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Wed., June 18

3:30-6:00PM: Tops, Tile & More Grand Opening 1604 Stone St.

Fri., June 20

American Legion does **NOT** have a Fish Fry.

Wed., June 25

7:00PM-9:00PM: Humboldt/SE NE Town hall meeting. "Concerned about cuts to Medicare and Medicaide"

Thurs., June 26

6:00PM: RC Farm Bureau meeting. 7:00PM: CMC Golf "Fore" Good Health Meet and Greet

Fri., June 27

CMC Golf "Fore" Good Health Charity Golf Tournament

Sat., June 28

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Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival makes Falls City shine

Even when the winds don't cooperate, Falls City still shows her magic.

This past weekend, the annual Hot Air Balloon Festival returned to Brenner Field with all the joy and heart that has made it one of southeast Nebraska's most beautiful traditions. The two-day event, held June 13 and 14, combined balloon activity, music, food vendors, family attractions and fireworks drawing visitors from across the region and beyond to experience one of Falls City's largest annual celebrations.

Friday night's weather proved nearly perfect for ballooning. Though it was warm and humid, the wind was calm which has become a rare gift around here and balloon pilots were cleared for launch. Balloons lifted to applause and cheers. Many smiling families lined the grass to capture the moment, taking photos as little ones pointed in glee at the balloons as they floated overhead. Children sat on their parents' shoulders to get a better view, their faces lit with wonder. "Wow, this is really something," said one out of town father, holding his youngest daughter surrounded by his family.

Children bounced around between face painting, dancing and bounce slides as festivities continued with live music by The Traynr Band, filling the air while food trucks served barbecue, Cajun food, pizza, doughnuts, kettle corn, lemonade and more.

Although a scheduled mega kite show was canceled due to lack of wind, the calm conditions made for a smooth and peaceful evening for the balloons.

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CMC's Golf "Fore" Good Heath enters 14th year

The annual CMC Charity Golf Tournament and Meet and Greet is just around the corner. The event will begin on Thursday, June 26, with a meet and greet and meal at the Falls City Golf Course. The meal on Thursday will be provided by the Country Cabin Food Truck. Friday, the action begins at 9:00 a.m. with an 18-hole scramble featuring the celebrities. All proceeds from the event will be used for the CMC Community Kids Daycare Center.

The celebrity guest list this year includes Johnny Rodgers, Clester Johnson, Tony Veland, Mike Garrett, Tommie Frazier, Mike Rozier, Dwayne Harris and Rick Upchurch.

The meet and greet on Thursday is open to the public, with tickets available for purchase for \$25. The event is an excellent chance for Husker fans to "mingle" with greats from the Big Red's past.

Johnny "The Jet" Rodgers, the 1972 Heisman Trophy Winner and member of the 1970-71 National Championship teams, has been a fixture at the event over the years. Rodgers is fondly remembered in Husker lore for his 72-yard punt return for a touchdown against Oklahoma in the 1971 "Game of the Century." "The Jet" set the standard at Nebraska, ending his career with an NCAA all-purpose record of 5,586 yards. In the

1973 Orange Bowl against Notre Dame, Rodgers ran for three scores, tossed a 54-yard TD and hauled in a 50-yard TD through the air, leading the Big Red to a 40-6 rout. The Jet Award, begun in 2011, is awarded to the top return specialist in college football.

Another yearly contributor has been Clester Johnson. Johnson was also a two-time National Champion at Nebraska (1994, 1995). In his four seasons in Lincoln, Johnson caught 34 passes for 556 yards. (Editor's note- Clester played at a time when throwing the ball was an afterthought.)

Mike Garrett is making his second trip to Falls City for the event. The 1965 Heisman Trophy winner was the first of five running backs from the USC Trojans to win the coveted award. Garrett, a former Kansas City Chief, participated in the 2023 event. Garrett left the University of Southern California with 4,500 all-purpose yards and 30 touchdowns. After his playing days, he assumed the role of Athletic Director at his alma mater from 1993-2010. In 2023, Garrett told The Journal that he met Coach William Reed at the Jet Award Show and instantly hit it off. "He mentioned the Community Medical Center, and I said yes, let's do that," said Garrett. "We are all here to help each other and do the right thing."

Tony Veland is another two-time National

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Council passes third reading of Ordinance 2025-100

The City Council met on Monday, June 9, 2025, at City Hall for a special meeting after the previous meeting could not be held due to a lack of a quorum. Councilperson Buckminster was absent from roll call. In the Mayor's report, Mayor Harkendorff acknowledged that Council person Shawn Fouraker had submitted and rescinded a letter of resignation. He also stated that the Council would hold a special meeting on June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The special meeting is for a hearing that was scheduled for June 2, 2025, for a conditional permit for firearms and ammunition sales at 1801 Stone Street for Isaac Knight. Without a quorum present, the public hearing didn't take place and now had to be republished.

The claims for June 3, 2025, were approved. Council person Ruiz asked if there were any updates on RS Electric's progress on what had been done since they started. City Administrator Nussbaum replied that while he didn't have any specific work items, he could get a list from Public Works Director Trevor Campbell.

In the Treasurer's report, Nussbaum advised the Board that the

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With no public opposition, Board passes a \$256,518.12 budget amendment

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the courthouse. Commissioners Karas, Caverzagie and Campbell answered the roll call.

Emergency Management Director Brian Kirkendall met with the Board to discuss Resolution 2024-2025-41, the Richardson County LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan). Kirkendall explained that the plan requires updating every five years.

"We've had to pull it out once or twice," said Kirkendall. "Not very often."

The last time the plan was needed was during the pandemic in 2020.

The resolution passed.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr., met with the Commissioners, telling them that the new blades on the road graders were working exceptionally well.

Darveau and Commissioner Campbell also discussed poten-

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Senator Bob Hallstrom Weekly Newsletter

Even though we have just completed the 2025 Legislative Session, we have already started to prepare for the upcoming session. I have several bills that will carry over to the next legislative session, including:



LR 13 CA — Proposed Constitutional Amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax

LB 79--Provide for dismissal of certain civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles

LB 455--Provide for confidentiality of certain injury reports under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

LB 575—Require increases in property valuations to be offset by a corresponding decrease in tax levies. Increased levies would require a supermajority vote of the local board

PROPERTY VALUATIONS

One of the most pressing issues I hear the most about is the issue of rising property taxes. Most Nebraskans by now have likely received notice of valuation changes. Please note that higher valuations do not automatically result in increased property taxes.

Property taxes are calculated by multiplying valuations by the tax levies set by local governmental entities. These entities determine their levies within limits set by the Legislature. Community colleges no longer levy property taxes for general operations.

Public schools are primarily funded by local property taxes and state aid. The TEEOSA formula for state aid has not been adjusted, causing property owners to bear an increasing share of education costs. I and other senators have proposed and will continue to propose legislation to address this.

Property tax levels are determined by elected officials' decisions, and those elected officials must have the political will to stand with taxpayers over the wants of special interests. I remain committed to ensuring the state contributes its fair share to K-12 education and eliminating unfunded mandates imposed upon local political subdivisions.

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.

All things Nebraska State lawmakers opt for income tax cuts over property tax relief

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

State lawmakers went home recently, ending a 90-day session marked by reductions in spending and borrowing from cash reserves to close a projected budget gap that once topped \$400 million.

Hard to believe that just a couple of years ago, the state was sitting on a huge surplus of cash. It was enough to set legislators dreaming big dreams, like digging a massive lake between Omaha and Lincoln and financing new marinas and other tourism amenities.

But that was then and this is now, and the STARWARS initiative (standing for "Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability") never left the launching pad for the most part.

When money is short, not a lot of new state spending is going to get approved. That's been the history of dealing with budget shortfalls down in Lincoln, and that's how we deal with it in our own lives – when cash is short, we don't buy new cars or go out for prime rib.

This wasn't a great year for fans of property tax relief.

Efforts by Gov. Jim Pillen and State Sen. Tom Brandt to impose new taxes on previously tax-exempt sales didn't advance (just like they didn't make it to the finish line last summer at that totally forgettable special session).

Shifting taxes off of property and onto sales of candy, soda pop and services like golf lessons and tattoos is complicated, but it's a proven way to provide property tax relief. Such a tax shift comes with some negative consequences, but I gotta believe that with some compromises and some salesmanship it could happen.

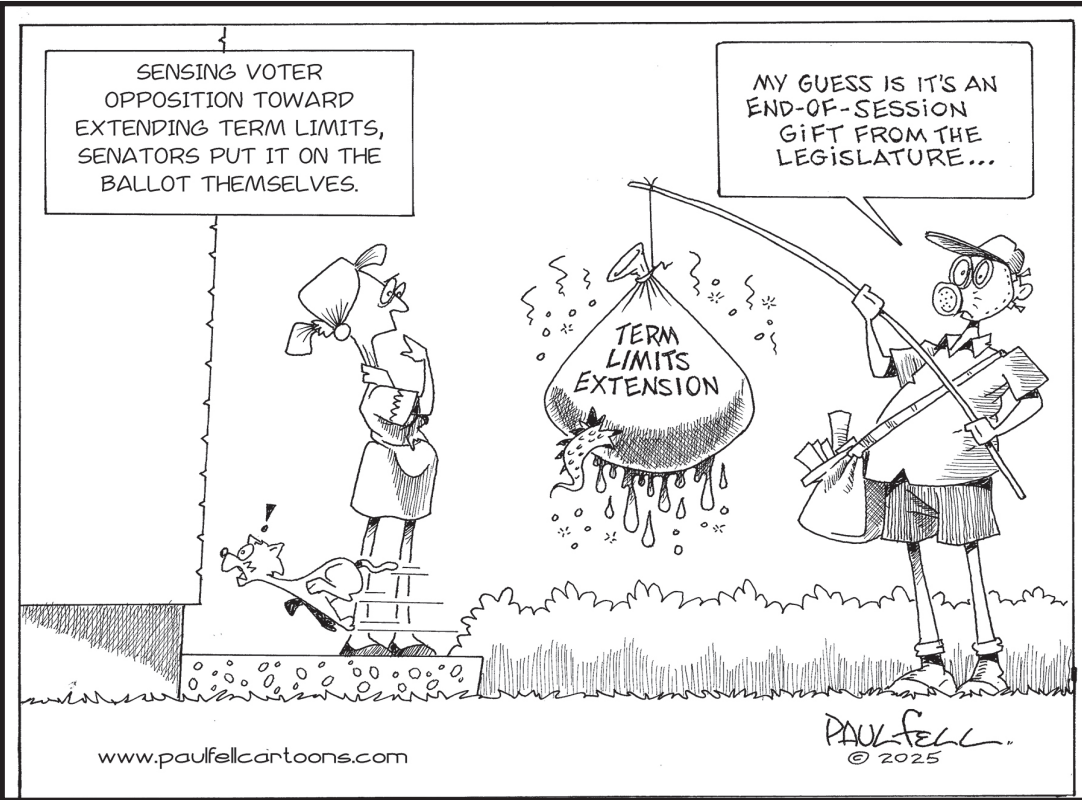
Instead, state lawmakers opted to proceed with the massive income tax cut they passed only two years ago, much to the disappointment of the state's farm groups who want property tax help.

Gotta say, when election time comes around, politicians are universally calling for property tax relief, not income tax cuts.

However, the state's business community has been pleading for income tax cuts for years, and in 2023 got a Big Whopper – passage of a bill to gradually reduce the state's top personal income tax rate and the corporate income tax rate from 6.84% to 3.99% by the 2027 tax year.

The argument for cutting income taxes has always been "we have to remain competitive" with our neighboring states, like Iowa, which is dropping to 3.8%. Wealthy Nebraskans, we're told over and over, move away to states with little or no state income taxes (though research shows there are other reasons for moving, such as being closer to family and for better weather or nicer, mountain views. Think Jackson Hole or Tucson).

Brandt had a reasonable – and simpler – way for the state to dig out of its



budget hole, which was to drop the income tax rates to 4.99% instead. Later, he said, when the state has the money, further cuts could be considered.

Seemed reasonable to me. When you're flush with cash it's time to give tax breaks, not when you're fishing around state cash funds – the literal cookie jars of state government – to make the budget balance.

To be sure, the state is still devoting \$750 million this fiscal year in tax credits to reduce our property tax bills. But as former State Sen. Steve Erdman always pointed out, that kind of money just slows the ever increasing property tax bills.

It takes hard work and compromise to get comprehensive property tax relief bills passed.

Pillen and the Gang of 49 have seven months until the next session to figure that out.

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: THE 1950S

ACROSS

- Deals a death blow
- *Domino's nickname
- German Mrs.
- Coiffed
- Turn pumpkin into Jack-o-Lantern
- "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
- Low-ranking worker
- Certain Scandinavian
- 52 cards
- Fireplace mess
- Beer mug
- Use elbow grease
- *First Black nominee of Oscar for Best Actor
- City in Northern France
- Neon or radon, e.g.
- Church bell sounds
- Liturgical instrument
- Speak like Pericles
- *June Cleaver's husband
- "Fear of Flying" author Jong
- Type of rug
- Christmas help, pl.
- Way, way off
- * ____Century Modern
- *Charles Schulz creation
- Newspapers and such
- Chicken order
- Calls forth
- Eroded limestone landscape
- Movie trailer, e.g.
- Lumen per square meter, pl.
49. "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.
- Yellow ride
- The Fonzie: "Sit ____!"
- Female equivalent of sir
- ____European language
- Fireplace fodder
- *Candy in dispenser
- Itsy-bitsy

DOWN

- Roman goddess of fertility
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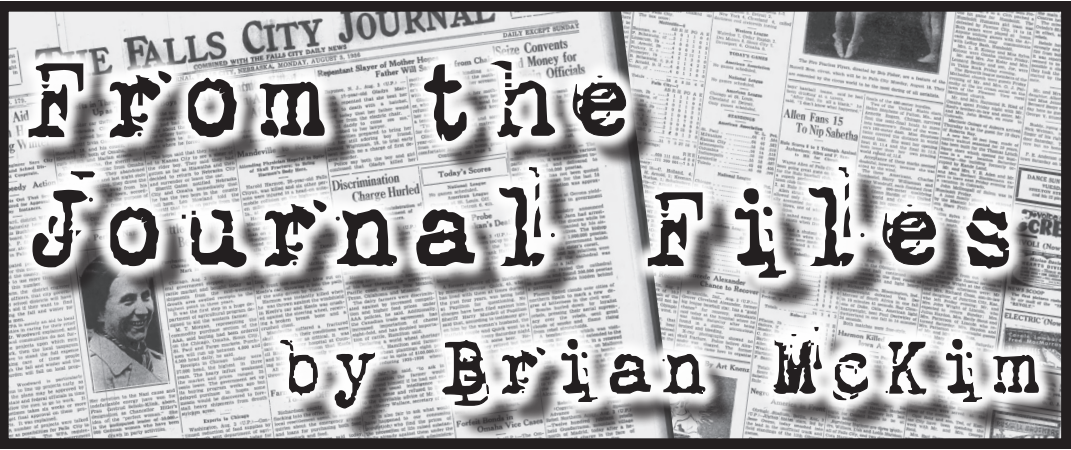
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75 Years Ago, June 18, 1950 to June 24, 1950

Thirty-five people from Fremont, Dunbar, Nemaha, and Talmage attended a Charter Day Picnic at the 11th and Fulton Street Park to mark the Falls City Amateur Radio Club being presented with a charter by the American Amateur Radio League.

Reinhard C. Herbster, 54, a Richardson County farmer, succumbed to injuries after falling from a pickup truck he was riding in and striking his head on the concrete.

It was reported in Hollywood that actress Judy Garland had attempted suicide by attempting to slash her throat with a broken drinking glass. Garland had been suspended two days prior by MGM Studio for “good and sufficient cause.” Mrs. Garland had failed to appear for rehearsal for scenes in the movie, “Royal Weddings.”

The City government agreed to lease the north 100 feet of the parking lot at 18th and Barada Street to Sam Jackson of Kansas City. Jackson planned to install a miniature golf course, an archery range and a pony ride in the area. In exchange for the area, the City would receive a portion of the receipts.

“Three Came Home,” featuring Claudette Colbert, played at the Rivoli Theater.

About 125 people attended the Father’s Day banquet at the V.F. W. Club room. Kay Kirk presented a ballet dance accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Hahn.

More than 100 people turned out for a wheat and fertilizer discussion at the extension service’s wheat test plot on the Wesley Heim farm at Dawson Corner.

Yankee slugger Joe DiMaggio collected the 200th hit of his career in an 8-2 win over Cleveland.

Billy Dykes, a seaman in the U.S. Navy, was serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS St. Paul.

Jim Dean’s Men’s Wear, on the third floor of the First National Bank Building, advertised summer slacks from \$6.50 to \$12.50, all colors and sizes available.

Ground beef was 52 cents per pound, and pork roast was 35 cents per pound at Safe-way in Falls City.

Oil drawn from the ground on his farm paid Ben Fehr of Falls City \$4,843.49 since the first of the year, according to an annual report.

Approximately 200 local swimmers were present when the Crystal Beach pool opened. Neal Weddle managed the pool.

Truman M. Sailors of Shubert filed for the Republican nomination for County sheriff. Sailors was a veteran of WWII and was the third man to file for the position.

City Editor of the Falls City Journal, James S. Ramsey, turned in his resignation after 23 years with the paper. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and their three sons were forced to leave Falls City due to an asthmatic condition of their youngest son.

50 Years Ago, June 18, 1975 to June 24, 1975

The young Saudi Arabian prince found guilty of assassinating King Faisal last March was beheaded with a golden sword before thousands of Saudi Arabians in the desert capital.

Dave Remmers of Sabetha had three hits, including a home run and five RBI, as his team defeated the Falls City Legion team 6-5 at City Park.

The Sabetha Lions Club sponsored speed boat races at Sabetha Lake. Thirty teams would run 24 heats of high-speed racing.

The General Accounting Office issued a report encouraging the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office’s on the Great Plains to make more of their cost-sharing funds available for windbreaks. The report stated many windbreaks, particularly those planted in the 1930s and 1940s, had been removed, causing concern that continued removals would lead to increased soil erosion.

Ray Koopman was installed as the new president of the Lions Club in Falls City, replacing outgoing president Don Campbell.

Dennis Crawford was named the new head basketball coach for Falls City High School, replacing Larry Ribble. In 11 years prior, Crawford had guided his teams to 110 wins and 102 losses.

Jason McNeely was named the winner in the Mr. Falls City Muscle Contest at the Fun-O-Rama celebration. Stephen Dorste finished second, and Bobby Olberding was third.

A 102-acre tract of land south of Shubert sold for \$77,500 at the courthouse in the Ahern partition auction.

The Pee Wee League All-Star baseball team included Bob Burton, Todd Lee, Sid Kirkendall, Steve Hoy, Mike Gilbert, Fred Simpson, Mark Bauman, Dan Convey, Rob Gerwick, Jeff Oliver, Craig Stevens, Grad Zentner, Mark Bentley, Dennis Prichard and Bill Miller.

The contract for the final 7.3 miles of Interstate 29 between Mound City and U. S. 136 was awarded to Koss Construction Co. for \$3.8 million.

Pawnee City defeated the Dawson-Verdon Pee Wee baseball team 28-0. Pawnee City pitcher Jeff Johnson faced ten batters, striking out seven with no walks and no hits. DV won the reserve game 9-4. Ronnie Blanton, Danny Cochran and Mike Pagano all singled for DV.

25 Years Ago, June 18, 2000 to June 24, 2000

The Library Building Committee developed a list of deficiencies in the current building, which was 99 years old. The list includes space issues, as the current building was three stories, the library did not own the outside west wall, fire safety concerns due to the lack of a sprinkler system, electrical issues, inadequate lighting, a lack of an air system and elevator, and the roof issues among other issues.

After lengthy discussions at the City Council meeting, the council voted to authorize Fire Chief Jim Hall to place a ban on the discharge of fireworks during the Fourth of July period due to the existing drought.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 102 met with 18 members and a guest present. Charlene Scheutz conducted the meeting.

“Road Trip” and “Titan A.E.” were shown at the River Twin Cinema in Falls City.

The 13th Annual Chief White Cloud Rodeo was taking place at the Iowa Tribal Complex, with a firework show taking place after the rodeo on July 4.

Dennis Pyle, who lived six miles north of Hiawatha, filed for the office of 49th District Kansas State Representative.

A 3-bedroom house with central air and heat and a small garage was listed for rent for \$350 per month plus a deposit.

Mutt and Jeff advertised mini burritos for \$1.25, cheddar peppers for \$1.25, and five cheese bars for \$4.00.

University of Creighton star Ryan Sears and the University of Nebraska center Kimani Ffriend were on hand to help with the Pro-Tech Basketball camp held at the Falls City Middle School.

The Falls City Jaycees invited former members and their spouses to a buffet dinner and reception in honor of the organization’s 60th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eickhoff announced the engagement of their daughter, Honor Elizabeth, to Troy Oscar Nelson of Broken Bow.

Jeff Druba smacked a home run to give FC a 5-3 win over Tecumseh in Legion Junior action.

Lacey Balke received a \$250 P.I.E. scholarship presented annually to Falls City graduating seniors who plan to become teachers.

D.A.V. Chapter 43 held its June meeting. Commander Albert McAllister called the meeting to order.

Nemaha Realty, Inc. advertised a 3-bedroom, 2 ½-bath home with solid wood flooring and a one-car garage, featuring a carport, for \$57,000.

With no public opposition, Board passes a \$256,518.12 budget amendment

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tial road repairs near the mouth of the Nemaha River. Darveau explained that the repairs have been put on hold while they await a grant.

“The last I talked to the grant writer Jason was that the Federal Government had still not opened everything back up,” said Darveau regarding the government freeze.

Darveau recommended a temporary fix while they await word on the grant. Darveau recommended milling the area and refilling it with a hot mix for the time being.

Darveau also advised the Board that semi-truck traffic coming from Missouri and driving on the road to St. Joseph, Atchison, or White Cloud is causing road damage. The Superintendent stated that the road is marked for local traffic only.

He said that if the trucks begin or end in the County, they can use the road; otherwise, they cannot.

Mayor Jan Wilhelm of Humboldt addressed the Board and Darveau, asking about how county roads are handled. She advised the Board that she was questioning what Humboldt’s role is for up-keeping gravel roads within city limits.

Darveau explained that the contract between the County and the City of Humboldt was eliminated years ago and that the County would not be re-entering into an agreement to maintain the gravel roads. He explained that Humboldt receives funds just like the County and that it was unfair for the County to pay to repair roads for Humboldt but not for Rulo or Stella.

Darveau suggested to Mayor Wilhelm that the city consider purchasing a road groom like the County has.

At 9:30 a.m., the Board opened sealed bids for brome grass mowing. Only one bid was received, which came from Frederick Brothers for \$25. The bid was accepted.

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Commissioners on business at the Law Enforcement Center. Hardesty advised the Board that the jail was currently housing 12 inmates. The Sheriff reported that 48 individuals were booked into the jail in May, with seven of those being out-of-county holds. The Sheriff’s Department was responsible for 39 of the arrests. He also reported the new ERV (Energy Recovery Ventilator) Unit had been installed at the Law Enforcement Center and that it “has made a significant difference.”

The Board also reviewed wage increases that the Sheriff is requesting for staff at the Law Enforcement Center.

Craig Coonce of Rulo requested approval from the Board to establish a cemetery plot on a parcel of land he owns in Rulo. The section of land is located in Rulo at Block 38, lost 3, 4, 7, and 8 in the Rulo Bedard Addition. The Board members requested that Coonce submit a formal request to the County Board, including the name of the person he spoke with at the State of Nebraska, so they and the County Attorney can review the matter.

At 10:15, a public hearing was held relating to a proposed amendment of the 2024-2025 budget for \$256,518.12. The additional money is needed to meet the expenses incurred in the Capital Acquisitions Budget within the General Fund for the electrical improvements at the Law Enforcement Center through a NACO lease purchase. At 10:18, a motion was made to accept the revised budget; the motion passed.

At 10:20 a.m., the Board entered into a closed meeting with Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. and County Attorney Samantha Scheitel to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). The closed meeting ended at 11:16 a.m.

A subdivision request for Dorothy A. Merwin, located in S31, T3, R14, was granted, and a special designated liquor license for the Falls City Jaycees for the Tractor Pull (July 11) and Demolition Derby (August 23) was granted.

Claims were paid, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Work begins on N-2, high mast tower replacement in Otoe County

Weather permitting, work will began June 16 on Nebraska Highway 2 (N-2), from reference post 501.00 to reference post 505.00, according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Sadler Electric, Inc., of Omaha, is the contractor for this project. Work includes removal and replacement of high mast lighting towers. Traffic will be maintained with shoulder closures. Anticipated completion is Nov. 2025.

Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously in and near work zones, to buckle up, and put phones down.

The next meeting of the

Richardson County Farm Bureau

will be held at the JT Farm Service shop in Verdon at 204 W 4th Street at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday June 26th, 2025.

On the agenda: Nebraska State Farm Bureau President Mark McHargue will address our members. Ag Appreciation dinner planning.

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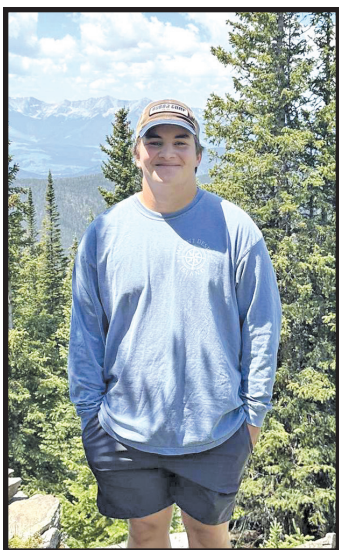
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The American Legion Post #222 is pleased to announce that Solomon Jacobitz of Stella was generously sponsored by Shubert American Legion Post and will join nearly 340 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys State Program, June 1 – 7, 2025, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus. The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate.

American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a "51st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program.

Special lectures and addresses will be delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders throughout Nebraska. Invitations have been sent to the Governor and Secretary of State offices for special appearances at this year's pro-



Youth impresses at 2025 4-H music contest

On Wednesday, May 29, 2025, 24 youth entertained and impressed the audience with piano, instrumental, and vocal performances at the 2025 Richardson County 4-H Music Contest. The contest was held at the First United Methodist Church

gram. National acclaimed motivational speakers are also scheduled to address the entire group.

The American Legion is dedicated to the motto of "Veterans Strengthening America," Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to service members and veterans, Legionnaires in more than 12,500 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

in Falls City with Michael Valdez of Falls City serving as our judge.

Clover Kid Piano Solo – Ethan Ramsey, Charlie Merz, and Evelyn Williams all performed piano solos and received Clover Kid Ribbons.

Junior Piano Solo - Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Tallon Wamsley. Reserve Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Scarlett DeJonge. Lynnley Ankrom was awarded a Blue Ribbon.

Intermediate Piano Solo – Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Kylie Ramsey. Reserve Champion and Blue Ribbons were awarded to Berkely Davis. Charles Wamsley was awarded a Blue Ribbon.

Intermediate Instrumental Solo - Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Charles Wamsley for a trumpet solo. Reserve Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Justin Drummond for a drum solo. A

Blue Ribbon was awarded to Justin Drummond for his bells performance.

Senior Instrumental Solo – Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Jakob Manning for his tuba solo.

Intermediate Instrumental Group – Champion and Blue Ribbons were awarded to the group performance of Avery Hilgenfeld, who played on bells, Gavin Bittner, who played on the drums, Halle DeJonge and Brey Davis who both played on saxophones.

Clover Kid Vocal Solo – Hannah Maxwell and Jacob Maxwell both received clover kid ribbons for their vocal perfor-

mances.

Junior Vocal Solo – Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Maylee Guenther. Reserve Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Scarlett DeJonge. A Purple Ribbon was awarded to Molly Merz.

Intermediate Vocal Solo – Champion and Purple Ribbons were awarded to Elizabeth Maxwell. Reserve Champion and Blue Ribbons were awarded to Jazlyn Dettmann. A Blue Ribbon was awarded to Josefina Wanek-Flores

Senior Vocal Solo –
Champion and Purple
Ribbons were awarded to
Renee Drummond. Re-
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Ribbons were awarded to Jakob Manning. Renee Drummond also received a Blue Ribbon for her second performance.

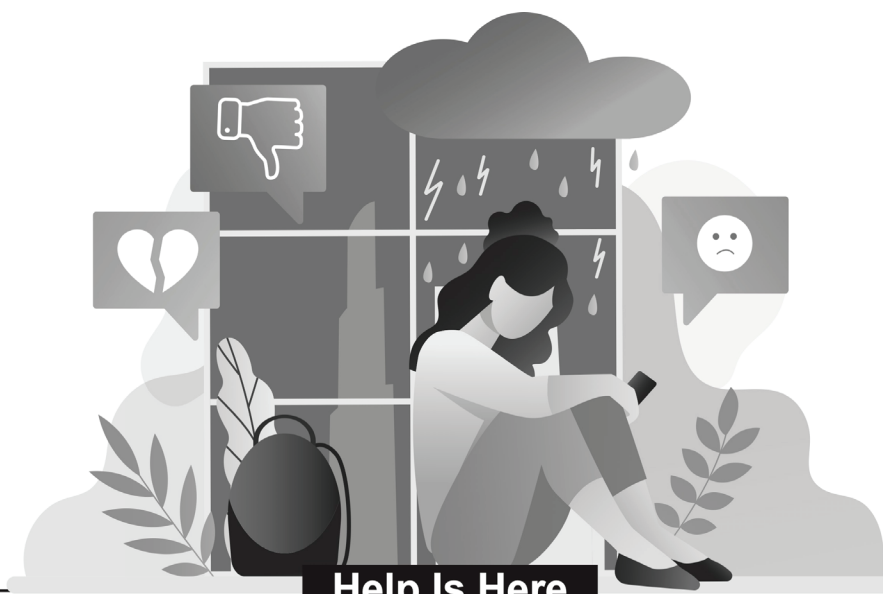
Intermediate Vocal Duet – Champion and Blue Ribbons were awarded to Lynnley Ankrom & Berkely Davis for their duet.

All awards were donated by the Richardson County 2025 Booster Group.

This 4-H event is part of the Nebraska Extension 4-H and Youth Development Program. For more information about being part of 4-H, call 402-245-4324, stop by the Courthouse in Falls City, or visit our website at www.richardson.unl.edu.



Thea's Gift & Thrift volunteers Janyce O'Grady and Mary Martineau present Ben Hullman with a \$500 donation to the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department.



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Superintendent’s District Update

By Tim Heckenlively

The Falls City Public Schools Board of Education held the regular board meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Transportation Update - Changes Ahead for School Vans Falls City Public Schools is preparing for upcoming changes in transportation regulations that could impact how the district gets students to and from school and activities. Currently, the district uses a few 11-passenger vans, but new state and federal safety rules will eventually phase those out. While the school is still waiting for an exact timeline (possibly as early as this July), we know that future student travel will likely shift toward small buses or minivans instead of large vans. Transportation Director Tyler Bek says the district is ahead of the curve on most of the new requirements. “We’re already doing a lot of what’s expected, but the biggest change is around the vans,” he shared. “We’ll be looking at our options, including possibly adding another minivan to help cover trips with fewer riders.”

Statistically, the eight rural bus routes traveled 91,318 miles during the last school year, compared to 86,568 in 2023-2024. On average, the district’s bus routes were scheduled to transport approximately 370 potential students on a daily basis to and from school. The district’s transportation program managed well in the 2024-2025 school year and the district is proud to have continued transportation services for the students in an efficient and healthy manner. District 56 is fortunate to have dedicated and experienced bus drivers, contributing to our stellar transportation safety record.

The district is also exploring new grants to help offset vehicle replacement costs and is actively working to keep driver staffing strong heading into the new year.

Nebraska Legislature Passes Key Education Bills During 2025 Session - The Nebraska Legislature adjourned sine die on June 2, 2025, concluding its session with the passage of several bills directly impacting public education across the state. Key legislation includes:

- LB 140 – Requires school districts to adopt policies governing student use of electronic communication devices.
- LB 241 – Grants schools immunity from liability in the event of cybersecurity incidents.
- LB 303 – Establishes the School Financing Review Commission to study and recommend improvements to school funding.
- LB 306 – Updates various education statutes, including school admissions, scholarship programs, and introduces a new database for school financial information and foreign funding disclosures.
- LB 390 – Requires school boards to develop policies allowing parents and guardians access to certain school library information.
- LB 645 – Modifies provisions related to the School Retirement Fund.
- LB 647 – An omnibus tax and finance bill that includes changes to property tax request authority, budget limits, and Nebraska’s education savings plan.

School Improvement & Strategic Plan Update: Onboarding for new faculty in 2025-2026 has been planned to provide initial orientation and mentoring activities. The mentoring is a combined local and ESU 4 effort to enhance the success of new faculty joining FCPS in the fall. Sixpence Board of Trustees has approved District 56’s continuation grant request for the 2025-2026 fiscal year of \$ 425,856. This is a temporary reduction of \$129,051 due to a delay in the Child Care and Development Fund payment, administered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Should further funding be received, Sixpence will issue an amended award to the district.

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items before concluding the regular meeting.

1. Approved the Final Readings on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 4263 Records Management and Retention; 2) 7114 Student Records; 3) 7123 Foreign Exchange Students; 4) 7132 Routine Directory Information.
2. Approved the Substitute Teacher daily rate for 2025-2026to be set at a daily rate of \$175.
3. Approved the Falls City High School Track Resurfacing Project for a Contract price of \$168,851.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in FC Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent.

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Sts. Peter and Paul (1820 Fulton) Weekend Mass Times: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7a.m. & 10 a.m. Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m. Services livestreamed daily on www.facebook.com/sppfc Inquiry classes by appointment. Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 3:45-4:45p.m., or by appointment. Fr. Jim Meyensburg, Pastor 402-245-3002	Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS (23rd & Barada) www.fallscitylcms.blogspot.com Holy Communion celebrated 2nd & 4th Sundays. Sunday: Divine service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m. First Tuesday Care & Outreach 6:30 p.m. Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2:00 p.m. Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor 402-245-3324	First United Methodist Church (1700 Harlan St) Sunday: Worship Service, 11 a.m. Broadcast live on KTNC AM 11 & 107.1 FM. Adult Bible Study, 9:45 a.m., Lauri Beach, Pastor fumc@sento.net 402-245-3281	First Christian Church Disciples of Christ (1322 Stone Street) Sunday: Adult School, 9:30 am; Worship Service, 10:45am http://www.facebook.com/fallscitycooperativeministry Pastor, Grant Speece 402-980-5960 cell Office Phone, 245-2398 or Parsonage, 245-2397	St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA (20th and Towle Street) 9a.m.-Sunday School pre-school thru adult, during school year; 10 a.m.-Worship; Wed. 6:30p.m.-Confirmation; 7:30p.m.-Choir Practice. Call for Youth, Bible Studies & Women's Group schedules. Joanna Kathol, Pastor 402-245-3828	St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan) Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist		
NorthRidge Falls City (1820 Morton St.) Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship Services, 10:00 a.m. (402) 245-2167 www.northridgenet-work.org/falls-city	Bethel Global Methodist Church (70654 656 AVE) (1/2 mile N of Preston Corner) Sunday: Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Choir, 7:30 p.m. Pastor Mike Hader 402-245-4584	St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 12 miles Northeast of Falls City (Williamsville) Sunday: Worship 9: 15 a.m., 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays w/ communion on the 1st Sunday. Worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at Barada Global Methodist Church in Barada. Fellowship & Sunday school following worship. WELCA 1 :30 1st Monday Church Council, 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays Mike Hader, Pastor	St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS (6 miles North of Falls City) Sunday School/Bible Study-9:30 am (Sept-May) Divine Service-10:30 am with Holy Communion celebrated 2nd & 4th Sundays. Second Tuesday of the month:Dorcas Circle-7 pm First Wed. of the month: LVMIL-9 am (August) then 2 pm (Sept-May) Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor 402-245-4643 www.fallscitylcms.com	Zion United Church of Christ 65763 709 Rd, Falls City Sunday: Worship service, 9 a.m.; Communion, first Sunday of each month. http://www.facebook.com/fallscitycooperativeministry Pastor, Grant Speece 402-980-5960 cell 245-2398 office	St. Mary's (Dawson) Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. Check bulletin for changes weekday mass schedules Call rectory; confessions before Mass. Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor 855-3595 or 245-4151		
St. Mary's (Arago) Sunday: Confessions, 10:10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m. Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor	Immaculate Conception (Rulo) Sunday Confessions, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor	Riverside Fellowship 117 S 3rd St., Rulo, NE Sunday Worship 9 am Fellowship, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 10 am Following Worship David Showalter, Pastor	Verdon Christian Church Disciples of Christ (400 Walnut St.) Sunday: Worship, Summer: 7:00 p.m. Winter: 6:00 p.m. Find us on Facebook @ Verdon Christian Church verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com Rev. Daniel Spencer Call or text: 402-801-0374	Prairie Union Baptist Church (Rural Shubert) Sunday: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. Bob Heusman, Pastor	Shubert Christian Church Sunday:Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship time, 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship time, 10:45 a.m. Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Fulbright, LTCPS	St. Anne's (Shubert) Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.; confessions before Mass. Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor 855-3595 or 245-4151	Stella Community Church Sunday: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; adults Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. John States, Pastor
Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of Stella) Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Church Service, 10:15 a.m. Web page: www.gbfcchurch.com Dave Lockard, Pastor Office: 402-883-2110	Big Lake Baptist Church (213 Lake Shore Drive) Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Monday: Prayer & Share Monday, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor	River of Hope Fellowship 27765 Hwy 159, PO Box 176 Forest City, MO 64451 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Will Certain, Pastor 816-824-8566 Randy Seedorff, Pastor 816-507-7339	The Four Mile Church (South of Humboldt) Sunday: Church services, 9:00 a.m. Howard Blecha, Pastor	Lighthouse Church of God (2202 330th, White Cloud, KS) Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Church Service, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Charles J. Haney, Pastor 785-862-1107			

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

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COUNTY COURT
Dennis R. McCarthy, count one, sexual assault-w/o consent-3rd degree, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 2, 2025.

Drew M. Foster, count one, willful reckless driving-first, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500 and probation for term of three months.

Josiah D. Williams, count one, drive without ignition interlock, pled not guilty; count two, non-resident violate susp/rev order, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 2, 2025.

Christopher W. Smith, count one, theft-shoplifting \$501-1,499, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 9, 2025.

John M. Bennett, count one, DV assault-3rd/cause bodily injury, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for July 30, 2025.

Daniel L. Clary, count one, criminal trespass-2nd degree, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 9, 2025.

Christian I. White, count one, procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$500.

Lance A. Driskell, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for August 6, 2025.

Michael J. Potter of Holton, KS, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, non-resident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150, license revoked for term of one year; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed.

CITATIONS
Arcadio Zarate Ayala of Bellevue, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Brittany Tompsett of York, NE, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125; count two, fail to use seat belt, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Benjamin Lemke of Lincoln, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Caitlyn Jones of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no license on person, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Jones)

Mitch Koch of Lincoln, count one, speeding 36+ mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300 and court costs. (Holliday)

Leonardo Ramos Consuegra of Round Rock, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Kyle Emery of Lawrence, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Janssen)

Patricia Pope of Lincoln, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed. (Cheek)

Skylar Feltner of Hastings, NE, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

Adam Arnold of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Shiley)

Zachary Brayman-Costello of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no license on person, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Gavin Hosack of Pickrell, NE, count one, speeding 36+, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, improper/detractive vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, clearance lights required, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Carlton Barker of Falls City, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Keller)

Tamara Black of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and

court costs. (Geyer)

Benjamin Smith of White Cloud, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

Steven Ohlsen of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Scott Graves of Kearney, NE, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty,

found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Zachary Faith of Topeka, KS, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Charity Morgan of Stella, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Peter Binder of Table Rock count one, fail to yield ROW to emergency

vehicle, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100. (Shiley)

Kenan Abou Chaer of Detroit, MI, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Arzell Hill of Duncanville, TX, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Geyer)

BUILDING PERMITS

Edward and Lisa Fischer, 816 Wilson St., Deck Addition; \$2,500.00.

Ruth Groothuis, 2310 McLean St., Replace Roof and Gutters; \$20,962.00.



The above photo was printed in the May 14, 2025 issue of the *Falls City Journal*. We received word that the gentleman on the left was Deputy E. W. Hollens and on the right was Sheriff Ed Mahoney. The photo was estimated to be taken around 1961-1962.

MAKING IT RIGHT

In the June 4, 2025 issue of the *Falls City Journal*, the story "Live Lives Worth of Their Sacrifice," we erroneously stated in John Steinman, was stationed in Hong Kong. This information was incorrect. Steinman was stationed in Đông Hà, Vietnam. We apologize for the error.

Mike Cole, 520 W. 23rd St., Partial Roof and Gutter Replacement; \$8,374.75.

John Nixon, 1623 Abbott St., Install Generator; \$10,000.00.

Wanda Volker, 2713 Fulton St., Replace Roof on House and Shed; \$7,519.86.

Kim Foster, 308 W. 15th

St., Replace Roof, Gutters and Downspouts on House and Shed; \$8,805.91.

Jerry Oliver, 2208 McLean St., Replace Roof, Gutters and Downspouts on House; \$10,429.64.

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Osburn proves hard work pays off

Former Mound City All-Stater and current Omaha Mavs guard Tony Osburn made a stop in Falls City on Saturday, June 7, 2025, to host a youth basketball camp at the Roh Activity Center at Sacred Heart. Osburn finished his prep career with 3,080 points, ranking fourth all-time in the state of Missouri. In his senior season, he averaged 35.5 ppg at Mound City, making 130 three-point attempts. Osburn was a four-time All-State selection and was the Missouri Boy’s Player of the Year in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

In his junior year of college, he helped lead the Mavs to the NCAA Basketball Tourney last season, marking the first time the Mavs had made it to the round of 64. His team won the Summit League regular season and tourney title and earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tourney. The Mavs fell in the first round to number two seed St. John’s, 83-53. Osburn scored nine points in 30 minutes of action against the perennial powerhouse, which was led by Hall-of-Fame Coach Rick Pitino, proving yet again he can

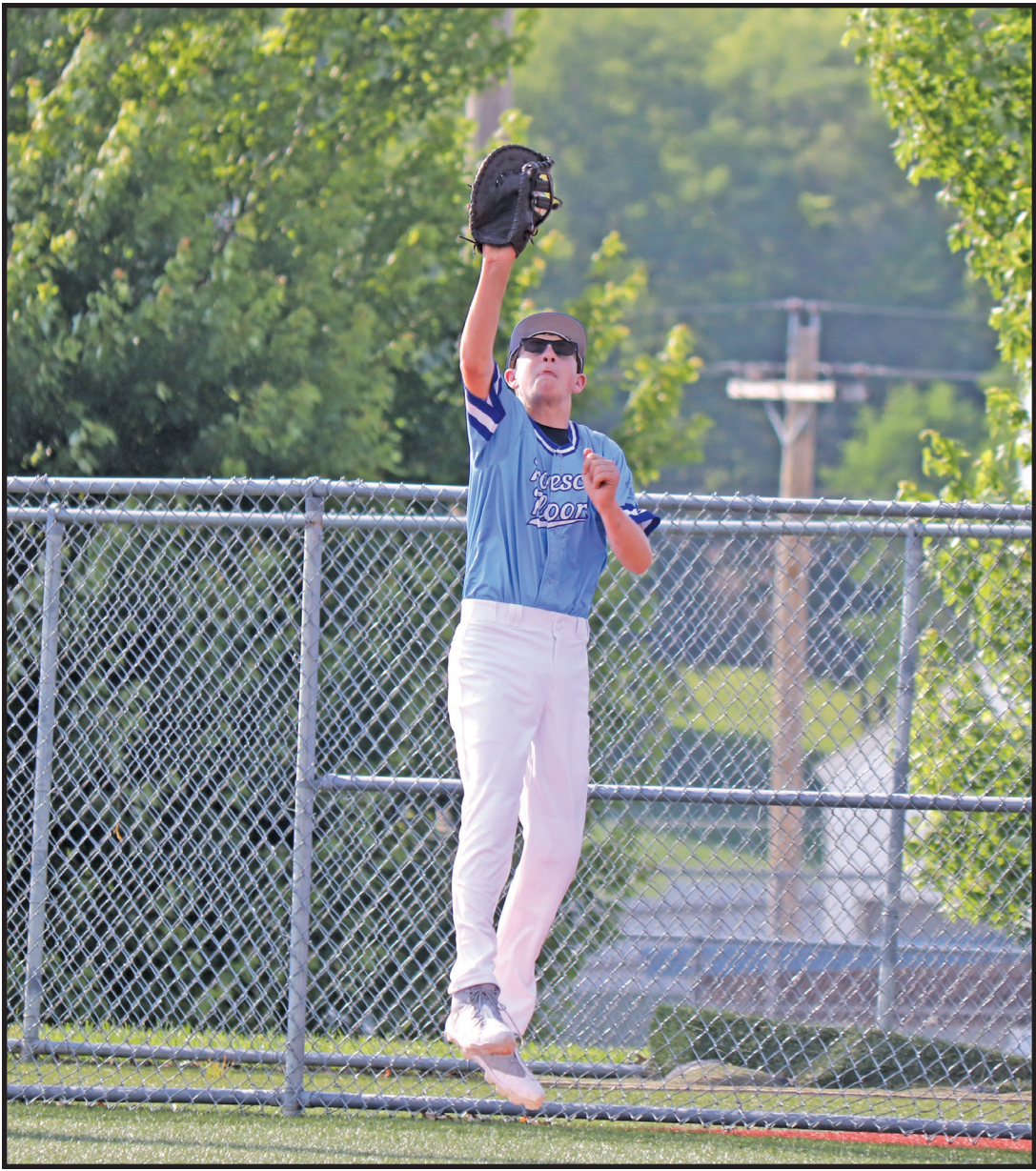
compete on any level.

Osburn and his mother, Sarah, held a One-Day Shooting Camp at Sacred Heart, focusing on high school athletes in the morning and junior high in the afternoon. Sarah played high school ball at Rock Port and then in college at Peru St.

His mom described Tony as “self-made,” stating his athleticism did not get him where he is today. Instead, countless hours of being in a gym, all alone, working on his craft, is what led him to where he is today.

“I spent a lot of time in the gym,” said Tony. “I love being here, and I’m really glad to see kids that want to be in here. My mom used to say you could be doing a lot worse things than playing basketball.”

Osburn told the group that some of the things they would work on may be uncomfortable, and many wouldn’t be able to do some of the drills. “But, if you keep trying to continually do it on your own, you will noticeably get better. The stuff that makes you uncomfortable is the stuff that is going to make you better.”



Froeschl Floors finding their way

The Falls City Froeschl Floors Junior Legion Post 102 baseball team enters the second half of the season with a 3-5-1 record. Coach Kory Huppert’s squad opened the year with a doubleheader sweep of Bennett/Palmyra Post 280/195 on May 20. FC won game one 9-8 and game two 7-2. Karson Simpson went 2-3 with four RBI in game one, and Kam Huppert was 2-2 with an RBI in game two. On Thursday, June 29, FC fell to Elmwood Murdock 4-6. Falls City got back on track the following week, taking 1 of 2 against Nehawka. FC won game one 3-0 but fell in the nightcap 2-10. In the first contest, Elin Vonderschmidt threw a gem. Vonderschmidt went all seven innings, allowing six hits and no runs while striking out 13.

On Tuesday, June 10, against Adams, Falls City fell 0-15 in game one and settled for a 9-9 tie in the second contest. In the opener, FC’s offense struggled as they failed to get a hit. Ryder Hullman, Huppert and Vonderschmidt reached on walks. In game two, Hullman went 1-2 with two RBI and Callen Furnas was 1-2 with three RBI.

On Wednesday, June 11, Falls City hosted the Doniphan County Jr. Legion. FC

dropped both games of the twin tilt, 1-16 and 1-9.

Again, Falls City’s offense struggled to break through. A groundout by Huppert in the first inning of game one scored Noah Howard to put FC in front 1-0. Doniphan County scored three in the third to take the lead for good. The visitors plated 13 runs in the fifth to pull away for the win. Huppert and Knox Davis each walked for FC.

In game two of the evening, Doniphan County led throughout, 2-0 after one, 6-0 after two and 9-1 for the final. Huppert had the lone hit for FC, driving in Howard in the third inning. FC drew eight walks in the contest but mustered just a lone hit.

Through nine games, Noah Howard is the team leader at the plate with a .316 average. Huppert is next at .286, Kacen Davis is batting .250 and Karson Simpson is hitting .235. Huppert and Callen Furnas each have driven in five runs, while Howard had scored 14 times. Howard also leads the team with 11 stolen bases on 12 attempts.

On the mound, Vonderschmidt is 1-0 with 14 strikeouts and a 2.54 ERA. Huppert is 2-2 with five Ks and an 8.13 ERA.

Golf “Fore” Good Heath enters 14th year

(Continued from Page 1) Champion at Nebraska, winning titles in 1994 and 1995. Veland was selected in the 6th round of the 1996 NFL draft. Tony won a Super Bowl in 1997 as a member of the Denver Broncos and later played for the Carolina Panthers. When his playing career ended, Veland worked as the Defensive Coordinator for the Omaha Beef indoor football team.

“Touchdown” Tommie Frazier, the National Champion QB in 1994 and 1995, will make another appearance. Frazier, another mainstay at the event, is a 2013 member of the College Football Hall of Fame and was the 1995 Heisman Trophy runner-up.

Mike Rozier played at Nebraska for three seasons, amassing 4,780 rushing yards and 20 TDs. In 1983, Mike ran for 2,148 and won the Heisman Trophy.

Making his first trip to the event is former Husker outside linebacker Dwayne Harris. Harris was a second-team All-Big Eight selection in 1994 and a member of the National Championship team. Harris ended his Husker career with six tackles, including three sacks, in the 1995 Orange Bowl 24-17 win over Miami. Harris enjoyed a professional career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Omaha Beef. Since leaving the playing field, Harris has dedicated himself to uplifting others, including mentoring young people and inspiring them to reach their full potential. When he is not leading with purpose, Dwayne enjoys quality time with his family and friends, traveling, riding bike trails and hitting the golf course. Harris is the CEO of his own compa-

ny, specializing in providing support and services to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

The final celebrity is a first-time attendee of the CMC event. Rick Upchurch began his college career at Centerville Community College in Centerville, Iowa. After two seasons, Upchurch transferred to the University of Minnesota, where he rushed for 1,783 yards and caught 18 passes for 242 yards. He joined Minnesota’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. Upchurch played his entire 9-year NFL career with the Denver Broncos as a return specialist and wide receiver, earning first-team All-Pro status three times and second-team status twice. In his nine seasons, Upchurch caught 267 passes for 4,369 yards and finished with 5,363 return yards. When he retired from the NFL, Upchurch was the NFL’s career leader in punt return yards, and he shared the record for punt return touchdowns with eight.

William Reed, known primarily as Coach, has been instrumental in the event’s success. Reed acknowledged that his connections to athletes have contributed significantly to the success of the golf outing.

“I’ve ended up really close to people that I really respected a lot,” said Reed.

Many of those people, including his own idol, Mike Garrett, have shown their respect for Coach Reed by coming to Falls City for the annual event.

He said he still enjoys the event because it allows him to see what’s going on with so many of his friends.

“Just probably figuring out another year has gone by, what happened?” said Reed. “Haven’t seen you

in a year or six months; glad to see you here; how are you doing today?”

Four years ago, Coach said the 10th event would be the last. Then last year was going to be it. We are now in our 14th year, and the event continues to be an ongoing success.

The event begins Thursday with a meet and greet at 7:00 p.m. at the Falls City Golf Course. Again, tickets are \$25 and include a meal. Friday, tee-off is set for 9:00 a.m. at the golf course. Contact Linda Santo to reserve your team and select Sponsorship Opportunities at lsanto@cmcfc.org or call 402-245-0645.

Lady Irish finish on top of Girl’s Cup final standings

The Sacred Heart Irish girls’ athletic program was recently recognized by the NSAA as the Class 2024-2025 Buckle Up Phone Down winner. The Lady Irish were joined at the top by McCool Junction and Howells-Dodge. Each team scored 122.5 points to garner the honor.

The NSAA and the Nebraska Department of Transportation have teamed up since 2006 to recognize the most successful athletic and fine arts programs in the state. Points are awarded for Championship event performances. First place receives 50 points, down to eighth place, which receives 15.

The Lady Irish scored 50 points for winning the NSAA State Basketball championship, 45 for Play Production and 27.5 for State Speech.



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MEN’S GOLF LEAGUE

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals. Early League results from Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

Team 1 (4.00) Liberty, Brandon 42-40; Bennett, Chuck 52-41. Team 7 (2.00) Daake, Brian 45-39; Mullins, Jim 56-45.

Team 2 (4.50) Malcolm, Terry 53-42; Kermode, Terry 54-37. Team 6 (1.50) Kurpgeweit, Lee 48-41; Heinzelman, Denny 50-39.

Team 3 (1.00) Hays, Gary 45-41; Heckenlively, Tim 51-41. Team 5 (5.00) Borg, Dave 45-39; Murphy, Jim 53-35.

Team 4 (1.50) Ebel, Ron 40-35; Romine, Alan 53-42. Team 10 (4.50) Foster, Tim 47-37; Veigel, Merle 56-39.

Team 8 (2.00) Hillyard, Mark 46-37; Hankins, Dan 53-43. Team 9 (4.00) McNeely, Erik 49-41; Severin, Steve 56-33.

Late League results from Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

Team 1 (3.00) Simon, Steve 39-38; Ferguson, Don 44-37; Waller, Doug 60-44. Team 7 (5.00) Liberty, Brandon 42-39; Schawang, Cody 47-39; Steele, Brendan 53-37.

Team 2 (5.50) Montgomery, Carter 39-38; Harmon, Galen 42-33; Witt, Bailey 57-39. Team 6 (2.50) Kirkendall, Jeremy 41-38; Chesnut, Justin 45-37; Craig, Jake 47-36.

Team 3 (5.50) Dunn, Joe 36-34; Kurpgeweit, Lee 46-38; Witt, Rich 50-38. Team 5 (2.50) Scheitel, Trent 38-35; Witt, Wade 46-36; Keithley, Alex 72-45.

Team 4 (4.00) Bachman, Eli 38-36; Bennett, Chuck 48-37; Craig, Robbie 60-44. Team 20 (4.00) McNeely, John 53-46; Hill, Dan 46-39; Harmon, Jason 46-30.

Team 8 (0.00) Simon, Dan 41-37; Poppe, Brian 49-42; Scheitel, Lane 56-40. Team 19 (8.00) Aitken, Bob 42-35; Froeschl, Ethan 48-40; Merz, Mitch 61-34.

Team 9 (6.00) Witt, Tom 43-39; Witt, Weston 41-34; Dunn, Mike 52-36. Team 18 (2.00) Gerweck, Rob 43-37; Heckenlively, Tim 54-43; Keller, Bart (F).

Team 10 (8.00) Siel, Jake 41-37; Froeschl, Joe 45-37; Buckminster, Blake 48-30. Team 17 (0.00) Hullman, Ben 45-39; Schawang, Cade 49-39; Bauer, Trevor 52-34.

Team 11 (1.00) Anderson, Dusty 48-43; Froeschl, Nathan 45-37; Meysenburg, Fr. James 52-41. Team 16 (7.00) Gooch, Blake 46-36; Malone, Kevin 50-40; Bippes, Derek 49-30.

Team 12 (0.50) Davis, Darin 44-40; VanDyke, Kyle 49-41; Jordening, Ron 51-38. Team 15 (7.50) Bippes, Drew 46-40; Morris, Adam 52-38; Robeson, Jared 52-36.

Team 13 (4.00) Gilkerson, Keith 48-40; Heinzelman, Eric 47-32; Sly, Tony 65-42. Team 14 (4.00) Daake, Brian 45-39; McNeely, Erik 50-42; Gilkerson, Robert 43-34.



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Falls City HS announces second semester honor roll

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

Regular Honor Roll for the second semester of 2024-2025

Twelfth grade: Talon Anderson, Jackson Bauman, Mylie Crawford, Eberle Makayla, Derek Helmick, Konner Keim, Taylor Kreifels, Gunner Lippold, Ilyssa Miller, Bailey Thimmes and Malesa Wickham.

Eleventh grade: Peyton Brown, Brock Caudle, Cade Caudle, Beata Clark, Emma Dean, Matthew Eaton, Kyleigh Furnas, Ryker Jones, Jaxten Jorgensen, Vaden Leyden, Evie Rue, Blakey Sells and Chase Simpson.

Tenth grade: Paxton Armbruster, Jacoby Bangert, Madison Brown, Wyatt Counce, Tucker Couope, Madyson Eberle, Hana Irizarry, Aubrey Kapustka, Sophie Kirkendall, Miyuna Kong, Brylee Liberty, Tripp Lippold, Addison Miller, Kinsie Riggs, Bradyn Schulenberg, Bryason Sells, Thomas West and Karlie’Jo Williams.

Ninth grade: Conner Anderson, Adrian Coetzee, Callen Furnas, Tanner Jackson, Rylee Littrel, Reagan

McNeely, Aiden Rego and Alexis Schawang.

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

Twelfth grade: Isabelle Armbruster, Ethan Boatright, Jayme Ewers, Hayden Findlay, Jimena Garcia Bano, Robert Gilkerson, Kaitlyn Kirkendall, Angelina Klahn, Ruby Nguyen, Emilou Schulenberg, Sierrah Vermeer and Paige Young.

Eleventh grade: Gavin Bauer, Emmett Daake, Haiden Dorste, Carlea Dunkhas, Molly Ebel, Breean Eickhoff, Ella Glathar, Braxton Harmon, Hayes Taykia, Malori Kuker, Ethan Morris, Brock Niedfeldt, Kaydence Rego, Addyson Sayer and Elizabeth Vice.

Tenth grade: Jalin DePrey, Anabella Feighner, Bowdy Jones, Grant Kobza, Taiylah Moore, Kaytlin Nelson, Lathan Richey, Christian Saul, Jessica Sells, Dayton Snethen, Jazlyn Strecker, Harley Sutton, Jennifer Sweeney, Avery Wendtlandt and Gabi Young.

Ninth grade: Kenley Alexander, Joah Anderson, Aiyana Bledsoe, Addison Daniels, Brandon Feighner, Madalynn Hawley, Deacon Jacobs, Camden Jean, Isabella Johansen, Elijah Leyden, Taytum Maddox, Carter Rumbaugh and Bristol Titus.

GUEST EDITORIAL COLUMN

When Google’s AI gets involved: implications for you, your community and your business

By Jerry Raehal

This week, my family has been buzzing with excitement for our first trip to the College World Series in Omaha.

With our new home-state Huskers out, we threw our support behind our previous home state team, the LSU Tigers, hoping they’d be playing in the game for which we had tickets.

Early one morning before I had finished my first coffee, my wife, surprised at our luck, told me she saw online that LSU would indeed be in that game. Eager to confirm and view the bracket, I went straight to trusted sources --newspaper media and the NCAA website -- to check the schedule.

But LSU wasn’t in the game we are attending. In fact, they were on the opposite side of the bracket. So, where did she get the information?

She pointed to the top result on Google’s AI Overview, which had pulled in outdated information — last year’s, in fact. And that’s when the letdown set in.

This isn’t the first time I’ve seen this happen. It’s why I’ll glance at Google’s AI summary, but then scroll down to check the actual links. Often, what it gives you looks confident, but it’s just plain wrong.

AI Can Be Helpful — But Not Infallible

Let me be clear: I’m not anti-AI.

In fact, I’m using AI right now to help research and draft this column. It’s a powerful tool when used wisely. But tools should help us, not replace diligence and accuracy. What happened with the bracket is a small mistake, sure — but it’s emblematic of a bigger issue.

Google’s AI Overview has been caught serving up a range of misleading, incorrect, and sometimes dangerous content. From telling people to add glue to pizza to citing completely incorrect medical and historical facts, AI “hallucinations” have become a recurring problem.

A study by the Tow Center for Digital Journalism found that in complex queries, AI search tools gave wrong answers 60% of the time. Even Google itself admitted to a 1.8% hallucination rate in internal testing — but at scale, that’s millions of mistakes a day.

What’s Worse: It’s Hurting the People Who Get It Right

The more frustrating part? AI is feeding off journalism, then undercutting it. According to a Wall Street Journal report, Google’s AI Overview scrapes and synthesizes information largely from traditional news publishers—without driving traffic back to those original sources.

That lack of traffic has real-world consequences.

Business Insider’s web traffic, for example, dropped 55% from April 2022 to April 2025. Other publishers have reported double-digit declines in search traffic after AI Overviews were implemented, often leading to layoffs and restructuring. This isn’t just a glitch — it’s a system that takes content without compensation and returns less to those who created it.

The News Media Alliance has accused Google of outright content theft, claiming it “copies and monetizes the content of others without paying” and that its AI deprives newsrooms of both visibility and value.

For Communities, the Impacts Are Even More Dire

This matters deeply to me because I’m a fierce advocate for community journalism—not to be confused with the polarizing, sometimes toxic circus of cable news. Newspapers, especially local ones, are embedded in towns and cities in ways no AI will ever replicate.

Studies have shown that when a community loses its newspaper, taxes go up, government spending increases, corruption becomes more likely, and schools and health outcomes suffer. That’s not conjecture. That’s data from multiple studies and policy reviews.

Newspapers represent only about 25% of local media outlets, yet they generate nearly 50% of original reporting and 60% of all local news.. The rest of the news ecosystem—TV, radio, and social media—often just repackages or amplifies what newspapers produce.

So when AI Overview steals a newspaper’s work to provide a free summary at the top of the search page, it’s not just bad for journalists—it’s bad for your town.

Businesses Aren’t Immune Either

The implications stretch into the business world as well. In a recent presentation by industry analyst Gordon Borrell of Borrell Associates, the uncertainty around AI search was called one of the biggest unknowns in digital advertising. With AI Overviews summarizing search queries, fewer users are clicking through to websites—meaning all that hard work put into SEO/SEM may never be seen.

Yes, organic content might help a business get mentioned in the summary. But that summary still pushes the link down the page, and it’s unclear how many people actually click past it.

Paid search listings may become even more expensive and competitive as businesses try to reclaim lost ground. AI isn’t just changing search—it’s rewriting the rules of discoverability and digital strategy.

What Can You Do?

Be skeptical. Use AI as a guide—but always scroll down. Check the actual sources, especially for anything timely or factual.

Support your local newspaper. Subscribe. Advertise. Share their work. Journalism is worth paying for. And if you don’t? You’ll still pay—just with poorer information and worse outcomes.

Advocate for transparency. AI shouldn’t be allowed to eat the lunch of those who actually cook it.

This isn’t about trying to avoid AI. It’s about accuracy. It’s about fairness. And it’s about the kind of informed society we all want to live in.

Because at the end of the day, when AI gets it wrong, the consequences don’t just stay online. They show up in your life, in your town, and even in your seat at a baseball game.

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
CALLS AND STATISTICS

June 4 through June 5, 2025 calls: one motorist assists, three calls referred to another agency, one noise disturbance, two calls for found or lost property, one burn permit, three miscellaneous calls, three ambulance/EMS calls, one call for vandalism, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and one 911 call.

June 5 through June 6, 2025 calls: two animal calls, two calls for a suspicious person/vehicle, two welfare checks, one call for phone/media/mail scam, one miscellaneous call, four nuisance calls, two noise disturbances, one 911 hang up/misdial, seven calls for record checks, and one 911 call.

June 6 through June 7, 2025 calls: four miscellaneous calls, three ambulance/EMS calls, two informational only calls, two calls referred to another agency, one animal call, four calls for a suspicious person/vehicle, one welfare check, one parking complaint, one disturbance call, one warning for an unlicensed animal. Two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and one warning for no operator’s license, and twelve 911 calls.

June 7 through June 8, 2025 calls: four calls referred to another agency, four miscellaneous calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and five 911 calls.

June 8 through June 9, 2025 calls: two welfare checks, three animal calls, five ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, one call referred to another agency, three miscellaneous calls, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and two 911 calls.

Council passes third
reading of Ordinance
2025-100

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April summary showed \$17,228,949.91 in cash on hand.

The Council heard the third reading of Ordinance 2025-100, authorizing and providing for the issuance of combined utility revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20 million for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the electric system.

The bond requires a 1.25 debt coverage. According to an affordability and financial sustainability report from the City, the utilities’ net profit must have at least that level of debt coverage. Beginning in 2029 and assuming no growth in utility profits, Falls City will need to generate an additional \$658,000 in revenue to reach the 1.25 mark.

“So, you get a four percent rate increase that went into effect on October 1, 2024, which was through the last rate study,” said Nussbaum. “We got some additional dollars coming into the City.”

He also stated that electric capacity sales will account for nearly \$180,000 this year, and then for the next four and a half years, the City will bring in about \$550,000 each year. “That right there covers a good majority of that \$658,000,” said Nussbaum.

Passing the ordinance allows Falls City to receive a \$15 million check from NDED (Nebraska Department of Economic Development), which was granted through LB977 in the Legislature. “We can park that, invest that, just basically you have \$15 million sit in the bank, and you put four percent on it, that’s \$600,000 annually coming in.”

He explained that the money would not be spent immediately, allowing it to earn interest for possibly three or four years.

Nussbaum went on to say that a rate study will

be conducted to assess the impact of the capital improvement plan and the Energy Forward Transmission Project on rates.

The initial feasibility study indicated that the project’s cost ranged from just under \$30 million to a little over \$40 million.

“It just depends on routing, a lot of different pieces,” said Nussbaum. “How heavy you want to build it. Do you want to go with steel structures? Do you want to go with wood structures? We won’t know the true cost until we complete the design stage and have the engineering done.” Nussbaum said that once the design is in place, the Board of Public Works and City Council will be able to scale the project up or down depending on the costs. If the project is completed for less than the amount bonded, the remaining funds can be utilized for electric distribution upgrades in the City.

The Council approved the ordinance on a 7-0 vote.

The Board also approved the implementation of Purchasing Policies and Procedures on a 7-0 vote.

The Board approved the appointment of Libby Dean to the Library Board as recommended by Mayor Harkendorff and a request for a Special Designated Liquor License for an event on June 28-29, 2025, at the American Legion Post 102 located at 721 Harlan Street.

The Board also acted on two resolutions authorizing the City to assess unpaid vacant property registration fees. The properties are located at 918 Fulton and 2212 Hiland Avenue. Both resolutions passed on 7-0 votes.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Richard “John” Slama

Richard “John” Lewis Slama, 79, of rural Humboldt, Nebraska was born on December 13, 1945, in Humboldt, Nebraska to Joseph and Alberta (Nettlebeck) Slama. He was raised on the family farm east of Humboldt where he attended Hazel Dell Country School District #13 and later attended Humboldt High School. On March 7, 1964, John was united in marriage to Beverly Rowe by Rev. Ward Merritt. To this union two children, Richard and Jodi, were born. The couple raised their family on the Slama family farm east of Humboldt. John started farming at an early age after his father passed away and continued growing his successful farming operation over the years.

John passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at his home in rural Humboldt, Nebraska having reached the earthly age of seventy-nine years, five months, and twenty-six days.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

John is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Bev Slama of rural Humboldt, children: Rick Slama and wife Kim of rural Humboldt, Jodi Slama of Alexandria, VA; grandson: Ian Slama and his wife Jessica of Columbus,



NE; twin brothers: Joe Slama of Humboldt and Tom Slama of Lincoln, his sister Cathy George and her husband Ray of Roanoke, VA; and many other relatives and friends.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at a later date at the Mound (Prospect) Cemetery in rural Humboldt, Nebraska with Pastor Howard Blecha officiating.

Visitation was from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2025, at the Wherry Mortuary, 207 N. Nemaha Street in Humboldt, Nebraska. Family greeted friends from 7-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Bruun Memorial Library Fund.

Condolences can be shared online at www.wherrymortuary.com

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



Walter E. “Walt” Scott

Walter E. ‘Walt’ Scott passed peacefully on June 12th, 2025, at Wathena Care Center. He was 82.

Walt was born to Lucille Foster Scott and Willard Scott, January 22, 1943, at Falls City, Nebraska. Walter’s father Willard passed away when he was a young boy and was raised by his step-father Walter Fischer.

Walter married Mary Edie of White Cloud in 1964. He served in the Army from 1966 until 1969 during the Vietnam War, discharged at rank of Spc 5. He returned to the area to raise his family and worked on hog farms in the area, retiring in 2023 from J6 Farms.

He is survived by his wife Mary of 60 years, their first child Jim was born and four years later Christine (Shan) Torkelson. Walt was also proud grandpa of Wyatt Torkelson, Logan Torkelson, and David Keo Scott. Also surviving are his brother Phil Fischer (Debbie) and a sister Nancy Lippold (Steve); several nieces and nephews.

Walter was preceded

in death by his parents, brother Lee and sister Linda Rose.

He enjoyed fishing and being out-of-doors. Walt never met a stranger. He enjoyed riding his bike in town, and attending tractor pulling events.

Friends could call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home after 12 noon Sunday where the family visited with friends from 6 until 8 that evening.

Family and friends gathered at the funeral home by 9:45 a.m. Monday, June 16, to go in procession to Olive Branch Cemetery, White Cloud, for graveside services at 10:30. Rich Lehmkuhl officiated. Casual attire was requested. Lunch followed at the American Legion Building in White Cloud.

Military honors were courtesy of the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Walter Scott Memorial Fund, left in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.



Faye (Witt) Dappen

Faye Lorene (Witt) Dappen, 83, of Falls City, Nebraska passed away on June 8, 2025, in St. Joseph, Missouri. Faye was born on June 16, 1941, in Falls City to Alice and Harvey Witt. She attended Richardson County School District #83 for 8-years, graduated from Falls City High School with the class of 1959, and then graduated from business college in Omaha in 1960. In childhood, Faye participated in 4-H and played bass drum for the Falls City High School marching band. Faye was on the Falls City High School Alumni Association and had been President of the Dawson-Verdon Booster Club and ball board. Faye was baptized and confirmed at First United Methodist Church, later became a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church and transferred to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Faye married Theodore Dappen in 1960. They were together 24 years and five children came from this union. Identical twins Craig and Donald, Stephen, Cynthia, and Jennifer. Faye was with Donald Harmon for 25 years until Don’s death in 2009.

Faye was a wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. She managed seed corn sales and the family farm outside of Dawson. Faye held various accounting and secretarial jobs over her career including 14 years at the Falls City Meat Company. Later she worked at Southeast Nebraska Developmental Services and worked as

a bartender and waitress. Faye will be missed for her cooking, crafting, and love of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harvey and Alice Witt; brother Wayne Witt, twin sons Craig Eugene and Donald Lee, and significant other Donald Harmon.

Faye is survived by her children: Stephen (Linda) Dappen, Cynthia (Jimmy) Bauman, Jennifer (Jerry) Rathmann, four grandchildren: Mitchell Campbell (significant other Megan Moyer and son Ethan), Chelsea (Nik) Kopf, Shane Campbell (fiancé Aly Bangert), and Zachary Petry. Four step-grandchildren: Melissa Gaggens, Adam Gaggens, Gage (Courtney) Butner, and Braxtyn Bauman, one great-grandson Quintin Campbell, six step-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at St. Pauls Lutheran Church at 20th & Towle street in Falls City with Joanna Kathol officiating. A graveside inurnment will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Maple Cemetery in Salem, Nebraska. Memorial contributions may be given to the family’s choice with a later designation.

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net

Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan-Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3131

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CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS

City Of Falls City, Ne By Fund Payment Dates 5/21/2025 - 6/3/2025 Vendor Name Description (Payable) Amount Fund: 100 - General

Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax	
Percentage	188.86
Dearborn Life Insurance Com Life Insurance	278.46
Nebraska Dept Of Revenue	
Garnishment	250.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax...	30.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	362.12
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	325.06
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	229.16
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	260.44
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	214.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	229.16
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	377.72
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	235.76
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	288.96
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	238.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	252.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	258.64
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	327.36
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	314.20
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	349.86
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	206.68
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	225.10
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	293.10
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	214.12
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	194.72
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	351.20
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	330.32
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	196.20
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	293.26
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	180.02
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	300.38
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	181.48
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	336.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	286.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	204.58
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	236.78
American Natl Bank Hsa....	100.00
American Natl Bank Hsa....	80.00
American Natl Bank Hsa....	100.00
American Natl Bank Hsa....	50.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	20.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	382.22
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	400.90
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	398.06
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	380.18
Nebraska Department Of Reve State W/H Tax	3,263.53
Department Of The Treasury Federal W/H	7,210.63
Department Of The Treasury Medicare Tax	2,755.24
Department Of The Treasury Social Security Tax	11,780.70
Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins	597.04
Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins	141.00
Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins	597.04
Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins	141.00
Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins	581.70
Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins	141.00
Julie D Bauman Cpa Prept 1099, 1096	765.00
Julie D Bauman Cpa 2024 Audit	14,700.00
Amazon Capital Services Supplies	37.99
Pest Control Services Of Se Ne Service	50.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	4,640.00
P.f. Pettibone & Co Supplies...	155.50
Falls City Merc Supplies.....	163.43
Quill Corporation Supplies.....	75.79
SNC Service.....	631.96
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	81.00
Fund 100 - General Total:	59,460.97

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Galls Supplies.....	91.63
Nebraska Law Enforcement Tr Tuition	80.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	1,380.00
Amazon Capital Services Supplies	6.99
Pro Serv Service.....	55.00
Pro Serv Service.....	32.57
RC Court Service.....	49.00
Uci Testing Service.....	60.00
Harmon's Ok Tire Tires Unit #33	752.00
Family Medicine Service.....	243.00
SNC Service.....	261.86
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	112.50
Fund 110 - Police Total:....	3,124.55

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	380.00
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	12.50
Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:	392.50

FUND: 120 - FIRE

SNC Service.....	127.62
Feld Fire Supplies.....	89.28
Feld Fire Supplies.....	44.64
Feld Fire Supplies.....	3.35
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	12.50
Fund 120 - Fire Total:.....	277.39

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	240.00
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	12.50
Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total:...	252.50

FUND: 150 - PARKS

Farm & City Supply Supplies...	1.39
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	1.72
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	8.10
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	21.48
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	9.59
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	4.59
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	8.49
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	13.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	2.29
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	16.49
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	14.97
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	49.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	9.59
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	89.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	25.98
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	3.56
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	22.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	0.75
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	4.76
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	4.76
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	27.98

Farm & City Supply Supplies...	6.59
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	27.98
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	5.90
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	6.59
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	16.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	17.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	21.98
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	7.99
Acco Unlimited Corporation Supplies	2,784.00
Acco Unlimited Corporation Supplies	1,112.80
Acco Unlimited Corporation Supplies	362.25
Linda Strasil Refunded.....	50.00
Renee Kopf Refunded.....	50.00
Susan Findlay Refunded.....	50.00
Paige Frederick Refunded.....	50.00
Amanda Rasmussen Refunded	50.00
Sarah Neddenriep Refunded...	50.00
Marsha Frederick Refunded.....	50.00
Karen Simon Refunded.....	50.00
Pest Control Services Of Se Ne Service	50.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	100.00
Next Generation Recreati Supplies	157.40
Next Generation Recreati Supplies	33.72
Amazon Capital Services Supplies	180.48
Amazon Capital Services Supplies	14.13
Amazon Capital Services Supplies	19.94
Amazon Capital Services Supplies	219.96
Amazon Capital Services Supplies	145.99
Amazon Capital Services Supplies	14.59
Falls City Merc Supplies.....	66.29
Falls City Merc Supplies.....	100.55
Harmon's Ok Tire Service.....	20.00
Farmers Repair & Machine Sh Service	60.00
Wiltse Electric Service.....	197.59
Amazon Capital Services Credit	219.96
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	286.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	204.58
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	236.78
American Natl Bank Hsa....	100.00
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Amazon Capital Services Supplies	37.99
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Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	4,640.00
P.f. Pettibone & Co Supplies...	155.50
Falls City Merc Supplies.....	163.43
Quill Corporation Supplies.....	75.79
SNC Service.....	631.96
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	81.00
Fund 100 - General Total:	59,460.97

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIUM

Pest Control Services Of Se Ne Service	50.00
SNC Service.....	100.22
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	37.50
Fund 151 - Auditorim Total..	187.72

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY

Farm & City Supply Supplies...	7.98
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	2.59
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	33.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	12.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	4.59
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	14.97
Falls City Merc Supplies.....	43.57
Falls City Merc Supplies.....	31.55
Falls City Merc Supplies.....	48.37
Microfilm Imaging Systems Service	265.75
SNC Service.....	221.42
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	37.50
Fund 170 - Library Total:....	725.27

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY

Uci Testing Service.....	120.00
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	15.98
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	33.48
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	6.98
SNC Service.....	99.17
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	12.50
Fund 180 - Cemetery Total...	288.11

FUND: 190 - STREETS

Farm & City Supply Supplies...	7.98
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	14.95
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	9.54
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	3.98
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	39.50
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	3.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	7.16
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	440.00
Home Lumber Company Supplies	99.99
Falls City Auto Supply Supplies	25.98
Nebraska Machinery Co Nmc Cat - Diesel Engine Oil	616.92
SNC Service.....	52.39
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	25.00
Fund 190 - Streets Total:....	1,347.38

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP

Farm & City Supply Supplies...	27.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	15.90
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	13.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	9.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	18.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	9.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	17.90
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	15.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	8.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	7.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	16.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	8.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	7.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	15.00
Farm & City Supply Credit.....	30.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	13.98
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Supplies	59.26
Wolffes Printing Supplies.....	82.03
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	7.67
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	4.04
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	10.72
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	3.57
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	16.53
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	29.05
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	25.96
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	11.76
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	7.70
FC Auto Supply Supplies.....	25.44
Nmc Inc Supplies.....	124.78
Bruna Implement Co Supplies...	35.18
Bruna Implement Co Supplies...	47.08
Bruna Implement Co Supplies...	32.84
Bruna Implement Co Supplies...	7.04
SNC Service.....	6.20
True Ag & Turf, Llc Supplies...	129.72
Macqueen Equipment Supplies	111.36
Macqueen Equipment Supplies...	76.95
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:...	1,010.62

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

Language Line Services Inc Service	4.13
SNC Service.....	709.76
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:	713.89

FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT/DEMOLITION PROGRAM

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	60.00
Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total:...	60.00

FUND: 281 - SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mary Merz - Gordon Sidewalk Improvement	1,000.00
Shawn & Tiffany Fouraker Sidewalk Replacement	1,500.00
Fund 281 - Sidewalk Improvement Program Total:.....	2,500.00

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax	
Percentage	79.03
Dearborn Life Insurance Com Life Insurance	174.31
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	592.31
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	250.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	300.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	68.26
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	150.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	600.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax	300.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	407.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	307.60
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	588.70
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	316.12
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	398.36
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	1,309.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	407.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	298.80
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	270.34
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	284.88
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	304.06
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	391.20
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	271.10
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	213.22
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	258.82
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	926.76
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	229.16
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	272.92
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	421.64
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	200.92
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	313.92
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	313.62
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	312.20
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	263.62
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	171.94
Ameritas Retirement 501a....	208.22
American Natl Bank Hsa.....	215.00
American Natl Bank Hsa.....	88.46
American Natl Bank Hsa.....	65.00
American Natl Bank Hsa.....	200.00
American Natl Bank Hsa.....	50.00
Department Of The Treasury Medicare Tax	2,406.68
Department Of The Treasury Social Security Tax	10,290.46
Nebraska Department Of Reve State W/H Tax	3,253.14
Department Of The Treasury Federal W/H	8,544.41
Principal Life Insurance Comp... Dental Ins	405.52
Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins	60.30
Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins	405.52
Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins	60.30
Principal Life Insurance Comp Dental Ins	371.36
Principal Life Insurance Comp Vision Ins	52.13
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, Llc Service	1,745.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	6.44
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	5.36
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	1.82
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	2.37
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	15.04
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	17.19
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	26.86
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	0.16
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	17.30
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	22.78
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	35.46
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	4.95
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	7.08
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Farm & City Supply Supplies...	4.78
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	21.91
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	10.73
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	12.88
Farm & City Supply Supplies...	11.81
Quill Corporation Supplies...	18.95
Hach Chemical Co Hach - Automotive Buret	205.38
Jeo Consulting Group Inc Service	811.25
Jeo Consulting Group Inc Service	5,778.70
R/S Electric Motor Service Service	4,068.44
Amazon Capital Services Amazon - Tshirts	23.90
Amazon Capital Services Amazon - Tshirts	77.94
Healy Law Offices, Llc Service	1,137.50
Farris Engineering Service...	18,300.00
Resco Resco - Elec Inventory...	532.76
Resco Resco - Electric Inventory	9.74
Resco Resco - Electric Inventory	107.93
Resco Resco - Electric Inventory	275.55
Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne Service	113,469.37
Home Lumber Co Supplies...	306.34
Home Lumber Co Supplies...	11.81
Home Lumber Co Supplies...	8.59
Home Lumber Co Supplies...	7.10
Julie D Bauman Cpa Service...	191.25
Farmers Repair & Machine Sh Supplies	167.06
Wesco Distribution Wesco - Wire	2,203.75
Husker Electric Supply Husker - Wire	3,268.00
Julie D Bauman Cpa Service	3,675.00
Nebraska Public Power District Audit Fees	988.53
Advanced Fire & Safety Inc Service	224.03
Border States Border States- Splices, Etc	445.92
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	22.59
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	28.23
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	60.63
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	63.96
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	63.96
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	92.10
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	11.79
Border States Border States- New	

Inventory.....	142.54
Border States Border States- Splices, Etc	536.77
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	105.89
Border States Border States - Elec Inventory	491.71
Esri, Inc Esri - Annual Membership	350.00
Esri, Inc Esri - Annual Membership	200.00
Esri, Inc Esri - Annual Membership	31.25
Esri, Inc Esri - Annual Membership	175.00
Esri, Inc Esri - Annual Membership	350.00
Esri, Inc Esri - Annual Membership	62.50
Esri, Inc Esri - Annual Membership	350.00
Esri, Inc Esri - Annual Membership	200.00
SNC Service.....	117.61
Onেকে It Solutions Service.....	50.00
Morse Equipment Co Start Up B-803 & B-0804, Laser	7,742.00
Fund 630 - Wastewater Total:	24,660.18
Grand Total:.....	383,352.45

REPORT SUMMARY FUND PAYMENT AMOUNT

Zoro.com Zoro - Shovels.....	378.40
Zoro.com Zoro - Shovels	357.89
Zoro.com Zoro - Shovels	415.12
Oneneck It Solutions Service.	106.00
Oneneck It Solutions Service ..	25.00
Dutton-Lainson Co Dutton	
Outstanding Transform. 10,	152.55
Fund 600 - Electric Total:	212,099.95

VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees regular meeting, June 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Kyle Gossman

Absent: none
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 by Ramer and seconded by Gossman to approve the agenda with the addition of bid for well act packs to new business. All voted yea.

Motion by Ramer and seconded by Donahoe to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All voted yea.

Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Hall to approve the treasurer’s report. All voted yea.

Motion by Donahoe and seconded by Gossman to approve the claims and payroll including a statement balance of \$385 to Davis PHE LLC. All voted yea.

COMMUNICATIONS: Bible School is being held this week at the Stella Community Church. The money that was donated for lunches the the participants is very much appreciated.

COMMITTEES: Streets – some new streets signs and rock block barriers are needed; Street lights – ok, Park – new boards have been placed on the merry go round, froggy ride is fixed; Water and sewer – flow meter at sewer plant needs to be replaced, act-packs at wells need to be replaced, Sargent will come to pull well #5; Library – board will be contacted to see what they recommend for another librarian; Planning – ok.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Ramer and second from Donahoe to write a new ordinance limiting the number of fowl allowed in town to a limit of 20 with no roosters. Ramer, Donahoe, Gossman and Stanley – yea, Hall – no. Motion carried. Dylan Handley will be contacted to write the ordinance. Food truck is being considered for our town. A community facebook page will be established for notices, etc. Mosquito spraying will be held the first of June and will continue. Contract will be signed.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Donahoe and second by Gossman to put one load of rock by Leland Lockard’s alley. All voted yea. An estimate was received from Tony Lovell of Wymore for patching, seal coating, paving with several options. Motion by Hall and second by Ramer to spend \$50,000 on street repairs with the committee to determine where repairs are to be made. All voted yea. Motion made by Gossman, second by Hall to purchase 2 act packs for the well flow at \$834 each. All voted yea.

Water shut offs were signed.
Miscellaneous – tree limb in front of the community building and tree removal in the park were noted.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. was made by Donahoe and second by Hall. All voted yea.

Next board meeting will be held July 7, 2025 at 7:00 at the Community Building.

Jana Wheeler, clerk

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

Tracy Milke, water/sewer operator	350.00
Tracy Milke, expenses for water/ sewer	390.56
Aaron Davis, ass’t water/sewer operator	300.00
Jana Wheeler, clerk	700.00
Ira Hall, librarian – 8 hours @ \$13.50.....	108.00
Dennis Bahr, maintenance 7.5 hrs @ \$15.00	112.50
Dennis Bahr, 2 mowings	360.00
Jody Bahr, cleaning – cb	25.00
Johansen Drainage and Tile sewer relocation – seeding	3500.00
Jan McMullen, arbor day tree	241.96
Elizabeth Ketner, Easter candy	103.94
American Recycling & Sanitation trash	1364.00
Davis PHE, LLC, water main repair	1734.68
NE Public Health Lab, labs	30.00
OPPD, water	334.88
Berwick, fuel – streets.....	129.82
SENC, 2080 – 114.37; 2232 – 60.92; 2393 – 56.21	231.50
NPPD, streets	482.73
Greenhouse	56.98
Village barn	45.82
Community bldg.	32.63
Siren	32.63
Water	43.49
Sewer.....	317.18
.....	1011.46
Midwest Laboratories	361.10
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2024 Annual Water Quality Report Certification of Distribution

Public Water Supply System Name: City of Falls City
Population Served by Public Water System: 4015

Account Number: NE3114705
County: Richardson

Required: Complete this form with the chosen delivery methods and submit all paperwork no later than July 1, 2025.

Minimum Distribution Requirements By Population:	- 500 or less: Post in public locations (or may instead publish, mail, or hand deliver). - Between 501 and 9,999: Publish in newspaper (or may instead mail, or hand deliver). - Between 10,000 and 99,999: Mail, or hand deliver, along with one or more good faith efforts. - 100,000 or greater: Post on the Internet along with one or more good faith efforts.
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____ Publish Date Published: _____ (Send in a copy of the newspaper clipping of your CCR, with this Certification)

____ Mail Date Mailed: _____ (Send in a copy of your CCR with this Certification)

____ Hand Deliver Date Delivered: _____ (Send in a copy of your CCR with this Certification)

____ Post the CCR on a publicly accessible Internet site (Provide URL address) _____

____ Post in public places Date Posted: _____ (List the 3 posting locations below & send in a copy of your CCR with this Certification)

1st Location: _____ 2nd Location: _____ 3rd Location: _____

All Community Water Systems: Must make an additional “good faith effort” to reach non-bill paying customers

____ Posted the CCR on a publicly accessible Internet site or social media page. Provide Direct URL: _____

____ Advertised the CCR availability in the news media. Submit a copy of the announcement and/or newspaper clipping. Date Published: _____

____ Publication of the CCR in a local newspaper, in a legible size. Submit a copy of the newspaper clipping. Date Published: _____

____ Posted the CCR in public places. Submit List of Locations. Date Posted: _____

1st Location: _____ 2nd Location: _____ 3rd Location: _____

____ Published in an electronic community/system newsletter Submit a copy of the notice/article. Date Published: _____

____ Electronic CCR announcement via Social Media Outlet(s). Submit a list outlet(s) utilized & copy of announcement. Date Posted: _____

Wholesale Water Systems: Were Consecutive Systems notified by April 1? Yes ____ No ____ List Consecutive Systems: _____

Complete this section only if the system is using Electronic Delivery methods

____ Mailed notification that the CCR is available on Web site via a Direct URL (Submit a copy of the mailed notification) Date Mailed: _____

____ Emailed notification that included a Direct URL to the CCR (Provide Direct URL address) _____ Date Emailed: _____

____ Emailed the CCR as an attachment to or an embedded document within an email (Submit a copy of the attachment/document) Date Emailed: _____

____ Provided info on how a customer can obtain a paper copy of the CCR if utilizing ANY of the above Electronic Delivery methods.

The City of Falls City community water system hereby affirms that the Annual Water Quality Report (i.e., Consumer Confidence Report) has been distributed to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given) in accordance with Nebraska’s Regulations Governing Public Water Supply Systems, Title 179 NAC 14. Further, this certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data received by Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy.

Operator/Owner Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



City of Falls City

Annual Water Quality Report
For January 1 to December 31, 2024

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Falls City water system to provide safe drinking water.

Para Clientes Que Hablan Español: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information regarding this report, or to request a hard copy, contact:

DAVID T AITKEN
402-245-4850

If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board/City Council. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the Village/City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Village Board/City Council.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment Availability: The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the NDEE at 402-471-3376 or go to <http://dee.ne.gov>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Sources of Drinking Water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up

substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of water used by City of Falls City is ground water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- * Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- * Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- * Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- * Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- * Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water Health Notes:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Falls City is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family’s risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact: DAVID T AITKEN, 402-245-4850. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The City of Falls City is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, Dibromochloropropane, Dinoseb, Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothalil, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene,

Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vydate), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, o-Dichlorobenzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichlorethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes (total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropene, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Chloromethane, Bromomethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, Chloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropene, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbaryl, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methylol, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor.

How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to the regulatory limits. Substances not detected are not included in the table. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be older than one year.

- MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)** – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- AL (Action Level)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
- N/A** – Not applicable.

Units in the Table:

- ND** – Not detectable.
- ppm (parts per million)** – One ppm corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 million gallons of water.
- mg/L (milligrams per liter)** – Equivalent to ppm.
- ppb (parts per billion)** – One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 billion gallons of water.
- ug/L (micrograms per liter)** – Equivalent to ppb.
- pCi/L (Picocuries per liter)** – Radioactivity concentration unit.
- RAA (Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.
- LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters at each sampling location.
- 90th Percentile** – Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90th percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- TT (Treatment Technique)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

TEST RESULTS

Date Printed: 6/13/2025

NE3114705

Microbiological	Highest Number of Positive Samples				MCL		MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination	Violations Present
COLIFORM (TCR)	In the month of December, 1 sample(s) were positive				Treatment Technique Trigger		0	Naturally present in the environment	Yes
Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Likely Source of Contamination		
COPPER, FREE	2020 - 2022	0.024	0.00306 - 0.0419	ppm	1.3	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.		
LEAD	2020 - 2022	1.36	0 - 1.71	ppb	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.		
Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination		
ARSENIC	8/6/2024	7.5	3.4 - 7.5	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.		
BARIUM	1/13/2020	0.0342	0.0342	ppm	2	2	Discharge from drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.		
CHROMIUM	1/13/2020	0.812	0.812	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.		
FLUORIDE	1/13/2020	0.289	0.289	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge.		
NITRATE-NITRITE	11/12/2024	0.362	0.362	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits		
Disinfection Byproducts		Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range		Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)		1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	11.5	10.7 - 12.3		ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM		7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	60.35	57.7 - 63		ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Water Quality Data	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	Secondary MCL
SULFATE	11/9/2021	123	123	mg/L	250

During the 2024 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Violation Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2024			

The City of Falls City has taken the following actions to return to compliance with the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act:

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

While your drinking water meets EPA’s standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA’s standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

The City of Falls City lead service line inventory has been prepared and can be accessed here: https://www.fallscitynebraska.org/media/userfiles/subsite_137/files/LSLI-5_22_2025.pdf

The positive coliform sample in December 2024 (listed above) was due to contamination when the sample was taken. Resampling was performed and confirmed that no coliform was actually present in our water system.

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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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Evelyn A. Suess, 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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dylanlhandley@hotmail.com
4-11-18
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Notice of Organization

Notice is hereby given that Crusader Capital LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 1801 Stone Street, Suite 1, Falls City, NE 68355. The initial agent for service of process is USCA, Inc. 1102 Douglas Street, Omaha, NE 68012. The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Company commenced its existence on April 7, 2025, and its duration shall be perpetual. Organizer Name: Cozett S. Knight and Isaac J. Knight

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in the corridor on the mail level inside the west door of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska on July 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

A TRACT OF LAND OUT OF AND A PART OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (NE1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-FOUR (24), TOWNSHIP TWO (2) NORTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) EAST OF THE 6th P.M., RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA. BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER (NE1/4c) OF SAID SECTION TWENTY-FOUR (24); THENCE S00 00'00" W (ASSUMED BEARING) ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) A DISTANCE OF 1890.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N90 00'00"E 173.00 FEET; THENCE S00 00'00" W 160.00 FEET; THENCE N90 00'00" W 173.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4); THENCE N00 00'00" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) 160.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINS 0.64 ACRES, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. (commonly known as 71064 635 Blvd., Humboldt, Nebraska 68376).

The sale is subject to (1) real estate taxes, (2) special, weed and all other assessments, (3) unpaid water charges, (4) any building code violations and (5) easements, covenants and restrictions of record. Conveyance of the property will be by trustee's deed, the property is offered "as is, where is" without any warranty. The purchaser at the sale will be responsible for all recording costs and any real estate transfer or stamp taxes.

Terms of the sale are for all bidders other than the beneficiary a deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) of the successful bid will be required in cash or cashier's check at the time of the sale; closing shall be completed on or before 4:30 p.m. on the day of the sale with closing to take place at the offices of Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson and Endacott, LLP, 3800 VerMaas Place, Suite 200, Lincoln, Nebraska, or at such other place as may be agreed by the trustee and the buyer. All funds paid at closing shall be in cashier's check or by wire transfer.

This sale is being held pursuant to the power of sale granted in the trust deed recorded February 14, 2000 at Book 193, Page 173, in the records of the Register of Deeds of Richardson County, Nebraska.

If this sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, or the purchase price, if paid by the purchaser. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the trustors, the trustee or the attorneys representing the beneficiary or trustee.

Dated the 9th day of June, 2025.

By: Trev E. Peterson, Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson & Endacott, LLP
Attorneys for The State Bank of Table Rock, Trustee
3800 VerMaas Place, Suite 200
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502
(402) 475-7011
E-Mail: tpeterson@knudsenlaw.com
11-18-25-2-9
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Notice of Sheriff Sale

By virtue of an Execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, in an action wherein City of Falls City, Nebraska, is the Plaintiff and Carl J. Thomas, is the defendant. Case # CI- 23-2, I will sell on July 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the 1st floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state the following real property, to wit:

South 7.5 feet of Lot 8. All of Lot 9, and the North Half of lot 10, Block 134, Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.
Address: 1205 Harlan Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty, Jr.
Richardson County, Nebraska
18-25-2-9
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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.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
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Attorney for Personal Representative
4-11-18
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF EL PERICAZO LLC

Notice is hereby given that El Pericazo LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and 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 Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on March 24, 2025 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Jose A. Ramirez.

Jose A. Ramirez, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz #12807
P. O. Box 569, 1719 Stone Street
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-3015
18-25-2
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION Central Plains Stockyards LLC 64995 706 Trl Falls City, NE 68355

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

1. The name of this limited liability company is Central Plains Stockyards LLC.
2. The Initial Designated Office Address is 217 E 18th Street, Falls City, NE 68355, and its Registered Agent is Dylan L. Handley, 217 E. 18th Street, Falls City, NE 68355.
3. The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on June 06, 2025. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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Falls City, Nebraska 68355
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Email:
dylanlhandley@hotmail.com
18-25-2
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Notice of Sheriff Sale

By virtue of an Execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, in an action wherein City of Falls City, Nebraska, is the Plaintiff and Charles D. Rock, Jr., The Heirs, Devisees, LEGatees or Assignees of Elizabeth A Choate, Deceased, Real names unknown, Devin Choate, Brennan Choate, The Heirs, Devisees, Legatees or Assignees of Kami Choate, Deceased, Real Names Unknown, Ryan Wagar, And all PERSONS Having or Claiming An Interest in the following described Real Estate to Wit: Lots 16 & 16, Block 187, Original Town to the City of Falls City, Nebraska, Real Names Unknown, is the defendant. Case # CI 24-161, I will sell on July 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the 1st floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state the following real property, to wit:

Lots 15 & 16, Block 187, Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.
Address: 906 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty, Jr.
Richardson County, Nebraska
18-25-2-9
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Pamela K. Rue, Deceased
Estate Number: PR25-33

Notice is hereby given that on June 12, 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 Kelli D. Kennel 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 18, 2025, or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
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18-25-2
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Sebastian Lombardo, Deceased.

Estate No. PR25-31

Notice is hereby given that on June 10, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Dorothy P. Lombardo, whose address is 2724 Schoenheit St. Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 18, 2025, or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
1700 Stone Street, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355
18-25-2
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Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Tracy A. Burns, #25398
Halbert & Dunn, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486

CITY OF HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA PUBLIC NOTICE Request for Proposals (RFP) – Residential Lot Development

The City of Humboldt is accepting proposals from qualified individuals, developers, or organizations interested in purchasing and developing the following city-owned property for residential use:

Property Address:
991 Central Ave Lot 8, Block 48, Kings 2nd Addition to Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska, Parcel ID: 740086553
Zoning: Residential (R-2)

Purpose:
The City seeks proposals for the construction of a single-family residence on the property listed above. The lot will be conveyed for a **nominal fee (\$100)** to the successful proposer under the condition that construction of the home is **substantially completed within a year (1) year** of the execution of the development agreement.

Proposal Requirements:
Interested parties must submit a proposal that includes the following:

1. Contact information and background on the developer or individual.
2. A proposed timeline for development.
3. Examples of intended housing style.
4. Evidence of financial capacity or ability to complete the project.
5. Statement of understanding and acceptance of the nominal fee condition and the two-year build requirement.

Selection Criteria:
Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Feasibility and quality of the proposed development
- Experience and track record of the proposer
- Proposed timeline
- Community benefit and alignment with city goals

Deadline for Submission:
Proposals must be submitted no later than Thursday, July 31, 2025 to: City of Humboldt

Darla Hulsebus City Clerk
PO Box 156 Humboldt, NE 68376
humboldt.clerk@gmail.com
402-862-2171

Electronic submissions are acceptable. Late or incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Additional Information:
Site visits can be arranged by contacting the City. The City of Humboldt reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities, and to select the proposal that best meets the city's objectives.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Jennifer D. Joakim
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. Box 234
308 West Third Street
Valparaiso, Nebraska 68065

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF FLETCHER FARM SERVICES, LLC

Notice is hereby given that FLETCHER FARM SERVICES, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with Brandt Fletcher as its designated agent and with the designated office at 71246 652 Ave., Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The general nature of its business is primarily for farm services, and related business thereto, and to conduct the transaction of all lawful business incidental thereto for which a limited liability company may be organized under the law of the state of Nebraska. The Company commenced business on June 9, 2025, and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Company are to be managed by its manager, Brandt Fletcher and any other Managers as may be selected in the future by the Members as provided for in the Operating Agreement.

Jennifer D. Joakim
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308 West Third Street
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Telephone (402) 784-2202

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will meet in regular session at 1:00pm on June 23, 2025 in person and via virtual ZOOM meeting per Executive Order 20-03 which issues a limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Board of Equalization. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd or log onto the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging website www.braaa.org. ZOOM meeting instructions will be provided upon request. The agenda may be modified to include items of an emergency nature only.

Tracie Fossler
Administrative Assistant
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DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2025 7:00 PM
Humboldt Board Conference Room

1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER-ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*
2. WELCOME PATRONS & GUESTS: PATRON COMMENT
3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and second by Dave Mezger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
3.1. Meeting Minutes
3.2. Bills for Payment
3.3. Review Treasurer's report

4. REPORTS

4.1. Principal Caniglia talked about the achievements throughout the year, baseball, Driver's Ed starting up and the retirement celebration for four employees.

4.2. Principal Standerford discussed the assessments, spring awards/concerts, summer in-services, handbooks and Power-School.

4.3. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
4.4. Committee Reports

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1. Approve board member's leave of absence
5.2. Board Policy Updates First Read Need to Set Committee Meeting
5.3. Family Consumer Science Textbooks

Motion to approve passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
5.4. Meal Prices for 2025-2026
Breakfast
Students and Adults \$3.20
Reduced \$0.30
Lunch
PK-6 \$3.50
7-12 \$3.80
Adults \$5.30
Reduced \$0.40
Salad Bar Only \$5.30
Milk \$0.50

Motion to table the 2025-2026 Meal prices passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
5.5. Chiller Replacement on North HVAC Unit

Motion to approve & have Beatrice Mechanic replace passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 4, Nay: 2
5.6. UNL Extension Salary Request
Motion to approve passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.7. Personnel
Motion to approve passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.7.1. Resignations
Brad Catlin
LuAnn Hunzeker
5.7.2. Hires
Kelley Joy - Custodian
Alexis Wittwer-PE
Jamie Stice-PE Aide
Kristi Hilgenfeld-Math

Motion passed to hire Kelley Joy with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion passed to hire Alexis Wittwer with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion passed to hire Jamie Stice with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Motion passed to hire Kristi Hilgenfeld with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Scott Ogle. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

6. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT
7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
8. ADJOURN

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Respectfully submitted,
Chantel Farwell

Vendor Name	Description	Invoice Amount
Accardi, Ashleigh	, Summer	
Progam Pool Reimb	.....	27.00
Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc.		
Maintenance	.....	173.75
Amazon Capital Services Po	8388,	
8435 & 8415	.....	1,424.05
Blick Art Materials, Po	8394	.....
	.....	825.72
Brux Group, Llc, The	, Po 8392	
Pizza Eoy El	.....	72.00
Cardmember Service, Credit Card		
Charges-Gen Fund	.....	11,900.72
Cleaning Cousins, Llc, Supplies	....
	.....	52.01
Das State Accounting - Central		
Finance, Tech / Ocio	.....	292.87
Dietze Music House, Po		
8430	.....	2,243.07
Discount School Supply,		
Esucc-644462.64472	.....	618.88
Dstk Phillips, Inc. Service Call +		
Nickel	.....	211.45
Dwf Omaha, Po 8429 Flowers For	Class	.....
	.....	63.40
Eakes Office Solutions,		
Maintenance Supplies	..	13,043.83
Edmentum, Inc, Po 8412		
Courseware	.....	4,719.00
Electronic Contracting Co., Alarm		
Monitoring Services	.....	176.40
Esu #4..Health Screenings + Zoom		
Phone License	.....	2,851.56
Esu #6, Tech Hosting		
Services	.....	61.23
Explorelarning, Po 8385	, 1,880.00	
FC Mercantile Co., Steam	.....	26.57
Falls City Sanitation, Trash-		
Utilities	.....	670.00
Farm & City Supply, Maintenance		
Supplies	.....	261.83
Fiber Platform, Llc, Distance		
Learning	.....	428.98
Frontline Technologies Group		
Llc, 2025/2026 Absence/Sub		
Mgmt.	.....	4,475.52
General Office Checking Acct., Po		
8321 Ar Trip Pd For Out Of Gen	Office	.....
	.....	784.00
Guenther, Jason, Saxaphone		
Purchase	.....	150.00
Houghton Mifflin Co, Po		
8410	.....	6,147.02
Htrs Payroll Acct, Payroll		
Expenses	.....	605,295.52
Inventory Id, Inventory		
System	.....	1,690.00
Kiewit Luminarium, Kiewit		
Luminarium	.....	330.00
Kleo, Inc., Classwallet	.....	1,000.00
Ksb School Law, Legal		
Services	.....	1,577.00
Kurita America Inc, Water Soft		
Contract	.....	467.64
Lincoln Journal-Star, Po		
8441	.....	351.00
Malcolm, Mary, Oec Therapy -		
Sped Services	.....	1,910.75
Metal Doors & Hardware Co Field		
Padlocks	.....	398.00
Mid-American Research, Floor		
Finish	.....	1,396.44
National Therapeutic Associates,		
Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped		
Services	.....	1,302.50
Overdrive, Inc, Library Annual		
Fee	.....	1,000.00
Pawnee Republican, Classified		
Ad	.....	209.88
Quill, Dg Esucc Order - Supplies,		
Sixpence	.....	141.24
Really Good Stuff, Llc, Ce		
Supplies	.....	77.59
Schmitt Music, Music Dept	..	17.75
School Specialty Llc, School/		
Student Supplies	.....	118.91
Staples, Classroom Supplies+		
Sixpence	.....	728.23
Sumali, Llc, Ee Drug		
Testing	.....	157.00
T-Mobile Usa IncGeo Tab Monthly		
Charges	.....	289.10
Tk Elevator Corporation, Elevator		
Maintenance	.....	562.00
Truck Center Companies, Vehicle		
Supplies	.....	190.80
Verizon Business, Long Distance	..	
	.....	91.65
Vivacity Tech Pbc Po 8372 Laptop		
Bags	490.00
Youscience, Aptitude & Career		
Discovery	1,200.00
	674,573.86
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ESU #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Carson Board Room of Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of June:

General Fund -- \$89,607.6

VILLAGE OF VERDON

VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – June 4, 2025 – 7:00 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Denise Koso.

She called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Kerry Fritz, Denise Koso, and Lois Miller. Absent: Herman McAdams. Clerk Dawn Bennett was also present.

GUESTS: Verna Shelton, Norma Muse, Adam Bek

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Fritz to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Fritz, second by Bahr to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Bahr, second by Koso to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

JUNE 2025 CLAIMS: Motion by Bahr, second by Fritz to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA. All claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. June 2025 Shut off notices were reviewed. All have been paid
2. A thank you note was received and read from a resident thanking the Village for supplying a dumpster for the clean-up day.
3. The May Minutes from the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank were available for review.
4. A letter of resignation from Herman McAdams, a Trustee on the Village Board, was received and accepted. He will be moving to a different town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: General: A discussion was held on Christmas decorations for the Mini-Park tree and possibly not decorating it in the future. A “community decoration” at the School Park was considered instead. Streets: Armor coating should be done in late July or early August by Hein Construction. Water: The water tower renovation project will start after the crew from Viking is finished on another project in Arkansas. Sewer: It was reported that the Village has been approved for the SEARCH grant for the engineering evaluation of the wastewater treatment system. Cemetery: Bahr reported that the new entrance sign is ready to be put up and is waiting on a crane to help with the installation. Parks: It was reported that the mud kitchens are at the School Park.

2. WATER HOOK UP AT CO-CHRAN PROPERTY: Still waiting on the contractor.

3. NUISANCE/UNSAFE PROPERTIES & WEED NOTICES: 1) Steps will be taken to make the resident finish with the notice given. 2) A list concerning weed notices for five properties was presented to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BUILDING PERMIT: A motion was made by Bahr and seconded by Koso to approve a building permit for Howard and Kim Griffiths. All Trustees present voting YEA.

2. ADAM BEK – RICHARDSON COUNTY EXTRICATION TASK FORCE: Adam Bek was present and discussed the possibility of a Richardson County Extrication Task Force and the need for the storage of an emergency response vehicle in Verdon since Verdon is a central location for the county.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REPLACEMENT: Due to the resignation of Trustee Herman McAdams, a discussion was held on possible replacements for him.

Motion by Bahr and second by Fritz to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. and all Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned.
Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Verdon Board of Trustees will be held on July 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF VERDON MAY 2025 CLAIMS PAID

EFTPS EX	\$292.08
People Service SE	\$1,661.40
Verdon Library EX	\$25.00
R.C.R.W.D. # 2 SU	\$1,569.20
Seneca Sanitation Service, Inc. SE	\$1,474.00
SNC SE	\$92.46
Nebraska Public Health SE ..	\$15.00
Farm & City Supply SU...	\$330.00
Falls City Journal EX	\$177.43
Midwest Laboratories SE...	\$457.29
Tom Borrego SE	\$550.00
Miller-Monroe Co. EX ..	\$12,693.00
Gerdes Lawn Care SE	\$475.00
Home Lumber Co. SU	\$282.68
Chuck Bennett SE	\$644.50
Dawn Bennett RE	\$300.00
3J Pest Control SE	\$1,382.40
NPPD EX	\$923.75
Lukas Fritz RE	\$588.97
OPPD EX	\$103.75
Brian Chavez SE	\$172.13
Dawn Bennett SA	\$1,139.28
EX=EXPENSE, FE=FEE, MI=MILEAGE, RE=REIMBURSEMENT, SE=SALARY, SE=SERVICE, SU=SUPPLIES	
Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk	ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

Village of Shubert
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 2, 2025
Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on June 2, 2025 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No Visitors. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Hays/Patchen) to approve the May 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all “Aye.” Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Hays) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims, with the addition of two claims for stamps and rock. Roll call vote was all “Aye.” Motion carried. General: Hays gave updates on the utility grant review process. Applications have been completed and emailed. Computer- The village computer is performing poorly and is getting outdated. Motion and Second (Hays/Lockard) to purchase new one. Roll call vote was all “Aye.” Motion carried. Town wide yard sales will be Friday and Saturday, August 1-2, 2025. If anyone would like to participate, contact Donna Lockard. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy’s report. Utility Rates- Motion and Second (Hays/Ramer) to increase sewer rates by \$7.00 for a flat rate of \$22.00 per household. Roll call vote was all “Aye.” Motion carried. Motion and Second (Patchen/Lockard) to increase the cost of water usage (per 1000 gallons) by \$2.50 for a new fee of \$6.00 per 1000 gallons. Roll call vote was all “Aye.” Motion carried. Wood & Brush pile: Ramer will pile up and mow. Fire department will burn. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Park: None. Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours. Streets: Potholes and street repairs were discussed. Concrete patch at Elm & Highway has been completed. Fire: None.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Roll call vote was all “Aye.” Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk

Name Memo Amount

Dearborne Group, Firemans Insurance	-68.80
Berwick Co-Op Oil Company Fire Truck Fuel	-89.00
NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn ..	-32.63
Jennifer Buchner, Payroll...	-676.01
Aue & Company, Monthly Fee	-225.00
Borrego, Tom, Mowing.....	-750.00
Kawres Super Store, Computer Support	-20.00
Schendel Pest Control, Bug Control	-80.00
United States Treasury, Tax Deposit	-238.22
Buchner, Jennifer S, Reimb for toner	-53.91
USPS Office, 100 1st class stamps	-73.00
NPPD - Community Building, Community Building	-32.63
NPPD - Library, Library	-32.63
Buchner, Jennifer S, Reimb for stamps	-9.52
NPPD - 8th & Elm, 8TH & ELM ..	-13.72
NPPD -Streets, Streetlights-310.51	
Neville Steer and Shear, LLC, Elm& Hiway Concrete ..	-7,840.00
Neville Steer and Shear, LLC>Main & 6th cleanup	-300.00
Cody Meyerkorth, Rock.....	-702.68
Aaron Davis, Payroll.....	-253.96
Tracy Milke, Payroll	-507.92
Tracy Milke, Expenses May 2025.....	-160.81
Aaron Davis, Mileage May ..	-50.00
State of Nebraska PHEL, Water Testing	-293.00
Village of Stella, Sludge + Sampler	-225.00
Paul Platter, Sludge Haul ..	-200.00
Midwest Labs, Testing	-219.07
USPS Office, 100 Postcard stamps	-56.00
Village of Shubert - USDA Account, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account.....	-906.00
Village of Shubert - Water Tower, Transfer to Water Tower acct.	-1,000.00
NPPD - Sewer, Sewer	-259.68
NPPD - Wells, Wells	-218.98
Southeast Telephone Company, Well Phone	-107.48
Falls City Sanitation Service.Trash Service.....	-1,112.00
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CDL with Nebraska school bus driver endorsement required.

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Day Care/Early Learning
Center Architect Services
Wanted – Reserve, KS

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska is requesting Proposals/ Statements of Qualification for a qualified party to provide Architect/Engineering services. To request the RFP packet, or to submit questions in writing, email Kevin Burnison, Executive Director, kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com. The RFP can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office,

305 N. Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500. Responses can be either hand delivered, emailed, sent via UPS/ FedEx, or US mailed, received at the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, 305 North Main Reserve, KS 66434 no later than 2 PM Thursday, July 10, 2025. Emailed submittals will be accepted at: kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com Native American preference is given.

NDOT reminds travelers of
construction projects ahead of
Men’s College World Series

As baseball fans prepare to head to Omaha, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) reminds drivers to be ready for heavier-than-normal traffic, especially along Interstate 80 (I-80).

If you’re headed to Omaha for the 2025 Men’s College World Series at Charles Schwab Field, expect delays and slow traffic in construction zones, especially near downtown Omaha and west Omaha.

NDOT reminds travelers to slow down and pay attention in construction zones. Construction is active in the following areas:

On the way to Omaha:
• I-80 from Hwy 50 (MM 440) to Q Street (MM 444). Traffic can be backed up in this area. Plan for delays and prepare to zipper merge when necessary. This speed limit is 55 miles per hour in this construction zone.

• I-80 from the Pleasant Dale interchange (MM 388) to NW 48th Street interchange (MM 395) in Lincoln. The speed limit is 65 miles per hour in this construction zone.

Before hitting the road, set your favorite navigation app with your destination. This is a valuable resource for traffic updates along your route. Just as importantly, remember to put the phone down, buckle up before you leave and drive the posted speed limit.

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That evening, pilots held a static glow with 10 balloons on the field. For more than 30 minutes, burners flickered in unison, drawing families close. Parents knelt with children, all

The balloons didn't fly both nights. But the heart of Falls City did and it soared.

