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Falls City Chamber Ribbon Cutting ceremony celebrates new Falls City Journal ownership by Brian and Nikki McKim: It was a memorable and joyous gathering on Wednesday, January 22, when over 50 community members, local leaders, and business representatives celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Falls City Journal. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and explored the space acquired by previous owner Richard Halbert in 2017. Chamber Director Amber Holle delivered a speech highlighting the importance of the Journal in fostering community connections and local engagement. The ceremonial ribbon, was cut by Alexander McKim. (Please turn to Page 2)

Council discusses UTV/golf cart usage at night

The City Council convened at City Hall on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, for its regularly scheduled meeting. Councilperson Leyden was absent.

City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum reported that the safety committee had met with KMU and held an all-employee training session. The committee consists of 12 employees and three management staff. A small group comprised of Nussbaum and Falls City Volunteer Fire Department members toured the fire facility at Pawnee City recently. Nussbaum stressed that they were in the beginning stages of finding a way to move the department out of the old city hall. The sewer force main project is out for bid, and the City has received a waiver for any of the match components.

"We met a few stipulations and I drafted some letters and were going to get that waived, so there will be zero out-of-pocket for that," stated Nussbaum.

The City has met with OPPD to discuss the energy partnership and the steps forward. A submittal has been sent to DED for the LB977 grant, which provides grants from the Site and Building Development Fund for expanding electrical system capacities and a transfer to the fund from the Cash and Reserve Fund. Senator Slama introduced the bill, which was approved by Governor Pete Ricketts.

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"Mooving" on down the road

The Dunn family got an assist from the Richardson County Sheriff's Department on a cold and snowy Saturday, January 11. With help from law enforcement and approximately ten neighbors, the Dunn family walked 240 head of cattle from the field of corn stalks where they had been grazing, back to the family farm five miles to the south. Andy Dunn said they lured the cattle down the road without issue, using a hay bale on the back of a tractor. At one point, the line of livestock stretched nearly a half mile down the county

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NEWS MAKERS OF 2024 Husker Legends descend on Falls City Golf Course

Falls City July 3, 2024

The Falls City Golf Course was buzzing with excitement during the 13th Annual Golf "Fore" Good Health fundraiser, featuring Husker celebrities and a meal catered by Country Cabin Food Truck. Former player Clester Johnson expressed gratitude to Coach William Reed and Linda Santo for their dedication to the event. Community Medical Center CEO Ryan Larsen reflected on Richardson County's health challenges and emphasized the fundraiser's impact on local health initiatives, despite ongoing struggles like smoking and obesity. He acknowledged the contributions of healthcare professionals and the importance of publicizing their efforts.

The event turned challenging due to storms that postponed the golf tournament, yet Husker Heisman Trophy winners Eric Crouch and Johnny Rodgers still made an appearance, marking a historic reunion of the winners. The event continued on Saturday, with 14 of the originally registered teams participating. Johnson humorously credited himself for influencing the event's continuation. Santo highlighted the significance of the event in fostering community well-being and championing healthcare. Coach Reed expressed his ongoing commitment to the community and potential plans to continue the fundraiser, emphasizing its role in inspiring volunteerism and supporting local health initiatives. The event has evolved from a simple idea into an elite community staple.

Coaching Legend Doug Goltz is enshrined in National Coaches Hall of Fame

Falls City July 10, 2024

On June 25, 2024, in Bismarck, North Dakota, Doug Goltz, the esteemed coach of Falls City Sacred Heart, was recognized for his impressive coaching career. After 38 years with the Irish basketball program (37 as the football head coach), he transformed the teams significantly since his arrival in 1986. Initially inheriting a struggling basketball team, he led them to a turnaround, achieving a remarkable 17-5 season and four state titles in subsequent years. His football squads recorded an astounding 77-game winning streak from 1989 to 1994, resulting in six consecutive state championships. Overall, Goltz's teams have earned 30 NSAA state titles, boasting an unbeaten 19-0 record in championship games across basketball and football.

Inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame, Goltz reflected on his extensive coaching tenure, having navigated numerous changes while maintaining a focus on excellence. He emphasized that motivation continues to drive him, highlighting a desire for postseason success. Grateful for the support from his family, colleagues, and the community, Goltz credited the success to hard work, parental support, and the commitment of his athletes. His legacy is one of perseverance and dedication, shaping generations of players at Sacred Heart.

Falls City athlete was a world record holder and two-time Olympic competitor

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By Brian & Nikki McKim

A heartfelt thank you to our family and community

We are filled with gratitude as we take a moment to reflect on the incredible support we received during the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for the *Journal*. The love and encouragement from our family, friends, and community made the day truly unforgettable, and we wanted to share our heartfelt thanks with all of you.

As we embarked on this journey, we always believed that it would take a village and it has and will continue to take a village and city. Seeing so many faces we love and admire gathered to celebrate with us reaffirmed the powerful connections we share. Your presence not only filled the room with joy but also inspired us to continue this journey with renewed passion.

We want to express special appreciation for putting this event together to Chamber Director Amber Holle. We wouldn't have had this event without her. To Keller Bakery for baking us some last minute sugar cookies and favorite Hershey kiss-peanut butter cookies, our family who left work in the middle of the day and came in early to set up and stayed late to clean up, tell stories and laugh. The local businesses, family and friends for the thoughtful gifts you brought, those who came before us and taught us all we know and Chelsie Alexander, Ron Dodds and always Richard Halbert.

Every friend who passed through the door on Wednesday who shared stories, laughter, and experiences helped to create a warm and inviting atmosphere. We felt your encouragement, and it genuinely fuels our determination to make this newspaper we love so much a success. As we step into this new chapter, we humbly ask for your continued support. Whether it's a visit to the office with an idea, spreading the word about us, getting a subscription or ad, every bit of your involvement will make a significant difference in helping our dream thrive.

Looking ahead, we are excited to bring forth new ideas and events tailored for our community. We want this business to be more than just a place to pass by along the courthouse square; we envision it as a gathering space where we can connect, share, and grow together.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your belief in us inspires us every day, and we are eager to create something truly special that reflects our vibrant community. With your support, we know we can achieve great things together.

Nikki, Brian and Alexander McKim

All things Nebraska Republicans flex muscles, give GOP majority to nearly all legislative com-

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner
George Norris must be rolling over in his grave.

Norris, the father of the one-house Nebraska Unicameral Legislature and one of the greatest U.S. senators in history, sought a political body that would not be dominated by political parties.

So state senators in Norris' Unicameral are elected on a non-partisan ballot, leaders of legislative committees are chosen by secret ballot and there's no closed-door, final crafting of legislation in conference committees. The idea is that legislators can make decisions based on what's best for their constituents, and not what's dictated by party leaders.

But that isn't how it went down recently in the Legislature.

During caucuses of senators that are held after each election year, legislative committees were reorganized so that every committee, save one less-important panel, contained a majority of Republicans.

That greases the skids for all kinds of GOP priorities to be advanced from committees to debate by the full Legislature. Now, bills that deal with things like tax policy, water issues and rules of the road will have an easier path to passage in a 49-seat Unicameral where Republicans hold a filibuster-proof, 33 seats — if they all vote in lockstep.

If you believe that the Republican Party has all the answers, this is probably something you're cheering. But if you think the best solutions come from vigorous debate and consideration of several viewpoints, well, this isn't so good.

One issue that's likely to benefit from this "might makes right" power play is ditching the state's unique way of distributing its electoral votes for president.

Since the 1990s, Nebraska has given two of its electoral votes to the overall election winner, but doles out its other three votes based on who wins in each of the state's three congressional districts — sort of a popular vote light.

The current system recognizes that Nebraskans in different parts of the state have different political views, and allows their electoral vote to reflect that. Imagine that — your vote counts.

Only three times since the state's "district system" of distributing electoral votes took effect has Omaha's 2nd Congressional District voted differently than the rest of the state. The district got the name "blue dot" because it voted Democrat blue in those instances while the rest of our state voted Republican red.

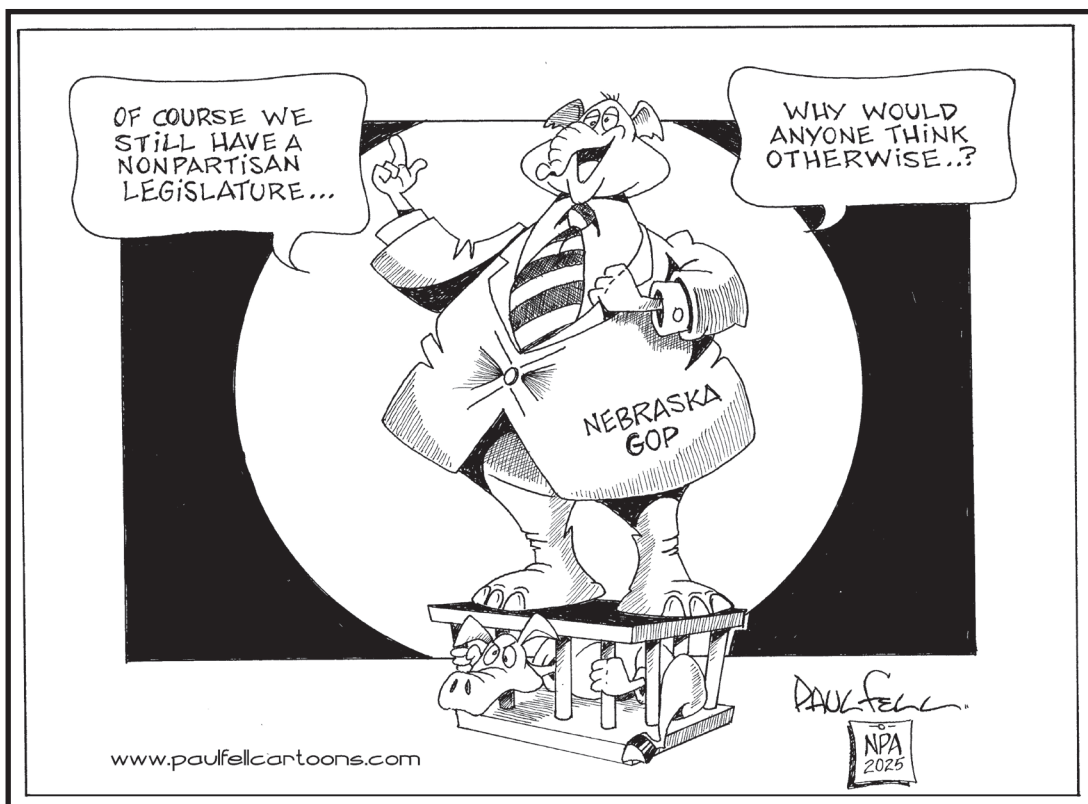
But everyone from Gov. Pilleto to President Trump have been complaining about the blue dot. However, in recent years, efforts to erase the dot and go back to a winner-take-all electoral system (all five of the state's votes would go to the winner overall in the state) were blocked because the committee that dealt with that issue was evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats.

So the winner-take-all bill didn't have the votes to advance for debate and instead languished in the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Republicans further greased the skids this year by removing two veteran senators from the committee who are Democrats, Danielle Conrad and Jane Raybould, and replaced them with two, just-elected lawmakers — newbies who might not be as persuasive or knowledgeable as seasoned lawmakers.

To be sure, the nonpartisan nature of the Legislature has eroded in recent years.

While the political party affiliation of candidates for the Legislature is not listed on the ballot, pretty much everyone recognizes who is a Republican or Democrat. And the parties play a big role in electing their candidates. More votes in



the Unicameral that in the past break along party lines.

Politically, Nebraska is a reliably Republican state overall, except in the Omaha area, where voter registration is pretty evenly divided between Rs and Ds.

In the blue dot, presidential campaigns pay attention to the Omaha area, sending candidates, holding rallies and buying ads, because the vote could go either way. Voters there get to hear directly from the campaigns; voters elsewhere in the state get nada, because it's been a sure bet that they'll vote Republican.

While it's not a sure thing that the Legislature ditches the blue dot, the recent power play makes it more likely.

I'm pretty sure that folks in the Omaha area like the way it is, and the special attention the 2nd District gets.

The question now is whether Republican state senators — especially those in the Omaha area — will vote to reflect their constituents' wishes, or vote based on what their political party desires?

Wonder what would George Norris do?

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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- "_____ the fields we go"
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- Within shortest distance
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- Beer faucet
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- Self-satisfied
- *2025 Grammy nominated former band, with The
- Twist and distort
- Bank's provision
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- Elvers
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- Like some wines
- _____ it or lose it
- Formerly, formerly

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- Tear down
- Enclose in a cyst
- Orthodontic appliance
- Motion Picture Association of America, e.g.
- Certain tray content
- *Former multiple time Grammy host Andy _____
- Related to ear
- RPMs
- Before, in verse
- Predatory fish
- Gin's partner
- Giraffe's striped-leg cousin
- *1995 "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You" winner _____ Morrison
- Scout's mission
- What phoenix did
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- *Nominated artist Post Malone's actual last name
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- *Taylor Swift's "The _____ Poets Department"
- Nautical "Stop!"
- Nile viper
- *Grammy winners Frank and Billy
- Top scout
- Make a connection
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- Chieftain in Arabia
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- General Services Administration
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- *Kendrick Lamar's "_____ Like Us"

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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim
75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, January 29, 1950 to February 4, 1950

The Salem Bobcats whipped Bratton Union 76 to 48 in Little Ten basketball action. Jerry Martin of Salem scored 33 points to lead the Bobcats.

A three-act comedy-mystery play, "Little Sherlock," was given at the Catalpa Grove School District 73 and at the Five Point School, according to director Mrs. James E. Thompson. Those appearing in the cast were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stumbo, Jr., Evelyn Gruber, Albert Gruber, Jr., Virgil Weber, Rose Marie Weber, James Thompson and Eugene Shaw.

Stephen W. Cunningham, 75, Rulo and a prominent landowner in Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas passed away in a St. Joseph hospital after several months of illness.

Lyle Marburger of Humboldt High School was declared the winner of a county-wide essay contest to promote interest in grass. Twenty-one essays on grass and its value in the agricultural program were submitted by students.

Shirley Rexroth of Humboldt and Ed O'Grady of Falls City were named the county 4-H public speaking champions.

Ed Morehead placed second among Nebraska's high average trapshooters for 1949, according to a release by Jimmy Robinson, trapshooting and skeet editor for the Sports Afield magazine.

A twin-bill benefit basketball contest was held at Verdon and netted \$47 for the Richardson County polio fund. The Verdon town team defeated Bratton Union 43-22 and Humboldt 47-18. Ed Heineman and Keith Cook refereed the contests.

Atomic experts predicted that the country would produce and test the first hydrogen bomb within the year.

Cub Scout Pack 391 met at the Christian Church with Cubmaster Eldon Fryer running the meeting. Wolf badges were presented to Billy Von Seggern, Billy Marx, and Richard Carlson.

The grade school operetta, "The Cobbler of Fairland," was presented at the Shubert High School auditorium. Mrs. Harold Ahern, music supervisor, assisted teachers Mrs. Raymond Gerlt, Miss Genevieve Berg and Mrs. Ed Kuker.

Two more Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company's telephone exchanges were switched to the dial, also called automatic telephones. Specialists were hooking up the new phones at Stella and Shubert, according to E.H. Towle, manager of the Southeast Nebraska System.

The Tiger freshman basketball team defeated Tecumseh 20-13. Doug (Hoot) Gibson led the locals with nine points.

John Falter's painting of Congress in joint session, which appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post, was given to President Truman by the artist himself. The President told Falter it was the most amazing painting he had ever seen.

John Hanika and Cecil Bindrum, Falls City's Golden Glove scrappers, both lost by decisions in the championship bouts in the Golden Glove tourney at the St. Joseph City Auditorium.

50 Years Ago, January 29, 1975 to February 4, 1975

Approximately 500 people attended the North School carnival held in the school's multi-purpose room. The carnival was not an effort to make money, according to principal Kirby Eltiste, but strictly a PTA function for the students.

Eight Husker football players were chosen on the first day of the NFL draft. Linebacker Tom Rudd was the first and only Big Eight player drafted in the first round.

Loren Wissmann, Jennifer Giles, Don Sheets, Tom Miller, Tom Weinert, Doug Kirken-dall, Jim Fisher and Patty Zinn were chosen to sing in the 64-voice choir at the Nebraska Wesleyan University Plainsman Honor's festival.

The Humboldt State Bank and Trust Company celebrated its 60th anniversary. The bank was organized in 1915 by Otto Kotouc, Sr., C.M. Linn, Glenn Jenkins and others.

Lou Prokop, 26, of DeWitt, succeeded Gene Hulbert as the Cornhusker Council Boy Scout reservation manager.

Richard Stanley of Stella was elected chairman of the Richardson County 4-H council at the re-organization meeting. Mrs. David Sickel was elected vice-chairman, and Mrs. Larry Weaver, Jr., was voted secretary.

The Centers for Disease Control announced that 759 people had succumbed to the flu the previous week.

President Ford announced a \$349 billion budget for the fiscal year 1976, saying it would require a whopping \$52 billion deficit.

The Tigers got past Tecumseh 72-54 in action on the hardwood. All five Tiger starters scored in double figures, with Alan Koenig leading the way with 14 points. Don Sailors added 12, while Skip Lewis and Gary Kratz had 11 apiece.

Specials at the Vets Club included boiled shrimp for \$2.70 and breaded shrimp for \$2.00. Drink specials on Wednesdays included bourbon or beer for 40 cents.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile had an incredibly successful day at its stop at Prichard Auditorium. The one-day effort registered 138 donors, 17 pints above the quota.

Two hundred and ninety-nine boys and girls competed in the Hoop Shoot. There were 194 boys and 105 girls in action. Jim Daniels, Bill Miller and Robbie Shields won for the boys and Pam West, Kelli Boatman and Barb Morris were winners for the girls.

Kathy Schawang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schawang, was named Sacred Heart High School's "1975 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow."

25 Years Ago, January 29, 2000 to February 4, 2000

The Jaycees held their annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet at Country Catering. Dr. Duane Stehlik won Boss of the Year; Carolyn Kirkendall was the Outstanding Educator; Kenny Simpson was awarded the Robert J. Chab Human Service Award; Don Baldwin was the Outstanding Community Leader winner; Glenn Godemann was the Good Neighbor Award recipient, and Joyce Huppert won the Distinguished Service Award.

Five sophomores were honored by being named to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar. Those included Tala Burnison, Heath Christiansen, Shelly Fisher, Joanna Hays and Brooke Stitzer.

Matthew Francis Palmer, son of Darwin and Deb Palmer, was named to the College of Letters and Science Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dusty Olberding surpassed Jeremy Vice to become Falls City's all-time winningest wrestler. By winning the Raymond Central Invite, Olberding moved to 111-30 all-time.

Julie Froeschl captured the highest score in Nebraska as posted by the Nebraska Athletic Testing Program. Her score of 968 edged Alice Bartek of Wahoo Neumann by 38 points.

Dan Simon scored 21 points as the Irish improved to 15-3 with a 55-45 win over South-east.

Jennifer Duerfeldt Uher was named the Coordinator at Peru State College's new Falls City Learning Center.

Jim Sefried and Ken Kuncie enjoyed a laugh at the first annual Richardson County/Falls City Groundhog Day event on the courthouse square. Based on the shenanigans at the event, the area was in for another six weeks of winter.

John D. Koso was named the worshipful master for the 2000 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Year. John's uncle Darrel was installed as junior warden, and Darell's son, Mic D., served as senior warden.

A Falls City High School team competed in the sixth annual Regional Science Bowl in Lincoln. The team consisted of Chrystyna Stevens, Kristen Marteny, Danille Portrey, Emily Jordening and Sarah Weinert.

Southeast Consolidated School received a grant for \$99,991 to purchase 14 new Macintosh G3 computers, 14 new microscopes, an Epson projection system and two digital cameras.

Council discusses UTV/golf cart usage at night

(Continued from Page 1)

Chief Baker addressed recent incidents involving individuals approaching banks in the area and carrying out First Amendment audits. These individuals film interactions with public officials and employees in public arenas to test their First Amendment rights.

Chief Baker reported to the Council that he had already set dates with two banks to brief their personnel on how to handle such situations if and when they arise.

"So, if it happens in the future, they (banks) are prepared for what our reactions will be to it and what they should be doing," said Baker.

Baker assured the Council that the Police Department had multiple contacts with the individual and was watching from a distance.

"I just think that going in and speaking with the banks and letting them know what to expect and this is how we should be reacting would probably be beneficial so that there is no confusion in the future," said Baker.

The FCPD also submitted its end-of-the-year report for 2024. The department fielded 5,255 calls for service, made 1,146 arrests, issued 564 warnings, and received 1,457 911 calls. The PD issued 601 traffic citations, wrote 104 parking tickets and made 36 felony arrests and 366 misdemeanor arrests.

A public hearing was held to discontinue the Community Redevelopment Block Grant Housing Revolving Loan Fund. No input from the public was received. A resolution was then

passed to discontinue the CDBG Housing Revolving Loan Fund.

A discussion and action was held for seasonal employee job descriptions and pay scales for Prichard Auditorium and the Aquatic Center for 2025 and 2026. Briar Burr, Falls City Parks and Recreation Director, advised the Board that the Parks and Rec Department didn't currently have a structured pay scale with built-in steps similar to what you might see with the full-time staff.

"The proposed seasonal employee pay scale would basically provide a form of consistency when it comes to defining wages," said Burr.

The measure passed 7-0.

The Council also passed a resolution authorizing the execution of the loan agreement, promissory note and deed of trust for the property at 1522 Stone Street; 1608 Stone Street; 1715 Stone Street; 1817 Harlan Street and 1819/1821 Stone Street from the City's CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant No. 23DTR006.

The CDBG Grants cover 75 percent of the cost, and the property owner pays the entire cost upfront. Once the work is completed, the property owner can submit a claim for reimbursement.

The Board approved Kristen Poppe's appointment to the Housing Board's economic development seat for a term ending on December 31, 2026.

The final item of the night was a discussion of allowing street-legal UTVs and golf carts to operate on city streets

from dusk to dawn. Councilperson Fouraker brought the agenda item in front of the Council for discussion. Fouraker stated that he had been approached multiple times by the public about allowing the use of UTVs and golf carts, if equipped with headlights, brake lights and turn signals, to be permitted after dusk. After a discussion, the Council approved Nussbaum to proceed with looking into the matter.

Currently, UTVs and golf carts cannot be driven on the highways; the driver must be 18 years old and have an operator's permit.

With nothing further on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The office of FC Journal on flex schedule

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

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

You can always reach all of us by email day or night, seven days a week for advertising, questions or information. You may also use our drop box inside the door to leave payments or information. Please see page two for Brian and Nikki's email addresses.

We appreciate your understanding at this time.

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3. Send or bring in the form below along with a photo of the baby (A digital (computer) file is preferred) to The Babies of 2024 C/O Chelsie Alexander, 1709 Stone St., Falls City, NE 68355 or email them to chelsie@fcjournal.net
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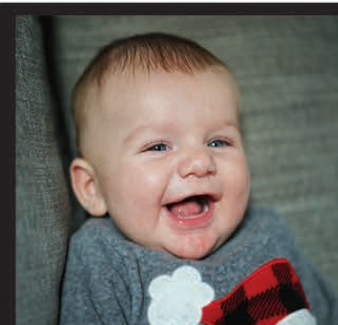
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-Weight-
-Parents-
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-Grandparents-

1x3.5 - \$45

Information only includes parents names & residence, and living grandparents names.



-Child's Name-
-Date of Birth-
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-Grandparents-
-Great-Grandparents-

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Brock Caudle, fourth from the left.

Caudle and team punch ticket to nationals

Brock Caudle, a Falls City High School junior, and his volleyball team, High Flyers 18 Red, recently competed in the USA Volleyball Mountain Classic Qualifier. The team, competing at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver on December 13-15, went 4-3, placing fifth out of 27 teams and earning a spot at Nationals on July 3-6, 2025, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The High Flyers defeated PSA Power 29-27 and 25-18 on Friday, December 13. High Flyers defeated Elevation 18 RGO

25-16 and 26-24 in their next match. In their final contest of the day, High Flyers fell to Juggernaut 18N1 20-25 and 22-25.

On Saturday, High Flyers beat Ohana 18-2 in two sets, 25-23 and 25-23. The next match went three sets, with High Flyers defeating Colorado Elite, 25-20, 20-25 and 15-13. In the final game on Saturday, High Flyers fell to PARDOX, 9-25 and 21-25.

On Sunday, High Flyers fell to Team Colorado 18 Silver 28-26, 18-25 and 10-15.



Delainey Kaster President of the Staff Advisory Committee, Anne Zirfas and Chris Young Administrator Falls City Care Center.

Anne Zirfas Falls City Care Center 2024 Star of the Year Award Recipient

After many years without a 'Star of the Year' Recognition Program here at Falls City Care Center, our Staff Advisory Committee, led by President Delainey Kaster, has reintroduced the program to recognize staff who perform their work well outside of the basic expectations for the position.

Although it would be ideal for us to recognize each employee for effort in providing quality and sincere care with a Star of the Year award, the Staff Advisory Committee has reviewed nominations and found the employee with the most nominations.

The 2024 Star of the Year Award recipient has been nominated for the following reasons:

She goes above and beyond in helping everyone. She treats residents as if she were taking care of family, providing dignity and respect. You can count on [this employee] whenever you need help.

She is a very hard worker, reliable, knows what needs to be done and does it. [This employee] is kind to residents and

family, keeps co-workers updated, and picks up extra shifts when needed.

[This employee] exemplifies everything listed in the Star of the Year criteria: integrity, communication, cooperation, respect, honesty, quality of care. She goes above and beyond for residents and co-workers.

[Her] heart is pure, and she is an invaluable as part of the team. Her work ethic and dedication are something to be noticed.

Sweetest gem to residents, they love [her] so much. We feel so blessed to have [this employee] taking care of residents.

[This employee] is very personable and friendly. She takes good care of residents.

[She] works SO hard and is very good with residents. She is always willing to help out no matter who asks and never stops moving.

It is our pleasure to announce Anne Zirfas as the 2024 Star of the Year Award Recipient. Please help us in congratulating her.

Washburn's Fall 2024 President's List Honorees

Washburn University is pleased to announce its President's List honorees for the fall 2024 semester. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours

of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Gavan Bergman, Kristi Edelman, Annie Edelman, Kari Edelman, Jacob Grimm, Joshua Grimm

and Alaina Strahm all of Sabetha were named to the Fall President's List.

Founded in 1865, Washburn University is a public institution with more than 6,000 students involved in more than 200 academic programs. Washburn's programs lead to certification, associate, bachelor, master's degree or doctor of nursing practice and juris doctor degrees.

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ACCIDENTS

On November 29, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Quenton Adams proceeded northbound past a yield sign into the intersection of 19th and McLean Street. Alijah Hernandez while traveling westbound collided with the passenger side door area of the Adams vehicle causing both vehicles to travel northwest until the Adams vehicle came to rest in the grass and half-way over the curb on the northwest corner of the intersection. The Adams vehicle was driven from the scene. The Hernandez vehicle was towed from the roadway due to no proof of insurance. Both vehicles were in drivable condition. An estimated \$2,000 in damage was done to the Adams vehicle; an estimated \$4,000 to the Hernandez vehicle.

On December 19, 2024 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, at approximately 6:15 p.m. Brad Oliver of Falls City was traveling north on Chase Street when it was struck by Hallie Jones of Falls City. Jones was eastbound on 17th Street. There were no injuries sustained by either driver. The approximated damage to the Oliver vehicle was \$5,000; the damage to the Jones vehicle was \$1,200. No citations were issued.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

ALL SUSPECT'S ARE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY.

January 6, 2025

Max Shafer IV, 36, of Shubert, NE. Was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Weapon by A Felon, Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Felony and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

January 7, 2025

Aaron Gibson, 50, of Falls City, NE. Was arrested on a Richardson County Court Commitment X2.

Jeremy Carson, 38, of Sabetha, KS. Was arrested on a Richardson County Warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

January 8, 2025

Ty Larson, 27, of Falls City, NE. Was arrested on a Richardson County Warrant for Failure to Pay Fines and Costs.

January 10, 2025

Donald Kafer, 41, of Falls City, NE. Was arrested on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

January 13, 2025

Kevin Dexter, 58, of Nortonville, KS. Was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Non-Resident Driving Under Suspension, No Proof of Insurance, Operate a Vehicle with No Proof of Ownership, Fictitious Plates, Acts Declared Unlawful-License/Driving, Improper/Defective Vehicle Lighting, No Brake Light/Turn Signals, No Operators License, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Taylor Rogers, 30, of Tarkio, MO. Was arrested on a Richardson County Court Commitment.

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

January 13 through January 14 calls: one check welfare, one 911 hang up/misdial, eight burn permits, one ambulance/EMS, one accident, one animal call, one parking complaint, two 911 calls, one citation for invalid registration, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

January 14 through January 15 calls: three ambulance/EMS, two HHS intake/referral, two burn permits, one referred to another agency, one miscellaneous, two information only, one motorist assist, four 911 call, one warning for unlawful display of plates/renewal tab.

January 15 through January 16 calls: two miscellaneous, one information only, five burn permits, one check welfare, one HHS intake/referral, two ambulance/EMS, one accident, one referred to another agency, one parking complaint, seven 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

January 16 through January 17 calls: seven burn permits, two ambulance/EMS, one parking complaint, one miscellaneous, one accident, one HHS intake/referral, one nuisance, one information only, one warning for invalid registration, one citation for speeding.

January 17 through January 18 calls: five ambulance/EMS, three miscellaneous, one referred to another agency, one fire call (Dawson Fire) four burn permits, one motorist assist, two information only, one animal call, one 911 hang up/misdial, one warrant arrest, one HHS intake/referral, five 911 calls, two citations for fugitive from justice.

Dr. Clyde and Betty Barrett scholarship endowed

The Dr. Clyde and Betty Barrett Scholarship has been established in memory and honor of the Peru State College graduates and long-time employees of the institution.

Recently, Betty endowed the scholarship in memory of her late husband which will be for a full-time student who is either a pre-med or music major.

Dr. Barrett was born and raised in the area and graduated from Hamburg, Iowa. After high school, he attended business college in Omaha and worked as an accountant for Fairmont Foods in Omaha.

He helped his father establish Plainview Oil and Gas in Hamburg. After marrying Betty, they began selling fireworks in 1952 and continued to do this for 56 years in several locations. During this time, Clyde was an Army draftee during the Korean War where he served as a company clerk in the Fifth Army, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., for two years.

He graduated from Peru State in 1956 and then taught high school English and Literature in Dawson, Neb., Pueblo, Colo., and Mitchell, Neb. After completing his master's degree, he continued his teaching career at Pittsburg, Kan., Warrensburg, Mo., and ultimately at Peru State College.

He completed his Ed.D. at the University of Arkansas in 1969. Clyde later served as Dean and Vice President of Academics at Peru State for 29 years. Barrett also served as a commissioner with the North Central Association and initiated Alpha Chi at the college.

Dr. Barrett passed away in 2021 at the age of 91.

Betty arrived in Peru by train in April of 1952 to take the entrance exams to enter the twelve program, also called the "twelve-hour wonders." She taught country school for a year and then later at Fort Leonard Wood.

The couple returned to Peru in 1954 to finish their degrees. Betty completed hers in the summer of 1957 and was fortunate to have received the Nebraska State Teachers College Scholarship. While at Peru State, she was a member of Sigma Tau Delta and the Home Ec Club.

While Clyde taught in Pueblo, Betty served as a substitute teacher. They later returned to Peru in 1965 where Betty substituted in the campus school and at the College. She also taught in the continuing education department.

Betty also helped to host many dinners and events in the President's House and their home while Clyde worked at the College. Betty was the first woman to serve on the City Council. They enjoyed traveling to numerous countries over the years.

The Barretts have two children – Dr. Roland Barrett '77 of Norman, Okla., and LaRhea Nichols of League City, Texas. They had been married for almost 68 years at the time of Clyde's passing.

FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



Sacred Heart releases second quarter and first semester honor roll

Falls City Sacred Heart has announced the second quarter Green and White honor roll. Below are the students who have earned a spot on the list.

Second Quarter

Green (94-100 percent) Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Chase Dishong, Halleigh Fritz, Raelynn Gruber, Peyton Hoffman, Kinlee Jackson, Kendall Johansen, Aven Kearney, Aliza Keller, Rhett Kimmi, Addy Kopf, Kaylie Lewis, Treyden Marx, Wyatt Nussbaum, JT Stice and Nataley Witt.

Eighth Grade: Carlee Bailey, Rachel Bauman, Ava Bletscher, Josie Bletscher, Lena Delaney, Brooklyn Fletcher, Jenna Geisendorf, Payten Georges, Noah Howard, Brynlie Jones, Kinley Lechtenberg, Bailey Lemerond, Aiden Scheitel, Kemper Sipple, Macy Taft, CeeJay Tisdell, Andrea Vollmer, Elin Vonderschmidt, Stella Waller, Kamrie Wilson, Cash Witt and Treydon Witt.

Ninth Grade: Ryann Westengaard.

Tenth Grade: Hayden Clow, Emersyn Courtney, Renee Drummond, Willa Fritz, Hallie Jones, Isabelle Nussbaum, Alise Reschke nad Charlie Rottinghaus.

Eleventh Grade: Eli Geisendorf, Mason Goltz, Parker Hoffman, Avery Santo, Kyler Sipple, Cole Taft and Daycee Witt.

Twelfth Grade: Thomas Aitken, Evan Bailey, Adisen Fischer, Kyle Frederick, Patrick Froeschl, Rob Froeschl, Destry Groth, Clayton Keithley, Addison Keller, Jentry Lechtenberg, Ethan Neddenriep, Connor Nelson, Jocelyn Olberding, Annika Reschke, Henry Rottinghaus, Cole Schawang, Conner Tubbs and Tate Wilcox.

Second Quarter

White (91-93%) Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Michael Coetzee and Bernice Karire.

Eighth Grade: Reid Kirkendall.

Ninth Grade: Milayna Crofford.

Tenth Grade: Kayden Groth, Emily Tubbs, Ellery Vonderschmidt and Allarie Wilson.

Eleventh Grade: Elijah Canonico, Cooper Knobbe and Alex Madsen.

Twelfth Grade: Gavin Clow, Caden Handley, Quincy Koelliker and Sadie Tisdell.

First Semester Honor Roll Green (94-100 percent)

Seventh grade: Chase Dishong, Halleigh Fritz, Raelynn Gruber, Peyton Hoffman, Kinlee Jackson, Kendall Johansen, Aven Kearney, Aliza Keller, Addy Kopf, Kaylie Lewis, Treyden Marx, Wyatt Nussbaum, JT Stice and Nataley Witt.

Eighth Grade: Carlee Bailey, Rachel Bauman, Ava Bletscher, Josie Bletscher, Lena Delaney, Jenna Geisendorf, Payten Georges, Noah Howard, Brynlie Jones, Kinley Lechtenberg, Bailey Lemerond, Aiden Scheitel, Kemper Sipple, Macy Taft, CeeJay Tisdell, Andrea Vollmer, Elin Vonderschmidt, Stella Waller, Kamrie Wilson,

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First Semester

White (91-93%) Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Bernice Karire and Rhett Kimmi.

Eighth Grade: Brooklyn Fletcher.

Tenth Grade: Allarie Wilson and Ellery Vonderschmidt.

Eleventh Grade: Elijah Canonico and Alex Madsen.

Twelfth Grade: Rob Froeschl, Quincy Koelliker and Sadie Tisdell.

BUILDING PERMITS

Scot and Amanda Hartman, 2303 Stone St., Bathroom Remodel; \$14,500.00.

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Pat Rieschick, 1910 Hiland Ave., Install Generator; \$12,000.00



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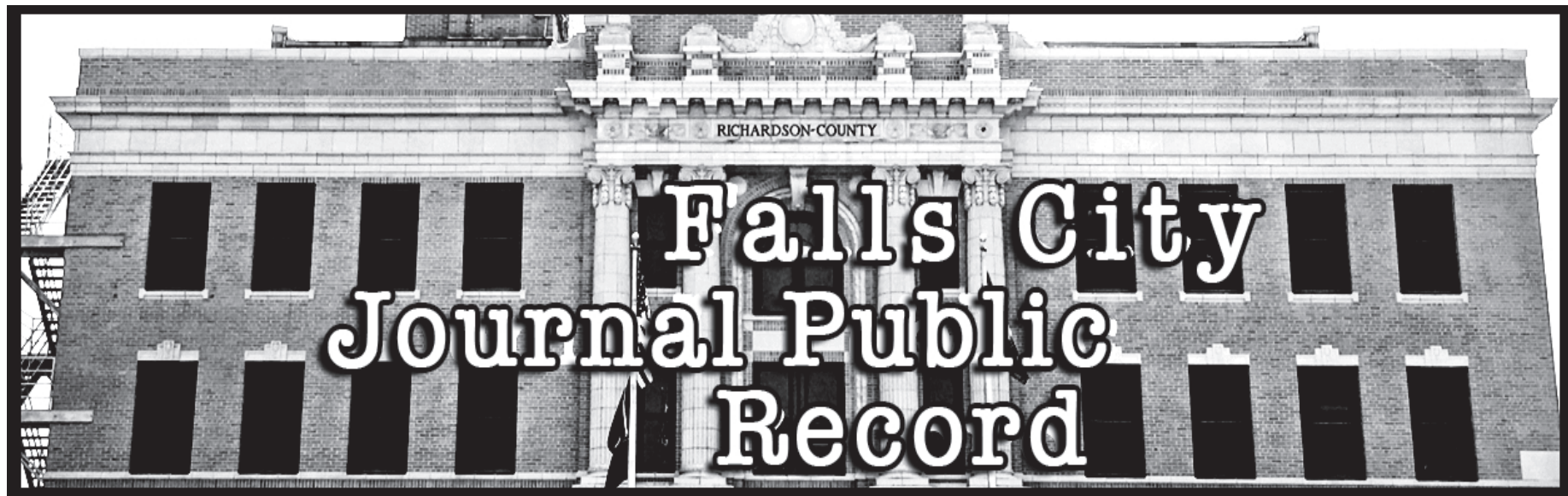
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DISTRICT COURT
Lisa Radley, count one, issue bad check \$1,500-5,000, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing includes a costs-only judgment of \$2,002.50, probation for term of two years; count two, issue bad check \$1,500-5,000, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony. Sentencing includes a costs-only judgment of \$1,502.50; count three, issue bad check \$1,500-5,000, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing includes a costs-only judgment of \$1,502.50.

Tammy L. Spargo, count one, possess controlled subs, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Jaiden L. Waggoner, count one, possess controlled subs, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentenced includes probation for term of 30 months, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, jail for term of 15 days beginning October 15, 2025, jail for term of 15 days beginning July 15, 2026, jail for term of 15 days beginning April 15, 2027; count two amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Adam M. Adcock, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing scheduled for February 4, 2025.

Bryant H. Corbin, count one, conspiracy to commit a class 1 felony, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 4, 2025.

Debora J. Clum, count one, criminal poss/4+ fin trans devices, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 25, 2025.

Jeffrey S. White, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for

March 25, 2025.
Matthew J. Wilhelm, count one, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$500.

Louis G. Fulton, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count three, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count four, no valid registration, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count seven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 4, 2025.

Irving E. Anzora, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$1,000, jail for term of three days, credit for time served.

Amanda M. Teixeira, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for February 4, 2025.

Donald A. Baxter, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 120 days, credit for 10 days served; count two, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Richard E. Newland, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos contr subs-sch 1,2,3, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 36 months, drug testing fee of \$180, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$360, jail for term of 20 days beginning December 25, 2025, jail for term of 20 days beginning October 25, 2027; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos contr subs-sch 1,2,3, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 36 months; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed; count five, amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, amended to dropped/dismissed; count seven, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Terry R. Pelletier, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, assault ofcr/hlth car prof-3rd degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence in-

cludes jail for term of 300 days, post rel supervision for term of nine months, post rel supervision admin enrollment fee of \$30, credit for 21 days served; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Jeffrey A. Morley, count one, resist arrest-2nd/subsequent offense, plead not guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 4, 2025.

Penny L. Bousquet, count one, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, plead not guilty; count three, tamper with physical evidence, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 25, 2025.

COUNTY COURT
Ryan S. Lee, count one, DUI-alcohol-first, amended to willful reckless driving-first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, probation for term of six months and county reimbursement of \$17; count two amended to dropped/dismissed.

Michael J. Potter, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order MSD2, plead not guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plead not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for February 5, 2025.

Aidan C. Wilkinson, count one, criminal impersonation \$500-1,500/first, amended to criminal impersonation-under \$500/first, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$200, jail for term of five days, credit for time served.

Kif C. Buis, count one, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first, plead not

guilty; count two, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 10, 2025.

Juan F. Alvarez, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, no operator's license, plead not guilty; count three, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead not guilty; count four, no valid registration, plead not guilty; count five, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead not guilty; count six, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, plead not guilty; count seven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for February 5, 2025.

Bryson L. Schlicker, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Jeremiah B. Dunn, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Latesa L. Ruckstuhl, count one, no proof of ownership, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

CITATIONS
Zacharie Marr of St. Joseph, MO, count one, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Danika Sutej of Elkhorn, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

Damian Aguilar Horwath of San Antonio, TX, count one, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Stanley Petit of Omaha, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200; count two, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count three, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Travis Davis of Hiawatha, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125; count two, no license on person, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count four, fail to use child passenger restraint, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

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

James Mines of Council Bluffs, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Asa D. Arian of Detroit, MI, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

Jessica Rowell of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Stamper)

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SCHOOL MENUS

Falls City Sacred Heart

Wednesday, January 29

Beefburger, Tater Tots, Applesauce, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, January 30

Orange Chicken, Savory Rice, Peas, Pineapple, Milk

Friday, January 31

Hamburger/Bun, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie Milk

Monday, February 3

Orange Chicken, Savory Rice, Peas, Pineapple, Milk

Tuesday, February 4

Spaghetti, Corn, Peach Cup, Breadstick, Milk

HTRS Titans

Wednesday, January 29

Mandarin Chicken Noodle Bowl, Fortune Cookie, Broccoli, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Thursday, January 30

Walking Taco with the fixings, Bread & Butter, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Friday, January 31

Chili Soup, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Monday, February 3

Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Tuesday, February 4

Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Falls City Public Schools

Wednesday, January 29

North & South School: Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Milam Special: Italian Dunkers, Lettuce Salad, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple, 8ounce Milk **High School:** **Hot Lunch:** Potato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baby Carrots, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Smoked Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Thursday, January 30

North & South School: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Bake Beans, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Ranger Cookie, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Grapes, Cornbread, 8ounce Milk **High School:** **Hot Lunch:** Stromboli, Hash Brown Patty, Lettuce Salad, Grapes, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Spicy Chicken Patty, French Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Friday, January 31

North & South School: Mini Corn Dogs, Au Gratin Potatoes, Celery, Pineapple, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mr. Kraft Special: Stromboli, Hash Brown Patty, California Vegetables, Peaches, 8ounce Milk **High School:** **Hot Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, California Vegetables, Fruit, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Grape Unrustable Sandwich, Yogurt, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Monday, February 3

North & South School: Popcorn chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Ms. Sailors Special: Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peas, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **High School:** **Hot Lunch:** Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Fruit Cup, Biscuit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Calzone, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Tuesday, February 4

North & South School: Tacos / Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Black Beans, Strawberries & Bananas, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Haines Special: Tacos / Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, 8ounce Milk **High School:** **Hot Lunch:** Tacos / Refried Beans, Tri-Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Popcorn Chicken, Curly Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Three short-term fitness goals that can lead to long-term success

As New Year's Day 2024 approached, millions of individuals were preparing to make changes they hoped would improve their fitness. In a Forbes Health/One Poll survey of 1,000 adults in the months leading up to the start of 2024, nearly half (48 percent) of respondents indicated improving their physical fitness would be a top priority over the course of the new year.



Incremental progress can motivate individuals to stay the course and ultimately propel them toward achieving a more substantial, long-term goal.

2. Exercise for a predetermined number of days each week. Another way to gradually build toward achieving long-term fitness goals is to establish monthly minimum exercise sessions. Individuals accustomed to a sedentary lifestyle can resolve to exercise three days per week in the first month of their resolution, and then increase that by a day in the second month. A consistent schedule when designing this goal is imperative, which is why it can make more sense to plan for three days per week as opposed to 12 days per month.

Fitness-based resolutions are popular every year, but people who aspire to make such changes recognize how difficult it can be to achieve them. In fact, the Forbes Health/One Poll survey found that roughly 44 percent of respondents indicated their resolutions flamed out at the two- or three-month marker. Though there's no one-size-fits-all strategy for sticking with and ultimately achieving a resolution, identifying short-term goals that can help people stay motivated can lead to long-term progress. Individuals who want to improve their physical fitness can consider these three short-term goals and use them as measuring sticks as they pursue more long-term objectives.

1. Aspire for incremental weight loss. Weight loss goals were the fourth most popular New Year's resolution for 2024 among participants in the Forbes Health/One Poll survey. Though that survey separated fitness goals from weight loss goals, the two are certainly linked. Individuals who aspire to lose 10 pounds undoubtedly recognize that such a goal cannot be achieved overnight, so why not aspire to lose small amounts of weight at predetermined intervals? For example, if the end goal is losing 10 lbs., aim to lose two pounds by the end of January.

3. Resolve to walk a mile per day. Walking is an accessible cardiovascular activity that can have a profound effect on overall health. Walking also can help condition sedentary individuals' bodies for more strenuous activity, which is a transition many people aspire to make when setting long-term fitness goals. A daily one-mile walk won't require a significant commitment of time, but it can help acclimate the body to routine exercise. As the effects of a daily walk begin to take hold, individuals may find it easier to engage in more strenuous physical activities, making this an ideal stepping stone on the way to achieving long-term fitness goals.

Short-term goals can help people remain motivated as they pursue more substantial goals that take longer to achieve. Such an approach can be especially useful for individuals resolving to improve their physical fitness at the start of a new year.



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Firewood storage and insects

By Nicole Stoner

It has been bitterly cold lately! With cold winters, our heating bills go up. One thing many people do to save money on home heating bills is to use wood burning stoves and fireplaces to supplement the heat inside homes throughout winter. However, if the firewood is stored incorrectly insect issues can develop inside our homes.

Insects in Firewood: Carpenter Ants are commonly found in decaying wood. They do not feed on wood, but they dig into decaying wood to form galleries for their nests. Carpenter Ants are large black or red ants often found on trees with decay because they make a nest within that tree. In a house, carpenter ants can do damage if you have a leak which has caused wood in your home to decay. They can be brought indoors with firewood that they were living in.

There are many wood-boring beetles that are also found in firewood. Longhorned beetles, flatheaded borers, and bark beetles are all found in trees and logs cut for firewood. Females of these beetles are attracted to dying, freshly cut, or recently killed trees to lay eggs on the wood. These beetles can emerge in your home, but don't usually cause problems in the wood products found within your home.

One common structure-infesting pest, a powderpost beetle, can get into your home, but they only lay their eggs on bare, unfinished wood. Wood that has been varnished, painted, or sealed is safe unless exposed surfaces appear.

Firewood Storage: The best way to avoid problems with these insect pests coming into our homes from firewood, is to avoid storing firewood indoors. Firewood should only be brought into the home as it is needed, only a few pieces at a time. Many insects lay their eggs or pupate within trees prior to or just after they have been cut for firewood, these insects may still be inside the wood when you bring it indoors. When the wood warms up in your home, they can emerge. They rarely cause an infestation in your home or cause damage to your furniture or home structure, but can be a nuisance when they get inside.

Be careful of how you stack your wood outdoors as well, to avoid problems with termites. If you stack your wood directly on the ground outdoors up against your home, you may be providing a highway for the termites to move from the ground to your home. The best practice for stacking firewood would be to stack it on a metal rack. Also, don't stack your wood so that it is directly up against your home, shed, garage, or other building that termites can move into.

Using Wood Ash in the Garden: Another issue I see with fireplaces is in the garden where people use wood ashes because the old saying is that it is good for the soil. It is true that wood ashes can be beneficial in the garden, however, if unnecessary or if the wood ashes are applied too heavily it can damage the soil and the plants growing in it. Ashes will raise the pH in the garden, making it more alkaline. This is important to know because most soil found in southeast Nebraska is alkaline. If the soil pH rises above 7.0 plants will not be able to access soil nutrients including phosphorus, iron, boron, manganese, copper, zinc, or potassium. This can lead to poor plant growth or even plant death. This is why it is important to first get a soil test to know what your soil pH is before you add wood ashes, or any fertilizer, to your garden.

The information on wood ashes in this article came from Sarah Browning, Lancaster County Extension Educator. If you have any further questions please contact Nicole Stoner at (402) 223-1384, nstoner2@unl.edu, visit the Gage County Extension website at www.gage.unl.edu, or like my facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NicoleStonerHorticulture> and follow me on twitter @Nikki_Stoner

Titan wrestlers shine at Louisville

The Titan wrestlers competed at Louisville on Friday and Weeping Water on Saturday. Friday at Louisville, Alexander Drewberry placed second and scored 17 points. Drewberry improved to 14-9 for the season by going 2-1 on Friday. Drewberry lost to Chase Meyers of Fillmore Central in the first-place match by a tech fall, 16-0.

Also on Friday, Ava Grimes scored 14 points and improved to 12-5, while Shawna Richey scored one point, going 0-2 with a bye. Grimes went 3-2 for the day, dropping her third-place match to Kendall Holtmeyer of Omaha Bryan by fall at 1:21.

On Saturday, the girls competed at Weeping Water. Richey went 0-2 for the day, while Grimes went 0-2 with a bye.

Claudette Herron

Claudette Diann (Alexander) Herron, 65, of Temple, TX passed from this life on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at Baylor Scott & White Hospital. She was born on April 19, 1959, in Fort Worth, TX, to her parents William "Bill" and Charlotte (Thiers) Alexander.

Claudette graduated from Lamesa High School, class of 1977. After graduation she earned her LVN license through the Medical Arts Nursing Program. She then continued to further her education at Temple College and Marshall University, where she received her bachelor's degree. Claudette worked as a nurse and Information Technology Specialist at the VA hospital for many years before her retirement on August 31, 2015.

She was very passionate about many organizations but especially ASPCA, American Heart Association, and the Children's Miracle Network. In her free time, she loved being cuddled up with her cats watching Tiny Homes built on TV, shopping, go-

ing to the beach, or hanging out with her many friends. Claudette loved the tree of life, yellow roses, photography and collecting beautiful precious memorials. In 2020, she moved to the Temple area from Moody, where she remained a resident for the remainder of her life. She will be deeply missed by many friends and family.

Claudette was preceded in death by her parents.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her brother Danny Alexander and wife Karla of Abilene, TX; sister Lourie Stonebarger and husband

Les of Auburn, NE, three nieces: Kami Fleming (Josh) of Abilene, TX; Nikki McKim (Brian) of Falls City, NE; Cori Christiansen (Heath) of Auburn, NE, one nephew: Keaton Alexander of Abilene, TX, and great nieces and nephews: Alexander, Brock, Lucy, Olive, Gunner, and Henry.

Services are pending.

Hewett-Arney Funeral Home of Temple is entrusted with these arrangements.



Colleen Langan

Colleen Langan, 63, of Falls City, NE, passed away January 19, 2025 at Falls City, NE. She was born July 23, 1961 at Kansas City, KS to James and Audrey (Williams) Bennett.

She was married to Tom Langan in 1982. They divorced in 1999.

In 1972 Colleen moved to Falls City with her parents and she graduated from Falls City Sacred Heart in 1979. Following graduation she worked at various places and enjoyed helping people. She loved animals. She was a member of the Good News Assembly of God Church.

Colleen is survived by her children, James Langan, Sarah and her husband Cody, sisters, Joyce Reed and her husband Steve, Mary Beth Bennett, brothers, John Ben-

nett and his wife Karen, Mike Bennett and his wife Roxy, Bill Bennett and his wife Nancy, Donnie Bennett, Steve Bennett and his wife Dana, David Bennett, Chuck Bennett and his wife Dawn, Brian Bennett and his wife Mary Jo, Ron Bennett, Dennis Bennett and his wife Sherry, grandchildren, Brayden and Carson, best friend, Jason Lunsford and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Audrey Bennett, and a nephew James Bennett.

Memorial Services for Colleen will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Good News Assembly of God Church in Falls City, NE with Pastor Tim Boatright officiating. Inurnment to follow at Verdon Cemetery.

Steven Karst

Steven Wayne Karst, 53 shocked his family and friends as he was called to lord prematurely on January 6th from his home in Holt Missouri.

Steve grew up a small town boy in Salem, Nebraska. He later attended Peru State College, then moved to Kansas City, and began working in warehouse management at Sony, Amazon and most recently loving his "desk" job at Kubota. Shortly after his move to K.C., Steve and Tasha (Bach) began a strong foundation of friendship and love before marrying many years later.

Steve was a passionate family and sports fanatic. A proud NE Huskers fan, and a KC Chiefs season ticket holder for over 20 years. He was known for his humor, pranks and bringing the fun to the party. He enjoyed the outdoors, yard work, camping, golf, smoking ribs and thick Iowa Chops! Steve was happiest hanging out by a campfire, listening to ACDC or the "good ole days" tunes and also ensuring the neighbors could here it too. Steve was high energy, always busy doing something around the house, or helping friends and family. He

loved helping others but was stubborn at asking for help.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Leonard and Lucille Shefferd, Raymond Karst and Erma Sipes. And by his Father in Law, James Bach.

His wife Tasha is surrounded by loving family. Steve's parents Ronald and Patricia (Shefferd)

Karst, and his sister Paula Strasheim (Ken). And Tasha's Mother Kathryn Bach, sisters Teal (Kevin) Overcash, Toye (Joseph) Palazola, and Traycee (Chris) Golden. They are blessed with many Nieces and Nephews

of two generations, all would say he was the biggest kid in the room, the "Bucket Hat" Uncle! Actually, he was every child's "uncle" and never passed up an opportunity to toss a football, or even lend his bald head as a coloring book.

Behold I tell you a mystery: we shall not all fall asleep but we will all be changed in an instant. In the blink of an eye at the last trumpet, for the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed, for that which is corruptible must Corinthians 15 50-57



A NOTE BY SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM

At the conclusion of the time period for introducing new bills on January 22, a total (715) legislative bills, and (20) resolutions or proposed constitutional amendments have been submitted.

Committee hearings commenced on January 22 and the Judiciary Committee of which I am a member, has already conducted public hearings on two bills that I introduced, LB72 (Annual Controlled Substances Schedule update) and LB 80 (Streamlining Procedure for Domestic Abuse, Harassment, and Sexual Assault Protection Orders).

Among the other bills and proposed constitutional amendments that I have introduced or co-sponsored, are the following:

- LB254 (Increase Rural Workforce Housing Funding)
- LR13CA (Repeal the Inheritance Tax)
- LB575 (Require reduction in property tax levy's to match increases in real estate valuations)
- LB404 and LB488 (Change provisions to court-supervised probation)
- LB79, LB241 and LB340 (Measures designed to protect businesses from civil liability)

I have previously reported on the current projected revenue shortfall of just over \$430 million dollars as we begin the 2025-26 biennium. While the shortfall is based on revenues lagging behind projections upon which the budget was based, December revenues exceeded projections by approximately 200 million dollars, potentially reducing the anticipated shortfall by nearly 50%.

In reviewing the Governor's budget plan, cuts, rather than increases in state spending, are being proposed as opposed to recent 2-3% annual increases in state spending. The Governor's proposed budget plan would reduce annual state spending by 1/2 of 1%. The budget plan also proposes to reduce or repeal various spending measures that were enacted during the past two legislative sessions.

While 24 proposed rule changes were submitted and the subject of a public hearing recently conducted by the Rules Committee, only two relatively non-controversial rules changes were advanced to the floor for consideration. A narrow change to the existing rules will prevent senators from being "present not voting" on procedural motions to cease debate for bills on final reading, as well as votes on the underlying bill at the final stage of debate. Under the revised rule, "present not voting" will be reflected as a "no" vote, unless the Senator has declared a conflict of interest and is not voting on the matter. With the rules debate expected to be completed on January 24, our attention will turn to debate during morning sessions of the legislature on bills advancing from committee.

I welcome your input on issues of interest and importance to you. I encourage you to follow along on my Facebook page designated as Senator Bob Hallstrom, for updates on legislation and District 1 activities. Please feel free to contact me directly at Senator Bob Hallstrom, District 1 State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509; Telephone (402)471-2733; or email me at bhallstrom@leg.ne.gov.

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Above left: Keifer Adams pulls up for a jumper in first quarter action versus JCC on Saturday evening. Above: Joah Anderson eyes the bucket on a FC fourth quarter fast break.

The Tigers are still fighting, searching for the first win

The Falls City Tigers streak reached thirteen games on Thursday night when they lost at Nebraska City 30-57. The Tigers fought hard early, trailing by just four points to the Class B Pioneers, 17-21, after the first period. The Pioneers used a 13-2 second eight minutes to give themselves some breathing room as the teams headed into halftime. Trailing 19-34 to open the second half, FC was game, tying the quarter at 11-11, but trailed 30-45 with eight minutes to play. Nebraska City sealed the win in the fourth, outscoring Falls City 12-0 to earn the 27-point win. The loss dropped FC to 0-13, while Nebraska City improved to 2-13.

FC went 11/42 from the field on Thursday night, including a 4/19 effort from deep.

Turnovers have doomed Falls City all season and Thursday night was no exception. The Tigers turned the ball over 23 times, leading to 22 points on the other end of the court for Nebraska City. The Tigers also struggled on the glass, getting outrebounded 55-28. The Pioneers finished with 30 offensive boards, leading to 16 second-chance points.

Paxton Armbruster, returning to action from an early season injury, led FC with 14 points and three assists. Keifer Adams added ten points and six rebounds.

Scoring for FC: Morris 1, Armbruster 14, Adams 10, Bangert 3, Caudle 2.

Scoring for Nebraska City: Herrera 2, Hodges 4, Ferguson 9, Rovetto 14, Earll 6, Martinez 2, Gardner 2, Walker 9, Penney 6, Gonzalez 3.

The Tigers hosted Johnson County Central on Saturday. The Thunderbirds entered the contest looking to extend a two-game winning streak; FC was hoping for its first win of the season.

JCC got all the cushion they needed in the opening quarter, leading 21-9 after the first eight minutes. Much to Falls City's credit, they didn't pack it in. FC continued to battle, trailing 31-17 at halftime. JCC put the game on ice in the third period, outscoring FC 24-11 and leading 55-28 with eight minutes to play. JCC slightly outscored Falls City down the stretch 14-13 and earned the 28-point win, 69-41. The win improved JCC to 12-5, while FC fell to 0-14.

FC shot the ball well, making 36 percent of their opportunities; however, JCC hit half of their shot attempts in the win. FC dropped the rebound battle 19-29 and turned the ball over 20 times, leading to 15 points on the opposite end of the floor.

Keifer Adams led the scoring for Falls City with 18 points on 8/21 shooting. Jacoby Bangert led the team with five rebounds and two steals.

Scoring for FC: Morris 4, Q. Adams 8, Armbruster 7, K. Adams 18, Bangert 3, Caudle 1.

Scoring for JCC: Haughton 5, Swanson 12, Waring 1, Case 2, Thies 3, Cruz 11, Rautenbach 2, Beebe 1, Jones 30, Wellensiek 2.

FC hosted the Auburn Bulldogs on Tuesday and plays at Weeping Water on Friday, January 31.

Lady Tigers hit rough patch

The Falls City Lady Tiger basketball team had a two-game winning streak stopped Thursday night by the Nebraska City Pioneers, 21-46. The Pioneers put the game out of reach early, taking a 17-6 lead after one period and increased their advantage to 36-13 by intermission. The teams were pretty even in the final 16 minutes, with Nebraska City outscoring FC 10-8 in the second half. The loss dropped Falls City to 5-10, while the Class B Pioneers improved to 6-9.

The Lady Tigers struggled from the floor, hitting 7/35 (20%) of their attempts. Meanwhile, Nebraska City went 15/42 from the floor, including an 8/24 effort from behind the three-point line. The Lady Tigers turned the ball over 23 times, leading to 35 points for the Pioneers. FC did win the rebound battle, 28-25, including 12 on the offensive glass.

Izzy Armbruster led FC with seven points and five assists. Delaney Godemann hit two triples and added six points, while Kaitlyn Kirkendall added five. Jayme Ewers led Falls City with 11 rebounds and Katelyn Titus had a team-best three steals.

Scoring for FC: Dunkhas 3, Armbruster 7, Godemann 6, Kirkendall 6.

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Daycee Witt, Avery Santo and Ryann Westengaard smother the Indian ballhandler at Pawnee City High School on Friday.

Tate Wilcox battles for a rebound in the first half on Friday night at Pawnee City.

Irish boys drop two straight

The Sacred Heart boys' basketball program ran into perennial Class C1 juggernaut Auburn on Tuesday evening at the Roh Activity Center, falling to the Bulldogs 32-61. The Bulldogs, the No. 4 rated team in Class C1, have defeated the Irish in all six matchups since the two teams began playing each other in the 2019-2020 season. SH has been outscored on average 39-56 during the six-game span. During that stretch, Auburn has won state titles in 2019, 2020 and 2021 while placing second in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs poured it on the Irish early, running out to a 25-0 lead after the first period. Auburn hit four of its 11 threes in the opening eight minutes, while SH went 0-12 from the field in the period. Auburn added to its lead in the second, taking a commanding 35-5 lead at the break. Toby Baxter had three points, and Bo Fletcher added two for the first-half Sacred Heart scoring.

The Irish offense woke up in the third, outscoring Auburn 20-18 to make it 25-53 heading into the fourth. Cole Taft led the third-period charge with 15 points, including two triples.

Auburn outshot SH 36% to 26%, outrebounded the Irish 40-24 and finished with an 11-5 assist edge. Taft was the only Irish player to reach double figures. Taft and Baxter each grabbed five rebounds, and Fletcher added two steals.

Scoring for SH: Taft 15, Fletcher 2, Lemerond 3, Lancaster 2, Sipple 2, Clow 3, Baxter 5.

Scoring for Auburn: Emshoff 3, Gardner 12, Wenzl 8, Binder 8, Leslie 7, Keeling 2, Guenther 3, Ligouri 14, Krause 3, Palmer 1.

In a three-period JV contest, Auburn prevailed 42-22. Toby Baxter scored eight points, and Kyler Sipple added five for the Irish.

The Irish traveled to Pawnee City on Friday evening for a matchup against the Indians. The Irish looked ready to play early, taking an 11-9 lead after the first period. With the score tied at 9-9, Cole Taft sank a bucket in the paint to push the Irish to the early lead. Taft scored seven of Sacred Heart's 11 first-period points and Bo Fletcher added the other four. SH then went cold in the second quarter, getting outscored 17-5 and trailed at the half, 16-26. The Irish went just 2/10 from the floor, with Taft and Fletcher again doing all the scoring. Meanwhile, PC went 7/8 from the foul line in the period as they took the ten-point halftime lead.

The home team dominated the final two periods, outscoring SH 31-20 as they pulled away for the 21-point win, 57-36.

Taft led the Irish with 20 points, including a 4/10 effort from deep. Taft added five rebounds. Fletcher added eight points and six boards. Brenden Lemerond finished with six rebounds and four assists.

Scoring for SH: Taft 20, Fletcher 8, Lemerond 2, Baxter 4, Knobbe 2.

Scoring for PC: Wernimont 4, Menninga 2, Tegtmeier 6, Anthony Kling 18, Atreyu Kling 9, Farwell 18.

The Irish won a three-quarter JV contest on Friday, 25-22. Cooper Knobbe, Hayden Clow and JJ Lancaster all had five points for SH.

The Irish hosted a JV Tourney on Saturday at the RAC. In the opener, SH defeated Diller-Odell 33-27. Clow led Sacred Heart with 14 points, hitting 4/6 from deep.

In the finals, the Irish defeated Southern 42-33. Lancaster scored 17 and Clow added 11 as the Irish JV improved to 12-2.

The 7-8 Irish hosted 8-7 Southern on Tuesday and will play at 15-0 and Class D1 No. 1 ranked Johnson-Brock on Thursday.



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Lady Irish finish week at 2-0, set sights on rematch at Johnson-Brock

The Sacred Heart Lady Irish had a mild case of the MUDECAS Tournament hangover last week but ultimately prevailed to improve to 15-2 for the season. The Irish have played well all season, but as the season winds down, they must refocus on the task at hand.

On Tuesday evening, the second-ranked Irish hosted the Class C1 Auburn Bulldogs. SH ran into difficulties on Tuesday night against the 1-12 Bulldogs. The Irish held slim leads of 10-7 after the first, 20-15 at the half, 33-25 after three as they held on for the 43-36 win.

A late Auburn three cut the lead to five at 37-32, but the Irish responded with a bucket from Jentry Lechtenberg. Forty seconds later, Dorothy Crouse's breakaway layup pushed the SH lead to eight at 41-33. Another triple, this time from Auburn's Ariale Franke, made it 41-36 with twenty-seven seconds remaining. Lechtenberg sealed the win for Sacred Heart, sinking two free throws with thirteen seconds remaining to make the final 43-36. It was the sixth consecutive win in the series for the Lady Irish.

The Irish shot just 26 percent (13/51) from the floor, while Auburn went 13/38 (34%). SH did convert 13/18 free throw attempts, while the Bulldogs went 2/11. The Irish won the rebound battle 36-20 and turned the ball over 13 times while forcing the Bulldogs into 18 miscues.

Hallie Jones led SH with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Lechtenberg added 10 points, five boards and six steals.

Scoring for SH: Santo 9, Crouse 5, Witt 3, Reschke 2, Lechtenberg 10, Jones 14.

Scoring for Auburn: Wehenkel 9, Snodgrass 4, Darnell 2, Franke 11, Krause 10.

On Friday night, Sacred Heart traveled to Pawnee City to do battle with the 4-9 Indians. Again, the Irish were slow out of the gate. Sacred Heart fought for a 14-11 lead after the first period but surged ahead in the second stanza to make it 32-15 at the break. SH closed the first half on a 7-0 run in the final minute, including a three from the top of the key as the buzzer sounded from Lechtenberg. The Irish continued to pull away in the third, outscoring Pawnee City 20-8 to make it 52-23 with eight minutes to go. The fourth period was rough for both squads as they played to a 2-2 tie, but the Irish prevailed 54-25 and improved to 15-2.

SH shot 33 percent from the floor Friday night, all while holding the Indians to just 19 percent. Pawnee City out-rebounded the Irish 34-33, but the Irish forced 24 turnovers while committing 11.

Witt had the hot hand Friday, going 6/14 from the floor for a team-best 15 points and five steals. Avery Santo added 14 points, including four triples and four steals. Lechtenberg was tough under the basket with 11 rebounds.

Scoring for SH: Santo 14, Crouse 7, Westengaard 6, Witt 15, Lechtenberg 9, Jones 3.

Scoring for Pawnee City: Gottula 10, Benson 2, Ottersberg 2, E. Gyhra 9, D. Gyhra 2.

The Irish will now get ready for another big week of action. On Tuesday, SH hosts the 5-11 Southern Raiders. The Irish travel to Johnson on Thursday to face the Class C2, No. 4 ranked Eagles for the second time in two weeks. After dropping the season's first game, Johnson-Brock has reeled off 15 consecutive wins, including a 42-36 win versus SH in the MUDECAS finals on January 17.

Lady Tigers hit rough patch

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Scoring for Nebraska City: L'Heureux 8, Caraza 3, Briley 18, Ellis 2, Brown 3, Harrah 4, Godsey 5, Marth 3.

The Lady Tigers hosted JCC on Saturday evening, falling to the Thunderbirds 22-51. JCC held Falls City to just two points in the opening period, leading 15-2 after the first eight minutes. JCC continued to put the pressure on, growing their lead to 30-9 at the break. The T-Birds went on to outscore FC 21-13 in the second half to preserve the 29-point win.

JCC outshot Falls City 40 percent to 24 percent. The T-Birds also went 9/17 from the charity stripe, while FC shot just one free throw. JCC owned the glass, outrebounding FC 35-16 and forced Falls City into 23 turnovers. The 23 FC turnovers led to 23 points for the visitors on the other end of the court.

Carlea Dunkhas led FC with ten points, going 4/8 from the field. Dunkhas also grabbed a team-best six rebounds.

Scoring for FC: Anderson 2, Dunkhas 10, Armbruster 7, Godemann 3.

The loss dropped Falls City to 5-11, while JCC improved to 11-5. FC hosted the 2-14 Auburn Bulldogs on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and will play at 10-7 Weeping Water on Friday, January 31, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Lady Titans looking for momentum as season winds down

The HTRS Lady Titans snapped a two-game skid by defeating Pawnee City 69-21 on Tuesday evening at HTRS High School. After finishing 0-2 at the 2025 MUDECAS Tourney last week, the Lady Titans were eager to return to the court and reverse their fortunes.

HTRS shot well on Tuesday, sinking 25/65 (38%) of their shot attempts, including a 10/22 effort from beyond the arc. The Titans were also highly efficient from the charity stripe, converting 9/10 tries. HTRS finished the contest with 37 rebounds, 21 assists and turned the ball over 12 times.

The Lady Titans had two athletes reach double figures in points, with Lillian Bowen leading the way with 21. Bowen went 3/9 from deep and added six steals and four assists. Elie Bstandig chipped in 15 points, six boards and three steals. Laramie Glathar had a team-best nine rebounds to go along with six points.

Scoring for HTRS: Cumro 3, Bstandig 15, Glathar 6, E. Bredemeier 3, McClarnen 8, M. Bredemeier 9, Bowen 21, Duryea 2, Howe 2.

The Lady Titans played at Johnson County Central on Thursday, falling to the Thunderbirds 34-39. HTRS trailed 3-6 after the first period and 18-22 at intermission. The Titans kept fighting after the break and headed into the final period down 28-32. JCC outscored HTRS 7-6 in the final period and held on for the five-point win.

The Titans responded strongly on Friday at Parkview Christian High School, defeating the Patriots 50-10.

HTRS was quick out of the gate, leading 24-2 after the first quarter and 47-2 at the half. The win improved HTRS to 8-8 for the year, while the Patriots fell to 1-13. In two games versus Parkview this year, HTRS has won 110-16. Bstandig and Bowen led the Titans on Friday. Bstandig finished with 19 points, while Bowen added 14.

Scoring for HTRS: Cumro 3, Bstandig 19, Glathar 8, M. Bredemeier 1, Bowen 14, Howe 5.

The Titans will host East Atchison on Thursday, January 30, at HTRS High School.

Titans continue to grow

The HTRS Titan boys basketball team improved to 10-6, finishing last week at 2-1. The Titans had a solid effort on Tuesday, defeating Pawnee City 50-46 at HTRS High School. The Titans dropped a 39-65 effort at Johnson County Central on Thursday but rebounded to get a road win at Parkview Christian, 53-50, to wrap up the week.

On Tuesday against Pawnee City, the Titans went 20/37 from the field, grabbed 32 rebounds and dished out 14 assists. HTRS did turn the ball over 18 times and went just 8/18 from the foul line.

Emmett Glathar had another solid game, scoring 18 points on 7/10 shooting and grabbing 10 rebounds. Brogan Dunlap also added 11 points and 10 boards.

Scoring for HTRS: Dunlap 11, Vaughan 5, Dettmann 7, Glathar 18, Bohling 9.

Against the Thunderbirds on Thursday, HTRS went 13/42 from the field, grabbed 25 rebounds, dished out nine assists and turned the ball over nine times. Again, HTRS struggled from the foul line, converting 10/20 attempts. The 26-point loss was the most significant margin of defeat for HTRS since a 28-73 setback to undefeated Johnson-Brock on December 27.

Glathar led the Titans with 14 points and six rebounds. Dunlap added 11 points and four boards.

Scoring for HTRS: Koch 4, Dunlap 11, Vaughan 7, D. Bohling 3, Glathar 14.

Friday's game at Parkview Christian took late-game heroics from Dunlap to secure the win. A three at the buzzer by Dunlap sealed the 53-50 victory over the 6-8 Patriots. Parkview held the lead early, taking a 14-10 lead after the first. Glathar took over in the second period, scoring nine of his 11 points as HTRS stormed back to take a 30-22 halftime lead. The Titans added to their advantage in the third, outscoring Parkview 12-11 to make it 42-33 with eight minutes to play. The home team fought back, tying the game at 50, but Dunlap's third triple of the contest pushed the Titans to the win.

Scoring for HTRS: Koch 2, Dunlap 20, Vaughan 10, Dettmann 5, D. Bohling 3, Glathar 11, Bohling 2.

The 10-6 Titans will host the 9-6 East Atchison Wolves on Thursday.

Tiger boys sweep Auburn Triangular

The Falls City wrestling team competed in Auburn on Tuesday evening. They defeated the home team 54-17 and were equally successful in downing Platteview 53-26.

Against the Bulldogs, Bailey Thimmes earned the quickest win of the night, pinning Hunter Henry in eighteen seconds at 120 pounds. Orion Cattrell earned an 18-11 decision over Dwayne Taylor at 144. At 157, Robert Gilkerson won by fall at 2:28 over Kashton Byrd and at 165, Mason Collier defeated Shane Hanley by fall in thirty seconds. Blakely Sells got the win at 175, earning a 6-0 win over Brant Gulizia. Ashton Martin pinned Drayven Lamb at 2:57 and Caleb Zimmerman won by fall over David Sharp at 1:26. Dayton Snethen, Cade Caudle and Caden Collier won by forfeit.

Against Platteview, Snethen won by fall over Owen Black at 3:37. Thimmes earned a tech fall (17-2) over Dominic Hoke. Gilkerson pinned Landon Nelson at 1:02. Collier won by fall at :46 over Austin Bailey and Zimmerman took down William Steenbock by fall at 1:52. Zane Elms, Sells, Martin and Chase Simpson won by forfeit.

In a double dual at Pawnee City on Thursday, FC defeated JCC 48-38 and Pawnee City 64-12.

Versus Pawnee City, Sells won by fall over Jesse McLaughlin at 2:24 and Simpson won a major decision (14-6) over Gauge Schuetz. Wyatt Coonce and Caleb Zimmerman both dropped matches. Snethen, Thimmes, Caudle, Elms, Cattrell, Gilkerson, Collier and Martin won by forfeit.

It was a much tighter contest when FC took on Johnson County Central. Thimmes picked up a quick win, pinning Tyler Albers in thirty-eight seconds. Cattrell earned a win by fall over Conner Gerking at 5:06. Gilkerson barely worked up a sweat, defeating Landon Toohey in forty-one seconds. Collier didn't need much more time, winning by fall in 52 seconds over Lee Xayaphonesongkam. At 190, Martin pinned Bodhi Klein in twenty-five seconds, Simpson earned a pin over Gerardo Becerra at 3:08 and Zimmerman pinned Jesus Hurtado at :51.

On Saturday, Falls City traveled up Highway 75 for the 2025 Plattsmouth Varsity Invitational. The Tigers finished the day with 52 points and tied for 10th place. Bailey Thimmes improved to 27-13 and placed fourth, scoring 16 points. In the third-place match, Thimmes lost by fall to Dominick Sterling of Nebraska City at 1:40. Blakely Sells moved to 35-5 and placed fourth, scoring 16 team points. In the third-place match, Sells fell by a 21-11 major decision to Griffin Rosterman of Blair. Mason Collier ended his day with a fifth-place medal. Collier won his fifth-place match by fall over Parker Moll of Lincoln High at 2:03. Orion Cattrell went 1-2 and scored four points and Chase Simpson finished 1-2 and scored three points for FC.

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After shaky few years, Omaha Community Playhouse going strong in celebratory 100th season

By Leo Adam Biga,
Flatwater Free Press

Tony Award-winning actor Norbert Leo Butz remembers the start of his journey to Broadway. Fresh out of college in the early '90s, he set out with the Nebraska Theatre Caravan. The decades-long touring program run by the Omaha Community Playhouse gave many young actors their professional start.

They traveled the state, staging three distinct shows for different age groups on each stop. Butz also held an important role in the national tour of the Playhouse's signature "A Christmas Carol."

"I was so grateful to those places," said Butz, who has appeared in Broadway productions of "Rent" and "Wicked" among others. "And I think it's why I've been able to have as long a career as I have – I know how to deliver because I've had to deliver since I was 23 in the Sandhills."

Butz's story is common when it comes to the Playhouse, an Omaha institution with 100 years of history and a reputation that extends beyond the Cornhusker state.

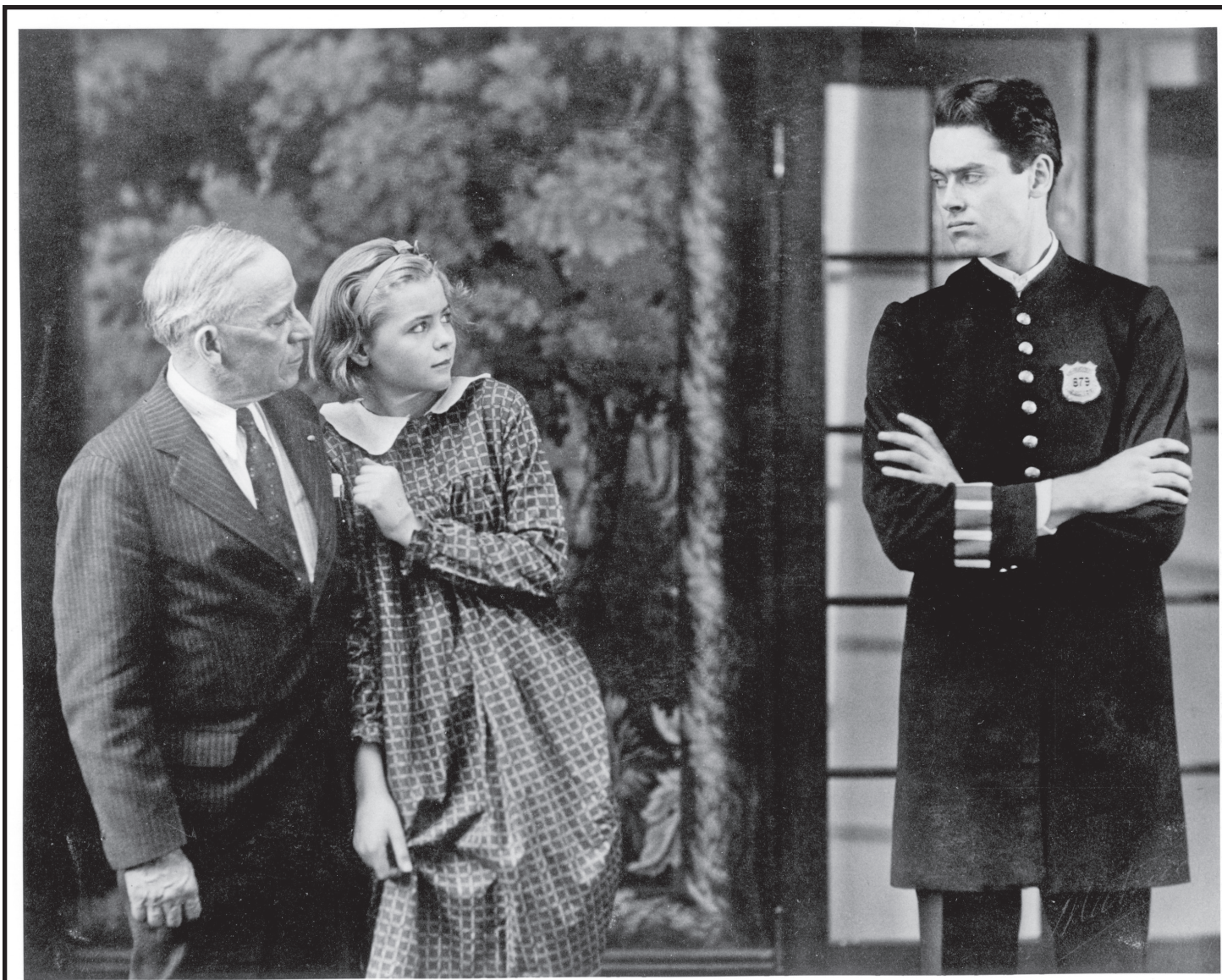
It helped birth the careers of stars – from Henry Fonda and Dorothy McGuire to Butz and fellow Tony-winner John Lloyd Young. And despite some recent challenges, the nonprofit community theater remains an integral part of the area's performing arts.

"They've always owned the theater scene in town," said Dick Mueller, who acted there in the 1960s and early '70s before founding Omaha's Firehouse Dinner Theatre. "It's a big organization with a facility like no other in the country for a community theater."

It also has a history that rivals many other community theater groups – a history that will take center stage as the Playhouse celebrates its 100th season, which continues with Butz's performance of his "Broadway, My Way" concert on Feb. 1. Omaha native Pat Hazell, a comedian, writer and producer, also will perform that evening.

"Over the years I've learned a great deal from the Playhouse," Hazell said, launching into a list that included set building, dancing and fencing – the latter for a potential role in "The Three Musketeers."

"I didn't get the part," he said. "I can't protect myself with a foil either."



A young Henry Fonda (right) and Dorothy McGuire appear in an Omaha Community Playhouse production of "A Kiss for Cinderella." Photo courtesy of Omaha Community Playhouse

The Playhouse's roots trace back to 1924 and the national "little theater" movement, which sought to ditch the structure and confines of large theatrical productions in favor of smaller, more experimental stagings. Several years later the Playhouse found its first physical location, beginning a decades-long journey of growth and influence.

By most measures, the Omaha Community Playhouse today is a super-sized community theater. It boasts a 520-seat main stage and a 200-seat studio theater, dozens of staffers, a multi-million dollar budget, hundreds of volunteers and dozens of productions per calendar year. It offers classes covering everything from vocal and acting techniques to stage combat, along with workshops and summer camps.

Countless people gained their first real exposure to theater at the Playhouse.

"I mean, it just reeked of creativity," said Terry Kisdler, a Tony nominee who acted at the Playhouse in the '60s. "Everybody was attracted to it. It was a joy to be a part of it."

Co-artistic director Susie Baer Collins noted that many people still consider themselves part of the Playhouse family long after moving on. Social media pages are filled with tributes and reminiscences from alums.

And many of them, like Butz and Young, who will perform at the Playhouse's April 5 Century Gala, come back to give back.

Young, who won a Tony for playing Frankie Valli in "Jersey Boys" on Broadway, said his three years performing in the Playhouse's "A Christmas Carol" in the 1980s proved a formative experience. "Because all the magic of creating theater was encapsulated in that show. Certain stagecraft things were eye opening and fascinating to the little kid I was."

The fact that the organization has meant so much to so many people means a great deal to the Playhouse, said executive director Rebecca Noble.

"We're proud to have played a role as a training ground for many artists who have gone on to pursue careers in the arts – performers, designers, crew. ... We're always fortunate and humbled when they come home."

The Playhouse earns plenty of "love and respect" from peers at national conferences, said Alex Rodriguez, co-artistic director. There's also a good deal of intrigue surrounding the Playhouse's steps in a post-COVID world, Rodriguez added.

Revenue and ticket sales are back to pre-pandemic levels, though folks are less inclined to buy season memberships. Front-of-house volunteers are harder

to come by, but there's no shortage of interest in on-stage and backstage roles. Veteran director Kathy Tyree is among those impressed by the Playhouse's latest crop of talent.

That includes Karissa Danae Johnson, who starred as Deena in the Playhouse's staging of "Dreamgirls" before moving to New York City to pursue acting. "The conditioning, training and love I received prepared me to be successful anywhere," she said of the Playhouse.

Serious talent is often available here, Rodriguez said "because there's not a regional scene in Omaha and so the Playhouse steps into that space sometimes" for highly trained or experienced actors. They also land college students and recent graduates who have formal training.

"There is a new group of performers who are that new heartbeat of the Playhouse," Rodriguez said. "They're giving great performances on our stages."

COVID has just been one of the headwinds to batter the Playhouse in recent years.

The national tour of "A Christmas Carol" was canceled mid-tour after a bus crash in 2019. The 2020 tour was canceled due to the pandemic and it never returned. Rising costs and liability issues also led to the end of the Nebraska Theatre Caravan.

Like many theaters across

the country, the Playhouse struggled navigating diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility expectations in the wake of George Floyd's murder in 2020.

It is still reeling from the previous regime's attempt to cast a planned 2023 production of "In the Heights" with talent from outside Nebraska. Sources say the Playhouse offered out-of-state actors substantially more pay than its usual fees because then-artistic director Stephen Santa reportedly didn't feel the local Latino community had a deep enough talent pool to fill certain roles.

At the time Playhouse had only recently started paying all cast and crew a modest stipend. The protests that followed the handling of "In the Heights," both internally and externally, led the Playhouse to apologize and cancel the show. Santa and then-executive director Katie Broman later resigned. A perceived lack of transparency and accountability led other staffers to leave.

Neither Santa nor Broman responded to emails seeking comment.

Noble, Collins and Rodriguez stepped into leadership roles with a mission of mending fences.

For a theater that enjoyed longtime artistic directors, along with stable leadership at the top, it has been a disruptive time. The last few artistic directors each spent only a couple years

on the job. Both Collins and Rodriguez plan to step away at the end of the current season.

"I think we're learning a lot of things about who are the people that can pick up the baton here and understand its value from the past and where it might go in the future," said Collins, a decades-long Playhouse veteran. "You can't come in and just say, well, we're going to do it this way now because that's how the big people do it, because you're asking this of volunteers as opposed to professionals."

"It hasn't been easy," Collins confided. But she is confident that as long as new blood continues to discover the Playhouse it will keep stirring and forming future generations of theater lovers and makers. Few will make it a career, but that doesn't discount the thrill of feeding their souls and moving audiences.

And in spite of the challenges, Collins noted the Playhouse does still have many of its strengths working in its favor: dedicated volunteers; a deep pool of talent; and a unique venue that allows for smaller, more experimental shows and a bigger stage for large productions. The Playhouse opens a regional premiere of the hit musical "Waitress" on Friday.

"We're able to produce a certain scale of musical or play that's bigger or more elaborate than you could make work in another theater in town and we feel very proud we can do that," Rodriguez said.

At the end of the day, community support is what has allowed the Playhouse to endure through wars, economic collapses, extreme weather events and other disasters over the past 100 years.

Young felt it four decades ago. "There's a passionate feeling of community around the theater. It's a testament to love. The people love being there."

And they still do, said Collins.

"People are pretty willing here to do whatever it's going to take to keep us going," she said. "We hope to make that audience, those patrons coming in the door reflect everything about our community."

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NEWS MAKERS OF 2024

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Falls City Journal, July 24, 2024

In June 2024, I connected with Louis Fritz to discuss Falls City native Lloyd Hahn, an accomplished athlete who competed in the 1924 and 1928 Olympics. Hahn, a standout middle-distance runner, emerged as a prominent athlete from a small Nebraska town, setting records and representing the U.S. as part of the Boston Athletic Association. In the 1924 Olympics in Paris, he qualified for the 1,500 finals with a preliminary heat time of 4:10, ultimately placing sixth and breaking the four-minute barrier with a final time of 3:59.00. Acknowledged by the Falls City Chamber of Commerce for his achievements, Hahn returned for the 1928 Olympics but faced challenges after a long boat ride hampered his training. He finished fifth in the 800 meters with a time of 1:53.5. Throughout his career, Hahn was credited with seven world records and was part of the 4x880 team that set a world record in 1926. He was inducted into the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame in 1999. His contributions remain a significant part of Falls City's history, highlighting the impact of local athletes on the world stage.

Richardson Foundation Donates \$5,000 to Falls City Jaycees

Falls City Journal, July 31, 2024

Steve Kottich and Kevin Malone of the Richardson Foundation presented a \$5,000 check to the Falls City Jaycees to support their efforts in enhancing the community through various events. The Falls City Area Jaycees, a dedicated group of volunteers, host popular events such as the Tractor Pull, Demolition Derby, and Falls City Slam wrestling event. They also organize unique initiatives like the "Egg My Yard" event and award two \$1,000 scholarships to local seniors. Last year, their contributions exceeded \$40,000, including community donations and scholarships.

Currently, the Jaycees are focused on significant improvements to the Community Field, notably upgrading bleachers and the lighting system. They recently purchased new bleachers for \$10,000 and are addressing outdated lighting originally installed in 2010. The lighting upgrade costs \$18,824, with \$9,924 raised so far, leaving \$8,900 needed for completion. The Community Field is vital for Jaycees events and other community activities, ensuring its continued usability. The Richardson Foundation's donation significantly aids the Jaycees' goals, and they invite the community to support their fundraising for the lighting project.

Jones sworn in as Falls City's new Postmaster

Falls City Journal, August 21, 2024

Montana Jones of Falls City took the oath of office for Postmasters at the Falls City Post Office on Thursday, August 1, 2024. The oath was administered by Melissa Thienel, Manager of Post Office Operations.

Jones succeeds Margaret Meyer, who served as Postmaster from 2016 until February 2024.

Among those attending the ceremony were Scott Magdanz, recently retired from the Post Office in Humboldt, Mariah Meyerkorth from the Auburn Post Office, and both past and present Falls City Postal employees.

Born and raised in the area, Jones has been with the Falls City Post Office for eight years.

"I'm honored to be serving the community of Falls City. I've lived here my whole life, and I've been with the Postal Service since 2016," said Jones. "I work with an incredibly dedicated staff of carriers and clerks. Without them, we would not be able to fulfill our mission of connecting the American public together."

Gottula has successful Barnes and Noble book signing

Falls City Journal, September 11, 2024

On Saturday, August 31, former Falls City resident, Lori Gottula, sat at a table at the front of the Barnes & Noble store at SouthPointe Pavilions in Lincoln. She was there from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to sign copies of her book, Broken and Chained: My First Thirty Days in the Hell Called Detox. Although the author has given numerous presentations about her story and has sold her book in four different states, this was the first time she had appeared at a Barnes and Noble store.

"It was surreal," she said. "A lifelong dream. A lot of people showed up to support me, and I am really grateful. We only sold 15 books, but the people at Barnes & Noble were thrilled with that. They told me that local authors usually only sell five or six. Plus, at least 200 people passed by me and saw my posters, so the exposure was priceless."

The 63-year-old wrote her book twelve years ago, when she was going through detoxification from opiate painkillers and alcohol. Her book tells the story about that process in gut-wrenching detail.

Anonymous \$100,000 donation sparks matching challenge for Richardson County House of Hope

Falls City Journal, October 23, 2024

The Richardson County House of Hope (RC HOH) is celebrating a major boost to their mission of providing transitional housing for the homeless in Richardson County. An anonymous donor has gifted the organization \$100,000, a contribution that RCHOH hopes will inspire others to give generously.

This remarkable donation will be formally announced at the upcoming RC HOH Benefit Banquet.

The organization is calling upon the community to match this extraordinary act of generosity, emphasizing the profound impact a combined \$200,000 could have on addressing homelessness in Richardson County. The funds raised from the banquet and the matching challenge will be dedicated to building, purchasing, or renting transitional housing and providing essential support services for those in need.

RC HOH is actively pursuing grant funding to further solidify its mission. They have partnered with Southeast Nebraska Community Action (SENCA) and engaged the expertise of grant writer Susan Keholm, Development Director at SENCA. RC HOH is confident in their ability to secure funding, citing numerous grants for which they are eligible.

Verdon celebrates successful fundraising for all-abilities playground with fish fry and fun day

Falls City Journal, October 30, 2024

The community of Verdon came together in early September to celebrate the near completion of their fundraising goal for a new all-abilities playground. The Verdon Fish Fry and Fun Day, featured a variety of activities for all ages.

A highlight of the day was the groundbreaking ceremony for the new playground, which involved children from Verdon and the surrounding area who the equipment was installed for.

The fundraising effort for the all-abilities playground has been a community-wide endeavor. Organizers expressed their gratitude for the outpouring of support from Richardson County and beyond, acknowledging the many donations received over the past years including generous donors like Frontier Bank and Community Medical Center in Falls City. They specifically recognized the Verdon Volunteer Fire Department, Village of Verdon, and Community Workers for their invaluable assistance and who put in countless hours to make this happen.

A significant turning point in the fundraising campaign came with a generous donation from Ed and Sandra Hartman, pushing the project closer to its final goal. Organizers expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the Hartmans' contribution, emphasizing the impact it will have on making the all-abilities playground a reality.

CITY COUNCIL

January 6, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 6th day of January 2025, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Kaster. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Agenda: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the December 16, 2024, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for January 6, 2025, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the December 7, 2024, through December 20, 2024, Claims are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the monthly report for the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Consent Agenda for January 6, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Kaster. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR THE 2025 CIVIC FINANCING FUND PROGRAM FOR THE FALLS CITY OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER PARK

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to authorize execution of the Letter of Intent. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Kaster. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT, PROMISSORY NOTE AND DEED OF TRUST FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1515 STONE STREET FOR A DIRECT LOAN UP TO \$25,920.00 FROM THE CITY'S CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT NO. 23DTR006

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Kaster. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE SCOPE OF WORK AND AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TOTALING \$129,800.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT CDBG GRANT 23DTR006

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Buckminster to authorize execution of the agreement as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth,

Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Kaster. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION FOR A TRANSMISSION PROJECT FOR ELECTRICAL RESILIENCY AND RELIABILITY

A motion was made by Council member Buckminster and seconded by Council member F. Killingsworth to move into closed session at 6:22pm for the discussion of a transmission project for the purpose of public interest. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Kaster. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Ferguson to end the closed session at 6:51pm and return to public session. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Kaster. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Leyden to move into closed session at 6:52pm for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Kaster. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:03 pm

1, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on January 6, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

City Clerk, Anthony Nussbaum
Mayor, Mark Harkendorff
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VILLAGE OF DAWSON

VILLAGE OF DAWSON MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD JANUARY 14TH, 2025 DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

The Dawson Village Board met in regular session on January 14th, 2025, at the Dawson Village Hall. Co-Chairperson Tom Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Stephanie Ingraham, Larry Koch. Absent was Bill Koch and Brian Burns. Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Co-Chairperson Tom Burns noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act posted on the Village Hall west wall.

The January 14th, 2025, agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Co-Chairperson Tom Burns and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – absent; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

The minutes of the December 10th, 2024, Regular Meeting were approved as unread with a motion by Co-Chairperson Tom Burns and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – absent; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

Koch – absent; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

The January claims were approved as presented with a motion by Co-Chairperson Tom Burns and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – absent; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

Unfinished business: East Well maintenance has been completed (repair pump and clean) by Sargent Drilling. At time of meeting, have not received update from Sheriff's Department regarding enforcing Village ordinances. Motion was made by Co-Chairperson Tom Burns and seconded by Larry Koch to table sidewalk and tree/brush maintenance to when the weather is more appropriate. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – absent; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

New business: Village's certificate of deposit is set to mature 1/22/2025. Co-Chairperson Tom Burns motioned to order dog licenses for year 2025 seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – absent; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

The January regular meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M. with a motion made by Co-Chairperson Tom Burns and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – absent; B Burns – absent; motion carried.

Tiffany Jorn, Village Clerk

January claims: American National Bank (account analysis) \$47.82; Dana F Cole & Co (accounting/tax services) \$175.00; Davis PHE LLC (water main break repair and water shut off) \$1,232.50; IRS (payroll tax) \$103.84; Midwest Laboratories (lagoon testing) \$470.14; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab (water testing) \$1,214.60; NPPD (electrical utilities) \$1,438.22; One Call Concepts (811 locates Q4) \$13.56; People-Service Inc (water/wastewater services) \$2,302.02; Quickbooks (invoicing software) \$65.00; Sargent Drilling (well pump repair and cleanout) \$32,852.16; Seneca Sanitation (garbage collection) \$1,134.00; Tiffany Jorn (postage) \$10.45; Tiffany Jorn (clerical payroll) \$679.55; Vicki Manning (water meter read) \$200.00; Village of Dawson (equipment savings) \$500.00. ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF SALEM

VILLAGE OF SALEM JANUARY 2025

The Salem Village Board met January 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Chairman Strauch opened the meeting, Kean, Wessel, and Catlin answered roll. Vogeles was absent.

The open meeting poster on the building wall was acknowledged.

Michael Fakler of Fakler Architects LLC, was present to review a recent facility audit done on the Salem Community Building. The audit was done on December 17, 2024.

Board members Strauch and Wessel were present during the audit.

Fakler reviewed his finding with the board. No action was taken at this time.

Claims were presented for payment. Strauch moved to pay claims, seconded by Catlin.

Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, and Catlin. Vogeles was absent.

Kean Moved to adjourn at 9:18, seconded by Strauch. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel and Catlin voting yes. Vogeles absent.

The next meeting will be February 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

CLAIMS VILLAGE OF SALEM JANUARY 2025

ROBERT McHenry 700.00 (water operator) water
Rural Water 1469.56 (water purchased for sale) water
NE Public Health Laboratory 30.00 (testing) water
Schendel Pest Control 30.00 (service combi)
Village of Salem/Water Fund 400.00 (transfer) general
US Treasury 229.50 (withholding) general
Ne Dept of Revenue (sales tax quarter 4) water
Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (salary) general 200.00 street 200.00 100.00 water withholding 38.25 check 461.75
USPS 169.10 (postage) water 154.50 general 14.60
Carolyn Glathar 11.27 (postage) general 7.30 street 3.97
OPPD 508.97 (utility) general 66.00 93.53 combi 35.82 FRHL 313.62 street
F&M Bank 139.00 (checks deposit slips) general
KMW Construction 3380.00 (snow removal) street
Robert Aitken 1040.00 (professional services) general
Fakler Architects LLC 5184.50 (Facility Audit) general

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CITY CLAIMS

City of Falls City, NE By Fund Payment Dates 12/21/2024 - 1/4/2025 Vendor Name Description (Payable) Amount

FUND: 100 - GENERAL

Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage 159.31
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 Nebraska Child Support Paym Child Support 204.01
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue Garnishment 250.00
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax. 30.00
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 365.48
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 325.06
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 229.16
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 262.60
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 214.18
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 229.16
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 318.62
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 235.76
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 285.36
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 242.64
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 252.00
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 270.54
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 459.90
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 314.20
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 261.32
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 206.68
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 224.86
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 316.94
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 194.78
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 231.32
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 345.78
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 371.04
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 361.44
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 193.18
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 293.00
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 169.54
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 303.50
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 162.04
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 260.54
 American Natl Bank HSA 100.00
 American Natl Bank HSA 60.00
 American Natl Bank HSA 100.00
 American Natl Bank HSA 50.00
 American Natl Bank HSA 100.00
 American Natl Bank HSA 20.00
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 390.64
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 400.90
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 372.86
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 511.60
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 378.38
 Nebraska Department of Reve State W/H Tax 3,671.99
 Department of the Treasury Federal W/H 7,851.27
 Department of the Treasury Medicare Tax 2,918.66
 Department of the Treasury Social Security Tax 12,479.46
 Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins 612.38
 Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins 141.00
 Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins 597.04
 Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins 136.95
 Farm & City Supply supplies 13.98
 Farm & City Supply supplies 32.99
 Farm & City Supply supplies 32.99
 Farm & City Supply supplies 13.98
 Southeast Community College training 395.25
 Clean Harbors Environmental service 31,703.72
 Amazon Capital Services supplies 29.99
 Amazon Capital Services supplies 13.89
 TASC service 125.00
 Utility Department service 33.00
 Utility Department service 39.90
 Utility Department service 202.82
 Utility Department service 84.95
 Utility Department service 776.58
 SNC service 606.12
 Falls City Economic and Devel Monthly Contribution (MOU)-7 10,613.00
 Falls City Main Street, Inc. Monthly Contribution (MOU) 7 2,500.00
 Fund 100 - Gen Total 91,996.74

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Southeast Community College training 171.75
 The Radar Shop service 320.00
 The Radar Shop service 110.00
 SNC service 279.77
 Fund 110 - Police Total 881.52

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL

Omaha Public Power District service 46.32
 Utility Department service 13.81
 Fund 115 - Animal Control Total 60.13

FUND: 120 - FIRE

Utility Department service 71.23
 Utility Department service 40.56
 Utility Department service 33.00
 Utility Department service 325.02
 Utility Department service 4,071.78
 Utility Department service 127.64
 Utility Department service 72.50
 SNC service 127.58
 Fund 120 - Fire Total 4,869.31

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Southeast Community College training 171.75
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 6.47
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 7.95
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 37.43
 Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total 223.60

FUND: 150 - PARKS

Farm & City Supply supplies 13.99
 Farm & City Supply supplies 0.99
 Farm & City Supply supplies 2.78
 Farm & City Supply supplies 1.99
 Farm & City Supply supplies 40.37
 Farm & City Supply supplies 7.98
 Farm & City Supply supplies 7.98
 Farm & City Supply supplies 27.99
 Farm & City Supply supplies 1.98
 Farm & City Supply supplies 9.98
 Farm & City Supply supplies 49.99
 Acco Unlimited Corporation service 213.45

Acco Unlimited Corp serv 191.60
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 13.90
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 135.99
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 14.70
 Wolfes Printing supplies 8.00
 Wolfes Printing supplies 73.85
 O'Reilly Automotive Inc supplies 149.99
 American Equipment Co American Equipment - salt spr... 3,932.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 32.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 192.50
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 44.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 64.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 77.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 88.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 367.50
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 96.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 128.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 132.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 154.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 176.00
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 40.50
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 115.50
 Watermen Watermen - lifeguard uniforms 239.50
 Utility Department service 84.27
 Utility Department service 82.19
 Utility Department service 40.56
 Utility Department service 40.56
 Utility Department service 40.56
 Utility Department service 39.90
 Utility Department service 224.55
 Utility Department service 48.91
 Utility Department service 145.94
 Utility Department service 42.76
 Utility Department service 43.79
 Utility Department service 60.86
 Utility Department service 101.98
 Utility Department service 50.65
 Utility Department service 40.95
 Utility Department service 41.20
 Utility Department service 48.45
 Fund 150 - Parks Total 8,103.20

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

Comhusker State Industr Breathe chair adjustable arms 1,464.00
 Wolfes Printing supplies 23.00
 Lumen service 3,172.79
 Northland Business Systems supplies 4,557.18
 SNC service 709.64
 Fund 205 - Dispatching Total 9,926.61

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

FC Post Office postage 312.45
 Omaha Public Power District service 104,237.45
 Ameritas Billing 457 After Tax % 250.88
 Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage 79.03
 Aflac AFLAC 32.72
 Aflac AFLAC 151.53
 CWA Dues CWA Union Dues 179.50
 Medica Insurance Group Health 6,625.32
 IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW Union Dues 355.77
 Dearborn Life Insurance Com... Life Insurance 208.04
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 468.03
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 250.00
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 300.00
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 68.26
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 1,000.00
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 300.00
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 394.28
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 299.62
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 302.78
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 423.66
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 316.12
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 404.36
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 332.62
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 367.92
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 298.74
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 270.34
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 343.86
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 280.72
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 274.20
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 271.10
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 213.22
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 258.82
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 Ameritas Retirement 501a 396.04
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 272.10
 Ameritas Retirement 501a 263.62
 American Natl Bank HSA 200.00
 American Natl Bank HSA 147.00
 American Natl Bank HSA 65.00
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 Department of the Treasury Medicare Tax 2,578.42
 Department of the Treasury Social Security Tax 11,025.00
 Nebraska Department of Reve State W/H Tax 3,649.19
 Department of the Treasury Federal W/H 7,627.63
 League of Nebraska Municipali service 117.50
 Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins 535.77
 Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins 85.04
 Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins 535.77
 Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins 85.04
 Farm & City Supply supplies 4.29
 Farm & City Supply supplies 32.22
 Farm & City Supply supplies 20.52
 Farm & City Supply supplies 12.00
 Farm & City Supply supplies 6.44
 Farm & City Supply supplies 3.81
 Farm & City Supply supplies 6.38
 Farm & City Supply supplies 37.57
 Farm & City Supply supplies 6.86
 Farm & City Supply supplies 10.28
 Farm & City Supply labor 37.63
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 7.95
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 37.43
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 6.48
 Miller Farrell Insurance Agency insurance 245.00
 Farm & City Supply supplies 37.00
 Southeast Community College training 283.50
 Amazon Capital Services supplies 194.87
 Home Lumber Company supplies 29.97
 Home Lumber Company supplies 59.97
 Martin Marietta Martin Marietta rock 1,760.35
 Martin Marietta Martin Marietta rock 1,799.70
 Olsson Associates project 020-33120 2,318.47
 Harmon's OK Tire Harmon's loader tires 8,000.00
 Harmon's OK Tire Harmon's loader tires 400.00
 Harmon's OK Tire Harmon's loader tires 40.00
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 Utility Department service 43.40
 Utility Department service 43.40
 Utility Department service 560.28
 Utility Department service 49.81
 Utility Department service 237.35
 Utility Dept service 6,654.90
 SNC service 51.05
 Fund 190 - Streets Total 23,013.02

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM

Farm & City Supply supplies 27.99
 Farm & City Supply supplies 6.59
 Farm & City Supply supplies 17.99
 Stephanie Witt Refunded 50.00
 Stephanie Witt Refunded 200.00
 Stephanie Witt Refunded 50.00
 Farm & City Supply supplies 17.99
 Farm & City Supply supplies 6.90
 Farm & City Supply supplies 6.59
 Amazon Capital Services supplies 27.79
 Park Warehouse LLC aluminum benches for auditor 1,941.60
 Unifirst Corp supplies 66.55
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 6.89
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 11.79
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 18.99
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 69.99
 Amazon Cap Serv supplies 134.40
 Falls City Mercantile supplies 52.23
 Falls City Mercantile supplies 39.25
 Engineered Controls service 1,817.50
 Electronic Contracting Compa service 504.00
 Utility Dept service 2,454.70
 Utility Dept service 364.74
 Utility Dept service 1,829.81
 SNC service 100.18
 Fund 151 - Auditorim Total 9,889.45

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY

Southeast Community College training 507.00
 Falls City Merc supplies 44.14
 Falls City Merc supplies 30.49
 Falls City Merc supplies 42.35
 Falls City Merc supplies 47.32
 ACCO Brands USA LLC supplies 126.51
 Richard Gilkerson service 150.00
 Utility Dept service 519.72
 Utility Dept service 232.22
 Utility Dept service 1,197.18
 SNC service 7.02
 SNC service 216.71
 Library Petty Cash supplies 256.00
 Fund 170 - Library Total 3,376.66

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY

Farm & City Supply supplies 6.98
 Farm & City Supply supplies 4.78
 Farm & City Supply supplies 16.99
 Farm & City Supply coding error 28.75
 Farm & City Supply supplies 28.75
 FC Auto Supply supplies 8.49
 Utility Dept service 191.45
 SNC service 99.13

FUND: 190 - STREETS

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 Southeast Community College training 283.50
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 Utility Department service 43.40
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 Utility Department service 560.28
 Utility Department service 49.81
 Utility Department service 237.35
 Utility Dept service 6,654.90
 SNC service 51.05
 Fund 190 - Streets Total 23,013.02

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP

Mr Automotive supplies 9.18
 Mr Automotive supplies 28.46
 Mr Automotive supplies 27.97
 Mr Automotive supplies 9.54
 Mr Automotive supplies 21.70
 Mr Automotive supplies 19.84

Hotsy Equipment Co Supplies 17.00
 Hotsy Equipment Co Supplies 36.81
 Hotsy Equipment Co Supplies 8.50
 Hotsy Equipment Co Supplies 89.22
 Hotsy Equipment Co supplies 8.50
 O'Reilly Automotive Inc supplies 31.67
 O'Reilly Automotive Inc supplies 27.44
 O'Reilly Automotive Inc supplies 93.73
 O'Reilly Automotive Inc supplies 47.74
 FC Auto Supply supplies 159.99
 FC Auto Supply supplies 13.22
 FC Auto Supply supplies 15.98
 SNC service 1.05
 Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total 667.54

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

Comhusker State Industr Breathe chair adjustable arms 1,464.00
 Wolfes Printing supplies 23.00
 Lumen service 3,172.79
 Northland Business Systems supplies 4,557.18
 SNC service 709.64
 Fund 205 - Dispatching Total 9,926.61

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

FC Post Office postage 312.45
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 Aflac AFLAC 32.72
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 Medica Insurance Group Health 6,625.32
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 Dearborn Life Insurance Com... Life Insurance 208.04
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 468.03
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 250.00
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 300.00
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 68.26
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 1,000.00
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 Ameritas Retirement 501a 394.28
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 Farm & City Supply supplies 4.29
 Farm & City Supply supplies 32.22
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 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 6.48
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 Utility Department service 43.40
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 Utility Department service 560.28
 Utility Department service 49.81
 Utility Department service 237.35
 Utility Dept service 6,654.90
 SNC service 51.05
 Fund 190 - Streets Total 23,013.02

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY

Southeast Community College training 507.00
 Falls City Merc supplies 44.14
 Falls City Merc supplies 30.49
 Falls City Merc supplies 42.35
 Falls City Merc supplies 47.32
 ACCO Brands USA LLC supplies 126.51
 Richard Gilkerson service 150.00
 Utility Dept service 519.72
 Utility Dept service 232.22
 Utility Dept service 1,197.18
 SNC service 7.02
 SNC service 216.71
 Library Petty Cash supplies 256.00
 Fund 170 - Library Total 3,376.66

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY

Farm & City Supply supplies 6.98
 Farm & City Supply supplies 4.78
 Farm & City Supply supplies 16.99
 Farm & City Supply coding error 28.75
 Farm & City Supply supplies 28.75
 FC Auto Supply supplies 8.49
 Utility Dept service 191.45
 SNC service 99.13

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 Fund 190 - Streets Total 23,013.02

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP

Mr Automotive supplies 9.18
 Mr Automotive supplies 28.46
 Mr Automotive supplies 27.97
 Mr Automotive supplies 9.54
 Mr Automotive supplies 21.70
 Mr Automotive supplies 19.84

Water Tech Pro 1,892.21
 Percival Culligan Water supplies 169.46
 Border States Border States - polymer inven 94.33
 Border States Border States - polymer inven 306.39
 Border States Border States - polymer inven 483.75
 Border States Border States - polymer inven 116.68
 Border States Border States - polymer inven 695.53
 League of NE Municipali League of Munc - water work 325.00
 TASC service 31.25
 Sapps Bros, Inc. Lincoln supplies 150.00
 Utility Department service 43.60
 Utility Department service 108.14
 Utility Department service 77.60
 Utility Department service 471.68
 Utility Department service 512.49
 Utility Department service 5,431.10
 Utility Department service 2,243.40
 Utility Department service 4,401.19
 Utility Department service 208.80
 Utility Department service 556.46
 Utility Department service 498.77
 Utility Department service 3,363.12
 SNC service 402.33
 SNC service 4.04
 SNC service 115.85
 Carrot-Top Industries American flags 696.87
 Core & Main LP Core & Main - Command Link 506.49
 Fund 600 - Electric Total: 247,521.64

FUND: 610 - WATER

FC Post Office postage 312.45
 League of NE Municipali serv 117.50
 Farm & City Supply supplies 8.59
 Farm & City Supply supplies 8.59
 Farm & City Supply supplies 11.18
 Farm & City Supply supplies 18.47
 Farm & City Supply supplies 19.34
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co Win water - inventory 93.53
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co Win water - inventory 172.00
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co Win water - inventory 127.93
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co Win water - inventory 228.98
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co Win water - inventory 645.00
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co Win water - inventory 118.24
 Hach Chemical Co Calibration Standards 297.51
 Hach Chemical Co Calibration Standards 342.04
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 97.99
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 9.56
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 21.99
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 20.04
 Southeast Community College training 171.75
 Nebraska Public Health Enviro service 211.00
 Grainger 3/4 inch solenoid valve 317.82
 Edwards Chemicals supplies 329.15
 Edwards Chemicals supplies 257.00
 TASC service 31.25
 Utility Dept service 2,629.82
 Utility Department service 260.44
 Utility Department service 96.15
 Utility Dept service 9,571.81
 Utility Department water plant north well 684.64
 Utility Department service 12.70
 Utility Department service 52.85
 Utility Department service 761.01
 Utility Department service 113.89
 Utility Dept service 10,577.60
 SNC service 156.84
 RJP Environmental Services, L service 100.00
 Douglas Wheeler service 190.00
 Core & Main LP Core & Main - Command Link 506.50
 Fund 610 - Water Total: 29,703.15

FUND: 620 - GAS

PEFA, INC service 25,245.78
 FC Post Office postage 312.45
 League of Nebraska Municipali service 117.50
 Farm & City Supply supplies 20.41
 Farm & City Supply supplies 15.03
 Farm & City Supply supplies 35.46
 Heath Heath - odorator 2 6,065.81
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 14.44
 Amazon Capital Serv supplies 2

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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**NOTICE
In the Court County of
Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Roxann Stitzer,
Deceased.**

Estate No. PR25-1

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Mark W. Stitzer, whose address is 64588 702 Rd., Salem, NE 68433 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 March 17, 2025, 2025 or be forever barred.

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

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

Estate of Charlene Sarah Fritchie,
Deceased
Estate No. PR 24 -55

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of December 2024, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued an Order of Testacy, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Personal Representative for the Estate of Charlene Sarah Fritchie, and that Ms. Wanda Lea Herel, whose address is: 1024 N. 40th St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68503, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claim(s) with this Court on or before the 17th day of March 2025 or be forever barred.

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1118 15th Street
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Auburn, Nebraska 68305
Telephone:(402) 274-5484

/s/ Bethany K. Godemann,
County Clerk
Richardson County Court
1700 Stone St. #205
Falls City, Nebraska 68355
Telephone:(402) 245-2812

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**Village of Verdon
Notice of One & Six Year Street
Improvement Plan Hearing**

Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska that the Village Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 5th Day of February 2025 at the Village Hall in Verdon for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2025.

Julie Vollmer
City Street Superintendent
15-22-29
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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 Truators, 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

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**RICHARDSON COUNTY
NOTICE OF ONE
AND SIX YEAR
ROAD PROGRAM PLAN
HEARING**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Nebraska § 39-1503, a public hearing will be held in the office of the Richardson County Commissioners, Room 202, Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska on the 12th day of February 2025, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of presenting to the public, the One and Six Year Highway Improvement Program for Richardson County, Nebraska.

Steven J. Darveau, Jr.
Richardson County Highway
Superintendent

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**VILLAGE OF RULO
NOTICE OF ONE
AND SIX YEAR
STREET IMPROVEMENT
PLAN HEARING**

Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska, that the Village Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th Day of February 2025 at the Village Hall, for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2025.

Julie Vollmer
City Street Superintendent
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**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
RICHARDSON COUNTY,
NEBRASKA

Estate of Dorothy M.
Kirkendall, Deceased.

Estate No. PR25-2

Notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Patricia A. Madsen, whose address is 806 Minnetare Lane, Hiawatha, Kansas 66434, and Jared W. Kirkendall, whose address is 66062 703 Trail, Rulo, Nebraska 68431, have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 24, 2025 or be forever barred.

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

Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Tracy A. Burns, #25398
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402)245-4486

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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Rock Bottom Well Services LLC
P.O. Box 477
Falls City, NE 68355**

Notice is hereby given that Cory J. Sneathen has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

1. The name of this limited liability company is Rock Bottom Well Services LLC.

2. The Initial Designated Office Address is 63891 706 Rd., Dawson, NE 68337, and its Registered Agent is Cory Sneathen, 63891 706 Rd., Dawson, NE (Physical) & P.O. Box 477 Falls City, NE 68355 (Mailing).

3. The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on January 10, 2025. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

Handley Law Office
Dylan L. Handley (24152)
217 E. 18th Street
Falls City, Nebraska 68355
Telephone: (402) 245-3088
Fax: (402) 245-2664
Email:
dylanlhandley@hotmail.com

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**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
CASE NO. C124-161
LEGAL NOTICE**

**CITY OF FALLS CITY,
NEBRASKA,
A Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

CHARLES D. ROCK, JR.,
THE HEIRS, DEVISEES,
LEGATEES, OR ASSIGNEES OF
ELIZABETH A. CHOATE,
DECEASED, REAL NAMES
UNKNOWN, DEVIN
CHOATE, BRENNAN CHOATE,
THE HEIRS, DEVISEES,
LEGATEES OR ASSIGNEES
OF KAMI CHOATE,
DECEASED, REAL NAMES
UNKNOWN, RYAN WAGAR,
AND ALL PERSONS HAVING
OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST
IN THE FOLLOWING
DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE TO
-WIT: LOTS 15 & 16, BLOCK
187, ORIGINAL TOWN TO THE
CITY OF FALLS CITY,
NEBRASKA, REAL NAMES
UNKNOWN, Defendants.

TO: Charles D. Rock, Jr. and Elizabeth A. Choate and their Grantees, assigns, heirs, devisees or legatees or any persons claiming an interest in the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots 15 & 16, Block 187, Original Town to the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of December 2024, Plaintiff filed its Complaint in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, against you, the object and prayer of which is to abate the nuisances at the described real estate and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable. You are required to answer said petition on or before March 14, 2025.

City of Falls City, Plaintiff, By:
Tracy A. Burns, Deputy City Attorney

Tracy A. Burns, #25398
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC
111 E 17th Street, PO Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486

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**Village of Rulo
Bids Open**

2025 Cemetery Mowing
The Village of Rulo is now accepting bids for their 2025 cemetery mowing season running April 1, 2025 through October 1, 2025. Bidders must provide their own equipment and will be responsible for include between headstones and around all fences and trees. Mowing must also be done on the north and east sides of the cemetery to their respective roads. The size of the cemetery is 6 acres.

Full bid packets can be requested for any Board Member or
Clerk - Rachel Jean
Cell: 407-949-1495
Email: ruloclerk@outlook.com

Sealed bids can be provided to any Board Member or the Clerk. They can also be mailed to the Village of Rulo, PO Box 126, Rulo, NE 68431. All bids must be received by February 10, 2025 by 5:00pm and will be reviewed at the February Board Meeting on February 11, 2025.

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DISTRICT #56

**Agenda for the Board of
Education Work Session, 5:00
PM, Thursday, February 6, 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 Approval of Agenda
 - 1.5 Public Comment

2.0 Discussion of Superintendent Search Process

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

4.0 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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**COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

**RICHARDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2025
CALL TO ORDER**

The Annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Caverzagie. 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 minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from January 8, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-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.co.richardson.ne.us.

BOARD REORGANIZATION
Motion was made by Karas to reappoint John Caverzagie as the Chairman of the Board for 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint Rick Karas as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie that the listed duties be designated to the following commissioners:
Commissioner Karas: County Roads, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) and the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council
Commissioner Caverzagie:

Courthouse Building and Grounds and Law Enforcement Center, Region V Systems & Services, member of the Product Development & Public Policy Committee of the Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE) and alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Commissioner Campbell: County Roads, The Greater Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprise (EDGE), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Falls City Airport Road Committee and the Southeast Nebraska Health Board

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

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD/
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of Steve Darveau, Jr. as the Richardson County Highway Superintendent, License #S-1660 Class A with an annual salary for 2025 approved at \$70,227.00 (2% increase). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to table the reappointment of Mona Godemann as the Veterans Service Officer for 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Brian Kirkendall as the Richardson County Emergency Manager and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent with an annual salary for 2025 approved at \$66,894.64 (2% increase). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL BOARD
APPOINTMENTS**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of Dr. Allan W. Tramp to the County Health Board for the year 2025 pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 71-501. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reappoint Charles O'Grady to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of 3 years which expires December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. A position still remains open, and the Board will be considering the appointment to this position at a later meeting.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to reaffirm the appointment of the members of the County Safety Committee: Sheriff Hardesty; Jail Administrator, Kristen Morehead; Ryan Curtis, Courthouse Maintenance; Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent; Wyatt Martin, Road and Bridge Department; and Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT
CENTER**

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

An agreement with Combined Public Communications, LLC was presented to the Board review and approval. This company provides the phone calling card service, inmate messaging service, commissary and other services for inmates to purchase.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agreement with Combined Public Communications, LLC and authorize the Sheriff to enter into and sign. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

**BRIAN KIRKENDALL,
NOXIOUS WEED SUPT.**

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Supt. presented to the Board the 2024 annual report of the Noxious Weed Control Plan program in Richardson County which will be submitted to the NE Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Protection. Mr. Kirkendall reported that the infestation of servicea lespedeza has become less in the County but that it is still prevalent in the County but with areas of infestation smaller than in previous years.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the 2024 annual report of the

Noxious Weed Control Plan program in Richardson County as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER
Resolution 2024-2025-24**

Sub-Division

Review of the request for a subdivision of property located in S30, T1, R18 for Robert D and Joyce K Bachman was held and the Board requested that the Highway Superintendent review this requested subdivision with the landowners and the Board will consider this further at next week's meeting.

Other
A check was received from EMC Insurance Companies and Miller LLC in the amount of \$16,600 representing a dividend resulting from the County's good claim experience and accident prevention.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp	85.58
BuckIT, serv	12750.00
Charm-Tex, supp	147.60
Consolidated Management, serv	8920.76
Crowne Plaza, lodg	419.85
Culligan, serv	110.00
Detectachem, supp	218.65
Electronic Contracting Co., supp	87985.96
Falls City Mercantile, supp ..	74.59
Falls City Sanitation, serv	20.00
Franzen, Linda, serv	23.08
Galls, supp	294.73
Harring, Barbara, serv	37.50
Jake's Paint & Body, serv	15593.31
KexRx, supp	355.19
Ligouri, Angelo, serv	465.50
Midwest Card & ID Solutions, sup	1750.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
MIPS, supp	195.76
MIS, serv	110.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurers, dues	75.00
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues ..	410.00
Norris, Dan, serv	156.00
OPPD, serv	33.08
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv ..	80.00
Postmaster, supp	175.00
Prochaska & Assoc., serv ..	457.90
Quill, supp	233.99
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	30.00
Richardson Co Court, fees ..	316.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	257.87
Richardson Co Sheriff, fees	754.70
Riggs, Kim, reimb	154.60
Sapp Bros., fuel	459.16
Schenkel Pest Control, serv ..	69.88
SNC, serv	1889.34
Stevicks, Billy, serv	208.80
Summit Fire Protection, serv	2921.03
SumnerOne, serv	258.81
Unifirst, serv	87.94
Weaver & Merz, reimb	9.35
Wolfe's Printing, supp	85.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$138,711.51
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	
Bahr Welding LLC, serv ..	1610.88
Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc, supp	125.69
Davis Plumbing, Heating & Electrical, serv	424.70
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, supp	103.62
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc., serv	176.25
Jim Hill's, serv	345.00
Koch's Auto Service, Inc., serv	11003.72
Mr. Automotive, supp	66.89
NMC, Inc., serv	1487.79
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	188.74
Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc., serv	2245.17
SNC, serv	104.16
Village of Salem, serv	22.85
Woods & Aitken LLP, serv ..	8048.90
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$25,954.36
SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	
CPC, serv	920.93
SNC, serv	155.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND ..	1,075.93
ADJOURNMENT	
Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.	
John J. Caverzagie, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk ZNEZ	

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Nemaha Natural Resources District is accepting applications for the position of Water Resources Technician located at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. This is a full-time, salaried position with a comprehensive benefits package. The position is responsible for assisting with water programs in the field and in the office as needed. Resumes may be mailed or delivered by 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025, to Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager, Nemaha NRD, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh NE 68450 or emailed to jobs@nemahand.org. See the full job description at https://www.nemahand.org/.
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Position Vacancy - Office Manager/ EXTENSION Education Support Staff

Full-time OR part-time position (will be decided based on applicant preferences/needs) performing administrative and clerical support to maintain efficient operation of the Richardson County Extension Office.

APPLY NOW! Application information and position description are available at the Extension Office in the lower level of the courthouse or online at extension.unl.edu/statewide/Richardson-1/.

The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found; however, applications are encouraged by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7. Richardson County is an equal opportunity employer.

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Police Chief Sac and Fox Nation

The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate opening for a full-time Chief of Police. Under the direct supervision of the Tribal Council, this position is responsible for managing a complete public law enforcement program ensuring the protection of people and property in the Sac and Fox jurisdiction. Duties include managing police department staff, investigating complaints, patrolling, providing emergency response, monitoring traffic safety, resolving disputes, executing warrants, and overseeing the hiring and development of staff. Managerial duties include filling out paperwork, reviewing patrol logs, managing budgets, and working with Tribal Council as necessary to ensure funding requirements are met. Previous Law Enforcement and management experience, general knowledge of law enforcement techniques, computer applications and emergency medical technology preferred. Must have the ability to operate communication equipment, computers, weapons, radar units, and emergency vehicle equipment. Criminal and civil background check required. Applicants must be 21 years or older and possess a high school diploma or higher. KLET Certification or equivalent mandatory. Native preference does apply. For additional information or to apply visit www.sacandfoxks.com or contact us at 785-742-7471. Application form & resumes can be emailed directly to employment@sacandfoxks.com or delivered to the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 66434. Position open until filled.

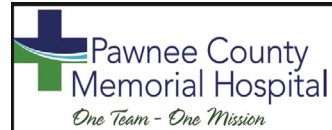
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HELP WANTED

Southeast District Health Department is taking applications for a Full-time Administrative Assistant in their Auburn office. For more information or to apply go to <https://www.sedhd.org/about-us/careers.html> Starting Pay Range: \$18.36 - \$20.98



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POSITION OPENINGS

Pawnee County Memorial Hospital is seeking

- » Radiology Tech
- » EMS Coordinator
- » Registered Nurse

Our small-town atmosphere offers a professional environment in a critical access facility with a competitive salary and benefit package.

For a full description of this position and to apply, visit our website at www.pawneehospital.com to complete an application. PCMH is an EOE

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CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY: MEAL PREPARATION FOR RICHARDSON COUNTY

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office is seeking a qualified contractor to provide labor-only services for preparing meals for the Richardson County Jail.

KEY DETAILS:

- Meals Required: 3 meals per day (breakfast, lunch, & dinner).
- Schedule: 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- Scope: Labor only (ingredients & supplies will be provided by the Sheriff's Office).

REQUIREMENTS:

- Experience in meal preparation for large groups is preferred.
- Must comply with dietary and nutritional guidelines.
- Commitment to reliable and consistent service.

This is an excellent opportunity for individuals or businesses with expertise in meal preparation looking to secure a year-round contract.

TO APPLY: Interested parties should contact the Richardson County Sheriff's Office for more details or to submit a proposal to Sheriff Hardesty, 402.245.2479 or sheriff@richardsoncountyne.gov



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Help Wanted

is accepting applications for the following positions:

REGISTERED NURSE-DAY SHIFT

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

DAY WEEKEND WARRIOR NURSE

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

NURSE-NIGHT SHIFT

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

NIGHT WEEKEND WARRIOR NURSE

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

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST

Full-Time position working 40 hours per week with every 4th weekend required. On-Call approximately 6 nights per month. Must have an MLT or MT degree. Responsible for collecting, preparing, analyzing and interpreting lab specimens.

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Full-Time position working 40 hours per week with every 6th Saturday. PTA license issued by KS Board of Healing Arts required. Responsible for the application of therapy procedures under supervision of Physical Therapist, along with coordinating activities within the department.

MEDICAL RECORDS CLERK

Full-Time position working 36-40 hours per week. Must be detail oriented, have basic computer skills, work effectively in a team environment with good communication skills. Duties include organization of medical records, release of protected health information, birth certificate completion and safeguarding patient records in accordance with HIPAA standards.

ADMISSIONS SPECIALIST

Full-Time position working 40 hours per week with every 6th Saturday morning required. Responsible for interviewing and recording personal information, obtaining required signatures and other general office duties such as answering phones and receiving payments.

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

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LPN or MEDICATION AIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for vibrant and dynamic Caregivers to join our team at Jonesbrook Estates, LLC Assisted Living. If you are a compassionate, caring person who holds a Medication Aide or Nebraska LPN license, this is the job for you. Offering a Full-time or PRN position. Willing to train as a Medication Aide for the right person. We offer shift differential for nights and weekends.

All offers of employment contingent upon a satisfactory background check and drug screening. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a desire to work with the elderly and provide exceptional customer care.

We encourage you to apply in person at Jonesbrook Estates, LLC Assisted Living, located at 1010 East 21st Street Falls City, NE 68355. 402.245.6033 or email: Jonesbrook@sentco.net

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ASSISTED LIVING COOK

Jonesbrook Estates, LLC Assisted Living is now taking applications for a part-time cook, will train the right person. Candidates should be able to follow a recipe and know general food safety. Salary is hourly and based on work experience.

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“Mooving” on down the road

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road. Deputies from the sheriff’s department lent a hand by blocking traffic on Highway 73 for almost 15 minutes to allow the cattle to cross the road safely.

According to Dunn, the group included seven riders on four-wheelers and four pickups that helped block intersections.

“We herded them home rather than loading up,” said Andy Dunn. “It probably took us two hours to go five miles roughly.”

It would be a two-day process if they had to transport them back by truck and trailer.

Dunn emphasized that after snow like the one we had, and the grader ditches are full, cows don’t want to walk through the deep

snow any more than humans do.

He said some cows can be wild and chases ensue, but with some work, they are happy to follow the tractor, especially if “a treat” awaits them.

“My grandpa’s philosophy was always that cows are like a log chain; they are a lot easier to drag than they are to push,” said Dunn. “If you get them used to following you with a bucket or bale of hay, you just holler at them a little bit and their heads come up and away we go.”

The Dunn family wishes to thank everyone who helped and anyone who patiently waited on the cattle as they crossed the highway.

Commissioners meet for regular meeting

The Annual meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Karas at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Campbell. Caverzagie was absent.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. He also reported that the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan was being developed and that notice has been given that the public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court submitted to the Board the information on the grant that has been received from the NE Dept of Health & Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement for enforcement service in Richardson County.

Motion was made by Karas to accept the grant funding from the NE Dept of Health & Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement for Child Support Enforcement IV-D as a sub-recipient, awarded on October 1, 2024, assistance listing number is 93.563, FAIN is 2501NECSES. Motion seconded by Campbell. Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on

the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 19 inmates in the Jail and that there are plans to provide more training for the jailers to improve the workflow in the Jail.

A motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-24 to approve a sub-division for Robert D and Joyce K Bachman located in S30, T1, R18. The motion was seconded by Campbell. Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

MAKING IT RIGHT: During the January 15, 2025 Commissioners Meeting the board voted to table the reappointment of Mona Godemann as the Veterans Service Officer for 2025 and during the vote to reappoint Brian Kirkendall as the Richardson County Emergency Manager and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent with an annual salary for 2025 approved at \$66,894.64 (two percent increase). The roll call vote was: Karas-nay, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye.

Lady Tiger grapplers showing growth on the mats

The Lady Tiger wrestlers competed in Auburn on Tuesday night. They defeated Platteview 24-0 and lost to the Bulldogs 52-12.

Versus Platteview, Kenley Alexander pinned Mel Ostrander at 1:12 in the 125-pound match. Paige Young, Gabi Young and Taytum Maddox earned wins by forfeit.

Against the host school, Paige Young earned a win by fall at 1:04 over Kensley Snodgrass at 120. Maddox also picked up a win by forfeit. Alexander lost by fall at 1:29 to Veronica Housley and Gabi Young fell at 145, losing to Lucia Campbell by a 14-0 major decision.

On Thursday at Pawnee City, the Lady Tigers lost to Johnson County Central 36-18. Taytum Maddox lost by fall to Reese Carter at 3:27 in the girls’ only match of the night. Paige Young, Alexander and Gabi Young won by forfeit.

On Friday, FC competed at the Plattsmouth Girls Invitational. Falls

City scored 44 points and placed 13th out of 19 teams. Maddox finished her day at 3-1 and placed second. After winning her initial three matches, Maddox lost by fall in the finals to Olivia Garrean (30-2) by fall at 1:12 and placed second.

Gabi Young went 4-2 and placed fourth. Young (17-14) dropped a 7-0 decision to Madeline James of Blair in the third-place match.

The Tigers traveled to Weeping Water High School on Saturday for a stacked invite. The Lady Tigers scored 39 points and placed 15th.

Gabi Young scored another fourth-place finish, improving to 20-15 for the season. Young placed fourth after dropping her third-place match due to a medical forfeit.

Maddox also had a solid day, placing fourth and improving to 24-14. In her third-place match, she lost a sudden victory (SV-1, 11-8) to Quinn Madill of Elkhorn.

At 120, Paige Young went 2-2 and at 125, Alexander finished 0-2.

ACCIDENTS

On January 10, 2025 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Pamela Wittwer of Falls City said she was northbound on Harlan and was turning left onto 17th. She did not see Eric Puckett of Falls City coming southbound until it was too late and he ran into her. Puckett said he was southbound on Harlan and Wittwer turned in front of him and he could not avoid the collision. Tonya Allen of Salem said she was stopped at 17th and Harlan when Wittwer turned in front of Puckett. The impact between Wittwer and Puckett caused Puckett to be flung into Allen. The roadway was covered in packed snow and powder. An estimated \$8000 in damage was done to the Wittwer vehicle; an estimated \$2000 was done to the Puckett vehicle; an estimated \$2,000 in damage was done to the vehicle operated by Allen.

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Monday, January 27
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Tuesday, January 28
Parents and Staff Appreciation Day

Wednesday, January 29
Honors Day/
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Thursday, January 30
Celebrating Vocations Day

Friday, January 31
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