in straight sets in the semifinals. Ashland-Greenwood went on to defeat Palmyra in five sets to win the sub-district. Minden swept Ashland-Greenwood on Saturday in the district finals, three sets to none.

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