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Sun., Feb. 16
8:00AM-1:00PM: Morrill Fire Dept. Pancake Feed
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Wed., Feb. 26
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Falls City Chamber and Main Street hosts ribbon cutting for Airstream Heating and Cooling

The Falls City Chamber and Main Street proudly welcomed Airstream Heating and Cooling to the local business community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 4, 2025. Owners Chris Maher and James Longfellow celebrated the milestone with their dedicated team and community members.

Airstream Heating and Cooling was founded in 2018 by Chris and James who initially ran the business as a two-person operation. With dedication and a strong commitment to quality service, the company has grown significantly over the years, now employing a team of eight skilled professionals.

Specializing in commercial and residential HVAC services, Airstream Heating and Cooling offers expert service, repair, and replacement for heating and cooling systems. The company also provides plumbing services, sewer cleaning, com-

mercial refrigeration repair, and 24-hour emergency assistance to ensure that customers receive timely support when they need it most.

"Falls City has always been a great place to work, and we've enjoyed serving the customers here," said Chris Maher. "We noticed a growing need for reliable HVAC and plumbing services as other companies left or closed. With several of our employees living in or near Falls City, it made sense for us to establish a permanent presence here."

Looking ahead, Airstream Heating and Cooling is focused on continued growth and community involvement. "Our goal is to expand and become a lasting part of the Falls City community," added James. "We're committed to providing excellent service and being a trusted resource for residents and businesses alike."

The Falls City Chamber and

Main Street is thrilled to welcome Airstream Heating & Cooling and looks forward to their continued success and contributions to the community.

For more information about Airstream Heating and Cooling, visit www.airstreamauburnne.com or contact 402-245-5083.

Commissioners meet for regular meeting

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie.

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

A review of damages done to 719 Road west of Hwy 75 was held with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel present. Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the Highway Superintendent to send a letter describing the damages done to this road to Tender

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Falls City Care Center receives 2025 customer experience award

Falls City Care Center is thrilled to announce that it has received a 2025 Customer Experience Award from Activated Insights, formerly Pinnacle Quality Insight, the leading provider of training, recruitment, retention, experience management and recognition tools to improve and grow long-term and post-acute care organizations. This recognizes Falls City Care's outstanding performance in the categories of Dining Service and Quality of Food and solidifies their position in the top echelon of care providers nationwide.

"It is our pleasure to congratulate Falls City Care for their well-deserved achievement in winning the Customer Experience

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Council hears quarterly report from EDGE

The Falls City Council met on Monday, February 3, 2025, at City Hall for its regularly scheduled meeting. All the councilpersons answered the roll call.

Under regular business, the Council reviewed and approved the 2025 Retail Liquor License renewals as published in the Falls City Journal.

Approval was also given to execute the Custodial Agreement with F&M Bank for CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service) and ICS (IntraFi Cash Service) Deposit Placement Agreements.

The Board discussed and authorized executing a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Citroniq Chemicals, LLC on a 6-2 vote. Council members Frank Killingsworth and Josh Kaster were the dissenting votes.

According to City Administrator Nussbaum, the NDA is needed to dive deeper into the utility components with the entity. According to the mutual non-disclosure agreement, confidential information would mean "information of a confidential nature, which may include, but is not limited to, non-public ideas, designs, trade secrets, product information, speci-

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Important information to know if you are seeing Larry the Cable Guy this weekend in Falls City

Larry the Cable Guy is scheduled to perform at the Prichard Auditorium on February 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM. The doors will open at 5:00 P.M.

Here's what you need to know before you go: **For security reasons, only clear bags will be allowed into the venue for essential items like medication or medical devices.**

Parking is limited, so carpooling is encouraged. Free parking lots are shown on Page 3 of this paper.

Seventeenth (17th) Street in front and 18th Street behind Prichard Auditorium will be closed.

This is a general admission event with no reserved seats. If you're with a large group, plan to arrive early.

Limited seats will be held on the floor for patrons in wheelchairs or with other handicaps. Please see an usher upon arrival for assistance.

All bags will be searched prior to entry for prohibited items, such as weapons, alcohol, laser pointers, cameras, or other recording devices.

Pocket knives should be left at home or in your vehicle.

Concessions will be available and sold by the Jaycees. Items in-

clude canned soda, water, pulled pork sandwiches, nachos, hot dogs, popcorn, canned beer, and seltzers and wine. Please bring cash to purchase.

No photography, audio, or video recording is allowed during the event.

While parking please do not block driveways, park as close to the curb as possible and do not park on a corner.

The event is designed to support local high school theatre departments and the Jaycees.

Larry the Cable Guy is a multi-platinum recording artist, GRAMMY® nominee, Billboard award winner and one of the top comedians in the country. He has his own line of merchandise and continues to tour across the United States. Larry created The Git-R-Done Foundation, which was named after Larry's signature catchphrase, and has donated more than seven million dollars to various charities.

Larry The Cable Guy's special Remain Seated is currently streaming on Netflix. He appeared on the hit FOX show The Masked Singer and showed off his vocal talents as the voice of Mater for Cars 3 (2017) and for the new Disney + series Cars on the Road.



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Teen mental health

By Jill Kruse, DO

The most recent survey of teen mental health by the Centers for Disease Control in 2023 revealed that 20.3% of adolescents in the United States have been diagnosed with a mental health condition. This reflects a 35% increase since 2016. The survey also found that 40% of teens reported persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness, 20% seriously considered suicide, and, tragically, 9% attempted suicide.

These statistics should alarm any parent or grandparent of a teenager. As the mother of a 12-year-old and a 14-year-old, I often think about my children's mental health and how to best support them. They are growing up in a world far different from the one I knew. Today's teens face the challenges of social media, cyber bullying, academic pressure, and the struggle to fit in with their peers, all while navigating the changes of puberty.

Like every parent, I want my children to be happy, resilient, and safe. The first step is creating a space where they feel safe sharing their thoughts and feelings. Listening to them without immediately jumping in to solve their problems or dismiss their emotions is a crucial skill for parents to practice. Taking the time to talk and ask open-ended questions about how they feel can make a significant difference. What might seem minor to an adult with years of experience and perspective can feel overwhelming to a teenager. It is essential for our kids to know we are here to support them, no matter the size of the problem.

Another key parenting strategy is modeling good self-care and emotional regulation. That can mean working on improving our own mental health. Showing teens how to be kind to themselves and handle life's setbacks teaches them invaluable lessons. Mental health is not a one-time fix; it is a lifelong process. Adolescence is the ideal time to equip teens with healthy coping strategies. Teaching them how to handle stress and overcome failures prepares them to become thriving, well-adjusted adults.

Parents should also trust their instincts when something feels off. If your teen shows a sudden drop in grades, stops enjoying activities they once loved, or seems persistently sad or angry, it's time to seek help. If teens become more withdrawn or secretive, having a discussion about your concerns is warranted. Resources like pediatricians, school counselors, and therapists can provide support and guidance.

As a mother, I am committed to walking this journey alongside my children, every step of the way. Together, we can navigate the challenges, celebrate the victories, and build the tools they need for a happy, healthy future.

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All things Nebraska
A volleyball crazy state loses a legend, gets a new leader

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Nebraska, I'll bet, is the only state in the union where the retirement of the volleyball coach is front-page news.

And where the installation of a new coach is covered live on television with the governor in attendance.

But that's what happened after legendary coach and cowboy John Cook announced recently that he was riding into the sunset and leaving a team that he'd guided to four national titles over 25 years.

"It's better to burn out than fade out," Cook said at his retirement press conference, quoting a line from a Neal Young song.

Cook, a 68-year-old California native, took over a team that former coach Terry Pettit had built to national prominence. Prior to Pettit, West Coast teams dominated women's volleyball. But the old coach changed the dynamic, and there's been a power shift to Midwestern teams like Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Creighton.

Nebraska, as we all know, is unique in its love affair with volleyball. In no other state will 92,003 fans pack into a football stadium to help the Huskers establish a record for attendance at a women's sports contest as they did in 2023. The Huskers regularly lead the nation in attendance, and the program produced an unprecedented revenue of more than \$7 million in the past year.

Non-football sports rarely turn a profit. NU is a glaring exception.

I used to cover the Huskers way back when they played in the confines of the old Coliseum and won Big 8 title after title.

Fans packed the place, and embraced the grace, power and athleticism of the sport.

They embraced the players, too — intelligent and committed women, who stayed long after the home matches to sign autographs for a generation of young girls, who had their own dreams of greatness in sport.

NU teams played hard, trained hard, and built a culture of success. It taught leadership skills that helped prepare many former players for top positions in business, medicine and sports. I'm waiting for a former Husker player to run for political office.

"Dream big," was the team's motto, for its success on the court and for its players.

Why is Nebraska so volleyball crazy?

I think it's a lot of things.

Nebraskans love success. Good mojo, and sellout crowds, followed after Bob Devaney's football teams began winning back in the '60s.

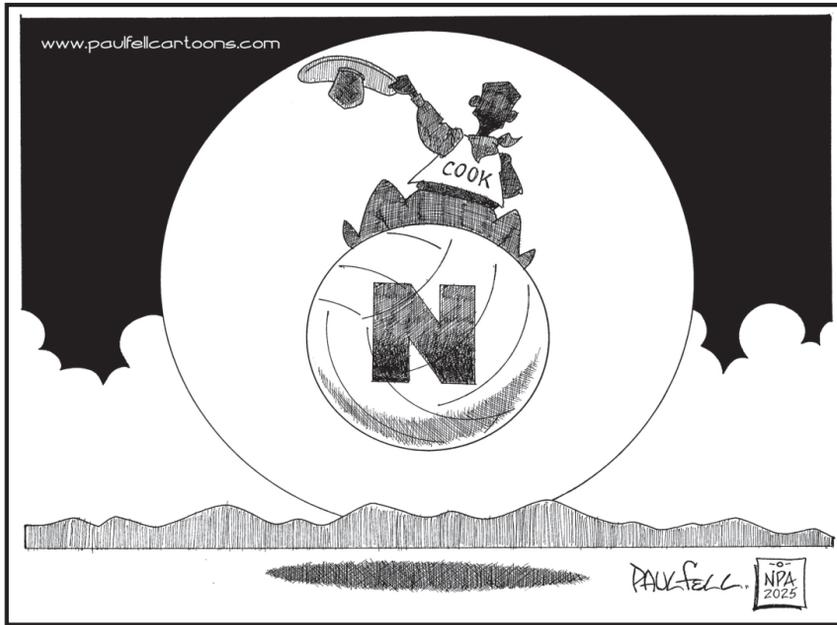
Volleyball is a great sport for the fans. It's fast moving, with abrupt momentum swings, and powerful spikes and blocks that bring fans out of their seats.

Matches at the Devaney Center are fun — you don't hear the griping heard in the stands at football games, for instance, and the place gets ultra loud.

It's a sport that's great for girls. Participation in club and high school volleyball has exploded across Nebraska, and training here is top notch. Because of it, Nebraska high schools play a very high level of volleyball, and many of its players graduate to top Division I programs.

It's translated into national prominence for the state's other college programs, from Creighton to Kearney, Midland to Wayne State.

It's also built a stable of great coaches — great high school coaches like Renee



Saunders at Omaha Skutt, Steve Morgan at Ogallala and Sharon Zavala at Grand Island Central Catholic.

And there's big-time university coaches like Kristen Bernthal Booth at Creighton (who played at Lincoln East) and Nebraska's new coach, Dani Busboom Kelly (a native of Cortland), who is a former Husker player and assistant coach. She was highly successful as head coach at Louisville, and might have won a national title this year but for an injury to her best player.

We're volleyball central in Nebraska; NU is known by some as "a volleyball school."

John Cook had a huge impact on that, raising the program to new levels. His team came within a couple of points of winning another national title this year, and they'll be among the favorites in 2025.

"I've always wanted to go out on top," Cook told reporters.

And he did. Well done.

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.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
THEME: SCIENCE FICTION

ACROSS

1. Le Corbusier's art
5. *"The Matrix" protagonist
8. Captures
12. Funkiness in the air
13. Vegetative state
14. Capital of Vietnam
15. Fairy tale villain
16. Beware of these in March
17. Spiker and Sponge of "James and the Giant Peach"
18. *Bioengineered humanoid in "Blade Runner"
20. The Beehive State
21. Burn with coffee, e.g.
22. Tire meas.
23. Sea nymph
26. Salad dressing option
30. *Pierre Boule's Cornelius
31. Hoity-toity
34. Back arrow key
35. Covered with sphagnum
37. Tiny Tim's guitar
38. Allegro ____ in music
39. Sign of escape
40. Apprehension
42. Emergency responder, acr.
43. Neuron junction
45. Sleeping sickness vector
47. *Katniss Everdeen's sister
48. Hammerin' Hank
50. Tennis "innings"
52. *2010 film starring DiCaprio
56. Meat of coconut
57. Desperate
58. Karl of politics
59. *1979 film starring Sigourney Weaver
60. Fail to mention
61. Bo Peep's females
62. *"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep" author
63. Was ahead
64. *Spock's are pointy

DOWN

1. Point of entry
2. Side of a ruler, e.g.
3. S or C follower, in business
4. Two-word threat
5. Relating to node
6. Make corrections
7. Kiln for hops
8. *Captain Nemo's submarine
9. Tolstoy's Karenina
10. This and that
11. Bro's sibling
13. Droning insect
14. Niger and Nigeria language
19. In an unfriendly manner
22. Parent org.
23. "He named ____"
24. Strong adhesive
25. Pine juice
26. Original thought
27. Garment enlarger
28. *"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" author
29. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful ____"
32. *Frank Herbert's famous novel
33. "I Like ____" 1950s campaign slogan
36. *"Where no man has gone before" TV series
38. "The Tortoise and the Hare" author
40. "It's no ____!"
41. Beale of Memphis, e.g.
44. South Korean port
46. Main dish
48. Japanese cartoon art
49. Like thick smoke
50. Solo, pl.
51. Long narrative poem
52. Worshiped one
53. Minnesota's southern neighbor
54. Last word on radio
55. Famed loch
56. Rogue or rascal

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From the Journal Files

By Brian McKim
75-50-25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago, February 12, 1950 to February 18, 1950

Senator Walter George, Democrat, called for a \$6 billion cut in President Truman's budget to keep the nation's economy on an even keel.

Falls City received between four and five inches of snow, making travel without chains rather tricky.

A breakfast, kicking off the annual Boy Scout Fund drive, was held at Hotel Weaver. Russell Dorr, Gus Scholtz and Bob Peck directed the drive.

Meyersdale, PA, claimed to have the best maple syrup in the country. Every year, the community hosted a two-day event to celebrate its alleged superiority to Vermont.

The Falls City school system reported it had enough coal to heat its buildings for another month. A three-day workweek for coal miners had caused shortages across the country.

Stella defeated Humboldt 33-28 for the Little Ten tourney title, ending the Cardinal's two-year run as champions. Jake Hays led Stella with 12 points and Dick Lafferty had 11 for Humboldt.

Tom Davis, president of the Falls City Junior Chamber of Commerce, announced that the organization would not sponsor a Soap Box Derby unless there was a big demand in the next two weeks.

First Lt. Robert G. Werner of Falls City was named the executive officer of Company B, 134th Infantry, National Guard unit.

It was reported that crooner Frank Sinatra had been locked out of his house by his wife, Nancy. "Our married life has become most unhappy and almost unbearable," said Mrs. Sinatra.

Jack McIntire's crew fell to Plattsmouth 48-45 in action on the basketball court. Frank Falloon hit for 15 points and Pat Ferguson added 11 for the Tigers.

Claudette Colbert, Robert Young and George Brent starred in "Bride for Sale" at the Rivoli Theater.

Col. P.D. Berrigan, district engineer, Kansas City district, Army Corps of Engineers, announced a \$214,533 contract award for constructing a levee unit along the right bank of the Missouri River near White Cloud. The 4.1 miles of new levee would be built at an average height of 13.1 feet.

Laverne Cornford, manager of Cornford's Texaco Service station at 20th and Stone Street, announced it was open for business. The station was built for \$20,000.

Reuben Metzger announced the purchase of Ewing's Liquor Store and Stock at 1500 Harlan Street from Gene and Bob Ewing.

Thieves broke into Strate's Station on West 21st Street and stole \$30 in cash.

Leo Gorcey and the Bowery Boys starred in "Master Minds," playing at the Oil City Theater.

The Tigers junior high team, coached by Bob Henderson, defeated Auburn 28-16. Rex Bartley led FC with seven points, while Bill Sorenson and Jim Dougherty each had six.

50 Years Ago, February 12, 1975 to February 18, 1975

Lawrence Strecker of Rulo finished 9th in the non-irrigated corn division with 105 bushels; Earl Rieger was 11th with 86.5 bushels; Leonard Rieger was 12th with 85.6 bushels and Mike O'Grady was 13th with 83 bushels in the 1974 Nebraska Crop Production contest.

Re-elected to the county extension board of directors at the annual meeting were James Standerford of Humboldt and Mrs. Clarence Yoessel of Falls City.

The Lady Tigers defeated Nebraska City 43-22 in action on the Pioneers home court. Martha Prichard scored 18 and Janice Kottich added nine for the Tigers.

Sandy Appleoff and Gayle Ankrom received Gold Key awards at the 48th National Scholastic Art Awards program, while Pat Bahr received an honorable mention for his work.

At Jack & Jill Food Center, T-bone steak was \$1.69 per pound, Velveeta was \$1.39 for a two-pound box, and a 32-ounce bottle of Heinz Ketchup was 79 cents.

Bess Truman, the widow of former President Harry S. Truman, turned 90 years old.

Paul Koehler of Southeast Consolidated High School won the Richardson County division of the Nemaha Natural Resources district speech contest.

Falls City Wrestlers of the Week were Marty Meinzer and Tom Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall of Stella celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Stella Community Church.

Charles Nutter, a Falls City native, was appointed director of operations in Saudi Arabia for the International Executive Service Corps. Mr. Nutter was the former city editor of The Journal.

The Dawson-Verdon Jets ended their season-long losing streak by defeating Barneston 71-66. Bill Bruhn led D-V with 40 points and Bob Christiansen added 15. Bruhn led D-V with 531 points for the season.

Ervin J. Dorste, 77, a retired farmer, passed away after being hospitalized two weeks prior after a stroke.

Four Tiger wrestlers qualified for the State Tournament. Earning a trip were Ed Kirkendall, Ken Meinzer, Tim Wilson and Carl Messner.

It was announced that Jake Nanomantube of Falls City would be one of the first six men to be inducted into the Great Plains Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame during the Midwest Golden Gloves tourney in Omaha.

Rick Karas won the Dawson-Verdon junior high free throw contest during the Jets/Barneston game. Karas sank 17 of 25 shots to win the event.

Paul Weinert, a graduate of Westmar College, was the guest speaker at the United Methodist parish-win Lenten service at the First United Methodist Church.

According to the latest Associated Press Poll, the 24-0 Indiana Hoosiers were the unanimous choice for the No. 1 team in the country.

25 Years Ago, February 12, 2000 to February 18, 2000

Stella was one of 21 communities to receive a landscaping grant through the Nebraska Green Space Stewardship Initiative. The \$10,000 grant was used for the SENC Outdoor Education Classroom.

At the District 56 School Board meeting, it was announced that the district would receive a decline of nearly \$200,000 in state aid for 2001. The district received \$2.8 million in 2000 and would receive nearly \$2.6 in 2000.

It was announced that the annual Falls City Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Meeting would be held on March 14 at the Oasis Restaurant and Lounge.

Three Richardson County students were selected as winners in the District competition of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary Voice of Democracy and Youth Essay Contest. Winners included Felicia Zeigler, Justin Hall and Stephanie Webber.

The Tiger wrestling team placed third at the B-1 District in Plattsmouth and was sending eight athletes to State. Anders Erickson, Dusty Olberding, Jake Harkendorff, Andy Dunn, Dana Dill, Chris Vollmer, Jordan Cudney and Shane Vollmer made the trip to the Devaney Center in Lincoln.

"Any Given Sunday" and "Down to You" played at the River Twin Cinema.

Jed Jacobitz of Stella was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Falls City Care Center hosted a Valentine's party, which included the coronation of a king and queen. The honors went to John and Iren Weisbrook.

Farm and City Supply advertised a denim sale, offering jean jackets for \$21.99 and denim shirts for \$10.

The Lady Tigers' season ended at subdistricts when they lost to Wilber-Clatonia 39-28. Katie Parsons led the squad with 12 points, and Melissa Kopf added eight rebounds.

The Journal Athletes of the Week were Kelsi Witt and Jacob Fritz.

The Lady Jets led by two points with eight seconds to play, but Nebraska City rallied to tie the game and then win it in overtime, ending the season for Dawson-Verdon. Jessie Heim led D-V with 17 points, while Lori Fritz and Brooke Harring each scored 10.

Alan Kreifels, Jamie Kirkendall, and Billy Kopf were the Falls City Middle School Students of the Month for January.

Event parking for Larry the Cable Guy



Event Parking for Larry the Cable Guy
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- Park as close to the curb as possible
- Do not park on a corner blocking an intersection
- Carpooling is recommended due to limited parking

FALLS CITY
PARKS & RECREATION

Falls City Care Center receives 2025 customer experience award

(Continued from Page 1) Award," said Bud Meadows, Chief Executive Officer of Activated Insights. "This award, driven by employee feedback, reflects Falls City Care's unwavering commitment to fostering an exceptional work environment for its team, while ensuring clients receive the highest standard of care from well-trained, compassionate caregivers."

Qualifying for the Customer Experience Award signifies that Falls City Care Center has consistently ranked within the top 15 percent of care providers across the nation over the past 12 months. This achievement underscores their unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional experiences to residents and their families.

"On behalf of Falls City Care Center, residents, family, staff and guests, I would like to share our appreciation to everyone who makes our facility our home," said Administrator

Chris Young. "Those who participated in the survey process are invaluable to our continued success. "Through this process, we love to hear from you about our strengths and areas where the staff are performing great things, which are many. But we are more interested in knowing of areas where we can improve, with our efforts always focused on making things better for all involved. Thank you, again, for all that you do!" Throughout the year

2024, Falls City Care Center engaged residents and their families in monthly telephone interviews. These conversations included open-ended questions and ratings across various categories. Falls City Care Center used this feedback to drive continuous improvement in their care. To find out more about Falls City Care Center's commitment to excellence, please visit fallscitycc.com or call 402-245-5252.

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From January 1-5, thousands of individuals (mostly college students) gathered in Salt Lake City for the annual SEEK Conference put on by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Among the masses of people, several Falls City Sacred Heart alumni found each other and wanted to make sure they captured the moment! Praise God for the gift of our Catholic education and may He continue to bless the work of those striving to spread the good news of the Gospel.

Pictured above are: Fr. Robert Froeschl, Ryker Hoy, Rachel Bieker, Mimi Santo, Josh Santo, and Fr. Cy Rowan. (submitted)



Chandler selected to serve as Board Chair of LeadingAge Nebraska

Brody Chandler, Executive Director with the Lakeside Village division of the Immanuel retirement living and senior care organization of Omaha, was recently selected to serve as the Board Chair of LeadingAge Nebraska. LeadingAge Nebraska is a State Association of non-profit and mission driven organizations whose purpose is to improve the care and services provided to older Nebraskans. The Nebraska group has been in existence for 50 years and currently supports nearly 100 providers of aging services across the state. LeadingAge has over 5500 like-minded organizations in the United States.

Lakeside provides upscale independent living, assisted living, memory care, and nursing home options located on a 38.6 acre site in northwest Omaha.

Brody is the son of Jamie and Tana Chandler of Verdon, Nebraska and grandson of Vicki and Bob Beilke, Norma Fisher, and Mike and Joyce Chandler.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

January 29 through January 30 calls: one parking complaint, three burn permits, three animal calls, two check welfare, one HHS intake/referral, one records check, one gun permit, one phone/digital/mail scam, one ambulance/EMS, one 911 call, three citations for animal running at large, one citation for traffic control violation, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

January 30 through January 31 calls: one burn permit, one 911 hang up/misdial, two gun permits, one assault, one information only, one suspicious person/vehicle, one referred to another agency, one ambulance/EMS, four 911 calls, one citation for sexual assault third degree, one citation for no valid registration, one warning for following too closely.

January 31 through February 1 calls: three miscellaneous, one alarm, three referred to another agency, one gun permit, one motorist assist, one disturbance, one HHS intake/referral, two 911 calls, one warning for speeding.

February 1 through February 2 calls: four miscellaneous, one animal call, two referred to another agency, two ambulance/EMS, one check welfare, one information only, one burn permit, one HHS intake/referral, two 911 calls, one warning for expired registration.

February 2 through February 3 calls: three miscellaneous, three referred to another agency, one fire all (Falls City Fire), one animal call, one burn permit, one check welfare, one HHS intake/referral, three 911 calls.

February 3 through February 4 calls: one investigation, one accident one information only, one found or lost property, one HHS intake/referral, one fire call (Humboldt Fire), one 911 call, one citation for littering, one citation for disorderly conduct, one citation for open container of alcohol.

February 4 through February 5 calls: five animal calls, three information only, two miscellaneous, one nuisance, one disturbance, one domestic disturbance, one HHS intake/referral, one ambulance/EMS, six 911 calls.

February 5 through February 6 calls: two miscellaneous, two motorist assist, two burn permits, one animal call, one accident, three ambulance/EMS, one HHS intake/referral, two information only, one referred to another agency, one investigation, five 911 calls.

February 6 through February 7 calls: one referred to another agency, three burn permits, two 911 hang up/misdials, one motorist assist, one miscellaneous, one vandalism, three 911 calls.

Richardson County Arts and Humanities membership and patron support campaign

The Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council is an organization of volunteers that supports the cultural arts programs for the benefit of the citizens of the Richardson County communities and surround-

ing area. Our mission is to promote, cultivate, and sustain the arts and humanities. This year begins our twentieth year of promoting our mission through art exhibits, youth activities, gallery talks, concerts, and much more.

The Stalder Gallery, located in the Falls City Library and Arts Center, is the venue for artist exhibits and many of the other programs sponsored by the Council. Christina Wertenberger is the gallery curator and is very respected for her knowledge of the arts.

The 74th K-12 Student Art Contest and Exhibition leads off the

schedule. It is open to all schools and students in Richardson County. Council member, Rita Seid, coordinates the contest. "This is just one of the many things that the Council does," Seid said. "It lets our local students see their works judged and displayed in a real gallery and that kind of encouragement, to be involved in the arts, is priceless for our youth," Seid said.

January begins our annual membership and patron support campaign. It is our financial supporters who make it possible for the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council to bring art exhibits to the Stalder Gallery and to promote the cultural arts and humanities through other events and activities. According to Liz Huettner, chairman of the membership committee, memberships are as follows: student membership, \$5; single, \$15; family, \$25; and business/organization, \$50.00.

Patron support donations can be made at levels of: Nichols, \$1-\$49; Warhol, \$50-\$99; Monet, \$100-\$199; O'Keefe, \$200-\$499; Van Gogh, \$500-\$999; Picasso, \$1000-\$2999; Michelangelo, \$3000+. "Every dollar goes to support the arts in Richardson County," Huettner said, "And all donations are tax-deductible."

The Council looks forward to our twentieth year of fulfilling our mission and commitment to the cultural arts, and we thank you for your support.

To remit your membership or Patron donation, mail your donation to the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council, P.O. Box 37, Falls City, NE 68355.

The 2025 membership brochures are also available at the library and the Falls City Chamber office.

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NDOT announces available funding for Rural Public Transportation

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) announces federal and state funding is available for fiscal years 2026-2027 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027), to support public transit projects in rural Nebraska. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program provides capital, planning and operating assistance to support public transportation in rural areas with populations less than 50,000 and where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. Organizations eligible to receive funds for operating a public transportation program include private non-profit organizations, state or local governmental authorities, operators of public transportation services or intercity bus operators.

In addition to the 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program, funding is also available for the FTA 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program which provides planning and operating assistance. The FTA Section 5311 Rural Transit Program and 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program awards grants for operating assistance on a two-year grant cycle. Applications are due March 21, 2025.

Additional information and applications can be obtained at nebraskatransit.com or by contacting Sarah Soula, at sarah.soula@nebraska.gov 402-479-4871.

DISTRICT 1 SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM'S NEWSLETTER

Late night sessions are typically reserved for the last part of the Legislative session when priority bills and issues are being debated. However, as a member of the Judiciary committee, I am burning the midnight oil as we have already conducted three sessions of hearings which ran past 9:00 pm. Issues addressed include regulating or banning hemp products containing THC (Delta 8, Delta 9, and Delta 10), regulating or banning products containing Kratom, a series of landlord/tenant bills and civil liability reform measures.

On another front, while my proposed constitutional amendment (LR13CA) to repeal the Inheritance tax, has yet to be scheduled for hearing, the Revenue Committee took up a measure earlier this week to cut inheritance tax rates while providing replacement revenue to counties.

LB468 would decrease the rate paid by remote relatives (uncles, aunts, nieces, and nephews) from 11% to 1% and raise the exemption level from \$40,000 to \$100,000. Similarly, the rate that applies to all other beneficiaries (unrelated parties) would be reduced from 15% to 1% on inheritances more than \$100,000 (up from \$25,000). The bill would raise approximately 34 million dollars per year to cover the funding counties would lose in inheritance tax revenue. While preferring outright repeal of the inheritance tax, I am also supportive of significantly reducing the inheritance tax burden and finding a way to replace lost revenues for counties resulting from such reduction.

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.

Help Us Celebrate

Join us in showering a former teacher (Mrs. Muriel Krueger-4th grade South School 1959-81) with love on her 90th birthday February 24th, 2025

We are organizing a card shower to make her day extra special.

Please send a card with your well wishes to:
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Falls City Public School announces first semester honor roll

Falls City Public School has announced their Regular and Orange and Black Honor roll for the first semester for 2024-2025.

Regular Honor Roll for the first semester of 2024-2025

Twelfth grade: Mylie Crawford, Robert Gilkerson, Eric Heinzelman, Derek Helmick, Andrew Hower, McKenzie Johansen, Konner Keim, Taylor Kreifels, Ilyssa Miller, Trinity Pierce, Bailey Thimmis, Elsie Thompson and Rome West.

Eleventh grade: Gavin Bauer, Peyton Brown, Brock Caudle, Cade Caudle, Beata Clark, Emma Dean, Haiden Dorste, Matthew Eaton, Molly Ebel, Breean Eickhoff, Kyleigh Furnas, Taykia Hayes, Vaden Leyden, Blakey Sells, Chase Simpson, Elizabeth Vice and Keria Wilcox.

Tenth grade: Paxton Armbruster, Jacoby Bangert, Madison Brown, Royce Capek, Tucker Coupe, Jalin DePrey, Madyson Eberle, Anabella Feighner, Aubrey Kapustka, Brylee Liberty, Addison Miller, Taiylah Moore, Kinsie Riggs, Bradyn Schulenberg, Jessica Sells, Avery Wendtlandt, Thomas West and Karlie'Jo Williams.

Ninth grade: Adrian

Coetzee, Addison Daniels, Brandon Feighner, Elizabeth Ferebee, Callen Furnas, Tanner Jackson, River Macardican, Reagan McNeely, Aiden Rego, Alexis Schawang and Bristol Titus.

Orange and Black Honor Roll for the first semester of 2024-2025

Twelfth grade: Talon Anderson, Isabelle Armbruster, Ethan Boatright, Makayla Eberle, Jayme Ewers, Hayden Findlay, Kaitlyn Kirkendall, Angelina Klahn, Gunner Lippold, Ruby Nguyen, Emilou Schulenberg, Sierrah Vermeer and Paige Young.

Eleventh grade: Emmett Daake, Carlea Dunkhas, Ella Glathar, Braxton Harmon, Malori Kuker, Ethan Morris, Brock Niedfeldt, Kaydence Rego and Addyson Sayer.

Tenth grade: Hana Irizarry, Bowdy Jones, Grant Kobza, Kaytlin Nelson, Lathan Richey, Christian Saul, Dayton Sneathen, Jazlyn Strecker, Harley Sutton, Jennifer Sweeney and Gabi Young.

Ninth grade: Kenley Alexander, Conner Anderson, Joah Anderson, Madalynn Hawley, Deacon Jacobs, Camden Jean, Isabella Johansen, Elijah Leyden, Taytum Maddox and Carter Rumbaugh.

HCC Fall 2024 President's and Dean's Honor Roll released

Dr. Vincent Bowhay, Highland Community College President, has announced the members of the President's and Dean's Honor Rolls for the fall 2024 semester.

Those on the President's List achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Those on the Dean's List achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 on a 4.0 scale. The lists include students who took classes at the Highland campus, online, at the technical centers in Atchison and Baileyville, and at the College's regional centers in Atchison (HCCCTC), Baileyville (HCC Western Center) and Wamego.*

Deans list

Gabrielle Arellano, Trisha Watterson and Kelby Windmeyer all of Hiawatha, KS.

Karsyn Meyer and Derek Wahwasuck of Sabetha, KS.

Presidents Honor Roll

Alisha Barnhart, Bentley Compton, Amarya Edie, Aubrey Ferris, Kristen Johnson, and Madelyn Keller all of Hiawatha, KS.

Suzanne Wahwasuck and Kyla Edelman of Sabetha, KS.

Highland Community College, the first college in the state of KS, has been providing quality education in Northeast Kansas. The College serves nine counties and over 3,000 students from around the world. Learn more at www.highlandcc.edu.

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Elaine and Ernie Craig, 923 Barada St., Replace Furnace and AC; \$9,400.00.

FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



A September 22, 1986 tornado hits near the ballfields of Falls City.

Emporia State releases Fall 2024 Honor Roll

Emporia State University congratulates the more than 650 undergraduates named to the university honor roll. Students named from this area include:

- Grace Maze of Hiawatha, Kansas.

- Madisen Cochran of Sabetha, Kansas.

To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Jacob Shoemaker Named to SNHU Dean's List

Jacob Shoemaker of Hiawatha has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2024 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Washburn University Fall 2024 graduates

Washburn University is pleased to announce the students in its fall 2024 graduating class. These students completed their courses for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees - 657 total from Washburn University, Washburn University School of Law and Washburn Institute of Technology.

Kate Beyer of Morrill, KS.

Kayla Devore and Kari Edelman of Sabetha, KS.

Alexis Tollefson of Hiawatha, KS.

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. The programs are offered through Washburn's six primary academic units - College of Arts and Sciences, School of Applied Studies, School of Business, School of Nursing, School of Law and Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech).

All programs are offered on either the 160-acre residential campus in the heart of Topeka, Kan., at Washburn Tech's campus on Topeka's west side or in the east Topeka facility. Washburn University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and many of the individual programs have additional accreditations.

Fort Hays State University announces fall 2024 graduates

Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,014 graduates during its fall commencement ceremonies on Friday and Saturday Dec. 13 and 14.

Alexis Norris of Falls City, Master of Science - School Counseling.

Graduates who requested privacy are included in the count but omitted from this listing.

Hawkeyes named to Dean's list

Many Hawkeyes have cause to celebrate their achievements from the fall 2024 semester by achieving GPAs that landed them on the dean's list:

Carson Simon, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Emily Vitosh, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, both of Falls City.

More than 8,700 students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2024 fall semester.

Guidelines for inclusion on the list are:

Degree seeking undergraduate students in the Carver College of Medicine, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Public Health, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.



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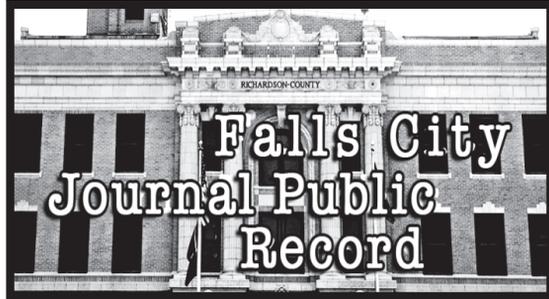
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(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

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

The *Falls City Journal* publishes the Public Record as part of its obligation to inform readers about the business of public institutions and to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. The information contained in this list is processed from an electronic copy of the official record, which is submitted by the Richardson County Courthouse

CITATIONS

Halley Mitchell of Sabetha, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

River McNeely of Humboldt, count one, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Novak)

Teah Betz of Dawson, count one, speeding 6-10 mph municipal school, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Alicia Johnson of Essex, IA, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Taylor Keeney of Lincoln, count one, speeding 6-10 mph plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Jaiden Willman of Falls City, count one, traffic control violation, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Daniels)

Jeffrey Gustin of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Jeffrey Hurlbert of Allen, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Codi Tichy of Humboldt, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, plead

guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Franks)

Jeremy Smith of White Cloud, count one, non-resident violate 30-day immunity, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Jones)

Rebecca Harris of Lincoln, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Manuel Perpuac Tiu of Albuquerque, NM, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Michael Berman of Venturia, ND, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

John F. McNeely of Falls City, count one, overtake/pass stopped school bus, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$500 and court costs. (Daniels)

Antonio Lopez of Garden City, KS, count one, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Jones)

Deenadayalu Mudaly of Plano, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Aitken)

Jerome Combs of Council Bluffs, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Raylene Dunn of Stella, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Neal Schatz of Verdon, count one, stop sign violation, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Ashely Rhoads of Waco, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Ricky Hunt of Arlington, TN, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Martha Lopez of Alamo, TX, count one, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, following too close, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs. (Jones)

Council hears quarterly report from EDGE

(Continued from Page 1) fications, drawings, sketches, modes, samples, computer programs, financial or statistical information, reports, data, or forecasts concerning the project which is disclosed by one party to the other."

The Council also discussed and authorized the execution of a confidentiality agreement with Cordia Development, LLC, on a 5-3 vote, with Councilpersons Frank Killingsworth, Kenny Killingsworth and Shawn Fouraker casting nay votes.

According to its website, Cordia Energy is one of the nation's leading sustainable energy solutions providers. The company's mission is to drive change toward a more resilient, sustainable energy future while empowering people and communities to reach their full potential.

"We have been initiating discussions with them, the same thing, to talk through generation needs, potential transmission needs and the development of that," said Nussbaum. "There is an NDA or Confidentiality Agreement that would go into place to really dive into those next steps."

The company produces power in many ways, including windmills, solar, gas, and steam generation.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board approved the confidentiality agreement.

"We're not doing anything binding here," said Councilperson Leyden.

Nussbaum stated, "We have some agreements with OPPD and some agreements with MEAN (Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska), pretty much the same. If someone brings in a technology or component, we don't have the right to leverage that against that entity with another entity."

Lucas Froeschl, the Director of EDGE, gave the Council a quarterly report for the fourth quarter. Froeschl highlighted that EDGE currently has 130 member investors (seven new in 2024). EDGE received public contributions of \$129,903 from the city of Falls City and

\$15,000 from Richardson County.

Froeschl advised the Board that EDGE has two subsidiaries: Champions Crossing LLC and Falls City Area Properties LLC.

Froeschl stated that EDGE announced the \$5 billion Citroniq Bio-Polypropylene manufacturing project in the fourth quarter and announced a partnership with Falls City to submit Electrical Transmission Line project Scope of Work to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for use of the \$15 million allocated for Falls City in 2022.

He also mentioned that Lincoln Premium Poultry is interested in locating a chicken processing plant in Nebraska City and is researching if Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee County farmers are interested in supporting the operation with 400 grow barns.

He noted that Olsson conducted a Phase 2 Environmental Review of the Mid-America Rail Campus and did not uncover any hindering issues, and Excel Development is engaged with local contractors to remedy drainage issues at Champions Crossing.

A discussion was held to authorize the execution of a commitment letter and submit the application to the 2025 CCCFF (Civic and Community Center Financing Fund) Grant Cycle for the Falls City Amphitheater Park.

The project is estimated to cost \$1.2 million and can be scaled down if necessary. Falls City is seeking \$562,000 of the cost through the CCCFF Grant. Falls City has acquired the site through an in-kind donation totaling \$65,000 and will allocate \$163,950 from its existing 23DTR006 Grant to fund streetscape and sidewalk improvements. The total cost of the non-grant-funded portion of the project would be \$638,000.

Christina Wertenberger, representing the Falls City Creative District, said a crowd-funding campaign will be launched to help with costs.

The Board passed the action on an 8-0 vote.

The Council also heard from representatives from the First Presbyterian Church to consider donating the church building at 206 East 20th Street for city use. The First Presbyterian Church has been a community member since 1866 and will have its last service on March 30, 2025. The building is valued at approximately \$1.8 to \$2.2 million.

The church could be used for performing arts, with a seating capacity of over 300 on the main level. The church would also donate personal property nearing \$75,000, including a Steinway grand piano.

At 6:45 p.m., the Council voted to proceed to a closed session to discuss fiscal management, claims, and procurement.

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SELLER: Hannah Crouse

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Gabi Young had the upper hand early before eventually falling to Lucia Campbell of Auburn. Young went on to place third and earn a trip to the NSAA State Championships in Omaha.

Maddox and Young make history

History took place at Prichard Auditorium over the weekend. First, Falls City hosted the Girls Class B District 2 Wrestling Tournament for the first time on Friday and Saturday. Second, two Lady Tiger grapplers punched their tickets to state, becoming the first Lady Tigers to make the NSAA State Wrestling Championships.

The two-day event featured 32 schools and over 165 competitors looking to extend their season. The 80+ year-old structure drew rave reviews from competitors, fans and coaches, many comparing it to a mini state-like arena. The Lady Tigers finished the event with 46 points and placed 13th. Lakeview won the meet with 173 points; Minden was second with 146 and Fort Calhoun scored 108.5 for third.

Falls City entered five girls in the district competition, with two making it to next week's state meet. The top finisher of the weekend for Falls City was Taytum Maddox, finishing 3-1 and placing second. Maddox, wrestling at 155, won her first match by fall over Halle Olson of Tekamah-Herman at 1:51. In the quarterfinals, Maddox pinned Paige Codr of Weeping Water in two minutes. Saturday's competition proved a little tougher, but Maddox earned a spot in the finals by pinning Ellie Scoville of Sumner-Ed-dyville-Miller at 4:22. In the championship match Maddox lost by fall to Grace Longsdorf of Nel-igh-Oakdale at 3:23.

The Tigers' Gabi Young also earned a trip to Omaha by placing third at 145 pounds. After a first-round bye, Young won a 14-12 decision over Vivienne Mulder of Lakeview. In the semis, Young fell by an 8-0 major decision to Lucia Campbell of Auburn. Coming out of the con-

solation bracket, Young defeated Isabella Evasic of Tekamah-Herman by a 7-3 decision. Gabi earned her place at the state meet by pinning Mulder of Lakeview at 3:53 to win the third-place match.

At 120, Paige Young went 3-2 and scored ten points. Young pinned Kendall Magana-Torres of Fort Calhoun in the opening round at 2:57. Young fell to Jaden Schultz of West-Point Beemer in the quarterfinals by an 8-0 major decision. Paige bounced back to defeat Kamrynn Bronson of Centennial by fall at 1:45 and then pinned Alyssa Zoubek of Wilber-Clatonia at 2:19. In the consolation semi's, Young fell to Aliena Osterbuhr of Minden by fall at 1:55.

Jazzy Strecker ended her meet at 0-2 at 115 pounds. Strecker lost by fall to Isabelle Soden of Raymond Central in the first round and to Myia Hofaker of Minden at 2:05 in the second round of the consolation bracket.

At 125, Kenley Alexander went 0-2. Alexander fell to Izabella Habana-Lindeman by fall at 3:56 in the first round and to Mel Ostrander of Plat-teview by fall at 1:48 in the consolation round.

The Falls City pair will compete at the NSAA State Tournament at the CHI Health Center in Omaha on Tuesday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 19.

At 145, Young (23-15) will compete against Kiya Tornez of Tri-County Northeast (32-14). Young finished third in the B-2 district, while Tornez placed second in the B-3 district.

In the 155-pound bracket, Maddox (31-15), a freshman, will square off against Lillian Stange (10-7) of Creighton. Maddox placed 2nd at the B-2 district, while Stange was 3rd at the B-3 district in Pierce.

Titan's Grimes headed to Omaha

Freshman wrestler Ava Grimes of HTRS will compete in Omaha next week at the NSAA State Wrestling Championships at CHI Health Center. Grimes, 22-10, scored 23.5 points and placed first at 235. After an opening-round bye, Grimes won a tech fall (15-0) over Rebecca Vinsonhaler of Meridian at 2:41. In the semifinals, Grimes outlasted Cheyenne Vahl of Minden for a 4-1 decision. Grimes pinned JaeLeigh Miller of Lyons-Decatur in the championship at 3:01 to win the Class B-2

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The Tiger's Taytum Maddox secures the semifinal win and punched her ticket to the state wrestling meet.



The Titan's Ava Grimes has her opponents in a solid headlock, winning the match and moving on to the finals. Grimes was undefeated at the Class B-2 District and will compete in Omaha next week.






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Cole Taft drives past a pair of Bobcat defenders in the second round of the Pioneer Conference Tourney on Tuesday night.



Avery Santo drains a first-quarter three over the Johnson-Brock defender.

Irish finish 2-1 in Pioneer Conference Tourney

The Irish boys entered the 2025 Pioneer Conference basketball tourney as the No. 7 seed and played the Sterling Jets on Monday, February 3, at Johnson-Brock High School. The contest was much tighter than Coach Doug Goltz or the Irish would have liked. SH held a 9-7 lead after one period and clung to a 21-20 advantage entering halftime. A huge 22-4 third period pushed Sacred Heart to a 45-24 lead with eight minutes to go. Sterling mounted a comeback, outscoring SH 22-15 in the period, but the Irish held on for the twelve-point win, 58-46.

SH went 22/60 (37%) from the field, while Sterling finished 17/45 (38%). The Jets outrebounded the Irish 37-29, but the Irish forced 19 turnovers while committing just seven. Cole Taft led the Irish with 19 points, six rebounds, four steals and five assists. Bo Fletcher finished with 14 points on 6/10 shooting, while Brenden Lemerond had five assists and Toby Baxter added six boards. SH went 7/29 from deep, with Taft sinking three and Fletcher hitting two.

Scoring for SH: Taft 19, Fletcher 14, Lemerond 3, Sipple 5, Clow 3, Baxter 4, Wilcox 6, Knobbe 4.

Scoring for Sterling: Horstman 19, Kade Horstman 3, Little 5, Uher 4, Wambold 2, Colin Wambold 13.

The win pushed the Irish into a match-up versus the No. 2 seed and seventh-ranked team in Class C2, Exeter-Milligan/Friend. The Irish put up a fight against the 16-2 Bobcats, leading 16-11 after the first period and 25-23 at the break. EMF battled back, outscoring SH 22-15 in the third to take a 45-40 lead heading into the fourth. The Bobcats proved to be too much for the Irish late, hitting 9/12 free throws to secure the win, 68-56.

EMF won the categories that matter most as they advanced in the tourney. The Bobcats outshot SH 52 percent (24/46) to 38 percent (17/45) and outrebounded SH 38-21.

Fletcher went 3/4 from deep for a team-best 19 points, added five rebounds and finished with seven steals. Taft added 17 points and five boards, and Lemerond secured 15 points and dished out four assists. Outside of the big three, SH players scored just five points.

Scoring for SH: Taft 17, Fletcher 19, Lemerond 15, Sipple 2, Wilcox 2, Knobbe 1.

Scoring for EMF: Vossler 11, Bartu 4, Bresson 20, Conley 1, Kirchoff 13, Z. Vossler 14, Klooz 5.

The loss dropped SH to 9-10 while the Bobcats improved to 17-2.

In the consolation round on Friday night, Sacred Heart outlasted Lourdes Central 46-42 to earn the win at Johnson-Brock High School. The contest was close early with the Irish holding a one-point lead, 11-10, at the end of the first quarter. The Irish got five points from Brenden Lemerond and three apiece from Taft and Kyler Sipple in the period.

The Irish defense stifled Lourdes in the next eight minutes as the Irish outscored Nebraska City 16-2 and led 27-12 at the half. SH got deep balls from Sipple and Hayden Clow to help pull away in the second. Nebraska City stormed back in the third, cutting the Irish advantage to 37-29 with one period remaining. Lourdes outscored SH 13-9 in the fourth, but the Irish were able to hold on for the four-point win, 46-42.

SH went 19/47 (40%) from the field while holding Lourdes to 16/52 (31%). Lourdes outrebounded Sacred Heart 35-27, but SH forced 12 turnovers while committing just eight.

Lemerond broke out of a slump to score 13 points and dish out a team-best four assists. Taft added nine points, five boards and two steals, while Sipple went 2/4 from deep for eight points.

Scoring for SH: Taft 9, Lemerond 13, Sipple 8, Clow 6, Wilcox 2, Knobbe 8.

Scoring for Lourdes: Oggs 1, Ebmeier 6, Schnitzer 21, Poppleton 12, Krog 2.

The Irish hosted Bishop LeBlond on Tuesday, February 11, and Weeping Water on Thursday, February 13. They will play at Lewiston on Friday, February 14, with JV action slated for 4:45 p.m.

Lady Titans looking for strong finish to season

The HTRS Lady Titans entered the 2025 Pioneer Conference Tourney as the No. 6 seed and faced third-seeded Lourdes Central on Tuesday at Sacred Heart High School. The Knights improved to 15-4 with a 58-48 win over the Titans. It was the second win of the season for Lourdes over the Titans.

On Tuesday, HTRS went 5/23 from deep and a solid 15/31 from two-point range. The Titans grabbed 24 rebounds, dished out 13 assists, finished with nine steals and turned the ball over 15 times.

The one-two punch of Lillian Bowen and Elie Bstandig wasn't quite enough as Lourdes pulled away for the win. Bowen finished the game with 18 points on 7/21 shooting and led the team with five steals. Bstandig added 12 points on 5/11 shooting, grabbed 12 rebounds and finished with three steals.

Scoring for HTRS: Bstandig 12, Glathar 6, McClarnen 5, Bredemeier 5, Bowen 18, Howe 2.

The Lady Titans kept their heads up and rebounded with a 36-27 win over the Exeter-Milligan/Friend Bobcats on Friday. The win pushed HTRS to 10-9 for the year, while the Bobcats fell to 7-13 with the loss.

HTRS went 11/32 from two-point range but struggled from deep, finishing just 1/20 from beyond the arc. The Titans finished with 29 rebounds, including 14 on the offensive end, five assists and 15 steals.

Bowen led the charge with 15 points and seven steals, while Bstandig added 11 points, 16 rebounds and five steals.

Scoring for HTRS: Bstandig 11, Glathar 5, McClarnen 2, Bredemeier 1, Bowen 15, Howe 2.

HTRS played at Tri County (13-7) on Tuesday, hosted Falls City (7-14) on Thursday, February 13 and Johnson-Brock (20-1) on Friday, February 14.

Lady Eagles blow out Irish for conference title

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish have played the Johnson-Brock Eagles three times this season, and three times, the Eagles have turned the Irish away. The first two contests were tight, with the Eagles winning by six and five points, respectively. The contest wasn't even close this time as the Eagles ran away with the conference title, 61-23.

The Eagles led 4-0 before Jentry Lechtenberg spun for a bucket in the lane to make it 4-2. Johnson-Brock scored ten straight to make it 14-2 with 2:30 to play in the first. Avery Santo then caught fire. Back-to-back

threes, followed by a pull-up jumper by the guard made it 14-10 with 1:00 to go. The Eagles outscored SH 6-1 in the final sixty seconds to make it 20-11 at the end of one.

Hallie Jones scored the first points of the second, cutting the lead to seven; it was the closest Sacred Heart would get the rest of the way. The Eagles outscored SH 15-3 to make it 35-14 at the half.

It would take a perfect second half for the Lady Irish to mount a comeback; it wasn't in the cards on Saturday. The Eagles continued to pour it on, outscoring the Irish 26-9 in the second half to pull away for the 38-point win.

Santo scored eight points for SH, all in a minute and ten-second span in the first quarter. Lechtenberg added eight points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Eagles outshot Sacred Heart 51 percent to 24 percent, outrebounded the Irish 28-21 and forced 29 turnovers while committing only 16. The loss dropped SH to 17-4, while Johnson-Brock improved to 20-1. Three of Sacred Heart's four losses have come to the Lady Eagles this year. The good news is Johnson-Brock is in Class C-2 this year and the Irish won't have to face them again.

Scoring for SH: Santo 8, Witt 3, Lechtenberg 8, Jones 4.

Scoring for J-B: Behrends 2, Knippelmeyer 2, Stutheit 11, Buchmeier 12, Vice 11, Ottmann 21, Bohling 2.

The second-seeded Lady Irish entered the 2025 Pioneer Conference Tourney, winning five of its past six contests. Sacred Heart proved too dominant for the Pawnee City Indians on Tuesday in action at Sacred Heart High School. The Lady Irish led 20-6 after one and

36-14 at the half as they cruised to the 64-21 win. SH got scoring seemingly from everywhere as all five starters hit double figures. Avery Santo led the way with 17 points, hitting 5/14 from deep. Hallie Jones added 13 points and seven boards. The Irish shot 47 percent from the floor, outrebounded PC 35-23 and forced 24 turnovers.

Scoring for SH: Santo 17, Crouse 11, Witt 10, Lechtenberg 11, Jones 13.

In the semifinals, Sacred Heart outlasted Lourdes Central 52-47 to earn a spot in the title game.

The Lady Irish led early, 17-8 after one and 30-14 at intermission. However, Lourdes battled back, cutting the Irish advantage to 43-31 with only eight minutes left. Again, Lourdes fought, outscoring SH 16-9, but the lead proved to be too much as SH held on for the five-point win. The Irish hit just six shots from the floor in the second half and went 9/20 from the free throw line in the half.

Sacred Heart hit 17/32 shot attempts for the game, while Lourdes was 18/57. The Irish finished 14/26 from the charity stripe, while Nebraska City went just 5/15. The Irish held a 30-25 rebound advantage but turned the ball over 19 times while forcing only seven miscues.

Daycee Witt went 3/6 from deep for a team-best 20 points. Jentry Lechtenberg added 16 points on 7/9 shooting, added 11 rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots.

Scoring for SH: Santo 6, Crouse 5, Westengaard 2, Witt 20, Lechtenberg 16, Jones 3.

The Lady Irish will host Weeping Water on Thursday, February 13, and play at Lewiston on Friday, February 14.

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Titan's Grimes headed to Omaha

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district in Falls City.

At 125, Shawna Richey went 1-2 and scored three points. Richey fell to Josslyn Hoefler of Neligh-Oakdale in the first round by fall in seventeen seconds. In the consolation round, Richey defeated Kiley Herrick of Weeping Water by fall at 2:08. Richey fell in the following round to Sabree Poppe of Centennial by fall at :55, ending her season at 5-22.

In the first round at State, Grimes will see action in Omaha against Brooklyn Snyder of Bancroft-Rosalie. The B-2 district champ faces the fourth-place finisher of the B-3 district. Grimes enters the tourney at 22-10 and Snyder is 19-13.

Tigers crowned ECNC Champs for fourth straight year

The Falls City Tiger wrestling team competed at the ECNC Tourney in Freeman on Friday, coming home with its fourth consecutive conference title. The boys went 6-0 in dual action to claim their championship. FC defeated Freeman 59-12, Palmyra 64-0, Auburn 54-30, Cedar Bluffs 60-18, Weeping Water 48-36 and Johnson County Central 48-33.

In the matchup with Freeman, Cade Caudle won a tech fall (19-2), Mason Collier pinned Kaleb Graham in forty-nine seconds, Blakely Sells pinned Cale Behrens at :53 and Ashton Martin won by fall over Skyler Mueller at 3:18.

Against Palmyra, Collier pinned Carter Herrington at 3:14, Sells won by fall over Izaiah Freeman at :59 and Martin won a 13-3 decision over Drake Dowding. At 215, Chase Simpson pinned Christopher Phillips at :34 and Caleb Zimmerman won by fall over Matthew Bryan Adrich at :52.

In the third round versus Auburn, Robert Gilkerson pinned Kashton Byrd at 1:16. Collier won by fall over Shane Hanley at :31 and Sells pinned Brant Gulizia at 1:55 to win the 175-pound match. Martin pinned Drayven Lamb at 4:49 for the win. Zimmerman needed just thirty-eight seconds to pin David Sharp and Bailey Thimmes used all of 11 seconds to pin Hunter Henry at 120 pounds.

In round four against Cedar Bluffs, Zimmerman fell to Wyatt Johnstone at :13 in the only match of the round.

The Tigers needed every point against Weeping Water in the fifth round. Collier pinned Luke Harms at 3:44 to get FC on the board. Sells won by fall in just eighteen seconds over Ryan Seger and Martin pinned Landon Willis in :49 for the win. Zimmerman cruised to a win by fall at :22 over Ryan Gerloff and Thimmes needed 10 seconds to pin Shayden Roy.

In the day's final round against JCC, Gilkerson pinned Landon Toohey in fifty seconds to begin the scoring. Collier pinned Lee Xayaphonesongkham at :54 and Martin won by fall over Bodhi Klein at :25. Simpson pinned Gerardo Becerra at 1:11, Thimmes pinned Trevin Huskey at 1:26 and at 144, Orion Cattrell won by fall over Conner Gerking at 3:25.

Falls City will compete in the Class C-1 District Meet at Malcolm High School on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Tigers can't break through at ECNC Tourney

The Falls City Tiger basketball squad drew the No. 8 seed in the ECNC tourney, leading to a first-round matchup against 16-1 and the Class C-2 second-ranked Freeman Falcons. Freeman's only loss for the year came to the Johnson-Brock Eagles in the MUDECAS Tournament finals, 51-55.

FC lost to Freeman 22-66 in December, but the Falcons proved too tough again, defeating FC 66-21.

Freeman held quarter leads of 23-6, 43-12 and 61-15 as they cruised into the next round.

Freeman outshot FC 46 percent (27/59) to 26 percent (7/27). Falls City went 0/12 from two-point range and 7/15 from deep. The Falcons outrebounded the Tigers 40-14 and forced 19 Tiger turnovers while committing just four. The 19 FC turnovers led to 26 points for the Falcons, who also held a 40-0 advantage in points in the paint.

Keifer Adams went 4/11 for 12 points for the Tigers. Quenton Adams had a team-best five rebounds, while Ethan Morris and Jacoby Bangert each added two assists.

Scoring for FC: Q. Adams 9, K. Adams 21.

Scoring for Freeman: Buss 10, O. Buss 6, Fikar 4, Vetrovsky 14, Glanz 11, Jansen 3, Muthiani 2, Reed 5, Jurgens 3, White 8.

The loss set the Tigers up against the Mead Raiders on Friday night at Mead High School. Mead raced out to a quick 13-point lead, 17-4, at the end of the first period. They continued to build upon their advantage, making it 35-11 at the half. The Raiders capped off the game by outscoring Falls City 31-22 in the second half as they pulled away for the 33-point win, 66-33.

Mead outshot FC 53 percent to 27 percent and outrebounded the Tigers 39-19. Keifer Adams went 4/13 from the floor for a team-best 12 points. Brock Caudle added five rebounds and Ethan Morris dished out three assists.

Scoring for FC: Morris 4, Q. Adams 3, Armbruster 4, K. Adams 12, Jones 3, Bangert 5, Caudle 2.

Scoring for Mead: Reed 2, Vera 6, Conti 7, Vera 2, Kovar 3, Carlson 6, Lee 5, Couch 20, Lee 2, Gartner 11.

The 0-19 Tigers hosted Diller-Odell (10-9) on Tuesday and play at HTRS on Thursday, February 13.

Commissioners meet for regular meeting

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Real Estate, LLC in Omaha, and that any further damage will necessitate legal action. Motion seconded by Karas. Roll call vote all voting-aye. Motion carried.

The commissioners went into executive session at 9:17 a.m. with Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent; Sheriff Hardesty; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). The executive session was closed at 9:30 a.m. and returned to the regular meeting agenda.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that there are currently 14 inmates in the Jail.

A listing of items was presented to the Board that have been determined to be surplus and the Sheriff requested authorization to sell the items on a law enforcement supply auction site, GovDeals. Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Sheriff to sell the surplus items on these auction sites. Motion seconded by Campbell. All voted-aye. Motion carried.

A quote was received from General Fire & Safety for the installation of a Clean Agent Fire Suppression System in the server room at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion was made by Caverzagie

to approve the quote pending a recommendation from the County's IT person, Joe Buckminster, with General Fire & Safety at a quoted price of \$17,130.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. Roll call vote with all voting-aye. Motion carried.

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director the Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by, between and among: County of Atchison, MO; Counties of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe and Pawnee counties; regarding alert, warning, and notifications sent through FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System. Motion seconded by Karas. With all voting-aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for January, 2025.

Notice was received from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission of the hearing set for March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. regarding the appeal filed by Ronald E. Elliott on the 2024 property valuation, Case No 24R 0635.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 12, 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.

Lady Tigers take down Raiders at ECNC

The Lady Tigers drew a tough first-round matchup for the 2025 ECNC Basketball Tournament. Falls City entered the contest at 6-12 and the No. 7 seed, while the Freeman Falcons were 13-6 and the No. 2 seed.

The Lady Tigers battled early, trailing by two at 8-6 at Freeman High School on Monday. The Falcons began to pull away in the second quarter, outscoring the Tigers 11-3 to take a 19-9 lead at halftime. Freeman added to their lead in the third, making it 33-17 with eight minutes to play. Freeman sealed the win in the fourth, outscoring FC 17-5 to earn the first-round win, 50-22.

The Tigers struggled to get the ball through the hoop on Monday, making just 7/41 shot attempts. Meanwhile, Freeman hit 20/47 shots for 43 percent.

The Falcon defense swarmed the Falls City ballhandlers, forcing 27 turnovers, which led to 20 points on the opposite end of the floor. Freeman also won the rebound battle, 44-24, and finished with 24 points in the paint, compared to only six for Falls City.

The top scorer on Monday for Falls City was Carlea Dunkhas, who scored eight points. Dunkhas also led the way with seven rebounds and two buckets from beyond the arc. Joah Anderson went 2/6 from the field for four points and Kaitlyn Kirkendall led the team

with two assists.

Scoring for FC: Anderson 4, Titus 3, Dunkhas 8, Armbruster 3, Godemann 1, Kirkendall 3.

Scoring for Freeman

Eisenbarth 4, Veeerhusen 10, Lenner 4, Wallman 8, Rinne 11, Pella 13.

In the next round on Thursday, Falls City defeated the Mead Raiders for the second time this season, 45-21.

After one period of action, the score was tied at 8-8, but FC secured a four-point lead, 16-12, at intermission. The Tigers poured it on in the second half, outscoring the Raiders 29-9 to earn the 24-point win.

Falls City hit 33 percent of their shots while holding Mead to 28 percent from the floor. The scrappy Tiger defense forced 26 turnovers, which led to a 26-2 advantage in points off of turnovers. The Tigers outrebounded Mead 37-22 and held a 26-0 advantage in points in the paint.

Dunkhas again led FC with 15 points, going 6/11 from the floor. Delaney Godemann added 11 points and three steals, while Joah Anderson had a team-best eight rebounds.

Scoring for FC: Ewers 4, Anderson 2, Titus 4, Dunkhas 15, Armbruster 9, Godemann 11.

Scoring for Mead: O'Brien 2, Miller 3, Charles 5, Koranda 8, Brennan 3.

On Saturday, Falls City played the Auburn Bull-

dogs in the 5th-place game at Palmyra High School. FC, the No. 7 seed, defeated the Bulldogs, the No. 8 seed, on January 28, 33-27. Auburn controlled the contest this go around, defeating FC 46-35. The loss dropped Falls City to 7-14, while Auburn improved to 4-16.

Auburn jumped out to a 10-5 lead after one period, pushing it to 22-14 at the half. FC The battled, but ultimately got outscored 24-21 in the second half.

The Bulldogs outshot FC 34 percent (14/41) to 28 percent (14/51). Auburn also held a huge advantage at the foul line, making 15/27 attempts, while FC went 3/10. The Tigers were outrebounded 39-29 but forced 16 turnovers while committing 15.

Everyone who played scored for Falls City, with Godemann and Kirkendall leading the way with seven points apiece. Dunkhas added eight rebounds, while Ewers snagged seven and Kirkendall dished out a team-high three assists.

Scoring for FC: Ewers 2, Anderson 5, Titus 2, Dunkhas 6, Armbruster 6, Godemann 7, Kirkendall 7.

Scoring for Auburn: Wehenkel 5, Snodgrass 1, Darnell 18, Franke 8, Krause 10, Stanley 4.

The Tigers (7-14) hosted Diller-Odell (13-7) on Tuesday and will play at HTRS (10-9) on Thursday.



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Titan boys fall at Pioneer Tourney

The HTRS Titan boys entered the first round of the 2025 Pioneer Basketball Tourney as the No. 6 seed and played the Pawnee City Indians on Tuesday at the Roh Activity Center at Sacred Heart. The Titans defeated Pawnee City two weeks prior, but the Indians weren't going down quite so easily this time.

PC led a tight contest 11-10 after the first and pulled away for a 32-23 halftime lead. The second half belonged to the Indians, who outscored HTRS 30-10 in the final two periods to earn the 62-33 win.

Hunter Bohling led HTRS with 10 points on 5/10 shooting while grabbing six boards.

HTRS went 13/45 from the floor and 5/13 from the

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Richardson County Area Churches

Barada Global Methodist Church

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

Bethel Global Methodist Church

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

Big Lake Baptist Church

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

Church of Christ

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

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS

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

Corner Stone Baptist Church

(Independent & Fundamental)
N. Highway 73 to Blue Valley Behavior Health Inc., turn east (or right) Sunday: Sunday School Bible Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hours, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday: Bible study and prayer time, 7 p.m. Lively Stone Kids Klub, (ages K-6 grade). We welcome you and your family to come worship the Lord with us.
Pastor Mike Dunleavy
402-245-2049 (home)
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First Brethren Church

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

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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

First Church of Nazarene

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

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

(20th & Harlan)
Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m., Facebook Live & Youtube Live
Mondays: Diaper Closet, 4:00-6:00 pm. 2nd & 4th Wednesday: Mosaic Table 6:00-7:15 pm. Basement-Use East side door (Chairlift Accessible)
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First United Methodist Church

(1700 Harlan St)
fumc@sento.net
402-245-3281
Sunday: Worship Service, 11 a.m. Broadcast live on KTNC AM 11 and 107.1 FM. Adult Bible Study, 9:45 a.m., Lauri Beach, Pastor
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(600 Reavis St) 245-3977
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Tim Boatright, Pastor

Grace Bible Fellowship

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



Immaculate Conception (Rulo)

Sunday Confessions, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.
Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor

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Sunday: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Please join us to worship the Lord.
Communion is served the first Sunday of every month.
Bob Heusman, Pastor

Riverside Fellowship

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

St. Mary's (Arago)

Sunday: Confessions, 10:10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.
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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 3:45-4:45p.m., or by appointment.
Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor
402-245-3002

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA

(20th and Towle Street)
402-245-3828
Sunday: 9a.m.-Sunday School (pre-school thru adult, during school year); 10a.m.-Worship; Wednesday: 6:30p.m.-Confirmation; 7:30p.m.-Choir Practice. Call for Youth, Bible Studies and Women's Group schedules.
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Joanna Kathol, Pastor

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

12 miles Northeast of Falls City (Williamsville)
Sunday: Worship 9:15 a.m., first, third and fifth Sundays with communion on the first Sunday. We worship on the second and fourth Sundays at Barada Global Methodist Church in Barada, Nebraska. Fellowship and Sunday school following worship.
WELCA 1:30 first Monday Church Council, 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays
Mike Hader, Pastor

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS

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

St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan)

www.stthomasfallscity.org
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist (coffee, tea and conversation follow worship) We invite you to worship with us at any of our services. We will pray for you, your friends and loved ones.

Stella Community Church

Sunday: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; adults Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
John States, Pastor

The Four Mile Church (South of Humboldt)

Sunday: Church services, 9:00 a.m. A Reformed church endeavoring to teach and to practice Biblical principles of the Reformation.
Howard Blecha, Pastor

Valley Avenue Baptist Church

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(400 Walnut St.)
Sunday: Worship, Summer months: 7:00 p.m. Winter months: 6:00 p.m. Find us on Facebook @ VerdonChristianChurch
verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com
Rev. Daniel Spencer
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Zion United Church of Christ

(4 1/2 miles East of Falls City, 3 miles North and 1 1/2 miles East) 65763 709 Rd, Falls City Office: 245-2398
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Lunch MENU

Falls City Sacred Heart

Wednesday, February 12

Taco Bowl, Cornbread, Corn, Peaches, Refried Beans, Milk

Thursday, February 13

Sloppy Joe, Tater Tots, Strawberry Cup, Orange, Milk

Friday, February 14

Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Applesauce, Cookie, Milk

Monday, February 17

Chicken Fajita, Savory Rice, Peas, Pineapple, Milk

Tuesday, February 18

Philly Sandwich, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Grapes, Milk

HTRS Titans

Wednesday, February 12

Beef Walking Tacos, Refried Beans, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Cookie, Milk or Water

Thursday, February 13

Parmesan Chicken, Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Peas, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Friday, February 14

Pizza, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Monday, February 17

Sloppy Nachos/Cheese Sauce, Bread & Butter, Corn, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Tuesday, February 18

Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Dinner Roll, Fruit/Veggie Bar, Milk or Water

Falls City Public Schools

Wednesday, February 12

North & South School: Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Lettuce Salad, Pineapple, Breadstick, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Spaghetti, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, French Bread, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Spicy Chicken Patty, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Thursday, February 13

North & South School: Cheeseburger, Sweet Potato Fries, Corn, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Mrs. Brown Special: Cheeseburger, Sweet Potatoe Fries, Corn, Peaches, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Pig in a blanket, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Cheeseburger Sandwich, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Friday, February 14

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 17

North & South School: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Hot Roll, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Cornbread, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Pizza Slice, Chips, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk

Tuesday, February 18

North & South School: Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Green Beans, Ruby Red Juice, Pears, 8ounce Milk **Middle School:** Chicken Flatbread, Au Grain Potatoes, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, 8ounce Milk **High School: Hot Lunch:** Fiesta, Oven Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, 8ounce Milk **Combo Line:** Chicken Nugget, French Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 8ounce Milk



Cohen Crabtree, Nash Vollan, Bowen Randall, Maelynn Frank, Brantly Sells

Another weekend spent on the mats

Submitted

Falls City Wrestling Club wrestlers kept busy last weekend. Friday night started with a dual against Auburn and HTRS with 80 wrestlers. It was a fun night with some of the biggest wins being new wrestlers getting out on the mats for the first time.

Saturday, three wrestlers traveled to Marysville, KS for the Marysville Kids Wrestling Club Tournament. It was nice to see some different teams and wrestlers. As a team they ended with a record of 11-1 with nine pins total. Individual placements were:

First place: Kenton Cochran 4-0, Barrett Johansen 3-0

Second place: Leo Rue 4-1

On Sunday, FCWC once again divided and conquered with wrestlers at Crete, Norris, and Odessa. For some wrestlers it was their first tournament, first pin, and/or first medal.

At Norris, they shared the mats with

41 teams and 600 wrestlers. As a team they recorded 12 pins on the day and ended with an 18-15 record. The team finished 13th with 194 points. Individual placements and pin count were as follows:

First place: Cohen Crabtree, one pin; Nash Vollan, two pins; Bowen Randall, three pins.

Second place: Aaiden Hale, two pins; Barrett Johansen, Leo Rue, two pins; Tristan Randall, Braxtyn Bauman, one pin.

Third place: Mason Cave, Kenton Cochran, one pin.

Fourth place: Aaron Hale, Cam Sailors.

Crete hosted their wrestling tournament after a few years off. A couple wrestlers ventured there to show our support of small town clubs. Maelynn Frank made her de-

but at this tournament and got her first pin and secured first place. Gavin Dean had one pin on the day and came home with 3rd place.

Falls City Wrestling Club was also represented at the Odessa Open Tournament. Brantly Sells double bracketed and medaled in both.

In the 14u 175-180 bracket he earned first place with one pin. In the higher weight class of 205 he went 1-1 and landed second place.

We are so proud of all of our wrestlers. A few more weeks of tournaments before they attempt to punch their ticket to State.

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REAL PROPERTY

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey

Richardson County Treasurer

County Name	Count	Item#	District2	Parcel	Multiye Name	Property Address	Legal	Total Due
Richardson	74	1	100	740016873	FISCHER, JAMES R & ELIZABETH	RURAL 9-1-17 198A	9-1-17 196.46 APT E1/2NE1/4; PT W1/2NE1/4 & N1/2SE1/4	4499.5
Richardson	74	2	80	740049143	MAYER, TODD	71830 635 AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	12-3-13 159.63A SW 1/4 LESS .37A FOR COUNTY BRIDGE	3894.54
Richardson	74	3	80	740049100	MAYER, TODD	RURAL 12-3-13 151.12A	12-3-13 151.12A E1/2SE1/4; NW1/4SE1/4 & PWSW1/4SE1/4	3577.42
Richardson	74	4	5	741000114	KEARNEY WELDING LLC	14-1-16 INDUSTRIAL PARK	14-1-16 SW 1/4 LOT 1 OF REPLAT OF TRACT SEVEN FALLS CITY IND PARK	2602.69
Richardson	74	5	100	740170948	LIPPOLD, DANIEL P	71430 655 AVE FALLS CITY NE 68355	32-3-17 2.47A TRACT SW/CNW1/4SW1/4	1745.4
Richardson	74	6	10	740088599	MCCLUNG, TYLER & ASHLYNN	858 N NEMAHASTHUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS 3-2-13.27 APT SW1/4NE1/4	1634.96
Richardson	74	7	5	740078879	KERNS, ROBIN	822 E 9TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY WEAVER 2ND BLK 1 W 80' S1/2 LOT 13 & W 80' 14' (.75L)	1453.1
Richardson	74	8	10	740083066	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH	616 5TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 8 W 53' LOT 10 (.75L)	1372.14
Richardson	74	9	5	740075489	VOLLAN, KIRA BROOKE	602 E 21ST ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY STEELE BLK 1 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	1297.72
Richardson	74	10	100	741000372	HARDENBERGER, WILLIAM J	RURAL 28-1-16 5A	28-1-16 5A W1/2SW1/4	1289.12
Richardson	74	11	10	740087177	COOPER, KENT L & RHONDAL	726 GRAND AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT TRIST'S PLAINVIEW BLK 56 LOTS 45-46-47 (3L)	1277.22
Richardson	74	12	5	740054163	BIRD, CARLAK	1923 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 291 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	1172.15
Richardson	74	13	5	740078607	HOLLOWAY, STEVEN C & DEBORAH	821 E 12TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY WEAVER BLK 11 LOTS 10-11 & 12 (3L)	994.44
Richardson	74	14	80	740003763	SWAHN, CRAIG	70620 634 AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	11-1-13 2.64A TRPT SW1/4SW1/4	991.56
Richardson	74	15	5	740067672	JUDD, JENNIFER	2101 BARADA ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY CROOK & TOWLE BLK 16 LOTS 10-11-12 (3L)	933.64
Richardson	74	16	10	740085360	COOPER, JULIAN	724 NEMAHASTHUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHERNIMS BLK 32 LOT 4 (1L)	827.6
Richardson	74	17	5	740054597	GILL, CHRISTOPHER J & HEATHER J	1912 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 32 LOTS 17 & 18 (2L)	797.86
Richardson	74	18	10	740084186	NABER, GENE L & BACHMAN, CLARE	833 N NEMAHASTHUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT KINGS 1ST BLK 19 E 173' S1/2 LOT 5	756.78
Richardson	74	19	55	740104586	COCHRAN JR, NORMAN E & BELINDA	404 E 3RD ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON FIRST BLK 2 LOT 6 (1L)	748.22
Richardson	74	20	5	740071068	WITT, RACHEL A	1901 CROOK ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY HUTCHINGS & MAUST BLK 22 E1/2N11-12 & 12 1/2 (1.5L)	739.82
Richardson	74	21	100	740029096	PECK, DEEANNA E	66025 705 TRL RULO NE 68431	18-1-18 1A PT N1/2SW1/4	691.82
Richardson	74	22	35	740094076	GENTRY, MICHAEL S	302 NASH ST RULO NE 68431	RULO OTBLK 69 LOTS 5-6 & 11-12 (4L)	686.42
Richardson	74	23	10	740081578	WREDT, TONY & PAM	804 2ND ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 1 LOT 4 (1L)	678.54
Richardson	74	24	80	740049127	MAYER, TODD	63568 718 RD HUMBOLDT NE 68376	12-3-13 8.88A PWSW1/4SE1/4	677.56
Richardson	74	25	10	740085409 ***	LOWE, CHAD	919 7TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHERNIMS BLK 32 W1/2 LOT 14 ALL 15 (1.5L)	674.66
Richardson	74	26	5	740069314	MEYER, PAUL D	2212 HILAND AVE FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY GILLIGANS BLK 1 LOTS 16-19 (4L)	674.28
Richardson	74	27	5	740061909	BOWE, LAURA J	915 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 188 LOTS 5 & 6 (2L)	653.08
Richardson	74	28	5	740066250	ALBU, TERESA J	1818 BURTON DR FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY BURTON & HUBER 2ND LOT 19 (1L)	645.68
Richardson	74	29	10	740086723	STUART, SABRINA J	910 GRAND AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT GRAND AVE EXTBK 51 LOTS 6 & 7 (2L)	628.16
Richardson	74	30	5	740054600	GILL, CHRISTOPHER J & HEATHER J	1916 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 32 LOTS 19 & 20 (2L)	609.48
Richardson	74	31	35	740094513	BACHMAN, TAYLOR	205 S 3RD ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 5 LOTS 1-2-3 (3L)	606
Richardson	74	32	5	740062417	STALVEY, RYAN M	920 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 192 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	604.82
Richardson	74	33	147	740170506	WILLIAMS, MELISSA M	RURAL 15-2-14 15A	15-2-14 15A PT S1/2SE1/4E1/4 EXC .87A SW1/4; .01A S1/2SE1/4E1/4 & .86A 4231.587' 98'	604.34
Richardson	74	34	10	740082612 ***	BUTNER, JEREMY & GINA	701 4TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 7 W1/2 LOT 1 (.5L)	597.52
Richardson	74	35	5	740062840	BUTRICK, CLAYTON & APRIL	814 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 196 LOTS 17 & 18 (2L)	593.34
Richardson	74	36	5	740057782	PEARCE, DAWN MICHELLE HONEA	415 E 16TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 94 LOTS 1-4 (4L)	589.36
Richardson	74	37	35	740092898	KELLER, JORDAN C	306 W STUTSMAN ST RULO NE 68431	RULO OTBLK 29 LOTS 7-10 & PT VAC ST & ALLEY	584.26
Richardson	74	38	5	740060600	FIESTA BRAVA LLC	1124 HARLAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY -- OTBLK 156 LOTS 21-24 (4L)	573.57
Richardson	74	39	80	740118161 ***	ARMS, JAMES E & JUDIE A	71478 633 AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	34-3-13 1.5A PWSW1/4NW1/4NW1/4 (218' X 300')	536.5
Richardson	74	40	10	740086081	SCHNEIDER, RICHARD & TEVIA	603 LONGBRANCH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT TINKERS BLK 41 LOT 1 (1L)	532.2
Richardson	74	41	10	740087886	WORTHY MATTHEW, JENNIE	610 1ST ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS 3-2-13.17 APT SE1/4SW1/4	528.86
Richardson	74	42	5	740072021	KARST, RYAN	1620 CROOK ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY HUTCHINGS & MAUST BLK 74 LOTS 23 & 24 (2L)	525.6
Richardson	74	43	5	740071335	GERDES LIFE EST, KEVIN R & STEPHANIE E	1807 CROOK ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY HUTCHINGS & MAUST BLK 43 LOTS 8 & 9 (2L)	500.56
Richardson	74	44	147	740036998	RICE, DANNIAL E	70510 637 BLVD DAWSON NE 68337	17-1-14 2.11A PWSW1/4SE1/4 (NIMS CITY)	497.08
Richardson	74	45	10	740088572	TICHY, MATTHEW	8TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS 3-2-13.3.03 APT SW1/4NE1/4 EXC .28A OFF NW SIDE	495.86
Richardson	74	46	5	740062204	REED, KALA	914 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 190 LOTS 19 & 20 (2L)	495.42
Richardson	74	47	10	740081616	LAMBERT, JEFFREY S	105 N NEMAHASTHUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 1 S1/2 LOTS 5, 6, 7	491.3
Richardson	74	48	50	740103024	NEWMAN JR, BOBBIE C & TJ MERRILL	705 N MAIN ST STELLA NE 68442	STELLA CLARKS NORTH BLK 10 LOTS 1-2-7-8 (4L)	488.88
Richardson	74	49	10	740081950	SKYLINE CONSTRUCTION INC	828 3RD ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 3 E50' LOT 13 ALL 14 (1.53L)	488.32
Richardson	74	50	5	740064274	GILFILLAN, MARK A	608 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 227 LOTS 16-17 & 18 (3L)	487.06
Richardson	74	51	80	740167251	LAUSMAN III, WILLIAM HENRY	71096 635 AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	24-2-13 9A TR NW/CNW1/4NW1/4	483.42
Richardson	74	52	5	740078720 ***	STRECKER, NICHOLAS & BRANDY	718 E 11TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY WEAVER BLK 12 LOTS 15 & 16 (2L)	478.82
Richardson	74	53	10	740085352	BACHMAN, JOSHUA M	716 N NEMAHASTHUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHERNIMS BLK 32 N 42' LOT 2 ALL 3 (1.75L)	478.4
Richardson	74	54	5	740054546	HOLT JR, JACKIE DON	1907 FULTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 32 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	476.07
Richardson	74	55	5	740062846	FISCHER, EDWARD A & LISAD	816 WILSON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 194 LOTS 17-20 (4L)	471.6
Richardson	74	56	5	740064088 ***	DUPREE, SHIRLEY A	710 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 224 N 6' LOT 18 ALL 19-20 & 21 (3.24L)	468.87
Richardson	74	57	10	740082116	COOPER, KENT L	630 3RD ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 4 E1/2 LOTS 5, 6, 7	461.52
Richardson	74	58	10	740084372 ***	WITTROCK, LISA	848 LONGBRANCH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT KING'S 1ST BLK 22 S1/2N1/2 LOTS 5 (2.5L)	459.2
Richardson	74	59	55	740104659 ***	HITCHCOCK, PHILIP A	107 ASH ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON FIRST BLK 4 LOTS 1-4 (4L)	439.36
Richardson	74	60	35	740093614	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	505 W MARTIN ST RULO NE 68431	RULO OTBLK 47 LOTS 13-16 & 8X200 ALLEY (4.22L)	436.06
Richardson	74	61	100	740025988	DUERFELDT, ELIZABETH ESTHER	RURAL 31-3-17 20A	31-3-17 20A S 20AN1/2SW1/4	433.6
Richardson	74	62	5	740055380	STEVENS, JASON	120 W 18TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY -- OTBLK 39 25' X 100' LOTS 13-16 (.83L)	431.24
Richardson	74	63	5	740062336	ROSE, MARGARETA	919 FULTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 192 LOTS 3-6 (4L)	429.84
Richardson	74	64	5	740064053 ***	DUPREE, SHIRLEY A	704 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 224 LOT 15 (1L)	428.4
Richardson	74	65	55	740170102	KELLY, PATRICK	301 MAIN ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON OTBLK 5 LOTS 8-12 (5L)	424.1
Richardson	74	66	5	740058681 ***	RUSSELL JR, NEIL A	1319 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 121 S1/2 LOT 3 ALL 4 (1.5L)	421.86
Richardson	74	67	25	740090771	WENDTLANDT, STEPHEN	203 3RD ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON HEIM BLK 38 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	413.72
Richardson	74	68	10	740087169	HARRIS, BRADLEY	1185 9TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT TRIST'S PLAINVIEW BLK 56 LOTS 31-39 (9L)	393.49
Richardson	74	69	25	740089889 ***	HADDAD, WAEL	220 RIDGE ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON OTBLK 11 N 70' LOTS 1 & 2 (1L)	390.46
Richardson	74	70	25	740090658	PAGNANO, DOMINIC E & TINA M	721 NEMAHASTHUMBOLDT NE 68337	DAWSON HEIM BLK 32 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	388.16
Richardson	74	71	5	740062794	LABARGE, WILLIAM	809 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 196 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	385.66
Richardson	74	72	50	740102826	DAVIS, EVAN G & NICOLE L	604 VINE ST STELLA NE 68442	STELLA CLARKS NORTH BLK 5 LOTS 5-6-7 (3L)	384.88
Richardson	74	73	5	740056115	GRIMM, SCOTT	1714 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 62 LOTS 19 & 20 (2L)	383.78
Richardson	74	74	5	740054228 ***	VITAL E, JOSEPH & RACHEL	1901 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 29 LOTS 11 & 12 (2L)	382.68
Richardson	74	75	55	740104322	KELLY, JAMES P	207 MAIN ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON OTBLK 12 E1/2 LOTS 1-7 (4.5L)	380.5
Richardson	74	76	25	740089919	NINCEHELSE III, JAMES R	415 3RD ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON OTBLK 11 LOTS 4 & 5 (2L)	376.24
Richardson	74	77	5	740059890 ***	THOMAS, CARL JAMES	1205 HARLAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 134 S 7 1/2' LOTS 8 & 9 N1/2 10 (1.8L)	374.68
Richardson	74	78	55	740103598	MOORE, NATHAN S	407 WALNUT ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON OTBLK 3 LOTS 1 (1L)	358.22
Richardson	74	79	55	740104071	MOORE, NATHAN	305 E 4TH ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON OTBLK 8 LOTS 2 (1L)	349.16
Richardson	74	80	5	740062654 ***	FISCHER, EDWARD & LISA	818 WILSON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 194 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	348.4
Richardson	74	81	50	740103342	CHASE, RICHARD K	207 CLARK ST STELLA NE 68442	STELLA SOUTH BLK 2 LOTS 11-23 (13L) 6.11	348.2
Richardson	74	82	5	740059769	KIRKENDALL, TIMOTHY	1223 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 133 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	340.16
Richardson	74	83	152	740052454	GOSSETT, RUTH A	63897 719 RD STELLA NE 68442	9-3-14 3.85A PT NE1/4NE1/4 LESS HWY	332.58
Richardson	74	84	45	740100653	REIMERS, SHIRLEY	103 ELM ST SHUBERT NE 68437	SHUBERT OTBLK 14 140' X 50' E FRONT (1L)	330.42
Richardson	74	85	5	740058924	KIRKENDALL, TIMOTHY LEROY	1301 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTLOT 11A (.076A) (F/K/A BLK 124 E1/2 LOT 11 & 12 & PLOT 10)	324.18
Richardson	74	86	3					

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Richardson	74	133	35	740092847	FOOTE, NELLIE A	5TH STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 28 LOTS 4-8 LESS HWY (4.65L)	97.12
Richardson	74	134	147	740039148	ALEXANDER, MICHAEL J & JOANN L	63874 708 TRL DAWSON NE 68337	33-2-14 4.56A TRACTSE/C SW 1/4 NE 1/4	96.74
Richardson	74	135	25	740090828	WENDTLANDT, STEPHEN	2ND STD DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON HEIM ALL BLK 39 (4L)	93.3
Richardson	74	136	35	740092634	HULLMAN, ROBERT	STUTSMAN STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 12 LOTS 1-2 & 15-16 40X296 CLOSING STUTSMAN ST & 16X100 VA	88.22
Richardson	74	137	35	740093908	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	2ND STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 66 LOTS 5-8 (4L)	85.58
Richardson	74	138	35	740093916	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	1ST STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 66 LOTS 9-12 (4L)	85.58
Richardson	74	139	35	740093924	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	1ST STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 66 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	85.58
Richardson	74	140	35	740095730	PECK, DEANNA E	BROADWAY STRULONE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 61 LOTS 1-3 (3L)	82.3
Richardson	74	141	35	740094335	WINTZ, TYLER	221 S MAIN STRULONE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 2 W 110' LOTS 13-16 (2L)	75.72
Richardson	74	142	25	740091212	STEWART, JOSEPH E & JESSICAR	8TH STD DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON METES & BOUNDS 15-2-14 .35APT SW 1/4 SE 1/4 (95 X 116.3 & 47 X 90)	74.9
Richardson	74	143	35	740093894	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	2ND STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 66 LOTS 2-4 (3L)	74.06
Richardson	74	144	5	740062735	BLACK, TAMARAS	8TH MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 195 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	73.82
Richardson	74	145	35	740095099	TOLLEFSON, CHRISTIAN & TABITHA	306 S 1ST STRULONE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 29 LOTS 15-16 (2L)	70.78
Richardson	74	146	35	740093983	LEWIS, LAURAH	MAIN STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 67 LOTS 15-16 & 40X100 CLOSING MAIN ST (.41A)	69.14
Richardson	74	147	5	740055402	STEVENS, JASON	1806 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY - OTBLK 39 W 32' LOTS 13 -16 (1.07L)	68.9
Richardson	74	148	55	740104063	MOORE, NATHAN	4TH ELM ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON OTBLK 8 LOT 1 (1L)	61.54
Richardson	74	149	35	740095323	KOENEKE, DENNIS & KIMBERLY E	KENCELEUR MAIN STRULONE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 35 LOT 16 & 40X140 CLOSING KENCELEUR ST (.28A)	60.24
Richardson	74	150	55	740103954	EATON, EDWARD J & JULIA A	302 MAIN ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON OTBLK 6 LOT 13 & 14 (2L)	55.36
Richardson	74	151	5	740060767	MURPHY, DONALD	1102 WILSON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 159 LOTS 13 & 14 (2L)	53.72
Richardson	74	152	35	740170836	GENTRY, MICHAEL S & BRYAN	RULO OTBLK 69	RULO OTBLK 69 N 10' LOTS 7 & 10 (.33L)	52.74
Richardson	74	153	25	740090747	WENDTLANDT, STEPHEN	4TH STD DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON HEIM BLK 36 S 71' LOTS 1 & 2 (1.06L)	52.04
Richardson	74	154	50	740103032	NEWMAN JR, BOBBIE C & TIM MERRILL	MAIN ST STELLA NE 68442	STELLA CLARKS NORTH BLK 10 LOT 3 (1L)	50.42
Richardson	74	155	5	740059807	GRIMM, SCOTT	1203 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 133 LOTS 11 & 12 (2L)	49.22
Richardson	74	156	5	740060775	GRIMM, SCOTT M	1116 WILSON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 159 LOTS 15 & 16 (2L)	49.22
Richardson	74	157	35	740093886	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	2ND WOODFIN STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 66 LOT 1 (1L)	42.8
Richardson	74	158	35	740094092	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	2ND GOLDSBERRY STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 75 LOT 1 (1L)	42.8
Richardson	74	159	35	740094483	TOLLEFSON, CHRISTIAN & TABITHA	1ST BEDARD STRULONE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 4 LOT 11 (1L)	42.8
Richardson	74	160	25	740090801	WENDTLANDT, STEPHEN	3RD STD DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON HEIM BLK 38 S 50' LOTS 3 & 4 (3/4L)	42.34
Richardson	74	161	10	740084534	STEPHENSON, LARRY JAMES & AMANDA J	914 MECHANIC ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHERNIMS BLK 25 N 88' LOT 6 (2/3L)	34.84
Richardson	74	162	100	740091611	OGDEN, DWAYNE R & ESPERANZA E	2ND ST	PRESTON OTBLK 4 W 66' LOTS 98-99 (1L)	28.84
Richardson	74	163	5	740058932	KIRKENDALL, TIMOTHY	212 E 13TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 124 W 1/2 LOTS 11 & 12 (1L)	24.6
Richardson	74	164	40	740097199	BACHMAN, JOSH	2ND ST SALEM NE 68355	SALEM OTBLK 66 PTS 1/2 LOT 4 (4L)	21.62
Richardson	74	165	35	740093592	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	6TH STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 47 LOTS 1-4 (1.05A)	18.7
Richardson	74	166	35	740093657	KOELZER, TIMOTHY J	6TH STRULONE 68431	RULO OTBLK 48 LOTS 12-16 & 8X250 ALLEY & 40X50 VAC 6TH ST (.9A)	12.8
Richardson	74	167	100	740116754	GORE OIL CO	SCHAWANG LEASE 36-3-16	36-3-16 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SCHAWANG LEASE	11.96
Richardson	74	168	100	740270961	GORE OIL CO	RURAL 36-3-16 RIESCHICKL	36-3-16	11.96
Richardson	74	169	45	740270779	AUSTIN, KATHERINE L	2ND ELM ST SHUBERT NE 68437	SHUBERT OTBLK 10 W 41' OF S 30' LOT 5 (.17L)	8.82
TOTAL								\$76,248.10

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Titan boys fall at Pioneer Tourney

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foul line.

Scoring for HTRS: Dunlap 4, Vaughan 9, Glathar 9, Bowen 1, Bohling 10.

Scoring for PC: Tegtmeier 5, Rose 6, Anthony Kling 18, Atreyu Kling 9, Farwell 24.

In the consolation round on Friday, HTRS fell to the Diller-Odell Griffins 46-32. The win improved Diller-Odell to 10-9 for the year, while the Titans fell to 10-9.

HTRS shot 13/53 from the field, went 3/12 from the foul line, grabbed 28 rebounds and turned the ball over 11 times.

Bohling again had the hot hand, leading the way with 16 points on 8/17 shooting. Vaughan added eight points, five boards and two assists.

Scoring for HTRS: Dunlap 4, Vaughan 8, Glathar 4, Bohling 16.

Scoring for Diller-Odell: Behrends 2, Zaboktrsky 5, Phillips 11, Morgan 19, Wendland 4, Novotny 5.

The 10-9 Titans played at Tri County (5-14) on Tuesday and hosts FC (0-19) on Thursday and 20-0 Johnson-Brock on Friday.

NeCGA welcomes new director of public policy

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) has hired a new director of public policy. Kaitlin Taylor brings talent and experience from her time serving as a legislative assistant and director of operations within the office of Tennessee Representative John Rose.

“We are excited to have Kaitlin join our team,” said Kelly Brunkhorst, executive director of NeCGA. “With a rural farm and strong background in advocacy and policy work, she will serve our membership well.”

Kaitlin grew up on small ruminant operation in Tennessee, then graduated in 2023 from Oklahoma State University and holds bachelor’s degrees in animal science and political science.

As the director of public policy, Kaitlin will work closely with members, the government relations committee and board of directors to monitor and act upon legislation at the state and federal level.

Kaitlin can be reached by calling the association office at 402.438.6459.

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

Seventy-five years ago a group of Omaha women started an ‘eclectic’ book club. It’s still going today

In era of loneliness and shaky book readership, Omaha’s Eclectic Book Review Club a salve for societal woes

By Jonathan Orozco
Flatwater Free Press

Over 100 people start singing in unison.

“Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to us, happy birthday dear us, happy birthday to us!”

The song ends with Eclectic Book Review Club president Mary Lu Larson asking attendees to enjoy cupcakes before launching into the monthly meeting at the Field Club of Omaha.

This, the book club’s October meeting, celebrated a major milestone for the Omaha-based group: 75 years in existence. The club has grown larger and less exclusive over the decades, but it remains committed to its founding principles of promoting literacy and socialization.

That makes it somewhat of a bulwark against two troubling trends: sputtering book readership and persistent loneliness.

“Book clubs, because you’re discussing a text, it allows you to be vulnerable in a way that if you were talking about yourself, you couldn’t share those thoughts or feelings,” said Nick Stager, publisher of the book review platform BookBrowse.

The Eclectic Book Review Club’s origins date back to 1949, when 28 women attended the inaugural meeting at the Hill Hotel in downtown Omaha, according to member Kathy Schwarting, who researched the club’s history. Attendees had lunch, listened to a review and enjoyed an afternoon game of bridge.

Joining the club was no easy task in the early days, member Mary Jane McCullough Mee-

han told BookWomen magazine in 2011. “The original club was quite formally organized, with prospective members sponsored by two current members and voted on by the organization,” said McCullough Meehan, who died in 2020. “No new member could be older than 50.”

Despite the rigors of gaining entry, the club grew rapidly, exploding from 70 members in 1950 to 150 members just three years later.

A total of 131 people – 106 dues-paying members and 25 guests – attended the celebratory October meeting. Dues cost \$20 per year, plus the cost of lunch.

Joining is far easier today. Most people find out about the group through friends who are members. Carol Johnson, a club officer, learned of Eclectic through a friend who saw a newspaper advertisement. They attended a meeting together over 10 years ago, and Johnson has been a member ever since.

Membership still skews heavily to women, with only a handful of men present at the October meeting. Most are avid readers on the lookout for new books, said Jo Ann Peterson, the club’s membership chair.

Eclectic Book Review Club is, and has always been, a twist on the typical book club. Members do not all read the same book ahead of the monthly get-togethers. Instead, they listen to an author or reviewer discuss a book of their choosing. Presenting authors are typically local or regional.

The format makes Eclectic unique, but it’s far from the only club putting a spin on the tra-

ditional book club format, said Carl Erickson, event and community outreach coordinator at The Bookworm.

The Omaha bookstore works with many clubs including some “once a year” groups where members each pick a book at the same point in the year. The rest of the year is spent swapping titles. One of those clubs dates back four generations, Erickson said.

Johnson appreciates Eclectic’s model. Primarily a reader of mysteries and thrillers, she said the luncheons have exposed her to a range of genres. “The Women Who Built Omaha: A Bold and Remarkable History” by Eileen Wirth was among her favorites.

“Learning about the community through what the authors have written and what they’ve investigated, that’s been important to me,” Johnson said.

Club members’ heightened interest in books makes them part of a shrinking group of Americans: avid readers. A survey by Gallup in early 2022 found that the average number of books Americans reported reading fell to 12.6 per year – the smallest number Gallup had recorded since starting the survey in 1990.

The overall percentage of Americans who read books appears to be more stable. A 2021 survey by Pew Research found 23% of respondents hadn’t read a single book in the previous year. That number hasn’t changed significantly since 2011.

Eclectic members say they enjoy the socialization that the club fosters. Members often arrive early for “the social as-

pect of meeting and visiting with interesting and accomplished fellow members,” Peterson said.

Social activities like book clubs can help ward off isolation and loneliness, which have garnered increased concern in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Multiple studies have found a link between social connections and longer lives, according to a 2023 U.S. surgeon general health advisory that deemed loneliness an epidemic.

“Books really give you the opportunity to establish that vulnerability and intimacy, because you can do it in a way that isn’t directly through your own experience, so it doesn’t produce that social anxiety or that social barrier that other more direct forms of communication can,” said Stager, the Book-Browse publisher.

Eclectic members noted they’ve had some memorable meetings over the years, including the time the club landed astronaut Clayton Anderson as a speaker. The Nebraska native went to space in 2007 as part of Expedition 15.

The club, Larson admitted, went over budget bringing him in for the meeting. But he delivered a memorable talk, she added.

“I just wanted to shake his hand, I just wanted to be able to say that I shook the hand and touched someone who’s been in space,” Larson said.

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Pancake Feed
Sat. Feb 15 5-7pm
Sun. Feb. 16 8am-1pm
at the
Morrill Community Center



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

Notice is hereby given that Cory J. Sneath 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 Sneath, 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
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dylanlhandley@hotmail.com

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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Frederick's Service
and Repair LLC
704 E 21st St.,
Falls City, NE 68355**

Notice is hereby given that David M. Frederick has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

1. The name of this limited liability company is Frederick's Service and Repair LLC.

2. The Initial Designated Office Address is 704 E 21st St., and its Registered Agent is David M. Frederick, 704 E 21st St., Falls City, NE 68355.

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 27, 2025. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
FARM / HAY / BROME LEASES**

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 3:00 P.M. on February 19, 2025, for the following described below:

Option 1 Cash lease for the purpose of farming tracts of ground, approximately 91.42 acres, located at the Falls City Municipal Airport.

Option 2 Cash lease for the purpose of farming a tract of ground, approximately nine (9) acres, of which 5.5 is limited to native hay grass, located at West 14th Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

Option 3 Cash lease for the purpose of harvesting brome grass on approximately twenty-six (26), located at the Old Landfill site on North Highway No. 73, Falls City, Nebraska. The lease is for one cutting before August 1st.

Option 4 Cash lease for the purpose farming tracts of ground, but limited to native hay grass, approximately 45.5 acres, located at the Falls City Water Treatment Plant, Rulo, Nebraska.

Option 5 Cash lease for the purpose farming tracts of ground, but limited to native hay grass, approximately 8.5 acres, located at the Falls City Industrial Park, Falls City, Nebraska.

These leases will be a one (1) year term cash lease with option of consecutive three (3) year option at renewal. Leases will be dated from March 1, 2025.

The City of Falls City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. A copy of the current specifications of the lease agreements can be found at <https://www.fallscitynebraska.org/bid-postings> or at the office of the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

If additional information is needed or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Clerk.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
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**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
CASE NO. CJ24-161
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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**Agenda for the Board of
Education Work Session, 5:00
PM, Wednesday, February 19,
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 Board Selection of Applicants to Interview

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 March 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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CITY COUNCIL

January 21, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 21st 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, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Absent: Leyden. 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 Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth 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 January 6, 2025, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the agenda for January 21, 2025, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the December 21, 2024, through January 4, 2025, Claims are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Treasurer's report for December, 2024 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Consent Agenda for January 21, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING
DISCONTINUING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF)**

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:21 P.M. Mayor Harkendorff then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor or opposition. There was no public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:23 P.M.

RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE THE CDBG HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND

A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth

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

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND PAY SCALES FOR PRICHARD AUDITORIUM AND AQUATIC CENTER FOR SEASON 2025 AND 2026

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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 HURLAN STREET AND 1819/1821 STONE STREET FROM THE CITY'S CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT NO. 23DTR006

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

APPOINTMENT OF KRISTEN POPPE TO THE HOUSING BOARD FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEAT FOR TERM ENDING 12.31.2026 AS RECOMMENDED BY FALLS CITY EDGE AND MAYOR HARKENDORFF

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

DISCUSSION - ALLOWING STREET LEGAL UTVS AND GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE ON CITY STREETS BETWEEN DUSK TO DAWN CITY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Council member K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council member F. Killingsworth to approve the City administration to draft an amended ordinance to allow street legal UTVs and golf carts to operate on city streets between dusk to dawn. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Leyden. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:52 pm

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on January 21, 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 members 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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**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS
January 16, 2025
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska**

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 16th day of January, 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: None. Absent: Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairperson and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM, NO MEETING WAS HELD

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on January 16, 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 members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS
January 2, 2025
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska**

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 2nd day of January 2025 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Absent: Johansen. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairperson and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Joy to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meet-

ing time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the minutes from the December 19, 2024, regular meeting are hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for January 2, 2025, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Claims for December 7, 2024, through December 20, 2024, are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for January 2, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COST OF REPLACED GAS METER AT 2714 ABBOTT STRETTED O'GRADY

A discussion was held. No action taken.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO WATTS ELECTRIC IN A DEDUCTIVE AMOUNT OF \$108,729.95

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

DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE RESILIENT AND RELIABLE ENERGY PROJECT

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to move into closed session at 6:28pm due to public interest regarding a discussion of a possible resilient and reliable energy project. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Johansen. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 PM

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on January 2, 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 members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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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@nemahandrd.org. See the full job description at <https://www.nemahandrd.org/>.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 29, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. 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.richardsoncountyne.gov.

PLEDGE SECURITY RECEIPTS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the pledge security receipt replacements from F&M Bank presented by the County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, receipt #JC93047 replaced with receipt #JC92998A and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff, receipt #JC93408B replaced with receipt #JC92997D. Motion seconded by Campbell. 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. He reported that the engineers will be visiting this week and reviewing projects that might qualify for grant funding.

Weather permitting plans are to start getting the motor graders on the roads to begin getting the roads graded and ready for rock where needed. A notice will be sent out to rock suppliers that the Board will be receiving sealed bids for the purchase of rock in 2025.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are currently 14 inmates in the Jail. A notice has been sent out and published soliciting bids for a contract to provide food preparation services for the Jail.

The staff will be switching program software services on March 5 as the contract with Omnigo will be terminated and the staff will switch to the Justice Data software program which will be compatible with most other surrounding agencies.

It was reported that there is an opening for the maintenance position at the Law Enforcement Center as that employee has accepted the position as a Jail Supervisor.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that the pump system in the sewer drain line is not working and is causing the odor to come into the building. He has requested service from a local contractor to correct the problem.

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Village of Stella regarding the enforcement of ordinances on a call-by-call basis. Other villages have reached out to him for this service as well. If the village decides to move forward with this service, an agreement will be drafted to detail the terms for this service.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested to meet with the Board to relay his concern of the vote regarding his re-appointment as the EMA Director and the Noxious Weed Superintendent for 2025, and if desired, what aspects of his job performance could be improved upon.

Commissioner Karas stated he would like to see a more aggressive type of service, including meeting with firemen at mutual aid meetings, getting more involved. Mr. Karas reported that there are citizens that are upset about the October 30, 2024, storm that went through without the sirens being sounded.

Mr. Kirkendall replied that he has been requested to attend the County's different fire department meetings and does so when invited, at least once a year. At these meetings he provides updates for the

"Page My Cell" and other emergency preparation items.

Commissioner Campbell inquired on the incident command trailer and if it was ready for service if needed. Mr. Kirkendall reported that the Emergency Management incident trailer is ready for service if needed. After the trailer was purchased, there was a period of time that it was not in order for service as the new radio equipment had not yet been received. He reported that all radios have been installed and are working and internet modems and other features included are ready to go.

Discussion was then held regarding the storm of October 30, 2024, and why the sirens were not sounded. Mr. Kirkendall reported that even the National Weather Service did not detect this storm on radar. Mr. Kirkendall will be reviewing the outdoor warning siren policy with the Board in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Resolution 2024-2025-29

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-29 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 31)

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	67.05
BW Plus Mid NE Inn & Suites, lodg	271.92
Campbell, Bob, reimb	334.60
Crowne Plaza, lodg	149.95
Datashield, serv	24.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	241.27
Falls City Journal, sub	50.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	286.24
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	3610.00
CR24-134 T. Pelletier, CR24-138 J. Waggoner	
Fritz, Jed, serv	750.00
Godemann, Bethany, reimb	11.77
Inheritance Tax Fund, reimb	87985.96
Peterson Reporting, serv	985.45
Quill, supp	97.55
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	130.57
Road & Bridge Fund, tax	385110.87
Sapp Bros., fuel	140.91
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	800.00
Staline Propane, fuel	130.40
SE District Assessor Assn., dues	75.00
SummerOne, serv	44.32
Verizon, serv	215.91
Weaver & Merz, reimb	17.13
Wolfe's Printing, supp	19.93
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$481,550.80

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Barco Municipal Products, supp	4780.95
CapitalOne Trade Credit, supp	94.94
Farmers Repair, supp	639.80
NPPD, serv	80.62
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	36.94
Quill, supp	151.41
Sapp Bros., fuel	20141.22
Truck Center Companies, supp	1025.03
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$26,950.91

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 5, 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
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FARM LAND FOR RENT 1 YR. LEASE - SAC AND FOX NATION

Location: NE Quarter of Section 1, Twp. 1 South, Range 16 E Brown County, Kansas. USDA FSA administering this farm from Richardson County. In 2024 the operator certified 74.38 acres corn & 34.61 acres soybeans = approximately 109 total tillable acres. USDA aerial map of this Farm # 6579 Tract 9313 can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com. Submit letter or bid form via email to tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com or mail to Tammy Epple - Lease Bid, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 68434 no later than 2 PM Thursday 2-27-2025. Contract to be finalized by 3-18-2025 for lease to run from 3-18-2025 through 12-31-2025. Contact Tribal Board member Gary Bahr at 785-742-0053 Ext 4002 or cell 402-245-8490 with any questions or concerns. 7-8

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Application form and a more complete job description can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administration office at 305 North Main St. in Reserve, KS or visit www.sacandfoxks.com. For questions or to submit your application and resume call 785-742-7471 or email tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com.

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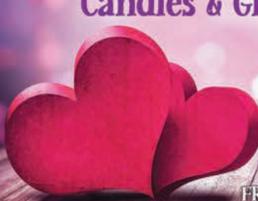
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