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5:00PM-10:00PM: FC Hot Air Balloon Festival at Brenner Field

Sat., June 14

7:00AM-?: Oregon Trail Day in Oregon, MO
3:00PM-10:00PM: FC Hot Air Balloon Festival at Brenner Field

Mon., June 16

Bingo at American Legion

Fri., June 20

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Sat., June 28

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Mon., June 30

Bingo at American Legion

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‘Live lives worthy of their sacrifice’

With American flags waving in an unusually cool late May breeze, families and citizens gathered in reflection at Rulo and Falls City to pay respect and honor those who served during Memorial Day ceremonies sponsored by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard. Larry Fischer served as the emcee of the program.

Participating in the program were the Boy Scout Troop #396 and the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard, and its rifle squad and The VFW Auxiliary.

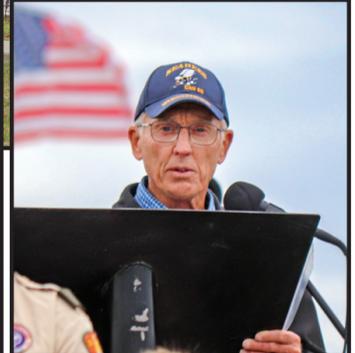
Lyle Goddard set the tone of both services offering a vocal performance. Memorial crosses were placed for the deceased, as a moment of silence was observed and prayer by Rev. Mike Hader.

At Rulo, John Steinman, who joined the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1966. He did two tours of duty in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968. In 1968 he was stationed in Hong Kong.

“Memorial Day: Honoring the brave, inspiring the living,” Steinman began. “Freedom is not free. This statement holds true for the sacrifices that our nation’s heroes made to ensure that we



Kirkendall



Steinman

enjoy the freedom we have today.”

He touched on history of the holiday, noting its origin in 1868 as Decoration Day and its evolution into a national observance. “Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day,” he said. “In 1971, Congress changed the name and fixed the observance to the last Monday in May.”

But Steinman’s speech became more personal when he referenced the names engraved on the War memorial on the courthouse lawn. “If you go to the memorial on the courthouse lawn in Falls City

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County to send out notices regarding FEMA floodplains, flood fringes and floodways

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, for its regularly scheduled meeting at the Richardson County Courthouse. Commissioners Campbell, Caverzagie and Karas answered the roll call.

Karas made a motion to approve the right-of-way documents, permanent and temporary easements with Four W Farms & Ranches, LLC, and authorize Chairman Caverzagie to sign for the Falls City SW pipe replacement project, located between S20 and S29, T1, R16. The motion carried.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty gave an update on the Jail and Sheriff’s Department, stating that the jail was currently housing 13 inmates. The Board approved an amended agreement with EForce Software provider to include Justice Data.

According to Hardesty, the State of Nebraska has made Justice Data Solutions necessary, making the Sheriff’s Department need both EForce and Justice Data Solutions.

EForce agreed to amend the cost for the year, allowing for a nearly \$4,000 refund, which will be used to cover the cost of Justice Data Solutions. Justice Data Solutions is needed to notify victims of released prisoners. The amendment to the previous agreement will bring the program software and facility into compliance with the Nebraska Jail Standards. A motion was made, seconded and approved. The Commissioners also appointed Nate Stewart to the Safety Committee, replacing a jail representative. Stewart is currently a jail supervisor at the Law Enforcement Center.

EMA Director Brian Kirkendall and County Attorney Samantha Scheitel met with the Board to discuss sending a notice to landowners regarding FEMA floodway regulations.

The Board, on the recommendation of Scheitel, agreed to include a copy of the floodplain and floodway ordinance as it currently stands, along with the notice that will soon be sent out.

If the County changes the ordinance, a new copy will be sent out to landowners affected by the changes.

“I would send it out as it stands right now,” said Scheitel. “When

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John Falter Exhibition: ‘Tornado’

The Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council will host an exhibition in the Stalder Gallery beginning June 2nd focused on the newly donated John Falter painting “Tornado.” The painting was donated by the family of Robert T and Nancy Bailey with additional financial support from the Stalder Foundation. Facilitating the donation to the Library and Community Foundation of Richardson County Collection was Cole Sartore of Lincoln Art Company LLC.

The “Tornado” painting (c. 1975) by Falter is the depiction of a wagon train that is caught on its journey in tornadic weather. Falter shows the real struggle of the people to secure their livestock, wagon, family, and treasures withing the rolling hills of the plains. The painting is an impressive work by Falter that is relatable to our weather here in Nebraska.

John Philip Falter was among the most prolific American illustrators of the 20th century, known for producing over 120 cover illustrations for the Saturday Evening Post. Falter studied at the Kansas City Art Institute and later moved to New York, where he attended

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Prairie Doc

Shed those fears of cancer treatment

By the late Richard P. Holm, MD

Mrs. B came into the emergency room one night, years ago, with some stress related issue. After taking her history, I began to suspect there was something else bothering her. As I was beginning her physical exam she blurted out, "I know there is a breast mass but you're not going to send me to any breast cancer doctor!" She had already decided to avoid standard treatment and her next comment explained why, "My aunt suffered because of awful unnecessary surgery and chemotherapy," she said. I sensed there was no changing her mind and that meant trouble for my patient.

The story evolved as my patient's breast cancer grew and eroded through her skin to become a weeping and tender sore. She soon sought out unconventional treatment by a non-physician from a neighboring town with an internet degree of some kind who promised to help her. The treatment involved a curious machine with flashing lights and an unusual noise which apparently indicated which group of herbal supplements the patient needed to buy in order to cure the cancer "naturally."

More women are diagnosed with breast cancer than any other malignancy, except for skin cancer. If the breast cancer hasn't spread outside of breast tissue, then, with treatment, the five-year survival is about 99 percent. If the cancer has spread to lymph nodes just outside the breast, then, with treatment, the five-year survival is about 90 percent. Even if the cancer has spread to distant parts of the body, which happens only in about six percent of the cases, then, with treatment, more than 25 percent are still alive after five years. Since 1989, the number of people who die from breast cancer has been steadily decreasing which is the direct result of improved methods for breast cancer screening, detection and treatment.

My patient died less than a year from our meeting in the emergency room. I still regret not convincing her to get help from a science-based breast cancer physician. She may have lived years longer and in more comfort. Many people are now being saved who were previously lost to all types of cancers. Even when lifesaving is not possible, current cancer treatment can at least improve the quality of the time that remains.

Bottom line: The fear of death and the fear of suffering keep some people from seeking medical help. Please shed those fears and seek science-based help.

The late Richard P. Holm, MD is founder of The Prairie Doc® a For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit www.prairiedoc.org.

All things Nebraska When the voters speak, lawmakers must not stand in the way

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Let's get this straight – 71% of Nebraskans voted in November to legalize the use of marijuana as medicine.

But when the State Legislature got around to adopting regulations to dole it out, lawmakers decided "whoa," let's not get too hasty about this.

It's a crazy world, right?

But how crazy is it when the state's voters, by not just a slim margin but a landslide, approve new laws and the State Legislature decides 'nope.'

Medical marijuana is now legal in 47 states. Nebraska, Kansas and Idaho the outliers. We probably all know someone who's tried it to relieve pain, ward off nausea or get a good night's sleep.

But efforts in this state to legalize cannabis for medical purposes in our state have faced an onslaught of lawsuits and expensive advertising campaigns over more than a decade. Attorney General Mike Hilgers is continuing the fight, appealing all the way to the State Supreme Court. And former Gov. Pete Ricketts continues to fund anti-medical pot efforts.

That's despite the pleadings of parents of children with persistent and uncontrollable seizures, who have testified over and over at legislative hearings. They maintain that marijuana can help their kids, and say that it's safer and likely more effective than drugs now regularly prescribed.

Some military veterans, along with former Gov. and U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey have also touted medical cannabis as effective in treating the debilitating effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Failing to get traction with state lawmakers, advocates eventually turned to the ballot box.

In 2020, they collected more than enough signatures to qualify for the ballot and were expected to gain legalization. But the State Supreme Court nullified their labors on a technicality, ruling that their proposal violated the rule against including more than one subject in a ballot initiative.

Last year, advocates finally overcame the legal challenges and won at the ballot box. Now, they say that the "will of the people" to allow medical marijuana is being denied again.

The Legislature this session neglected to pass regulations governing the distribution of medical pot, leading one advocate to call it an "absolute failure."

Now the rules will be drawn up by an unelected, five-member commission consisting of the three members of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission – who are all appointed by the governor – along with two new members, also appointed by the governor.

Pillen is not a fan of such legalization, and the two new members he's appointed have opposed medical cannabis, which was compared to naming an arsonist to lead the fire department.



It's led to fears that nothing will happen, or that the use of medical pot will be so limited that only a few people can be helped.

To be sure, this is a complicated subject. No one wants to see kids messing around with marijuana, and the vote wasn't to approve pot for recreation. But if the natural, medicinal properties of cannabis can provide relief from debilitating seizures and PTSD, we should be handing it out free.

It's one thing to oppose the legalization of medicinal marijuana. But the people – the "second house" of state government – have spoken.

In Nebraska, we allow citizens, via the ballot box, to pass laws and constitutional amendments.

And when we do so, we expect the State Legislature and the offices of the governor and attorney general to do what the voters want and not stand in the way.

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: DOCTOR'S ORDERS

ACROSS

1. Potato chip, in U.K.
6. ____ capita
9. "____ the night before Christmas..."
13. Popular garden perennial
14. George Gershwin's brother
15. *Follow the Yellow ____ Road"
16. Brickowski of "The LEGO Movie"
17. Pick up a perpetrator
18. Hindu sage
19. *Flashdance... What a ____"
21. *Stayin' Alive" band
23. Actress Gasteyer
24. Windshield option
25. Undergarment
28. Teenager's woe
30. *Solfège-themed "The Sound of Music" song
35. Capital of Latvia
37. Pilgrimage to Mecca
39. India bigwig
40. Fussess or stirs
41. Belted starman
43. Charged particles
44. Binturong's cousin
46. Type of salmon
47. Sol, or la, or ti
48. *Eponymous 1978 Franki Valli song
50. To, archaic
52. *Ryan Gosling's 2023 "I'm Just ____"
53. Part of a jousting outfit
55. Tax pro, acr.
57. *"I Will Always Love You" of "The Bodyguard" singer
61. *(I've Had) ____ of My Life" of "Dirty Dancing"
65. Desert wanderer's hope
66. Morning condensation
68. Waterwheel
69. Rosetta Stone, e.g.
70. U.N. working-conditions agcy.
71. Perform in a play
72. Through, to a poet
73. First responders' acronym
74. Force units

DOWN

1. Carney in "The Bear"
2. "Emily in Paris" new location
3. *This ____" of "The Greatest Showman"
4. #69 Across, alt. sp.
5. Green layer on copper
6. Contact on social media
7. E in B.C.E.
8. Torah teacher
9. H.S. math class
10. Solomon-like
11. Advil target
12. Sleigh runners
15. Poet and "Surrealist Manifesto" author André ____
20. Jack Black's Libre
22. Tight one, in football
24. Tiresome
25. Health food pioneer of liquid aminos fame
26. Peter Fonda in 1969 role
27. In the past
29. DEA agent
31. *Prince's "Purple ____"
32. Digital tome
33. ____ Carlo
34. "A Doll's House" playwright
36. Away from port
38. *The Lion King" composer
42. Ax mark
45. Sleeping sickness vector
49. Kind of trip
51. Not closed
54. Not mainstream
56. Lack of muscle tension
57. Terry Crews on "America's Got Talent"
58. The Hippocratic one
59. ____-friendly
60. Farmer's storage
61. Scarce bills
62. Formerly Persia
63. Three blind ones
64. Chows down
67. Freddy Krueger street

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From the Journal

Files

By Brian McKim

75-50-25 Years Ago

75 years Ago, June 4, 1950 to June 10, 1950

Diplomas were awarded to nine graduates of the Sacred Heart eighth-grade class. The class included Barbara Rush, Leonard Niemeyer, Dixie Diane Sweezy, Mary Ann Bolejack, Richard McMillen, Rita Niemeyer, Jean Milburn, Adrienne McMillen and Rebecca Cullen.

The Boy and Cub Scout Hobby Show proved highly successful, with the Scouts netting over \$100 on the project. The proceeds went toward the purchase of the 8-foot Statue of Liberty replica at the courthouse.

The 1950 census for Falls City showed a net gain of 42 individuals from 1940, with a total population of 6,188. The county lost 2,345 citizens, dropping to 16,833.

A specialist from Kansas City came to dynamite trenches across the Nemaha River and the Muddy Creek for the new 12-inch gas line belonging to the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company.

The FC VFW baseball team defeated Sabetha 7-4 in action in Kansas. Marve Scheitel, a utility outfielder, took the ball on the mound for Falls City. Bob Titus, Sr., hit his second home run of the season for the Vets.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Brown of Verdon celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Franklin.

The east portion of the Hillside Acres subdivision, located west of Schoenheit Street, between 22nd and 25th Streets, was taken into the city by the municipal government. Approximately 20 building sites were included in the annexation.

Guy L. Cooper, Sr., Humboldt, filed as a candidate for reelection as a director of District 6 of the Consumers Public Power District.

The people of Salem voted 125-3 to sell their transmission line between FC and Salem to Falls City for \$1. FC would rebuild the power line to supply sufficient power to Salem for its peak needs. The present line was obsolete and would need \$7,000 to upgrade.

Harold Prichard of FC filed for election to the unicameral legislature from the First District.

Kenneth G. Sandrock was elected president of the Falls City Lions Club, succeeding Mel Shipley.

Walt Disney's "Cinderella" was set to show at the Rivoli Theater for four days only. A replica of the Liberty Bell was to be on exhibition in Falls City and then Humboldt. The bell weighed 2,080 pounds and was made of 85 percent copper. The traveling bell was in the area in conjunction with a U.S. Savings Bond sale.

50 Years Ago, June 4, 1975 to June 10, 1975

Cottier School (District 21), which at times had been attended by as many as 94 pupils, closed its doors after 105 years. The school was located 15 miles northeast of Falls City.

Ron Whiteley of Haage's Menswear store, located in the former Richardson County Bank building, announced the closing of the business.

LeRoy Auxier was reelected president of the Dawson-Verdon School Board for the 1975-76 year. Walt Harring was named vice-president and Marina Leatherman as secretary.

The Hasting High School superintendent's office announced that Falls City High School basketball Coach Larry Ribble was selected to coach basketball at Hastings. Ribble was leaving Falls City after spending the previous two years as head coach. Ribble coached Pawnee City to a pair of state championships before coming to Falls City.

The Dawson-Verdon High School girls defeated Auburn 16-3 on the softball field. Joni Ramsey had a single and triple to lead the Jets.

Richardson County's Cancer Crusade went over its goal of \$4,000, according to chairperson Mrs. David Burns.

Mark Bauman connected for a grand slam, but it wasn't enough as his First National Bank baseball team fell to Sheets Pharmacy 16-17 in Pee Wee League action.

Bill Dappen was named the winner of the make beauty contest at the Senior Outing, sponsored by the Retire Seniors Volunteer Program at City Park.

Arbor Day founder J. Sterling Morton was selected as the ninth member of Nebraska's Hall of Fame.

Don VanWinkle was fined \$290 for driving an overweight truck.

Keith L. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas, received a degree of Associate Applied Science in diesel technology from Southeast Community College at Milford.

Mrs. Gordon Rinker of Ottawa, Illinois, arrived to spend a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dorste, in Rulo.

Falls City High School Alumni Association Officers included Mrs. Ruth Hauck, Mrs. Marguerite Meinzer, Mrs. Charles Ruch, Harold Prichard, Kent Morgan and Earl Tubach.

Mrs. Clarence Stevens and Ronald Schwartz became six-gallon donors at the recent Red Cross Bloodmobile at Prichard Auditorium.

The Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council announced the sponsorship of the free food program in Falls City.

25 Years Ago, June 4, 2000 to June 10, 2000

Funeral Director Allan Clark retired from his association with the Clark Funeral Home. Clark came to FC in 1971 when he purchased a 50 percent interest in the Chaney-Hodgens-Clark Funeral Home.

Kenneth J. Kunce, R.F., Falls City, was installed as the new president of the Nebraska Pharmacists Association.

Falls City residents were using water at a record pace. Public Works Director Larry Merz stated the water plant in Rulo had recently pumped out 1.25 million gallons per day into the city distribution system. Merz said the average for this time of year was 650,000 gallons per day.

Emily and Jacob were the most popular baby names in Nebraska. Emily had held the crown since 1995, while Jacob was the top choice since 1994.

"Shanghai Noon" and "Big Momma's House" were showing at the River Twin Cinema in Falls City.

A Ribbon Cutting was held at 1601 Stone Street for The Front Porch. Rex and Virginia Jones owned the business.

Vicki Beilke, an educator with 28 years of experience, was heading to Japan to teach in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Master Teacher's Program. Beilke would work on environmental studies with fourth, fifth and sixth-grade students in Komatsu City, a town about 400 miles north of Tokyo.

Jim Sefried of Falls City was the new president of the Five Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council.

The Alanco bowling team of Brad Faller, Wayne Gatz, Mike Martin, Marc Buckminster and Rob Craig placed fourth out of 724 teams in the Nebraska state bowling competition.

Mike Frederick was pictured with a 70-pound blue catfish he caught on the Missouri River. After fighting the fish for nearly an hour, Frederick took pics and returned the monster to the river.

The 3-State Stockyards softball team won the Tim Gobber Memorial Day Tourney at Johnson. Mark Bippes batted .692, and Rich Witt hit .667 to lead the team.

Heath Christiansen of Verdon attended the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar at Dana College.

'Live lives worthy of their sacrifice'

(Continued from Page 1) you will see five names from the Korean War, 62 names from World War II, five names from the Vietnam War," he said.

Then he read those five names aloud:

"Carl Marrs, 1966.

Melvin Kuhlman, 1967.

Gary Dunn, 1968.

Dennis Murphy, 1968.

Paul Holtz, 1969."

"I am bringing them up because they were close to my age and two were killed while I was in Vietnam," he said. "I did have the privilege of drinking a beer with two of them before they went into the service, and I'm friends with Dennis' little brother who was only nine when his big brother was killed in action."

He reminded everyone that it's also a time to remember the friends and family of the fallen heroes.

Steinman's closing words served as a reminder of the price of war.

"Like many thousands and thousands of soldiers that went to war, they said goodbye to mom and dad, brothers and sisters and friends and didn't get to come back alive so they could say, 'Hi, I'm home!'"

James Kirkendall spoke at the Falls City's Steele Cemetery soon after the Rulo ceremony.

ISG (Retired) James Kirkendall attended basic combat training and AIT in Fort Sill, OK as an Artillery Fire Support Specialist. Duty Stations include Fort Drum, NY, Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Jackson, SC, Fort Riley, KS and Fort Benning, GA. He had five combat deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, three support deployments to the

Horn of Africa, Kuwait, and Korea.

"It is a true honor to stand before you today on this Memorial Day, a day that holds profound meaning for all of us," Kirkendall said. "Today, we gather not just as a community, but as a nation united by the memory of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy."

He emphasized that Memorial Day is not just about traditions like cookouts and parades.

"Memorial Day is not just another holiday. It's not simply a time for picnics or parades. It is a sacred day set aside to remember the sacrifices made by those who gave their lives for our country," he said. "It is a day to reflect on the principles they fought for: freedom, justice, and the pursuit of peace."

Kirkendall named three young men from Richardson County who gave their lives in the War on Terror.

"We are especially mindful of these sacrifices," said Kirkendall, "Heroes like 1LT Jacob Fritz, SSG Nicholas Nolte, and CPL Jeremiah Cole, who gave their lives during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan. Their courage and dedication continue to resonate in the stories passed down now and through future generations, reminding us of what we owe to those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

He urged the crowd not only to remember the names of the fallen, but to consider the values they stood for.

"Memorial Day isn't just about remembering names and dates," Kirkendall said. "It's about honoring the meaning behind their sacrifice. We honor the values they fought to protect. We honor their commitment to something greater than ourselves: our country, our freedom, and our way of life."

Kirkendall told the crowd that remembrance must be reflected in how we live.

"As we pause today to remember the fallen, we must also ask ourselves: How can we honor their sacrifice?" he said. "It's about standing up for what is right, serving our communities, and striving to make the world a better place, just as they did."

He extended recognition to the families left behind.

"We also honor them by supporting the families who bear the weight of these losses every single day," he said. "To them, we offer not just our gratitude, but our ongoing support. They, too, are part of the legacy of courage we honor today."

He asked the next generation to continue to remember, but continue to look ahead.

"Their stories must continue to be told, not only today, but every day. We owe it to them and to future generations to live in a way that reflects the sacrifices they made for us," he said. "Let us remember that Memorial Day is not only about looking back, but also about looking forward."

"We honor them by living lives worthy of their sacrifice by embracing our own responsibilities, whether in our community, our state, our country or the world," he said.

"Let us honor those who gave everything, not just with words, but with action, by living lives that reflect the sacrifices they made," said Kirkendall. "Let us now take a moment of silence to honor our fallen heroes, to reflect on the incredible sacrifices that have allowed us to enjoy the freedoms we hold dear, and to commit ourselves to carrying their legacy forward."

AMERICAN LEGION SCHEDULE

June 16th Bingo
June 28th Mt
Oysters Fry
June 30th Bingo



Fire Hydrant Flushing Notice

When: Falls City Utility staff will flush fire hydrants starting May 26th, Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, weather permitting. The flushing of 214 fire hydrants can take a few weeks to complete.

Where: Flushing begins west of Harlan St, moves north of the water tower, starting at 26th Street, and then continues south of 26th Street and west of Harlan St. After the west side of Harlan St, flushing proceeds from 35th Street, working south on the east side of Harlan St.

Why: Fire hydrant flushing is preventive maintenance that identifies issues, assesses flow, removes sediment, and maintains water quality in our water system.

What: During flushing, avoid using water briefly to prevent discolored water from entering your service piping. Temporary brownish-red discoloration may occur, but it's not harmful. After flushing, run cold water for a few minutes to clear any discoloration. Avoid washing white clothes during this time.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Your patience is appreciated.

Trevor Campbell
Public Works Director

John Falter Exhibition: "Tornado"

(Continued from Page 1) classes at the Art Students League and the Grand Central School of Art. After selling his first picture to Liberty Magazine at age 20, he became a staff illustrator for the magazine and soon cultivated a roster of advertising clients that included Gulf Oil, Four Roses Bourbon, and Arrow Shirts. While serving in the navy during World War II, Falter created more than 300 recruiting posters for the Armed Forces. He earned a coveted position as a cover illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post in 1943, beginning a 28-year relationship with the publication. He also received commissions from Esquire, LIFE, Look, Good Housekeeping, and other periodicals. "Tornado" will hang with other works of Falter's in the Stalder Gallery from June 2nd to July 12th and can be seen during regular library hours. The exhibit will also be on display during both Falls City Public School and Falls City Sacred Heart Alumni weekends. A reception hosted by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council along with curatorial remarks will be held June 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the Stalder Gallery located inside the Falls City Library and Arts Center.

The Brownville Concert Series presents Strawberry Jam

The Brownville Concert Series is thrilled to welcome to Brownville, Strawberry Jam! Redefining jazz with every note. Fronted by the captivating vocalist EnVee, known for her work with Quixotic, and accompanied by the virtuoso guitarist Clayton DeLong, Strawberry Jam delivers an unforgettable musical experience. It's sure to be one you won't want to miss.

The shows will be in cabaret on Friday and Saturday, June 6th & 7 at 7:30 pm, and in concert Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 pm. We give special thanks to Frontier Bank of Falls City and Lowell Fey for helping to sponsor these shows.

Clayton DeLong was born in Poway, California in 1986. Raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Clayton began playing the violin at age 12. After receiving a guitar for Christmas at age 16, Clayton immediately fell in love. Avidly pursuing a career as a guitarist, Clayton enrolled himself at The University of Missouri Kansas City, Conservatory of Music. Working toward a degree in jazz guitar, Clayton studied under Kansas City greats such as Rod Fleeman, Danny Embrey, Doug Niedt, Michael Pagan and Bobby Watson. He graduated on the Dean's list with a Bachelor of Music degree in 2009.

Using the knowledge he gained in college; Clayton has been a professional guitar instructor for six years and performs live music regularly. Clayton has performed and toured in many different bands from the Kansas City area. To name a few, El Robozo De Maria, Latin rock, the Junkadelic Funk Stars, an improvisational funk band, and numerous other jazz bands around Kansas City.

EnVee is Cuban born, Miami raised with a vintage influence, EnVee's background is as diverse as the music she creates. She comes from humble beginnings, and had music destined in her future from the very start. Daughter of a professional singer and influences from Celia Cruz to Barbara Streisand, Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald to Luciano Pavarotti, is where EnVee's creativity stems from.

She was accepted to the American Music and Dramatic Academy, a music conservatory in New York City where she quickly moved after graduating high school. This gave her the opportunity to study vocal performance, dance, acting and musical

theater. Upon returning to Miami, Envee joined the music department at Miami Dade College where she became lead soloist for Juba Gospel Choir, leading them in a national competition and tour. She began her writing career shortly after that.

EnVee's professional career led her to a two-year running show at Magic City Casino and The Casino at Dania Beach as the



Opening Act for Kevin Ceballos. She performed in great community events such as, Miami Beach Gay Pride 2016 and Orgullo 2015 and 2016 and co-created the theme song for the World Out Games Miami 2017.

She had the honor of being the opening act for Cher at Hilary Clinton's Presidential campaign fundraiser with the cast of The Cabaret South Beach at The Filmore Miami Beach. She sang "The National Anthem" for The Florida Marlins both in 2012 and 2015, and was a special guest at the Orlando, Pulse tribute at the America Airlines Area. Envee was also invited to sing at the "Miami Rocks Concert 2016" with MISO The Miami Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Eduardo Marturet, Music Producer and song writer Rudy Perez and Broadway stage Director Richard Jay Alexander at the Adrienne Arsht Center in Miami, FL.

She was crowned the First "Ultimate Voice Miami" and has competed in National and International television singing competitions such as the NBC show "The Winner Is" hosted by Nick Lachey, and "Yo Soy El Artista" on Telemundo finishing top six.

Envee can currently be seen as the featured singer at the Faena Theater, inside the Faena Hotel in their new resident show SENSATIA and is working on a new jazz project which promises not to disappoint. Her music is for all ages, multiple genres and pleases the masses.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$16 for Students. Purchase them online at www.brownvilleconcertseries.org, on Facebook or call 402-825-3331. The Nebraska Arts Council (www.nebraskaartscouncil.org), a state agency, supports this program through a matching grant funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

SOCIETY

Falls City Does Drove #56 Submitted

Falls City Does Drove #56, NE met Monday May 12, 2025 at the Elks Lodge.

President Dessie Scholl called the meeting to order followed by the Opening Ceremony. Phyllis Kreutzer, chaplain offered prayer.

Initiation for new member Betsy Coolidge was held.

Secretary Linda Frost read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read.

Dessie reported on the recent sandwich salad luncheon. It was very successful this year. She also lead discussion on another Ways and Means project. On Saturday May 24, Memorial Day weekend, we hosted a Bake Sale at the HyVee Dollar Fresh grocery store from 9:00 to noon or until sold out.

Dessie told the drove that the sale of pecans and other nuts was going well and that we need to order more. Anyone can order nuts through a member or they can be purchased from the Does at Hometown Floral in Falls City. Remember they make great gifts.

The Does will assist the Elks-sponsored Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at the Elks Lodge. The event will be held inside the Lodge at 10:00 a.m. Members should be there by 9:30 and wear white.

Communications were read. Past Supreme President Dianne Labor's husband

Bob has passed away after a long illness. A message from PSP Frances Johnston was a correction on the date registrations need to be made for Grand Lodge Convention. It is by May 21 not May 1st. The convention will be June 22-27, 2025 in Lincoln at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel. A request was received from Lincoln Drove #4 to borrow our large Bible and Memorial wreaths for the convention.

Treasurer's report was given and bills were allowed.

We are sponsoring a small girls' softball team again this year. The games were played at the Grandview Park. The first game was Friday May 23 at 5:30. Does members were asked to support the games by attending whenever they can and to wear a Does shirt. A list of games and times can be found on the Falls City Summer Rec Facebook page.

The entertainment-refreshment committee for the evening was Susan Wilhelm assisted by Marlene McKim. Angel food cake and delicious strawberries were served from a pretty arranged table decorated with fresh flowers from Susan's garden. Prize winners were Phyllis, Glenda Bippes and new member Betsy.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 9 with chairpersons Phyllis and Beverly Bernhardt. Members need not wear white.

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

By Tana J. Brown, Secretary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met May 13 at the home of Elizabeth Ketner. Co-president Elizabeth Ketner called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence. Chaplain Dona Hall offered the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, "God Bless America" was sung, and the ALA Preamble was recited

Roll call was answered by 10 members. Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting. They stood approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Schlosser shared the Treasurer's report. Bills were presented by Tana Brown for the Easter Egg Hunt candy and monetary prizes, for the Americanism Essay certificates and prize money, and for the Teacher Appreciation candy. Judy Schlosser made a motion to approve and Vicki Beilke seconded. All approved.

Several members attended the Richardson County Courthouse 100th birthday celebration and a thank you was shared from the courthouse for the help and attendance. Keri Wilhelm County Legion Commander and dual member of Shubert Post and Unit 222 took part. It was a nice program and well covered by the press. Vicki Beilke shared information from the department newsletter about the upcoming district convention in Columbus on June 26-29.

Judy Schlosser will be delivering treats to the nursing home in May. Teresa Oberding and Marilyn Capps plan to take a turn in June. There was group discussion if the Unit wanted to continue this for the next fiscal year. It was agreed that it was a nice way to touch numerous local veterans. Judy Schlosser made a motion to continue, Tana Brown seconded and all approved

the Unit will continue this practice.

The Easter Egg hunt went very well with close to 40 in attendance with quite a few new faces. The Easter Bunny was able to attend!

Poppies were distributed and numerous members volunteered to cover all the local cemeteries. Poppy donation cans will be placed at Centerfield and 6 Mile.

The election of officers was discussed with the decision for Elizabeth Ketner current Co President and Jana Wheeler, current Vice President to switch offices for the upcoming year. With that switch in mind and the remaining officers, Co President Vicki Beilke, Treasurer Judy Schlosser, Secretary Tana Brown, and Chaplain Dona Hall, Tana Brown made a motion to approve these officers for the upcoming year. Karen Shorb seconded and all approved. A bit later in the meeting Dona Hall mentioned she would give up the Chaplaincy if a new member would like to have the opportunity. Lacey Noa volunteered. Vicki Beilke amended the election motion to approve Lacey as Chaplain, Elizabeth Ketner seconded and all approved. Officers will be installed in the June meeting.

Roadside cleanup has been put on hold for now.

Linda Patchen brought up that it's time to begin thinking about the tour of homes. Some ideas were shared and more brainstorming will be done by the group

Tana Brown shared some interesting tidbits about Memorial Day history from the Facebook American Legion Auxiliary Americanism page.

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2025 at 6:30 at the home of Vicki Beilke

Chaplain Dona Hall gave the closing prayer

Co-President Elizabeth Ketner declared the meeting adjourned.

ACCIDENTS

On May 2, 2025 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports there was a non-injury accident at Casey's parking lot. Gary Wenz of Rulo stated his parked Mazda pickup was struck by Jimmy Cardenas of Falls City who was driving a Hyundai Elantra. Cardenas stated he was backing up and did not notice the pick-up due to a drive side mirror missing. The Elantra had minor damage to the rear bumper and the Mazda had a driver's side door that was dented in a manner that prevented it from opening. An estimated \$200 in damage was done to the Cardenas vehicle; an estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Wenz vehicle.

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Kirkendall chosen for American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship

Members of the Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 are pleased to announce that Kaitlyn Kirkendall has been chosen as the recipient of American Legion Auxiliary Department Past President's Parley Healthcare Professional Scholarship in the amount of \$500. ALA Education Co-chair June Bowers was proud to present Kaitlyn's certificate from the ALA Department.

The scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who is Veteran connected and planning to pursue higher education in the healthcare profession.

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Jeremy and Laura Kirkendall and great granddaughter of Paul Schawang Senior through whom she was eligible to apply. He served in the Army during WWII. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska Omaha for her pre-nursing degree. Upon completion of those studies, Kaitlyn plans to transfer to the University of Nebraska Medical Center to pursue her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. Part of the fulfillment of their mission is to provide scholarships and promote education and literacy. The Shubert ALA Unit is proud to help support this mission.

Tabitha Nelson named to Dean's List at Chadron State College

Tabitha Nelson of Falls City, has been named to the Chadron State College Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester.

To qualify, students must complete at least 12 credit hours, be pursuing their first bachelor's degree, earn a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, and have no incomplete grades. City and state listings reflect students' home addresses as provided to the college.

Fort Hays State University announces spring graduates

Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,691 graduates during its Spring 2025 commencement ceremonies Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Local graduates include Falls City resident, Lauren Parrish, Education Specialist in Psychology.

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

Hastings College announces Spring 2025 Dean's List

Hastings College has announced the Dean's List for its Spring 2025 semester. For the semester, 339 students from 19 states and eight countries were named to the Dean's List.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 scale and be registered for full-time coursework.

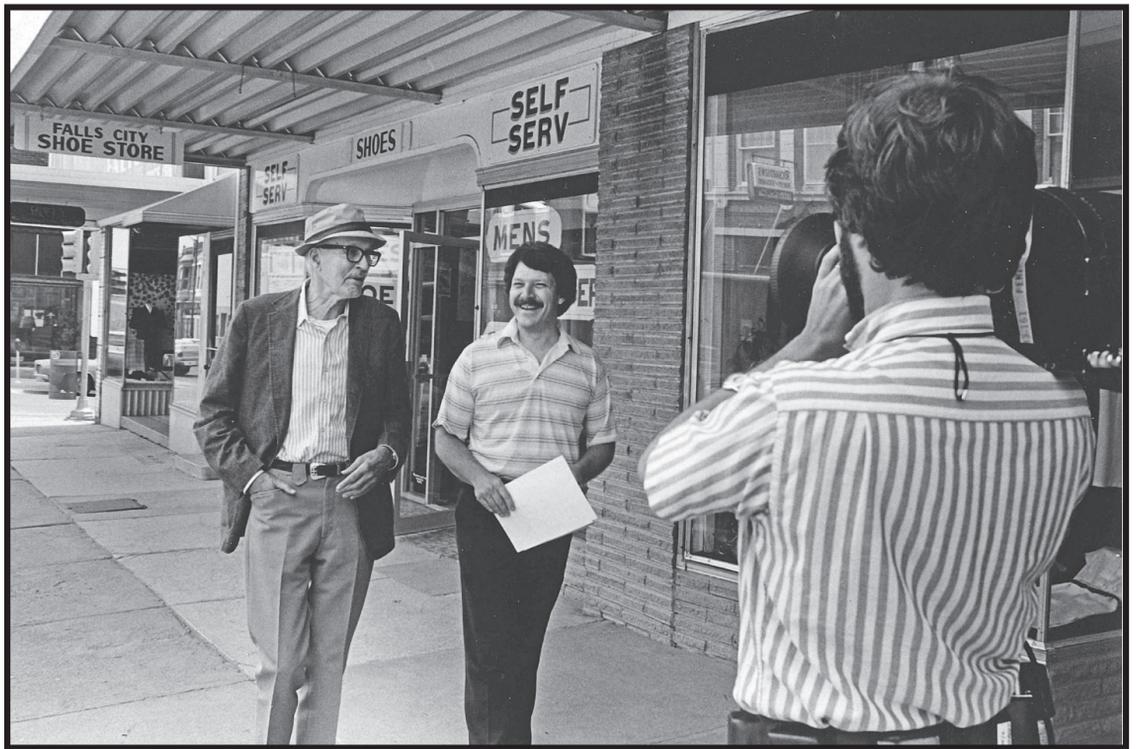
Students with an asterisk by their name earned a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Makayla Ansel of Shubert and Maverick Binder* of Table Rock.

ACCIDENTS

On May 8, 2025 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports an officer was dispatched to the area of 1423 Lane Street (alley) for a report of a non-injury accident. Marilyn Lock and Edward McTaggart both of Falls City stated they were performing a backing maneuver in the alley and collided rear bumper to rear bumper. McTaggart's pickup did not appear to have any damage. Lock's SUV did have minor damage to the rear bumper. The Lock vehicle suffered an estimated \$500 in damage; the McTaggart vehicle suffered no damage.

FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



John Falter in downtown Falls City.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 2025 PROMOS & EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH & 7TH
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play or CASH every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in free play or CASH every ½ hour 6pm-1am. Hot seat winners will get an extra entry into the CASH giveaways on June 14th & 21st.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH FLAG DAY! SUMMER CASH PROGRESSIVE GIVEAWAY TO WIN A PIECE OF \$10,000 CASH!
 All Military personnel will get \$20 in free play with valid ID & Military ID. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every hour 12pm-4pm plus win an extra entry into the CASH drawings starting at 6:30pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in CASH every hour 12:30pm-3:30pm plus win an extra entry into the CASH drawings starting at 6:30pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-1am. Progressive Registration CASH Drawings to win a piece of \$10,000 CASH every hour 6:30pm-12:30am. See rules for all the details. The first CASH drawing will start at \$500 progressing up to \$2,500 at 12:30am. (See rules.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
 All Fathers on Father's Day will get 10% off lunch or dinner special! Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every hour from 12pm-4pm & 6pm-11pm. Fathers' Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in CASH every hour from 12:30pm-3:30pm and up to \$500 in CASH from 6:30pm-11:30pm. Hot Seat drawing for Fathers ONLY Outdoor Grill Giveaway plus \$200 in free play at 12am! (For Father's Day, Fathers are only eligible for a one-time 10% discount for the restaurant's lunch or dinner special.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST - SUMMER CASH PROGRESSIVE GIVEAWAY TO WIN A PIECE OF \$10,000 CASH!
 Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every hour 12pm-4pm plus win an extra entry into the CASH drawings starting at 6:30pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in CASH every hour 12:30pm-3:30pm plus win an extra entry into the CASH drawings starting at 6:30pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every hour 6pm-1am. Progressive Registration CASH Drawings to win a piece of \$10,000 CASH every hour 6:30pm-12:30am. See rules for all the details. The first CASH drawing will start at \$500 progressing up to \$2,500 at 12:30am. (See rules.)

Rules for Progressive CASH Drawings on June 14th & 21st CASH GIVEAWAY
 Hot Seat winners on Sundays through Saturdays will get an extra entry into both CASH giveaways on June 14th & 21st. Hot Seat winners will receive their registration tickets at the time they win a hot seat and will place the tickets in the barrels at that time. Registration will begin at 4:30pm on June 14th and 21st. Registering more than once a day is a violation of the rules and could result in being disqualified from the drawings.

DAILY SPECIALS

<p>SUNDAYS Come between 10am -10pm and if you earn 20 points, you will get \$20 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person. (Excludes June 15th)</p>	<p>MONDAYS Come between 10am -10pm and if you earn 30 points, you will get \$30 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily.</p>
<p>TUESDAYS - SENIOR DAY</p>	
<p>Everyone 55 years plus will get \$20 in free play for all day! If your free play is not on your card, stop by the Player's Club desk and they can assist you. Senior Day Discount (55+) in Restaurant for 10% off is on Tuesdays only.</p>	
<p>WEDNESDAYS Come between 10am -10pm and if you earn 40 points, you will get \$40 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily.</p>	<p>THURSDAYS Come between 10am -10pm and if you earn 50 points, you will get \$50 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily.</p>

SATURDAYS - FREE PLAY FOR IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA TRIBAL MEMBERS
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<p>NEW MEMBERS Get to Spin the Wheel to win up to \$50 in free play for signing up in the current month! If you're a member of the Player's Club and bring in a new member, you will receive the same amount of free play! (One new member per day)</p>	<p>\$10 PIC-PLAY FOR YOUR JACKPOT PICTURE Players who hit a taxable jackpot or drawing (\$1,200+ for jackpots or \$1,000+ for drawings) can get an extra \$10 in Pic-Play (free play) if you grant us permission to share your jackpot photo!</p>
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BIRTHDAY MONTH
 If you are a current member of the Player's Club, and it is your birthday month, you will get \$10 in free play for your birthday. If your birthday promo is not on your card, stop by the Player's Club desk and they can assist you.

DAILY EVENTS

<p>SUNDAYS & MONDAYS Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$150 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12am. (Excludes June 15th) Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the CASH giveaways on June 14th & 21st.</p>	<p>TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12am. Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the CASH giveaways on June 14th & 21st.</p>
<p>FRIDAYS</p>	
<p>Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$400 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-1am. (Excludes June 6th & June 27th) Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the CASH giveaways on June 14th & 21st.</p>	

BINGO PROMOTIONS

<p>DAILY DRAWINGS Initial buy-in drawings daily!</p>	<p>BIRTHDAY BINGO Bingo in your birthday month and get \$20 in free play. Bingo on your birthday and get \$200 in free play! (Must have valid ID with birth date)</p>	<p>SENIOR SUNDAY All Seniors (55 and over) get \$10 off their bingo buy-in! (Must have valid ID)</p>
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JUNE BINGO CASH GIVEAWAY
 On each day you buy in for bingo in the month of June, you will get an entry into the CASH drawings on Saturdays, June 14 & 28. A winner will be drawn each night to win \$500 in CASH both days.

Rules for Bingo CASH Giveaway: Must buy in bingo papers daily in the month of June to qualify. You will be given a registration ticket at the window, and it will be your responsibility to fill out the registration ticket and place it in the barrel. The drawings will happen as soon as the bingo session is completed on Saturdays, June 14 & 28. A winner will win \$500 in CASH on each night. Registration tickets will remain in the barrel until the last cash drawing on June 28.

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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

DISTRICT COURT

Whitney M. Farr, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for June 17, 2025.

Kif C. Buis, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 17, 2025.

Shayne C. Songer, count one, theft-rcv stolen property \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 1, 2025.

Cheisa T. Sweeney, count one, del/dsp/man/pos contr subs-sch 1, 2, 3, amended to possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismitted; count three, amended to dropped/dismitted; count four, amended to dropped/dismitted. Sentencing scheduled for July 22, 2025.

Michael J. Versnel Jr., count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count three, habitual criminal, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 3, 2025.

Dustin J. Bernard, count one, del/d/d/m/p controlled subs near school-first, pled not guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismitted; count three, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for June 3, 2025.

Michael Luna, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for June 3, 2025.

Benjamin M. Marion, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, pled not guilty; counts 2-3, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, pled not guilty; counts 4-5, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, pled not guilty; count six, possess controlled subs w/o tax paid, pled not guilty; count seven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for June 3, 2025.

William Beddow Jr., count one, assault by strangulation or suffocation, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 1, 2025.

Charles R. Kramer, count one, amended to dropped/dismitted; count two, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled no contest, found guilty; count three, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled no contest, found guilty; count four, amended to dropped/dismitted; count five, amended to dropped/dismitted; count six, amended to dropped/dismitted. Sentencing scheduled for July 15, 2025.

COUNTY COURT

Jessica L. Rowell, count one, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty; count two, no valid registration, pled not guilty; count three, no operator's license, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for June 16, 2025.

Jessica M. Scheele, count one, disturbing the peace, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 16, 2025.

Amber I. Sutton, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 18, 2025.

Alix A. Scott, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$150, license revoked for term of one year; count two, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, amended to dropped/dismitted.

Zachary U. Garrett, count one, nonresident violate sus/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for June 30, 2025.

Taylor N. Clark, count one, dogs and cats nuisance, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 18, 2025.

Edward L. Ingalls, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for June 30, 2025.

Bobbi J. Aldana, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

CITATIONS

Jacob Moore of Verdon, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Shiley)

Matthew Schafer of Richardson, TX, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ractliffe)

Nailea Montoya of Columbus, OH, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Adrian Coetzee of Falls City, count one, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Stamper)

Kevi Good of Sioux Falls, SD, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Berlyn Fundora De La Cruz of Pflugerville, TX, count one, speeding 36+ mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300 and court costs. (Geyer)

Alexis Martinez Sandoval of Kilgore, TX, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Shiley)

Damon Chalfant of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Amanda Gard of Mound City, MO, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ractliffe)

Paul Harmon of Hiawatha, KS, count one, screeching tires, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)

Gerardo Macias of Bellevue, NE, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Jeremy Smith of Rulo, count one, nonresident

violate 30-day immunity, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Shiley)

Steven Mercure of Tecumseh, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Ramiro Mariano of Houston, TX, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Carlos Navarro Orelana of Little Elm, TX, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Brittany Warren of Auburn, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use seat belt, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Oroel Rodriguez Rodriguez of Hobbs, NM, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Anderson)

Kristopher Hinderks of DuBois, NE, count one,

no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Kendall Cockrell of Waco, TX, count one, fail to obey train crossing signal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Bron Koehn of Hiawatha, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Jason Kutschkau of Lincoln, count one, overtaking/passing prohibited, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Jose Hernandez Garrido of Dakota City, NE, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Shiley)

Sean Strasheim of Omaha, NE, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$35; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Madeline Larison of Omaha, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Anderson)

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Madsen and Fischer successful at State Journalism

Falls City Sacred Heart students Adisen Fischer and Alex Madsen recently competed at the NSAA State Journalism competition in Norfolk. Madsen and Fischer each earned recognition as they competed in Class C at Northeast Community College on Monday, April 28, 2025.

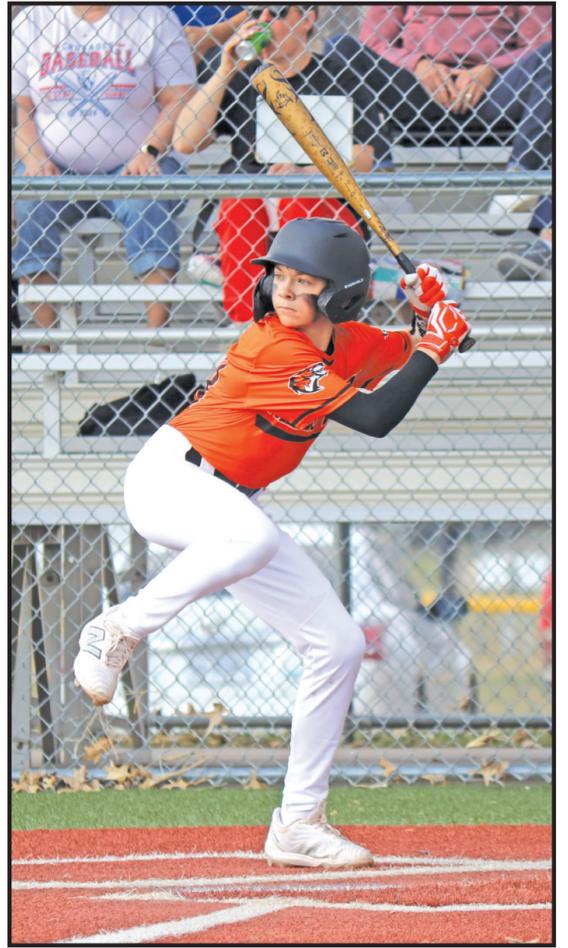
Fischer, a recent graduate of Sacred Heart High School, placed third in Entertainment Review Writing and Madsen, a soon-to-be senior, took top honors in Newspaper Sports Feature Writing.

Madsen's story, "The Heralded Hawk," tells the story of a small-town college soccer club that defied the odds to win the 2024 NJCAA Men's Soccer Division II Championship.

Overall, the pair combined to score 36 points at the state events, helping the Irish place 15th in the Class C Sweepstakes.



Gavin Bauer



Bowdy Jones

Tiger baseball shows improvement

The Falls City baseball team wrapped up the spring schedule with a final tally of 4 wins and 17 losses, up one win from the prior season. The team also showed an improved batting average of .198, up from .188 the year before. The team finished with 100 hits, up from 73 in 2024. The 2025 squad drove in three more runs than the year before and drew five more bases on balls. The pitching staff saw 30 more innings of work in 2025, allowing six more earned runs and finished with a 5.33 ERA, better than the 2024 ERA of 6.52. Tiger pitchers walked 99 batters and struck out 83. Defensively, errors went up from 59 in 2024 to 84 in 2025. However, the total chances also went from 475 in 2024 to 639 in 2025, explaining the rise in errors.

FC picked up wins against Holton (9-1), Tekamah-Herman (5-2), East Atchison (5-4) and Raymond Central (1-0). FC was also involved in six games that were decided by three runs or less.

Individually, Orion Cattrell batted .328 for FC with 22 hits, including two triples. Cattrell added 5 RBI, 17 runs scored and 18 stolen bases.

Blakely Sells was next with a .323 batting average. Sells finished with 21 hits and 11 RBI.

Gavin Bauer also broke the .300 mark, finishing the season at .302 with 16 singles. Bauer added 8 RBI, 8

runs scored, drew 11 walks and swiped 12 bases.

Jaiden Willman batted .235 with 12 hits, 11 runs scored and seven stolen bases. Vaden Leyden batted .206, Bowdy Jones hit .140 and Mason Collier batted .132.

On the mound, Cattrell tossed 32 2/3 innings, finishing with a 2-2 record. Cattrell allowed 35 hits and 12 earned runs while striking out 29 and walking 19. He finished the year with a 2.57 ERA.

Willman was next for FC, throwing 23 1/3 innings. Willman went 1-1, allowing 11 earned runs and striking out 14 batters. He finished with an ERA of 3.30.

Brock Niedfeldt threw 21 innings and finished with an 0-6 mark. Brock surrendered 34 hits and 20 earned runs while walking 11 batters and striking out four.

Bauer threw 20 1/3 innings and went 1-4. Gavin allowed 23 hits and 16 earned runs while striking out 17 and issuing 19 walks. Bauer finished with a 5.50 ERA.

The Tigers opened the year with a seven-game losing streak, the longest of the year. FC had its best stretch from April 3-26, when it won three of seven contests.

Seven of Falls City's losses came to teams represented in the final Class C rankings. Auburn (3), Lincoln Christian, Lincoln Lutheran, Fort Calhoun and Central City/Ventura.

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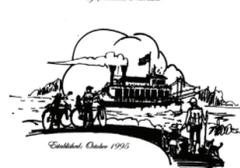


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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League results from May 27, 2025.

Team 1 (2.00) Liberty, Brandon 38-36; Simon, Mike 50-36. Team 6 (4.00) Kurpgeweit, Lee 42-34; Heinzelman, Denny 49-38.

Team 2 (0.50) Malcolm, Terry 52-41; Kermode, Terry 57-41. Team 5 (5.50) Borg, Dave 47-41; Murphy, Jim 54-36.

Team 3 (3.00) Hays, Gary 41-37; Vonseggern, Bill 44-32. Team 4 (3.00) Dunn, Joe 35-33; Romine, Alan 48-36.

Team 7 (3.00) Daake, Brian 40-34; Mullins, Jim 51-40. Team 9 (3.00) May, Mark 47-38; Severin, Steve 59-36.

Team 8 (4.00) Hillyard, Mark 45-36; Hankins, Dan 48-38. Team 10 (2.00) Foster, Tim 44-34; Veigel, Merle 63-48.

Late League results from May 27, 2025.

Team 1 (2.00) Simon, Steve 39-38; Ferguson, Don 41-33; Waller, Doug (F). Team 6 (6.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 45-42; Chesnut, Justin 39-30; Craig, Jake 47-32.

Team 2 (8.00) Montgomery, Carter 36-34; Harmon, Galen 46-37; Witt, Bailey 49-31. Team 5 (0.00) Scheitel, Trent 42-39; Witt, Wade 52-41; Leyden, Derrick 48-34.

Team 3 (1.50) Dunn, Joe 39-37; Dunkhas, Gale 52-42; Witt, Rich 49-37. Team 4 (6.50) Bachman, Eli 35-33; May, Mark 47-38; Craig, Robbie 53-37.

Team 7 (5.00) Liberty, Brandon 39-36; Schawang, Cody 46-38; Steele, Brendan 48-31. Team 19 (3.00) Aitken, Bob 42-35; Froeschl, Ethan 46-38; Merz, Mitch 62-35.

Team 8 (2.00) Simon, Dan 39-35; Poppe, Brian 43-35; Scheitel, Lane 61-45. Team 18 (6.00) Borg, Dave 45-38; Heckenlively, Tim 44-33; Keller, Bart 57-35.

Team 9 (5.00) Witt, Tom 42-38; Witt, Weston 46-39; Dunn, Mike 53-37. Team 17 (3.00) Hullman, Ben 41-35; Schawang, Cade 54-44; Bauer, Trevor 55-38.

Team 10 (4.00) Siel, Jake 38-34; Froeschl, Joe 52-44; Buckminster, Blake 62-44. Team 16 (4.00) Gist, Thomas (F); Malone, Kevin 46-36; Gooch, Blake 45-34.

Team 11 (4.50) Anderson, Dusty 45-40; Froeschl, Nate 44-35; Meysenburg, Fr. James 46-34. Team 15 (3.50) Froeschl, Lucas 46-40; Morris, Adam 49-35; Bippes, Drew 41-35.

Team 12 (6.00) Davis, Darin 40-35; VanDyke, Kyle 46-38; Jordening, Ron 53-39. Team 14 (2.00) Daake, Brian 48-42; McNeely, Erik 48-40; Gilkerson, Robert 45-36.

Team 13 (7.00) Gilkerson, Keith 46-38; Heinzelman, Eric 49-33; Sly, Tony 59-36. Team 20 (1.00) McNeely, John (F); Hill, Dan 46-38; Kurpgeweit, Lee 46-38.

Playoff Qualifiers

Early League - Dave Borg and Jim Murphy
Late League - Dick Gist, Keith Gilkerson and Tony Sly. Carter Montgomery, Galen Harmon and Bailey Witt.

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Neal Bachman

Neal Bachman, 89, passed away peacefully on the morning of May 27, 2025, in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

He was born May 6, 1936, on the family farm in Rulo, Nebraska, to Loyd and Louretta Bachman. Neal grew up with a deep appreciation for hard work and personal responsibility. These values shaped how he lived, worked, and cared for his family.

He married Betty Zoeller in 1957, and together they raised three children: Doug, Lori, and LeAnn. His love of family was constant throughout his life. No matter the occasion, Neal was always present to support his loved ones, and family gatherings were among his greatest joys.

Neal served six years in the National Guard as he began his career as a farmer in Nebraska. He later transitioned into real estate and homebuilding in Arkansas, where he worked until retirement. He left a lasting mark through the homes he built and the relationships he formed.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites those who knew Neal to donate to: Circle of life Hospice, 1201 NE Legacy Parkway, Bentonville, AR 72712; Bella Vista Animal Shelter, 32 Bella Vista Way, Bella Vista, AR 72714

death by his parents and one brother, Alan Bachman.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Bachman, their three children and spouses, and a foreign exchange daughter: Doug and Luanne Bachman, Lori and Terry Douglas, LeAnn and Larry Huff, and Paula Melo. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Kristen Kossover, Brittany Bachman, Ryan Bachman, Ashton Salazar, Amber West, Nate Douglas, Quinton Douglas, Nick Sands, Allie Seay, Brock Huff, and 9 great-grandchildren, as well as three brothers: Dale, Merle, and Lyle

Bachman. He will be missed, remembered, and honored by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Two visitations will be held to honor his life: Nebraska: Saturday, June 7, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Dorr-Clark Funeral Home in Falls City; Arkansas: Tuesday, June 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Bella Vista Funeral Home

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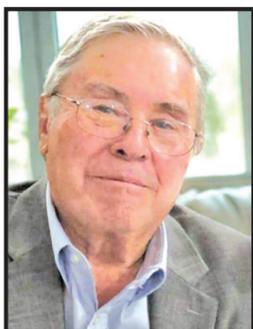
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SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

As we approach the end of the 2025 Legislative Session, we're considering a flurry of bills in these final days. We are currently scheduled to adjourn and complete session activities on Monday, June 9, but we may wrap up activities and adjourn on June 2

Governor Pillen has withdrawn his budget line-item vetoes due to a dispute regarding the constitutional deadline and the manner in which the vetoes were submitted. This summer, public officials will meet to clarify veto procedures for the future.

FLOOR ACTION: LB 398 has been signed into law. My bill LB 175, which obligates successors in interest of railroad property to provide safe and adequate access to persons owing property on both sides of a railroad right-of-way, was amended into LB 398 earlier this session.

LB 530, into which my bill LB 404 was amended, has been signed into law. As a part of LB 530, the provisions of LB 404 authorize the court to extend a term of probation upon joint application of the probation officer and the probationer.

LB 415 has also been signed into law by the Governor. The bill modifies provisions of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, and changes some regulations pertaining to companies having to provide workers with paid sick leave.

LB 89, the Stand With Women Act, has also been signed into law by Governor Pillen. The bill establishes legislative intent that males are biologically different than females, that those biological differences impact athletic performance, and provides guidelines for athletic competition.

As the session winds down, I am also happy to reflect on my office's work to meet the needs of our constituents. We have been helping the Auburn Board of Public Works connect with state agencies as they attempt to find a short-term solution to the water crisis in the area. We also helped a constituent who was experiencing problems with the Department of Transportation's 511 telephone hotline. We continue to be involved with other issues including road concerns, water issues, concerns with county and state agencies, and the Johnson County claim to recoup litigation expenses and court costs against the state. We take great pride in assisting our constituents on these and other issues.

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

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

On May 10, 2025 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports Barbara Clark of Falls City stopped at the stop sign. Clark started making a right turn eastbound onto W. 16th Street, failing to yield for Frederick Blanton of Falls City. Blanton was eastbound on W. 16th Street, unable to stop from hitting Clark. There was an estimated \$1,000 in damage done to the Clark vehicle; an estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Blanton vehicle.

On May 19, 2025 according to Falls City Police Department accident reports Joshua Blinde of Country Club Village, MO driving a vehicle for Westcar Logistics hit a vehicle owned by D. Popham of Falls City. An estimated \$1,000 was done to the Westcar Logistics vehicle; an estimated \$7,000 in damage was done to the Popham vehicle.

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Deadheading plants to encourage more flowers

Plants are really looking great this year, the much needed rain has really helped them flourish. When my flowers bloom, my gardens look amazing. It is always a little disappointing when those plants finish flowering, and they are stuck in the foliage stage for the rest of the season. However, deadheading those plants can help encourage more blooming and new growth for a more colorful garden through the summer.

Deadheading is the process of removing spent blossoms to encourage new blooms. Flowers are produced on a plant so they can be pollinated and produce seed. Seed production is the purpose of plants to ensure survival. Once the flowers have been pollinated for the year, the plant will move on to seed production and use less energy on flower production. This will leave the plant without many blooms for the rest of the season.

To keep the plant flowering through the summer, you can remove the flowers before the seeds are mature. This will push the plant to flower again to try to produce seeds. Deadheading can be done with hand pruners or just

pinch them off with your fingers but be careful not to tear the plant down the stem when you do. Snapdragons, a favorite plant among many gardeners, need to be deadheaded or even pinched back after the first growth of flowers to encourage new growth and more flowering. Others that respond well to deadheading include roses, zinnias, blanket flower, and many more.

Most annuals will continue to bloom through the season even without deadheading, but they will look better overall if the dried-up blossoms are removed. Some plants are self-cleaning, meaning they will naturally lose their spent blossoms and will continually flower through the summer. Also, some of our plants will only produce a certain number of flowers and dead heading will only clean up spent flowers, it will not encourage new blooming. This is the case with many of our perennial plants. It still makes the plants look better overall, to remove faded blossoms, but may not encourage new blooming.

Pinching Back: Some plants should be cut back to control the size and to help with flowering.

Mums need to be pinched back to control flowering and size. Mums typically bloom in the fall, but if left alone all year, they can bloom early. Mums should be pinched two times in the month of June and should not be pinched again after the Fourth of July. For this pinching back, when the plant reaches about six inches tall, cut off one inch of the growth. Then, when the new growth is another four inches tall, cut two inches off. If growth is rapid, you might be able to get one more pinching of 1-2 inches off the plant as long as it is done before July.

Other plants can benefit from pinching back. Some of our plants such as May Night Salvia can get leggy through the growing season and fall over. If you let it bloom once and then deadhead as well as cut it back a couple of inches, it will help keep the plant more upright and keep it from falling over.

Vegetable Gardens: You may have noticed a lack of growth in your vegetable gardens this year, this is due to the cooler temperatures we have been dealing with. The cold weather hasn't been too cold to where it is harming the plants, but it may have stunted their growth. Summer crops are not meant to grow in nighttime temperatures in the 40s like we have been seeing lately. While it isn't freezing temperatures, it isn't conducive to growth for our favorite summer vegetable crops. In your garden, plants should still be alive, but haven't grown much since being planted a few weeks ago. They will return to normal growth rates once the temperatures return to normal.

If you have any further questions please contact Nicole Stoner at (402) 223-1384, nstoner2@unl.edu, visit the Gage County Extension website at www.gage.unl.edu, or like my facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NicoleStonerHorticulture>

Work in progress on N-2, Neb. City Bridges in Otoe County

Work started on June 2 on Nebraska Highway 2 (N-2), from reference post 503.41 to reference post 506.32, according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Constructor's, Inc., of Lincoln, is the contractor for this project.

Work includes pavement repairs, guard-

rail remodels and bridge surface overlays. Expressway traffic flow will be reduced to one lane with width restrictions. West 4th Corso street access will require a full roadway closure with traffic detoured periodically.

Anticipated completion is Nov. 2025.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

May 12 through May 13, 2025 calls: one animal call, four information only calls, one theft, five miscellaneous calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, one noise disturbance, one juvenile issue, seven nuisance calls, one investigation, one traffic/driving complaint, and eleven 911 calls.

May 14 through May 15, 2025 calls: one information only call, one animal call, four nuisance calls, one referred to another agency, two miscellaneous calls, two suspicious person/vehicle calls, three ambulance/EMS calls, two 911 hang up/misdials, one investigation, nine 911 calls and one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

May 15 through May 16, 2025 calls: three animal calls, three miscellaneous calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, one disabled/abandon vehicle, one ambulance/EMS call, two nuisance calls, two calls referred to another agency, one warrant arrest, five 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective, vehicle, lighting, one warning for screeching tires, and one citation for a fugitive from justice.

May 16 through May 17, 2025 calls: two animal calls, one parking complaint, three miscellaneous calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, one call referred to another agency, two domestic disturbances and seven 911 calls.

May 17 through May 18, 2025 calls: two miscellaneous calls, two HHS intake/referral calls, one investigation, two suspicious person/vehicle calls, and three 911 calls

May 18 through May 19, 2025 calls: three information only calls, one call for domestic disturbance, one call referred to another agency, one traffic/driving complaint, one miscellaneous call, one 911 hang up/misdial and eight 911 calls.

May 19 through May 20, 2025 calls: two informational only calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one motorist assist, three nuisance calls, two investigations, six miscellaneous calls, one trespassing call, three animal calls, one accident, one HHS intake/referral call, one weather call, one burn permit, two calls, referred to other agencies, two record checks, one alarm, three 911 calls, one citation for careless driving, and one citation for disturbing the peace.

May 20 through May 21, 2025 calls: two 911 hang up/misdials, one information only call, one call for found or lost property, one animal call, two disturbance calls, four ambulance/EMS calls, three miscellaneous calls, one call to investigate fingerprints, two nuisance

calls, one juvenile issue, one welfare check, one HHS intake/referral call, seven 911 calls, one warning for child abuse negligence/no injury, one citation for criminal trespass in the second degree, one citation for assault with intent to cause bodily injury, one citation for screeching tires.

May 21 through May 22, 2025 calls: two nuisance calls, one call referred to another agency, one loitering call, one domestic disturbance, one accident, one parking complaint, one burn permit, one animal called, two miscellaneous calls, one HHS intake/referral, one driving/traffic complaint, one disturbance, three ambulance/EMS calls, three 911 calls, one citation for child abuse negligently/injury, one citation for assault by strangulation or suffocation, and one citation for assault-intent to cause bodily injury.

May 22 through May 23, 2025 calls: two suspicious person/vehicle calls, one 911 hang up/Misdial, one traffic/driving complaint, six nuisance calls, three miscellaneous calls, two HHS intake/referrals, two animal calls, one gun permit, one information only, four ambulance/EMS calls, and two 911 calls.

May 23 through May 24, 2025 calls: four ambulance/EMS calls, one accident call, two burn permits, four 911 hang up/misdials, one HHS intake/referral, one miscellaneous call, one call, referred to another agency, one warning for child abuse negligence/no injury, and six 911 calls.

May 25 through May 26, 2025 calls: one noise disturbance, two calls referred to another agency, two ambulance/EMS calls, two miscellaneous calls, one traffic/driving complaint, and five 911 calls.

May 26 through May 27, 2025 calls: one call referred to another agency, two miscellaneous calls, one theft call, one disturbance, four 911 hang up/misdials, and six 911 calls.

May 27 through May 28, 2025 calls: one information only, one accident, two nuisance calls, three miscellaneous calls, one juvenile issue, one HHS intake/referral call, one 911 hang up/misdial, and two 911 calls

May 28 through May 29, 2025 calls: three ambulance/EMS calls, three motorist assists, five informational only calls, three calls for a record check, eight nuisance calls, one welfare check, one burn permit, one animal call, one miscellaneous call, one citation for nuisance weeds, (fourth offense) and one citation for maintaining a nuisance, and three 911 calls.



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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.richardsoncountyne.gov.

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

Notice is hereby given that DALE CAMPBELL HANDYWORKS, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 1901 McLean Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The initial agent for service of process for the Company is Dale Campbell, 1901 McLean Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. This Company is member managed, pursuant to its Operating Agreement. The nature of the Company is to engage in the general business and operation, control, and oversight of residential and commercial handyman services, including but not limited to, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, carpentry, framing, roofing, siding, and related services; internal and external household and building demolition, construction, assembly, installation, maintenance, cleaning, and repair services; retail and wholesale distribution of products for residential and commercial demolition, construction, assembly, installation, maintenance, cleaning, and repair; and, related consulting. The Company commenced existence as of May 13, 2025, the date of filing with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Evelyn A. Stuess,
Deceased
Estate Number: PR25-25

Notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2025 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that LaMarr K. Matthes was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative(s) of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file claims with this Court on or before August 4, 2025, or be forever barred.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of the limited liability company: Eager Beaver Firewood Co. LLC. Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 301 Elm St., Shubert, NE 68437. Name of the initial agent for service of process: USCA, Inc. Street, mailing address and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 1102 Douglas St., Omaha, NE 68102. Effective date if other than the date filed: 5-16-25.

/s/ Douglas Edward Rice
Name of Organizer

21-28-4
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska Estate of Jerrold J. Jones, Deceased Estate Number: PR25-23

Notice is hereby given that on May 15, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Rose M. Rastovski was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before July 21, 2025 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
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Attorney for Petitioner

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION SUNSET VIEW FARM, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Sunset View Farm, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on May 21, 2025 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- 1. The name of the company is Sunset View Farm, LLC.
- 2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
- 3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 5732 Brendon Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68516, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Carol A. Thomas, 5732 Brendon Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68516.
- 4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Sections 13-511, R.R.S. 1943, that the Richardson County Board of Commissioners will meet on the 11th day of June, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed additional budget of expenditures of \$256,518.12 that will be needed in FY2024-2025 to meet the expenses that will be incurred in the Capital Acquisitions Budget within the General Fund for the electrical improvement project at the Law Enforcement Center that was funded through a NACO lease purchase.

The additional budget of expenditures will be covered by the funds received from the NACO Lease Purchase.

This additional expenditure is essential to the preservation and maintenance within the County of the public safety, the public welfare, and the public health of the citizens in Richardson County for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

GENERAL FUND

Actual Expense 2022-2023	\$7,446,398.41
Actual Expense 2023-2024	\$8,094,249.00
Actual Year-to-Date Expenditures 2024-2025	\$7,132,940.72
(as of 05-29-2025)	
2022-2023 Adopted Budget of Expenditures	\$8,424,731.52
2023-2024 Adopted Budget of Expenditures	\$8,810,993.91
2024-2025 Adopted Budget of Expenditures	\$8,603,907.28
2024-2025 Add'l budget of expenditures anticipated	\$256,518.12

No additional tax requirement is needed for this fiscal year.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Richardson County Board of Commissioners

Mary L. Eickhoff
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that Triple K Fabrication LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 520 Fulton St., Falls City, NE 68355. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Kurtis Kirkendall, 520 Fulton St., Falls City, NE 68355.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-104.14, Angela M. Minahan, Attorney at Law of Reinsch, Slattery, Bear, Minahan, & Prickett, P.C., L.L.O., 545 Main Street/P.O. Box 489, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 (402) 296-6996, does hereby provide the following notice of possible adoptive placement of a minor child:

Jordan C. Keller: You have been identified as a PUTATIVE biological father of Xavier John Fritts, a child born in April 2019. The child was conceived with Julia M. Clark f/k/a Julia M. Sprouse on or about June 2018 in Nebraska, and the biological mother intends to execute a Stepparent Adoption of the minor child by her current spouse, Justin W. Clark. If you are the biological father, you may (i) deny paternity; (ii) waive any parental rights you may have; (iii) relinquish and consent to the adoption; or (iv) object to the adoption by filing a Notice of Objection to Adoption and Intent to Obtain Custody, pursuant to section 43-104.02. If you wish to deny paternity, waive your parental rights, relinquish and consent, or receive additional information to determine whether you may be the father of the child in question, you must contact Angela M. Minahan at the above address. If you wish to object to the adoption and seek custody of the child, you should seek legal counsel from your own attorney immediately. To object to the adoption, you must file a Notice of Objection to Adoption and Intent to Obtain Custody at any time up to as late as ten business days after the receipt of this notice. If you fail to do so, your right to object to the adoption will be extinguished. Please note that additional steps will be required to object to the adoption after you file a Notice of Objection to Adoption, including filing a petition objecting to the adoption and seeking custody of the child in county court within 45 days of the receipt of this notice. Also note that if you are the biological father of said Child and said Child is not relinquished for adoption, you will have a duty to contribute to the support and education of said Child, Xavier John Fritts. You may also have the right to seek visitation.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Take note that on the 11th day of June, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., the Richardson County Board of Commissioners will open sealed bids clearly marked "mowing brome grass for hay". Sealed bids must be received by 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE at which time they will be presented to the Board of Commissioners and publicly opened.

This brome grass is located at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center, 65086 706 Trail, Falls City and is approximately 1.2 acres in size. Bidder is responsible for mowing the acreage that contains the brome grass and removing the bales of hay for their benefit.

Richardson County reserves the right to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.

Dated this 28th day of May, 2025.

John Caverzagie
Chairman
Richardson County Board of Commissioners

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Eric Froeschl, Deceased
Estate Number: PR25-26

Notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Jenny Dunn was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file claims with this Court on or before August 4, 2025, or be forever barred.

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Attorney for Personal Representative

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PUBLIC NOTICE: On June 9 at 5:30 pm, a meeting conducted by HTRS Public School will take place in the Conference Room located in the HTRS School at 810 Central Ave. Humboldt, NE 68376. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents who have parentally placed their child in an approved and/or accredited non-public school or exempt home school and representatives of non-public schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend an approved and/or accredited non-public schools and exempt home schools which are within the district for the 2025 -2026 school year. Parents of a home-schooled child or a child attending a non-public school who has been or may be identified with a disability and attend an approved and/or accredited non-public school within the boundaries of HTRS Public School District, are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. George Griffith at 402-862-2235.

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Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, June 9, 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 Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 1.6 Public Comment
 - 1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - 1.8 Approval of Claims

- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
 - 2.1 Staff Reports
 - 2.2 Principal Reports:
 - 2.3 Board President's Report:
 - 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
 - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
 - 2.4b School Improvement & Strategic Plan
 - 2.4c District Resources / Budget
 - 2.4d Policy Governance
 - 2.4e Building and Grounds Update
 - 2.4f Superintendent Meetings
 - 2.4g Board Member Meetings
 - 2.4h Other
 - 2.5 Board Committee Reports:
 - 2.6 Board Member Reports:

- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
 - 3.1 Final Readings on Policy Reviews

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

- 5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 21, 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 Tuesday, May 21, 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 from the May 13, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain, Caverzagie-aye. 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.

REGION V SYSTEMS AND APACE

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator of Region V Systems and Matt Kasik, Director APACE (formerly Region V Services) presented to the Board the annual reports of the organizations which included statistics of services provided to Richardson County and funding that is required from each county as per NE State Statute 71-808. Richardson County will be responsible for \$15,713 for FY2025-2026 and will also provide additional funds requested in the amount of \$2,446 to meet the programming requirements of Region V.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an Interlocal Agreement of Amended and Restated Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Com-

munity Human Services Program and APACE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 46)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an Interlocal Agreement of Amended and Restate Agreement for the Formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Region V Systems. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 47)

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the funding for Region V per NE State Statute 71-808 at the amount of \$15,713.00 and to approve additional requested funding in the amount of \$2,446.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 17 inmates being held at the Jail.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the quote in the amount of \$33,046.00 from IAO Electric, LLC of Hiawatha, KS for the generator improvements at the Law Enforcement Center that were discussed at last week's meeting. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Quotes from other vendors were requested but never received.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the monthly service charge with the State of NE Office of the CIO of \$150.00 to maintain recordings of radio communications for the Richardson County Sheriff's Department. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

The Board continued the discussion of the matter with the FEMA designated areas of floodplain, flood fringes and floodways in Richardson County and flood insurance program requirements with Mr. Kirkendall and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel. A review of a draft letter to be sent to landowners affected by the floodway areas was done and further changes will be made and reviewed again at next week's meeting before being approved for mailing.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford F150 STX from

Hullman's Ford-Lincoln of Falls City for the purchase price of \$46,623.00 less a \$1,250.00 rebate for a final price of \$45,373.00. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Other quotes received and considered were from the State of NE contract prices, Armbruster Motor Company and others from Hullman's Ford and are on file at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk for public inspection during regular business hours.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Karas to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-2025-39 certifying that the STOP sign funding agreement with the NE Department of Transportation has been completed by the Richardson County Department of Roads. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 48)

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-40 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Environmental Services Agreement BK2264 Supplemental Agreement #2 with Felsburg, Holt & Ulevig for the Stella SW Project BRO-7074(26). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 49)

Motion was made by Karas to enter into the contract with Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC for the Falls City SW pipe replacement project located between S20 and S29, T1, R16. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 50)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Notice from NAPE AFSCME Local 61

The Board received notice from NAPE AFSCME Local 61 that the

grievance filed by Bryan Dettmann, Wyatt Martin and Ronald Ramer that was denied by the County Board of Commissioners has been submitted to the County Board to proceed with Step 3 of the grievance process to be presented to the County Grievance Board.

Engagement Letter Special Legal Counsel

Motion was made by Caverzagie to enter into an engagement letter with Woods & Aitken, Jerry Pigsley, Attorney, to represent the County with a Road Department Union Grievance that has been submitted to the Grievance Board (2 representatives from the County, 2 representatives from the Union and 1 mutually agreed upon member). Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page)

Appoint Members to Grievance Board

Motion was made by Campbell to appoint Commissioner Karas and Commissioner Caverzagie to the grievance board for the road department contract and submit a listing of names to be considered by the Union to serve as the 5th mutually agreed upon person. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Tax & Equalization Review Commission

Notice was received from the NE Tax Equalization & Review Commission that no adjustment of any class or subclass of real property in Richardson County is required by law.

Tax Assessment Rolls

Notice was received from the Richardson County Assessor that the tax assessment rolls has been completed for tax year 2025.

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

Best Buy, supp	151.41
Bryan Physician Network, serv	552.00
BuckIT, supp	3300.00
Clerk of District Court, fees	548.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	150.00
Electronic Contracting Co., serv	75416.53
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv	3733.50
JV24-4	
Holiday Inn Express, lodg..	220.00
Hy-Vee, supp	508.17
KS Haug, serv	900.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv	526.21
OPPD, serv	33.08
Physicians Lab, serv	600.00
Postmaster, supp	168.00
Quill, supp	2025.40
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	149.91
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	234.00
SunmerOne, serv	164.00
Weaver & Merz, serv	1160.75
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$90,540.96

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	83.44
Blue Valley Door Co., supp	1465.75
Capital City Concepts, serv	3000.00
Cornhusker International Trucks, supp	177.25
Farm & City Supply, supp	1011.22
Hamm, rock	12884.96
Jim Hill's, serv	415.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	10166.68
Metal Culverts, supp	24716.72
Midwest Infrastructure, supp	19895.32
Miller Seed, supp	2956.00
Norris Quarries, rock	807.58
NPPD, supp	65.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	93.42
Sapp Bros., fuel	4921.16
Unifirst, supp	39.75
Woods & Aitken, serv	10440.75
Work Zone, supp	1762.00
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$94,902.26

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 28, 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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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC REMOVAL OF MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS

The Steele Cemetery welcomes flowers and decorations in honor of individuals for Memorial Day. Memorial decorations on graves are allowed one week prior to, and two weeks after Memorial Day, from May 19 to June 9.

- 1. One (1) shepherd hook 1/2" in diameter is allowed per gravesite and must be next to the grave marker and pointed in toward the grave. No Multi-hook or shepherd hooks that are not 1/2" in diameter.
- 2. Banners are not an allowed decoration at Steele Cemetery. The Sexton will remove all banners.
- 3. Decorations which are in permanent urn planters will not be removed.

4. During the Memorial holiday, for your convenience there will be a dumpster at the maintenance shed for boxes, packages, old decorations, and trash.

After the Memorial Day events are concluded, Cemetery maintenance must be continued and therefore, the Cemetery Sexton will be removing the flowers and decorations as follows:

- 1. June 3, 2025 - All fresh cut flowers, plants, and the unapproved containers (cans, glass, plastic, tin, and cardboard cartons) shall be removed.
- 2. June 10, 2025 - All other decorations, flowers, plants, wreaths & solar lights that are not in approved containers, will be removed.

Steele Cemetery Board
Anthony Nussbaum, City Administrator

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VILLAGE OF RULO

Village of Rulo Board Meeting Minutes
Advanced notice of meeting posted by 1PM on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at the Rulo Library, Swingin' Doors and Wild Bill's
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00PM in the Rulo Library
 Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board Chairperson, Rebecca Simmonds. Roll call – Present: Rebecca Simmonds, Kraig Counce, Mike Keller, Todd Thompson, Rachel Jean – Absent at roll: Regina Barber
 R. Jean announced that the meeting is held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act which is posted and available in print upon request.
 A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Thompson to approve the April meeting minutes and the April Special Meeting minutes. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Thompson, Counce, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 Board member, Regina Barber, entered the meeting at 6:02pm.
 Shawn Thompson made a request for the Board to reimburse the purchase of a new flag for the campground. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Keller to approve the request. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Keller, Barber, Counce, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 Board Chair, Simmonds, presented a quote from Brandon Roberts for Grey Snow to provide trash service at a rate of \$55/week. R. Jean informed that the current rate provided by Hamilton Recycling increased to \$70 as this month. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Thompson to accept the quote and discontinue service with Hamilton Recycling effective June 1st. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds – NAY: Counce. Motion carried.
 R. Jean presented Board with proposed changes listed as Addendum #13 for the contract with the United States Postal Service. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Barber to approve the changes. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Barber, Counce, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 K. Counce reported that James Counce has requested that the Board provide him with permission to discharge firearms within city limits for the purpose of sighting in new firearms. He has made modifications to his property to ensure community safety. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Counce to approve the request. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Counce, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 Resolution 052025-01 was presented for Board discussion and review. A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Keller to pass the resolution. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Keller, Barber, Thompson, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 Resolution 052025-02 was presented for Board discussion and review. A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Thompson to pass the resolution. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Thompson, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 Board discussed various options for funding the Cemetery account for the 2025 mowing season. This included reviewing investments maturing at Frontier Bank in the name of the Cemetery. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Barber to take the earned proceeds from CD# 1180251535 and deposit them into the Cemetery account and also transfer \$5000.00 from Keno to the Cemetery fund. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Barber, Keller, Counce, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 Another motion was made by Barber and seconded by Thompson to approve for the Clerk to take the original principal of \$15,000.00 from CD# 1180251535 and start a new CD at a term of 12 months at the presented rate of 3.95% from Frontier Bank. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Thompson, Counce, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 R. Jean reported that SENDD has sent out the community survey. Updates to follow as necessary. No action needed.
 Water rate and policy changes reviewed by Board to include increasing the monthly minimum to \$30/month, maintaining the current usage rate of \$3.00/500 gallons used starting at 2500 gallons, implement a delinquency fee of \$10 when bills that were due on the 26th remain outstanding on the 5th of the following month, and serving disconnection notices when accounts become 30 days past due with an effective date of July 1, 2025 for changes. Notifications of changes to be made by postcard to customers. A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Thompson to approve the changes and notification as presented. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Thompson, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 Road culvert replacement to continue discussion once quotes are received.
 Counce reported Lenny Collins will be voluntarily providing services to change two highway lights.
 R. Popejoy provided maintenance report and requested purchase of air breather cap for backhoe and clutch for mower. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Keller to approve the request. Roll call AYE: Barber, Keller, Counce, Thompson, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 R. Jean provided March Keno report and water report.
 A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Barber to approve the May claims as presented. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 GENERAL – Hamilton Recycling

\$70.00 (svcs), OPPD \$1018.14 (svcs), SNC \$51.17 (svcs), Shawn Thompson \$156.91 (reimb-supplis), Falls City Journal \$110.43 (svcs), Mike Keller \$116.96 (reimb-svcs), payroll \$2658.17
 ROADS – Grandview Oil \$180.00 (fuel)
 WATER – NE Dept of Revenue \$38.31 (sales tax), City of Falls City \$2895.76 (svcs), NE Public Health Env Lab \$15.00 (svcs), payroll \$323.22
 CEMETERY – Megan Bulgrin \$2750.00 (svcs)
 A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:13PM. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Thompson, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.
 Next regular meeting scheduled for June 10, 2025 at 6:00PM.
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VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees regular meeting, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building
 Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Kyle Gossman, Heath Stanley
 Absent: none
 Guests: Pastor John States and Kristy Fischer
 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken. Chairman Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Gossman to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of adding mowing bids and spraying mosquitos. All voted yea.
 Motion by Hall and seconded by Donahoe to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All voted yea.
 Motion by Ramer and seconded by Gossman to approve the treasurer's report. All voted yea.
 Motion by Donahoe and seconded by Ramer to approve the claims and payroll. All voted yea.
 COMMUNICATIONS: none
 COMMITTEES: Streets – more rock is needed. Street lights – ok, Park – ok, Water and sewer – written report was given, Library – will discuss in new business, Maintenance – work done by pond and arboreum, Planning Committee – ok, Community Building – ok.
 OLD BUSINESS: Concerning the chicken and number of fowl allowed in town, Dylan Handley was contacted and the board will need to determine the number allowed for Stella. Clean Up day was held in April.
 NEW BUSINESS: Laura French, librarian, submitted a letter of resignation. Ira Hall stated that the Saturday hours does not work and said that he will have the library open on Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The library board will be contacted to see what suggestions they have for the library. Pastor John States asked if the village would like to help with the VBS lunches from June 2 – 6 that will be held at the Stella Community Church this year. Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Stanley to help with the VBS lunches with a limit of \$500. All voted yea. Rick Ramer and Kristy Fischer volunteered to be in charge of the lunches. The board was contacted to see if the town would be interested in having a food truck in town. They will see if there is an interest in this. Mowing bids were reviewed. Ramer made a motion to retain Denny Bahr with a second by Hall. All voted yea. Motion made by Donahoe to have 3 J Pest Control, Beatrice, NE, to spray mosquitos at dusk for one application. All voted yea.
 Water shut offs were signed.
 Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. All voted yea.
 Please note that the next meeting will be held THURSDAY, JUNE 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building.

Jana Wheeler, Village Clerk

Claims and payroll for Village of Stella Board Meeting May 5, 2025

Tracy Milke, water/sewer operator	350.00
Tracy Milke, expenses – expenses, parts, mileage	178.82
Aaron Davis, ass't water/sewer operator	300.00
Dennis Bahr, 12 hours streets	180.00
Dennis Bahr, 2 mowings-park	280.00
Ira Hall, Librarian 8 hours	108.00
Jana Wheeler, clerk	700.00
Joy Repair Inc, repairs	1016.81
Bletscher Trucking, Inc, 2 loads rock	1819.64
American Recycling & Sanitation trash, 2 dumpsters	2457.30
OPPD, water	346.42
USA Blue book, sewer	214.51
Davis PHE LLC, air filter	14.80
Water well	4847.11
	4861.91
Berwick, streets	66.93
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, water	30.00
Water	223.00
	253.00
One Call Concepts	19.58
NPPD, water	43.49
sewer	322.06
Comm bldg	32.63
Streets	482.73
Green house	53.92
Siren	32.63
Village barn	46.60
Southeast NE Communications, 4242	56.21
3978	114.37
NE Dept of Revenue, sales tax,	229.65
	503.98
IRS, withholding	503.98
TOTAL	\$15132.11

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County to send out notices regarding FEMA floodplains, flood fringes and floodways

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we do get it changed, we can just send them a new notice with a copy of the form.”

Kirkendall stated that the notice would need to be sent to 46 landowners involving 85 parcels of land.

Scheitel noted that the notice should be sent to each landowner, as well as local banks and real estate agents.

Kirkendall noted revisions to be made to the ordinance include lessening the restrictions on building anything that doesn't involve human habitation and lowering the two-foot barrier to one foot. Under the current ordinance, a person would need to build two feet higher than the last highest point of floodwater.

County Assessor Kim Riggs, along with Sarah Dickmeyer of GovTech Solutions/Schneider Geospatial, LLC, provided a demonstration of the programming products available to the County through the company. Schneider Geospatial, LLC, provides the development of a publicly accessible web-based property information portal featuring land assessment, taxation, CAMA, and digital map data, utilizing real estate and GIS (Geographic Information System) datasets provided by the client to professionals. A motion was made by Karas and seconded by Campbell to enter into a contract with GovTech Solutions/Schneider Geospatial, LLC. The current contract with gWorks will be terminated.

EMA Director Brian Kirkendall met with the Commissioners to discuss and review an after-action report from the May 19, 2025, storm in Richardson County. Kirkendall voiced concerns about policies and priorities. Kirkendall noted he had spotters out in the western half of the County watching the storm. At 5:24 p.m., a tornado warning was issued for western Richardson County, and at 5:58, a second

tornado warning was issued.

“The second tornado warning sent all the sirens in Richardson County off because it was on both sides of (Highway 75,” said Kirkendall.

Kirkendall was also concerned that his office lost contact with the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Hardesty stated that his department was on the state radio system; they never switched frequencies and had no idea why the EMA office lost contact with them.

Kirkendall said it came across as 800 MHz in his truck, and his office isn't equipped with 800 MHz, so his office in the Courthouse lost communication.

“I could still communicate with him (Hardesty),” said Kirkendall. “My office could not.”

Kirkendall stated the information that the Sheriff's Department can relay to his office is vital, especially during a tornado warning.

Kirkendall also questioned what his priorities are as Emergency Manager. He questioned being asked to deal with traffic concerns on Highway 105 during an active tornado warning and active severe thunderstorm warning.

“Is that my priority,” asked Kirkendall. “My question is, am I supposed to take care of traffic, or am I supposed to keep track of the weather?”

Commissioners Caverzagie and Campbell both agreed that he should concentrate his efforts on the weather.

Karas made a motion to pay the claims. With nothing further on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Due to the annual County Board Workshop in Kearney next week, the Commissioners will not meet on June 4, 2025. It will resume its regularly scheduled meetings on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.



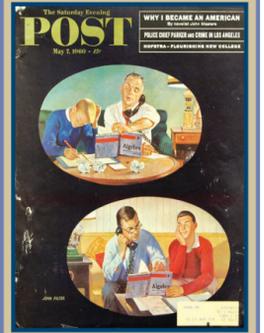
On Friday, May 16, Phil Bletscher received a certificate for 50 years of continuous membership in the American Legion Post 102. Pictured above: L-R, Steve O'Grady, Bletscher and Jon Kirkendall.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Brian McKim, 2510 Harlan St., replace roof; \$17,000.00.
- Lesa Crofford, 909 E 14th Street, Replace Roof; \$11,709.00.
- Ken Zentner, 2716 Crook Street, Replace Roof; \$15,724.50.
- Richard Zentner, 2717 Abbott Street, Replace Roof; \$21,737.00.
- John Cummings, 2120 Harlan St., replace roof; \$10,753.49.
- Caleb Nelson, 2615 Abbott St., replace roof and gutters; \$19,752.00.
- Michael Olberding, 1903 Towle St., replace sidewalk; \$400.00.
- Roger Druba, 918 Louise Lane, build shed; \$10,000.00.
- Armbruster Motor Company, 307 W 17th St., Replace Roof; \$15,000.00.
- Kenny Killingsworth, 719 E 21st St., replace roof; \$12,000.00.
- Jeffrey Finner, 1924 Barada St., replace roof; \$10,000.00.
- Michael Tuhey, 1323 Chase St., replace roof; \$4,000.00.
- Scott Ritchie, 2101 Abbott St., replace sidewalk; \$780.00.
- Jason Schock, 2721 Barada St., replaced roof; \$17,724.50.
- Nathan Nolte, 1905 Burton Dr., install generator; \$13,000.00.
- Michael Dougherty, 2624 Schoenheit St., replace roof and siding; \$16,000.00.
- Timothy Burton, 1618 Nemaha Ave., replace sidewalk; \$3,200.00.

FATHER'S HOMEWORK

MAY 7, 1960



“I was a real nothing in algebra,” confesses artist John Falter, whose faltering fathers on our cover seem to prove that more than one pop has been lost in a forest of co-ordinate axes, cosines and polynomials. We could lecture for hours on the high price of fatherhood, and why Johnny will never learn to read if he lets someone else do his homework. Unfortunately, we must get on to the algebraic agony at hand. Question: If one furrow-browed father spends x hours failing to solve the quadratic equations of one boy, how long would it take two furrow-browed fathers to fail to solve the quadratic equations of two boys? Answer: x hours, plus however long the fathers talk on the telephone. It takes longer, of course, if one of the boys is wearing a smirk.

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CHARLES W. HERBSTER FOUNDATION AWARDS ANNUAL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS

Charles W. Herbster, a proud, Richardson County, fifth-generation farmer and rancher and a Falls City High School alumnus, continues his strong commitment to supporting local youth through higher education. On May 12, during special ceremonies held at both Falls City High School and Sacred Heart High School, Mr. Herbster presented six outstanding students with \$2,000 scholarships through the Charles W. Herbster Foundation.

The 2025 Falls City High School Scholarship Recipients are:

Ethan Boatright, son of Tim and Karen Boatright; Emilou Schulenberg, daughter of Dustin and Kristy Schulenberg; and Sierrah Vermeer, daughter of Jason and Sandra Vermeer.



FCHS Winners, From L to R: Charles W. Herbster, Emilou Schulenberg, Ethan Boatright, Sierrah Vermeer, and Brandon Keithley, Vice President of Conklin Company

The 2025 Falls City Sacred Heart Scholarship Recipients are:

Patrick Froeschl, son of Philip and Laurie Froeschl; Destry Groth, daughter of Stacy and Andrea Groth; and Clayton Keithley, son of Joe and Tiffany Keithley



FCSH Winners, From L to R: Charles W. Herbster, Clayton Keithley, Patrick Froeschl, Destry Groth, and Brandon Keithley, Vice President of Conklin Company

In addition to local scholarships, the Foundation also recognizes students whose parents are employed by Conklin Company Inc., Mr. Herbster's manufacturing and distribution enterprise. These scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in post-secondary education. The Conklin Company Scholarship Recipients are Nicholas Keithley, son of Michelle Keithley and the late Jerome Keithley and Carson Sells, son of Tom and Dina Sells.

In total, the Charles W. Herbster Foundation distributed \$16,000 in scholarship funds to Richardson County students this year. Since its inception in 2015, the Foundation has awarded over \$370,000 in college scholarships. Stretching past his foundation to other youth-based organizations, Mr. Herbster has also contributed more than \$4 million to clubs and organizations such as FFA, 4-H, non-profit student programs, and youth livestock clubs nationwide. “Every dollar invested in our youth is a seed planted for America's future. Through these scholarships, I hope to inspire, uplift, and empower the next generation to pursue their dreams and lead with purpose,” said Mr. Herbster.

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