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- FRI., DEC. 13**  
 5:30PM: Winter Soup Supper at FC Nursing & Rehab.
- SAT., DEC. 14**  
 9:30AM: Farm Auction at 64295 705 Rd., Salem.
- SUN., DEC. 15**  
 Noon - 4PM: Sunday Fun Day in Downtown Falls City.
- 2:00PM: Annual Christmas Carol Sing at FUMC.
- WED., DEC. 18**  
 6:00PM: Citroniq Community Engagement Session at FC HS gym
- THURS., DEC. 19**  
 9AM-4PM: Frontier Bank Open House
- TUES., DEC. 24**  
 6:30PM: Prairie Union Baptist Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Post Office has a new phone number. Check ad inside for details!

**JOURNAL DEADLINES**

- December 24 paper:**  
 Deadline December 19 by 10AM.
- December 31 paper:**  
 Deadline Thursday, December 26 by 9:00PM.
- January 8 paper:**  
 Deadline Thursday, January 2 by 3:00PM. Via email.
- For more information on the events listed above, look for the ad in this paper.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES: BECAUSE YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW.**

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**Sheriff gives report of activity during grant period**

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on the county roads.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. Hardesty reported that there are 11 inmates currently being held in the jail.

A report on the activity done during the Click It Ticket grant period, November 23rd through December 1st was presented. There were 338 traffic stops (333 proactive and five driving complaints; 91 not on Hwy 75, 247 on Hwy 75), 120 citations (118 proactive and two driving complaints; 55 for speed, one for careless driving and 12 for seat belts including five for child restraints), nine

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**Building a Healthier Future: St. Joe, MO unveils Children's Discovery Center to promote community wellness and economic vitality**

St. Joseph is set to transform its commitment to community wellness with the opening of inspireU, a Children's Discovery Center December 26, 2024. This state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to fostering physical health, mental wellness, and educational enrichment. This initiative aligns with the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce's Imagine St. Joseph 2040 plan, aimed at investing in people, enhancing the quality of life, and driving prosperity in the community.

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**JOURNAL OFFICE CLOSED**

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day, January 2 and January 3

**New Council board members assume roles**

The City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024, at the Council Chambers in City Hall.

In the City Administrator's report, Anthony Nussbaum extended a thank you to all the outgoing members of the Council.

Once the consent agenda was approved, the meeting was temporarily adjourned. At that point, Council members Amber Holle and Carla Rhodd left their chairs. Outgoing Council members Kaylie Ractliffe and James Wisdom were absent.

Administrator Nussbaum then gave the newly elected members of the Council the oath of office. Frank Killingsworth filled the vacancy in the first ward; the second ward winner in the election was Kenny Killingsworth; the third ward was filled by Sara Ruiz and the fourth ward by Josh Kaster.

In the first action of the evening, Council member Derrick Leyden was named the President of the City Council, and Joe Buckminster was elected as Acting President.

Mayor Harkendorff and City Administrator Nussbaum were appointed to the EDGE Board of Directors. Nussbaum was also appointed as City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer.

Jameson Baker was appointed as Chief of Police and Blake Buckminster was named as Building Inspector.

Michael Dunn of Halbert, Dunn and Halbert Law Firm was appointed City Attorney. Matt Beer was named Fire Chief, Jon McQueen was named First Assistant Chief, and Tim Daniels was appointed Second Assistant Fire Chief.

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L-R: Dustin Stilen, Ethan Boatright, Peyton Brown, Collin Roberts, Kamdyn Huppert, Royce Capek.

**Falls City Public ESports League of Legends Team runner-up at NSESA State**

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**Journal holiday deadlines, print schedule and hours**

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 to Nikki or Brian (see Page 2). The paper will be sent off early for print, so please plan accordingly.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31, and remain closed through the week. The staff will be working from home and on the road, but will accept ads and information via email. 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 or Brian if sent by Sun-

day 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 email addresses for staff.

The dropbox in our entryway will be monitored closely for any advertising, subscriptions and information you wish to place in the paper. Please feel free to place things there for us to pick-up when we return to the office.

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

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Protecting Children from Online Harms

By Christina Young, Director for the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment

With the rapid rise in internet use among children, the dangers of online exploitation have grown alarmingly.

The Scope of the Issue: In 2022, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children received almost 32 million reports of suspected child sexual abuse materials (CSAM).

Another concern is how easily children can access harmful content—often unintentionally. One study found that 15% of children encounter pornographic material before age 10.

Understanding Risk Factors: Every time a child accesses the internet, they face potential risks. Children with low self-esteem, developmental challenges, or mental health struggles are particularly vulnerable to manipulation.

How Technology Compounds the Problem: Artificial intelligence (AI) and social media are significant drivers of online exploitation. AI enables the creation of "deep fakes," complicating victim identification and creating new avenues for child exploitation.

The Path Forward: What We Can Do: We have a shared responsibility to protect children. Here are essential steps we can take:

- 1. Legislative Advocacy: State and federal laws should require parental consent and enforce stricter age restrictions on content.
2. Community Education: Parents, professionals, and policy-makers must recognize the gravity of online risks.
3. Utilize Available Resources: Many organizations provide resources and reporting mechanisms.

Protecting our children requires proactive steps from every part of our community. By remaining vigilant and informed, we can build a safer online environment and help our children navigate the digital world with resilience and security.

For more information on protecting children from online harms, visit the South Dakota Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment's website.

Christina Young has been an influential figure in the child welfare field for over a decade, dedicating her career to the well-being of children and families. She directed an in-home family services program covering 30 western counties in Iowa.

Falls City Journal advertisement containing contact information, staff directory (Brian McKim, Nikki McKim, Chelsie Alexander, Ron Dodds), and subscription details.

Subscription information advertisement for Falls City Journal, including rates for different distances and contact information.

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All things Nebraska 'Pheasant envy' confounds Huskers as hunters stream north

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

We've all had our fill of political news. So I thought that this week, we'd delve into a topic that's equally as timely - pheasant hunting.

I've spent a fair amount of time in pursuit of the ring-necked bird, and recently traveled to South Dakota - the self-proclaimed "Pheasant Capital of the World" - to try my luck with my trusty Vizsla, "Gunnar," and a couple of buddies.

If you've ever traveled to our northern neighbor this time of year, you'll see dozens upon dozens of guys (and a few gals) in hunter-orange garb tromping through the grasslands and marshes of the Mount Rushmore State.

There are hunting lodges aplenty along the highways of central and eastern South Dakota catering to out-of-state visitors. And the local motels and restaurants are filled with dozens of hunters.

And they spend money, creating an estimated economic impact of \$281 million, according to South Dakota game officials. More than 120,000 orange-clad pheasant hunters descend on that state each year.

It's created a healthy amount of "pheasant envy" from us Cornhuskers who remember the days when dozens of local towns hosted "hunters breakfasts" on opening day and when out-of-state visitors steered our way to hunt pheasants.

But times have changed. Bird numbers peaked in Nebraska in the 1960s due to a federal "soil bank" program that paid farmers to idle croplands. But the program ended, and bird numbers have been steadily dropping since.

There was a slight comeback in the mid-80s after the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) was launched to pay landowners to set-aside land and plant native-grass habitat in which pheasants thrive. But the decline has slowly continued.

The main problem, biologists tell us, is that Nebraska has lost a lot of its prime habitat for the birds.

Fence rows have been torn out, marshes drained and ravines and grass waterways plowed under, so fewer places to nest, raise young and hide from predators. (You can't blame farmers, who fight a few headwinds (low prices, high input costs and those gosh-darn property taxes) in trying to make a buck.

If there's proper grasslands for the birds to nest, and weather conditions cooperate (not too wet in the spring, not too harsh in the winter) you'll have pheasants, biologists tell us. I have seen this happen first hand.

What I've also seen are some things I think South Dakota does to make it a nicer destination for hunters.

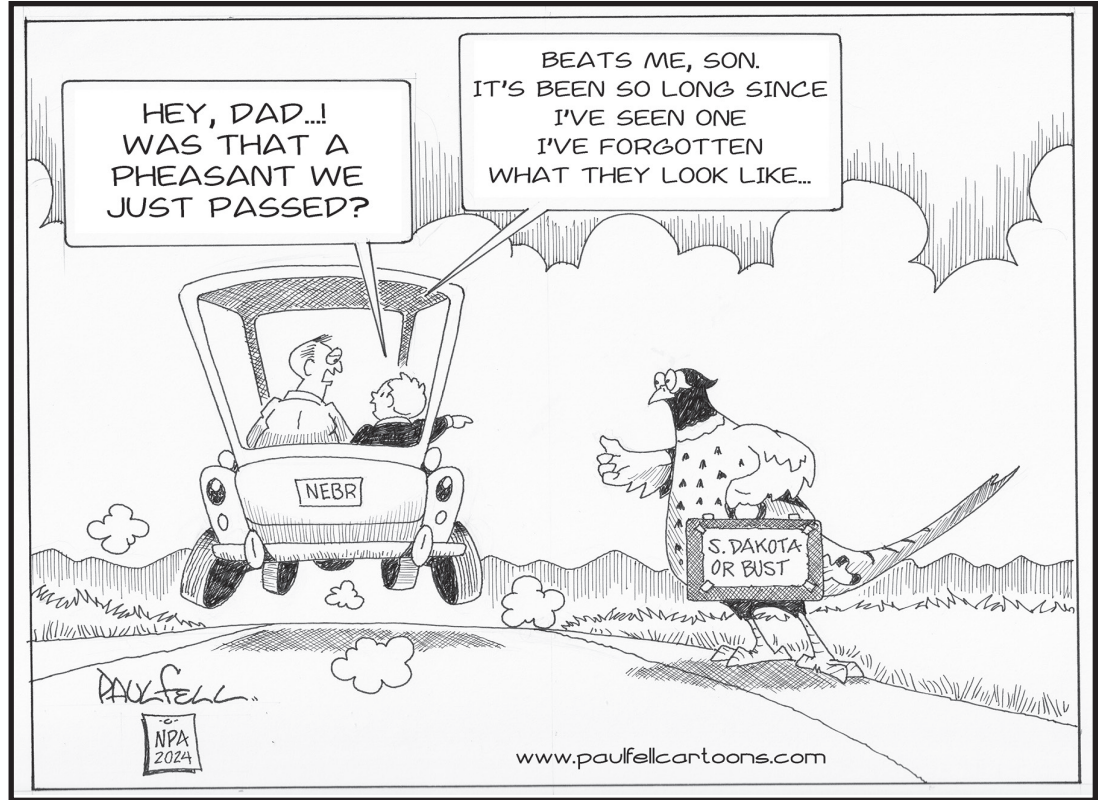
For one, South Dakota doesn't allow hunting to start until 10 a.m., where in Nebraska, shooting begins 30 minutes before sunrise.

That later start allows visitors up north to socialize later at night, and sleep in a bit in the morning. That translates into more time to spend money at the local steakhouse or tavern and time for breakfast at the local cafe.

In South Dakota, they allow hunting in the roadside ditches, which opens up a lot of extra land to hunt. The inability to find a place to hunt makes a lot of hunters hang up their shot-guns.

I've often wondered why we can't legalize bird hunting in ditches on minimum maintenance roads in Nebraska? Those roads get little traffic, and are typically far from any residence or livestock facility.

To be fair, South Dakota has



some advantages we don't. Land is cheaper up there, so it's easier to allow a marsh filled with cattails (excellent pheasant habitat) to remain.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission isn't giving up, and every so often, state legislators take a stab at increasing pheasant numbers. In 2017, Game and Parks launched the Berggren Plan to improve pheasant habitat and open up more land to public access in targeted sections of the state.

But the CRP program, which has helped maintain pheasant populations in Nebraska and across the country, is under threat. Project 2025, a play-book for changes in federal program from the conservative Heritage Foundation, calls for eliminating the CRP program and other farm programs.

If that happened, it would certainly set back the pheasant dreams in our state. But that might give us more time to ponder the really big questions confronting the universe, such as whether Nebraska football captains need to shake the hands of their opponent during the coin toss preceding a game?

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: SPORTS

- ACROSS: 1. Combat vehicle, 5. Semi, 8. \*Biathlon gear, sing., 11. Keiko of "Free Willy", 12. \*Ashi Waza and judo sport, 13. Audiencés approval, 15. Tandoori bread, 16. Ned Stark's daughter, "Game of Thrones", 17. R'ntgen beams, 18. \*Warning track sport, 20. Monetary "thank you," pl., 21. Indigo dye shrubs, 22. "Arabian Nights" bird, 23. Destroyer, 26. Danced to certain Polish music, 30. Crematorium container, 31. One without magic powers in Harry Potter stories, 34. Largest volcano in Europe, 35. Do nothing (2 words), 37. Singer Yoko, 38. Be at the helm, 39. Tropical tuber, 40. \*Player who delivers in a crucial sports moment, 42. Recipe qty., 43. Display proudly (2 words), 45. Smells, 47. Lake, in France, 48. Clean a spill (2 words), 50. #8 Across, pl., 52. \*Cornerback and direct snap sport, 55. Russian pancake, 56. Pasta option, 57. Go cold turkey, 59. \*Reward for multiple sports championships, pl., 60. "Breaking Bad" victim, 61. The Beehive State, 62. King Kong, e.g., 63. Type of lightbulb, acr., 64. Spooky

Crossword puzzle grid with 64 numbered starting points for words.

Consumer Cellular advertisement featuring a \$25 discount, 'Switch & Get' offer, and contact information (888-804-0913).

'SEZ-I' LETTERS TO THE EDITOR advertisement with contact information for the editor at Falls City Journal.

# From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim  
75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, December 11, 1949 to December 17, 1949

A winter storm rolled eastward across the Midwest, bringing blizzard conditions to the upper Great Lakes region and left 51 persons dead.

According to a Johns Hopkins scientist, American research was making progress toward a vaccine to ward off polio. Dr. Isabel Morgan told the 15th annual convention of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation that monkeys had been vaccinated against the disease, indicating that a vaccine for humans could be in sight.

Approximately 400 persons attended an open house showing of two new bungalows located at 22nd and Schoenheit, which George W. Goldsmith owned.

John Steinbeck's "The Red Pony," featuring Myrna Loy and Robert Mitchum, was playing at the Oil City Theater.

Falls City hosted Hiawatha at the Prichard Auditorium. Admission for students was 25 cents, while adults were charged 50 cents. The Tigers pulled away late for a 27-21 win. Frank Falloon scored ten points to lead FC.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Chaney Jr. entertained 22 guests at a dinner at the Country Club. After the meal, the group spent hours dancing.

Miss Phylis Darveau and Leon O'Grady were united in marriage at eight o'clock on Saturday, December 10, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rulo. Father Ralph Egan performed the single-ring ceremony.

Colina, a 7-year-old Holstein in Milton Bletscher's herd, completed her lactation period of 365 days with a record of 614 pounds of butterfat. According to the Richardson County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, producing 375 pounds during a lactation period was considered very good.

John Mosiman, Falls City's veteran fire chief, was re-elected to that position at the annual election of local volunteer fire department officers. Mr. Mosiman was first elected in 1911 and, with the exception of one year, had served continuously during that period.

A crowd of 600 attended the first performance of the Falls City Music League's choral music program at the high school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marsh of Salem observed their 58th wedding anniversary. The couple were completely surprised by the occasion.

The Falls City Elks Club distributed more than 40 food baskets to needy families in the area. Fred Zorn, chairman of the Christmas Basket Committee, said each basket contained enough food for a big Christmas dinner.

The Shubert Panthers whipped Verdon, 29-14, to open the season. Ed Vice had nine points to lead Shubert, while John Bowers had six for Verdon.

The Sunbeam Shavemaster, an ideal gift for dad, was on sale for \$24.50 at Greene's.

The Jolly Get Together Community Club of Stella met at the Mt. Hope School House with 35 in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bergman and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hilgenfeld were responsible for the program.

The Salem Bobcats breezed past the Rulo Eagles, 35-14, in action on the hardwood. Earl Resch and Jerry Martin scored a dozen points apiece for Salem, while Bill Campbell paced Rulo with nine.

The "New" Flannagan's Grill was opening at 1507 Harlan Street and advertised "Nebraska's Best Hamburger Sandwiches" for 15 cents.

50 Years Ago, December 11, 1974 to December 17, 1974

Robert Smith of Auburn, serving as part-time County Superintendent of Schools, was rehired for another year by the Board of Commissioners with a salary of \$4,700. Smith also served as the Nemaha County Superintendent of Schools.

Falls City's Wastewater Facility was recognized by the Nebraska Water Pollution Association for Outstanding Operation. The plant was one of 21 in the state to receive the Scott Wilber Award for Excellence. Norman Carr, chief operator and Charles Grady, assistant operator, ran the plant. Approximately 627,000 gallons of raw sewage were pumped through the facility daily.

Sacred Heart cheerleaders for the winter included Karen Huffles, Anita Santo, Sue Lantzy, Barb Kelly, Chris Cowan and Beth Huber.

Chaney Music Center advertised a 25" Magnavox Color Console TV for \$549.95 and a Magnavox Deluxe Stereo FM/AM Radio/Phono/8-Track Console for \$449.95.

Ann Ramsey of Dawson-Verdon High School won an expense-paid trip for two to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. She earned the trip through magazine sales for the school. The package included two game tickets, airfare, motel accommodations, \$120 in spending cash, a flight bag and a football.

Paul Phillips of Humboldt was elected President of the Richardson County Feeders and Breeders. Larry Weaver, Jr., was vice president, John Bangert was secretary-treasurer, and Jerry Duerfeldt, Lyle Fritz and Roger Wilhelm were new board members.

Falls City Mayor Dale Shaffer accepted the resignation of City Council member Virginia Tisdell at the Council meeting. Tisdell was elected to the fourth ward in May, becoming the first female to be elected to the Council.

A capacity crowd attended the annual Christmas concert in the Falls City High School auditorium. Mildred Appleoff and Jim Dickson directed the presentation.

Pictured on the Journal's front page was Christi Deckinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deckinger, sitting on the lap of Santa Claus at the Vets Club. Santa had left his sleigh and reindeer at the home of Ward Reesman.

25 Years Ago, December 11, 1999 to December 17, 1999

District 56 announced the purchase of three homes that bordered the Falls City High School parking lot. The houses were to be used as classrooms while the high school's interior was being remodeled. The houses purchased included the Cox property at 1514 Fulton, the Banks property at 719 E. 16th and the Vonderschmidt property at 713 E. 16th.

For the second time in the 80+ year history of the Nebraska Association of School Board, the president would call Falls City home. Kathy Bartek, president of the District 56 School Board, assumed leadership of the statewide organization at the state convention in Omaha.

The Tiger wrestling team earned a 34-31 win in a home dual over ACCHS, who was ranked No. 1 in their class in Kansas. Shane Vollmer provided the fireworks with a pin of DJ Bates in the final minute to give the Tigers the exciting win.

Humboldt Table-Rock's Taylor Dunekacke went 17-20 from the free throw line to win the Knights of Columbus free throw contest in Falls City.

The Southeast Consolidated Mustangs improved to 3-0 with a 76-61 win over Pawnee City in Stella. Lance Going had 25 points, and Brent Shubert added 22 for the Mustangs in the win.

Alan Kreifels, a middle school student, sang "Star of Bethlehem" to much applause at the Community Carol Sing at Prichard Auditorium. Mildred Appleoff accompanied him.

Falls City High School sophomore Brooke Stitzer was selected to represent her school at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership seminar in the summer.

Daniel Martin, a Falls City High School graduate, and Amy Hall, a Southeast Consolidated graduate, earned degrees from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Jeff and Susan Findlay were the parents of a daughter, Elle Elizabeth, born at St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln.

Matt Mezger scored 30 points as the Humboldt-Table-Rock basketball team defeated Freeman 78-56.

Celeste Nolte, a May 1999 graduate of Peru St. College, returned to the school as an admissions counselor beginning on December 1.



## Building a Healthier Future: St. Joe, MO unveils Children's Discovery Center to promote community wellness and economic vitality

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InspireU, a development led by Mosaic Life Care Foundation in collaboration with community leaders and stakeholders, is designed to address key health and wellness trends identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). These trends include rising mental health challenges among youth, concerns around physical health behaviors, and the need for increased engagement among young families.

This 50,000 to 65,000 square foot facility will feature 15-18 core exhibits, a rooftop exploratorium, interactive play areas, and educational spaces aimed at children ages birth to 10. Through hands-on exhibits that encourage creativity, imagination, and physical activity, children and their families will learn essential principles of health, wellness, and community-building. By embedding mental and physical health messaging in every exhibit, inspireU provides a unique, proactive approach to supporting healthier lifestyles from an early age.

"The Children's Discovery Center represents a transformative opportunity to promote health and vitality within St. Joseph, helping young families build

lasting connections to our city," said Mosaic Life Care Foundation. "By creating a space for experiential learning, we are investing in our community's future and making St. Joseph a place where families want to live and grow."

InspireU is expected to draw over 60,000 visitors annually, providing a significant boost to the local economy and supporting downtown revitalization. Positioned within walking distance of shops, restaurants, and event spaces, inspireU will enhance the economic landscape of downtown St. Joseph while attracting and retaining young families seeking quality education and recreation for their children.

About inspireU and Mosaic Life Care Foundation: The Mosaic Life Care Foundation is committed to innovative health care solutions that foster individual wellness, community vitality, and a robust local economy. The Foundation's mission includes addressing the social determinants of health to create meaningful and lasting change for generations to come.

To plan your visit to inspireU, please visit inspireu.com. For more information about the Mosaic Foundation, please visit mlcfoundation.com.

## Sheriff gives report of activity during grant period

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motorist assists, one accident, 13 arrests (12 proactive and one driving complaint; one for felony drug, one for DUI, six for driving suspended/revoked, five for warrants), and one missing person located. Deputies who worked during this grant period incurred overtime which is reimbursed to the County through the grant funds from the NE Department of Transportation.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested authorization to sell surplus cellular phones and accessories through the social media sites.

A motion was made and approved to authorize the sale of cellular phones and accessories that have been determined to be surplus and to ask that a report of such sale be made to the County Board.

A motion was made and approved to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted during the meeting.

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of November, 2024: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$92.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$22,405.00; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court, \$781.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meet-

ing Room, Courthouse, kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

*Winter Soup Supper*

DECEMBER | 13 | 5:30pm

1720 Burton Dr., Falls City, NE

We will be serving Chili, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Soups, Pies & Home Made Bread. All soup will be home made & the Cinnamon Rolls • Free Will Donation

We will also be having a bake sale. RSVP By December 9th

*59th Annual Christmas Carol Sing!*

Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 2:00 PM

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| <p><b>\$500--\$1,999</b></p> <p>Pat Scott Memorial<br/>Don Vonderschmidt Memorial<br/>Rosie Trull Memorial<br/>Jo Ann Dunn Memorial<br/>Kelly's "Pistol Pete"</p>   | <p><b>\$2,000--\$5,000</b></p> <p>Jean Metzger Memorial<br/>Hartman Foundation</p>   | <p><b>\$0--\$99</b></p> <p>Sandy Marrs Oberle Memorial<br/>Sarah Johnson Memorial<br/>Phyllis Reeves Memorial<br/>Keith Gerweck Memorial<br/>Greg Strickland Memorial</p> <p><b>\$0--\$99</b></p> <p>Nolte's "Cheka"<br/>"Gracie" &amp; "Winston"<br/>Hainesworth's "Yogi"<br/>Crofford's "Maggie"<br/>Cockerham's "Bella"<br/>Randall's "Susi-Q"<br/>Erickson's "Sparky"<br/>"Minnie"<br/>Westengaard's "Myla"<br/>Kruse's "Sadie"</p> |

## Rev. Robin Blakemore, to lead worship at Zion United Church of Christ and First Christian Church this weekend

Rev. Robin Blakemore, the Interim Regional Minister for the Nebraska Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will lead worship at Zion United Church of Christ and First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Falls City on Sunday, December 15. Rev. Blakemore is from Alabama.

She recently was called to the Nebraska Region. The service at Zion will be at 9:00. The service at First Christian will be at 10:45. Visitors will be welcome at both services. The morning will conclude with a lunch at First Christian.

## PSC issues 2024-2025 Pro-Ag Grant application and program schedule

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved an Order (C-5600) issuing the 2024-2025 Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant (PRO-AG) program schedule and application materials.

Created through the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Act, the PRO-AG program paves the way for awarding grants annually to accelerate rural economic development by helping to provide connectivity and supporting technology to farm sites in rural areas of Nebraska.

"We think there's immense potential for innovative precision agriculture projects that could benefit from this funding opportunity," said PSC Chair Dan Watermeier. "With over a million dollars available for the upcoming year, we encourage all eligible and interested parties to participate in the application process."

The PRO-AG program is divided into two distinct subprograms: Connectivity, and Devices and Technology. Each subprogram is designed to fulfill a specific purpose. Applicants can submit multiple project proposals but must apply separately for each subprogram. Applications will be assessed individually. Each application will be considered on its own merits within the subprogram in which it is filed.

The available funding for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$1,129,077.71. The amount will be divided equally among the two subprograms with \$564,538.85 in grant funding available for each. To date, the Commission has awarded over \$678,000 in funding through the PRO-AG grant program.

Commissioner Watermeier said, "The Precision Agriculture Grant Act allows for a broad range of eligible uses. We encourage prospective applicants to explore new ways that precision agriculture can be used to promote ag productivity in Nebraska."

Application materials and a detailed program guide can be found on the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program (PRO-AG) page of the PSC website.

Applications for the 2024-2025 program year open on December 13 and are due on or before January 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., (CT). Applications should be emailed to <psc.broadband@nebraska.gov>. Grants will be awarded by the end of April.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Prairie Union Baptist Church  
64571 719 Rd.  
Stella, NE

Dec. 24  
6:30 pm



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## One for the Road

By Senator Julie Slama

While putting away the last few empty boxes of Christmas decorations and clearing the final remnants of Thanksgiving, it dawned on me that it was time to put pen to paper and compose my final newsletter to you. The last six years of serving as your state senator have been the privilege of a lifetime. We have stood together in the trenches to fight for Southeast Nebraska's future at every level of government. You have watched me grow from a 22-year-old law school student into a practicing attorney and married mother of (soon-to-be) two children. Many of you have known me for far longer than that and have offered me the grace to exist beyond the boot-high toddler or high school athlete you might remember.

When I came home to Southeast Nebraska after attending college out-of-state, there were plenty of offers to make a good living elsewhere. The thought of leaving again never crossed my mind. Leaving where my heart and soul reside for four years was time enough- no job offer or sparkling promise of "bigger things" could draw me away from putting down roots here to give back and raise a family of my own. They still can't. Of course, I had no idea what that commitment would look like at the time- but now, it's easily the most important decision I ever made.

Representing our region in the Nebraska Legislature was an immense blessing. Every staffer who has come through my office knows the importance of serving every single District 1 resident as a VIP. I have personally hosted at least a few official events in every community in District 1 (there are over forty, depending on the metric used) and attended other events in every community, too. The results over the last six years point towards a broad array of positive results for our region. We have cut millions in wasteful spending on a state level, invested record amounts in growing our rural economies, coordinated with the federal government to repair levies and fix our water and electrical infrastructure, cut red tape, protected liberties through massive wins like Constitutional Carry and pro-life measures, and ensured every student graduating from a Nebraska high school understands their civic responsibilities and has taken at least one course in financial literacy.

Everyone in Southeast Nebraska- whether we agree on all the issues or not- deserves to have a voice in government. Everyone in Southeast Nebraska deserves to see positive results on their behalf in Lincoln- from protecting liberties and cutting taxes to ensuring our rural economies have a chance to thrive. Everyone in Southeast Nebraska should expect their representative to walk into the Capitol during the session each morning as one of the first to come into the building, one of the last to leave at night, and fully prepared in between for every step along the way.

My prayer for each of you is for good health and that you never lose the expectation that our government exists to serve you, regardless of who you are or where you live in Southeast Nebraska. As for me? I'm going to take some time to enjoy this next chapter of working and raising a family in District 1. Motherhood and working as a lawyer are adventure enough for this moment. God seems to laugh whenever I try to tell him my plans, anyway.

My office remains fully staffed and ready to serve you until January 8, when my successor, Bob Hallstrom, will be sworn in. Senator-elect Hallstrom is a wonderful and competent person; he will represent us well in Lincoln. All District 1 files, casework, and contacts will be turned over to Senator-elect Hallstrom. Then, it will be off to the races on what promises to be a productive 2025 session.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for allowing me to serve you. Please don't be a stranger. God Bless. As always, I welcome your input on issues important to you. Follow along on my Facebook and Twitter pages, both entitled "Senator Julie Slama" for more updates, or contact me directly at Senator Julie Slama, District 1 State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509-4604; telephone 402-471-2733; email: jslama@leg.ne.gov.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Donna Bentley, 2606 Schoenheit St., Repair and Replace Roof, Rafters, Soffit and Facia, \$35,000.00.

Charles Herbster, 1624 Lane St., Install Generator; \$2,000.00.

Charles Herbster, 2723 Hiland St., Install Generator; \$2,000.00.

David Goltz, 3110 McLean St., Replace Roof; \$18,799.00.

Anna Thompson, 1115 Lane St., Replace Roof; \$16,341.00.

Stephen Randall, 2103 Lane St., Bathroom Remodel; \$8,000.00.

Ron Kelley, 1617 Fulton St., Partially Replace Roof; \$3,650.00.

Phillip Fischer, 719 E. 12th St., Replace Roof; \$10,000.00.

Sonia Schawang, 311 W. 16th St., Replace Furnace; \$4,000.00.

## FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

**November 24 through November 25 calls:** four ambulance/EMS calls, one motorist assist, one miscellaneous, one burn permit, one referred to another agency, two 911 hang up/misdials, five 911 calls.

**November 25 through November 26 calls:** three referred to another agency, one investigation, one traffic driving complaint, one information only, one accident, one trespassing, one animal call, one 911 hang up/misdial, two ambulance/EMS, one parking complaint, one suspicious person/vehicle, six 91 calls, six citations, one citation for no license on person, one citation for fail to use seat belt, one citation for animal at large second offence, one citation for dog unlicensed, one warning for plates not clear and visible.

**November 26 through November 27 calls:** three referred to another agency, one burn permit, one HHS intake/referral, one truancy, one law enforcement assist, one 911 hang up/misdial, one miscellaneous, one check welfare, one ambulance/EMS, four 911 calls, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for speeding, one citation for no valid registration, two warnings for speeding, one warning for no valid registration, one warning for traffic control violation.

**November 27 through November 28 calls:** two miscellaneous, one fingerprint, one open door, two burn permits, two information only, one domestic disturbance, one suspicious person/vehicle, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

**November 28 through November 29 calls:** one check welfare, three ambulance/EMS, two 911 hang up/misdials, one animal call, one disturbance, one miscellaneous, one referred to another agency, two traffic/driving complaints, four 911 calls, two warnings for invalid registration, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for fail to yield ROW, one citation for disturbing the pace, one citation for traffic control violation.

## SOCIETY

### GFWC/NFWC Stella Research Club

By Elizabeth S. Ketner, secretary

The GFWC/NFWC Stella Research Club met at the home of its president, Vicki Beilke, on November 18, 2024. She called the meeting to order, and Jan McMullen gave the opening prayer. Everyone repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Elizabeth Ketner called roll, and nine members responded by donating items for the Child Saving Institute. The minutes of the October 21, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

Jackie Uhri gave the treasurer's report. She said she would be sending in the club's portion of dues to NFWC. Mrs. Ketner presented a bill for yearbooks. Mrs. McMullen made a motion to allow the bill, and it was seconded by Marian James. All voted Aye.

Correspondence- A card had previously been sent to Janet Kirkendall. Mrs. Ketner had received notice of the Heritage Club's upcoming Holiday of Trees on December 4th and 5th. Mrs. Beilke and Mrs. Uhri may attend one of those days.

Cathy Donahoe gave the report on the Halloween costume contest on October 31st. Eighteen children and two adults entered the contest. The club had distributed posters to local families and that appeared to help with the attendance. No fruit was given out at the contest, just candy. The judges for the event were Pastor and Mrs. John States, and club member Cornette McFadden.

Christmas- those committee members are Mrs. Donahoe, Mrs. James, and Mrs. Uhri. They decided that Santa would visit Stella on December 14. Mrs. Claus may be there if she is not busy elsewhere.

Newspaper clippings were collected for the club's scrapbook.

Civic Improvement- The village will be planting a new Christmas tree soon, hopefully before Santa's visit. Mrs. McMullen may decorate her downtown building with lights if the tree has not made its appearance.

Cards will be sent to former members Bonnie Mehlin, Jan Mason, Nancy Hall, and Mary Behrends.

Historian's report by Mrs. Uhri- She found mention of the Jennie June award, which is given for leadership in remembrance of Jennie June Crowley, who founded the GFWC in 1890. Mrs. McMullen made a motion that Mrs. Beilke be nominated for her many roles of leadership in the town. The motion was seconded by Beth Eickhoff, and eight voted Aye. (With Mrs. Beilke abstaining.) The motion carried.

It was noted that the club will not pick up highway trash until spring, due to ongoing high-way work.

Mrs. Beilke reported that the Mississippi Valley Conference will be held in Omaha in 2025. Members were encouraged to attend.

President Beilke attended the state board meeting in Raymond recently and learned of up-coming club events. She said that the state president's project of collecting gently used shoes is going well. The shoes will eventually go to developing countries to be sold in thrift stores at reasonable prices. Members can donate shoes to Mrs. Beilke until the NFWC convention in April.

The December 16 meeting will be at Mrs. Donahoe's home, with Mrs. McFadden assisting. Members are to bring a donation for SENCA, plus their gift exchange, and a love offering.

The meeting was adjourned. Mrs. Ketner gave a Federation minute, telling of various club's efforts in assisting people.

Dr Sara Crook was introduced and gave her always interesting look at the presidential election. Guests for this were Charity Morgan and Rick McMullen. A spirited Q&A followed.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Eickhoff and Mrs. Beilke.

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## Fixing the teacher retention crisis No one wants a job no one else wants

By Dr. Cindy Copich, CEO, Confidante  
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In recent years we've been bombarded with dire warnings of a "teacher shortage." A quick online search of "teacher shortage 2024" reveals an extensive list of reputable reports of school districts contending with both unfilled positions and dramatically fewer applicants.

Education leaders have scrambled to address the shortage through hiring incentives and sometimes questionable and ineffective state policy changes. Many states have lowered teaching standards to lure potential candidates into the classroom faster. As K-12 policy analyst Paige Shoemaker DeMio wrote in [msnbc.com](https://www.msnbc.com), a reduction of qualifications to address shortages is misguided. She is correct!

Perhaps more effectively, some states have gone the incentive route, allocating funds to encourage paraeducators to become teachers, or have offered sizable stipends to keep student teachers in the profession.

Despite such extreme measures, colleges and universities have seen a sharp decline in the number of students enrolling in and completing their education preparation programs. According to the Nebraska Department of Education, there were 7,576 education majors in Nebraska colleges and universities in 2003-04. By 2021-22, the most recent year for which figures are available, there were only 3,891 teacher candidates in Nebraska – a drop of more than 48 percent since 2003-04!

This raises an important question: If the number of teachers entering the profession is dwindling, why do we ignore the hundreds of qualified and certified teachers who left the profession early? In other words, rather than lowering the profession's qualification standards, shouldn't we focus on incentives and workplace improvements to keep and return high-quality, experienced teachers to the classroom?

According to the California Department of Education, during the 2023-24 school year there were 464,836 certified teachers in that state. Shockingly, 152,712 of those certified teachers are not teaching – and a vast number of them are not retired. That means 31 percent of certified teachers in California have chosen to leave the profession entirely or never entered a classroom to begin with.

The numbers are similar in Nebraska. In 2023-24, Nebraska had 55,152 certified teachers across the state, with 26,216 (48 percent) who are certified but not teaching and not retired from teaching. Further, in 2023-24, more than 900 K-12 teaching positions in Nebraska went unfilled, according to the Nebraska Department of Education. The figures from Nebraska and California reflect trends nationwide.

Lasting Consequences: With such large numbers of teachers available, this isn't a teacher shortage problem: it's a retention problem. And there are lasting consequences.

When educators leave the profession or change schools, student learning suffers, overall school performance drops, and those teachers left behind feel increased stress. This unseen ripple effect – especially on children, on communities, on the future of education and on the functionality of our nation – are incalculable. The financial strain is also significant. Urban districts spend an average of \$20,000 on the hiring of each and every new teacher.

During the past year I interviewed more than 155 current and former teachers from 33 states. The issues that drive them from the profession were consistent: unrealistic expectations, toxic or unsafe work environments, divisive politics, low pay, and unfavorable policies. They shared heartbreaking stories of having to decide between their mental and physical health or staying in a profession they once loved.

A common refrain was voiced by a ninth-year, now-former science teacher at a low-income urban school. "I developed physical signs of stress- extreme lack of energy and food sensitivity. I developed high anxiety and feelings of being overwhelmed." According to Nguyen and Kremer (2022), "Teacher dissatisfaction and burnout are highly associated with teacher intention to leave teaching and their actual attrition behavior."

It's simple. If teachers are burned out or dissatisfied, they are more likely to quit.

Wasted Effort: School administrators are searching for teachers – any teachers – who can fill an open classroom position. As a result, many educators teach outside their area of qualification or interest, causing further dissatisfaction. According to Stacy DeCorsey, a former Minnesota National Distinguished Principal of the Year, "In the next 10 years, it will be very difficult to find quality educators for our classrooms. This will most certainly impact our future."

Recruitment efforts are important, but without addressing retention, the costly recruitment investment mentioned earlier is wasted. New teachers depart for the same reasons their predecessors did, creating a revolving door of educators. Low retention rates also discourage potential applicants; it's no surprise when few want a job no one else seems to want.

Instead of lowering teaching qualifications, we must address issues leading to teacher dissatisfaction and burnout. Teachers don't enter the profession to get rich but when the stress of the job becomes unmanageable, even a boost in pay won't keep them.

As we approach the midpoint of the first semester, let's shift the narrative to more accurately reflect the reality of the teacher retention crisis. The real question is this: "How can we draw experienced teachers back to the profession and keep the quality educators now in our schools from leaving."

Dr. Cindy Copich founded Confidante, a leading employee retention consulting firm with more than 25 years of experience in labor and employee relations with Nebraska public schools. Confidante specializes in working with employers concerned about losing valuable team members through employee feedback and the development of customized retention strategies. In addition, Dr. Copich is the author of an upcoming book that tackles the critical issue of teacher retention through stories and perspectives from educators in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, while also offering practical solutions that address the challenges educators face today.



Stone Street in Falls City, Nebraska looking north in an undated photo.

## Falls City Public ESports League of Legends Team runner-up at NSESA State

The Falls City Public Schools ESports Program's League of Legends team finished as the runner-up at the Nebraska Schools ESports Association's Fall State Tournament on November 22. They defeated Thayer Central in their semifinal match, and then lost to the returning state champion, Scribner-Snyder Public Schools in the championship. The team finished with a record of 10-1.

Three members of team, seniors Ethan Boatright and Dustin Stilen, along with junior Peyton Brown have qualified for the last three state tournaments, finishing 4th in 2022, 3rd last year, and runner-up this year. Two others, eighth-graders Kamdyn Huppert and Collin Roberts were on last year's team, and new to the team this year was sophomore Royce Capek.

Coaches Kory Huppert and Nathaniel Syslo commented that, "This team put in a lot of hours grinding individually, with teammates, and together as a full team to get to this point. They've studied the game and its strategies to help them accomplish their goals, and they did this all while working hard in school, working at jobs when they weren't in school, and while competing in other activities for our school. Four of our six varsity competitors have been competing on our schools academic teams, at least one if not two other activities/athletics during the season, and push themselves as some of the top academic performers in their classes for Falls City Public Schools...and yeah, they play video games. Actually, they kick butt at video games and represent as some of the best we have at FCPS. We are very proud of all of our FCPS ESports competitors this season."

The team will lose seniors Ethan Boatright (mid laner) who will be attending college in Texas next year and working with his school's esports coach to form their first LoL team. They also lose senior Dustin Stilen (top laner), who will be attending Highland CC next year and will get the opportunity to compete for their LoL team. The team will be returning Junior Peyton Brown, one of the state's top junglers and players. They will also return

two-time state qualifiers, eighth graders Kamdyn Huppert (bottom laner) and Collin Roberts (top laner), along with sophomore Royce Capek (support). "We have a strong group of eager players coming up between those on our junior varsity and players coming up from our sixth grade club who look to help contribute next year and in the coming years," commented Coach Huppert.

The program also had one of their two Middle School Division Super Smash Bros teams, seventh-graders Liam Sutton and Noah Jacobs, place fourth at state. One of their two varsity Super Smash teams, freshmen Deacon Jacobs and Camden Jean, were one win shy of qualifying for the state tournament this Fall.

## New Council board members assume roles

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The Board passed a resolution to execute the Year-End Certification of the City Street Superintendent for Calendar Year 2024, as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

The Council discussed and appointed Justin Stark, Class A Superintendent's License S-1534 and Engineers License E-13167 as the City Street Superintendent for the Calendar Year 2025.

The final item on the agenda was the recommendation of the Board of Public Works to appoint Miller and Associates as the Special Engineer for Water and Wastewater Projects for the Calendar Years 2025, 2026 and 2027.

"We've used Miller and Associates historically for all of our water and wastewater work," said Nussbaum. "They do our submittals to the state for a lot of those projects."

The Council passed the action on an 8-0 vote. With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 6:46 p.m.

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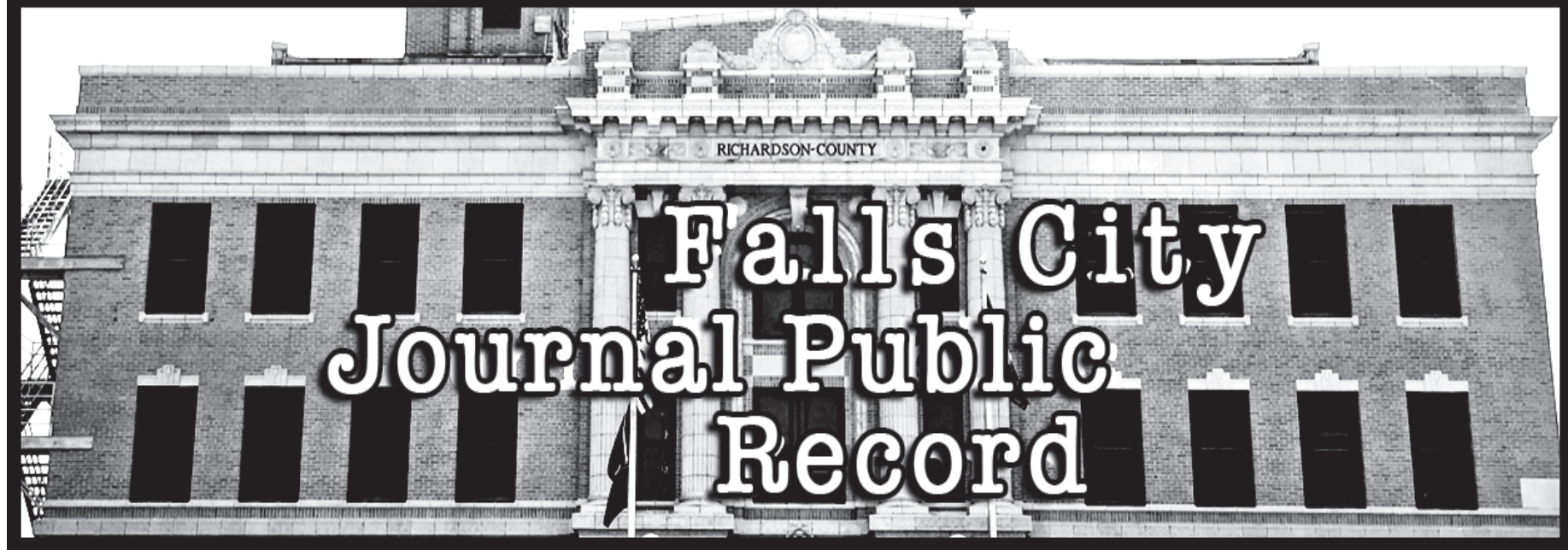
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**DISTRICT COURT**

Dustin R. Stone, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, jail for term of ten days beginning on November 26, 2024, credit for six served, jail for term of 75 days beginning October 30, 2025; count three, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.

Nicholas R. Meyer, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 30 months, drug testing fee of \$150, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$300; count three, possess money while violate 28-416(1), plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 30 months, jail for term of 30 days beginning November 26, 2024, credit for seven days served, jail for term of 30 days beginning November 30, 2025, jail for term of 30 days beginning November 30, 2026; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to dropped/dismissed; count seven, amended to dropped/dismissed; count eight, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Jessica M. Scheele, count one, possess controlled

subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, tamper with physical evidence, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for December 17, 2024.

Matthew J. Wilhelm, count one, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 7, 2025.

Donald A. Baxter, count one, possess contr subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for January 21, 2025.

Harley J. Frederick, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, assault-threaten/menacing manner, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of two years, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$600.

Richard E. Newland, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos contr subs-sch 1,2,3, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos contr subs-sch 1, 2,3, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to dropped/dismissed; count seven, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for January 21, 2025.

Hugh R. Berry, count one, possess contr subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess contr subs, plead not guilty; count three, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count four, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty; count five, no valid registration, plead not guilty; count six, acts declared unlawful-license/driving, plead not guilty; count seven, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead not guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 7, 2025.

**COUNTY COURT**

Steven R. Mackey, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two,

drive under susp/before reinstated, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.

Clara E. Abreu-Morales, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Tyler S. Wintz, count one, drive during revocation/impound-4th/subs, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 15, 2025.

Dorothy M. Whitney, count one, DUI-.15+ OR refusal (1 prior conviction), amended to DUI-.15+, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, jail for term of two days, credit for one day served, probation for term of 12 months, drug testing fee of \$60, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$300, license revoked for term of one year, interlock device.

Kayla D. Knight, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order-MSD 2, plead not guilty; count two, false reporting, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for December 18, 2024.

Kasey J. Knight, count one, unlawful display of plate/renew tab, plead not guilty; count two, drive without ignition interlock, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for December 18, 2024.

Jeremy L. Hudson, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 6, 2025.

Karyssa A. Daleon, count one, drive without ignition interlock, plead not guilty; count two, speeding 11-15 mph, plead not guilty; count three, acts declared unlawful-license/driving, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for January 6, 2025.

Mike D. McDonald, count one, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, Class 3A felony, amended to commit child abuse negligently/no injury, Class 1 misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count two, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, Class 3A felony, amended to commit child abuse negligently/no injury, Class 1 misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count three, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count four, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count five, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count six, fail to report suspected abuse plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 13, 2025.

Debbie D. Shefferd, count one, speeding 21-

35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Katrina M. Chandler, count one, littering-first, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Joann L. Alexander, count one, violate open burn ban, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Dakota M. Reafleng, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 8, 2025.

Tyonia M. Weems, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Chad A. Clark, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Max J. Ash, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

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Jayme Ewers (left) and Carlea Dunkhas fight for the ball under the hoop against the Rockets on Friday night.



Jacoby Bangert and Eric Heinzelman battle for position against Syracuse on Friday.

## Lady Tigers get win at Boys Town

Falls City dropped the debut of Head Coach Don Hogue on Friday night, falling to the Syracuse Rockets 9-54. To say it was coach Hogue's debut is tongue-in-cheek as he is the all-time winningest coach for the Falls City boys' program.

Thirty seconds into the contest, Izzy Armbruster made 1-2 from the foul line to give FC its only lead of the night at 1-0. The full-court press by the Rockets gave Falls City fits early. Three straight FC possessions ended with a Rocket steal and layup at the other end as Syracuse bolted to a 6-1 lead. Armbruster stopped an 11-0 run by making 1-2 shots from the foul line to cut the lead to nine at 2-11 with 2:51 to play in the first. Trailing 2-14, Jayme Ewers hit the first bucket of the season with :39 remaining in the first, but a late steal and

three by the Rockets made it 4-19 after one.

Delaney Godemann hit a drive with 4:45 to play in the half to cut the lead to 6-24, but it was all Rockets from there. Syracuse outscored FC 14-2 in the period to make it 33-6 at intermission.

The Rockets began the third period on a 10-0 run before Carlea Dunkhas hit a bucket to make it 8-43. Falls City was outscored 15-2 in the third and 6-1 in the fourth as they fell by 45 points to open the season.

FC shot 12 percent (3/26) from the floor, while Syracuse made 38 percent (24/63). The Tigers committed 27 turnovers while forcing ten.

Godemann led the Tigers with three points, while Armbruster and Ewers each had four rebounds.

Scoring for FC: Ewers 2,

Dunkhas 2, Armbruster 2, Godemann 3.

Saturday was a different story for FC as they defeated Boys Town 39-18. The Tigers led 10-6 after one and made it 19-8 at the break. Coach Hogue's crew continued to pull away in the third, outscoring the Cowboys 11-4.

The Tigers went 14/44 (26%) from the floor and forced 30 turnovers while committing 17.

The Tiger defense also held Boys Town to 7/39 (18%) shooting.

Armbruster exploded for 17 points, five rebounds, five steals and three assists.

Scoring for FC: Ewers 2, Titus 6, Dunkhas 3, Armbruster 17, Godemann 8, Kirkendall 3.

On Friday night, the 1-1 Lady Tigers host the Class C2 No. 10 ranked Johnson-Brock Eagles. The Tigers play host to Freeman on Saturday, December 14, with tip-off at 4:30.

## Tigers drop home opener

The Falls City Tigers hosted the Syracuse Rockets on Friday night to open the 2024-2025 basketball season. The Tigers were hoping to give new coach Jaxson Balm a win in his first game as head coach, but the Rockets had something else in mind.

The contest was tight early. With just a minute gone by, Keifer Adams drained a triple to tie the game at 3-3. One and a half minutes later, Paxton Armbruster sank a drive to give the Tigers a 5-3 advantage. Another driving bucket by Armbruster kept FC close at 7-8 with 3:40 to play in the period. One minute later, Jacoby Bangert hit Falls City's second trey of the quarter to make it 10-11. At that point, the tide began to turn for FC. Syracuse closed the period on a 10-0 run and held a 21-10 advantage over Falls City at the end of the first.

Syracuse continued its run to begin the second, scoring the first ten points of the period to make it 31-10. Finally, with 4:30 on the clock, Bangert banked in his second deep ball to end the Rocket's 20-0 run. A three by Adams from the left wing and a jumper by Quenton Adams with :40 to play made it 18-39

at intermission.

Syracuse dominated the second half, outscoring FC 31-10 to pull away for the 70-28 win. Falls City made 11/42 shot attempts, including 6/27 from beyond the arc. The Tiger went 0/7 from the charity stripe. The undersized Tigers ended the game with six points in the paint and 14 rebounds.

Keifer Adams led the offense with 12 points, going 4/15 from the field. Bangert went 2/8 from the floor for six points. Ethan Morris, Armbruster and Bangert all had three rebounds and Quenton Adams and Armbruster each had two assists.

Scoring for FC: Q. Adams 2, Armbruster 4, K. Adams 12, Bangert 6, Caudle 4.

Scoring for Syracuse: Janssen 11, Lintz 8, Hestermann 3, Cavanaugh 3, Schroeder 14, Liesemeyer 3, Parde 7, Gartner 6, Hobbs 4, Kelch 2.

FC had to turn around and travel to Omaha on Saturday to take on the Boys Town Cowboys. The Cowboys dominated the contest, racing to a 64-

27 win over the Tigers. Falls City trailed 8-22 after one and 11-43 at the break. The Tigers shot just 19 percent from the floor, making 9/48 shot attempts. The Tigers turned the ball over 19 times and were outrebounded 24-59. Boys Town also finished with seven blocked shots and scored 24 points off turnovers. The Cowboys dominated the paint, outscoring FC 52-4 under the hoop.

Keifer Adams went 5/15 from the floor for 15 points. No other Tiger reached double figures in the scoring column. Armbruster led the team with two assists, while Bangert grabbed a team-best seven rebounds.

Scoring for FC: Morris 3, Armbruster 2, K. Adams 15, Brown 3, Heinzelman 2, Caudle 2.

Scoring for Boys Town: Poteet 7, Gomes 5, Segar 10, Dampier 2, Pleasant 2, Gray 14, Whitaker 14, Blackwell 8.

FC will host the top team in D1 on Friday night when Johnson-Brock comes to town.

## Irish rally for win at Sterling

Three years ago, Coach Doug Goltz and the Irish basketball team defeated Sterling 74-29 to open the year and give the Hall of Fame Coach his 695th win, the most in Nebraska High School basketball. This year, Sacred Heart again defeated Sterling, this time 62-58, for his 750th career win. Milestones are nothing new for Goltz, but the win on Friday night in Sterling was a solid win as the Irish look to compete each time they step on the floor this winter.

The Jets had a size advantage as four players suited up at 6'4 or taller. After one period, the Irish trailed by three, 15-18, and made it 26-28 by the break. Sacred Heart dominated the third period, outscoring Sterling 22-14 to make it 48-42 entering the final eight minutes of action. Sterling cut into the Sacred Heart advantage, but it wasn't enough as the Irish held on for the four-point win.

The Irish finished the game making 25/60 (42%) shot attempts, while the Jets made 21/43 (52%). Sacred Heart finished 5/11 from the foul line and went 7/27 from beyond the arc. The Irish battled under the boards, getting outrebounded just 25-27. Sacred Heart's tenacious defense also forced 22 turnovers while committing only nine.

The Irish had three players reach double digits, with Cole Taft leading the way with 23 points. Taft made 9/18 shots, including 5/12 from beyond the arc. Sophomore Bo Fletcher dumped in 18 points, also shooting 50 percent (8/16) from the field. The final starter to hit double figures was guard Brenden Lemerond. Lem went 7/15 for 17 points in the season-opening win. Lem also led the team with five rebounds and six assists, while Fletcher added a team-best eight steals. Tate Wilcox added four boards, two steals and five assists.

Scoring for SH: Taft 23, Fletcher 18, Lemerond 17, Wilcox 2, Knobbe 2.

Scoring for Sterling: Horstman 11, K. Horstman 12, Little 2, Uher 10, Vollman 4, McAuliffe 2, Wambold 15, Goracke 2.

The Irish JV also won a two-period contest, 21-3. SH was led by Connor Nelson, who scored seven points, and Fletcher, who scored five.

Sacred Heart plays at Exeter-Milligan/Friend on Friday night and will host Tri County on Tuesday, December 17.

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## Lady Irish throttle Jets in season opener

The fourth-ranked Sacred Heart Irish outscored Sterling 44-8 in the second half as they pulled away for the 70-19 win to begin the 2024-2025 basketball season. The win was the 440th of Coach Luke Santo's career against just 64 losses. The Irish were slow out of the gate, leading 8-1 after the first period. Each team heated up in the second, but the Lady Irish led 26-11 at the break. To say the Lady Irish caught fire in the third would be an understatement. Sacred Heart outscored Sterling 30-6 in the period to seal the win. The rugged Irish defense allowed Sterling to score double figures in the second quarter. In the other three periods combined, SH allowed only nine points.

The Lady Irish put up an incredible 71 shot attempts, making 28. SH was just 3-21 from beyond the arc but went 25-50 from two-point range. The Irish defense allowed Sterling to shoot just 36 shots, making 5. The Jets went 0-18 from three-point range.

The swarming Irish defense forced 30 turnovers, while the Irish offense committed just nine. The Irish outrebounded Sterling 41-26 and finished with a 15/3 advantage in assists.

Senior Jentry Lechtenberg had a solid start to the season, finishing with a game-high 20 points, seven rebounds and six steals. Daycee Witt added 12 points and Ryann Westengaard added ten. Avery Santo led the defense with five steals, Hallie Jones had ten rebounds and Dorothy Crouse dished out four assists.

Scoring for SH: Santo 8, Crouse 4, Westengaard 10, Witt 12, Reschke 5, Lechtenberg 20, Tubbs 4, Jones 7.

Scoring for Sterling: Portwood 5, Truscott 5, Matkins 1, Ferdyn 6, Rathe 2.

The Lady Irish (1-0) will host Lourdes Central (1-0) at the RAC on Tuesday, December 10 and play at EMF on Friday, December 13. The Irish were scheduled to host Rock Port on Thursday, but the game has been rescheduled for January 9.

# Richardson County Area Churches

### Barada Global Methodist Church

717 Rd./652 Blvd.  
Worship Service 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Services held in Barada on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Services held at St. Peter's ELCA on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month "...with God all things are possible." Matt. 19:26  
Pastor Mike Hader  
402-245-4584

### Bethel Global Methodist Church

(70654 656 AVE) (1/2 mile N of Preston Corner)  
Sunday: Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Choir, 7:30 p.m.  
Pastor Mike Hader  
402-245-4584

### Big Lake Baptist Church

(213 Lake Shore Drive)  
Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;  
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. We welcome you to all of our services.  
Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor

### Church of Christ

2701 Barada St.-245-5857  
Sunday: Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study (classes for all ages), 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study for all ages, 6 p.m. "Preach the Word . . . for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:2-4.  
Josh Maxwell, Preacher,  
402-245-7148

### Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS

(23rd & Barada)  
402-245-3324  
www.fallscitylcms.blogspot.com  
Holy Communion celebrated 2nd and 4th Sundays. Sunday: Divine service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m. First Tuesday Care & Outreach - 6:30 PM Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2:00 p.m.  
Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor  
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### Corner Stone Baptist Church

(Independent & Fundamental)  
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http://www.csbcc.vpweb.c

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(1902 Lane St.)  
Sunday: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, Nursery (or pre-school), Adult, 10:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hour, 6 p.m.  
Don Shafer, Moderator  
402-245-5209

### First Christian Church Disciples of Christ

(1322 Stone Street)  
Office Phone, 245-2398 or Parsonage, 245-2397  
Sunday: Adult School, 9:30 am; Worship Service, 10:45am  
http://www.facebook.com/fallscitycooperativeministry  
Pastor, Grant Speece  
402-980-5960 cell

### First Church of Nazarene

(1812 Wilson)  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; morning worship, 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Rob Wheeler, Pastor  
402-245-3755

### First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

(20th & Harlan)  
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402-245-2650

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(1700 Harlan St)  
fumc@sento.net  
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### Grace Bible Fellowship

(Highway 62, east of Stella)  
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www.gbfcchurch.com  
Office: 402-883-2110  
Dave Lockard, Pastor



### Immaculate Conception (Rulo)

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### Riverside Fellowship

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Sunday Worship 9 am  
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David Showalter, Pastor

### St. Mary's (Arago)

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Mike Hader, Pastor

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS

(6 miles North of Falls City)  
402-245-4643  
www.fallscitylcms.com  
Sunday: Sunday School/Bible Study-9:30 am (Sept-May)  
Divine Service-10:30 am with Holy Communion celebrated 2nd and 4th Sundays. Second Tuesday of the month:Dorcas Circle-7 pm First Wednesday of the month: LWML-9 am (August) then 2 pm (Sept-May)  
Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor

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verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com  
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## Earl Schawang

Earl Schawang, 91, passed away peacefully in his sleep early Tuesday morning, December 3, 2024, in Falls City Nebraska. Earl was born on May 12, 1933, in the family farmhouse north of Rulo NE. His father, Nick Schawang, and his mother, Katherine “Katie” Frederick Schawang, moved their family to the area called Mattsville, three miles south of Barada, NE, when Earl was three years old. He attended the Arnold country school, District 24, through eighth grade. In 1948, the family moved to a farm one mile east of Falls City where he made his home for the last 76 years.

Earl was drafted into the Army on June 25, 1953. After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, he served as a medical corpsman in an Army hospital in France. His military discharge was on May 12, 1955, which happened to be his 22nd birthday. He arrived home on May 13 and was already planting corn the next day. On April 5, 1956, he married Leatha Yvonne Randall at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rulo. Four children were born to this union: Kathy, Sandra, and Randy, along with Elizabeth who died at birth.

He and Yvonne were dedicated parents as well as active community volunteers. Earl was a member of the Falls City Rural Fire Department for twenty years, being called to many house, field and business fires as well as to the Braniff plane crash in 1966. He was a regular at the Red Cross bloodmobile and had donated 19 gallons of blood before a health condition ended both his blood donations and his firefighter role.

Earl also got a license to sell real estate in the 1960’s but after five years he decided that being a salesman wasn’t for him. He served on the Richardson County Planning and Zoning Board and was always willing to share his opinions on local policies.

Earl often introduced himself as a “professional gambler” then would reveal that’s how he considered farming. After the 1999 harvest, he cut back on his farming activities, trusting nephews to carry on the heavy work in his fields, and he became a black jack dealer at Casino White Cloud for over twenty years, until to his disappointment, the table games were replaced with electronic versions. He maintained his card playing skills by finding gaming tables at other nearby casinos while also maintaining lifelong friendships with the coworkers and customers he met at the casino.

Earl was a fourth-generation member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Falls City. He was on the parish council for several years and served on the Catholic Cemetery board. He spent many years as the Bingo caller for the parish’s weekly Bingo games and developed many friendships that survived after Bingo ended.

Until age interfered Earl enjoyed hunting and fishing, but his greatest pleasure throughout his life was talking to all the people he would happen to see around town.

He was delighted to be greeted as anything from “Uncle Earl” (even by non-relatives) to “Onery,” and would happily visit for an hour or more with anyone who would stop to talk to him. Throughout his 91 years, he welcomed new experiences and traveled with Yvonne and family members to most of the lower 48 states, many national parks, and trips abroad to Israel, Italy, Ireland and western Europe. His favorite trips to talk about were a cruise from California to Florida through the Panama Canal, and taking Yvonne in 1991 to see the European sites that he first visited in 1954 in the Army.

Right up until the weeks before his cancer diagnosis in July, he was healthy and active, discussing the planting season with his nephews, taking road trips around the Midwest, celebrating Independence Day with family, and attending the wedding of his youngest grandson in the same church where he married Yvonne 68 years earlier. After a surprising fall led to news of bone cancer, Earl required surgery on both legs that left him immobile. For the remaining months of his life, Earl was both entertained and comforted by his many visitors and by his caretakers at Falls City Care Center.



Earl is survived by three children: Katherine Perkins, living in the family farmhouse, Sandra Schawang of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, Dr. Randall Schawang of David City, Nebraska, and his daughter-in-law Melinda Schawang. Other survivors are his grandsons Joseph Peterson, Dawson Schawang and Hayden (Caitlin) Schawang, granddaughter Jenna (Ryan) Didier, and great grandchildren Makenzie and Derek Didier. Earl is also survived by his sister Mary Jane Lampe Weinert and many cherished nephews, nieces, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, Nick and Katherine Schawang, brothers John Schawang and Paul Schawang, sisters Edna Michel and Ruth Gruber, along with aunts, uncles, nephews, in-laws and other relatives who made the final journey before him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Jim Meysenburg as the presiding priest. Interment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

A Parish Rosary will be recited on Friday at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the rosary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund, the Falls City Rural Fire Department, the Falls City Ambulance Squad, the Richardson County Historical Society, the Richardson County Humane Society, or the Butler County Fair Foundation. All of these organizations held a special role in Earl’s life.

## Dorothy M. Kirkendall

Dorothy Marie Kirkendall was born on July 23, 1946, to John R. (Dick) Sells and Catherine Schulenburg – Sells in Falls City, Nebraska. She was raised in Rulo, Nebraska and grew up helping with the family farm, rodeo grounds, and raising livestock. She was a hard worker and may have raised a little heck along the way.

She married Kenneth (Kenny) Kirkendall on April 11, 1970. They later divorced. Most days, Dorothy could be found giving of herself at Midland Villa Nursing Home where she was employed for over 30 years. She found joy in helping residents in many aspects, whether it be in the dining room, washing clothes, or entertaining them with one of her head stands, simply being a listening ear, or holding a dying person’s hand. The residents of the nursing home brought her true joy and she continued to speak fondly of her days there until shortly before her own passing.

In addition to the nursing home, Dorothy dedicated many years to the volunteer ambulance squad, participated in VFW, Jaycees, Catholic Daughters, and the Immaculate Conception Altar Society. She could also be heard, really heard, yelling in the stands of her children and grandchildren’s various sporting events.

Dorothy is survived by her five children, Joe Kirkendall of Marion

Indiana, Trish Madsen (Erik) of Hiawatha, Ks, Jared (Merci) Kirkendall, John (Regina) Kirkendall of Falls City, Ne, and Vicki (Josh) Luce of Manhattan, Ks, sister Debra Holtz, brothers Don (Kate) Sells, and Tom (Dina) Sells, 17 grandchildren, and many great and great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Loretta Scheitel, brother Mike Sells, infant sister Patricia Sells, and daughter-in-law Belinda Kirkendall.

Her biggest legacy that she leaves behind is her true and unwavering love of God. Her Catholic faith was the absolute most important thing in her life, and she was not afraid to let everyone know that. She prayed fiercely and faithfully until her final moments. Her biggest goal in this life was reaching Heaven in the next. She accomplished that goal, peacefully at her own home on December 2, 2024, surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Ben Rynearson as the presiding priest. Interment was in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Friday at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The family greeted friends following the rosary.

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## Titans swept at Diller-Odell

The HTRS boys’ and girls’ teams fell to Diller-Odell on Friday night to kick off the 2024-2025 season. The Lady Titans dropped their contest by 15, 40-55. HTRS played

it close in the first, trailing 12-16 after one. The second quarter proved the difference as the Lady Titans were outscored 7-16 and fell behind 19-32 at the break.

HTRS went 13/57 from the floor, including just 2/20 from deep. The Titans ended the game with 41 rebounds, eight assists and 12 turnovers.

Elie Bstandig led HTRS with 14 points and 17 rebounds. Laramie Glathar added 12 points and seven boards.

Scoring for HTRS: Bstandig 14, Glathar 12, McClarnen 2, Bredemeier 4, Bowen 8.

HTRS fell to Weeping Water 37-40 in overtime on Saturday in Humboldt.

The Titans boys also lost at Diller-Odell on Friday, falling by ten, 35-45. HTRS trailed 9-15 after one period

and 16-27 at halftime. The Griffins continued to pull away in the third, outscoring HTRS 12-5 to make it 21-39 after three periods.

Brogan Dunlap led HTRS with 16 points, while Hunter Bohling added eight. Cooper Morgan led Diller-Odell with 16.

Scoring for HTRS: Dunlap 16, Vaughan 5, Glathar 6, Bohling 8.

On Saturday, the Titans defeated Weeping Water 52-35 at HTRS High School to improve to 1-1, giving Head Coach Jamie Stice his first career win.

The teams play at Lewison on Tuesday and host Lourdes Central on Friday, Dec. 13.

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CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS

City of Falls City, NE By Fund Payment Dates 11/9/2024 - 11/22/2024

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# SCHOOL MENUS

## Falls City Sacred Heart

- Wednesday, December 11**  
Chili, Corn, Peaches, Bread, Cinnamon Roll, Milk
- Thursday, December 12**  
Orange Chicken, Savory Rice, pease, Pineapple, Bread, Milk
- Friday, December 13**  
Pizza, Calif. Veggies, Pears, Cookie, Milk
- Monday, December 16**  
Mini Corndogs, Garlic Noodles, Carrots, Peaches, Milk
- Tuesday, December 17**  
Chicken Quesadilla, Smiles, Mandarin Oranges, R.K. Treat, Milk

## HTRS Titans

- Wednesday, December 11**  
Tenderloin/Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water
- Thursday, December 12**  
Chicken Noodle Soup, Toasted Cheese, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water
- Friday, December 13**  
Pepperoni Pizza Sliders, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water
- Monday, December 16**  
Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water
- Tuesday, December 17**  
Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk/Water

## Falls City Public Schools

- Wednesday, December 11**  
**North & South School:** Chili Soup, baby Carrots, Orange Smiles, Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Hogue Special: Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Apple or Orange, Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Chili Soup, Baby Carrots, Apple or Orange, Cinnamon Roll, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Smoked Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk
- Thursday, December 12**  
**North & South School:** Chicken Strips, Potato Smiles, Broccoli, Pineapple, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Brown Special: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Green Beans, Pineapple, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Chicken Flatbread, Sweet Potato Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Pepperoni French Bread, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk
- Friday, December 13**  
**North & South School:** Pig in a Blanket, baked Beans, Celery, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Pig in a Blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Frito Pie, Seasoned Wedges, Corn, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Crisпитos, French Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

- Monday, December 16**  
**North & South School:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mr. Huppert Special: Chicken Nuggets, mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Roll, Fruit, Apple Crisp, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Chicken Quesadilla, Curly Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

- Tuesday, December 17**  
**North & South School:** Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Buffalo Fava Crisps, Pineapple, Breadstick, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Spicy Chicken Paty, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk



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## OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO... TOP HEADLINE IN THE FC JOURNAL

Harold Lloyd is often forgotten these days, but some may remember him as one of the top three silent film comedians often spoken about in the same breath as Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin. Lloyd was born in Burchard, NE and it has been recorded that he spent time in Humboldt, NE.

Lloyd was major film star at one time so it was big news in Richardson County and Nebraska when he did most anything.

This was the top story in the July 17, 1923 *Falls City Journal*.

Relatives of Harold Lloyd, film star, hold a reunion at Lincoln James Dorsie Lloyd of Los Angeles is in Lincoln, the guest of his nephew, Loyd Dort, Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Lloyd is the father of Harold Lloyd, the movie star. He has been in Los Angeles ever since he got his son into the movies 13 years ago. He formerly lived at Pawnee City, Neb. He and four brothers held a family reunion at Mr. Dort's residents in Lincoln yesterday.

Mr. Lloyd said that he just returned from New York, where he left his son, Harold and bride, formerly Mildred Davis, enjoying a real honeymoon.

Assistant Attorney General Lloyd Dort is well known in Falls City, being a member of the firm of Dort, Cain and Dort, attorneys.

It was during this time that Lloyd was coming off the success of one of his most well known films, Safety Last. The film came out in April of 1923. The iconic image of Lloyd dangling from a clock is one of the most well known of the comedian. The film also stars his almost wife, Mildred Davis as "the girl."

Harold Lloyd got the idea for this film when he saw Bill Strother climbing the Brockman Building in Los Angeles as a stunt one day. Lloyd - who had a difficult time watching anyone else perform a dangerous stunt because he had no control over that situation - hid behind a corner, peeking to check on Strother's progress every few moments. After Strother reached the roof, Lloyd went up and introduced himself.

### B.O.P.W.

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF  
PUBLIC WORKS  
November 21, 2024  
2307 Barada Street  
Falls City, Nebraska**

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 21st day of November 2024 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Absent: Johansen. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting

was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a

regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the minutes from the November 7, 2024, regular meeting are hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for November 21, 2024, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Claims for November 2, 2024, through November 15, 2024, are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for November 21, 2024, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING-REVIEW OF FALLS CITY'S ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Trevor Campbell declared a public hearing open at 5:50 P.M. Olson & Associates was in attendance and made a presentation of the One and Six Year process. There was no public comment. Trevor Campbell then declared the public hearing closed at 6:23 P.M.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT FALLS CITY'S ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Rieger to recommend to adopt Falls City's One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMENDATION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE YEAR END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve recommendation authorizing execution of the Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent for Calendar Year 2024. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF JUST STARK, CLASS A

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S LI- CENSE S-1534 & ENGINEER'S LICENSE E-13167, AS THE CITY STREET SUPERINTEN- DENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 BY MUNICIPAL CONTRACT

A motion was made by Rieger and seconded by Joy to approve the recommendation of appointment as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MILLER & ASSOCIATES AS THE CITY'S SPECIAL ENGINEER FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2025, 2026 AND 2027

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the recommendation of appointment as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:32 PM

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Vice Chairman and Board on November 21, 2024, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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VILLAGE OF SALEM

Village of Salem Special Meeting November 19, 2024

The Salem Village Board met November 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Chairman Strauch opened the meeting and the open meeting poster was acknowledged. Board members, Kean, Voge, Catlin, and Wessel answered roll.

The special meeting was called to review proposals for architectural and structural services for the Salem Community Building.

Proposals were received from Fakler Architects, LLC and Acre Design.

Board members reviewed both proposals. Strauch moved to accept the proposal from Fakler Architects, LLC for \$5000.00, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Voge, Strauch, Catlin and Wessel voting yes.

Kean moved to close the meeting at 7:59, seconded by Voge. Motion carried, Kean, Voge, Strauch, Catlin and Wessel, voting yes.

Carolyn Glathar Village Clerk ZNEZ

CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 18th day of November 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Rhodd, Wisdom. Absent: Racliffe. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Agenda: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the November 4, 2024, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for November 18, 2024, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the October 26, 2024, through November 8, 2024, Claims are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Agenda for November 18, 2024, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Racliffe. Motion carried.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-101 TO AMEND POLICE REGULATIONS FOR DOGS AND CATS

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Fouraker to accept the final reading of the ordinance as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Racliffe. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE EMPLOYEE CELL PHONE POLICY

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to adopt the policy as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Racliffe. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE 2024 SCADA WATER SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROJECT TO HOA SOLUTIONS TOTALING \$149,205.00 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS/DIRECTOR-TREVOR CAMPBELL

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to award the project to HOA and authorize execution of project documents. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden,

Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Racliffe. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE 2024 SNOW & ICE CONTROL PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS/DIRECTOR-TREVOR CAMPBELL

A motion was made by Council person Holle and seconded by Council person Buckminster to adopt the plan as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Racliffe. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE AQUATICS CENTER STAFF MANUAL AND EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK COMMISSIONERS/PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR-BRIAR BURR

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhodd to adopt the manual as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Racliffe. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS AND USE PLAN FOR PRICHARD AUDITORIUM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK COMMISSIONERS/PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR-BRIAR BURR

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Fouraker to adopt the plan as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Racliffe. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT NO. 24PW1006 (FC PROJECT NO. 24-1016)

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Holle to authorize execution of grant documents and the Construction Management Agreement with SENDD in conjunction with the NDED Release of Funds in addition to the execution of the General Administration Agreement to be executed contingent upon execution of the NDED Agreement. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Holle, Leyden, Rhodd, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Racliffe. Motion carried.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:51 pm

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on November 18, 2024; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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Humboldt - Table Rock - Steinauer Public School has an opening for a FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

This position includes a wide variety of duties, some of a confidential nature including but not limited to general secretarial duties, which may be required but not limited to answering phones, basic computer functions, typing, filing, copying, distributing mail, proofreading, etc. The candidate must have organization, time management, communication, and interpersonal skills.

Applications are available in the office at 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or online at https://www.htrstilians.com/page/employment.

Applications may be mailed to Dr. George Griffith, HTRS Public School 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or emailed to georgegriffith@htrstilians.org.

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SABETHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL Help Wanted is accepting applications for the following positions:

REGISTERED NURSE-DAY SHIFT Full-Time or Part-Time hours working 5am-5pm with every 3rd weekend required. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit.

DAY WEEKEND WARRIOR NURSE Full-time position (36 hours/week) working weekends plus 1 other shift a week. Weekends are considered Saturday and Sunday. May request every 4th weekend off, however 3 shifts per week still must be worked. Shifts are 5am to 5pm. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit. Weekend Differential \$3.00/hr. Weekend Warrior differential for Saturdays and Sundays only \$6.00/hr-RN or \$4.00/hr-LPN.

NURSE-NIGHT SHIFT Full-Time or Part-Time hours working 5pm-5am with every 3rd weekend required. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit. Night Shift differential now \$8.00/hr for RN or \$5.00/hr for LPN.

NIGHT WEEKEND WARRIOR NURSE Full-Time position (36 hours/week) working weekends plus 1 other shift a week. Weekends are considered Saturday and Sunday. May request every 4th weekend off, however 3 shifts per week still must be worked. Shifts are 5pm to 5am. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit. Night shift differential \$8.00/hr-RN \$5.00/hr-LPN. Weekend differential \$3.00/hr. Weekend Warrior differential for Saturdays and Sundays only \$6.00/hr-RN or \$4.00/hr-LPN

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ADMISSIONS SPECIALIST Full-time position working 40 hours per week with every 5th Saturday morning required. Responsibilities include greeting & directing patients and updating demographic & insurance information.

HOUSEKEEPING/COOK Part-Time position working 20-30 hours a week with every 4th weekend required. Housekeeping duties include cleaning and disinfecting assigned areas of the hospital. Dietary duties include preparing meals for patients and staff.

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## Lippold chosen for NMEA

Falls City High School senior Gunner Lippold was chosen for the NMEA (Nebraska Music Educators Association) All-State Honor Band. Gunner made the trip to Lincoln, where he rehearsed for three days under the guidance of Dr. T Andre Feagin, Director of Bands in the Department of Music at Central Washington University.

After rehearsals, Gunner had the opportunity to perform at the Lied Center in Lincoln on Friday, November 22. Ms. Ally Phillips, band instructor at Falls City for grades 6-12, accompanied Lippold to Lincoln. Over 2,000 students in Nebraska High Schools audition each year for a spot. Four ensembles comprise the group, including 151 in the band, 440 vocalists, 19 instrumentalists in the Jazz band and 125 instrumentalists in the Orchestra, for a total of 735 students.

## Paige Young wins gold at Conestoga

The Lady Tiger wrestling season began on Friday when they traveled to Nebraska City for the Friday Night Fracas 2024. FC scored 27 points and placed ninth. Lewis Central won the team title with 224 points.

Taytum Maddox went 2-2 on Friday to place fourth at 155 and scored 13 points. Maddox dropped her third-place match to Zeniah Baca of Adam Central by a 2-0 decision.

At 120, Paige Young finished 2-2 and scored four points. In the consolation semis, Young lost by fall to Jaden Schultz of West Point-Beemer at 1:33. Jazy Strecker went 1-2 at 125 and scored four points. In the consolation round two, Strecker was pinned by Destiny Reyes of Omaha North at 1:43. Kenley Alexander went 0-2 at 130. In the consolation round two, Alexander fell to Jocelyn Davis of Nebraska City at 1:34. At 145, Gabi Young scored six points, finishing 2-2. Young lost in the consolation semis to Libby Hergott of Thayer Central by fall at 2:09.

On Saturday, the Lady Tigers participated in the 2024 Conestoga Cougar Classic. Falls City scored 33 points and placed ninth.

Paige Young went 4-0 and placed first. Young pinned Narrisa Wallace of Palmyra at :20 for the championship. Strecker went 2-2 and placed fourth. In the third-place match, Strecker lost by fall to Alex Plowman of Conestoga at :26. Gabi Young also placed fourth, going 2-2. In the third-place match, Gabi lost by fall at 1:45 to Cynthia Carter of Logan View. Alexander went 0-2 on the day and Maddox finished 1-2 and scored four points.



Mason Collier opens the night with a pin over his opponent at 165 pounds.

## Tigers place second in Omaha, Gilkerson earns 100th win

The winter sports season began on Thursday night when the Falls City boys wrestling team hosted Syracuse at McIntire-Henderson Field House. The night started with a pair of JV matches. At 113, Dayton Snethen lost by fall at :25 and at 157, Ryker Jones lost a technical fall (23-6) at 4:11.

The varsity matches started with a bang as Mason Collier pinned Sam Walter in the 165lb division. At 175, Blakely Sells won a 15-0 TF over Brayden Campbell at 2:24. At 190, Ashton Martin fell to Brody Brandt at 1:29. Chase Simpson struck back in the next match, earning a pin over Conner Gates in just 52 seconds. In the heavyweight division, Caleb Zimmerman lost by fall to Hunter Holle at :37. At 113, Wyatt Counce fell to Brock Goebel by fall at :30. Last winter Goebel placed fourth at state at 106 pounds. The 120-pound match pitched Carter Wander against Bailey Thimmes; both qualified at 113 for the state meet last

year. Wander got the best of Thimmes on Thursday, winning by pin at 2:37. At 126, Tristan Sisco, a state qualifier last year, defeated Cade Caudle by fall at :55. Zane Elms lost by fall to Maddox Stubbendick at 1:48. At 144 Tieren Cox won a MD (14-5) over Orion Cattrell. Cox was a state qualifier at 150 last season. At 150, Kaden Knake, a state qualifier at 138 last year, pinned Caden Collier at :33. In the night's final match, Cy Petersen won a technical fall over Robert Gilkerson at 1:57. Petersen placed second at 165 last year, while Gilkerson was fourth at 157. Petersen won the match 15-0 at the 5:20 mark.

Overall, the Rockets won the dual 63-17.

On Saturday, the boys competed in the 79th annual Vern Ekkfelt Invitational in Omaha. The Tigers scored 187.5 points and placed second, behind only Omaha Bryan, with 237. The middleweights came up big on Saturday, with first-place finishes at 157, 165 and 175.

At 157, Gilkerson picked up with 100th career win, going 4-0 on the day. In his first match, Robert pinned Bodey Bligh of South Sioux City at 2:27 to earn his 100th victory. In the championship, he pinned Andrew Taylor of Omaha North at 1:08.

Mason Collier scored gold on Saturday, going 5-0 for the title. In the finals, Collier defeated Junade Aden of Omaha Bryan by a 7-3 decision.

The final gold came from Blakely Sells at 175. Sells

went 4-0, earning the gold by pinning Key Marr Dawkins of Omaha North at 5:01.

FC added four third-place finishes on Saturday. At 120, Thimmes went 4-1 and scored 23.5 points. He won the third-place match by medical forfeit over Alexis Loarca of Omaha South. At 144, Cattrell went 4-1 and earned third. In his final match, Cattrell won by fall over Jess Karch III of Omaha Bryan at 3:24. At 190, Martin went 2-2 and scored 11 points for third and at 215, Simpson scored 15 points, finishing the day at 3-2. Simpson pinned Cameron Reed of Omaha Westview at 1:32.

Dayton Snethen went 2-3 for the day and placed fourth. At 126, Caudle went 2-2 and placed fifth. Kaleb Kaiser went 1-4 at 132, placing ninth. At 150, Cade Collier went 0-4 and placed seventh and at 285, Caleb Zimmerman went 2-3 and placed fourth.

For the JV team, Ryker Jones went 3-0 to capture the gold, defeating Elijah Carlson of Omaha North by fall at 2:54. At 165, Vaden Leyden went 2-0 to earn the gold. Leyden pinned Benito Espinosa of Omaha South at 1:10 for the win in the finale. At 190, Jayden Mirelez went 2-0 for the title. Jayden pinned Charlie Morse of Tri-Center at 2:56 in the finals.

At 144, Zane Elms went 2-1 and placed second. Brandon Feighner (215B) and Nick Johnson (215C) each placed third, going 0-2, while Wyatt Counce went 0-3 and placed fourth at 113.

## Titan wrestlers hit the mat

The HTRS boys' and girls' grapplers competed at the 2024 Conestoga Cougar Classic on Saturday.

The Lady Titans scored 18 points at Conestoga. At 135, Shawna Richey went 1-2 and scored three points. In the consolation semis, Richey lost to Rhema Johnson of Logan View by fall at 1:42. At 235, Ava Grimes went 3-1 and placed third. Grimes dropped her first match but battled back for the bronze. Grimes defeated Allee Jo Inzauro of Conestoga in the third-place match by fall at 1:29.

For the boys, HTRS scored 12 points to place 12th. Syracuse won the meet with 233 points. Alexander Drewberry went 2-2 and scored seven points. In the consolation round three, Drewberry lost by fall at 3:33 to Ben Lautenschlager of Bishop Neumann. At 195, Justin Hoagland went 0-2 and scored two points. Hoagland lost to Landon Willis of Weeping Water in the consolation round two by fall at 2:36. At 285, River McNeely went 0-2 and scored three points. McNeely lost in the consolation round three to Carter Hiatt of Lincoln Christian by fall at :41 to end his day.



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