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### SAT., DEC. 7

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### SAT., FEB. 15

Larry the Cable Guy at Prichard Auditorium.

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Larry The Cable Guy is bringing his comedy on a road trip across Nebraska Stopping in Falls City on February 15, 2025 for a special performance at Prichard Auditorium

Comedian Larry the Cable Guy is hitting the road for "Larry's Nebraska Road Trip," where he will be performing in some of Nebraska's small towns, bringing his signature humor and down-to-earth style to the people who inspired his comedy. The tour will visit a series of intimate venues across the state this winter, offering fans the chance to experience live comedy from one of the most beloved stand-up comedians in America. The tour features all new material and all of Larry's proceeds will be donated to a local charity in each market.

The tour will kick off in Kearney, NE on January 23, 2025 and will make stops in several other Nebraska towns, including Pawnee City, Norfolk, Scottsbluff and Chadron before wrapping up on March 2, 2025. See full list of tour date below.

"I've spent a lot of time traveling the United States, but there's nothing like sharing some laughs with folks in small towns across Nebraska," said Larry the Cable Guy. "These people have been my biggest supporters, and I can't wait to put on a great show and give back to the places that shaped me."

Known for his rapid fire one liners, slapstick humor, and hilarious observations about life, Larry the Cable Guy rose to fame as a star of the Blue Collar Comedy phenomenon. His catchphrase "Git-R-Done!" became a cultural staple, and his career has spanned stand-up comedy, acting, and voice work, including his iconic role as Mater in the Cars movie franchise.

**Tickets and Tour Dates:**

Tickets for the "Larry the Ca-

ble Guy: Nebraska Road Trip" will go on sale on November 22, 2024. The Falls City show will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Showtime will be at 7:00 PM.

Larry is donating the proceeds from the show to the high school theater departments at Falls City High and Sacred Heart. The concession stand will be run by the Jaycees who will receive 100 percent of the proceeds from the concession stand.

**Where to buy tickets:**

Tickets will be on sale at the Elks Club on November 22 from 5-8PM and November 23 from 1 to 5PM. Tuesdays through Saturdays from 5PM to close and Sundays from 11AM to 1:30PM.

Week days at the Falls City Chamber office during office hours.

Falls City Sacred Heart School and Falls City Public School will also be selling tickets during home events.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Jackie Knobbe at (310) 927-8147 or e-mail [jackieknobbe7@gmail.com](mailto:jackieknobbe7@gmail.com) or Abby Merz at (402) 245-8678 or e-mail [abby\\_lem@hotmail.com](mailto:abby_lem@hotmail.com)

This is general admission seating, so first come first serve.

His comedy material is Rated PG-13, so it is advised that parents use their own discretion when bringing children under the age of 13

Join Larry for an unforgettable evening of comedy that celebrates the humor, heart, and hardworking spirit of Nebraska's small towns.

**About Larry the Cable Guy:**

Larry the Cable Guy is a multi-platinum recording artist,

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Lt. Fred Sikora speaks during Veterans Day Assembly

## A Salute to Service

Veterans Day is more than just a date on the calendar here in Falls City; it's a heartfelt tribute to the men and women who had donned the uniform, a chance to say thank you for their sacrifice and to remember the price of freedom. Among those honored was Lieutenant Fred Sikora, who shared the values of duty, resilience, and the pursuit of purpose.

The day started at Falls City High School with coffee and pastries for those who donned the uniform. At 11:00 the community and schools gathered in the gym for the annual Veterans Day Assembly.

The Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard opened by posting the colors with the playing of The Star Spangled Banner by the Falls City High School Band and Falls City Sacred Heart Band under the direction of Ms. Ally Phillips, FCHS Director of Bands.

Father Jim Meysenberg, Falls City Sacred Heart gave the Invocation. FCHS Assistant Principal, Gale Dunkhas gave a welcome and recounted Lt. Fred Sikora's impressive biography.

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

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## Celebrate the holidays in Falls City

The Falls City Chamber & Main Street is gearing up for an enchanting holiday season, kicking off with the much-anticipated Lighted Christmas Parade on Wednesday, November 29th at 6pm. This dazzling event will illuminate the heart of downtown Falls City from 1800-1400 Stone Street, and everyone is invited to join in the celebration, whether as a participant in the parade or as a spectator.

Local businesses, community groups, and families are encouraged to get creative and light up the night with their own unique entries. From brightly lit trucks and trailers, decorated farm equipment or UTVs, to costumed walkers, the parade offers an opportunity for everyone to showcase their holiday spirit! Parade participants can register by contacting the Falls City Chamber of Commerce at 402-245-4228. There is no cost to participate.

If you prefer to enjoy the sights from the sidelines, we invite you and your family to come downtown and experience the joy of the season. Arrive early to find a good spot along Stone Street and shop

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Nostalgia. The good old days. These words and phrases can mean different things to different people. However, the one thing that these words and phrases have in common is they invoke good feelings or yearnings for days of the past. Maybe it's a Sunday lunch at your grandma's house, nights riding your bicycle in the neighborhood with friends, or a restaurant you frequented with your parents when you were a child. Whatever it is that brings these feelings to your conscience, they are strong and quite possibly, the older we get, the stronger these feelings are.

Nostalgia is thrown at us every day from every angle. Maybe it's Pizza Hut bringing back the Big New Yorker; maybe it's a style of clothing that is making a comeback; maybe it's a throwback uniform for our favorite sporting team, all designed to make us yearn for the days of the past. And they do a great job of that. Everything was better when we were younger, right? Remember when you were young? Remember the feeling of a snow day during the winter, giving you that glorious day off to play in the snow with friends? Or how summer seemed to go on and on? Sometimes, nostalgia plays tricks on your psyche. Maybe, just maybe, we remember things better than they actually were.

Friday night, I, along with millions of others, had a massive amount of nostalgia. "Iron Mike," Kid Dynamite, "The Baddest Man on the Planet," Mike Tyson, returned to the professional boxing ring nearly 20 years after his last sanctioned fight. Talk about taking me back to my childhood. I remember watching Mike destroy opponents in the late 80's and early 90's. Seemingly invincible. Mike had and still has his demons, but that doesn't diminish what he accomplished inside the ring, especially during his heyday. At his peak, no one stood a chance against the hard-throwing boxer from Catskill, New York, who trained under legendary coach Cus D'Amato in his early days. At the age of 20 years and four months, Mike became the youngest heavyweight champ of all time and had the world at his fingertips. Then, in February 1990, Tyson, a 42/1 favorite, lost by knockout to Buster Douglas in Toyko. It was the beginning of the end for the champ.

Tyson spent years in trouble, including a prison stint for a rape conviction. After his release, he returned to the ring, winning matches over lesser opponents. Then came Evander Holyfield. In 1996, Tyson lost to Evander, but a rematch was quickly scheduled. This time, Mike lost his cool and bit off Holyfield's ear. He was melting down in the public's eye, and it wasn't pretty.

Flash forward to 2020. Mike and Roy Jones Jr. appeared in an eight-round exhibition fight that ended in a draw.

Now, four years later, the 58-year-old Tyson appeared in an eight-round fight versus Jake Paul. Could the 58-year-old legend muster enough will and strength to defeat a 27-year-old YouTuber turned boxer?

Nostalgia. My money was on Kid Dynamite. Surely, he still possessed the power to knock out an arrogant nobody, right? Wrong.

Nostalgia. Remember, sometimes nostalgia clouds the way we think. It certainly did on Friday night. I "bought in" that Mike could still compete. His legacy blurred my judgment, allowing me to believe he still had a little magic in his gloves. I wasn't the only one. An estimated 65 million fans tuned in to glimpse the former champ, hoping he had found a way to turn back the hands of time.

By the end, Iron Mike looked every bit of his 58 years, losing a decision in eight rounds.

But for that one fleeting moment on Friday night, I was a 13-year-old watching the match with my friends.

Thank you, nostalgia. It was one heck of a ride, and I'm glad I was on board.

### All things Nebraska Voting in 2024 election showed a definite east-west, urban-rural divide

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner  
We're all glad the election is over and we're no longer subjected to wall-to-wall campaign ads on TV and radio.

The faster we can get back to watching "Green Acres" reruns the better!

But I can't get over how differently Nebraskans in the east, and Nebraskans in the west voted this year.

We might as well be two states — "East Cornhusker" and "West Cornhusker" (and I know several people who would prefer that).

Let's take the hottest race in the state, pitting incumbent U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer versus Omaha labor leader/welder Dan Osborn.

Osborn's "independent" campaign focused on his belief that Washington, D.C., was horribly broken, that Fischer was part of the problem, and you needed to elect a mechanic to fix it.

That message, fueled by out-of-state, Democrat-leaning groups seeking to replace incumbents, caught fire in the east. Osborn won handily in the state's two largest counties, Douglas and Lancaster, claiming 58% of the vote, and also won in Sarpy and Thurston counties.

But it was a whole other story outside of those eastern counties.

Fischer, whose family ranches near Valentine, kicked some cowboy rear ends out west. In Scotts Bluff County, she won by almost a 2-to-1 margin, same in Buffalo County, home to Kearney, Adams County, where Hastings is located, and Lincoln County, home to North Platte.

Fischer's margin of victory was even higher in McCook's Red Willow County (like 6-to-1) and more than 2-to-1 in the counties where Norfolk and Columbus are located.

The east-west divide was also evident in voting on the two competing abortion ballot measures.

Early on election night, it appeared that Initiative 439 was headed for victory. It was the proposed constitutional amendment backed by abortion rights groups to guarantee a right to abortion up to the point of viability (when a fetus could survive outside the womb).

By contrast, Initiative 434 was losing early in the evening. That ballot measure banned abortion after the first 12 weeks of gestation, enshrining current state law into the constitution, and it was crafted so that the Legislature, if it chooses, could enact a stricter ban.

But Nebraska's "red wave" (as a pundit put it on Dan Parson's election night podcast) came through.

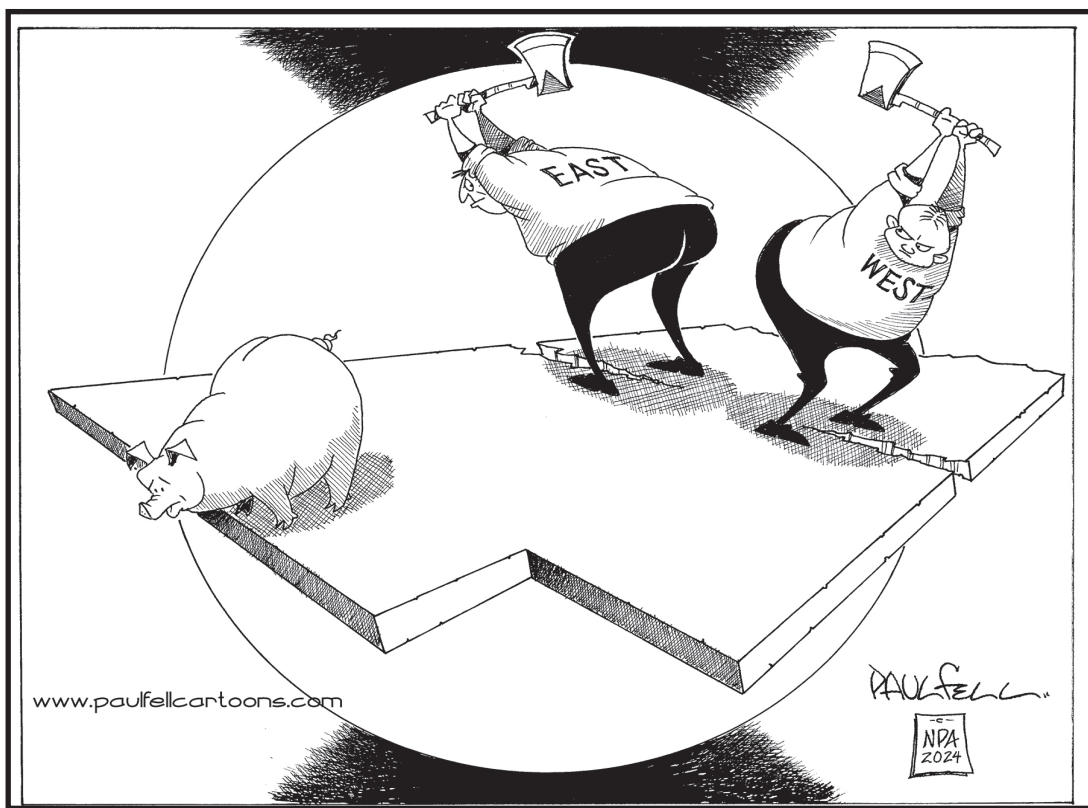
When the votes from rural areas of Nebraska began to roll in later in the evening — the so-called red wave — the tide shifted dramatically.

In the end, the state's most urban counties, Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy, were the only ones to vote "yes" on Initiative 439. On Initiative 434, Douglas and Lancaster were the only counties to vote against it.

Initiative 434 won by a 2-to-1 margin and more in counties outside the state's two biggest counties, and 439 was lost by similar margins in rural areas.

After the votes were tallied, there was no need to determine which abortion initiative got the most "yes" votes because only Initiative 434 was approved by voters. It won by a margin of more than 90,000 votes; by contrast, Initiative 439 fell short by 22,000 votes.

There's a definite pattern nationally. Generally, in more densely populated urban areas, there's more Democrats; in more wide-open rural areas, more Republicans. Some pundits explain it this way — in rural areas, people aren't as dependent on government to get things done, so they're more inclined to favor less



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**ACROSS**

1. To grab meat off a grill
5. Tire meas.
8. Flock member
11. Hollywood sidewalk mark
12. Architect's drawing
13. Muhammad's teachings
15. \*Leaning Tower city
16. Co-eds' military org.
17. a.k.a. Pleasant Island
18. \*Angkor Wat country
20. Like some Christmas sweaters
21. Walt's Mickey
22. Blunder
23. Emerge
26. "Midsommar" flower arrangements
30. \*Avenue des Champs-Élysées, technically
31. Plural of stria
34. Prescribed food selection
35. On pins and needles
37. Knee-related acronym
38. Fur of the marten
39. Hissy fit
40. Political "shelter"
42. The night before Christmas
43. Eyewash vessel
45. Food tester
47. King Kong, e.g.
48. Milk quantity
50. \*Verde National Park
52. \*Black Hills' Mount \_\_\_\_\_ National Memorial
55. Short-trunked ungulate
56. Geometric calculation
57. Barbequed anatomy
59. Not upright
60. Mountain lake
61. \*Easter Island statues
62. Short for detective
63. Follow ems
64. "Mr. Roboto" band

**DOWN**

1. Recipe amt.
2. Related to ear
3. U.S. space agency, acr.
4. Gram, in Great Britain
5. Walks weary
6. Composer of "Gymnopédies" fame Erik \_\_\_\_\_
7. \*Machu Picchu empire
8. Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
9. On one's guard
10. Ostrich-like bird
12. Marcel of "Remembrance of Things Past" fame
13. Harden
14. \*\_\_\_\_\_ Familia, Spain
19. Autocratic
22. Earlier in time, archaic
23. Use blunt end of pencil
24. Sack fabric
25. Change shoelace knot, e.g.
26. \*China's Great attraction
27. \*Mt. Everest's northern slope location
28. Tool handle
29. Ranch grazer
32. Poison ivy woe
33. \*\_\_\_\_\_ Strait, Alaskan cruise destination
36. \*Famous onion-domed cathedral's namesake in Russia
38. Ingratiating behavior
40. Gobbed up
41. Relating to Utah
44. Like exes
46. Violent weather, pl.
48. #13 Across' sacred writings
49. Site frequenter
50. First one on a ship
51. Long narrative poem
52. Loan attribute
53. Heavy metal's Quiet \_\_\_\_\_
54. E-commerce website
55. Sylvester, to Tweety
58. Broadway musical about wives of Henry VIII

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# From the Journal Files

## By Brian McKim

### 75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, November 20, 1949 to November 26, 1949

Three duck hunters drowned on the Missouri River after high waves swamped their boat due east of Barada. Francis Mackey, 34, Clifford Mackey, 31 and Leon Stand, 23, perished while a fourth, Marvin Dougherty, 25, swam a half mile downstream to the shore. The three men were all veterans of World War II.

Actress Jean Wallace, the 27-year-old divorced wife of actor Franchot Tone, was recovering after stabbing herself "just for laughs." The wound, three-fourths of an inch wide and several inches deep, nicked a large vein in her abdomen.

Cattle rustlers struck Richardson County over the weekend. John Fisher, a farmer west of Verdon, reported the loss of three white-face calves, each weighing nearly 400 pounds. Paul Kerner, who lived near Dawson Corner, also reported losing one cow and three calves.

A fire originating inside a fireplace caused considerable damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shipley at 2506 Barada Street. The blaze burned much of the living room wall near the fireplace.

According to Ralph Steward of the Lincoln Journal, coach Jack McIntire's Tiger football team finished the season as the No. 13 ranked team in the state.

Dr. Walter P. Ulmer of Dawson completed the physical exams of the rural students in Richardson County and reported that 544 of the 731 pupils were without physical defects. The defects ranged from eye problems (28) to ears (9), nose (13), throat (89), teeth (81) and heart (5).

Sponsors of the Nebraska City Soap Box Derby put the fate of the 1950 race in the hands of the boys in the community. If enough interest was shown, the race would continue; if not, it would be called off.

Coach Cecil Davis was conducting basketball workouts for 22 boys at Stella High School. Returners included Jim Johnson, Keith Wheeler, Al Winseman, Joe Edwards and Jake Hayes.

In Honey Creek news, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garver were visitors in Sabetha, Larry Harmon was ill at his home last week, and Tommy McGinnis, Lois Horner, Charles Boydson and Darlene Burgett were absent from school part of the week due to illness.

From Shubert, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bauer and Mrs. George Riggs attended the Nebraska-Colorado football game in Lincoln.

A new building for Flanagan's Grill arrived and was set in place at 1507 Harlan Street. The new structure was completely modern, with air conditioning, a modern grill and refrigeration and seating for ten people.

Hollis "Shock" Sailors of Shubert was the new County Commander of the American Legion.

John Cecil Graham, 76, a former top executive in the moving picture industry, died at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital. Mr. Graham was a pioneer of the film industry's expansion, forming a film distribution company in St. Louis in 1910. He later went to work as general manager of the big production and distribution at Universal Film. Universal City, known to movie fans, was developed by the company during his tour as manager of the firm.

50 Years Ago, November 20, 1974 to November 26, 1974

Ray Williams, a member of the Falls City crew, was pictured installing Christmas decorations at the Richardson County Courthouse.

Southeast Border and Galaxy All-Conference athletes from the area included Jeff Fankhauser, Les Drake, Paul Heim, Dan Overfield, Barb Genoa, Dennis Hayward, Pat Riley, Bill Boss, Keith Hayes, Mike Bird, Hank Prater, Jerry Koopman, Matt Froeschl and Greg Smith.

Tom Miller was selected as a member of the All-State Chorus, while Vicki Hunzeker and Doug Kirkendall were chosen as alternates.

Dean Stevens of Preston took first place in the soil sampling contest at the American Society of Agronomy National Convention in Chicago.

The new segment of Interstate Highway 29, an 11-mile strip between Mound City and Highway 59 north of Oregon, was now open to the public.

"American Graffiti," starring Richard Dreyfus and Ronnie Howard, was being shown at the Humboldt Theater.

Tom Schuetz, a former star in three sports at Dawson-Verdon High School, made the final cut for the Kearney State basketball team. Schuetz, a 6-0 freshman guard, played with the Junior Varsity squad.

Sharon Caplan, the 18-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Weddel of Fall City, appeared in "The Nutcracker" ballet in Washington D.C.

The new segment of Highway 73 north of Falls City was completed and opened for use. Metro Pavers was responsible for paving the 1.1-mile stretch, which cost \$636,491.

In its most robust declaration on abortion in recent times, the Vatican declared that nothing could justify abortions, even risk to the mother's life or the possibility of an abnormal child.

The interior of the Rivoli Theater was being refurbished, and 252 new seats were installed in the center section. The auditorium and dome had been repainted, and new carpeting had been installed.

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary awarded Mrs. Eleanor Shafer a plaque of appreciation for her help in numerous projects over the years.

Larry C. Rowell was promoted to Oceanographic Officer for Fleet Weather Central at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, VA.

25 Years Ago, November 20, 1999 to November 26, 1999

The Richardson County Sheriff's Department was investigating a burglary at The Camp in Humboldt. Burglars entered the building by prying open a window. A large quantity of cigarettes and liquor was taken.

Keith and Beverly Richey were celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. The couple wed in 1954 at the Reserve Christian Church.

The Nebraska football team, 9-1, was ranked No. 3 in the Associate Press football and the USA Today/ESPN polls.

After 55 straight days without rain, the skies opened up and dumped 1.69 inches of rain in Falls City. The last recorded rain fell on September 28.

Thanks to generous donations and the efforts of the Falls City Area Ministerial Association and Southeast Nebraska Community Action, approximately 40 Richardson County families were better able to enjoy Thanksgiving.

A brand new, 6,000-square-foot building was being built one mile east of Stella on Highway 62 to accommodate the growing church population for the Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Stella.

Eric Froeschl was selected as "Student of the Quarter" for the Building Construction Technology Program at Southeast Community College in Milford.

Jordan Marx scored 12 points and Justin Vonderschmidt added ten as the Sacred Heart junior high defeated Pawnee City, 34-23.

Richardson County Commissioner Jim Sefried, who attended a meeting at the Courthouse with Hanna/Keelan Associates, said he believed it would be "irresponsible" for the county not to take part in the study and "get involved in planning and zoning." The firm was on hand to discuss potential zoning regulations in Richardson County. Many counties across the state had moved to such regulations due to the development of huge livestock and confinement operations.

## Stalder Gallery to host Bi-Annual Artist Competition

Area artist are invited to join the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council in an artist competition and an opportunity to showcase your talent in the Stalder Gallery. All work must be current, original, and created by the artist submitting them. The exhibition will run from December 6, 2024 through January 11, 2025.

Works for submission will need to be brought to the Stalder Gallery located inside the Falls City Library and Arts Center at 1400 Stone St. on December 2nd between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Each artist can submit up to 3 works of art. Standard 2D entries must not exceed 48 inches in either direction.

3D works must not exceed 50lbs and the base must not exceed 12 inches in either direction unless intended for floor presentation. The entry fee is \$10 an entry or 3 entries for \$25 with all money brought in to be redistributed in cash prizes. The Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council reserves all rights to refuse works. Artist may choose to have their works for sale.

Any questions or concerns including drop off date can be directed to Christina Wertenberger, Curator of the Stalder Gallery at 402-801-0819. Entry forms are available at the Falls City Library and Arts Center or can be filled out when work is turned in on December 2nd.

## Larry The Cable Guy is bringing his comedy on a road trip across Nebraska

(Continued from Page 1) GRAMMY® nominee, Billboard award winner and one of the top comedians in the country. He has his own line of merchandise and continues to tour across the United States. Larry created The Git-R-Done Foundation, which was named after Larry's signature catchphrase, and has donated more than 7 million dollars to various charities.

Larry The Cable Guy's special Remain Seated is currently streaming on Netflix. He appeared on the hit FOX show The Masked Singer and showed off his vocal talents as the character Baby. His comedy special with Jeff Foxworthy, We've Been Thinking is also available on Netflix. In addition, he has his own comedy channel Jeff and Larry's Comedy Roundup on SIRIUSXM.

Larry is the voice of the beloved Mater in the Golden Globe® winning animated feature film Cars (2006) and Cars 2 (2011) from Disney/Pixar. Both movies opened number one at the box office and combined have grossed more than 1 billion dollars worldwide. Larry returned as the voice of Mater for Cars 3 (2017) and for the new Disney + series Cars on the Road.

### TOUR DATES.

January 23, 2025 - Kearney, NE | Merryman PAC.

January 24, 2025 - Wahoo, NE | Wahoo High School.

January 25, 2025 - Central City, NE | Central City High School

February 14, 2025 - Pawnee City, NE | Pawnee City High School.

February 15, 2025 - Falls City, NE | Prichard Auditorium.

February 27, 2025 - Norfolk, NE | Norfolk High School Johnny Carson Theatre.

February 28, 2025 - York, NE | York High School.

March 1, 2025 - Scottsbluff, NE | Midwest Theater.

March 2, 2025 - Chadron, NE | Chadron Community College Memorial Hall.

### CHARITY INFORMATION

Kearney, NE - Local Community Theatre program

Wahoo, NE - Wahoo High School Theatre program

Central City, NE - Central City High School Theatre program.

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Programs.

Norfolk, NE - Norfolk High School Theatre program.

York, NE - York High School Theatre program

Scottsbluff, NE - Local community theatre program in Scottsbluff.

Chadron, NE - Charon Community College Theatre Department.

## Journal holiday deadlines, print schedule and hours

The office of the Falls City Journal will close 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, November 27 by 10:00 a.m. Please plan ahead. The Journal will print normally the week of Thanksgiving.

**The deadline for the December 24, 2024, paper will be Thursday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m.** The paper will be sent off early for print, so please plan accordingly.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25. **The deadline for the December 31, 2024, paper will be Thursday, December 26 by 9:00 p.m. via email at nikki@fcjournal.net or brian@fcjournal.net.** The paper will be sent off early for print, so please plan accordingly.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31, Wednesday, January 1 and Friday, January 3. **The deadline for the January 8 paper will be Thursday, January 2 by 3:00 p.m. Some late ads may be accepted via email to nikki@fcjournal.net or brian@fcjournal.net if sent by Sunday morning.** Please plan ahead.

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

Sometimes the office may need to close if staff needs to be away for appointments, meetings or events or we step away for periods of time in the morning or afternoon and return later. Brian and Nikki are accessible most nights and weekends via email. Please see page two for all staff email addresses.

We appreciate your understanding at this time and hope to return to regular hours in the future.

2024 Richardson County Sheriff's Office

## STUFF THE CRUISER

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Cash or Check. No early sales. Bring help to move large items. Please do not block driveways.  
**Sale conducted by Prairie Sky Estate Sales.**

## SOCIETY

### Stella Community Church Circle

Elizabeth Ketner, secretary

Stella's Community Church Circle met in the church's basement for its October 22nd meeting. Co-president Cathy Donahoe called the meeting to order. Pastor John States gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Donahoe gave a devotion titled "Trust and Obey." The group sang a verse of that song. Secretary Elizabeth Ketner read the minutes of the Sept 24, 2024 meeting. They were approved as read. Roll call was answered by nine members and one guest, Ann Gould, with a verse on Trust.

Donna Monnette gave the treasurer's report. Circle has received a donation to pay for the shipping on the Samaritan's Purse boxes. There were no bills, and Mrs. Monnette's report was approved.

It was noted that non-perishable food items for SENCA amount to 231 pounds so far.

A good amount has been received for garage sale items, and food sale money is still coming in.

The filled shoe boxes for the Samaritans' Purse project are due back by Nov 17th. Vicki Beilke made a motion to pay any extra over the money already received for postage. Her motion was seconded by Dot Kelsay and all voted Aye.

New business- Christ-

mas. Circle delivered 17 cookie trays in 2023. There were minor changes to the list. Mrs. Monette said the fruit for last year's trays came from Nider's in Humboldt. Mrs. Donahoe inquired about adding a small decoration to each tray. Mrs. Kelsay made a motion to do so, and her motion was seconded by Marian James. All voted Aye. Mrs. Donahoe will look around for suitable items.

SENCA has been asked if there are any local families needing assistance with Christmas. None are known of so far.

Child Saving Institute is asking for donation of clothes for kids of all ages. Mrs. Kelsay made a motion to donate some money for CSI's Substitute Santa program. Penny States seconded the motion and all voted Aye.

Cards were signed for Paulina Gossman, Joyce Chandler, Sharon Redding, Karen Krofta, Jan Mason, Carl Hill, Jim Johnson, and Jack Dunn.

The meeting was adjourned, and Mrs. Brede-meier gave the lesson on Rebekah.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. States and absentee hostess Sheila Dunn.

Mrs. Ketner will have the November 19 meeting with the lesson on Leah and Rachel. Hostesses will be Mrs. Beilke and Chris Joy.



The Stella Research Club held their annual Halloween Costume Contest at the Stella Community Building Halloween evening. Over 20 children and adults participated and received treats and prizes provided by the club and Village of Stella.

Ages 5-7 pictured above: Neuman, Henderson, Stanley, Rousseau, and Hinrichsen children.

Newt Joy, 1, and Otis the dog with his lion mantle costume.

## ACCIDENTS

On October 30, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Jeremiah Eppens of Falls City was stopped at the temporary stop sign at east 21st street heading east. Eppens proceeded to cross the intersection when Joshua Horr of Waverly, OH who was traveling north on Harlan Street went through the intersection and collided with Eppens.

It should be noted that this intersection is usually controlled by a traffic control light that was not working at the time of the accident due to a power outage in the city of Falls City. An estimated \$5,000 in damage was done to the Eppens vehicle; an estimated \$2,500 in damage was done to the Horr vehicle.

On October 21, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Kristin Goodson of Hiawatha, KS advised she was driving west on 10th Street when she was hit by Charles Hayes of Falls City. Hayes advised he was traveling south on Lane Street and thought Goodson was going to yield to him, but it did not. Witness advised Goodson appeared to be driving at a high rate of speed and did not look for Hayes, the witness also advised Hayes was driving slow. An estimated \$2,000 in damage was done to the vehicle Goodson was driving; an estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Hayes vehicle.



## FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

**November 6 through November 7 calls:** five miscellaneous, one referred to another agency, one records check, three burn permits, one ambulance/EMS, one theft, one 911 hang up/misdial, one investigation, one HHS intake/referral one fire call (Falls City Fire), two traffic/driving complaints, two disturbances, one domestic disturbance, one suspicious person/vehicle, three 911 calls, one citation for too fast for conditions, one citation for speeding, one citation for non resident violate 30-day immunity, one citation for theft/shoplifting, one warning for speeding, one warning for ATV/UTV requirements, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

**November 7 through November 8 calls:** two thefts, one alarm one referred to another agency, one motorist assist, one investigation, one information only, three ambulance/EMS, one house watch, two animal calls, seven records checks, two miscellaneous, one HHS intake/referral, one burn permit, two traffic/driving complaints, one disturbance, four 911 calls, one warning for driving on shoulder of highway, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, 13 citations for theft/unlawful taking, one citation for no valid registration, one citation for no seat belt, one citation for plates not clear and visible, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for no operators license.

**November 8 through November 9 calls:** one found or lost property, two motorist assist, one HHS intake/referral, two ambulance/EMS, two burn permits, one records check, one miscellaneous, one accident, one alarm, two 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for fail to yield ROW.

**November 9 through November 10 calls:** one check welfare, two ambulance/EMS, one information only, two miscellaneous, one 911 hang up/misdial, one animal call, six 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for no valid registration.

**November 10 through November 11 calls:** one referred to another agency, three ambulance/EMS, three miscellaneous, one alarm, two accidents, one animal call, three information only, one 911 hang up/misdial, one HHS intake/referral, one investigation, one domestic disturbance, three 911 calls, one warning for no license on person, one unsafe backing, two citations for driving during revocation, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for no registration in vehicle.

**November 11 through November 12 calls:** one miscellaneous, one burn permit, one motorist assist, one information only, one referred to another agency, one investigation, one check welfare, two 911 calls.

**November 12 through November 13 calls:** two information only, one motorist assist, one burn permit, one check welfare, one theft, one referred to another agency, one HHS intake/referral, two 911 calls.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Jennifer and Joe Dixon, 3109 McLean St., Install Fence; \$3,000.00.

Jerry Wilhelm, 424 W. 28th St., Replace Roof and Gutters; \$30,976.25.

Carrie Clark, 2727 Barada St., Replace Roof; \$13,148.75.

Nathan Nolte, 1905 Burton Dr., Replace Roof; \$44,604.18.

Tammy Miller, 2314 Stone St., Replace Roof; \$10,000.00.

Ted Godemann, 1801 Stone St., Replace Roof; \$9,915.00.

Joan Finner, 1813 Abbott St., Replace Roof; \$11,448.75.

## RC SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

ALL SUSPECTS ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

**November 3, 2024**

Aidan C Wilkinson, 20, Humboldt, NE was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Fraud/Criminal Impersonation.

**November 6, 2024**

Noel D Johnson, 74, Stella, NE was arrested on a Court Commitment.



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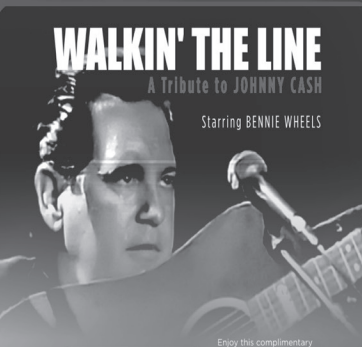
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## FCPS Superintendent's District Update

By Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

**FFA Land Judging Team Qualifies for National Competition** – The Falls City FFA Land Judging Team including Bowdy Jones, Dayton Snethen, Malori Kuker and Taiylah Moore, accompanied by program sponsor Brian Miller, provided the audience with an informational presentation on land judging competitions. The presentation revolved around the importance of land judging in agriculture, which involves evaluating soil to determine its capability to grow crops sustainably. Key aspects include soil thickness, erosion, slope, soil texture, and soil depth. The land judging contest has two parts: judging the soil and applying these evaluations to sustainable land management. The Falls City FFA Chapter excelled this fall, with Bowdy Jones winning the district championship, Dayton Snethen scoring 4th in the state competition, and the overall team placing fourth at the state competition, qualifying for the national event. The team's success involved extensive practice and memorization of land judging aspects and scenarios. The presentation also touched on the challenges faced during the contest and the importance of team effort.

**District 56 Audit and Annual Financial Report** - At the November 11, 2024 Falls City Public Schools Board of Education meeting, Julie Bauman, CPA, P.C., made a presentation explaining the district's audit report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Julie Bauman discussed the audit process for Nebraska school districts, focusing on the federal single audit required for districts spending over \$750,000 in federal funds. Key points included the timeline for audit completion (November 1 for AFR, November 5 for the audit report), the importance of accurate financial coding, and the need for 50% coverage in AFR submissions. The district's cash financial summary as of August 31 showed a total cash balance of \$6,317,273, with a significant portion in the county treasurer's balance. The depreciation fund and school nutrition fund were also highlighted. The audit prioritizes the importance of compliance and control, particularly in federal grant management.

**Strategic Plan Update 2024-2025** - Falls City Public Schools' Board of Education has adopted a comprehensive 2024-2025 Strategic Plan focused on raising student achievement through targeted initiatives aimed at enhancing learning. The plan includes the following key goals:

- 1. Student Achievement and Well-being**
  - Improve performance in Language Arts and Math
  - Strengthen Special Education and behavioral support services.
  - Expand extracurricular and youth activities.
  - Enhance student safety and well-being.
- 2. Facilities and Infrastructure**
  - Align facilities with educational goals and best practices.
  - Evaluate building configurations and plan for space reconfigurations and renovations.
  - Assess and improve safety, security, and compliance.
  - Develop a long-term master plan to expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Early Childhood Education spaces.
  - Engage the community and stakeholders in planning future projects.
- 3. Addressing Educator Shortages**
  - Implement strategies to attract and retain high-quality teachers and staff.
- 4. School Finance and Resources**
  - Sustain district programs despite funding challenges and recent legislation impacts.

This plan aims to ensure continued progress and effectiveness, positioning the district for future success.

**NRCSA Para to Teacher and Transition to Teaching Scholarships** are now available for the spring 2025 semester. The scholarship provides opportunities for two programs that are helping to alleviate the teacher shortage in rural schools: (1) a "Para to Teacher" program such as those offered by Chadron State, Peru State and Wayne State, and (2) a transitional program in which a candidate is employed as a teacher while working to attain his/her teaching certification in a program such as that offered by the University of Nebraska-Kearney. The colleges or universities attended must be within Nebraska. Candidates must be currently employed by an NRCSA-member school district or ESU.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded for the fall semester and three scholarships for the spring semester each year.

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items before concluding the regular meeting.

1. Approved the Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 6410 Volunteers; 2) 7116 Student Health; 3) 7117 Chronic Infectious Diseases/Students; 4) 7119 Drug-Free School Environment.
2. Accepted the District Audit and Financial Report, August 31, 2024.
3. Adopted the Strategic Plan Goals 2024-2025.
4. Accepted the Resignation of Linnette Fankhauser (26 years - Middle School Counselor, 18 prior years educator experience).

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, Tim Heckenlively.

## FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



Undated photo taken in Falls City.

### University of Nebraska to expand Presidential Scholars

The University of Nebraska's Presidential Scholars program, which provides full-ride scholarship support to all Nebraska students who score a perfect 36 on the ACT, will be expanded to include more top Nebraska scholars for the coming academic year.

In the fall of 2024, the University of Nebraska welcomed 17 freshmen from across Nebraska to its campuses in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney as part of the Presidential Scholars initial cohort. In the fall of 2025, the University will expand the program to up to 50 top Nebraska scholars, including both students with perfect ACT scores and other top scorers.

All Nebraska seniors who receive a perfect ACT score will automatically qualify for the program. The remaining spots will be awarded through a highly competitive application process open to Nebraska students who score 32-35 on the ACT or the SAT equivalent. For example, if 25 students with perfect ACT scores choose to attend the University for Nebraska for the 2025-26 academic year, then 25 spots would be available to students who score 32-35.

Each student accepted into the Presidential Scholars program will receive scholarship support covering the total cost of attendance. This includes tuition and fees, housing and food, and personal expenses at any NU undergraduate campus for up to four years of study. In addition, all Presidential Scholars will receive a \$5,000 annual stipend. So far this year, 28 Nebraska high school seniors who received a perfect score of 36 on their ACT have applied and been admitted to a University of Nebraska campus.

"Our state's future will be bright when our most driven and passionate young people attend college here in Nebraska," said President Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D. "This is an investment in our state that underscores two deeply ingrained Nebraska values: hard work and excellence at the highest level."

NU announced this program with Gov. Jim Pillen in February. Although many seniors were already well into their college decision making progress, the new program attracted 17 students with perfect ACT scores this fall – nearly 60% of the total high school seniors in Nebraska who received a perfect score. The program has since been widely praised by agricultural, philanthropic, business and elected leaders who endorsed the vision to compete for Nebraska's homegrown talent to meet the future needs of the state.

"It is essential we compete to keep our kids here. The Presidential Scholarship program provides that pathway," said Gov. Pillen. "When our brightest make the commitment to attend an institution of higher learning in Nebraska, then it is more likely they will stay."

The university is maintaining its prestigious Regents Scholarship, which covers full tuition costs for high academic performers, as well as its investment in need-based financial aid through the Nebraska Promise program, which provides free tuition for Nebraska students whose families earn \$65,000 or less per year.

Students with ACT scores of 32-35 will be able to apply for the program beginning immediately. For more information about the program or to apply, visit [nebraska.edu/presidential-scholars](http://nebraska.edu/presidential-scholars).

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### Christmas Bird Count at Indian Cave State Park

The Indian Cave State Park Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be held on Thursday, December 19th. Those participating on this day will meet at the park office at 9 a.m. The bird count will commence after some discussion and will end at noon or at the volunteer's discretion. Bird lovers of all ages and skills are encouraged to participate. For those who need them, binoculars and bird I.D. books can be borrowed from the park. Please dress appropriately according to weather conditions and you may also stay in your vehicle. Pre-registration is needed for the free soup feed at noon.

The Christmas Bird Count is a long standing program of the National Audubon Society, with over 100 years of citizen science involvement. The CBC is an early-winter census, where thousands of volunteers across the U.S., Canada, and many countries in the Western Hemisphere go out over a 24-hour period on one calendar day to count birds. The data collected by observers over the past century has allowed researchers, conservation biologists, and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations.

Volunteers count every bird they see or hear all day. It's not just a species tally—all birds are counted all day, giving an indication of the total number of birds in the circle that day. Towns and surrounding areas included are Shubert, Stella, Nemaha, Barada, and Verdon. If your home is within the boundaries of the Indian Cave count circle then you may stay at home and report the birds that visit your feeder on the count week (December 16-December 22).

For further information call Indian Cave State Park at 402-883-2575 or email [ngpc.indian.cave@nebraska.gov](mailto:ngpc.indian.cave@nebraska.gov)

### FCPS One Act presents:

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

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

**COUNTY COURT**

Dennis D. Shafer, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dissmissed; count three, amended to dropped/dissmissed. Sentencing scheduled for January 6, 2025.

Lillian J. Cole, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/menacing manner, amended to disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$75.

Robert D. Moyer, count one, criminal trespass-first degree, plead not guilty; count two, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 20, 2024.

Christina M. Otero, count one, procure/sell alcohol to minor/imcompetent, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 6, 2025.

Eric Stoup, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200.

Terry L. Kohler, count one, drive during revocation/impound-2nd/3rd, amended to drive during revocation/impound-1st, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$150, probation for three months.

Christopher W. Smith, count one, amended to dropped/dissmissed; count two, nonresident violate 30-day immunity, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, fail to use seat belt, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$25; count four, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.

**CITATIONS**

Ramish Rafaat of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Jennifer Nichols of Auburn, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Andrew Loftus of Falls City, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)

Tina Kennedy of White Cloud, KS, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and

fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Carter Drake of Humboldt, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Cheek)

Talon Anderson of Verdon, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Emery Wilson of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, nonresident violate 30-day immunity, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Barbara Curley-Fail of Falls City, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, violate 30-day immunity, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Albert Chapman of Tucson, AZ, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

Martin Leyva Chavez of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Levi Puchalla of Roca, NE, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Geyer)

Donna Thornton of Lillian, AL, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

Lillian Weiss of Pappillion, NE, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ractliffe)

Ricky Weilnau of Alvin, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Flavio Gonzalezgarcia of Corona, CA, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

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

Terrie Beckner of Rulo, count one, speeding 11-15 mph municipal school, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and court costs. (Ramirez)

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

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

Karen Voltmer of Craig, MO, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Zost)



2024 Journal file photo

# Irish football team struggled to find consistency

After 38 years of coaching the Sacred Heart Irish, consistency has rarely been a problem for legendary Coach Doug Goltz. The Irish season opened with the year with an 8-60 loss to Lourdes Central Catholic. The following week, SH was thumped by perennial playoff contender BDS, 8-40 and again at Johnson County Central, 14-48.

After beginning the year at 0-5, the Irish got into the win column when they defeated the HTRS Titans 36-20. Losses to Elmwood-Murdock and Freeman ended any chance of a postseason appearance by the Irish, but undeterred, SH had a strong showing in the season-finale, defeating Cedar Bluffs 58-0 to finish at 2-6. The season-ending win was the biggest margin of victory since the 73-14 win over Diller-Odell in the 2021 season.

Sacred Heart rushed the ball for 1,414 yards for the season and passed for another 658. The Irish lost nine fumbles and threw nine interceptions during the fall season.

In comparison, opponents rushed for 2,032 yards, passed for 674, lost three fumbles and threw four picks. Sacred Heart was outscored 186-308 in its eight contests.

During Sacred Heart's record-breaking 36 consecutive years of playing in the postseason, Coach Doug Goltz often had to find ways to motivate the green machine.

"My failure was I couldn't get this team to believe in themselves," said Goltz. "I couldn't convince them that they could defeat a team that appeared stronger on paper. Better records and larger rosters do not guarantee a victory; upsets can happen every day."

Sacred Heart often found themselves behind the eight ball early, falling behind by a combined 90-207 at halftime during the season.

"Play hard, follow the game plan and don't make mistakes and you can beat

better teams," said Goltz. "We made too many mistakes and didn't always play hard. Most of our games were over by halftime. I believe we should have been more competitive in more of our games."

Individually for the Irish, Elijah Canonico led the ground game with 435 yards on 71 carries and scored a team-high seven TDs. QB Tate Wilcox rushed 80 times for 408 yards and six scores, and Rob Froeschl wrapped up his Irish career with 235 yards and two scores on 49 rushing attempts.

Wilcox did the bulk of the passing for Sacred Heart, completing 32/91 attempts for 561 yards, four TDs and eight interceptions. Brenden Lemerond added 97 yards, two TDs and one interception on 8/14 passing.

Junior Cole Taft led the receiving corps with 18 catches for 289 yards and one TD. Froeschl added six for 153 and two scores. Clayton Keithley had four catches for 79 yards, and Kyler Sipple caught three passes for 68 yards and a score.

Wilcox handled the punting duties, averaging 35.1 yards per kick, and JJ Lancaster took over the kicking duties, averaging 46.6 yards per kickoff.

Defensively for the Irish, Canonico led the team with 75 stops. Wilcox was next with 72, Froeschl added 71, Trayce Stutheit finished with 63, and Evan Bailey added 51, including six for losses. Froeschl added a team-high two interceptions, and Henry Rottinghaus had a team-best nine tackles for loss.

Sacred Heart will need to replace nine seniors next season as they look to regroup and return to the postseason.

"Thanks to our nine seniors," said Goltz. "Thanks to the entire team and coaches. Next season, we will need some younger players to step into more significant roles, and we must focus on improving and getting stronger between now and next season."

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# A Salute to Service

(Continued from Page 1) 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 administrator 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.

In his speech Sikora said serving your country is a privilege. He said the Military is not for everyone. It’s a choice. “It’s like you make choices every day. Some choices are good choices, some choices you find are bad choices. Everyone has a choice,” said Sikora. “When you make a mistake, learn from that mistake. If you’re in a group that gets you in trouble, find a different group. Find something that’s your passion. Find something that you love and make that your job. Find a job that’s your passion and you’ll never be unhappy.”

Sikora spoke with passion about his late wife with whom he shared the same beliefs, desires and goals. The two met in junior high and wed in 1969.

He encouraged students to seek help from their teachers and counselors, many of whom he said influenced and guided him in the right direction.

“No one had all the answers,” said Sikora, but he said they will do research. “They have a passion and desire to help you learn and become a better person. Seek those people out.”

Sikora spoke with honesty, acknowledging the challenges he faced during his time in the Navy. He described roar of the ship’s guns, and the seasickness that gnawed at some of them. He shared the experience of an earthquake in Japan that forced them to abandon ship due to the fear of the ship capsizing.



(Above) Veterans were asked to stand to be recognized during the Veterans Day assembly held at FCHS gym. (Right) Local school children march in the Veterans Day parade. (Right bottom) Veterans ride in the Parade. (Below) Boy Scouts march in the parade. Photos by Nikki McKim



He spoke of the constant vigilance required on board, the awareness that a single lapse in attention could have major consequences. The ship’s boilers, operating at a pressure that demanded constant monitoring. The cramped living conditions that tested their patience and resilience.

Amidst the hardships, Sikora found purpose and camaraderie and the beauty of being on the water watching the sunrise and set in the middle of the ocean. He spoke of the bonds forged with his shipmates. He learned the true meaning of teamwork, the importance of relying on each other, of having each other’s backs – a lesson he likened to the skill required on a football field with a team like the Kansas City Chiefs.

Sikora offered a glimpse into a world only a few know, a world of triumphs, sacrifice and camaraderie.

After the Benediction by Father Meysenberg and the retirement of the Colors by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard, a patriotic parade at 1:30 p.m. down Stone Street in Falls City.

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## Consistency escapes Irish volleyball team

The Lady Irish found themselves in unfamiliar territory this season, finishing below the .500 mark for the first time since the 2003 team went 9-20. Sacred Heart's season was full of ups and downs. In mid-September, SH won a season-best five matches in a row, but in a crucial part of the season in early October, the Lady Irish dropped four consecutive matches. Sacred Heart, 15-17, won 42 matches during the season while dropping 46. The Irish are just two years removed from a state tournament berth, and three years ago, the Irish defeated Humphrey St. Francis, now Archangels Catholic, in five sets to win the Class D2 title.

The Irish accumulated 718 kills in 2024 on 2,392 attacks for a .088 hitting percentage. Sacred Heart served up 226 aces, finished with 86 blocks, 1,233 digs and 558 assists.

Senior leader Jentry Lechtenberg was the team's most valuable player in 2024. Lechtenberg finished her final season with 334 kills on 756 attempts for a .237 hitting percentage. She added a team-best 51 ace serves, 49 blocks, 216 digs and 270 serves received.

Annika Reschke was next for Coach Emma Ebel with 93 kills on 371 attempts. Alise added 30 aces, 90 digs and 50 serves received.

Next up for SH was Ryann Westengaard. The freshman finished with 93 kills on 409 swings. Ryann added 18 ace serves, 99 digs and 135 serves received.

Junior Daycee Witt had a fantastic season, setting her teammates up for points. Daycee supplied 517 assists, 162 digs and 44 ace serves.

Hallie Jones finished with 91 kills, while Dorothy Crouse added 36. Destry Groth finished with 43 ace serves, 194 digs and 444 serves received. Crouse added 284 serves received and a team-best 231 digs.

Sacred Heart's season came to an end in the sub-district final, falling to HTRS in four sets, 25-11, 21-25, 23-25 and 23-25.

## Lady Titans fall just short

The HTRS Titan volleyball team fell one game shy of punching its ticket to the NSAA State Volleyball Tourney in 2024. HTRS ended the season with a 16-15 record, falling to eventual state runner-up Leyton in the district final. The season was full of ups and downs for Coach Nic Sikora and crew. HTRS never lost more than four straight matches and never won more than four in a row, either. The Lady Titans played best when it mattered the most, winning the three finals games before the season-ending loss to Leyton.

The Titans finished the season with a 7-2 home match and won 44 sets while dropping 35.

"As far as our record goes, we did not do as well as I would have liked," said Coach Sikora. "That probably impacted our seeding heading into the District Final. A few extra wins here and there, and we may not have been matched up with 32-0 Leyton in the District Final."

HTRS won the sub-district for the second consecutive season and played in the district final in straight seasons, a first for the program.

"When your expectation is State, and you get as close as this group of girls did two years in a row, the sting is a little more poignant," said Sikora.

An ever-evolving starting lineup and the constant barrage of injuries prevented HTRS from gelling as a team like Sikora would have liked.

"I am so proud of these girls. One of our focuses all season was enjoying the moment and being thankful for the 'miracle' of this team," said Sikora. "We all have different back-grounds and different experiences, and the series of events and decisions in the lives of so many individuals caused this group of people to come together at this time is nothing short of a miracle."

Sikora wanted to stress how appreciative he is of the hard work the senior class put in. He mentioned Laramie Glathar eclipsing the 2,000-career assist mark and Macy Vrtiska being asked to lead both on and off the court.

HTRS finished the season with 735 kills on 2,301 attacks for a .140 hitting percentage. Elie Bstandig led the team with 288 kills, Glathar added 147, and Vrtiska finished with 136. Lillian Bowen led the squad with 45 ace serves at the service line. Vrtiska and Bstandig were tough defensively at the net, with 38 and 32 blocks, respectively. Maddie Bredemeier led the team with 213 digs, while Glathar paved the way offensively with 330 assists. Glathar finished with a four-year total of 2,095 assists.

Sikora loses two big contributors, Vrtiska and Glathar, but three juniors return and should supply great team leadership. Bstandig, Bowen and Bredemeier make up a strong junior class and will be joined by other youngsters who will help fill in the gaps.

"I want to say a big thank you to the Titans community for the support all season and making the long trip out to Kearney for the District Final," said Sikora. "You showed up and showed out. The game did not go our way, but the support was felt, and we will reload and get after it next year. Go Titans."

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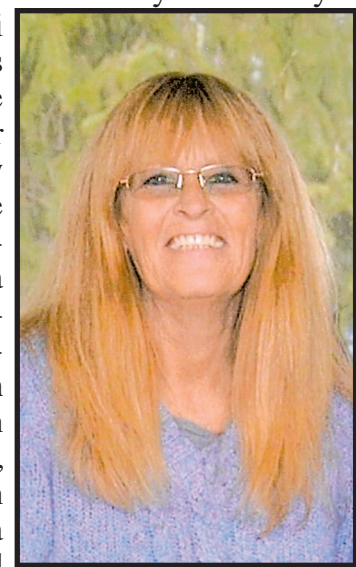
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## Tina Ferris

Tina Irene (Chandler) Ferris, 60, of Falls City, Nebraska was born on September 21, 1964, in Sabetha, Kansas to Gene L. and Mary E. (Watkins) Chandler. She was raised with her family in Missouri and Kansas where she received her elementary and grade school education. Tina later attended Effingham High School in Effingham, Kansas. In 1981, Tina was united in marriage



Ferris of Lincoln, Travis Ferris and wife Kate of Lincoln, grandsons: Jaxton Ferris of Dawson, NE; Remmy, Roczen, and Rylan Ferris all of Lincoln, her mother Mary Chandler of Falls City, brother Jeff Chandler and wife Donna of New Strawn, KS; sisters: Sheila Seager and husband Terry of Topeka, KS; Kimberly Chandler of Omaha, NE; Jamie Fred-

erick of Falls City, NE; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Tina's Life will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 2024, at 1521 E. 14th street in Falls City. Inurnment will be held privately by the family at the Steele Cemetery in Falls City, Nebraska.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family's choice with a later designation.

Condolences can be shared online at [www.hallfuneral.net](http://www.hallfuneral.net)

Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan ST-Falls City, NE (402) 245-3131

Tina is survived by her husband Jeff Ferris of Falls City, sons: Keith

## Celebrate the holidays in Falls City

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the variety of locally owned stores staying open late. Please do not park from 15th to 17th Street after 5pm so there's an unobstructed view and for the safety of the spectators. Santa will meet children and hear wish lists at his house at 15th and Stone after the parade where high school students from both schools will be on site to take pictures of the kids. To complete the magical evening, enjoy a free sleigh ride and sip on some hot cocoa and cookies provided by the Falls City Chamber and its sponsors.

On Saturday morning you'll want to head back downtown for Shop Small Saturday. Stores will be open from 9am to 4pm and the long-standing Christmas Vendor Fair will be

happening at Prichard Auditorium from 9am to 3pm. From one-of-a-kind gifts and homemade goods to special promotions and holiday treats, local businesses will offer a variety of ways for shoppers to get into the holiday spirit while keeping their dollars within the community.

The Falls City Chamber & Main Street is bringing back its punch card promotion from November 29th to December 24th. Completing and turning in punch cards gives you an opportunity to win a gift card from one of the participating stores and the grand prize of \$500 in Chamber Bucks. Every dollar spent at a small business makes an impact, supporting jobs, families, and growth here in Falls City.

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# SCHOOL MENUS

## Falls City Sacred Heart

Wednesday, November 20

BBQ Rib Sandwich, Smiles, Applesauce, Orange, Milk

Thursday, November 21

Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Fruit Cup, Roll, Pumpkin Bar, Milk

Friday, November 22

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Grapes, Milk

Monday, November 25

Chicken Fajita, Savory Rice, Peas, Pineapple, Milk

Tuesday, November 26

Pizza Quesadilla, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Rice Krispy Treat, Milk

## HTRS Titans

Wednesday, November 20

Hamburger/Bun WG, Cheese Stick, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

Thursday, November 21

WG English Muffin Pizza, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

Friday, November 22

Chicken Fajita/Gyro Bread, Spanish Rice, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

Monday, November 25

Italian Dunkers, Marina Sauce, Cooked Carrots, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

Tuesday, November 26

Pizza Lunchable, Celery Sticks, Apple Sticks, Apple Slices, Fruit Cup, Milk/Water (NO SALAD BAR)

## Falls City Public Schools

Wednesday, November 20

**North & South School:** Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Chicken Flatbread, lettuce Salad, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Chicken Quesadilla, Curly Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Thursday, November 21

**North & South School:** Fish Sticks, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli, Grapes, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Pineapple, Cornbread, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Stromboli, Lettuce Salad, Broccoli, Grapes, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Grape Uncrustable Sandwich, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Friday, November 22

**North & South School:** Pig in a Blanket, Baked Beans, Corn, Peaches, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Holloway Special, Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, pears, Ranger Cookie, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, Corn, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Spicy Chicken Patty, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Monday, November 25

**North & South School:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pears, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mr. Huppert Special: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pears, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Roll, Fruit, Apple Crisp, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Pepperoni French Bread, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Tuesday, November 26

**North & South School:** Mini Corn Dogs, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Pineapple, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Beef Burger Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk **High School:** Hot Lunch: Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** BBQ Wings, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk



## What's on the Menu?

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Monday: CLOSED

Taco Tuesday 5-9pm

Wing Wednesday  
5-9pm

### SIX MILE CAFE

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402-855-9955 • Delivery? NO  
Hours: M-F 10am-8pm

#### DAILY SPECIALS

MON: Chicken Fried Steak  
Sandwich with one side

TUES: Pulled Pork Sando

WED: Meatloaf with roll, side  
salad, veg, & Mashed Potatoes

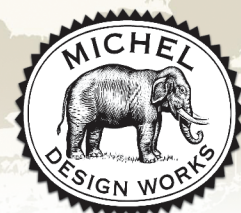
THUR: Lasagna

FRI: LUNCH-Pollock or  
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## Titans striving for sustained success

The HTRS Titans entered the 2024 season hoping to improve on their 3-5 mark from 2023. While the final record may not show it, the Titans made strides during the 2024 campaign, improving throughout the season. The 2024 team ended the season at 2-6, winning over Omaha Christian Academy (52-38) and Cedar Bluffs (44-26). The Titans had Elmwood-Murdock beaten on September 20th before injuries allowed the Knights to pull off the come-from-behind win. HTRS gave Sacred Heart all they could handle, eventually falling to the Irish 20-36.

First-year Head Coach Grant Tuttle's group had high expectations, ultimately falling short of their preseason goals.

"We had expectations of winning more games, but I was proud of the work that the boys put in," said Tuttle. "We were a young team with a bunch of sophomores and freshmen getting serious playing time. That never makes things easy, but I felt like we were always a few plays away from a very different result in our matchups. We are all learning, and we made great progress."

Tuttle stated that although HTRS finished with only two wins, many problems can be solved moving forward. "Our goal is to improve across the board," said Tuttle. "We will spend more time in the weight room, studying film and working on technique."

For the season, HTRS passed for 559 yards and ran for 1,326 for 1,885 total yards. The Titans averaged 5.3

yards per completion and 6.1 yards per rushing attempt. On defense, HTRS finished with ten tackles for loss, nine interceptions and one fumble recovery.

At QB, sophomore Kameon Dettmann completed 15/44 pass attempts for 178 yards, three TDs and four interceptions. Freshman Bradyn Bowen finished his first high school campaign by completing 18/49 attempts for 176 yards, one TD and six interceptions. The work-horse in the backfield was senior Hunter Bohling. Bohling ended his high school career with 1,135 yards and 17 touchdowns on 163 carries. Bohling had a season-long of 54 yards. Fellow senior Brogan Dunlap led all receivers with 21 catches for 348 yards and four scores.

On the defensive side of the action, Bohling led the way with 77 tackles, including four for loss. Emmett Glathar was next with 63 stops, including four for losses. Axton Wamsley added 39 tackles, Dunlap had 33, and Dettmann finished with 30.

It won't be easy heading into fall camp next year. Bohling, Dunlap and lineman River McNeely will be gone.

"I look forward to working with our guys," said Tuttle. "Hunter Bohling and Brogan Dunlap had a tremendous career at HTRS and they will be missed, but we will be working diligently to ensure that we build a program and culture of sustained success. I feel like we made great strides a season ago and that going forward, we will be better as a unit."

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City of Falls City, NE By Fund Payment Dates

10/12/2024 - 10/25/2024

Vendor Name Description (Payable) Amount

FUND: 100 - GENERAL

AMERITAS BILLING 457 Pre Tax Percentage

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True Value supplies

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Falls City Merc supplies

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Pro Serv service

CivicPlus, LLC subscription

Electronic Contracting Co service

The Humboldt Standard sub

Falls City Journal service

Fund 170 - Library Total

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY

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Concrete Industries, Inc concrete

Fund 190 - Streets Total

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP

Mr Automotive Mr Automotive - batteries

Bobcat of Omaha supplies

Bobcat of Omaha credit

Bobcat of Omaha supplies

Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

Nebraska Generator Service L service

UCI Testing pre employee test

Fund 205 - Dispatching Total

FUND: 220 - CDBG - DOWNTOWN

REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Southeast Nebraska Develop service

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Fund 220 - CDBG - Downtown Revitalization Program Total

FUND: 240 - CDBG - OWNER OCCUPIER REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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Fund 240 - CDBG - Owner Occupier Rehabilitation Program Total

FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT/DEMOLITION PROGRAM

Gerdes Lawn Care LLC service

Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

Ditch Witch Financial Services lease agreement

Ameritas Billing 457 After Tax %

Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage

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REPORT SUMMARY

FUND PAYMENT AMOUNT

100 - General

110 - Police

115 - Animal Control

150 - Parks

151 - Auditorium

170 - Library

180 - Cemetery

190 - Streets

195 - Mechanic Shop

205 - Dispatching

220 - CDBG - Downtown

240 - CDBG - Owner-Occupier

280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program

600 - Electric

610 - Water

620 - Gas

**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](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us).

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

Mary L. Eickhoff  
Richardson County Clerk  
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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.

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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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**DISTRICT #70**

**Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, November 11, 2024 7:00 PM**

**Music Room, Humboldt**

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.  
Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Absent, Scott Ogle: Present, Leah Reyes: Present.

1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER-ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\*

2. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS

3. PATRON COMMENT  
Patron brought up the wrestling room being used by ISS and what the plan was for wrestlers. Dr. G said they would make the ISS smaller to try to accommodate wrestling.

4. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

4.1. Meeting Minutes

4.2. Bills for Payment

4.3. Review Treasurer's report

5. REPORTS

5.1. Principal Caniglia - Mrs. Caniglia discussed recent events at the school. She also provided a school counselor's report and activities report.

5.2. Principal Standerford - Mrs. Standerford discussed para training that is being completed, she provided an update on the restorative practice team & upcoming school events.

5.3. NASB Report - Neal Kanel

5.4. Committee Reports  
Negotiations meet tomorrow 11/22/24 at 7pm.  
Building Committee, we received a quote from AHRS for insulation

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1. Approve board member's leave of absence

Motion to approve board member's leave of absence (Dave Mezger) passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

6.2. Soccer Cooperative with Auburn

Motion to approve the soccer cooperative with auburn passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Kyle Hilgenfeld. Yeas: 4, Nays: 1

6.3. Personnel

6.3.1. Staffing

6.3.2. Donation of leave time

Employees have inquired about

donating their sick or personal time to an employee. Need to talk about it in negotiations and will follow up next month.

7. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT - Dr. Griffith discussed NDE audit, school improvement team and school bus fuel.

8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS - None

Staffing: Meeting went into executive session at 7:12pm passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Neal Kanel.

Meeting came out of executive session at 7:26pm with a motion by Neal Kanel and second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

9. ADJOURN at 7:26pm with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Chantel Farwell

**Vendor Name Description Invoice Amount**

Amazon Capital Services, Amazon Invoices.....1,182.58

Beatrice Mechanical Service, Parts & Repairs.....150.00

Blue Valley Door Co, Inc, Service Call/Parts.....250.00

Blue Valley Sod Irrigation Repair LLC.Labor & Riser.....187.58

Boommarn, Renee Vehicle Parts & Supplies.....764.31

Cardmember Service..Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund.....10,873.62

City Of Humboldt.Utilities-Water/Sewer.....3,337.61

Coffey, Michael , Registration Reimbursement.....247.00

Critical Response Group, Crg Maps.....5,252.50

Dietze Music House, Music Dept.....149.60

Don Plager, Materials & Labor.....155.48

Donner Industrial Developments, Inc., Waste Caddy.....1,365.43

Dstk Phillips, Inc, Air Filters+Service Call.....895.14

Eakes Office Solutions, Maintenance Supplies....3,433.13

Essential Screens, Emplmt Background Screenings.....40.45

Esu #4, 10.15.24.....11,077.89

Esu #6, Tech Hosting Services+Workshop.....101.23

Esu 5, Workshops.....75.00

Falls City Journal, Ads.....67.35

Falls City Mercantile Co., Steam Snacks.....110.80

Falls City Sanitation, Trash-Utilities.....590.00

Farm & City Supply Vehicle Maint Supplies.....290.66

Fiber Platform, LLC, Distance Learning.....428.98

Hd Supply, Po 8147 Maintenance Supplies.....1,586.36

Heathwood Oil Co., Inc, Oil.....1,478.05

Homtown Leasing, Staple Copier Lease.....1,377.80

HTMC, Ad Messages.....432.00

Htrs Payroll Act, Payroll Expenses.....618,315.50

Humboldt Standard, Ads.....583.09

Instructional Empowerment, Inc, Marzon License/Building.....2,295.00

Julie D. Bauman, Cpa .23/24 Audit Services.....11,800.00

Koch Auto Service, Bus Oil Changes.....519.49

Ksb School Law, Legal Services.....510.00

Kurita America Inc, Water Soft Contract.....467.64

Little Bee Speech Co., 1709 2024/25 Year Sub.....119.99

Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy -Sped Services.....3,974.50

Mary's Appliance, Refrigerator.....2,782.00

Megraw Hill School Education, Inc, Po 8107.....1,810.99

Nasb Nebraska Assn Of School Boards, Strategic Planning....4,341.23

National Therapeutic Associates, Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped Services.....1,363.00

Nes Pearson, Inc, Test Reports.....158.64

Nesa - Nebraska Council Of School Admin, Dg Dues ...920.00

Nebraska Safety Center @ Unk....Bc Bus Endorsement Class C.....255.00

Nppd, Elec-Utilities.....5,728.89

Oc'z Paint Werkz, 2024 F250 Repair.....500.00

Pawnee Republican, Ad.....199.25

Peru State College, Career

Fair.....50.00

Pitco, Po 8168 Steam.....1,314.28

Prime Communications, Inc, Housing + Fan & Screws + Freight.....2,890.72

Read Naturally, Po 8169.....333.20

Richardson County Treasurer ..Sro Monthly Contract.....5,879.10

Rogers, Brittany Mileage Reimb + Parking.....252.36

Schmitt Music, Music Dept...167.00

Station Service Center Inc., The, Fuel/Sped Fuel.....4,022.00

Stitching Farm, Purchase Of Saxophone.....200.00

Stock Seed Farms, Inc.Turf Mix & Fertilizer.....2,480.00

Surnali, Llc, Ee Drug Testing.....100.00

Tk Elevator Corporation ..Elevator Maintenance.....543.26

Truck Center Companies, Parts.....167.35

University Of Nebraska - Lincoln.. Extension Asst Wages.....3,518.26

Us Cellular Cell Phone - Principal/Sixpence.....217.65

Verizon Business, Long Distance.....88.41

Wilcock, Joy ..Occ Therapy - Sped Services.....4,616.73

Windstream Nebraska, Phone Utilities.....109.63

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 30, 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 30, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the distress warrant report for 2023 taxes due. A total of 2 distress warrants have been issued and will be presented to the County Sheriff to pursue collection. Motion was made by Karas to approve the 2023 distress warrant report as presented and authorize the Sheriff to pursue collection. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. It was reported that the truck purchased from Truck Center Companies has been delivered and is in working operation. The crews are continuing to put up the new stop signs.

Information was also 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. This matter will be reviewed further.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that there were 13 inmates in jail today. Deputies will be putting in some overtime during November 17 through November 23 through the Make It Click grant through the

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of 4 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. Motion was seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. 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 ¼" marguard as stated with the quote dated 10/24/24 making the total cost of \$11,000. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the revised quote with ¼" marguard for this enclosure of the jailor observation area from Jim Hill's at the price of \$11,000. Motion

seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

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.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter in the contract as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR**

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).

Motion was made by Sickel that with no changes to the Richardson County Emergency Response Plan to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Verification form as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**FC EDGE**

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, Mr. 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Audit Report**

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

**NACO Lease Purchase**

Motion was made by Sickel to pursue a NACO Lease purchase plan to finance 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. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Concrete Industries, serv.....870.00  
Consolidated Management Co., serv.....10032.49  
DAS State Accounting, serv702.12  
Datashield Corp., serv.....132.75  
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv.....226.24  
Falls City Journal, adv.....3457.42  
Falls City Mercantile, supp. 174.36  
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....40.00  
First Concord Benefits, fees400.00  
Frontier Bank, supp.....106.06  
Handley Law Office, serv 4180.00  
CR24-47 R. Scarberry, CR24-83  
B. Adams, CR24-373 H. Berry, CR24-125 C. Brown  
Jones Air Conditioning, serv.....190.00  
Karas, Rick, reimb.....391.28  
Miller Farrell Insurance, ins.....3899.00  
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, supp.....360.00  
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, fee.....225.00  
NE State Fire Marshal, fee. 120.00  
NE UC Fund, fees.....4165.65  
OneNeck IT Solutions, serv991.00  
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....371.52  
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc.....22542.29  
Road & Bridge Fund, levied tax.....174500.60  
SunmerOne, serv.....274.92  
Verizon, serv.....1715.90  
Visual Edge, fee.....230.65  
Wolfe's Printing, supp.....230.00  
Payroll Expense.....121495.58  
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$352,024.83

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

Farm & City Supply, supp .926.54  
Jim Hawk Truck & Trailer, supp.....120.47  
K.C. Bobcat, supp.....153.38  
Merz Ink, supp.....231.00  
NMC, supp.....956.00  
OPPD, serv.....81.69  
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....22.00  
O'Reilly Automotive, supp..30.27  
Powerplan, supp.....60.85  
Quill, supp.....147.34  
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair,

supp.....42.68  
Truck Center Companies, supp.....615.87  
Unifirst, serv.....53.12  
Woods & Aitken, serv.....70.00  
Payroll Expense.....30618.64  
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$34,129.85

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. 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.

John Caverzagie, Chairman  
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk  
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**ROSE WINTER PREPARATION**

By Nicole Stoner – [nicole.stoner@unl.edu](mailto:nicole.stoner@unl.edu)  
Extension Educator in Gage Co. 402-223-1384

Roses are one of my favorite plants in my landscape and you can find so many different types that you can have many color combinations and growth habits. However, some of these roses may need extra care in the winter for the best survival.

Winter Survival of Roses: Many people believe that roses should be pruned in the fall of the year. However, this can decrease winter survival of the plant. Roses have a hollow stem and if pruned in fall and left exposed through the winter moisture can get into the canes of those stems and freeze and thaw through the winter months, cracking the crown, possibly causing death. Shrub roses, including Knock out roses or Nearly Wild roses should not be pruned in the fall and do not require extra winter protection. It would be beneficial to push fallen tree leaves around shrub roses to give a little added winter mulch, if desired.

Hybrid tea roses and others are very sensitive to winter injury in Nebraska and require more winter protection. There are a couple of options in winter protection for these species, rose cones are often chosen for ease of use. If you don't use a rose cone, you can mound soil up around the plant to protect it from winter injury. Use loose soil and mound it around the bottom 10-12 inches of the plant and then add an additional 1-2 feet of mulch including leaves and straw. You can add a wire fence around the plants to help hold all the loose mulch material in place through winter.


When using either a rose cone or the soil mounding procedure on hybrid tea, grandiflora, and floribunda roses wait until after two or three hard freezes or when night temperatures are consistently dropping into the 20s before adding winter protection. At this time, prune only what is needed to get the cone or soil mounds in place. Leave additional pruning for next spring.

Other Shrubs to Avoid Pruning in the Fall: Spring blooming shrubs should not be pruned in the fall due to flower blossoms that are already set on these shrubs. Spring blooming shrubs can bloom so early in the growing season because they set their flower buds the previous summer and fall. These shrubs should only be pruned within a few weeks following spring blooming or flowers will be reduced the following year. If pruning with a rejuvenation pruning, this is best in the fall to allow the plant to regrow through the cooler spring that typically has plenty of moisture for regrowth. Shrubs will not bloom in the first spring following a rejuvenation or renewal pruning.

It is also best to avoid pruning or cutting back perennial plants in the fall to help with pollinators. Many pollinator insects lay their eggs in the stems of perennial plants or around them in the mulch. If you re-move that plant material in the fall or too early in the spring, you can reduce the number of pollinators that survive. Leave the plant material until late April or early May to ensure the full life-cycle of these beneficial insects.

Watering: Roses and these other plants will all benefit from fall irrigation as we continue through the drought. Plants that are healthy and properly irrigated will survive through winter conditions better than those that are drought stressed. Push a screwdriver into the soil to determine the need for irrigation, irrigate if difficult to push into the soil. Irrigate slowly when needed to get moisture down 8-12 inches into the soil for shrubs, including roses. Mulching around these plants will help keep moisture around the plants longer as well.

If you have any further questions please contact Nicole Stoner at (402) 223-1384, [nstoner2@unl.edu](mailto:nstoner2@unl.edu), visit the Gage County extension website at [www.gage.unl.edu](http://www.gage.unl.edu), or like my facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/Nicole-StonerHorticulture> and follow me on twitter @Nikki\_Stoner



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Falls City, Nebraska proposes to hold a public hearing on November 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Local Time at the City Council Chambers located in City Hall at 2307 Barada Street to consider the adoption of a long-range plan for a one-year and six-year street improvement program for the City of Falls City, Nebraska. Any interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and to present pertinent information, data or views or to request additional information or background regarding said street improvements plans. The purpose of the hearing is to afford full and complete public knowledge and discussion of said street improvements plans prior to adoption according to law and as provided in Legislative Bill No. 1302 passed by the 1969 Nebraska State Legislature and approved by the Governor.

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**NOTICE TO REGISTER VACANT PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given through publication, after unsuccessful notice by certified mail, that the owners of real property at the below listed address's and legal descriptions to the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, has thirty (30) days from the date of publication to register said property with the City Clerk or obtain an exemption from the vacancy determination.

Owner
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# IN MEMORIAM

## IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

I think that God gave me some knowledge to sit down and write this little lifetime of mine. Our life on earth is like a vapor. We should live our life to the fullest, which I tried to do. I have not regretted any of my life.

My husband and I had 9 wonderful children. We were married young. My first child was a boy. I was 17 when he was born. I had 5 boys and 4 girls. When you have a big family you all help one another. I worked after my baby was 1 year old.

I worked at a chicken factory. I picked chickens for 2 cents apiece. Those were the hard days. {then it seemed}. Every 2 years I had another baby.

I had 3 children when my husband went to the army. He was gone a year. Then we started working for farm folks. My husband liked it and so did I.

Farming is God's most wonderful job you could ever have. When working the soil you feel so good and you feel so contented. THEN THE ARMY!

Of course, when my husband was discharged, he had hurt his back and did not report it. He had no proof of the injury. We did find two of the men that was on the boat when he hurt it. Our first farm job we had a blizzard, and we had to have the roads opened up to take him to the hospital. His back went completely out. He had no use of his body when his back went out.

When he was called by Uncle Sam, we had rented an 80-acre farm. We had all of the farm machinery we needed and even what livestock we wanted.

We cried as we watched our beautiful life dreams fade away. We needed more land to keep farming. I believe we had to get more land to keep farming, but we just couldn't find any more land in 30 days. We had worked so hard for all we had and then we had to sell all of it. Then he went to the army and I moved to town. This all happened when I had 3 children. There were many a night I cried myself to sleep thinking of our broken dreams. My husband was in the army for a year. We got this farm job, but his back went out. He would work a while then his back would go out. He never did have back trouble before he went to the army. The Doctors told him that he had to have surgery. It was a fifty-fifty chance, but the Lord was good to us.

When he started back to work, he didn't have all that much trouble, but he had to be careful. We were farming again. I had a baby every two years. Then my husband got a job at a factory. He had to drive about 20 miles to work.

As the years went by, I started to work. That was when the older children could watch over the little ones. I went to work at another chicken factory. I rode with 7 other ladies. It was 100 miles to work and back. I had the evening shift, so I got home at about one-thirty in the morning. I worked there for one year. Then we decided to move to town where my husband worked.

I stayed home for a little while; then I decided I had better find some work. I got a babysitter for the little ones when the older children could not watch them on the nights I had to work at the chicken factory.

NOW THIS IS THE JOB I LEARNED TO LOVE! I went to a nursing home and asked for a job. They hired me as a cleaning woman. I lived to be around those wonderful people. They wanted me to become a nurse's aide. I thought, what a wonderful profession to get into, to be able to help them learn to walk again and talk again. Some of them couldn't do either one. OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY OF HELPING PEOPLE.

I will never forget the first day I went to work as a nurse. I felt so proud to know that I was going to do something that I would love to do. My ward was mostly men. I really got along with them. I know they knew that I loved to take care of them. It was breakfast time, so I gave the ones that were bedridden their breakfast trays. I walked to the end of the hall to give my last tray. He was sitting up in bed. I said, "Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day." He looked at me and said, "Yes it is, how about my tray?" Then he laughed and said he was so hungry and it looked so good. I raised his bed in a comfortable position. I left and went on with my duties.

They were all eating on my wing when I saw his light go on, which meant he wanted me. I hurried down the hall to see what he wanted. "Would you please help me change into my pajamas?" I told him of course I would. I had him sit on the side of the bed. I raised him up on his feet and all of a sudden his body went limp. HE DIED IN MY ARMS. That was my first day as a nurse's aide. I remember going out in the hall and crying. "Lord, will I be able to do this kind of work?" Of course, I went back the next day. I couldn't wait to get started. I knew that the rest of them needed me. A nurse's aide has a big responsibility. It is very hard work and you have no time for yourself There is always something to do. You get them up for breakfast, brush their teeth, comb their hair, get them dressed, and some you will help in their wheelchairs so they can go down to meals. You have to give baths, take care of their hurts, and make sure they take their medicine. So many cannot walk. You will help them. You MUST have patience, be loving, be forgiving and most of all have a personality that is happy. You need to take your time with them. You want them to love and trust you. They know when you like them. Show them that you enjoy taking care of them. I think eyes show a lot. When their limbs are paralyzed, their eyes will talk to you. They did me. The most important is to give them a lot of water. They never drink enough water. When you walk down the hall step in and give them a drink. I used to love to sing to them. They love to hear you sing even if you're not Doris Day. They also like to hear some little poems when you're taking care of them. You can talk about little things that you think they would like to hear. DO NOT EVER GO IN THEIR ROOMS AND NOT TALK TO THEM. It makes them feel sad. Wouldn't you? You need to try your best to keep them dressed up on the weekends. They look forward to their families coming to see them. Some of them are very lonely because they don't have a family. I take them books to read. That's a good pastime for them. I always try to visit with the families a little so they can get to know me and be more satisfied to keep them there. I try to be polite to the families that come in and tell them their loved ones needs. My heart goes out to those who live in a nursing home. There are good nursing homes. I worked in two of them and enjoyed every minute of it. I think the most important thing is if they're unable to feed themselves, feed them like you would feed yourself. They do not want food to put in their mouth too fast. I know it takes time but treat them as you would yourself.

THIS WAS WRITTEN BY LUCY SHEFFERD WHO WAS A CARE GIVER FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

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Mom- November 18, 1922 (67 years old) - October 24, 1990  
Dad- May 19, 1921 (78 years old) - May 5, 2000

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Pay range is \$12 to \$16 per hour depending on qualifications. Benefits include employer pays 100% of BCBS health insurance, dental, vision, and short term disability insurance for the employee. Applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment. This position works four 10 hour days: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Indian preference does apply.

Application form and more complete job description at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 68434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email [tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com](mailto:tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com). Submit application form, cover letter, and resume at postal address listed above, or fax to (785) 742-3785, or email to [employment@sacandfoxks.com](mailto:employment@sacandfoxks.com) no later than 2 PM Thursday 12/12/2024.

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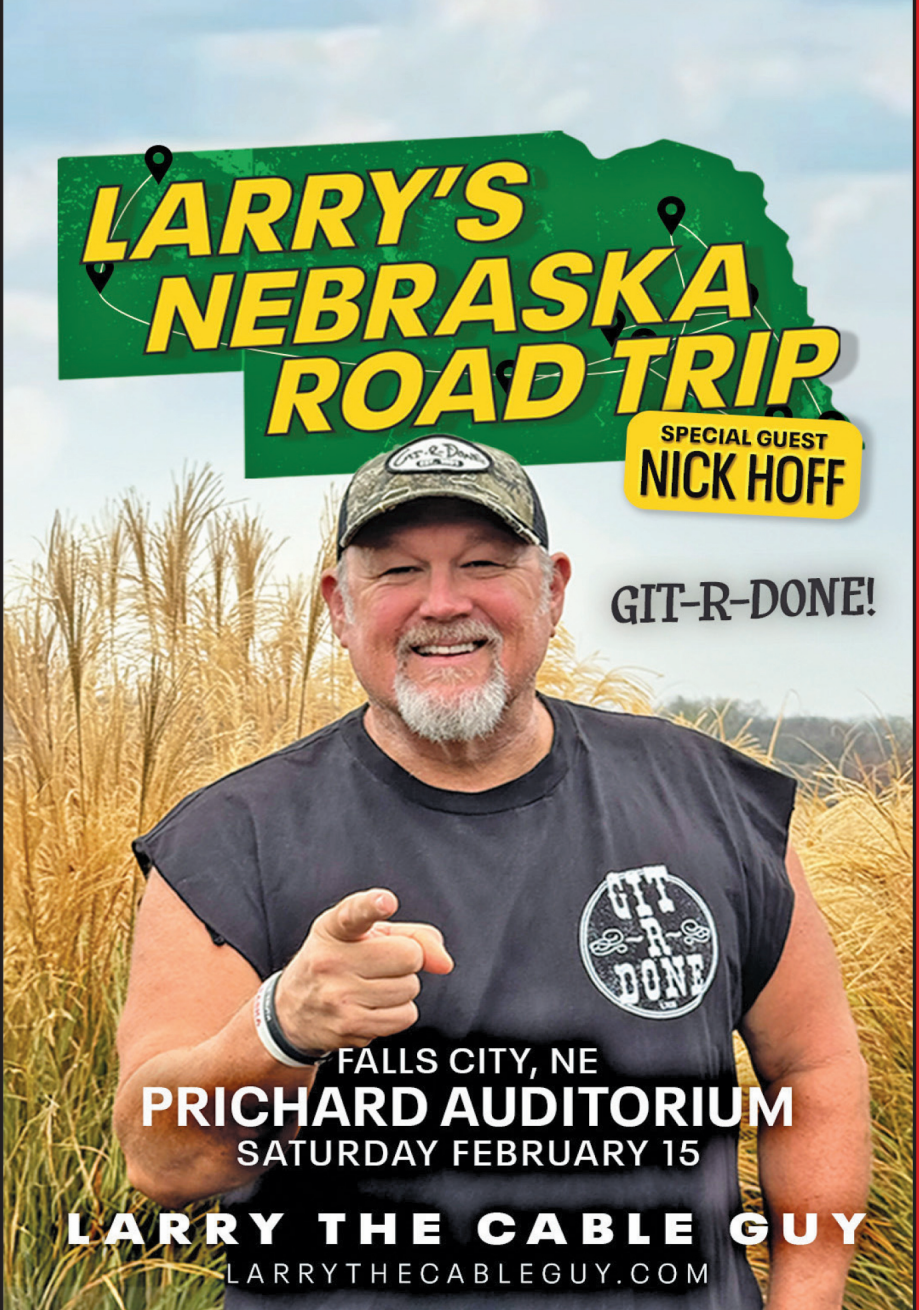
*Shop Small  
This Season*

## Why you should shop local for the holidays and beyond

Various components come together to make the holiday season a festive time of year. There is a lot to get done in a short amount of time during the holiday season, and part of that includes shopping for all of the family members and friends on your shopping list. Shopping can be a complicated process that involves identifying which stores will be the best places to shop. Local retailers make the perfect place to shop for holiday items.

According to the American Express Business Economic Impact Study, more than two-thirds of every dollar spent with a local business stays in the community. Indeed, shopping local benefits consumer and community alike. The following are some of the many perks to shopping locally throughout the holiday season.

- **Personalized attention:** Small businesses are known for their personalized customer service and owners and staff are often lauded for taking the time to interact and learn about their customers, a dynamic that is impossible at larger retailers.
  - **Meet and interact with people:** Shopping in-person at local stores, you'll see faces from your community and become better known in the local area.
  - **Shorter lines:** Local stores are bound to have smaller crowds and thus shorter lines. That translates to less stress and hassle when it comes to getting in and out with holiday gifts.
  - **Smaller carbon footprint:** Pollution, traffic congestion, habitat loss, and resource depletion may not occur on the same levels when shopping locally compared to patronizing big box stores. That's because local retailers tend to create or source their products locally, whereas many big box stores secure their goods overseas.
  - **Easier parking:** This goes hand-in-hand with smaller crowds, as shopping locally does not typically require driving up and down endless aisles at malls or standalone retail stores in an effort to find a parking spot. Local retailers in town may have on-street parking or closed lots that are convenient to shoppers.
  - **Small batch shopping experience:** Consumers can secure items in small businesses that are not carbon copies of those found across the country at major retail chains. When seeking a unique, thoughtful gift, shopping locally is the way to go.
- Shopping locally this holiday season provides an array of benefits to consumers, and helps to solidify a strong Main Street in communities



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