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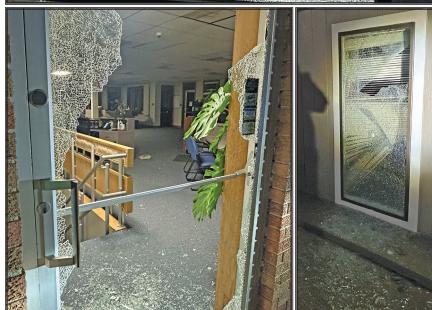
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## Vandal targets FC businesses

In the late to early morning hours of New Years Eve and New Years Day a vandal hit 13 Falls City businesses including Dollar Fresh, First Interstate Bank, American National Bank and F&M Bank.

Objects were thrown at windows causing approximately \$20,000.00 in damages. According to the Falls City Police prosecution. The FCPD ap-

Department the investigation was swift and complete. The investigation revealed one per-



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petrator had caused the damage to each of the businesses. The perpetrator was identified as Chance Dunback. Dunback was arrested on New Year's Day. The case will be forwarded to the County Attorney for preciates all of our citizens for their assistance. (Photos by Alexander McKim)



Pictured above, L-R: Rod Rowland, EDGE Director; Amber Holle, Chamber of Commerce Director; Lucas Froeschl, EDGE Executive Director; Kris Benson, DED; Kevin Malone, EDGE President; Ryan Larsen, EDGE Director; Steve Kottich, EDGE Director; Mayor Mark Harkendorff; Anthony Nussbaum, City Administrator; Derrick Leyden, City Council President; Mitch Merz, EDGE Director

## Falls City earns state recognition for industry, housing growth

Falls City has received its fourth certification as an Economic Development Certified Community (EDCC), as announced by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED). This recognition marks 15 years of the city's commitment to fostering a booming economic environment, supported by its population of 4,045.

December 13 by DED (Department of Economic Development) Business Development Consultant Kris Benson, honors the collaborative efforts of the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise (EDGE) board. Falls City is among 38 communities in Nebraska to hold this prestigious certification, which was established in 2005 to recognize communities prepared to attract new

The announcement, made on (Please turn to Page 3)

## Massive snowstorm hits Richardson County

Top photo: Around 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 5, during blizzard/whiteout conditions it was difficult to see Vision Inn Hotel from 26th and Harlan. The storm really ramped up around 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Some residents reported measurements from 11" all the way up to 16 inches. Though it was hard to get an accurate measurement due to drifting. According to Metrologist Joseph Meyer of KMTV News in Omaha, the top five highest snows in Falls City that were measured at Brenner Field up until 2003: were 17" on March 4-5, 1915; 15" - Dec. 23-24, 1935; 14.5" - March 5-6, 1948; 13" - Dec. 24-25, 1948; and 12.5" - February 13, 1978.

The bottom two photos show the depth of the snow at the County Courthouse and large piles of snow in front of Stone Street businesses late Sunday night. Many Falls City businesses were closed Monday or opened late.

## News makers of 2024 Ron Rathbone resigns as Humboldt Mayor

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Humboldt Mayor Ron Rathbone resigned from his position effective December 22, 2023. In his resignation letter to Rhonda Dettmer, President of the Humboldt City Council, he confirmed the immediate nature of his departure.

Rathbone indicated he would release a statement later but expressed his intention to spend the holidays with family. His resignation follows a recall petition filed on December 4, 2023, which accused him of bullying and intimidation during council meetings. Ellston alleged that Rathbone favored certain individuals for public

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## Prairie Doc

## Save and Preserve through movement

By Carter Holm, RN

"Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being while movement and methodical physical exercise saves and preserves it". Plato said that some 2300 years ago. It is not news to anyone that moving the body is the best way to stay healthy. But sometimes life gets in the way, whether in the form of a motor vehicle accident, a nerve condition like Guillain-Barre syndrome, or a health condition like a stroke, there are times in life when knowing that exercise is good for you is not enough. And it is during those times that physical therapy becomes crucial.

My work in inpatient rehab places me directly in connection to a wonderful team of physical therapists, and I see first-hand the role they play in helping our patients overcome adversity. Strengthening the muscles is just one aspect of their jobs, they must also help the patients learn to adapt. For example, if an elderly patient has a stroke, in addition to helping the patient work on strengthening the affected side, therapists are tasked with optimizing the patient's abilities, while helping them overcome their disabilities. They do this is tons of different ways, including introducing adaptive equipment, like walkers, canes, crutches, hemi-walkers, slide boards, etc.. They also help train patients in alternative lifestyle changes, sometimes the best way to overcome a problem is to find a workaround, and physical therapists are experts at problem solving with their patients, and coming up with safe and effective ways to help them improve.

Luckily, exercise is its own reward, and my patients almost always feel better, although a little worn out, after a good session. And this is because our body rewards itself with neurotransmitters following physical activity. Endorphins are released giving people that 'runner's high' sensation, endorphins can relieve pain, reduce stress, improve mood and overall feelings of wellbeing. Working with physical therapists can cause a patient to release dopamine, the 'feel good' hormone, which causes improved mood, increased attentiveness, and can even improve memory and learning. Exercise also releases serotonin, which combats depression, improves sleep-wake cycles, and plays a role in digestive health. In my line of work we often talk about pre-medicating the patient, giving a pain medication before the patient needs to do something physically taxing. But it is striking how rarely we need to give pain medications after a patient finishes working with PT. Nature has taken care or that, by providing a built in system of pain relievers, mood improvers, and anti-depressants that accompany

Every patient is different, and so is the plan of care developed by the therapy team. If you or a loved one is dealing with a health condition that may require physical therapy, I want to be a calming voice or assurance, the therapist or team of therapists will customize a plan of care focused on the patient's specific needs, that will help them adapt to changes, regain what they can, and improve the patient's wellbeing.

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All things Nebraska Governor calls for 'pedal to the metal' in seeking more federal funds

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner Years ago, I had the pleasure of covering the dedication of a new, \$17-million bridge spanning the Missouri River east of Niobrara.

The bridge was named after Chief Standing Bear, whose people, the Poncas, once ruled over that area of northeast Nebraska. Standing Bear, known for winning a federal judge's declaration that Native Americans were "persons" under the law, is buried nearby.

But the structure, and another bridge built farther east across the Missouri, were dubbed the "Bridges to Nowhere" by none other than TV news anchorman Tom Brokaw, who grew up along the river in Yankton. It was a waste of money, Brokaw declared, in his program, "The Fleecing of America."

The featured speaker at the 1998 dedication of the Standing Bear Bridge -held atop a high bluff with an amazing view of the river valley -- was then South Dakota Gov. Bill "Wild Bill" Janklow, a political legend who spoke his mind (as opposed to a lot of today's politicians whose comments are tightly scripted and designed to avoid saying anything that might remotely be discerned as controversial).

Anyway, Janklow spoke his mind that day, saying aptly that while the bridge might represent "political pork barrel, it's our pork barrel."

South Dakotans and Nebraskans just across the river from the bridge had all paid their taxes to Washington, D.C., and it was nice to see some of those hard-earned tax payments coming back home for a bridge long sought by the two states, Janklow said.

Which brings us to Gov. Jim Pillen, who wants state agencies to put the "pedal to the metal," according to the Nebraska Examiner, in seeking more federal funds for programs in Nebraska.

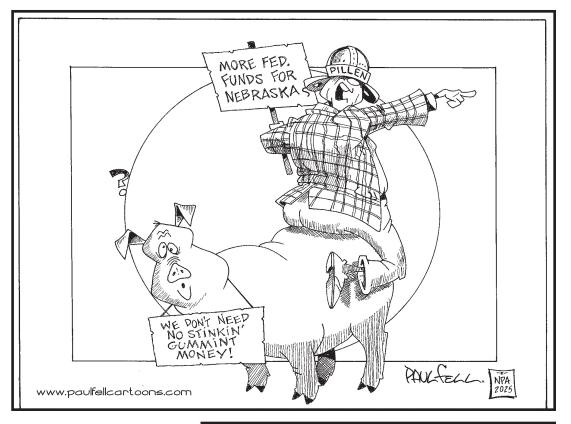
That seems like quite an about face by state officials, who, in the past, have rejected federal money to expand Medicaid and to provide rental assistance to folks impacted by the pandemic. Lately, our elected officials have spent more time criticizing what's happening in Washington, and filing lawsuits to prevent federal programs and initiatives.

But Pillen is right when he says that Nebraskans deserve to get all of the federal funding that's due them -funding that could help balance the state budget or help reduce property taxes.

Nebraska traditionally has ranked among the lowest states in its take from the federal treasury. A 2021 analysis by website, USA Facts, said that the Cornhusker State received \$3,463 per person that year from Washington. That was almost half as much as residents neighboring Wyoming received per capita, which was \$6,718.

Two years ago, Pillen said he was "appalled" to learn that, at that time, Nebraska was next to last in its per-capita federal allowance. That news came from a crafty governor in Oklahoma, who had hired a lobbyist in D.C. to boost federal funding for the Sooner State.

Ok, ok, so Pillen was the governor who said he didn't believe in "welfare" a few months back. (I'm sure he was referring to the traditional forms of government



assistance, such as food stamps and Aid to Dependent Children, rather than things like the \$25-million federal grant he and some fellow hog farmers received to add a second shift at their pork-processing plant in Fremont.)

But the governor has evolved his thinking about taking federal money.

In February, he changed his mind about rejecting millions in federal funds for a program that provided an additional \$40 a month to low-income families to purchase groceries. The state health department said that move resulted in getting additional food to nearly 200,000 students across the state, from nearly 122,000 families.

That seems like the kind of "win-win" politicians talk about all the time. More food, paid by federal dollars. Here's hoping that more win-wins will result from seeking out, and taking,

more federal funding. After all, it's our pork bar-

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

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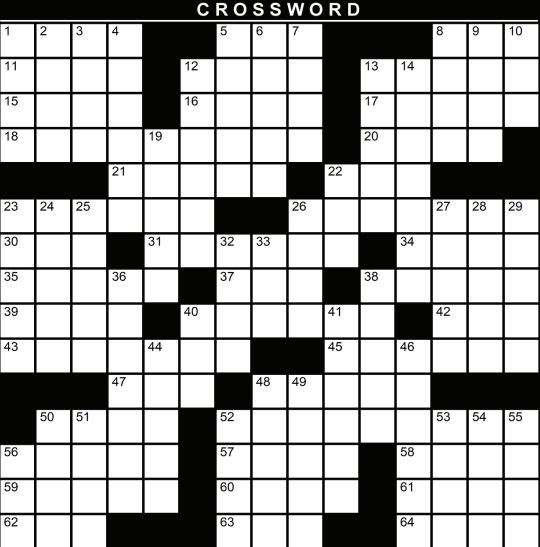
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- 1.Performer's time to shine
- 5. Selfie, e.g. 8. One of five Ws
- \_, or very stylish 11. TrËs
- 12. Mandolin's cousin 13. Knitter's unit
- 15. Aren't, colloquially
- 16. Mimicked
- 17. \*Like House with Oval Office 18. \*The Hunchback's home (2)
- words) 20. Listening devices
- 21. Flirtatious stares
- 22. Salt, in Spanish
- \_\_\_ State Building
- 26. TV shows, e.g. 30. Will Ferrell's "Funny or

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- 31. Steve McQueen's "The Great \_\_\_\_" (1963) 34. Toss a coin
- vices company
- 37. Kimono tie 38. Sweating room
- 39. Short skirt
- 40. Batter (2 words)
- 42. Lake, in French
- 43. Anise seed (1 word)
- 45. \*\_\_\_\_ of Versailles or Bucking-
- ham \_\_
- of war
- 48. Sinbad the Sailor's home 50. Not good
- 52. \*St. Basil's in Moscow or St. Paul's in London 56. \*The Parthenon in Athens is
- made of this
- 57. Capital of Norway 58. Aeneas' lover 59. More slippery
- 60. Animal protein 61. Independent chieftain 62. High degree
- 63. TV program interruptions 64. Retired, abbr.

- 1. CAT or PET, e.g.
- 2. \*Key Tower, tallest building in this Buckeye state
- 3. Laundry room fire hazard
- 4. Type of local tax
- 5. Pupa, pl. 6. Things
- 7. Give up a state
- 8. Dam-like structure 9. Not misses
- 10. Football's extra point 12. Soup scoopers
- 13. Make a solemn promise 14. \*Burj \_ \_\_, tallest building in
- the world 19. Wading bird
- 22. "Monkey \_ \_, monkey do" 23. Bodily swelling
- 24. Rice wine 25. 1/100th of Finnish markka
- 26. Rotisserie skewer
- 27. Spurious wing
- 28. Cancer-treating machine, acr.
- Needle, Seattle
- 32. For boys and girls
- 33. Lawyers' org. \_ Chapel, Vatican City 36. \*
- 38. Flat replacement
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- 41. Eventual outcome 44. Leonhard . Swiss mathe-
- matician (1707-1783)
- 46. Portable stairs
- 48. Headquartered 49. Road-tripping guide
- 50. Carve in stone
- 51. Emptiness 52. Vegetative state
- 53. Ice crystals
- 54. Passage in a coal mine 55. Voldemort's title 56. Small amount of drink





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#### 75 Years Ago, January 8, 1950 to January 14, 1950

A vehicle traveling roughly 800 feet south of Breezy Hill hit an icy patch of highway, causing a significant accident. Another car traveling south struck the first vehicle nearly head-on. Dwight Grove, a passenger in a car driven by Robert Van Dalsem, suffered a fractured pelvis and a dislocated shoulder.

President Truman told Congress that postal rates needed to increase by \$395,000,000 per year or the postal service needed to be reduced.

Mrs. Gerald Claudius would serve as director of the Civic Music League. Louis Burkel had served in that capacity the year prior.

For the first time in weeks, the stage lights at the Rivoli Theater burned brightly when Miss Dixie Diane Sweezey presented her all-new juvenile dance revue. The 13-year-old star appeared with a group of her pupils in an hour-long variety show.

Ernest Ulmer, a Dawson pianist who was considered one of the country's rising young musicians, presented a recital in the Methodist Church under the sponsorship of the Falls City Music Club. Ulmer resided in New York but was spending the holidays with his parents in Dawson.

Superintendent Ralph Andrews said a local school safety patrol was being started. The patrol would help direct students of Falls City grade schools when crossing streets and highways near schools.

Construction in Falls City on building permits during the 1949 calendar year was estimated at more than \$400,000.

The Knight Studio in Falls City celebrated its 50th anniversary. In 1900, Charles Kratz, a Falls City farmer, was the studio's first customer.

The Tiger basketball team breezed past Auburn 40 to 15 in action at Prichard Auditorium. Bill Dougherty and Frank Falloon each had 11 points for the Tigers.

A young woman was charged with murder after admitting that she had set a fire that destroyed the mental ward at Mercy Hospital in Davenport, Iowa. The blaze, set by the young patient, killed 41 women.

According to fight promoter Jake Nanomantube, Cecil Bindrum and Bill Roberts won their fights at a smoker at the Beatrice Auditorium.

J.L. Hull, a former Bratton Union superintendent and coach, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary at Lincoln for writing a bad check totaling \$10.

Italian Film Director Roberto Rossellini obtained a divorce from his Italian wife on the grounds he was under the influence of drugs when he married her.

Gossip columnists in Hollywood said Bette Davis and Artist William Grant Sherry weren't seeing eye to eye again, although Bette took him back last fall after filing for divorce. It was also reported that Ida Lupino and Collier Young had called it quits after months of squabbling

Sparked by a 24-point effort from Dick Spaulding, the Dawson basketball squad defeated Verdon in Little Ten action, 47 to 25. Roland Fisher scored seven for Verdon.

#### 50 Years Ago, January 8, 1975 to January 14, 1975

According to a report to the county commissioners, in the first eight months of the Volunteer Ambulance Squad's operation, members of the group made 283 runs.

Ed Arnold, Kenny Meinzer, Ray Koopman, Claire Kelly, Neal Parson, Ed Hackett and Lloyd Oberkamper were among the new members of the Falls City Chamber's Board of Directors.

Falls City wrestlers of the week included Paul Ivey and Randy Feighner. Ivey won a heavyweight title at Maryville, and Feighner won the only individual championship for the Tiger reserves in the Humboldt tourney.

Tiger reserves in the Humboldt tourney.

Bill Bruhn scored 41 points, but it wasn't quite enough as Dawson-Verdon fell, 70-78, to Lewiston in action at the MUDECAS tourney in Beatrice.

Tackett's Café advertised a Thursday night special of 75 cents for all-you-could-eat homemade chili and chicken noodle soup.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture showed that Omaha's Union Stock Yards was the third-largest livestock market in the nation in 1974. The yard sold 2,581,841 head in 1974. Richard C. James of Verdon was one of three upperclassmen at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture to receive the Arthur W. and Viola Thompson scholarship.

Seven stories above the corner of Hollywood and Vine in Hollywood, Ronald Reagan kicked off his career in radio. The former California governor was joined by friends, reporters and fellow workers in Harry O'Connor's sound studio.

Neither photographers nor well-wishers got a peek at Elvis Presley as they stood vigil outside his mansion on his 40th birthday. Presley was reportedly in deeper privacy than usual due to him being overweight.

With visibility down to zero due to blowing snow, all Falls City and Sacred Heart sporting events were called off. The storm began as rain and turned to sleet and snow, making travel dangerous.

The Dairy Dip at 14th and Lane St. advertised a 12-piece chicken dinner, with a bucket of fries and pint of cole slaw for \$6.29.

Falls City National Guardsmen helped free 12 people from vehicles stalled in highway snowbanks in the county. Capt. Harold Fox, Sgt. Rex Jones and S-Sgt. Eugene Strauss took part in Operation Rescue.

Mrs. Edward Vogele, Jr., escaped serious injury when the car she was driving was hit by a Missouri Pacific freight train at a crossing eight miles northwest of Falls City on the Highway 73 detour. The blowing snow made it impossible for her to see the approaching train. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hutfles announced the engagement of their daughter Karen to Tim Pfister.

Miss Lavina Wenz wed Gary Zentner on December 28, 1974, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Pastor Rev. Karl H. Konig officiated the double ring ceremony in front of 100 guests.

#### 25 Years Ago, January 8, 2000 to January 14, 2000

As the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad celebrated its 25-year anniversary, it implored the public to consider becoming members. At the celebration, Bob Bartlett was acknowledged for having made the most runs (69), and Marjean Werner topped the list of long-distance runs with 27. In total, the squad made 335 local runs and 139 long-distance runs.

Sen. Floyd Vrtiska, District #1, Table Rock, filed for re-election to his seat in the Legisla-

The Falls City Rural Fire Department reported a dramatic increase in rural fire losses for 1999. Total loss estimates were \$142,000 in 1999 compared to \$87,000 in 1998.

Dusty Olberding and Shane Vollmer were champions at the Ashland-Greenwood Wrestling Invitational. Olberding improved to 12-0 at 140 pounds and heavyweight Vollmer moved to 11-3.

For December, Falls City Middle School Students of the Month were Alyssa Sickel, Nicole Mason and Laura Young.

Jim Sefried was re-appointed as the chairman of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners.

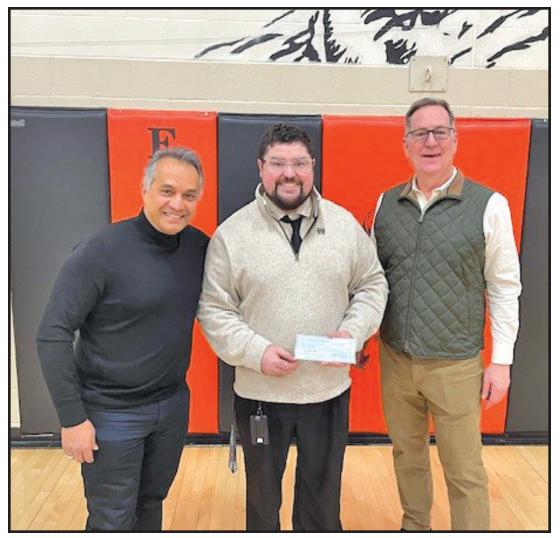
Brian Daake, who had been associated with Dorr Funeral Home in Falls City for the previous six years, was named president of the Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Falls City Hinky Dinky owner and manager Randy Gottula announced a new partnership with Nash Finch Co. of Minneapolis. As a result of the retirement of Gottula's current partners, a new partnership was being forged with the grocery wholesaler.

Ed Murphy of Rulo received the National Weather Service 30-year certificate and pin. Ed, a volunteer began reporting his findings on November 1, 1969

a volunteer, began reporting his findings on November 1, 1969.

The Lady Irish defeated Dani Busboom and Daniel Freeman 51-48 in action in the MU-DECAS Tourney. The third-ranked Irish handed the top-ranked Falcons their first loss of the season.



A \$2,000 donation was made to the Falls City Public Schools STEM program. It was a \$1,000 contribution by Northeastern Chemical Association that was matched with another \$1,000 from Citroniq. Pictured above are: Mel Badheka, Citroniq co-founder; Ethan Sullivan, Principal FCHS; Kelly Knopp, Citroniq co-founder.

## Falls City earns state recognition for industry, housing growth

(Continued from Page 1) new industries and support existing businesses.

The city first achieved EDCC status in 2009, with subsequent recertifications in 2014 and 2019. EDGE has set its sights on industry growth within Falls City and Richardson County. Recent initiatives include the development of the 1,017-acre Mid-America Rail Campus, which aligns with Nebraska's BioEconomy Initiative aimed at bolstering rural communities through the utilization of the state's agricultural resources.

Adding to the momentum, Citroniq Chemicals, LLC recently announced Falls City as the site for new decarbonized plastics production facility. The facility, which will convert Nebraska-produced ethanol into biobased polypropylene, is expected to reduce reliance on petroleum-based production while providing additional revenue opportunities for Nebraska's agricultural produc-

Falls City's efforts have been bolstered by its recent designation as an "A" rated Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone. The BDO Zone Initiative is led by an independent review committee and ranks applicants based on a healthy feedstock supply and infrastructure access. In Falls City's case, the feedstock is consistent corn and soybean yields. EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl emphasized the community's motivation to create a sustainable bioeconomy ecosystem to enhance Nebraska's economic capabilities.

In addition, collaborative housing initiatives have led to recent development projects in Falls City. The Wilderness Falls III project, a 16-unit affordable senior housing development, was made possible through a partnership with the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) and Excel Development Group, re-

ceiving \$500,000 from the state's HOME Investment Partnership program. how building diversified opportunities for growth can establish a welcoming environment for a

Furthermore, the Falls City Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) and EDGE have established a master plan for a 19-acre North Commercial Corridor, enhancing business accessibility directly from Highway 73.

"Falls City leaders continue to show Nebraskans

opportunities for growth can establish a welcoming environment for a variety of industries," said EDCC Director Ashley-Rice Gerlach. "The progressive mindset in this community continues to be an important factor in its success as an EDCC. DED appreciates its partnership with EDGE and looks forward to supporting Falls City as ongoing leaders in this program."

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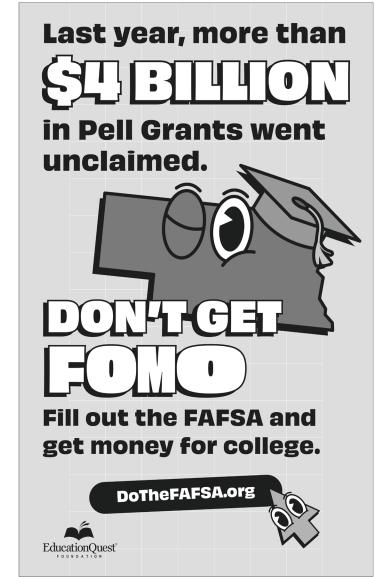
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#### PARISH CIRCLE MEETS

Parish Circle held its monthly meeting on December 16, 2024 at the home of Deb Stevens, with eight members in attendance. Ronda Yoesel and Deb Stevens led devotions, followed by the group singing Christmas carols. Following a time of sharing joys and concerns, Ronda led the group in prayer.

Co-Chair Yoesel conducted the business meeting. The annual pledge of \$2,000 was met, allowing the group to gift 13 local and world missions with these funds. Prayer Pals were revealed, names drawn for 2025 pals and the new schedule distributed.

Jan Deckinger will host the next meeting Monday, January 20, 7:00 PM at Bethel Global Methodist Church. Ronda Yoesel will lead the Bible study.

The meeting closed refreshments served by the hostess.

#### Nebraska Press Association and A-Mark Foundation announce the A-Mark Prize for Investigative Journalism in Nebraska with cash awards totaling \$15,000

Investigative reporters are skilled at developing sources, following leads and checking facts, but pursuing these stories requires significant time and resources. To support this vital work, the Nebraska Press Association and the A-Mark Foundation have partnered to establish a new award with a total of \$15,000 in cash prizes for Nebraska reporters and their newsrooms.

This contest is open to all news media organizations based in Nebraska whose primary medium is the written word, to include their staff members and independent journalists who produce the investigative reporting content. Entries must have been published between January 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025.

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Third place: \$2,000 to the journalist(s) and \$1,000 to the news organization

Judging will be done by an independent, out-ofstate panel of journalists, based on the following core elements: Original reporting; research, depth and documentation; quality of journalism; storytelling and presentation; and community impact.

The first, second and third place winners in Category 35 – In-Depth Writing of the NPA 2025 Better Newspaper Contest (all divisions) will be

## FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

December 23 through December 24 calls: one 911 hang up/misdial, three miscellaneous, five burn permits, one parking complaint, one information only, one traffic/driving complaint, two ambulance/EMS, two 911 calls, one citation for traffic control violation, one warning for speeding, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

**December 24 through December 25 calls:** seven ambulance/EMS, one referred to another agency, one gun permit, one motorist assist, one theft, one domestic disturbance, one miscellaneous, one assault, six 911 calls, two citations, two warnings, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for plates not clear and visible.

*December 25 through December 26 calls:* one miscellaneous, three ambulance/EMS, one motorist assist, one 911 hang up/misdial, four 911 calls.

**December 26 through December 27 calls:** five ambulance/EMS, six burn permits, two miscellaneous, one gun permit, one check welfare, one house watch, one animal call, one 911 hang up/misdial, five 911 calls, one citation for theft by unlawful taking, one citation for invalid registration.

December 27 through December 28 calls: one information only, one miscellaneous, three referred to another agency, three burn permits, two 911 hang up/misdial, one gun permit, one fire call, two ambulance/EMS, two HHS intake/referral, one vandalism, one check welfare, one traffic/driving complaint, five 911 calls, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for drive under suspension, one citation for improper turn

**December 28 through December 29 calls:** three ambulance/EMS, three domestic disturbance, three miscellaneous, one 911 hang up/misdial, one suspicious person/vehicle, two HHS intake/referral, one burn permit, four 911 calls, two citations for speeding, one citation for assault, one citation for no valid registration, one warning for improper turn.

**December 29 through December 30 calls:** one curfew, one miscellaneous, one animal call, one burn permit, two information only, one check welfare, one disabled/abandoned vehicle, one 911 call.

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# Josephine Delaney named to Central College Dean's list for fall 2024

Josephine Delaney, Hiawatha, has been named to Central College's Fall 2024 Dean's List. Delaney, Class of 2027, is among the 411 students named to the Fall Dean's List.

To qualify for this honor, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking 12 or more graded credit hours for the semester.

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Gretna Youth Wrestling Meet Champions: Brantly Sells, Tristan Randall, Cohen Crabtree, Braxtyn Bauman.

## Falls City Wrestling Club shines at Auburn Youth Wrestling Tournament

Submitted

On Sunday, December 22, 2024, the Falls City Wrestling Club traveled to Auburn, Nebraska, for the Auburn Youth Wrestling Tournament. 38 wrestlers traveled north to take to the mats.

As a team, The Falls City Wrestling Club demonstrated skill, determination, and teamwork, earning a total of 444.5 points to claim the Runner-Up Team Trophy. This achievement is a testament to the hard work of the athletes, coaches, and supporters. They also recorded the most Pins in the Least Time with 45 pins achieved in just 57 minutes and 15 seconds and the most pins/tech falls in the least amount of time with 50 pins/tech falls secured in 67 minutes and 40 seconds. Overall, the team finished with a 67-49 record on the day.

Individually, the club's wrestlers racked up several podium finishes: nine first place finishers; 13 second place finishers; seven third place finishers and five fourth place finishers.

First place finishers included: Cohen Crabtree, Cooper Vonderschmidt, Grant Goff, Erickson Dettmann, Easton Ansel, Mason Cave, Noah Winters, Gabe Goff and Brantly Sells.

Second place finishers included: Waylon Wittwer, Dax Vonderschmidt, Meredith Cave, Spencer Funk, Nash Vollan, Elliott Dettmann, Cole Goff, Liam Maddox, Ryder Dunn, Cayden Goff, Harley Goff, Hadley Crabtree and Brandon Collier.

Third place finishers included: Blaine Youde, Aaron Whitebird, Aaiden Hale, Brantley Jones, Aubree Donahoo and Leo Rue.

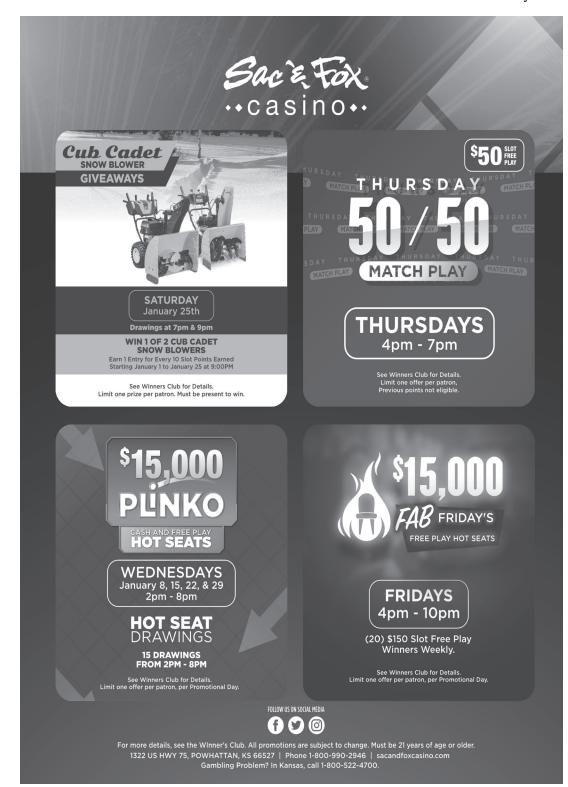
Fourth place finishers included: Greyson Frederick, Bowen Gerdes, Huxlee Carroll, Cooper Lotter and Eli Cattrell.

Eight Falls City Wrestling Club athletes competed in the Gretna Youth Wrestling Meet on Saturday, December 28, 2024. There were 58 different teams represented with 411 wrestlers in attendance. Four of our wrestlers came home sporting a new Champion Ring!

First place finishers included: Cohen Crabtree, Tristan Randall, Brantly Sells and Braxtyn Bauman.

Other medalists included: second place, Leo Rue.

Third place, Bowen Randall and Nolan Nicholson. Club wrestlers will be working hard throughout the season and attending more tournaments to prepare for Districts on March 2 in Beatrice. They will be fighting for their chance to punch their ticket to the NEUSA State Tournament in Grand Island.



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#### Schmit honored on the Chadron State College President's List

Chadron State College has announced the students on the Fall 2024 President's and Dean's Lists. The President's List consists of students with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Students met the requirements for the Dean's List by earning at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. To qualify for either list, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester.

Stephanie Schmit of Humboldt, has been honored on the President's List.

## FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



Undated photo from 13th and Stone Street in Falls City.

# Corn growers win dispute with Mexico over GM corn ban

In a major win for corn growers, a dispute panel ruled today that Mexico violated its commitments under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) when it issued a decree that banned genetically modified corn imports in early 2020.

The decision was met with praise from the Nebraska Corn Growers Association and Nebraska Corn Board among other corn grower advocates who had called on the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to file the dispute.

"We have been engaged on this issue closely for several years," said Andy Jobman, chairman of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association "Our staff and grower advocates made it a priority to interact with state and national corn grower leaders, we met with both Mexican and Canadian Embassies and echoed the voices of Nebraska's corn growers in pushing USTR to challenge this ban. Today's decision shows the real value of corn grower advocacy and what we can accomplish when we work together."

"This is an imperative development for the America's corn growers and rural communities," said Brandon Hunnicutt, chair of the Nebraska Corn Board. "As the nation's top producer of white corn, Nebraska is uniquely positioned to capitalize on Mexico's continually growing demand for our high-quality corn. This ruling will hopefully remove this potential trade disruption and secures Mexico's position as the leading export destination for U.S. corn, paving the way for increased economic growth and opportunity."

Past Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador first set off alarms in the Corn Belt in December 2020 when he initiated a decree to ban genetically modified corn by the end of 2024. At the time, corn grower leaders began outreach to the Trump administration to head off the ban. Those efforts continued with the Biden administration as well as with members of Congress and Mexican officials.

Nebraska corn growers took a lead with other state and national corn leaders who argued that the ban would significantly harm growers and rural communities, especially as Mexico is the number one export destination for U.S. corn.

Corn grower advocacy efforts intensified in 2023 when the Mexican president issued a decree banning genetically modified white corn, effective the following day. NCGA and state corn grower groups responded by urging USTR to file a dispute settlement under USMCA, which eventually occurred.

Nebraska Corn would also like to extend appreciation for Senator Fischer, Senator Ricketts, Representative Smith, Representative Bacon and Representative Flood for continually raising this issue with their colleagues in Washington, D.C.

The Nebraska Corn Board is funded through a producer checkoff investment of ½-cent-per-bushel checkoff on all corn marketed in the state and is managed by nine farmer directors. The mission of the Nebraska Corn Board is to increase the value and sustainability of Nebraska corn through promotion, market development and research.

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) is a grassroots commodity organization that works to advance Nebraska corn farmers through leadership, policy and education. NeCGA has more than 2,400 dues-paying members in Nebraska. NeCGA is affiliated with the National Corn Growers Association, which has more than 36,000 dues-paying members nationwide.

## More Bobcat greats join Hall of Fame

Nearly 150 alumni, family, and friends gathered in the Student Center November 1 to recognize the 2024 Peru State College Athletic Hall of Fame honorees.

The 32nd Hall of Fame Class included individuals John Creamer, Jr. (Hampton, Conn.), Jerry Eickhoff (Lincoln), Pat Mertens (Hastings), and Sarah (Williams) Murray (Tarkio, Mo.). Also inducted were the coaches and players from the 1994 baseball team.

Creamer, a 1969 graduate, was a fourtime letterwinner in football and a threetime letterwinner in baseball who earned the Swenson Award at the end of his career. Also a 1969 graduate, Eickhoff was a Nebraska high school coaching legend who at the time of his retirement was the state's all-time leader in boys' basketball victories with 670.

A 1986 graduate, Mertens excelled both on the football field and in the classroom. He was twice named to the NAIA District 11 First Team De-

fense and later was the first Peru football player to be name to the then-GTE College Division Second Team, which is commonly known as an Academic All-American. Murray, a 2014 graduate, was Peru's first women's cross country competitor to compete in a national championship in nearly 30 years. She still holds all the major race records to this day for Peru State.

Each of the individuals thanked those who helped make their selection happen and all had a common theme which they shared: high regards for the education and support they received while at Peru State.

A Worcester, Mass., native, Creamer noted Peru State College gave him his start to his life-long career in psychology and education. He told the current students in attendance that there are opportunities on the campus they need to take advantage of at any time they can.

Eickhoff, a Verdon, Neb. native, talked about how his college life shaped his career including his experience with Coach Jack McIntire and his Theory of Basketball class. He added that while he has received many different accolades, this one really got to him as it come from Peru State College.

A Lincoln native, Mertens thanked his coaches and teammates who all helped him become a better player and student. He also shared that three of his sons came to Peru State to receive an education and play football. One of his ending comments was, "Every time I come to Peru, I just feel like I'm home."

Murray thanked her former Bobcat coach and later, husband, the late Dr. Johann Murray and current

Bobcat cross country coach James Cole ('07) for their support and motivation in her past and current running career. She noted "running is not only about your successes, but it is also about your failures." Murray had her daughters Jaina and Aia join her during her speech.

The 1994 Bobcat Baseball team was Peru's winningest team in 40 years with 34 victories. Its final winning percentage of .680 still stands as the second-best

in 77 years of play. The coaches and players in attendance were head coach Dan Johnson, assistant coach Jerry LeFever, Greg Bentz, Tony Duffek, Shawn Exner, Matt Grewe, Scott Kier, Greg Larsen, Mike Maroney, Chris Michael, Matt Miller, Duncan Patterson, Andy Plummer, and Chris Raabe.

Coach Johnson and Matt Grewe spoke on behalf of the team. Coach Johnson noted that the opportunity for this team to help build their facilities

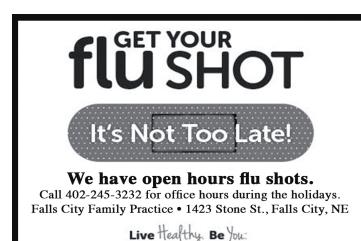
was the piece that brought the young men together and to be successful. He added that he had not been back since 1996, and the evening was special as they bonded together as a team again.

Grewe thanked many people for the team's honor. He noted everyone knew how good Peru State football was in the 90s, but he wasn't sure how many knew how good Peru State baseball was. Grewe stated that being recognized was a tremendous honor and it gave him and his teammates a ton of pride.

In addition to the Friday night banquet, the inductees were recognized at halftime of the Bobcat football game with Culver-Stockton which Peru State won 52-21.

The Peru State Hall of Fame gallery is located on the second floor of the Al Wheeler Activity Center.





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## RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT RETRIEVED FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

### ALL SUSPECT'S ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

November 21, 2024

Aric M. Schnacker, 32, Odell, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Firearm While Committing a Felony, and Exhibition Driving.

Randie J. Frederick, 49, Omaha, NE was arrested on a Douglas County warrant.

November 23, 2024

Burton J. Studie, 38, White Cloud, KS was arrested for Resisting Arrest and a warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

Amanda C. Brown, 41, Tulsa, OK was arrested on a Douglas County warrant.

Tyonia M. Weems, 42, Wichita, KS was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Dakota M. Reafleng, 22, Shenandoah, IA was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

November 24, 2024 Clinton W. Taylor, 32, Decatur, TX was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

Pedro D. Deltoro-Orona, 28, Nebraska City, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

November 25, 2024

James L. Smith, 55, Temple, TX was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Driving Under Suspension.

Jesse M. Guerra, 25, Humble, TX was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

November 26, 2024 Falls City, NE was arrested on a Court Commitment.

Dustin R. Stone, 27, Beatrice, NE was arrested on a Court Commitment. Tyeshia S. Williams, 22, Omaha, NE was arrested on a Douglas County

warrant.

November 27, 2024 Nubia B. Regaldo, 44, Pharr, TX was arrested

for Driving Under Revocation. November 29, 2024 Jamie S. Vaughan, 48,

Humboldt, NE was arrested on a Probation Sanction.

November 30, 2024 Eric S. Hestermann, 36, Humboldt, NE was arrested on an Otoe County warrant.

December 1, 2024

Clifford M. Troyer, 31, Wichita, KS was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Walter L. Cole Jr, 45, Salem, NE was arrested on an extraditable warrant out of Kansas.

December 2, 2024

Juan M. Prieto, 53, Baytown, TX was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

*December 3, 2024* 

Caleb A. Bruckner, 19, Sabetha, KS was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Wallesha T. Hubbard, 31, Omaha, NE was arrested on two Richardson County warrants for Failure to Appear.

December 6, 2024 Dorothy M. Whitney, 49, Shubert, NE was arrested on a Court Commitment.

December 8, 2024 Danielle Taylor, 29, Winnipeg, Ontario was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

December 9, 2024 Wade M. Tackett, 31, Nicholas R. Meyer, 37, Falls City, NE was arrested on a Court Commitment.

December 12, 2024 Jason P. Peters, 44, Ferris, TX was arrested for Driving Under Suspen-

December 13, 2024 Mariann Flores, 48, Stel-

la, NE was arrested on a Court Commitment.

December 14, 2024 Joshua L. Crowder, 28,

Topeka, KS was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

December 15, 2024

Alexis Ramon Cintron Garcia, 26, Nebraska City, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension.

Erasmo J. Jarillo, 22, Brownsville, TX was arrested for Driving Under Revocation and Driving Under Suspension.

Kimberly D. Bryant, 42, Lawrence, KS was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear.

December 16, 2024

Dalton L. Herwig, 28, White Cloud, KS was arrested on three Richardson County warrants for Shoplifting X's two and Unauthorized Use of a Financial Transaction Device.

Taylor N. Clark, 35, Falls City, NE was arrested for Driving Under Revocation.

December 17, 2024

Earnest H. Smith Jr, 29, Houston, TX was arrested for Driving Under Revocation and Driving Under Suspension.

December 19, 2024

Chad A. Clark. 40, Falls City, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Meth), Maintaining a Drug House, Possession of Marijuana less than one ounce, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

December 20, 2024 Jamie S. Vaughan, 48, Humboldt, NE was arrested on a Probation

Sanction. Dustin J.R. Bernard, 38, Falls City, NE was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance

(Meth), Delivery of Meth Within 1000 ft of a Playground, Conspiracy to Distribute Meth, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Bryson L. Schlicker, 19, Reserve, KS was arrested on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

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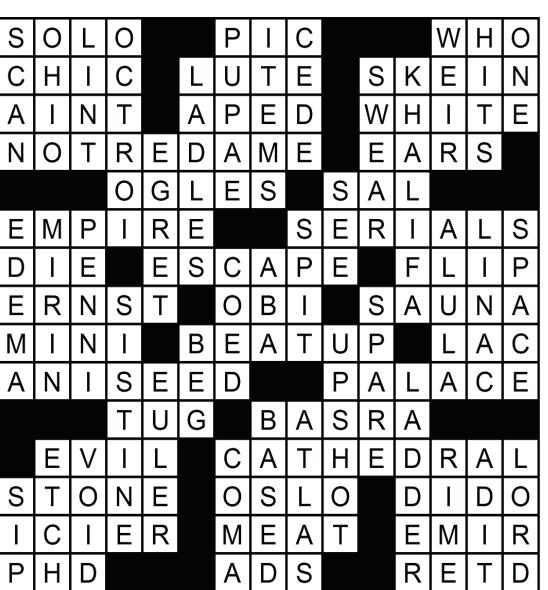
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Monday, January 13

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Tuesday, January 14 Philly Sandwich, Green Beans, Pineapple, Muffin, Milk

## **HTRS Titans**

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Milk or Water Thursday, January 9

Milk or Water

Friday, January 10 Milk or Water

Monday, January 13 Milk or Water

Tuesday, January 14 Milk or Water

## Falls City Public Schools

Wednesday, January 8

North & South School: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fava Crisps, Pears, Vanilla Pudding, Milk Middle School: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Mixed Fruit, Vanilla Pudding, Milk High School Hot Lunch: Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Vanilla Pudding, Milk Combo Line: Burrito, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Milk

Thursday, January 9

North & South School: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Milk Middle School: Mrs. Brown Special: Cheeseburger, Sweet Potato Fries, Green Beans, Peaches, Milk High School Hot Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk Combo Line: Popcorn Chicken, Curly Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Milk

Friday, January 10

North & South School: Chicken Alfredo, Cooked Carrots, Broccoli, Applesauce, Breadstick, Milk Middle School: Chicken Alfredo, Cooked Carrots, Pineapple, French Bread, Milk High School Hot Lunch: Pig in a Blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, California Vegetables, Fruit, Milk Combo Line: Cheeseburger Sandwich, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Milk

Monday, January 13

North & South School: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Apple Juice, Biscuit, Milk Middle School: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Applesauce Cup, Biscuit, Milk High School Hot Lunch: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk

Combo Line: Pepperoni French Breda, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Milk

Tuesday, January 14

North & South School: Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Black Beans, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk Middle School: Mrs. Haines Special: Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk High School Hot Lunch: Tacos/Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk Combo Line: Chicken Nugget, French Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, Milk



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## Lady Titans are heating up

The HTRS Lady Titans seem to be hitting their stride as they improved to 4-5 for the year, winning the "B" division of the Weeping Water Holiday Tourney over the weekend.

HTRS came out on top 60-6 in the opener versus Parkview Christian. In the championship contest on Saturday, HTRS dominated Conestoga 60-23 to pick up their third consecutive win.

The Titans ran away with the win on Friday over Parkview, leading 25-2 after the first period and 42-4 at the half. HTRS outscored the Patriots 18-2 in the final two periods to earn the win. HTRS made 22/58 two-point shots and 5/21 from deep in the win. Elie Bstandig went off for Coach Schuyler Kuhlbounds. Bstandig went 10/15 from the field in the win. Lillian Bowen added 14 points, five rebounds and six steals.

Scoring for HTRS: Bstandig 20, Glathar 4, E. Bredemeier 2, McClarnen 2, M. Bredemeier 6, Kanel 2, Shupp 6, Bowen 14, Stewart

Another great start by HTRS put them out in front for good on Saturday in the championship contest versus Conestoga. The Lady Titans led 19-3 at the end of the initial eight minutes and 45-10 at intermission as they ran away with the 37-point win,

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Bstandig again came up huge for the Titans. Elie scored 26 points on 12/21 shooting and added a whopping 29 rebounds and five blocks. Bowen also had another solid effort, scoring 13 points, fighting for eight rebounds, dishing out seven assists and adding four steals. Laramie Glathar went 4/7 from the field for eight points and snagged 13 rebounds.

Scoring for HTRS: Bstandig 26, Glathar 8, M. Bredemeier 9, Bowen 13, Howe 2, Stewart 2.

The Lady Titans moved to .500 for the first time on Saturday when they downed Meridian 49-29 to move to 5-5. HTRS led 10-5 after the first and then pulled away for a 21-6 halftime lead. HTRS mann, finishing the game continued to put pressure on with 20 points and 11 re- the Mustangs, outscoring the visitors 28-23 in the second half to earn the win.

> Bstandig continued to dominate her opponents, scoring 16 points, securing 22 rebounds, getting four steals and four blocks. Glathar added 11 points and eight boards and Bowen finished with ten points, six steals and three assists.

> Scoring for HTRS: Cumro 2, Bstandig 16, Glathar 11, Bredemeier 10, Bowen 10.

> The Titans will look to make it five straight wins when they play at Sterling on Friday, January 10.

## Titans moving in right direction

The HTRS Titans ran into one of the hottest teams around on Friday when they faced the undefeated Johnson-Brock Eagles in the opening round of the Weeping Water Holiday Tournament. HTRS fell behind 10-23 after the first period and 16-43 at the break. The relentless Eagles kept the pressure on, outscoring HTRS 30-12 in the second half as they raced to the 73-28 victory over the Titans.

Darius Bohling and Emmett Glathar each had three points early to help power HTRS in the first. Brogan Dunlap added three in the second, Glathar had four in the third and Dunlap added two more in the fourth to lead HTRS.

Scoring for Titans: Dunlap 5, Vaughan 4, Dettmann 3, Bohling 3, Glathar 7, Hunzeker 2, H. Bohling 4. Scoring for J-B: Meyer 22, Cam Dalinghaus 12, Koehler 7, Casen Dalinghaus 10, Bowhay 5, Behrends 4, Everett 2, Bernadt 5, Gravatt 6.

HTRS got back on the right side of the win column on Saturday, taking the third-place contest 58-53 over the Parkview Christian Patriots. The Titans trailed early, digging a 10-point hole after the first, 11-21. The Titans righted the ship in the second, outscoring Parkview 17-4 to secure a 28-25 lead at the half. Brennen Vaughan had a big first half for HTRS, scoring 14 of his 18 points in the opening 16 minutes of action. Glathar also has a nice first two periods, scoring seven of his 13 points.

The contest remained tight in the second half. HTRS maintained their lead, 44-36, at the end of three and held on in the fourth for the five-point win. HTRS went 4/6 from the foul line in the final period to secure the win. Dunlap scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half to help HTRS gain their fourth win of the year.

Scoring for HTRS: Dunlap 16, Vaughan 18, Dettmann 6, D. Bohling 4, Glathar 13, H. Bohling 1.

The 4-4 Titans hosted the 1-5 Meridian Mustangs on Saturday.

The Titans made it two in a row when they defeated Meridian 56-32 on Saturday. The win moved HTRS to 5-4 for the year, while the Mustangs fell to 1-7 with the loss. The Titans will look to make it three straight when they travel to Sterling on Friday, January 10, to take on the 1-6 Jets.



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## Commissioners meet on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve before returning to regularly scheduled day this week

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the replacement of pledge security receipts from F&M Bank: Richardson County Clerk receipt #JC93013 to be replaced with receipts #JC93052A and #JC93069B and for the Richardson County Treasurer receipt #JC93092B and #JC93014B to be replaced with receipts #JC93069A and #JC93033.

Resolution 2024-2025-23 to approve the applications submitted by the following financial institutions to be County Depository's for the year 2025: State Bank of Table Rock, Humboldt; F&M Bank, Falls City; American National Bank, Humboldt; First Interstate Bank, Falls City; Nebraska Federal Investment Trust, Lincoln; and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust NPAIT was approved and adopted.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being

Aaron Caskey of Cintas requested to meet with the Board to present information and pricing on services and supplies that the County is currently receiving from Uni-First. The Board will be considering this pricing infor-

The regular meeting went into recess and the board went into an executive session at 9:30 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty, Deputy Sheriff Franks, County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel, Bob Campbell and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). The executive session closed at 9:44 a.m. and returned to the regular meeting agenda.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this. It was reported there were six inmates currently being held at the Jail.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The week prior the Commissioners met on Christmas Eve, and was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 24, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of the Resolution for a transfer of funds and to approve the remaining as posted. The motion carried.

No report was given from the Road and Bridge Depart-

Due to conflicts in scheduling, the executive session will be held at next week's meeting.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported that there were only six inmates being held in the jail. Research is still being done to find a more suitable plan to provide for the meals for the inmates after the current contract with Consolidated Correctional Food Service ends on August 26, 2025.

Agreement with Falls City for Joint Aerial Photo Project Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an addendum #3 to the original agreement with the City of Falls City for the Joint Aerial Photo Project (Pictometry) that was entered into on November 24, 2015. The motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 23)

A motion was made and carried to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-22 to approve the transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 as per budget document FY24-25 which will. (Resolution Book 28, Page 22)

The commissioners returned to their regular scheduled meeting dates this week. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

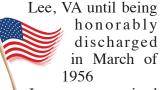
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## Larry Schwarting

of Falls City, NE, passed away December 31, 2024 at Falls City. He was born July 4, 1934 at Oakdale, NE to William and Hattie (Opplinger) Schwarting.

He married Marlene Sharples on February 14, 1954 at Tilden, NE

Larry served in the U. S. Army from March of 1954 and served at Ft.



Larry was raised in Oakdale and graduated Oakdale High School in 1952 and graduated from Wayne State College in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business, education, and industrial arts. He taught school and coached in Snyder and Friend, NE and also at Hull, IA. Following his teaching career he worked as an insurance agent for Horace Mann Insurance. He and Marlene purchased the Coast to Coast store in Falls City and operated it for 21 years. Following his retirement he was a Commissioner for the Falls City Housing Board and

Larry Schwarting, 90, worked part-time at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an Elder.

> Larry is survived by his wife, Marlene of Falls City, daughters, Ruth Jensen and her husband Roger of South Sioux City, NE, Kathy Gasper and her husband Jim of Omaha, NE Cheryl Guess and her husband Dave of Nebraska City, NE, son, Dave and his wife Beth of Victor, ID, Jeff and his wife Sandy of Falls City, eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren with two on the way, seven brothers and a sister.

> He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister in infancy and a sister, Velma Johnson, brother, Dale, a son, Scott and a granddaughter, Desiree Schwarting.

> A funeral will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Rick Martin officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday one hour before the service at the church.

## Navigating your finances during a Presidential transition

It's common to wonder how a new presidential administration will impact your wallet. As policies and regulations change, many people are left questioning what it means for their money.

According to Certified Financial Planner® professionals, here's how to safely navigate your finances during a presidential transition:

Take market coverage with a grain of salt: Media headlines might feel overwhelming, but it's wise to avoid making big investment decisions based solely on the 24hour news cycle. Unlike what you may hear, U.S. market growth and resilience have historically remained steady regardless of the political climate. For investment planning and advice, always rely on trusted resources, such as the insights of your financial advisor.

Focus on fundamentals: Market volatility around election cycles is historically short-lived, so now is not the time to try to game the system, fully revamp your portfolio or reverse course on your long-term investment strategy. As always, you should stay focused on sound investment principles, like diversification and compound interest.

Examine your tax strategy: Consider whether your tax strategy will need tweaking in light of laws ushered in by the new administration. Whether it is your capital gains taxes or your small business taxes, new regulations can impact what you pay. Your financial advisor can help ensure you continue to maximize every dollar you earn.

Take a look at your savings: Policies coming out of Washington could affect healthcare costs, energy prices, Social Security income and other factors that impact your overall financial picture. Work with a CFP® professional to create a holistic financial plan that is both tailored to your needs and adaptable to change.

To find a CFP® professional that will work in your best interests throughout this presidential administration and beyond, visit LetsMakeAPlan.org.

Navigating your finances during a presidential transition can feel tricky but with a big-picture mentality and the partnership of a qualified financial advisor, you can meet your financial goals. (StatePoint)

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## Bill Timmerman

Bill Dean Timmerman, 78, of Stella, Nebraska, went home to

Heaven on 25, 2024, at Fulton Manor, surrounded by family after a battle with can-

He was born on July 30,

1946, in Stella, Nebraska, to Carl and Louise Timmerman. Bill graduated from Stella High School in 1964. Bill and Jackie Timmerman (ex-wife) had three boys: Randal, Robert and Scott.

Bill served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. Bill worked for vice was held at Union Wood Carve for over 40 years. In his free time, Bill enjoyed reading and spending time with his family. He attended Prairie Union Baptist Church LP Cook officiating. Miliin Stella, NE, Rock Port tary honors were held fol-Baptist Church in Rock Port, MO and Watson Baptist Church in Watson, MO.

Bill was preceded in Honor Flight. death by his father, Carl Timmerman, and his mother, Louise Timmer- Homes - Jefferson City. man Nelson.

Survivors include his three children, Randal (Rachel) Timmerman of Jefferson City; Robert December (Stephanie) Timmerman of Holts Summit; and Scott (Alicia) Timmerman of Mexico; eight grandchildren, Lilly Timmerman, Corbitt Timmerman, Olivia Fish, Gabe

> Tess Timmerman, Tiffany Timmerman, Tristan Timmerman and Ava Timmerman; one sister, Mary (David) Matheson of Northboro, Iowa; many nieces, nephews and

Timmerman,

cousins.

Celebration of Life Ser-Hill Baptist Church in Holts Summit, Missouri, on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Rick Seaton and Bro. lowing the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Central Missouri

Services were entrusted to Trimble Funeral trimblefunerals.com

### Lauralee Bucher

cher, 84, of Auburn, Neten and was the youngest of two daughters born to this union. Lauralee lived in Humboldt with her family during her sophomore year where she met her sister Lois (Bexten) Gary Bucher and who she Haworth of Auburn, NE; married on August 24, 1958. Gary and Lauralee were married 63 years and

were amazing parents of children two Steve and Lisa. They lived on the family farm outside of Humboldt until retiring to Auburn, Nebraska in the early 2000's.

Lauralee aside from being a home- Auburn, NE; and many maker and farmers wife also worked outside the home. She began her career as a Nurse's Aide at the Humboldt Hospital, then became a Surgical Technician, and later developed and ran the purchasing department for the hospital. After leaving the hospital, Lauralee started as a receptionist for SENCA to become the Director of the HeadStart Program for Southeast Nebraska. She was an amazing woman, wonderful daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and friend.

Lauralee passed away

Lauralee E. (Bexten) Bu- on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at her home in braska was born on Sep- Auburn, Nebraska having tember 7, 1940, in Omaha, reached the earthly age of Nebraska to Louis and eighty-four years, three Edna (Christensen) Bex- months, and twenty-two days.

> She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Gary A. Bucher.

Lauralee is survived by sister-in-law Sherryn (Bucher) Rist of Humboldt, NE; son Steven P. Bucher

and wife Teresa of Humboldt, children Rochale and Logan, daughter Lisa Bucher Auburn, her son Jarrod Coiner of Lincoln, NE; niece Jerri-Lynn Page of

other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of which there are too many to name but were all very much loved.

Graveside Services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2025, at the Humboldt Cemetery with Pastor Jeff Peterson officiating.

Memorial contributions can be given to the fam-Deputy Director and then ily's choice with a later designation.

Condolences can be shared online at www. wherrymortuary.com

Services entrusted to Wherry Mortuary-207 N. Nemaha ST-Humboldt, NE 68376 (402) 862-2915

## Nona Lechtenberg

Nona L. (Wagoner) Lechtenberg was born on May 23, 1949 in Clarinda, Iowa, to Glen and Marjorie (Bair) Wagoner. She passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at the age of 75.

She graduated from Clarinda High School in Clarinda, Iowa. Nona spent most of her days poolside being a lifeguard and cruising the streets in her purple Edsel, commonly

referred to as her "bat mobile". She then attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she earned degrees in Home Economics and Business. She also met the love of her life at UNL and

on May 27, 1972, Nona ro of Clarks, NE, Chad married Larry J. Lechten-Church in Clarinda, Iowa. They began their married life in Tryon, Nebraska where she taught in Thedford, Tryon, and Mullen. They became parents to daughter, Nikki, and son, Chad. Later, they moved Atkinson, Nebraska where they ranched, started a dairy farm, and welcomed son, Justin and daughter, Erica.

Nona continued teaching at West Holt high school in Atkinson, Nebraska as well as various one room country schools until 1991 when she chose to focus more on the family and Larry were building. In 1997, they had an opportunity to move to Oakwith Larry's youngest brother, Kelly, where they managed the daily operations of Logan Valley Feeders.

For the next 22 years, Nona and Larry worked side by side in all aspects of life. During this time, you could always find Nona at ball games, horse shows, county fairs, trap meets, school music concerts, and figure eight races. Nona loved to sew, read, sing, play the piano, cook, and engage in a variety of card games.

No matter where Nona lived she was actively involved in the Catholic Daughters of America and the catholic church altar societies. She spent many years as a CCD teacher, church organist, church choir member, and a strong supporter of 4-H, FFA, and anything agriculture.

In 2019, Nona honored 48 years of marriage with grace, strength, and dedication to her husband, Larry as he fought a 10-month battle with brain cancer. After his

passing in 2020, she put her faith in God and uprooted her life by moving closer to her children. For the past four years, Nona has resided in Ceresco and has been a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church in Davey, Nebraska where she has formed many friendships because of her magnetic personal-

Nona was preceded in death by her loving hus-

> band, Larry, her parents, Glen and Marjorie Wagoner, and her in-laws. Lawrence and Mildred Lechtenberg.

Survivors include her children Nikki (Phil-Ferraip)

(Karla) Lechtenberg of berg at St. Claire Catholic Raymond, NE, Justin Lechtenberg and Misty Voltmer of Falls City, NE, and Erica (Travis) Kenny of Superior, NE; grandchildren Raegan, Victoria, and Genevieve Ferraro, Kamber, Rylie, Peyton, Tanner, and Cally Lechtenberg, Gavin, Jentry, and Kinley Lechtenberg, Ashlee Voltmer and Keena, Teagan, and Caden Kenny. Nona is also survived by her siblings Richard Wagoner of IA, Susan (Lyle) Frey of IA, Tom Wagoner of IA, and Deb Wagoner of IA and in-laws Vic (Grayce) Lechtenberg of IN, Judy dairy operation that Nona (Jerry) Cullen of KS, Russell (Susan) Lechtenberg of Butte, NE, Debbie (Dan) Hughes of MN. land, Nebraska to partner Roger (Rhonda) Lechtenberg of Ainsworth, NE, and Kelly (Marcie) Lechtenberg of KS. She is also survived by over 100 nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-neph-

> and great-great nephews. Nona's message to all family and friends that survive her: Rejoice in the moments in time you had with her. Embrace your time with your loved ones with 20-second hugs as she did.

> ews, great-great nieces,

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday January 4, 2025 at 10 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, 214 E. 2nd St., Wahoo, NE.

Concelebrants, Rev. Douglas Dietrich and Rev. Richard Reiser.

Visitation was on Friday January 3, 2025 from 5-6 p.m. at Svoboda Funeral Home, 6-7 p.m. with 7 p.m. Rosary at the Church.

Interment at was at St. Mary & St. Patrick Cemetery, Davey, NE.

Memorials in care of the family for future designa-

## Barbara Paddy

Barbara Paddy passed away on Friday, December 13 in Oceanside, California. Barbara was born in Falls City to Keith and Kathleen Carter. She was

youngest of their four children. Raised in Falls City, Barbara was the Homecoming Queen of her graduating class. Barbara continued her education at Chillicothe Business

School and went on to have a career as an Executive Secretary at General Motors before marrying Robert Paddy. They had five children together.

Barbara was very active in the Girl Scouts and was a Deacon at the family church, Dearborn Woods Presbyterian. When returning to the workforce, Barbara worked in administration and billing for an OBGYN practice. She and her husband, Bob, retired to the South Shore of Hubbard Lake, Michigan in the autumn of 1991. They enjoyed a lakefront home that nearly all their children had returned to Michigan to help them build.

Barbara enjoyed her retirement years working with R.E.A.D. Adult Literacy, forming book and investment clubs, volunteering at the Hubbard Lake Sportsman Club, teach-

ing vacation bible school, learning the art of stained glass, sewing items to help the local churches and much more. During the pandemic, Barbara moved from Hubbard Lake to Oceanside, California.

A funeral will be held for Barbara in May 2024 at the Spruce Presbyterian Church in Spruce, Michigan.. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Boys Town or the American Cancer Society.

## Richard F. "Dick" Hall

Dick passed peacefully, ditional volunteering. He December 13, 2024, surrounded by family.

He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in his hometown, Falls City, NE. Dick earned his Bachelor of Science from Rockhurst University in K.C.

MO, followed by a Masters in Chemistry at the University of Utah. Following graduation, he was employed by Hercules Corp, working in propel-Dick lants. family

spent two years in Florida while he worked for Olin Corp. They returned to Utah, and the beloved skiing, when he joined Hexcel Corp to work in composites. He retired from Hexel as an IT Manager.

Dick was an avid skier. He learned to ski as rehabilitation after recovering from injuries sustained in Vietnam. He skied in Germany with other amputee skiers demonstrating adaptive equipment designed at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Colorado. His move from Missouri to Utah for graduate school allowed him access to ski slopes. Dick continued to ski, became a nationally ranked ski racer and taught other amputee

skiers. He was the ultimate sports fan. Dick also dedicated much of his life to coaching. Dick's coaching career began in Falls City with a baseball team. He continued coaching in Utah for over 30 years including baseball, football and lacrosse.

After retirement, Dick dedicated himself to ad-

joined the Knights of Columbus at St. Ambrose Parish where he was a fourth-degree knight. Dick volunteered at the Lee Kay Gun Range. He enjoyed deer hunting with his Vietnam brothers and pheasant

> hunting with his brother, Mike, and nephews. His favorite hunting achievewith ment, the assistance of sons and friends, was a moose in Idaho. (Affectionately

named, Walter.) As a gifted storyteller, Dick is remembered by children (young and grown) for his tall tales about alligators and as the master of knock-knock jokes.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents, Richard M. and Vivian Hall; sisters, Josephine Mez, Mary Jane Hall, and Margaret Hall.

Dick is survived by his wife, Jane; his children, Richard Jr. (Alis), Christie, Daniel (Jen), and Matthew (Madeliene); two brothers, Mike (Lana) and Pat (Pam); and six grandchildren.

A vigil will be on Thursday, January 30 from 6-8 PM at Starks Funeral Parlor, 3651 South 900 East. The recitation of the rosary will be given at 6:30 PM. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 31 at 10:30 AM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 2315 E Redondo Ave, Salt Lake City. Richard will be laid to rest following mass at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, 275 U St, Salt Lake City.

## Don S. Campbell

92, of Falls City was born on October 13, 1932, in Horton, Kansas. He was the youngest of five children born to Herbert S. and Winifred H. (Kipp) Campbell. At the time, his parsurvive with another mouth

feed?" But after he was born, they thought, "How would we ever survive without him?

After graduating from Horton High School, Don attend-Omaha ed School of Commerce

vember 1950-April 1951, learning Morse Code. Prior to taking a military leave of absence, He was a telegraph operator for the Union Pacific Railroad. Don served in the Air Force during the Korean War as a sup-

ply specialist.

On September 2, 1956, Don married LaVerne Zentner a t St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and has called Falls City home ever since. His career included employment at the Richardson County Bank as well as the United States Post Office, retiring as Postmaster of Brownville, Nebraska in 1999.

Don was a people-person through and through. He loved visiting friends and family, playing golf, and checking the "pulse of the city." He was a passionate member of the Elks Lodge #963, as well as the Falls City American Legion and VFW, and very active in community service. Over the years, Don served in the following capacities: City Council, President of the Falls City Jaycees, President of the Horton Hornet Alumni Association, President of Falls City Lions Club, President of Falls City Country Club, President of Falls City Band Parents, Treasurer of the Brownville Historical Society, Exalted Ruler of the Falls City Elks (twice), and President of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce.

Don passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at

Don Spencer Campbell, his home in Falls City, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Walter and Mildred Zentner; siblings: Dale (Verda) Campbell, Shirley (Gene) Hosford, Janet (Richard) ents thought, "How will we Myers, and Keith (Phyllis) Campbell.



vived by his wife LaVerne Campbell, and their children: Michael (Deborah) Campbell of Grand Island, Christine (Jeff Shubert) Campbell of Lincoln, and Lisa (Edward)

Don is sur-

Kirkendall of Falls City. grandchildren: Tyler Campbell of Lincoln; Allison (Whitney) West of Lincoln, Mallory Kirkendall of Lincoln, and Rachel Johnson of Williams, MN; step-grandchildren: gan (Michael) Torczon of Omaha; Cooper (Dane Hautala) Shubert of Duluth, MN; great-grandsons: Zaden Campbell and Grayson West; step-great-granddaughter Addalynn Torczon, and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at St. Pauls Lutheran Church and 20th & Towle street in Falls City with Pastor Joanne Kathol officiating. Family greeted friends from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to services at the church and a family prayer started at 10:45 a.m. Inurnment was at the Steele Cemetery in Falls

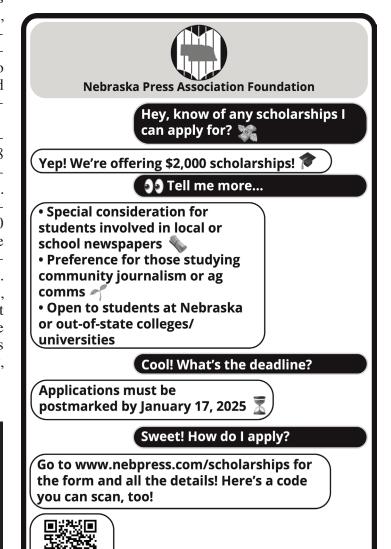
City with military honors conducted by the Falls City American Legion Honor Guard and the U.S. Naval Honor Guard. A register book was available from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1,

Home, 2403 Harlan Street in Falls City. Memorial contributions may be given to the family's choice with a later des-

2025, at the Hall Funeral

ignation. Condolences can shared online at www.hallfuneral.net

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# Richardson County Area Churches

Area Churches

#### Barada Global **Methodist Church**

717 Rd./652 Blvd. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Services held at St. Peter's ELCA on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 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, 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.blogspo t.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.

## Church

(Independent & Fundamental) Worship Service 9:15 a.m. N. Highway 73 to Blue Valley Behavior Health Inc., turn Services held in Barada on east (or right) Sunday: Sunday School Bible Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hours, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday:Bible study and prayer time, 7 p.m. "...with God all things are Lively Stone Kids Klub, (ages K-6 grade). We welcome you and your family to come worship the Lord with us. Pastor Mike Dunleavy 402-245-2049 (home) 402-245-4245 (church) http://www.csbc.vpweb.c

#### **First Brethren Church**

(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 Youth & Adult Bible Study, 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) Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m., KS) One quarter mile west of Facebook Live & Youtube Live Mondays: Diaper Closet, 4:00-6:00 pm. 2nd & 4th Wednesday: Mosaic Table 6:00-7:15 pm. Basement-Use East side door (Chairlift Accessible) Richard Kent Martin, Pastor 402-245-2650

#### First United **Methodist Church**

(1700 Harlan St) fumc@sentco.net 402-245-3281 Sunday: Worship Service, 11 a.m. Broadcast live on KTNC Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor AM 11 and 107.1 FM. Adult Bible Study, 9:45 a.m., Lauri Beach, Pastor Open Hearts, Open Minds,

## of God

(600 Reavis St) 245-3977 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:40 a.m. Wednesday: Good News small group Bible studies are available for adults throughout the year. Listen to sermons online,

#### Grace Bible **Fellowship**

www.mygnag.com

Tim Boatright, Pastor

(Highway 62, east of Stella) Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Church Service, 10:15 a.m.Web page: www.gbfchurch.com Office: 402-883-2110 Dave Lockard, Pastor

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Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor

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(2202 330th, White Cloud,

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Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30

a.m.; Church Service, 10:30

a.m.

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**Church** (Rural Shubert) Sunday: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Please join us to worship the Lord. Kids, 6:30p.m. A variety of Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. Bob Heusman, Pastor

#### Riverside Fellowship

117 S 3rd St., Rulo, NE Sunday Worship 9 am Fellowship, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 10 am Following Worship David Showalter, Pastor

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Randy Seedorss, Pastor

816-507-7339

**Shubert Christian** 

Church

Sunday: Worship service, 9:30

a.m.; Fellowship time, 10:30

a.m.; Fellowship time, 10:45

a.m.

Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Fulbright,

**LTCPS** 

St. Anne's (Shubert)

Sunday Mass: First, third and

fifth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.;

second and fourth Sunday,

8:30 a.m.; confessions before

Mass.

Fr. Kenneth F. Hoesing,

**Pastor** 

St. Mary's (Dawson)

855-3595 or 245-4151

Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; first, third and fifth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: Schedule varies,

call rectory; confessions

before Mass.

Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor

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#### St. Paul's Evangelical **Lutheran Church -ELCA**

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## Lady Tigers place third at Weeping Water

The Falls City Lady Tigers went 1-1 at the Weeping Water Holiday Basketball Tournament and placed third over the weekend. FC fell to 1-5 Conestoga on Friday, 26-57, but rebounded with a 53-6 shellacking of Parkview Christian on Saturday.

FC found themselves close on Friday, trailing Conestoga 11-17 after one period. A 15-0 second quarter by the Cougars sealed the Tigers' fate, as they went on to fall by 29 to Conestoga. After trailing 11-32 at the break, FC was outscored 8-18 in the third and entered the final eight minutes down, 19-50.

FC shot 24 percent from the floor on Friday, hitting 9/31 two-pointers and 2/14 from beyond the arc. FC was outscored 0-30 in transition and committed 35 costly turnovers, leading to 37 points on the opposite end of the floor. FC did hold a 37-28 rebound advantage, including an 11-8 edge on the offensive glass.

Izzy Armbruster led Falls City with 14 points and eight rebounds. Jayme Ewers added four points and eight

Scoring for FC: Ewers 4, K. Titus 2, Armbruster 14, Godemann 3, Kirkendall 3.

Scoring for Conestoga: Garrett 12, Rodis 19, A. Garrett 18, Poston 4, Tegels.

The Tigers rebounded on Saturday by walloping Parkview Christian, 53-6, to earn a third-place finish in the "B" division.

The Tiger defense was on full display Saturday, holding the Patriots to 9% shooting and allowing just two field goals on 22 attempts. Meanwhile, FC hit 34% (24/70) of its shots. Falls City forced 34 turnovers while committing just nine. Those 34 turnovers led directly to 36 points on the other end of the court for FC. FC also held a 36-4 advantage in points in the paint and had a 41-25 rebound advantage.

Everyone who suited up for FC on Saturday scored. Armbruster again led the way with 13 points, six rebounds and four assists. Kaitlyn Titus added eight points, six boards, four assists and three steals, and Carlea Dunkhas had eight points, six boards and nine

Scoring for FC: Ewers 2, Anderson 2, K. Titus 8, Dunkhas 8, Armbruster 13, Johansen 4, Irizarry 4, B. Titus 4, Godemann 6, Kirkendall 2.

Falls City faced off against the Maryville Spoofhounds in Auburn for the SE Nebraska Shootout. The Lady Tigers trailed early, down 8-15 after the initial eight minutes and 14-37 at intermission. Maryville outscored FC 16-14 in the second half, handing Falls City their seventh loss of the year, 28-53.

On Thursday, the Tigers shot 36% from the floor. FC was outrebounded 30-20 and turned the ball over 23 times while forcing just ten.

Delaney Godemann led Falls City with nine points and five rebounds. Carlea Dunkhas had two assists and two

Scoring for FC: Ewers 4, K. Titus 6, Dunkhas 4, Armbruster 5, Godemann 9.

The Lady Tigers played at Nebraska City on Tuesday and again on Friday against Lourdes. FC will host mead on Saturday, January 11.

## Lady Irish keep on rolling

The top-ranked Sacred Heart Irish plowed through the competition over the holiday break. The Lady Irish were crowned the champions at the 2024 Sportsmen's Holiday Tourney at Freeman High School, then proceeded to knock off BDS to move to 8-1.

Last Saturday, Sacred Heart faced off against McCool Junction in the opening round of the holiday tournament. The Irish sputtered at first, leading 9-4 after the first. Then the offense came alive, outscoring the Mustangs 28-8 in the second period to take a commanding 37-12 halftime advantage. The teams played evenly in the second half, with SH holding a slight 18-17 edge as the moved to the finals with the 55-29 win. In the final poll before Christmas, McCool Junction was ranked No. 10 in Class D-1.

The Irish outshot the Mustangs 33% to 24%, won the rebound battle 44-30 and forced 23 turnovers while com-

Daycee Witt was the only Irish player to reach double figures, ending the game with 17 points. Jentry Lechtenberg added nine points and 11 rebounds and Alise Reschke finished with nine points, seven boards and three

Scoring for SH: Santo 5, Crouse 4, Westengaard 3, Witt 17, Reschke 9, Lechtenberg 9, Jones 6, Dougherty 2.

The Irish had their work cut out for them on Monday in the finals as they took on the Syracuse Rockets. The Irish found themselves down by five after one period, 10-15, but battled back to make it 24-26 at halftime. SH took the lead in the third 37-34 and pulled away in the fourth to win 51-43. SH shot 42% (17/41) from the floor, while holding the Rockets to 28% (15/53).

Sacred Heart had three players reach double figures and nearly a fourth. Avery Santo led SH with 14 points, including a pair of second-half threes. Witt went 3/9 from deep for 13 points, Lechtenberg added 12 and Hallie Jones finished with nine. Lechtenberg led the Irish with 13 rebounds, while Santo dished out four assists.

Scoring for SH: Santo 14, Witt 13, Reschke 3, Lechtenberg 12, Hones 9.

The Irish traveled to Bruning to take on the BDS Eagles. The Lady Irish had little trouble getting past the home team, racing to a 59-34 win.

The Lady Irish played at Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday and will host Rock Port on Thursday and Diller-Odell on Friday.

## Tigers keep battling, searching for first win

ter Invitational, hoping to get into the win column. Unfortunately, after two games at Weeping Water High School, the Tigers are still searching for their first win of the season.

Raymond Central entered the contest at 0-6 but looked much better than their record indicated. The Mustangs controlled the contest from the start, leading 19-4 after the first period and 46-9 at the break. After halftime, the contest didn't get any easier for Falls City, as the Mustangs outscored FC 25-11 to earn the 71-20 win. Raymond Central moved to 1-6 with the win, while Falls City dropped 0-7.

The Tigers only shot 26 attempts on Friday, making seven, while Raymond Central hit 50% of their tries.

The Tigers had trouble with the Mustang defense, turning the ball over 36 times. Raymond Central also controlled the paint, outscoring the Tigers 38-8. The Mustangs finished with 22 steals and 22 points in transition.

Zach Brayman went 2-2 from deep in the fourth to lead FC with six points.

Scoring for FC: Morris 2, Q. Adams 2, K. Adams 5, Bangert 2, Heinzelman 2, Leyden 1, Brayman 6.

Scoring for Mustangs: Nacke 2, Johnson 11, Dubas 11, Potter 8, Otto 2, Behle 9, Lubischer 3, Basel 2, Badberg 7, Allen 13, Tice 3.

The Tigers performed better on Saturday but found themselves on the wrong end of a 35-60 loss to Weeping Water. FC came out to play early, keeping the game tight at 10-10 at the end of the first period. Weeping Water then outscored Falls City 21-4 in the next eight

The Falls City Tigers entered the 2024 Weeping Waminutes to put the game on ice. The Tigers kept it close in the second half, but the 17-point halftime lead proved more than enough as the Indians improved to 3-4 with the win.

> The Tigers made 27% of their shot attempts Saturday, including a 7/27 effort from deep. FC still had trouble taking care of the ball, turning the rock over 35 times. Keifer Adams led FC with 13 points, going 4/16 from the field. Adams added a team-best 12 rebounds.

> Scoring for FC: Q. Adams 8, K. Adams 13, Jones 2, Bangert 2, Brayman 3, Caudle 7.

> Scoring for Weeping Water: Tejan 4, McGill 31, Brito-Diaz 6, Fulton 17, Brack 2.

> The 0-8 Tigers played the 5-4 Maryville Spoofhounds on Thursday afternoon in Auburn, falling 37-73. The first and third periods doomed FC in the SE Nebraska Shootout. The Tigers were down 10-29 after the first period and 19-42 at the break. Maryville outscored FC 19-5 in the third to push their advantage to 61-24 with eight minutes to play.

> Falls City went 14/40 from the field and was outrebounded 20-39.

> Ethan Morris went 3/8 from the field for a team-best eight points. Keifer Adams led the team with five rebounds, and Jacoby Bangert added four assists.

> Scoring for FC: Morris 8, Q. Adams 5, K. Adams 5, Bangert 7, Brown 6, Heinzelman 2, Leyden 4.

> FC played at Nebraska City on Tuesday vs the Pioneers and again on Thursday against Lourdes Central. The first home contest of the new year will be Saturday, January 11, when FC hosts 4-2 Mead.

## Lady Tigers wrap up 2024 in Conestoga

The Lady Tiger wrestlers were back in action to close out 2024 when they competed in the Spotlight on Girls Wrestling Tournament at Conestoga on Monday, December 30. Paige Young was the top finisher of the day for FC, going 2-2 and placing fourth in the 120-pound division. After winning her first two matches by fall, Young was pinned at 1:21 in the semifinals. In the third-place match, Young fell to Scarlett Weitzel of Palmyra at 3:52, falling to 9-6 for the season.

Irish fall at Holiday Tourney

The Sacred Heart boys basketball team fell to 2-4 for the year after dropping both contests in the 2024 Sportsmen's Club Boys Holiday Tourney at Freeman High School in Adams. On Saturday, December 28, the Irish faced the 5-1 McCool Junction Mustangs. The Irish got out of the gate quickly, leading 16-6 after the first and 30-22 at intermission. The Mustangs continued to chip away, cutting the Irish advantage to 45-40 heading into the fourth. The Irish offense went cold down the stretch, getting outscored 5-15 in the final stanza to fall 50-55.

In the pivotal fourth period, SH went just 2/12 from the floor while McCool Junction hit 6/12 shots, including a pair of threes. SH went 19/48 from the field for the game, while the Mustangs hit 22/50 attempts.

Scoring for SH: Taft 20, Fletcher 9, Lemerond 13, Knobbe 8.

Scoring for Mustangs: Plock 1, Yates 6, McDonald 5, Carson McDonald 18, Gonnerman 2, Kouchinin23.

With the loss, Sacred Heart faced Syracuse in the thirdplace contest on Monday, December 30. The Irish hung with the Rockets early, trailing 10-16 after the first period and 24-36 at the break. The Rockets used an 8-18 third period to put the game on ice as they went on to defeat the Irish 42-67.

The Irish were outshot 31% to 56% on Monday. SH battled under the glass for 26 rebounds while giving up 28. Each team committed ten turnovers and had eight

Taft again led the Irish with 19 points, going 7/20 from the field, while adding five rebounds. Brenden Lemerond added 12 points and four assists, while Bo Fletcher had three points and four steals.

Scoring for SH: Taft 19, Fletcher 3, Lemerond 12, Baxter 2, Wilcox 2, Knobbe 4.

Scoring for Syracuse: Janssen 8, Lintz 7, Hestermann 6, Wemhoff 6, Gardner 7, Liesemeyer 17, Hobbs 2, Parde 8, Kelch 6.

It took a four-quarter effort, but Sacred Heart improved to 3-5 with a 58-56 win at BDS on Saturday afternoon. The first period ended where it began, with both teams tied. Sacred Heart got a little cushion in the second quarter, leading 24-21 at halftime. SH added to their advantage in the third, outscoring the Eagles 21-17 in the third to make it 45-38 with eight minutes to go. BDS closed the gap in the final period, but it wasn't quite enough as SH held on for the two-point win.

The Irish went 22/42 from the field while holding the Eagles to 22/55 shooting. BDS outrebounded Sacred Heart 25-20 and won the turnover battle 11 to 5.

Cole Taft continued to put points on the board, going 6/12 from deep for a team-best 24 points. Lemerond added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Irish and Cooper Knobbe went 5/7 from floor for 11 points.

Scoring for SH: Taft 24, Fletcher 7, Lemerond 12, Baxter 4, Knobbe 11.

The Irish played at 3-4 Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday, January 7 and will host the 3-4 Diller-Odell Griffins on Friday. SH will take on Mound City in the Steve Vertin Classic in St. Joseph on Saturday, January 11.

At 115, Jazzy Strecker went 2-3 and placed eighth. After going 2-2, Strecker lost a 6-0 decision in the seventh-place match to Samantha Rocha of Millard North. At 125, Kenley Alexander went 1-2 and scored three points. Gabi Young finished her day at 0-2 in the 145-pound division and at 155, Taytum Maddox went 1-2 and scored four points.

Falls City scored 32 points and placed 17th in the team standings. Millard West won the title with 190 points.

#### **B.O.P.W.**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF **PUBLIC WORKS** December 19, 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 19th day of December 2024 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl. Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Absent: None. 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson 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 meetng was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Johansen 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, vet 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 December 5. 2024, regular meeting are hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for December 19, 2024, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Claims for November 23, 2024, through December 6, 2024, are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for December 19. 2024, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None.

None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE

MEETING DATE FOR NEXT YEAR OF THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025 TO WEDNESDAY, **JUNE 18, 2025 DUE TO THE** JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF PAVE LLO SEAL COATING PROPOS-AL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,983.00

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Johansen to recommend to City Council to approve the proposal from Pave LLC as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl. Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "ABSENT" None. 'NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM WARTSILA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,061.00 FOR ONSITE TROUBLESHOOT-ING AND PROGRAMMING

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:26 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 Chairperson and Board on December 19, 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. City Clerk

Secretary Chairperson PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

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#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

You are hereby notified that the following property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder without warranty, by Eric H. Lindquist, Successor Trustee, on February 14, 2025 at on the first floor, lobby area of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, in the City of Falls City, NE 68355, at 10:00 AM for the purpose of foreclosing a Trust Deed executed by Branson W. Dougherty and Patricia R. Dougherty, husband and wife, as Trustors, in favor of West Gate Bank as Beneficiary, and West Gate Bank as Trustee. The Trust Deed was filed for record on July 27, 2017, as Instrument No. 2017 00965, in Book 271, at Page 33. The trust property affected is legally described as follows. Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Novak-Zusman Addition to the City of Falls City, Nebraska; AND: Beginning 360 feet North of the Northwest corner of Block 4 in Crook and Towle's Addition to the City of Falls City, Nebraska; thence North 50 feet; thence East 126.7 feet, more or less, to West line of a tract of land conveyed to May C. Butler and Asa E. Butler by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 115, Page 176, Deed of records of Richardson County, Nebraska; thence South 50 feet; thence West 126.7 feet, more or less, to place of beginning, being in the NW1/4 of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska. TAX # 740075128. Purportedly known as 2522 Schoenheit St, Falls City, NE 68355 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address). West Gate Bank is the current Beneficiary of the Trust Deed. Record owners of the property as of the recording of the Notice of Default is reported to be Branson W. Dougherty and Patricia R. Dougherty. The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, or the attorney for the Trustee, a \$5,000.00 deposit in the form of a bank or credit union cashier's check or a bank official check, payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. The successful bidder must tender the deposit at the sale and the balance of the purchase price by 12:00 noon the following business day. The balance must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. A bank or credit union cashier's check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is a cashier's check. A bank official check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is an official check. The requirement is waived when the Beneficiary is the highest bidder. Successor Trustee disclaims liability for any error in the street address shown herein. Successor Trustee may void sale due to any unknown facts at time of sale that would cause the cancellation of the sale. If sale is voided, Successor Trustee shall return funds to bidder. and the Successor Trustee and Beneficiary shall not be liable to bidder for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Beneficiary, Trustor, Successor Trustee, or the Successor Trustee's attorney. This is an attempt to foreclose a security instrument and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 19 day of December, 2024.

/s/ Eric H. Lindquist, Successor Trustee 10050 Regency Circle, Ste. 505, Omaha, NE 68114 Telephone: 801-355-2886 File No. NE21824

31-8-15-22-29

#### NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Keith Gerweck, Deceased. Estate No, PR24-4 Notice is hereby given that the

Personal Representative has filed a final account and report of her administration, a Formal Closing Petition for Complete Settlement, Determination of Personal Representative's fee and attorney's fee and expenses which has been set for hearing in the County Court of Richardson County, 1 700 Stone Street, Room #205, Falls City, Nebraska, on January 13, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

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

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#### NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON **COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

Estate of Gregory Wassmouth, Deceased Estate No. PR 24-32

Notice is given that on December 16, 2024, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, that Katrina Dettmann, 70974 632 Ave, Humboldt, NE, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 24, 2025 or be forever barred.

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

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE CDBG-HOUSING PROGRAM INCOME REUSE LOAN FINANCING IN FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the Falls City, City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant ing Revolving Loan Fund (CDBG RLF) under the approved Housing Reuse Plan for the City of Falls City, Nebraska. The City of Falls City, NE is amending its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program. The Housing RLF will be discontinued, ceasing any Housing Activities.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant - Housing Revolving Loan Fund (CDBG-RLF) funds. Documentation concerning the project proposal for consideration and recommendation from the Falls City CDBG Housing RLF Reuse Committee/Loan Review Committee will be available for review during regular working hours at the Falls City Clerk's office. Written and oral testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls Čity, Nebraska, 68355 and will also be accepted by mail if postmarked on or before Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations, including interpreter service, braille, large print or recorded materials, please contact: Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, (402) 245-2851, no later than 12:00 noon, on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that three business days' notice is received by the City of Falls City.

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#### **Public Meeting Notice Board of Education District #70**

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on January 13th, 2025 in the Music Room. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's

Scott Ogle Board President

#### VILLAGE OF RULO

Village of Rulo **Board Meeting Agenda** Notice of meeting provided to the public by 1PM on Monday, December 9, 2024 at Swingin' Doors, Wild Bill's

and the Rulo Library Wednesday December 11, 2024 at 6:00pm at Řulo Auditorium

Board Chairperson, Rebecca Simmonds, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Roll call - Present: Mike Keller, Todd Thompson, Rebecca Simmonds, Regina Barber, Board member elect-Kraig Coonce, and Clerk, Rachel Jean Open Meetings Act announce-

ment provided, posted and copy available upon request. Rebecca Simmonds and Kraig

Coonce took their Oath of Office to confirm their elected position as Board Members. Oaths certified by Clerk, Rachel Jean

Board reorganization completed as follows:

-A motion was made by Keller to appoint Simmonds as Board Chairperson. Motion seconded by Thompson. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Thompson, Barber – NAY: Coonce- ABSTAIN: Simmonds. Motion carried

-A motion was made by Barber to appoint Coonce as Vice Chairperson. Motion seconded by Thompson. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Thompson, Keller - ABSTAIN: Simmonds, Coonce. Motion carried. - These appointments confirm bank accounts to be updated to include Coonce as 3rd authorized signatory replacing Hannah Barber. Bank accounts to be updated, as necessary.

-A motion was made by Barber to reappoint Steve Johansen as Water Operator. Motion was seconded by Thompson. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Thompson, Coonce – NO: Keller - ABSTAIN: Simmonds. Motion carried.

-A motion was made by Coonce to reappoint Julie Vollmer as Street Superintendent. Motion seconded by Barber. Roll call - AYE: Coonce, Barber, Keller, Thompson, Simmonds. Motion carried.

-A motion was made by Barber to appoint Rachel Jean as Floodplain Administrator effective January 1st, 2025 for additional \$100/ month. Current administrator, Shannon Homeyer, to stay on as FEMA Admin without compensation to finish close-out reporting for FEMA funds received for the 2019 flood. Motion seconded by Thompson. Roll call AYE: Barber, Thompson, Coonce, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barber to approve the November regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Thompson. Roll call - AYE: Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds - ABSTAÎN: Coonce. Motion car-

A motion was made by Barber to approve "Resolution 122024-01 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent". Motion seconded by Coonce. Roll call -AYE: Barber, Coonce, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried. Flood Plain Report 2024 as submitted to NNRD by Shannon Homeyer was reviewed by the Board.

R. Jean reported that Fire Department grant from earlier in year was not approved for funding. Grant to be revised and resubmitted once next round opens.

A proposal was reviewed from buckIT, LLC to provide record backup services for village records. A motion was made by Coonce to accept the proposal. Motion seconded by Barber. Roll call – AYE: Coonce, Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

R. Jean reported that the galvanized lights that need replaced on the highway were contracted to Rulo when the highway was redone. OPPD has been contacted to update contracts and provide proposals for light repair. Details to be reported once available.

Board discussed Evening with Santa. Bags and decorations will be finished Friday, December 13 at 5:30 and report back Saturday at 4:30 for event.

Board reviewed and discussed quote from D&H for hauling rock at \$9/ton. Quote noted and filed for

consideration. Board member, Barber, exits

meeting at 6:52PM A motion was made by Simmonds to approve additional \$1200 in expenditures for library repairs. Total of \$3000 from Keno funds approved for floors and wall repairs. Motion seconded by Thompson. Roll call – AYE: Simmonds, Thompson, Coonce, Keller - AB-SENT: Barber. Motion carried.

Motion made by Keller to approve claims and payroll. Motion seconded by Thompson. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Thompson, Coonce, Simmonds – ABSENT: Barber. Motion

GENERAL - Hamilton Recycling \$50.00 (svcs), OPPD \$958.06 (svcs), Falls City Journal \$78.64 (publications), SNC \$51.07 (svcs), Îrue Value \$57.11 (supplies), F&M Bank \$15.00 (2025 safe deposit box rent), Home Lumber \$76.61 (supplies), Richardson County Clerk \$177.03 (svcs), Rachel Jean \$36.24 (reimb. supplies), buckIT, LLC \$100.00 (svcs), KC Strong Flooring \$1470.00 (supplies), payroll \$2873.36

ROADS – Falls City Auto Supply \$315.59 (supplies), Ğrandview Öil \$399.35 (fuel), Con Agg \$2366.07 rock), True Ag & Turf \$94.69

WATER - NE Dept of Revenue \$47.54 (sales tax), City of Falls City \$2819.33 (svcs), NE Public Health Env Lab \$22.00 (svcs), Steve Johansen \$105.75 (reimb. postage 2024), Municipal Supply Inc \$231.18 (supplies), payroll

Board reviewed water utility report. 6 accounts set to receive disconnect notice. Customers pending assistance to be reviewed in Janu-

ary meeting.
October Keno report and totals for 2023-2024 fiscal year reviewed.

Motion made by Keller to adjourn meeting at 7:24pm. Motion seconded by Coonce. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Coonce, Thompson, Simmonds – ABSENT: Barber. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled for January 14, 2025 @ 6:00PM.

#### COUNTY **Commissioners**

#### RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **DECEMBER 11, 2024** CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sick-el-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion

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

CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING

#### ZONING REGULATIONS

Commissioner Karas requested that a discussion be held regarding the implementation of zoning within Richardson County. Those present for this discussion were Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Assessor, Kim Riggs. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Karas to move on with the process to update the County's Comprehensive Plan and meet with the County Planning Commission to start the process to adopt and implement zoning regulations in Richardson County. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sick-el-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion

#### ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on the county roads and bridges this past week. He reported that equipment is being prepared for snow removal. The 1&6 Year Road plan is being developed and structures that are planned for being repaired and/ or replaced were reviewed.

Phil Bletscher was present for this meeting to express a few concerns with county roads. LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. Patrol vehicle maintenance and repairs that are being done were discussed. Research is also being done on providing generator service to the entire area of the Law Enforcement Center when electrical service is down. Currently only the jail and a portion of the dispatch area is being serviced.

The grant funds provided for through the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety "Drive Sober Get or Get Pulled Over" begins December 13, 2024, through January 1, 2025. Deputies will be working overtime during this period which will be funded by

The Sheriff will be meeting next week with the Village Board of Trustees of Stella and Dawson to review the possibility of the Sheriff's Department to provide a service on a flat rate per call to enforce certain ordinances.

#### 4 COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES PROGRAM

Linda Volker from Nemaha County presented the grant application for the Four County Juvenile Services Program. The Four County Community Plan needed to be redone this year which will remain in effect from 2025 through 2029. The Four County Collaborative Team meets every 6 weeks and the grant, and the plan will be considered for approval at next week's

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into 2 Memorandums of Understanding with Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha and Richardson Counties to approve that Nemaha County apply for County Juvenile Services Aid Program Funds (LB640) and that Nemaha County will be responsible in the distribution of grant funds, quarterly program reporting, and financial reporting and to implement the planned services throughout the four-county area per the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan developed by the Four-County Juvenile Justice Team plan. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28,

HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.

Mark Joy of Humboldt Shares, Inc. presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

**Cancel Check Resolution** Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-20 to cancel a check that was issued in error. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverza-gie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolu-ROLL CALL VOTE: tion Book 28, Page 19)

**Audit Engagement Letter** Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an agreement engagement letter with the Nebraska State Auditor to perform the fiscal year end audit for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverza-gie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 20)

Official County Newspaper Motion was made by Karas to designate the Falls City Journal as the official county newspaper for 2025. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

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

#### GENERAL FUND

Ankrom, Jami, reimb .......420.76 ...9000.00 At-Scene, serv ..... BuckIT, serv ......7345.46 Culligan, serv ..... .....93.60 Falls City Sanitation, serv .....40.00 Falls City Utility Dept.,

serv..... Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv ......1938.00 CR24-112 T. Alexander, CR24-98 T. Alexander, CR24-107 R. Merryman,

JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19 Farm & City Supply, supp ....36.98 Handley Law Office, serv .5329.50 CR24-72 D. Stone, CR24-111 A.

Gibson, CR24-87 A. Gibson, CR24-88 A. Gibson, CR 24-93 N. Meyer

Midwest Mobile Radio Service, ..30.00 serv ..... MIS. serv ..... NE State Auditor, serv ....15994.93 Quill, supp......334 Richardson County EMA Petty ....334.90 

Scholl Lawn & Landscape, 

Spartan Nash, supp......38.81 Washington County Sheriff, 

Payroll Expense ......122914.74

TOTAL GENERAL FUND......\$198,160.21 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND ABK Fire & Safety, serv .....477.00 Ace Irrigation, supp ......19622.40 Bruna Implement, supp ......479.90 Falls City Journal, adv .......73.21 Falls City Sanitation, serv .....20.00 Falls City Utility Dept.,

serv......330.38 Harmon's OK Tire, serv.....155.00 Martin Marietta Materials, NPPD, serv......31.58 Norris Quarries, rock ......4500.04 Operation & Expense Account,

PowerPlan, supp..........697.08 Salem, Village of, serv .......22.85 Verdon, Village of, serv.......33.52 Woods & Aitken, serv.......840.00 Payroll Expense ...........33909.20

TŐTAL RÔAD & BRIDGE FUND......\$69,853.20 INHERITANCE TAX FUND Motorola, pmt ......12340.70 TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX

FUND.....\$12,340.70

JAIL BOND REPAY FUND BOK Financial Corp., int..8638.75 TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAY ] FUND.... ....\$8.638.75

#### .....\$8,0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the Nebraska Association of County Officials Conference next week, the Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

#### COUNTY Commissioners

#### RICHARDSON COUNTY **BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS **DECEMBER 17, 2024** CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Roll call was answered by Sickel and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Sickel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the

open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from the December 11, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from December 4, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Quarterly Safety Committee meeting from December 11, 2024, as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

#### CORRESPONDENČE/ÕTHER **Monthly Operating Statement**

The monthly operating statement for November, 2024 was reviewed. Transfer of Funds A motion was made by Sickel to

adopt Resolution 2024-2025-21 to approve the transfer of funds from the ARPA Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$70,848.34 as per budget document FY24-25 which will assist in the expense of the Courthouse roof replacement project. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 20)

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

regular business hours.) GENERAL FUND

....46.94 Amazon, supp ..... AT&T, serv......1231.36 Centec Cast Metal Products, Clerk of District Court, fees 490.00 Consolidated Management Co., serv......10708.65 Culligan, serv ......80.00 DAS State Accounting, serv. F&M Bank, rent ..... Falls City Mercantile, supp.430.76 Falls City Sanitation, serv .....20.00 Farm & City Supply, supp ....20.97 MIPS, serv..... NE Health & Human Services, serv.....90.00 NE Law Enforcement Training

Sapp Bros., fuel......11216.84 FUND.....\$34,215... ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$34 215 39

Agco Finance, supp......261.34 Black Hills Energy, serv.....133.79 CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp ..... Cornhusker International, 

Martin Marietta Materials, rock ......11201.06 NE State Fire Marshal, fee .. 240.00 Operation & Expense Account, reimb ......41.97 Sapp Bros., fuel ......7615.45 Unifirst, serv......40.88 TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE

FUND.....\$21,646.77 ARPA FUNDS

Co Treasurer, transfer......70848.34 TOTAL ARPA FUNDS \$70,848.34 INHERITANCE TAX FUND Brite, supp ......18050.00 TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX

FUND......\$18,050.00 SHERIFF COMMISSARY **FUND** CPC, serv ..... .838.07

SNC, serv ......155.00 TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND ..\$993.07

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Due to the observance of Christmas on Wednesday, December 25, the Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

kept current at the County Clerk's

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will meet in regular session at 1:00pm on January 27, 2025 in person and via virtual ZOOM meeting per Executive Order 20-03 which issues a limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Board of Equalization. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd or log onto the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging website www.braaa.org. ZOOM meeting instructions will be provided upon request. The agenda may be modified to include items of an emergency nature only.

Tracie Fossler Administrative Assistant **ZNEZ** 

Notice is hereby given that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council will meet in regular planning session on January 28, 2025 in person at the Beatrice Senior Center, 101 N. 25th Street, Beatrice, NE at 11:30. Public input is requested from 11:30-11:45 for the FY2025 Agency Area Plan that is due May 1, 2024 to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services State Unit on Aging. All public input, comments, and suggestions will be received for 30 days after January 28, 2025 and be considered by the Administration of the Area Agency on Aging for future planning. A current Area Plan is available for public inspection at 103 Eastside Blvd. M-F, 8-4:30. An agenda is kept continuously current and is available to the public at Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging at 103 Eastside Blvd. or on our website www. braaa.org. Applicant's Authorized Representative: Carla Frase, Executive Director.

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#### County Commissioners

#### RICHARDSON COUNTY **BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS **DECEMBER 24, 2024** CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 24, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Sickel was absent. Chairman Caverzagie gave the Invocation and Commissioner Karas led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

The minutes of the December 17, 2024, will be considered at next

week's meeting.
A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda with the addition of the Resolution for a transfer of funds and to approve the remaining as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.** No report was given from the Road & Bridge Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Due to conflicts in scheduling, the executive session will be held at next week's meeting.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. It was reported that there were only 6 inmates being held in the jail. Research is still being done to find a more suitable plan to provide for the meals for the inmates after the current contract with Consolidated Correctional

Food Service ends on August 26,

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Agreement with Falls City for Joint Aerial Photo Project Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an addendum #3 to the original agreement with the City of Falls City for the Joint Aerial Photo Project (Pictometry) that was entered into on November 24, 2015.

carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page Transfer of Funds

Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL

CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sick-

el-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-22 to approve the transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 as per budget document FY24-25 which will. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 22) CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FÚND ..174.20 Ankrom, Jami, reimb .. Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb .... DAS State Accounting, serv..150.00

#### Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb ....316.24 First Concord, fees .... .232.00 Halbert, Dunn & Burns.

serv	2660.00
Hy-Vee, supp	92.19
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb	
MIPS, supp	60.40
NE Weed Control Assoc.,	
fee	150.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9000.00

Nestor & Mercure, serv9000.00
OPPD, serv33.08
Richardson County EMA Petty
Cash, reimb395.66
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/
retire/etc24921.11
Richardson, Kristy, reimb34.84
Riggs, Kim, reimb334.33
Skyline Construction

......103660.45 serv ... Payroll Expense ......118601.78 TÓTAL GÉNERAL

..\$261,006.31 **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND** 

Diversified Ding Testing,
serv100.00
Farm & City Supply, supp657.50
Hullman's, supp264.76
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers,

...69.58 supp Martin Marietta Materials, rock.... 20659.62 NPPD, serv... NMC, supp..... Norris Quarries, rock ......3466.84 Operation & Expense Account, reimb .. Rulo, Village of, serv ......25.00 Sapp Bros., fuel......5690.28

Wausau Equipment Company, Wolfe's Printing, supp......333.87 Payroll Expense ......33660.20 Payroll Expense ... TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE ...\$69.833.71

Unifirst, supp......

DRUG COURT FUND Hawkins, Seth, serv......1200.00

Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, .....1200.00 TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND.... ....\$2,400.00

ARPA FUND Drainage District #7, serv ... 97157.00 TOTAL ARPA FUND ..\$97,157.00 INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Brite, supp.... Co Treasurer, transfer....100000.00 Electronic Contracting Company, serv ......87985.96 TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX

...\$190,297.96 **ADJOURNMENT** 

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTÉ: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Sickel-absent. Motion carried. Due to the observance of New Year's Day on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, the Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

### DISTRICT #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, January 13, 2025 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School

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

1.0 Business Items:

- 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Approval of Absences 1.3 Verification of Advanced
- Publication 1.4 Recognition of Board Mem-
- bers 1.5 Seating and oath of office of
- newly elected board members 1.6 Reorganization of the Board of Education
- 1.7 Approval of Agenda 1.8 Approval of Previous Min-
- utes 1.9 Public Comment
- 1.10 Approval of Treasurer's Re-
- 1.11 Approval of Claims
- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
- 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: 2.2 Principal Reports:
- 2.3 Board President's Report:
- 2.4 Superintendent's Report: 2.4a Legislative & Organization
- Update 2.4b School Improvement & Strategic Plan
- 2.4c District Resources / Budget
- 2.4d Policy Governance 2.4e Superintendent Meetings
- 2.4f Board Member Meetings
- 2.4g Other 2.5 Board Committee Reports: 2.6 Board Member Reports:

100 COUNTY FUNDS 6000 STATE FUNDS

6100 SCHOOL FUNDS

7700 FIRE DISTRICTS

8600 CITIES/VILLAGES

GRAND TOTAL

9200 AG SOCIETY

7300 NNRD

## HELP WANTED

#### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT** Village Clerk/Treasurer

The Village of Brownville, Nebraska is accepting applications for Village Clerk/Treasurer. This part-time position is responsible for preparing and maintaining Village records; collection of village work hour timesheets; preparing all financial reports, meeting minutes for monthly Board Meetings; administration of village programs and grants; organization skills, computer skills and general bookkeeping is required

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen and have at least a High School or GED diploma. The ability to communicate with village officials, the general public and employees and business associates of the village is necessary.

Compensation: Salary will be based on qualifications. Hours are flexible and will be set at hir-

Applications should send a resume or work history to: Village of Brownville, PO Box 67, Brownville, Ne. 68321 or e-mail villageclerk@brownvillenebraska.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For questions contact Steve Woerth, (402)825-4925.

3.0 Old/New Action Items: 3.1 Master Teacher Contract 2025-2026

3.2 Other

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

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

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#### BOARD OF **EQUALIZATION**

#### RICHARDSON COUNTY **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DECEMBER 11, 2024** CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie; Assessor, Kim Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting

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

#### MOTOR VEHICLE TAX **EXEMPTION**

Motion was made by Karas to approve 4 tax list corrections (1467. 1468, 1469 and 1470) as presented by Assessor Riggs. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

#### MISCELLANEOUS

PREGNANT-Give life a chance. We care for you and your unborn child. Women's Care Center-Lincoln, 1-877-908-2341. 1st-eo-3rd-tf

## **SERVICES** WANTED

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#### **Request for Proposals CMAR** for Site **Development Project**

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska requests proposals for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services for a Site Development project to be located at 405 N. Court, Reserve, KS (to include site dirt work, street & parking lot paving, utilities: electric, natural gas, water & septic system; footings and pier columns to support the nine permanent modular structures that will be shipped to the site to become the 125' X 56' Courts/Criminal

Justice Center. Proposals shall be addressed "Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska -CMAR Services for Site Development project" and received by Executive Director, Admin Office, 305 North Main, Reserve, KS 66434, no later than 2 PM Thursday 2-20-2025. The proposals submitted will be given first review at the Tribal Council meeting of 2-25-2025. The Request for Proposal packet for CMAR services for this Site Development project is available at the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Admin Office, 305 North Main, Reserve, KS 66434. Or can be requested by calling (785) 742-7471 or by emailing kevin.burnison@sa-

## Wanted

candfoxks.com

AMERICAN WALNUT. Buying standing walnut timber, 25 or more. Call 816-232-6781 in St. Joseph for details.



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#### Richardson County Treasurer's Office Semi-Annual Treasurer's Statement 07-01-2024 Through 12-31-2024

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period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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For more information or applications, go to www.senca.org. You can also call or email Gin Christiansen, Weatherization Director at 402-862-2411 x110 or email at gchristiansen@senca.org.

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### **Falls City Public Schools**

is seeking a full-time Sixpence Home Visiting Specialist to begin immediately.

Qualifications for the position include a bachelor's degree or higher in one of the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Child Development, Human Services, Nursing, Social Work, Sociology, or Psychology.

To apply for this position, please visit our application website at: http://www.fctigers.org/vnews/display.v/ART/500b4ac222d16.

In addition to the application form, all candidates are asked to submit (a) letter of application (b) a resume, (c) unofficial/official copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts, (d) a copy of his/her certificate (if available), and (e) three letters of recommendation written within the past two years.

**Contact Information:** Mr. Tim Heckenlively, Falls CIty Public Schools, 1415 Morton Street, Falls City, Ne 68355 Phone: 402-245-2825 - Fax: 402-245-2022 http://www.fctigers.org

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Full Time Radiology Technologist: cross-trained in CT. The position is overnight, Monday- Thursday, working 10-hour shifts with a weekend call rotation every 3-4 weeks. Applicants must have ARRT, a Nebraska License, and be BLS Certified.

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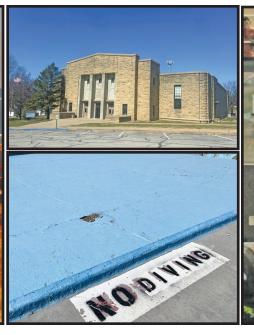
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## Falls City Journal News Makers of 2024

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comments and exhibited behavior unbecoming of a mayor. In a prior interview, Rathbone emphasized the importance of fair treatment and open communication, stating, "Just treat people fair... Just treat me fairly back."

Following Rathbone's resignation, Council President Rhonda Dettmer is set to succeed him as Mayor of Humboldt.

## Commissioners vote to terminate the interlocal agreement with the Beatrice to provide dispatch services

Falls City Journal • January 10, 2024

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners held its annual meeting on January 3, 2024, led by Chairman Caverzagie. The meeting featured Carla Zarybnicky from Southeast Communications Beatrice 911 and James Allman from the NE Public Service Commission, who discussed the return of dispatch services to the County or City of Falls City. Law restrictions prevent multiple public-safety answering points (PSAPs) in one county; thus, calls would need to be transferred. Almond noted that establishing a second PSAP would require a lengthy process involving public approval.

Sheriff Hardesty stated that if the board chose to move back to county dispatching, staffing and training could take up to two years. This timeline could be expedited with trained personnel already in place. Chief Baker emphasized that dispatching involves significant training and management of incidents beyond just answering phones. With over 8,300 calls, double dispatching would alleviate the workload.

County Attorney Scheitel and Commissioner Karas underscored the necessity of clarity in contract negotiations with Beatrice, advocating for a resolution that consolidates dispatch services and keeps funds within Richardson County. The board unanimously passed Resolution 2023-2024-25 to terminate the agreement with Beatrice for dispatch services, effective July 31, 2024.

## Council approves letter of intent for Civic and Community Center Financing Fund

Falls City Journal • January 10, 2024

The Falls City Council held its meeting on January 2, 2024, at City Hall, with City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum presiding. Councilperson Leyden was absent. The council discussed a Letter of Intent to apply for the 2024 Civic and Community Center Financing Fund, aiming to fund the Falls City Recreation and Wellness Center, which has an estimated cost of \$13,930,920. The grant sought could range from \$375,000 to \$562,000 and is only available to cities with a Creative District. The proposal includes refurbishing Prichard Auditorium to create workout areas, a modern kitchen, and improved restroom facilities, while Old City Hall could become an event venue. The project aims to enhance recreation and wellness, catering to all age groups and fostering community inclusivity. During discussions, Councilperson Fouraker raised concerns about funding sources beyond the grant and questioned the necessity of certain project elements. Nussbaum clarified that the financial estimates were conceptual, mentioning a square footage estimate of \$288 for Prichard and \$241 for the Old City Hall rehabilitation.

The Letter of Intent must be submitted by January 15. The council passed a motion to execute the letter unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

#### County rebuffs Falls City's combined 911 proposal

Falls City Journal • January 31, 2024

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners meeting on January 24, 2024, addressed several pressing issues. Chairman Caverzagie opened the session at 9:00 a.m. Hardesty reported problems with dispatch calls not being forwarded to the Southeast 911 Communications Center and discussed plans to resolve the issue with the Falls City Police Chief. The Board reviewed a draft interlocal agreement for dispatch services between the City of Falls City and the Richardson County Sheriff, effective August 1, 2024, which includes a one-time fee for two dispatchers and ongoing shared costs.

Rural Fire Department representatives highlighted dispatch inefficiencies and called for a more unified approach to handling emergencies. Concerns were raised about the response times during critical incidents, emphasizing the need for improved dispatch collaboration. It was noted that significant funding supports the existing dispatch system, yet efficiency remains a primary concern.

Commissioner Karas proposed maintaining dispatch at the Sheriff's Department to save costs and streamline operations. Ultimately, a motion was passed to retain dispatch operations at the Sheriff's Department, coupled with the procurement of necessary equipment. The motion carried, reflecting a commitment to improving emergency response while managing expenses effectively.

### "Go big or go home;" the Golden Swaggers at Jonesbrook go all-out to support Chiefs

Falls City Journal • February 21, 2024

Residents and staff at Jonesbrook Estates in Falls City have celebrated the Kansas City Chiefs' latest successes by organizing choreographed dance routines to "Chiefs Swag Surfin" and "Red Kingdom." Inspired by a similar effort from a nursing home in Sedalia, a friendly rivalry sparked the enthusiasm for a unique project. LPN Kristi Simon and her sister, Kelli Dean, Jonesbrook's Activity Director and a Raiders fan, wagered on the Chiefs' performance, leading Kelli to teach the residents a dance routine after losing the bet.

Despite initial skepticism from residents like Doris Weaver, Kelli secured 100 percent participation, and practices commenced a week prior to filming. With the room adorned in red and gold, the residents approached the dance with infectious energy. Kelli aimed to surpass the 37,000 likes achieved by the Missouri nursing home

The "Jonesbrook Golden Swaggers" hope to catch the attention of the Chiefs and gain recognition from players like Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce. The routine, beneficial for the residents' mobility and spirits, showcased their camaraderie

and dedication. The group unanimously agreed on their love for the team, while humorously avoiding discussions on Taylor Swift's connection to Travis Kelce. The performance can be viewed on social media, with hopes for future celebrations if the Chiefs win again.

## After investigation it's revealed that Humboldt city pool was technically not condemned by state

Falls City Journal • February 28, 2024

The Humboldt City Council convened on February 20, 2024, to discuss appointing an engineer for pool repair plans, with costs covered by the Community for the Pool Committee. Councilperson Oehm emphasized the committee's need for a qualified engineer to finalize the necessary repairs. There was some confusion about previous engineering evaluations, with Councilperson Lynch suggesting an engineer had already reviewed the pool, while Councilperson Wilhelm noted past involvement from multiple engineers and asserted that reports had not been shared.

Mayor Dettmer mentioned a visit from a State Electrical Engineer, but clarification was needed regarding pool status after conflicting reports about its condition. The Electrical Division's Craig Thelen stated the pool's wiring was substandard but did not formally condemn it. At a prior council meeting, then-Mayor Rathbone indicated that the state inspector had shut down the pool following an inspection.

Thelen confirmed that while significant electrical issues existed, rebuilding or repairing the pool was possible, provided improvements met safety standards. Councilperson Wilhelm reiterated that the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy had not closed the pool, and the next steps depend on the costs outlined in the engineer's report, which will help determine financial responsibilities moving forward. The council ultimately approved the committee's request to seek an engineer for the pool's repair plans.

## From the unreal to absurd, professional wrestling took over Prichard Auditorium

Falls City Journal • February 28, 2024

Approximately 900 fans packed Prichard Auditorium on Saturday night and were treated to a high-flying, action-packed evening. For the cost of a fast-food dinner, fans enjoyed nearly three and a half hours of professional wrestling at its very best. There was never a dull moment as the superstars from RUGGEDPro Wrestling risked life and limb to entertain fans from near and far. The evening began with a steel cage match, ended with a six-man ladder match, saw an athlete fly off the south balcony, watched a local tag-team duo fall, cheered on many Falls City residents who competed in the 20-man Rugged Rumble and saw former WWE and WCW superstar Chavo Guerrero Jr. win his match over the reigning champion by disqualification. Before exiting the squared circle, Guerrero addressed the crowd and thanked those in attendance for their

"Anytime somebody calls me and wants to bring me in for a show, you never know exactly what to expect," said Guerrero. "And look at this, look how awesome this crowd was; what an awesome promotion."

## Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over Mobilization

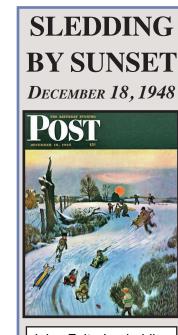
The Falls City Police Department participated in the Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over Mobilization from December 11, 2024, through January 1, 2025. During this time Falls City Police Officers conducted 76 traffic stops with 34 citations and 41 warnings being issued.

Beyond the ticket activity includes Falls City Officers answering 264 calls for service, including two accidents. Additionally, officers investigated 14 criminal mischief complaints, two assaults, 26 thefts, two curfew violations, two child abuse, one financial exploitation and several others. Arrests were made and

most of the investigations are completed and closed. Falls City Officers worked a total of 76 hours of overtime during the mobilization period. The cost of the overtime was funded through a grant provided by the Nebraska Department Of Transportation Highway Safety Office.

The Falls City Police Department encourages all drivers to drive safely, don't drink and drive and remember buckle up-every trip-everytime.





John Falter's sledding hill is an imaginary one he designed as a boy. long before he had any idea of becoming an artist. Where he grew up in Nebraska, the countryside was fairly flat. When Falter was the age of some of the boys in his picture, he used to imagine a hill like this one-steep enough, long enough (although you can't see that part) and with a sporting curve near the start of the runway. That, it seemed to him, would be the perfect hill, the very St. Andrews of sledding. He got around to painting the scene last fall while visiting Atchison, Kansas, when the temperature was ninety. The blue-andtan sled belongs to a boyhood friend--and the friend's son. Falter recalled it from his own childhood; it was still in good shape. johnphilipfaltermuseum.com

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