

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Advertised in this weeks paper

Mon., July 7

During Banking Hours: Frontier Bank Open House Celebrating Bill Niedfeldt's retirement.

Fri., July 11 - Sun., July 13

Brownville Concert Series presents Darius de Haas.

Sat., July 12

10:00AM: Public Auction at Fairview, KS Community Center

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- HTRS Public Schools
- Magnolia Metal Corp.
- Nemaha County Hospital
- Southeast District Heath Department
- Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska

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Chris, Sherri and Aaron Phillips, Amber Holle and supportive friends and community members.

FC Chamber & Main Street celebrates grand opening of Tops, Tiles and More

The Falls City Chamber & Main Street hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, to welcome Tops, Tiles and More to the downtown district. Located at 1604 Stone Street, the newly expanded store brings quality counter top, tile, and kitchen and bath design solutions to the Falls City area.

Owners Chris and Sherri Phillips were joined by Chamber staff, community members, and their son Aaron Phillips, who manages the new location. The Phillips family, long-time residents of Big Lake, Missouri, have strong ties to the Falls City area and have envisioned a business expansion here for years.

"We were inspired to expand into Falls City a long time ago, actually," said Sherri Phillips. "We've always loved the feel of this small town, and we often walk Main Street when we visit. Everyone we've met has been so friendly, and over the years, several of our customers from the area mentioned how much

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Council approves wastewater pump replacement at lift station

The City Council convened for a special meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025, at City Hall. All Council members answered the roll call.

City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum stated that the City had issued social media posts regarding fireworks, providing dates and times that are allowable within the City limits. He also advised the Board that the City had received the Grid Resiliency Grant from NDEE (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy).

"We had that one budgeted this year," said Nussbaum. "But it

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The Haws' (above) and Fell's (right).

Peru State celebrates Haws' and Fell's

A pair of couples were recently honored at the 2025 Peru State College Commencement exercises on May 10, 2025, at the Al Wheeler Activity Center. Butch and Dobey Haws, along with Paul and Arlene Fell, were named the 2025 Distinguished Service Award Recipients.

Butch and Dobey both grew up in Falls City, graduating from Falls City High School. Butch attended college at Peru State, receiving his diploma in 1969. Meanwhile, Dobey graduated from the University of Nebraska but took summer courses in Peru. Although the pair have called Lincoln home for over 50 years, Falls City and Peru St. College are both dear to their hearts. The two played a significant role in beginning the John Philip Falter Museum and have lent their support to Peru St. in many areas. Butch and Dobey support the Peru State College Foundation, the performing arts center, Project ROAR, and many other initiatives. The

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Journal July 4th deadline

The Falls City Journal will have a change to its deadline schedule for the July 9, 2025, issue. There will be an early deadline for all advertising, legal, news and obituary submissions

of Thursday, July 3, 2025, by noon.

The office of the Falls City Journal will be closed for Independence Day on Friday, July 4. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Commissioners approved purchase of two new patrol vehicles

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners convened on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at the Richardson County Courthouse for its weekly meeting. Commissioners Caverzagie, Campbell and Karas answered the roll call.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. updating the Board on

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The American Legion Club Post 102, at 721 Harlan St., boasts new mural

Falls City High School art teacher Chris Bennett led the effort by painting the American Flag in all its glory. The idea arose when several people at the Club had seen flags painted on barns and thought it would be a good idea to spruce up the building with a similar painting.

"We needed to do something, just to change it and make it look nicer," said American Legion Post Commander Steve O'Grady.

The project began last fall, but due to the weather, it had to be finished in the spring.

O'Grady stated that the Club is continually upgrading, and this is one of many ideas that are on the horizon.

"Chris did a really good job on it," said O'Grady. "She just finished up last weekend."

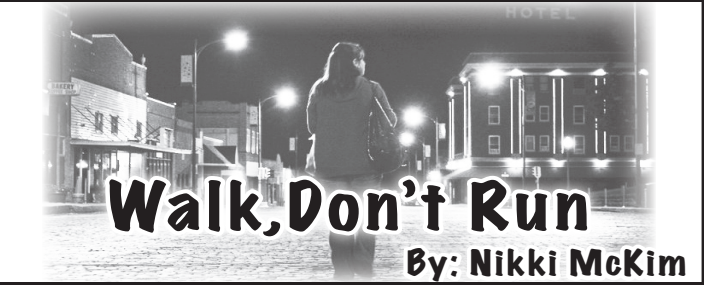
The American Legion is an organization founded in 1919 for veterans. The primary functions of the Club are to focus on serving veterans, service members and communities through different programs and advocacy. The American Legion also assists veterans and their families, including helping with claims and benefits.



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This year’s Turner Classic Movies Film Festival marked my eighth time attending. I was hesitant to attend with the price of everything getting a little wild, but last minute I received a press pass and reluctantly agreed.

As soon as I landed I unloaded my luggage and met up with my friends Emily, Susan and Angela, and headed to the Academy Museum.

Inside, I saw original storyboards from Hitchcock’s Rebecca and The Birds, a menu from the first Academy Awards banquet held at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel which featured half broiled chicken on toast, string beans, celery, olives and nuts and a collection of historic Oscars.

Also on display was the piano from Casablanca, the Ruby Slippers from The Wizard of Oz, Technicolor cameras and more artifacts from early and modern film history.

That night, we had dinner at Musso and Frank Grill, Hollywood’s oldest restaurant, established in 1919. The fettuccine Alfredo served there is not an original house recipe. It was introduced to Hollywood by actors Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks after their 1927 honeymoon in Rome. They brought the recipe back from Alfredo di Lelio’s restaurant and asked that it be prepared at Musso and Frank.

Each time I had dined there before I ordered a steak and regretted it. Hollywood’s best steak is always Nebraska’s worst. I finally learned my lesson and decided to leave to steak to those who know how to prepare it best at home and go for the alfredo. It was simple and traditional, made with butter and Parmesan cheese and it was incredible.

The opening night of the festival was fairly uneventful. I spent much of the day working and ended up skipping that nights films to finish *Journal* work back in the room.

On Friday, I was up early for one of my favorite films, The Divorcee (1930), shown at the newly restored Egyptian Theatre. The film stars Norma Shearer as a woman who leaves her husband after he cheats and expects her to forgive him, though he refuses to forgive her for doing the same. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard, the film explores early conversations about double standards in marriage. Shearer won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance. Chester Morris co-stars as the husband, and his performance earned him an Academy Award nomination for Best Actor and the honor of my dog being named after him.

We stayed at the Egyptian for a second film, Servants’ Entrance (1934), a lesser-known title directed by Frank Lloyd and starring Janet Gaynor. The film follows a young woman who loses her wealth and takes a job as a maid, where she becomes entangled in the lives of her employers. The film is notable for an early animation sequence created by Walt Disney, which features Gaynor interacting with singing silverware. It was one of the earliest uses of live-action and animation together in a major motion picture. A little odd to the story, but I still really enjoyed the film.

Next, we headed to the TCL Chinese Theatre, where Michelle Pfeiffer introduced The Fabulous Baker Boys (1989). *To be continued.*

All things Nebraska
Immigration raids sweep up people who just want to work

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

These days, besides seeing American bombers attacking Iran, we’re confronted with almost daily news about immigration raids and with court rulings about what ICE can, and cannot, do.

We’ve been treated to the arrest of man whose three sons are U.S. Marines, and of sobbing mothers, wondering who will take care of their kids.

One recent ruling allowed the U.S. to deport undocumented people to “third countries,” meaning that someone who came from Guatemala might be deported to South Sudan, a continent away from their home of origin.

Many people will disagree with me, but my opinion is this – the vast, vast majority of immigrants coming to our country just want to work and want to escape poverty, violence and gangs in their former homes.

We have plenty of jobs available here – the kind of hard jobs that not everyone wants to do, such as meatpacking, construction and roofing – so it just makes common sense to come up with a way to let these people work.

But in our sharply divided country, we haven’t been able to do that. So what happens? These newcomers obtain a false ID so they can go to work, feed their families and pay the rent.

Are these people criminals? You could make that argument since many entered the country without authorization, but that is a civil violation, punishable by a fine or deportation, not technically a crime.

The recent raid on an Omaha meatpacking operation, Glenn Valley Foods, got a lot of attention (a national news crew was embedded with ICE agents to make sure) and spread fear of more raids among immigrant communities across the state.

But when the *Omaha World-Herald* looked into the criminal backgrounds of 76 people arrested in Omaha, there wasn’t much to report.

Of that group, fewer than 20 had been charged with any crime in Nebraska, the paper reported. And those who had been charged faced minor crimes, like failure to provide proof of car insurance or not wearing a motorcycle helmet (a requirement since revoked in the state).

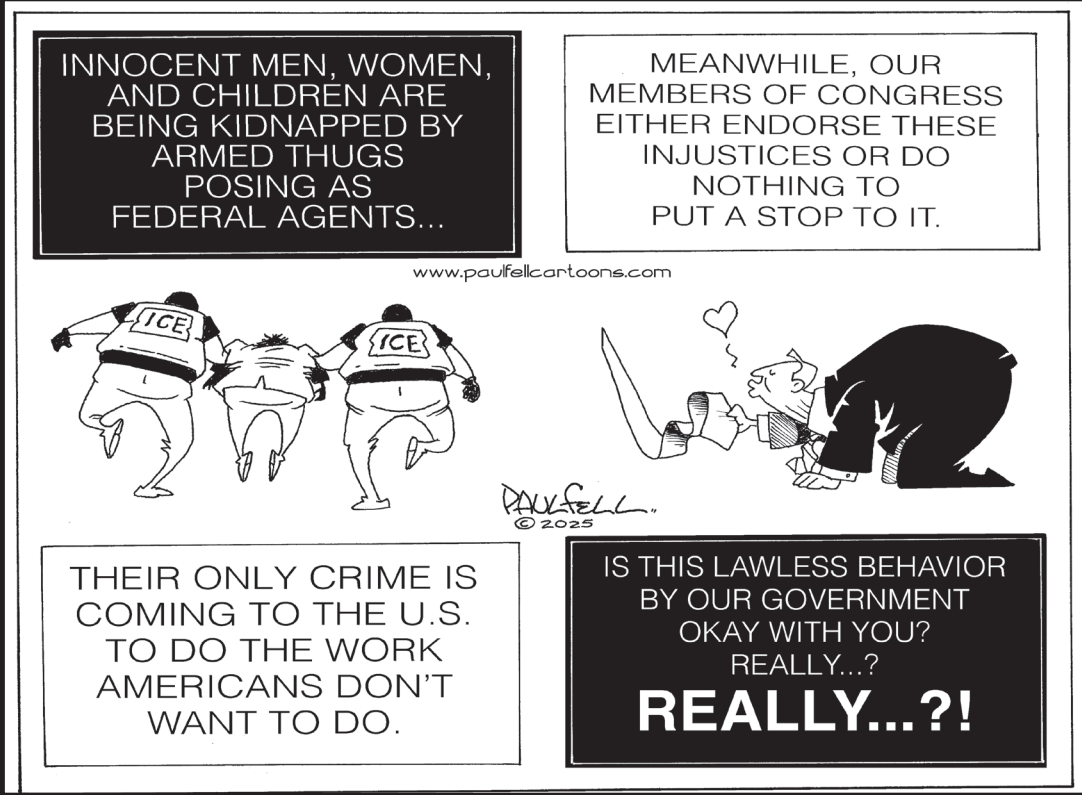
This isn’t exactly getting rid of the “worst of the worst,” a phrase used by President Trump often to describe the top goal of his promised wave of ICE raids.

A member of the Douglas County Board, Roger Garcia, said that his wife’s aunt was among those detained in the Omaha raid. She had lived in the community for years, raised a family and paid her taxes, he said.

People, Garcia said, often say that such immigrants ought to “get in line” and apply for citizenship. But his response to Nebraska Public Media was “there often is no line.”

It makes you wonder, is slapping handcuffs on granny and hauling her off to jail making our country safer? Give me a break.

Right now, ICE is trying to meet a presidentially imposed quota of making 3,000 immigration-related arrests



a day. The quota has led to criticism that many people who aren’t the “worst of the worst” are being detained to meet the 3,000 figure.

(I don’t know about you, but when I get pulled over by a cop for speeding, I want to be treated fairly – if I deserve a ticket, so be it, but I don’t want to be cited just because there might be some “quota” for an officer to meet.)

I’m with most people in saying that if you’re a murderer, a gang member or a violent offender – the actual “worst of the worst” – you should be held accountable and should be deported, if a court determines that is appropriate.

But if you only want to work, live in a safe country and are a law-abiding citizen, we should find a way to allow that.

Most of our immigration laws date back 40 years, but Congress has been unable to update them. Now would be a good time to finally do that.

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: ON FOURTH OF JULY

- ACROSS**
- 1. Croat, e.g.
 - 5. Reverential respect mixed with wonder
 - 8. Island near Java
 - 12. From where to eternity?
 - 13. *”Land of the ____”
 - 14. Rowed
 - 15. Diabolical
 - 16. Mideast bigwig
 - 17. Unleashes
 - 18. *Star-spangled banner (2 words)
 - 20. Type of ski lift
 - 21. *Day before Independence Day
 - 22. Quilting party
 - 23. Sherlock Holmes’ confidant
 - 26. Formal dinner
 - 30. U.N. working-conditions agency
 - 31. Sextet plus one
 - 34. Cancel
 - 35. Holey confection
 - 37. Electric swimmer
 - 38. Frame job
 - 39. Comparison word
 - 40. Type of deodorant
 - 42. Skater’s field
 - 43. *Like “America the Beautiful” skies
 - 45. Covered with a ceiling
 - 47. Tennis do-over
 - 48. Surfer’s stops
 - 50. Not guilty, e.g.
 - 52. *Yankee Doodle’s feather
 - 55. *”To Freedom!”, e.g.
 - 56. Tel ____, Israel
 - 57. BÉBÉ’s mother
 - 59. Pseudonym
 - 60. *Cup at a picnic
 - 61. Do like exhaust pipe
 - 62. Late George Wendt on “Cheers”
 - 63. Give it a go
 - 64. *Betsy of #18 Across-related-fame
- DOWN**
- 1. “He said, ____ said”
 - 2. Russian left
 - 3. Pomegranate seed
 - 4. South African grasslands
 - 5. Knight’s protection
 - 6. Odd and unusual
 - 7. Like ghostly howls
 - 8. *July 4th culinary tradition
 - 9. ____ 51 in Nevada
 - 10. Lecherous look
 - 11. Dog tags
 - 13. Felidae family member
 - 14. As a rule
 - 19. Casper, e.g.
 - 22. Cricket club
 - 23. Measurement
 - 24. Hello, to Mr. Hand
 - 25. Opposite of atonal
 - 26. *Philadelphia’s Liberty ____
 - 27. “____ death do us part”
 - 28. Draw out a conclusion
 - 29. Drank too much
 - 32. Lowly laborer
 - 33. What lintel and mantel have in common
 - 36. *Personification of the U.S. (2 words)
 - 38. Show contempt
 - 40. Decompose
 - 41. In eighth, book format
 - 44. “The Second Coming” poet
 - 46. Chemical cousin
 - 48. Relish
 - 49. In an unfriendly manner
 - 50. Horseback sport
 - 51. Bear’s hang-out
 - 52. Sail holder
 - 53. “20,000 Leagues Under the Sea” captain
 - 54. Part of an eye
 - 55. Sun kiss
 - 58. “The Extra-Terrestrial”-inspired toys

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SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234
Order of the
Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette,
Secretary

Nine members of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star met for a stated meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at the Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. Worthy Matron Phyllis Kreutzer presided in The East as the chapter met in long form. Chaplain Joan Wheeler gave the opening prayer which followed with the singing of the Opening Ode, “Into My Heart.” All pledged allegiance to the flag.

The regular order of business followed with the reading of the minutes of the May meeting which were approved. The treasurer reported on the balance in the general fund.

Correspondence was read by the Secretary. Kaitlyn Kirkendall thanked the chapter for the \$600 scholarship which she received from them. The Nebraska OES News had descriptions of the newly installed Worthy Grand Matron Gloria Guern and Worthy Grand Patron Dennis Rix. Steven Barchus Foundation Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home of Plattsmouth sent a thank you letter for the memorial gift given in memory of Ann Berggren. Bills were presented for hall rent and memorial gift for Sarah Nims to the Fremont Masonic Eastern Star Childrens’ Home.

Jennifer True volunteered to send cards to chapter members since Sarah Nims had that responsibility before her death.

Worthy Matron Kreutzer thanked the members for their participation in the OES funeral ceremony for Sarah Nims on June 2 at the Methodist Church in Humboldt. Members also donated food for the lunch afterwards.

Sickiness reports: Mary Behrends is recuperating from her recent surgery at the Good Samaritan Home in Auburn and Mrs. Kreutzer had a stint installed and doing well.

A memorial service was given for past member Sarah Nims and the charter was draped in her memory. There being no further business the Closing Ceremony was held with prayer and singing of the Closing Ode. The next stated meeting is July 3, 2025.

BUILDING
PERMITS

Laritta West, 515 E. 23rd St., Install generator; \$10,000.00.

Nathan and Jenny Strecker, 720 E. 12th St., Install Furnace and A/C; \$8,500.00.

Michelle Navarrette, 2212 Crook St., Replace Roof; \$12,832.00.

Consolidated Grain and Barge, 303 Hwy 73, New Road; \$50,000.00.

Steven and Mary Darveau, 2524 Towle St., Replace Roof; \$15,000.00.

Jarod Fiegenger, 2715 Barada St., New Fence; \$5,100.00.

Korey and Alysia Schawang, 2410 Harlan St., Replace Roof; \$11,500.00.



SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY 4TH WEEKEND CELEBRATION!

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

“STARS, STRIPES AND JACKPOTS- CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN STYLE!” HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm, plus an extra entry into the CASH drawings starting at 10pm.Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-9:30pm, plus an extra entry into the CASH drawings starting at 10pm.Registration CASH Drawings to win up to \$500 in CASH every ½ hour from 10pm to 1am. Registration begins at 8:00pm. (One entry per person and you must be present on the casino floor to qualify) Hot Seat winners will also get an extra entry into the Big Barrel for the VEHICLE QUALIFYING DRAWINGS on Saturday nights.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 5TH & 6TH

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm, plus get an extra entry into the CASH drawings starting at 8pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-12:30am, plus get an extra entry into the CASH drawings starting at 8pm. (Excludes drawings every hour 8pm-1am) Registration CASH drawings to win \$500 every hour 8pm-1am. Registration begins at 6pm. (One entry per person and you must be present on the casino floor to qualify) Saturday July 5th we will draw 5 qualifying winners out of the Big Barrel, one every ½ hour from 8:00pm-10:00pm plus get \$100 in free play. These qualifying winners will need to be present on July 26th at 10:00pm at the Players Club. See Saturday, July 26th Rules for more details. Hot Seat winners on Sunday July 6th will get an extra entry into the Big Barrel for the VEHICLE QUALIFYING DRAWINGS. (See rules for all the details on TRIPLE RECREATIONAL Vehicle Giveaway Drawings)

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH

“ADVENTURE AWAITS! FREEDOM, FUN, AND FRESH AIR—ONE OF THESE THREE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES COULD BE YOURS: A 2025 SUNTRACKER PONTON, 2025 MALLARD TRAVEL TRAILER, OR A 2025 TRACKER CLASSIC BASS BOAT, COULD BE YOURS!”

“PACK YOUR BAGS, GRAB YOUR GEAR, AND GET READY TO ROLL—THIS RECREATIONAL GIVEAWAY IS YOUR TICKET TO AN ADVENTURE



Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$400 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm, plus an extra entry into the Big Barrel for the VEHICLE QUALIFYING DRAWINGS. Hot Seat Drawing to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-12:30am, plus an extra entry into the big barrel for the VEHICLE QUALIFYING DRAWINGS. The Qualifying Registration drawing to win one of the three Recreational Vehicles will be at 1am. Who will be the lucky winner and what Recreational Vehicle will they win? At 1am, one of the qualifiers will be going home with one of the 3 Awesome Recreational Vehicles! Consolation prizes will be given out to the remaining qualifiers. See all the rules on TRIPLE RECREATIONAL Vehicle rules for details.

QUALIFYING RULES AND DETAILS FOR THE TRIPLE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE GIVEAWAY DRAWINGS ON JULY 26TH, AUGUST 30TH, & SEPT 27TH:

Registration begins July 1st; you may enter once per day and one registration per person. Registering more than once a day is a violation of the rules and could result in being disqualified from the drawings. Entries will stay in the big barrel until the last prize is won on September 27th. You must be present in the Casino to win the night of the drawings. Limit one prize per person and you can only qualify once in the final rounds.

Starting July 5th, each Saturday we will draw 5 qualifying winners out of the Big Barrel. Qualifying drawings will be Saturday nights, one every ½ hour from 8:00pm-10:00pm. The qualifying winners will need to be present on July 26th and check in at the Player's Club desk.

On July 26th, the qualifiers from the previous Saturdays will need to be here by 10pm with their qualifying certificate that was previously given to them. Without this slip, you cannot get registered for the 1am Vehicle drawing.

- At 10:00pm we will call all the qualifiers from Saturday nights in the month of July to the Players Club desk to check in.
- At 10:30pm the hotseat winner's name will go into the qualifier barrel. We will then draw a name from the big barrel who will be added to the qualifier barrel. If that person is present, their name will also go into the qualifying barrel for the next round.
- At 11:00pm we will draw 10 tickets out of the qualifier barrel. These 10 qualifiers will move on to the next round. The remaining qualifiers will get a consolation prize of \$150 in free play.
- At 11:30pm the hotseat winner's name will go into the qualifier barrel. We will then draw a name from the big barrel who will be added to the qualifier barrel. If that person is present, their name will also go into the qualifying barrel for the next round.
- At 12:00am we will draw 5 tickets out of the qualifier barrel. These 5 qualifiers will move onto the next round. The remaining qualifiers will get a consolation prize of \$250 in free play.
- At 12:30am the hotseat winner's name will go into the qualifier barrel. We will then draw a name from the big barrel who will be added to the qualifier barrel. If that person is present, their name will also go into the qualifying barrel for the next round.
- At 1:00am we will call the 7 qualifiers up at the Player's Club desk. The 7 qualifiers will each choose a tackle box in the order they qualified. Each tackle box contains a prize, either a consolation prize of free play or the Big Prize Winner. After all the tackle boxes are chosen, the qualifiers will wait until they are advised to open them at one time. One qualifier will be the winner of one of the big prizes (the winner will not know which one they have won yet), and the other qualifiers will get a consolation prize. The 6 qualifiers who won the consolation prize will get their free play added to their accounts. The Big Prize Winner will then pick from three briefcases which vehicle they will win. (A 2025 TRACKER CLASSIC XL BASS BOAT, A 2025 SUNTRACKER PONTON or a 2025 HARTLAND MALLARD 17BHIA CAMPER).
- The 6 consolation winners will automatically be put into the small barrel for the first round of the August vehicle giveaway.

Specific Rules: Qualifying Certificates are non-transferable. Qualifiers from the previous Saturday nights must show up by 10pm on July 26th or they will be disqualified from this giveaway. Daily registrations will be from 9am-12am every day. No registrations can be submitted between 12am-3am. If you have registered more than once a day, you will be disqualified from this giveaway. You will only be allowed to win and qualify for one of the Recreational Vehicles. If we call a name and that person is not present, we will continue to draw a name until we have someone who is present in the casino. All registration drawing winners will have 1 minute to report to the Player's Club desk to claim their prize or qualify for this specific giveaway.

All daily registration names will remain in the Big Barrel until September 27th's drawing for the last Vehicle Giveaway. One of the two remaining Vehicles will be given away on August 30th, and the remaining Vehicle will be given away September 27th.

BINGO PROMOTIONS

DAILY DRAWINGS

Initial buy in drawings daily!!

SENIOR SUNDAY

All Seniors (55 and over) get \$10 off their bingo buy-in!! (Must have valid ID)

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!! JULY 4TH

Drawings to win a bingo packet or free play!

BIRTHDAY BINGO

Bingo in your birthday month you get \$20 in free play. Bingo on your birthday and get \$200 in free play! (Must have valid ID with birth date



WEEKLY SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAYS

Come in between 10am - 10pm, and if you earn 20 points, you will get \$20 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person. (excludes July 6th)

MONDAYS

Come in between 10am - 10pm, and if you earn 30 points, you will get \$30 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person.

TUESDAYS - SENIOR DAY

Everyone 55 years plus will get \$20 in free play for all day! If your free play is not on your card, stop by the Player's Club Desk and they can assist you. Senior Day Discount (55+) in Restaurant for 10% off are on Tuesdays only.

WEDNESDAYS

Come in between 10am - 10pm, and if you earn 40 points, you will get \$40 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person.

THURSDAYS

Come in between 10am - 10pm, and if you earn 50 points, you will get \$50 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person.

SATURDAYS

FREE PLAY FOR IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA TRIBAL MEMBERS

If you are an Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Member, show us your tribal card between 10am-10pm at the Player's Club desk and get \$20 in free play for coming to support your tribal Casino.

NEW MEMBERS

Get to Spin the Wheel to win up to \$50 in free play for signing up in the current month! If you're a member of the Player's Club and bring in a new member, you will receive the same amount of free play!! (One new member a day)

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DAILY SPECIALS

SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

(EXCLUDES SUNDAY, JULY 6TH)

Hot Seat Drawings to win \$50 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win \$75 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-12am. Hot seat winners will get an extra entry into the Vehicle Qualifying drawings for July 26th.

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Hot Seat Drawings to win \$75 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm and 6pm-12am. Hot seat winners will get an extra entry into the Vehicle Qualifying drawings for July 26th.

THURSDAYS

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm.Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$150 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-12am. Hot seat winners will get an extra entry into the Vehicle Qualifying drawings for July 26th.

FRIDAYS

(EXCLUDES JULY 4TH)

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-1am. Hot seat winners will get an extra entry into the Vehicle Qualifying drawings for July 26th.

SATURDAYS

(EXCLUDES JULY 5TH & 26TH)

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$400 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-1am. (excludes drawings 8pm-10pm) Qualifier drawings for the Triple Vehicle Giveaways will be every ½ hour from 8:00pm-10:00pm plus get \$100 in free play. We will draw a name from the Big Barrel to determine who the qualifiers will be to win one of the TRIPLE RECREATIONAL Vehicles on Saturday, July 26th. The qualifying winners will need to be present and have their qualifying certificates to check in at the Players Club Desk by 10pm on July 26th. (See Rules on the TRIPLE RECREATIONAL Vehicle Giveaway Drawings for July 26th, August 30th, & Sept 27th for all the details)

JULY BINGO CASH GIVEAWAY

On each day you buy in for bingo in the month of July, you will get an entry into CASH drawings on Saturdays, July 12th & 26th. One winner will be drawn to win \$500 in CASH on both nights.

Rules: Buy bingo papers daily in the month of July and you will qualify. You will be given a registration ticket at the window, and it will be your responsibility to fill out the registration ticket and place it in the barrel. The drawings will happen as soon as the bingo session is completed on Saturdays, July 12 & 26. Two winners will win \$500 in CASH in the month of July. Registration tickets will remain in barrel until the last cash drawing on July 26th

We will be serving Prime Rib on the second and forth Friday of each month between the hours of 5pm-9pm for \$25 while supplies last. Please go to Casino White Cloud Facebook page or website for more details.



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Peru State College celebrates graduating class of 2025

On May 10, 2025, Peru State College celebrated commencement for its graduating class of 2025. A large crowd attended the proceedings in the Al Wheeler Activity Center on the College's campus.

The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Wendy Waugh, Interim President of Peru State College, who welcomed graduates, family, friends, and distinguished guests to the event. Musical selections of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Irish Blessing" were performed by the Peru State Combined Choirs under the direction of Dr. Jacob Bartlett. At the conclusion of the musical selections, Dr. Waugh announced four faculty promotions.

The 2025 Peru State College Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Paul and Arlene Fell and Butch and Dobey Haws – all of Lincoln.

Dr. Nathan Netzer was presented with the 2025 Peru State College Teaching Excellence Award.

The 2025 ceremony saw 336 graduates recognized for their academic achievements and dedication to their studies. The College awarded 96 master's degrees and 240 bachelor's degrees to individuals from 24 states and seven countries. After the formal presentation of the graduating class of 2025, Dr. Waugh congratulated all graduates on their success and wished them well as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

After commencement, a large crowd attended a celebration reception on the campus's recently renovated quad.

The following is a listing of the local graduates, both master's and bachelor's. The listing includes a graduate's major and minors and for the undergraduates, the academic honor is included. The honor categories include: Summa Cum Laude 3.90-4.00 GPA; Magna Cum Laude 3.75-3.89 GPA; Cum Laude 3.50-3.74 GPA.

In addition, Honors Program graduates are noted.

Master's Degree – Curriculum and Instruction

Jaxon Balm, Kade Bredemeier and Bethany Keithley of Falls City. Michelle Glathar of Humboldt. Schuyler Kuhlmann, all of Table Rock.

Bachelor of Applied Science

Olivia McAsey, Business Administration – Management and Leadership, Computer Management Information Systems (minor) of Holton.

Ivan Echeverria, Business Administration – Management and Leadership, Human Resources and Risk Management (minor); Alecia Humphrey, Business Administration – Management and Leadership, Criminal Justice (minor); Rachel Wertenberger, Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude, all of Sabetha.

Trey McAfee, Biochemical Science; Wendy Schawang, Falls City, Business Administration – Accounting

Zoe Ebel, Early Childhood Education Inclusive B-3, Cum Laude; Ashlyn Strauss, Early Childhood Education Inclusive B-3, Summa Cum Laude; Danielle Bippes, Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude; Alesia Coetzee, Falls City, Psychology, Sociology (minor); Douglas Popham, Falls City, Social Science Education; Jayden Kreifels, Falls City, Strength and Conditioning, Tactical Strength and Conditioning (minor), all of Falls City.

Shannon Jones, Biochemical Science, Forensic Chemistry (minor), Summa Cum Laude, Honors Program Graduate of Humboldt.

Ethan Nycum, Criminal Justice – Counseling of Rulo.

Alexis Wittwer, Health and Physical Education PK-12, Coaching 7-12 (supplemental education), Summa Cum Laude of Salem.

Peru State College Spring 2025 Dean's List Announced

Peru State College has published the Dean's List for the Spring Term 2025. The list includes students from Nebraska, 21 other states, Puerto Rico, and students from countries including Aruba, France, Iran, Mexico, and Portugal.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 for the semester, complete at least 12 graded credit hours, have no incomplete grades, and be degree-seeking.

Those making the Peru State College Spring 2025 Term Dean's List include: Riley Scott, Hiawatha, KS.

Jonathan Craig, Mackenzie Dougherty, Samuel Dunn, Clayton Hardenberger, Melanie Harris, Sophia Nelson, Jaxyn Strauss and Wyatt Wason, all of Falls City.

Ethan Nycum and Erison Vonderschmidt of Rulo.



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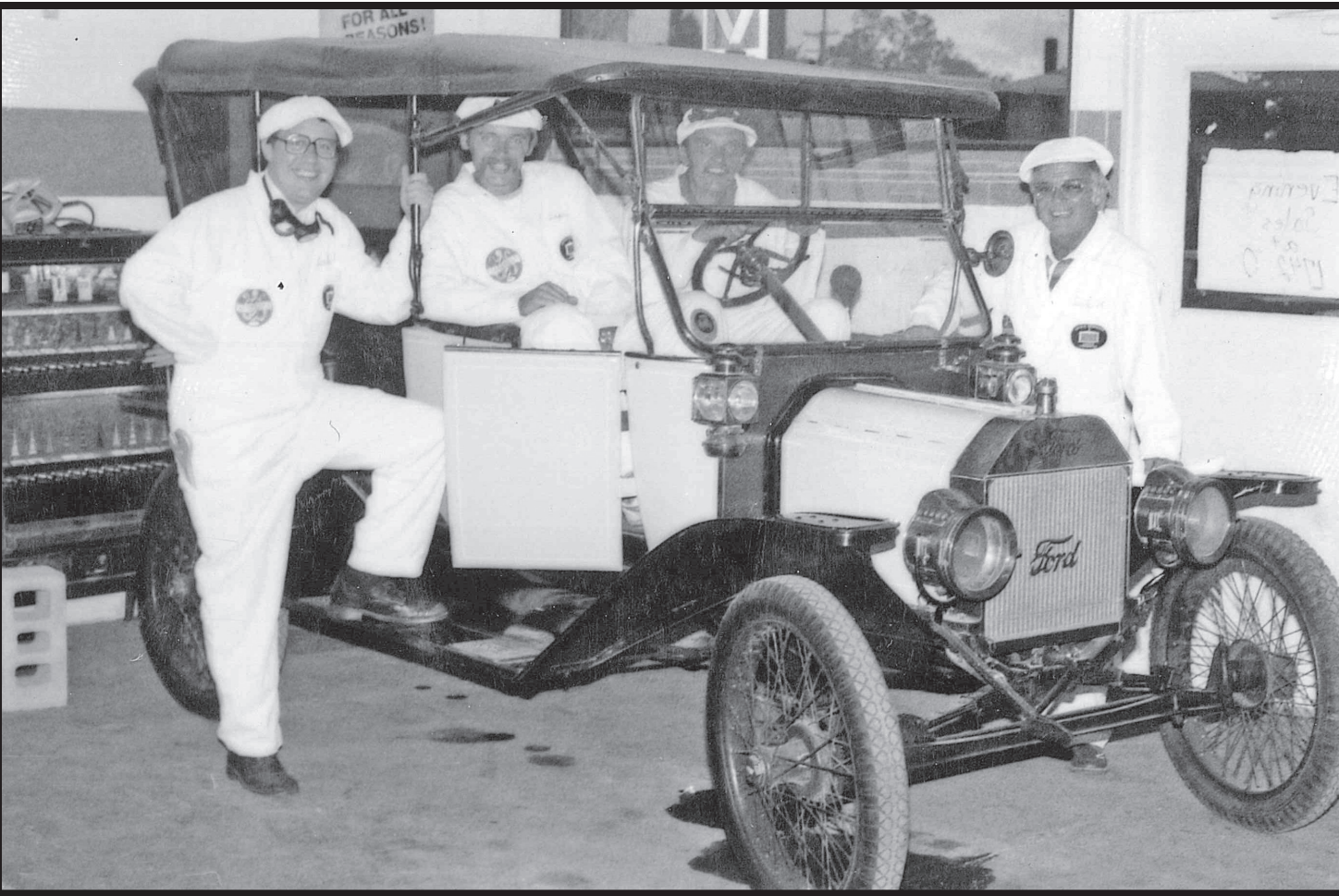


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FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



(Above): Falls City National Junior Honor Society members were recognized with a celebratory supper at the Elks #963, those present included: President Audrey Scrivens, Vice President Martin Irizarry, Secretary Madison Johanson and Treasurer Collin Roberts. Additional eight grade members are Josslyn Bangert, Aaryn Chandler, Jordyn Choate, Leah Goff, Kam Huppert, Keylee Olberding, Kaytlin Rhodd, and Kehliawwna Savago.

Iowa State honors spring graduates

Nearly 4,600 graduates received degrees from Iowa State University this spring. Graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held May 15-17.

Local graduates included: Jade K Hill, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Magna Cum Laude of Falls City.



(Right): Most Valuable Student Scholarship winners were Kaitlyn Kirkendall, Emilou Schulenberg, Hayden Findlay, Destry Groth and Paige Young (not pictured). They were celebrated with dinner at the Falls City Elks #963.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPT. ACCIDENT REPORTS

According to Falls City Police Department accident reports, on June 13, 2025, Sandra Larkey of Guide Rock, NE stated that she misjudged the distance from the building at 1124 Harlan Street.

An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Larkey vehicle.

The Falls City Journal does not receive Richardson County Sheriff's Office accident reports.

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Their children are planning a cake and coffee type reception at Seid's Event Center, 71085 651 Boulevard, on Saturday, July 5 at 1:30-3:00. No gifts



(Above): State winners for the Elks Americanism Essay Contest included: Third place, Layden Huntsman (5th grade) and Asher McCullick (6th grade). Second place, Aubrey Campbell (6th grade) and Stella Waller (8th grade). First place, Madison Johansen (8th grade).

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

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

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

CITATIONS

Victor Diaz of Sioux City, IA, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Novak)

Julian Duron of Nebraska City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Colton Hauptman of Peru, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Stephanie Hartley of Hiawatha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph municipal school, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and court costs. (Ramirez)

Mario Godinez of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Alexis Owens Baker of Auburn, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Keith Mims of Bedford, TX count one, no operator’s license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs; count two, dropped/dismissed. (Novak)

Yaimiry Labrada Gonzalez of Dallas, TX, count one, fail to display proper number of plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator’s license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Humberto Leal of Alamo, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Nilkanth Dave of Frisco, TX, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Aitken)

Josephine Kirkendall of Rulo, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Lynette Surman of Shu-

bert, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Wesley Johnson of Ceresco, NE, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Shiley)

Terrell Wells of Omaha, count one, registration/plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Braydin Warner of Hamlin, TX, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Kyleigh Edie of Nebraska City, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Lisa Larsen of Bennington, NE, count one, speeding 16-20 mph construction zone, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$250 and court costs. (Franks)

Terry Handley of Cardington, Ohio, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Franks)

Rhett Peterson of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs; count three, dropped/dismissed. (Geyer)

Alvino Carretero of Forth Worth, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator’s license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Shiley)

Toby Baxter of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Edwin Alva of Dallas, TX, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Mario Fuentes Fuentes of Fremont, NE, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125; count two, fail to use child passenger restraint, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

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Council approves wastewater pump replacement at lift station

(Continued from Page 1) got pushed back with the DOGE cuts and funding cuts that were happening.”

Nussbaum informed the Council that the award would total nearly \$850,000 and would require a “heavy match” by the City.

“We had budgeted \$380,000 or \$400,000 for this last year,” said Nussbaum. “We won’t get that done this year, this fiscal.”

A public hearing was held for the consideration of a conditional use permit for firearms and ammunition sales at 1801 Stone Street. The hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m. and, after no input from the public, closed at 6:04 p.m. At that time, the Council voted 8-0 in favor of the conditional use permit. The use of the permit will include firearm and ammunition sales, as well as firearm cleaning, restoration, and customization.

In regular business, Public Works Director Trevor Campbell submitted a request totaling \$17,550.00 to replace a pump at the wastewater lift station.

According to the agenda, the Falls City sewer system consists of one lift station that receives sewage from some residential homes in the northern areas of the City. It also processes wastewater from CMC and two nursing homes. During a recent check, it was discovered the pumping equipment showed signs of extensive wear. After a consultation, it was determined a replacement would be a better option than rebuilding the pump.

Chief Wastewater Plant Operator Doug Wheeler received two quotes. The first from Allied Systems, Inc. for a rebuild was \$14,042. The second for the new pump totaled \$17,550.

The pump was just over four years old, according to Nussbaum.

The use of “flushable wipes” appears to have been a significant contributor to the premature wear of the pumping equipment. Planned preventative maintenance will hopefully mitigate any future issues with the pump.

The Council approved the measure 8-0 and the meeting was closed at 6:10 p.m.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

June 13 through June 14, 2025 calls: three accidents, four noise, disturbances, four ambulance calls, one burn permit, one gun permit, four 911 Hang up/misdials, one citation for muffler required/good working order, one citation for excessive window tint, one citation for no operators license, and five 911 calls.

June 14 through June 15, 2025 calls: two information only calls, two miscellaneous calls, two burn permits, one call referred to another agency, one animal call, three ambulance/EMS calls, two 911 hang up/misdials, one citation for speeding, one citation for invalid registration, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and three 911 calls.

June 15 through June 16, 2025 calls: one miscellaneous call, one investigation, one traffic/driving complaint, three ambulance/EMS calls, three 911 hang up/misdials, one citation for disobeying traffic control device, one citation for DUI alcohol (first offense), one warning for muffler required, one warning for careless driving, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and six 911 calls.

June 16 through June 17, 2025 calls: two calls referred to another agency, two nuisance calls, one burn permit, one house watch, one animal calls, two HHS intake/referrals, when miscellaneous call, one theft, one fire call (Stella FD), two ambulance/EMS calls, and three 911 calls.


June 18 through June 19, 2025 calls: Two miscellaneous calls, three 911 hang-ups/misdials, one welfare check, three ambulance/EMS calls, two animal calls, one gun permit, one suspicious person/vehicle, one record check, and one information-only call.

June 19 through June 20, 2025 calls: One record check, one information-only call, one found or lost property call, three ambulance/EMS calls, one animal call, one HHS intake/referral call, three miscellaneous calls, one suspicious person call, one burn permit, and one 911 hang up/misdial.

June 23 through June 24, 2025 calls: Three noise disturbance calls, two informational-only calls, six ambulance/EMS calls, one assault call, one motorist assist, one weather call, one miscellaneous call, two calls referred to another agency, one citation for assault- causing bodily injury, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and six 911 calls.

June 24 through June 25, 2025 calls: Five miscellaneous calls, one animal call, two nuisance calls, one phone/digital mail scam, three ambulance/EMS calls, one suspicious person/vehicle call, one gun permit, one traffic/driving complaint, one disturbance, one call referred to another agency, one 911 hang up/misdial, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and three 911 calls.

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Tar spot detected in eastern Nebraska

By Ritika Lamichhane
Water and Cropping Systems Asst. Extension Educator
Nemaha, Johnson, Richardson & Pawnee counties
University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Tar spot of corn has been confirmed in several eastern Nebraska counties including Nemaha, Johnson, Pawnee, Richardson, Otoe, Cass and Lancaster. If you are wondering whether it's in your area, check out corn ipmPIPE tool at corn.ipmpipe.org/tar-spot/. This tool helps track the appearance of tar spot. On the map, gray-colored counties indicate where tar spot was found in previous years, while yellow highlights counties where at least one field has tested positive so far this year.

Tar spots produce small, raised black circular spots that look like tar. These spots cannot be scraped off the leaf and often have a tan to brown halo around them, giving them a “fisheye” appearance.

Weather conditions this season have been favorable for the disease. Moderate temperatures, along with frequent rainfall in early and mid-season, and at least 7 hours of leaf wetness per day, create ideal conditions for tar spot to develop and spread. With the amount of rain we have seen lately, extra caution is warranted. Because tar spot is residue-borne, the fungus survives in crop debris and tends to reappear in the same areas year after year. Once established, it can remain dormant until conditions turn favorable again, allowing it to reproduce and infect corn plants. Fields with a history of tar spot should be monitored closely throughout the season. If you have a center pivot, inner spans may be more conducive for disease than the outer irrigation span and that is where you will need to scout first.

It is important to note that finding tar spot in your field does not automatically mean a fungicide application is necessary. Research from Dr. Darcy Telenko's lab at Purdue University showed that applications made at the V6 – V7 stage were not effective in suppressing disease and were not economically beneficial. Instead, the most effective and economical window for fungicide applications is from tassel to milk stage. Even when two applications seem to enhance tar spot management, the return on investment is only slightly better than that of one well-timed application.

As you scout, wait until at least 5-7% of the leaf area is affected before considering fungicide application. For help choosing a fungicide, Crop Protection Network provides a regularly updated fungicide efficacy chart. It includes specific product ratings for tar spot and other common corn diseases. You can find it at go.unl.edu/2023cornfungicideefficacy. Any fungicide with a rating from good to very good (G-VG) should work for controlling tar spot.

If you suspect tar spot in your field, samples can be submitted to the UNL Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic for confirmation. Diagnosis is free of charge. If you would like assistance, feel free to contact me at 402-274-4755. I can help you scout your field and can also deliver the samples to the diagnostic lab in Lincoln on your behalf.

RIGHT OR WRONG, IT'S MY OPINION

By Brian McKim
Summer goes by fast; too fast. Summer baseball is on the verge of wrapping up already and fall sports will be here before we know it. Kids have been hitting the weight room and open gyms for weeks, working to make themselves faster and stronger than they were when they left school in the spring. Times have changed dramatically in the 30 years since I participated in these “volunteer” workouts. We took advantage of the gym being open and used pick-up basketball as a way to warm up before we lifted, and often played more after hitting the gym. The floor and walls of Tiehen Gym have some stories they could tell. Every game we played was intense. Now, kids travel to Lincoln or Omaha to play in select leagues, essentially doing the same thing we did, only it now involves way more travel and is much more expensive. Are the athletes any better today? Are these “elite” leagues producing more talent? Softball and baseball numbers have dipped over the years, at least compared to those from three or four decades ago. For some reason, we have been led to believe that the only way to improve is by competing against other towns, schools, and teams. Competition among ourselves is the best driving force. We were fortunate. The summer league consisted of teams coming to Falls City to play at Prichard Auditorium. If we were lucky, we attended a team camp. If I recall, we attended Nebraska Wesleyan and Creighton. We used our summers to prepare for the upcoming school sports, but we were also afforded plenty of time for summer baseball or softball if we chose. Perhaps kids are just using it as an excuse now. They claim they don't have the time. I beg to differ. Many of us found time to compete year-round and were even able to hold part-time jobs. Some were lifeguards, some babysat, many of us threw hay, walked beans, mowed yards, whatever we had to do. With summer moving ahead at a light-speed pace, football season will be here before we know it. A reminder of that came last week when six former Husker greats descended upon Falls City for the 14th annual CMC Golf “Fore” Good Health event at the Falls City Golf Course. This year, I was asked to do introductions for the group, and what an honor it was. Five of the former athletes were national champions, two won Heisman Trophies, one played for the 1997 Super Bowl-winning Denver Broncos, and the special guest, Rick Upchurch, was a 3-time First Team All-Pro selection in the NFL.

The event is always a great time to mingle with some of the exceptional athletes that we grew up cheering for. The event made me think about a former Husker that we lost this year. Omaha Central star, 2x All-Big Eight selection and Super Bowl champion Calvin Jones passed away in January at the age of 54. Jones tore up the turf at Memorial Stadium in the early 90s, rushing for 3,166 yards and scoring 40 touchdowns for the Huskers. He was a member of the Raiders and won a Super Bowl with the Green Bay Packers. Calvin was found unresponsive on January 22 at his home in Omaha due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Jones was a product of Coach William Reed's Omaha Central I-Back pipeline. The pair had a long, special bond that lasted long after his playing days. Calvin was in Falls City in 2019 for the 8th annual CMC event, which was held at the Seid Event Center north of Falls City. At the event, Jones told the crowd that he and Coach went way back, “all the way to ninth grade.” You could sense the respect he held for Coach as he continued. “I come to support Coach, Linda and the hospital and what they are trying to raise funds for. Anytime Coach wants help, all he has to do is call.” I'm sure his former Coach and teammates would have said the same thing to him. On that January day when he passed away, he was having trouble with his furnace and used a generator to power his electricity, warding off the cold. The generator wasn't properly vented, and the fumes overcame Jones, leading to his unfortunate death. Like many, Calvin would jump at the opportunity to help someone in need, but rarely, if ever, asked for help himself. “Calvin was probably, after he got out of college, he probably was one that depended on me more than anybody else,” said Reed. “And, I was close to him, you know.” When Jones was laid to rest, it was his two former coaches who spoke the final words; Coach Reed and Coach Osborne, a testament to the lasting mark they left on his life, right through to the end.

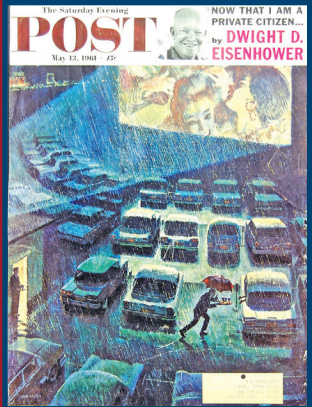
Falls City Juniors looking to end season on a high note

The Froeschl Floors Junior baseball team dropped both ends of a doubleheader on Wednesday night at Doniphan County, falling to 4-11-1 for the year. In the first contest, FC fell behind early, trailing 8-0 after the first inning, and couldn't dig themselves out of the hole, falling 16-1. The Doniphan County batters greeted pitcher Callen Furnas with eight-first inning runs. Two doubles, five singles, two walks and a hit by pitch led to the eight runs. In the second, Karson Simpson opened the frame with a single to right field. A wild pitch, a ground out and an RBI ground out by Reid Kirkendall put FC on the board. The home team struck again in the bottom half of the second, extending their lead to 11-1 heading into the third.

Froeschl Floors put two runners on in the third as Furnas reached on a single and Kam Huppert drew a walk, but they were unable to take advantage. Doniphan County added five runs in the bottom of the inning to end the contest at 16-1. FC was out 11-2 and committed three costly errors. Furnas and Simpson had singles and Huppert drew a walk for the Falls City baserunners. Game two didn't start much better as the Juniors fell behind 11-1 after the first inning. Furnas kicked off the action by reaching base after getting plunked. A ground out moved the runner and a single by Huppert put runners on the corners with one out. Simpson knocked the first pitch of his at bat to third, driving in the game's first run. Again, the Doniphan batters pummeled the FC pitching. Three doubles, three singles and three errors led to 11 runs, effectively ending the contest before it even began. Kirkendall shot a base hit to the left side of the field to open the second, but three consecutive outs led to the runners being stranded. Starting pitcher Ryder Hullman found his groove in the second, needing just eight pitches to get out of the inning unscathed. Huppert, Simpson and Kirkendall walked to load

the bases in the third. With two outs, Collin Roberts worked a free base to score Simpson and make it 2-11. Unfortunately, Doniphan County added four insurance runs in the third to make the final 15-2. Froeschl Floors was out-hit 9-4 and committed six errors in the contest. Huppert led the offense with two hits, while Simpson and Roberts each singled. The juniors played in the Fort Calhoun Juniors Tournament on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29.

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Artist John Falter depicts a soggy Saturday night at the local float-in, with scarcely room to drop anchor. The feature attraction of the evening is Two Senoritas From Sheboygan, filmed in Lack-O-Vision and Watercolor. Starring in this frenetic flick is Rita Red-head, shown here singing that old favorite, Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella. Her hero is the senior with the guitar. A more genuine hero, of course, is the stalwart customer with umbrella but without a smile, transporting two burgers, one dog and three shakes from the bar to car. The performance of this burger bearer is matched only by that of the manager of the place, whose motto, in the best tradition of the theater, is—be there snow, or rain, or gloom of night, or a short circuit in the popcorn machine, the show must go on. johnphilipfaltermuseum.com

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A Nebraska crypto company wants to get bigger. Landowners decry NPPD’s use of eminent domain that will help it grow

The multimillion-dollar project, mostly paid for by Nebraska ratepayers, will feed the energy needs of Jigowatt, which already demands the most electricity of any customer in Stanton County.

By Jeremy Turley
Flatwater Free Press

Justin Kennedy had long envisioned more than a cornfield when he gazed at the plot of family land a half-mile from where he grew up.

It was “the perfect set-up” for building his dream retirement house in rural Stanton County.

He long ago planted a shelterbelt across the dirt road, hoping the trees would one day block prairie gusts from reaching his porch.

Then the Nebraska Public Power District announced its intention to run a high-voltage transmission line through the view from his dream doorstep. The Kennedys objected. The utility responded by filing a petition to use eminent domain on six acres of the land.

“It feels like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is being taken away from me,” Kennedy said.

NPPD, which says it uses eminent domain only as a last resort to complete essential projects, recently used the tactic to condemn slivers of land owned by the Kennedys and three other families along the planned transmission line route it’s pairing with electrical substation upgrades.

The \$20 million project, mostly paid for by Nebraska ratepayers, will feed one giant customer’s growing

appetite for electricity: a bitcoin mining company called Jigowatt.

Jigowatt already demands by far the most electricity of any customer in the county. But the company’s long-standing request for more power would allow it to triple the amount of energy it can use.

NPPD leaders argue the project is important because the new 7.5-mile line will make local power more reliable to all local customers — not just Jigowatt — and more resilient to bad weather. The utility treats landowners fairly, said NPPD General Counsel John McClure. More than two-thirds of landowners voluntarily signed easements for this project, allowing them to keep ownership of their property while NPPD runs the line through it.

The crypto miner’s energy usage during seasons and times when others aren’t consuming electricity will smooth demand and actually reduce costs for all ratepayers, McClure said.

“I don’t think there’s any doubt that Jigowatt’s load is contributing to (demand) growth up there, but everybody benefits from this transmission facility,” McClure said.

But some landowners decried NPPD’s approach to land acquisition as predatory and questioned their use of eminent domain for the project.

ever build anything anywhere? There would be no railroads, there would be no highways, there would be no utilities, there would be nothing.”

NPPD’s use of eminent domain in Stanton County came shortly after a Flatwater Free Press investigation found that the utility bought land in rural Lancaster County from two of its own executives, Ron and Donna Starzec, for \$25,000 an acre, more than twice the land’s appraised value.

Stanton County landowners said it’s a double standard that they’re now being forced to sell easements on their land for much less than the Starzecs got.

NPPD’s purchase from the Starzecs was justified because of the land’s prime location, McClure said.

“Different locations, different uses, different values,” he said.

Potential energy: The poster boards presented by two visiting businesswomen promised a splashy community investment rarely made in Stanton County: an attractive modern building, 20-25 local jobs, millions of dollars in revenue for the local utility.

Northern Data wanted a huge amount of electricity — 70 megawatts — routed to its cloud-computing hub. The utilities were open to that request.

The Kennedy family liked the idea enough that in 2021 it sold the German firm 40 acres of farmland to build its flagship American facility.

“Little did we know what it would turn into,” Justin Kennedy said.

Six months after buying the land, Northern Data paused the project. Nine months after that, the company sold the plot.

The property’s new owners had a different kind of computer-based business in mind: crypto mining.

In 2023, Lincoln-based Jigowatt began installing cargo containers housing computers and high-powered fans to cool them.

Stanton County Public Power District, which sells NPPD-generated power to local customers, created a new “interruptible” electric rate for Jigowatt’s operation that would charge the company a lower per-unit cost than residents and other businesses.

SCPPD officials didn’t go looking for Jigowatt, said Board President Doug

Oertwich, but it was good fortune that the company approached the utility with a plan to take on the electric load planned for Northern Data.

But the crypto miner didn’t build a nice facility or hire many locals, Justin Kennedy said. And the fans cooling the computers produced a mechanical noise that disturbed some neighbors.

“We felt deceived,” Kennedy said. “It just felt miserable because we thought we were doing something good for the people around there.”

As Jigowatt began to mine for crypto, SCPPD’s total electric load skyrocketed, nearly tripling from 2023 to this year.

Jigowatt’s current load in Stanton County is 20 megawatts, but the company has sought to bump that to 70 megawatts, said CEO Westhoff.

That much power requires a new transmission line running from a Norfolk substation to another substation across the road from Jigowatt, McClure said.

NPPD held open houses where Project Manager Paul Brune told locals the project was needed to meet increasing demand and enhance reliability and resiliency in Stanton, Cuming and Burt counties.

After announcing the transmission line’s route last year, NPPD right-of-way agents began offering payment to residents if they’d allow the new line to run through their properties.

Fifteen landowners took the offer. Five, including two separate Kennedy family trusts, refused.

The unwilling sellers, who collectively own a dozen acres along the route, each received a letter this spring with a final offer and a warning: NPPD will pursue eminent domain if you don’t accept within 10 days.

The letters were signed by Ron Starzec, NPPD’s land management chief who had sold his land to the utility for above-assessed value.

“That’s kind of ironic, isn’t it?” said Leuthold, one of the landowners who refused to sign.

Four families vs. NPPD

Tony and Mary Wortmann’s frustrations with the bitcoin mine started when a powerful low hum penetrated their farmhouse.

The 73-year-olds say

the sound of the computer-cooling fans a half-mile away has caused them headaches, achy joints and psychological distress.

“I never complained about noise until Jigowatt came,” Tony Wortmann said. “It keeps us up at night. It wears on our brains.”

When NPPD approached the couple about using their land for the transmission line that would supply more power to Jigowatt, it added insult to injury, they said.

McClure said NPPD strives to treat landowners with respect and approaches them in good faith. Land prices are determined by a contracted appraiser, he added.

After NPPD filed to condemn the land belonging to the four holdout families, a county judge appointed real estate agents and bankers to serve as independent appraisers.

One by one, the families appealed for higher valuations as they faced off with NPPD’s hired lawyer in informal hearings.

For three families, including the Leutholds and the Wortmanns, the appointed appraisers came back with figures that differed from NPPD’s original appraisals by less than \$1,000 per acre. All three families have appealed the decision.

The Kennedys, last to go to court, came prepared with custom-made poster boards featuring their own calculations of land value. Their final appraisal would pay them about \$13,000 per acre, nearly 35% more than NPPD offered but far less than what the family asked for.

Early legal interpretations of eminent domain meant it could be used only for projects that clearly serve the public. But government entities have increasingly tried to use eminent domain to bring in private companies, said Severin Borenstein, a University of California-Berkeley economics professor.

Even so, NPPD’s use of eminent domain is “pretty controversial” given that the transmission line seems to primarily serve the demands of one customer, Borenstein said.

NPPD has a duty to serve all customers, including crypto miners, McClure said.

For SCPPD, meeting Jigowatt’s demand grows the utility’s profits, which it can pass along to all of its

customers by keeping rates low, said Oertwich, the board president.

Westhoff, the Jigowatt CEO, said his company provides value by paying hefty taxes, including sales tax on the energy it buys.

The company and its tenants have a 2024 personal property tax bill of nearly \$98,000, plus real estate taxes of about \$18,000 for their Stanton County locations.

Jigowatt also pledged \$100,000 toward a planned veterans memorial park in Stanton County.

Nebraska ratepayers will cover two-thirds of the transmission line’s \$11 million price tag.

High-volume energy consumers in Nebraska including Jigowatt will pay for most of the \$9.5 million in related substation enhancements.

Jigowatt won’t be directly charged for any of the infrastructure upgrades, but it has put up about \$5 million in letters of credit that NPPD would keep if the company doesn’t end up using the energy it requested, according to Westhoff’s legislative testimony.

Nebraska lawmakers began regulating crypto mining this year when they passed a bill allowing utilities to interrupt the operations’ electric service and to demand payment or letters of credit before making infrastructure upgrades.

Starting this fall, utilities will be required to publish a list of crypto miners they serve and their energy consumption.

Mary Wortmann worries Jigowatt’s expansion will create more noise and make living in their home “totally unbearable.”

The sound has decreased since Jigowatt changed a few of its air-cooled systems to liquid immersion cooling, which is quieter, Westhoff said. Tenant miners operating on the site still use fans, but Westhoff said his company will build only immersion-cooled systems.

Mary Wortmann doesn’t buy that the crypto mine will grow quietly. She and her husband have talked about leaving the house they’ve lived in for three decades.

“They’re going to be driving us out of our home,” she said.

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Commissioners approved purchase of patrol vehicles

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road and bridge maintenance being carried out through the County. Darveau stated that the roads were holding up fine, but some areas had experienced washouts due to the recent rains. One area in particular is between Humboldt and Dawson, where waters rose, causing a newly installed tube to wash out.

“We were half done; we thought we had enough dirt on it, and it came down where they are taking those trees out,” said Darveau. “It came up six feet.”

Darveau explained that the water undermined the work, lifting the tube and carrying it downstream.

After a discussion, the Board agreed that the Roads Department should wait until the rain chances diminish before continuing work on the tube.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty updated the Commissioners on business at the Law Enforcement Center. Hardesty informed the Board that the control center and dispatch at the Law Enforcement Center have been without air conditioning. The Sheriff also advised the Board that the jail was currently housing nine inmates.

Hardesty informed the Commissioners that he would be eliminating the maintenance position at the Center in the upcoming budget. He also informed the Board that the Department had applied for a Speed Grant from the Nebraska Department of Transportation, which runs from July 14 to 31.

He also stated that Taylor Bredemeier had moved from the jail to a deputy position and was currently training with Deputy Dexter Holliday.

The Sheriff also informed the Board that discussions with Humboldt are ongoing regarding contract law enforcement. He stated that Humboldt is still deciding whether to sign the contract with the County or to pursue its own police department.

“Without a contract, we’ll still be there,” said Hardesty. “But we’re not going to spend 160 hours.”

The Board also voted to approve two new patrol units that are included in the 2025-2026 budget. The cost of the 2025 Ford Explorers will be \$46,904 per unit. The Sheriff also stated the Department will sell a pair of 2020 F150s to offset the cost of the new units.

Talk of wage increases at the Law Enforcement Center was tabled until the Commissioners begin going over the new budgets.

District 1 Chief Probation Officer Melanie Stormer reported to the Board regarding stats from the probation office in Richardson County. Stormer also reported on the proposed budget, stating that the cost of the County would be \$10,666.68 for the year, a reduction of nearly \$1,000 from the previous year. The probation office served 227 adults and 23 juveniles in Richardson County for the last year. District 1 serves Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline and Thayer counties.

Scott Miller and Steve Simon of Miller-Farrell Insurance informed the Commissioners of insurance changes and renewal premium information for general liability, workers’ compensation, auto, property, errors and omissions, and umbrella coverage. The Board approved the insurance changes and renewal premium for the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The cost of the renewal included a five percent increase to \$336,441.25.

Commissioner Rick Karas asked for time to review the wages of staff in the County Treasurer’s Office. County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey requested that the Board consider increasing the salaries of her office staff to align them with those of other departments in the courthouse. No action was taken at this time.

The Commissioners approved Resolution 2024-2025-45, allowing for changes to a policy for recognizing County officials and employees.

The Board also approved Resolution 2024-2025-46 regarding the overspent budget and unencumbered funds from fiscal year 2024-2025. The matter involves the overspending of \$31,809.60 in the Humboldt Law Enforcement Agreement.

Funds were received from the Department of Interior for U.S. Entitlement Lands in the amount of \$1,425.00.

With nothing further on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

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Jerry Wayne Anno

Jerry Wayne Anno, 70, of Humboldt, Nebraska was born on December 8, 1954, in Falls City, Nebraska to John and Lola (Reynolds)

Anno. He was raised near Falls City where he attended Fort Hazel Country School District #51 and later graduated from Falls City High School with the class of 1973. Jerry then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country until his honorable discharge. After returning from his military service, he returned to Falls City and painted for a body shop in St. Joseph, Missouri. Jerry then worked for Seid Implement in Falls City, Mac Tools in Sabetha, Kansas and finally for AKARS in Auburn.

Jerry passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at his home in Humboldt, Nebraska having reached the earthly age of seventy years, six months, and two days. He

was preceded in death by his father John Anno and a sister Patricia Travis.

Jerry is survived by his mother Lola Anno of Falls City, siblings: Martha Davis and her husband Richard of Humboldt, NE; Fran Kuker and her husband Rick of rural Shubert, NE; Darrell Anno of Rulo, NE; Darren Anno of Lincoln, NE; brother-in-law Harry Travis of Falls City, NE; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Humboldt Cemetery with Pastor Howard Blecha officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the U.S. Naval Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family’s choice with a later designation.

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Eleanor (Ele) Pearl Richardson Last

Eleanor (Ele) Pearl Richardson Last, was born on August 25, 1940, at the family house in Verdon, NE. She was a wonderful giving person, who had time to help anyone. She will be missed for her ability to make friends wherever she goes, there were no strangers to her. She would give anyone the shirt off her back. She sang many beautiful songs for friends and family at their funerals.

She attended the Verdon Schools graduating in 1958. She was active in many school activities; choir was one of them. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing. Eleanor was active in the Verdon High School Reunion committee for many years.

Eleanor was confirmed at the Verdon Christian Church at an early age. She attended church at Papillion, NE and later was a member of the Barada United Methodist Church. After moving to town she attended both the Methodist and North Ridge churches in Falls City, NE.

She married Paul Leon Last of Shubert, NE at the Verdon Christian Church on March 1, 1959. They were together for 47 years until his passing in 2005. They began their married life in the Verdon area. They then moved to Rural Papillion; NE. Ele was a home maker and Paul built houses as a carpenter. They returned to the Verdon area a few years later. They moved to a home Paul moved and remodeled in 1980 in the Barada area. She moved off the farm to Falls City in 2012.

Ele was a long-time employee of the Indian Cave State Park. She was a children’s librarian at the Falls City Public Library. She was a member of the Barada ladies club and Barada Bells. She was a member of Rebekah Lodge in Ver-

don. A member of the Shubert Legion Auxiliary. She was on the Falls City Tree Board and was awarded the Falls City Good Neighbor award in 2017. She was active at the Richardson County Fair flower show. Exhibiting and winning many awards. Ele was always highly active in her community, with so many other clubs and activities, too many to mention. We thank her for her service in the community.

Ele, 84, passed away on June 23, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Leon Last. Her parents, Jess, and Florence (Hall) Richardson. Her brother, Bill Richardson, and brother-in-law Robert Liberty. Her son-in-law Tom Bangert and great grandchildren, Lincoln Daniel Bangert and Georgia Lynn Gaylor.

Eleanor is survived by her children Lori (Byron) Whitney of Sioux Falls, SD. David (Claudia) Last of Mascoutah, IL. Lana Bangert of Falls City, NE. She was called Grammy by her eleven grandchildren: Crystal, Julie, Megan, Jessica, Adam, Maggie, Eli Ann, Ryan, Ali, Josh, and Danny. She has eight great grandchildren: Justice, Walker, Elijah, Russell, Lucas, Rinnick, Alice, and Louisa. Others surviving include her sister Ann Liberty of Verdon, NE, and sister-in-law Glenda Richardson of Minnesota. Also, many other beloved nieces, nephews, and friends.

A celebration of life was held at the Barada Methodist Church in Rural Barada on Saturday June 28, 2025. Lunch and visitation was at 12:30PM, with the service following at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be given to the families with recipients to be named later.

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SOCIETY

Auxiliary to the VFW
Submitted
The Auxiliary to the VFW met on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. the Legion Club. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. The opening prayer was given by Charlotte Gentry. President Marilyn Capps conducted the meeting in the round table forum. Roll call of the officers was held. Minutes of previous meeting were read. Treasurer Charlotte Gentry gave the treasure report. It was approved subject to audit. Membership now stands at 31 life and 44 continuous. President Marilyn thanked members who attended the 100 Memorial Day ceremony and at Rulo and Steele Cemeteries the

meal was again be provided by the American Legion with the VFW Auxiliary serving. Some discussion about flag burning and the upcoming events the Legion is having and our participation in those. Also discussed was the lack of communication from district. As usual we will do whatever for community service. Barbara Baker has been working the diaper closet for our community service at the Methodist church. Marilyn Capps will serve on the land bank board and helped with the blood mobile this month those helping with the fish fries were, Carol Harris and Charlotte Gentry. Janice Wittwer has been helping with bingo and all members will collect the can tabs. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned with prayer to reconvene July 7th.

Agencies launch new Department of Water, Energy, and Environment landing page

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) have jointly launched a new landing page for the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) website. This landing page directs people to the resources available on NDEE's and NeDNR's websites and prepares the public for the agencies' official merge into DWEE on July 1, 2025. The landing page can be found here: <https://dwee.nebraska.gov/>. Jesse Bradley is currently the interim director of both NeDNR and NDEE, and will serve as the first director of DWEE. "The new landing page is the result of great collaborative effort between our NeDNR and NDEE teams as we work to become one agency," Bradley said. "It is an important step toward helping the public think of our team as DWEE, rather than two separate agencies."

The landing page contains links to the NeDNR and the NDEE legacy websites, as well as direct links to the programs each agency historically oversaw. It will remain online as the two agencies transition to a unified online presence.



Local Pastor Ordained

On Sunday, June 15, Pastor Mike Hader was ordained an Elder, by Bishop Mark Webb, in the Global Methodist Church at the Upper Midwest Annual Conference in Sioux City, Iowa. Pastor Mike and Julie Hader moved to Falls City July 1, 2019 to minister to three Falls City area congregations: Barada and Bethel United Methodist Churches and St. Peters Lutheran Church, ELCA, as a Local Licensed Pastor. During this time, he has taken many online and in-person seminary courses to qualify as an ordained Elder. In 2009, Mike Hader retired from the Navy as a Commander (O-5) in the Naval Submarine Force, after almost 32 years of service. He and Julie settled in Topeka, KS and in 2014 moved to Greenwood, Nebraska where he worked for the Travelers Insurance Co. at their new data center in Omaha, NE. While attending the UMC in Ashland, he was influenced by Rev. Jeff Thurman to enter the ministry. In 2022 after much prayer, discussion and discernment, Pastor Hader shepherded Bethel and Barada congregations to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and join the Global Methodist Church, a new movement in the Wesleyan tradition. On Sunday afternoon, June 22 at 2:30 p.m., a Celebration of Ordination service and reception was held at the Bethel Global Methodist Church to honor this accomplishment. Denise Yount from the Barada GMC, who was a delegate to the Conference, was in charge of the service. Members of the three congregations participated in the service. The Rieger Quartet (Paul, Sherry, Roy and Deb Rieger) sang the U.S. Navy Hymn. Rev. Hader spoke about his Journey and Pastor Jeff Thurman also spoke. Following the service, refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall.

Applications for diesel school bus and truck rebates accepted through July 25, 2025

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's 2024 Clean Diesel Rebate Program is accepting applications for two types of rebates: diesel school bus replacements and medium to heavy-duty diesel truck replacements. Applications must be submitted to NDEE by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025, to be considered. The number of rebates offered in each category may be subject to change, depending on the number of applications received in each category. Rebates will be offered for: Public school districts, private schools, and contractors serving schools may apply to replace an operational diesel school bus that has driven at least 7,000 miles in each of the past two years. A bus with engine model year 2009 or older may be replaced by a diesel, gasoline, or Low-NOx propane bus; a bus with engine model year 2010 or newer may only be replaced by a Low-NOx propane bus. The replacement bus can be new or used, but it must have an engine model year 2021 or newer and be in the same or lower gross vehicle weight class as the replaced bus. The replaced bus must be permanently disabled and scrapped. NDEE will reimburse 25% of the base purchase price of a new diesel bus (up to a maximum reimbursement of \$31,000) and 35% of the price of a new Low-NOx propane bus (up to a maximum rebate of \$49,000). The applicant is responsible for the remainder of the purchase price. NDEE anticipates awarding rebates for 11 diesel or gasoline replacement buses and one Low-NOx propane replacement bus. NDEE will determine the number and type of school bus rebates to award after evaluating applications for both Nebraska Clean Diesel programs. Public and private entities may apply to replace up to two operational, medium- to heavy-duty diesel trucks, including refuse trucks or diesel trucks used in local delivery, construction, or maintenance operations. To be eligible, a truck must have been driven at least 7,000 miles in each of the past two years. A truck with engine model year 2009 or older may be replaced by a diesel or Low-NOx CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) truck; a truck with engine model year 2010 or newer may only be replaced by a Low-NOx CNG truck. The replacement truck can be new or used, but it must have an engine model year 2021 or newer and be in the same or lower gross vehicle weight class as the replaced truck. The replaced truck must be permanently disabled and scrapped. NDEE will reimburse 25% of the base purchase price of a new diesel truck (up to a maximum reimbursement of \$100,000) and 35% of the price of a new Low-NOx CNG truck (up to a maximum rebate of \$160,000). The applicant is responsible for the remainder of the purchase price. NDEE anticipates awarding rebates for replacing five diesel trucks. Preference will be given to projects proposing to purchase CNG-fueled trucks. NDEE will determine the number of diesel truck rebates after evaluating applications for both Nebraska Clean Diesel programs. More information can be found at NDEE's Clean Diesel Program web page: <https://dee.nebraska.gov/aid/air-loans-grants-rebates/nebraska-clean-diesel-rebate-program>.

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Sts. Peter and Paul (1820 Fulton) Weekend Mass Times: Saturday, 5:00PM; Sunday, 7AM & 10AM Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 6:45AM Services livestreamed daily on www.facebook.com/sppfc Inquiry classes by appointment. Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 3:45-4:45PM, or by appointment. Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor 402-245-3002	Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS (23rd & Barada) www.fallscitylcms.blogspot.com Holy Communion celebrated 2nd & 4th Sundays. Sunday: Divine service, 9AM; Sunday School, 10AM First Tuesday Care & Outreach 6:30PM Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2:00PM Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor 402-245-3324	First United Methodist Church (1700 Harlan St) Sunday: Worship Service, 10:30AM Broadcast previous service on 1230 KTNC AM and 107.1 FM at 11:00AM fumc@sento.net 402-245-3281	First Christian Church Disciples of Christ (1322 Stone Street) Sunday: Adult School, 9:30AM; 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) 9AM-Sunday School pre-school thru adult, during school year); 10AM-Worship; Wed. 6:30PM-Confirmation; 7:30PM-Choir Practice. Call for Youth, Bible Studies & Women's Group schedules. Joanna Kothl, Pastor 402-245-3828	St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan) Sunday: 10:30AM Worship, Holy Eucharist		
NorthRidge Falls City (1820 Morton St.) Sunday School, 9:00AM; Worship Services, 10:00AM (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, 11:00AM; Sunday School, 10:00AM; Wednesday Choir, 7:30 PM Pastor Mike Hader 402-245-4584	St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 12 miles Northeast of Falls City (Williamsville) Sunday: Worship 9:15AM, 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, 7:30PM on third Tuesdays Mike Hader, Pastor	St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS (6 miles North of Falls City) Sunday School/Bible Study- 9:30AM (Sept-May) Divine Service-10:30AM with Holy Communion celebrated 2nd & 4th Sundays. Second Tuesday of the month:Dorcas Circle-7PM First Wed. of the month: LWML-9AM (August) then 2PM (Sept-May) Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor 402-245-4643 www.fallscitylcms.com	Zion United Church of Christ 65763 709 Rd, Falls City Sunday: Worship service, 9:00AM; 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, 5:30PM Sunday, 8:30AM Daily Mass: 7:30AM 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, 10:10AM; Mass, 10:30AM Fr. Ben Ryneerson, Pastor	Immaculate Conception (Rulo) Sunday: Confessions, 8:00AM; Mass, 8:30AM. Daily Mass schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30AM Fr. Ben Ryneerson, Pastor	Riverside Fellowship 117 S 3rd St., Rulo, NE Sunday Worship 9AM Fellowship, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 10AM Following Worship David Showalter, Pastor	Verdon Christian Church Disciples of Christ (400 Walnut St.) Sunday: Worship, Summer: 7:00PM Winter: 6:00PM Find us on Facebook at Verdon Christian Church verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com Rev. Daniel Spencer Call or text: 402-801-0374	Prairie Union Baptist Church (Rural Shubert) Sunday: Morning Worship 10:30AM, Sunday School 9:30AM Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. Bob Heusman, Pastor	Shubert Christian Church Sunday:Worship service, 9:30AM; Fellowship time, 10:30AM; Fellowship time, 10:45AM Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Fulbright, LTCPS	St. Anne's (Shubert) Sunday Mass: 10:30AM; confessions before Mass. Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor 855-3595 or 245-4151	Stella Community Church Sunday: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30AM; adults Sunday School, 10:30AM John States, Pastor
Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of Stella) Sunday: Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM Web page: www.gbfcchurch.com Dave Lockard, Pastor Office: 402-883-2110	Big Lake Baptist Church (213 Lake Shore Drive) Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45AM; Sunday School, 9:30AM; Worship Service, 10:30AM Monday: Prayer & Share Monday, 8:30AM Wednesday: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7PM Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor	River of Hope Fellowship 27765 Hwy 159, PO Box 176 Forest City, MO 64451 Sunday Worship: 10:30AM, Sunday School at 9:30AM Will Certain, Pastor 816-824-8566 Randy Seedorff, Pastor 816-507-7339	The Four Mile Church (South of Humboldt) Sunday: Church services, 9:00AM Howard Blecha, Pastor	Lighthouse Church of God (2202 330th, White Cloud, KS) Sunday School, 9:30AM; Church Service, 10:30AM Rev. Charles J. Haney, Pastor 785-862-1107			

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VILLAGE OF RULO

Village of Rulo Board Meeting Minutes

Advanced notice of the meeting was posted by 1PM on Sunday, June, 2025 at Rulo Library, Swingin' Doors, and Wild Bill's Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:00PM in the Rulo Library Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board Chairperson, Rebecca Simmonds. Roll call – Present: Rebecca Simmonds, Kraig Counce, Regina Barber, Mike Keller, Todd Thompson, Clerk-Rachel Jean.

R. Jean announced that the meeting is held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act which is posted and available in print upon request. A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Thompson to approve the May meeting minutes. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Thompson, Counce, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried. The Board discussed an issue with utility access within the Village. A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Thompson to send a letter to the property owner giving a deadline to provide clear access. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Thompson, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

R. Jean reported that first deposit for sales tax will be received later in the month and that once state reports are available, she will provide them.

The Board discussed a sign for the dumpster at the Campground due to repeated use by non-approved people. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Counce to have the sign ordered. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Counce, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Resolution 062025-01 was presented for Board discussion and review. A motion was made by Counce to pass the resolution and seconded by Barber. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Barber, Keller, Thompson Simmonds. Motion carried.

Post Office contract revisions were reviewed. A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Thompson to approve the changes. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Thompson, Counce, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Various road issues discussed with no new action required.

R. Jean reported that post cards for water rate increases were sent.

Counce reported no quotes for culverts were yet available.

R. Jean presented the April Keno report and water utility report. One account due for disconnection.

A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Counce to approve the payroll and claims. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Counce, Barber, Thompson, Simmonds. Motion carried.

GENERAL – OPPD \$981.86 (svcs), SNC \$51.17 (svcs), payroll \$2658.17

ROADS – Falls City Auto Supply \$63.10 (supplies), ConAgg \$1147.38 (gravel), D&H Contracting \$496.70 (svcs), Grandview Oil \$220.00 (fuel), Whetrock Inc. \$387.10 (gravel), Bletscher Trucking \$689.60 (svcs)

WATER – NE Dept of Revenue \$38.52 (sales tax), City of Falls City \$3552.88 (svcs), NE Public Health Env Lab \$15.00 (svcs), US Postal Service \$292.00 (postage), Wolfe's Printing \$17.00 (supplies), Rachel Jean \$62.72 (reimb. for supplies), payroll \$323.22

FIRE – Richardson County Mutual Aid \$161.07 (svcs), Rulo Volunteer Fire Department \$77.00 (fuel)

CEMETERY – Megan Bulgrin \$2200.00 (svcs), Farm & City \$80.67 (supplies)

A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Barber to adjourn the meeting at 6:52PM. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 18, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie.

The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT Highway Superintendent, Steve

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

A discussion was held on rock hauling and placement on county roads and the amount of rock that the County purchases. Mr. Darveau presented to the Board information on the amount of rock that is placed on county roads within each precinct and the costs that are involved. This report included the total amount for 2024 and the amount from January 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, for comparison. He reported to the Board that the Department keeps this record, and it is updated monthly.

LA W ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 14 inmates being held at the Jail. The Sheriff presented the funds that have been received for the sale of surplus property on the GovDeals website which totaled \$6,018.57. Donations are also being received for the Drug Dog program and the golf tournament that is being planned for June 28, 2025, which to this date are \$1,450.00.

Discussion was held on plans to replace two patrol units in the next year's budget.

The Public Service Commission hearing held this past week resulted in the application for the County to be an approved Secondary PSAP has been submitted to the Attorney General for an opinion.

The Sheriff also requested that the proposed salary increases presented be approved and to become effective July 1, 2025. The increases are proposed as follows: 2% increase for deputies/sergeants; office assistant from \$23.00/hour to \$25.00/hour (8%); dispatchers to increase to a range of \$20.00/hour to \$23.00/hour from a top of \$21.00/hour; dispatch supervisor from \$23.00/hour to \$25.00/hour; communications director from \$25.50/hour to \$27.00/hour; jail supervisor from \$22.44/hour to \$24.00/hour; jail shift supervisor at \$23.00/hour; jailers at a range of \$19.00/hour to \$22.00/hour from \$20.00/hour. The Board took no action at this time.

FALLS CITY EDGE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development & Growth Enterprise presented to the Board a request for continued funding to the organization from Richardson County and a renewal agreement. The renewal agreement includes a change only for the payment dates to February 28 and August 31 and the duration of the agreement is August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2028, with a contribution from Richardson County of \$15,000.00/year.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the renewal agreement as presented with Falls City Economic Development & Growth Enterprise. Motion second by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, page 55)

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director informed the Board that the department has determined that they have 2 ipads that shall be considered as surplus property and are requesting authorization to advertise these for sale on the social media sites. The advertisement will be for 2 weeks and will be sold to the highest bidder at the close.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to authorize the Emergency Management Agency to sell 2 ipads which have been determined to be surplus on the social media sites to the highest bidder. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

James Kirkendall, Asst. Veterans Service Officer presented to the Board the nomination(s) that were received for the appointment to the Veterans Service Committee for the next term July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the appointment of Richard Malcolm to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also extended their thanks to Fred Sikora who has served on the committee the past 5 years.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Pledge Security Receipt

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a pledge security receipt #JC93054C from F&M Bank to replace pledge security receipt #JC93066B. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Southeast Nebraska Development District

A request was received from the Southeast Nebraska Development District for the continued funding of the organization for the next fiscal year 2025-2026. The annual report was also submitted for review.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the FY25-26 membership dues of \$6,019.00 and the FY25-26 housing dues of \$615.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Recognition of County Officials and Employees Policy

Motion was made by Karas to

approve changes to the policy for county employee recognition expenses (reception expense to \$150, plaque or token for certificate of service to \$150 and certificates of achievement to \$100) and to consider a resolution to formalize the change at next week's meeting. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Joint Public Hearing Postcards

Motion was made by Karas to designate Multi-County Information & Programming Services (MIPS) to print the postcard notices in 2025 for the joint public hearing if needed. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Grievance Board Determination

The County received the findings and decision on grievance that was presented to the Grievance Board at a hearing held on June 9. The Board found that the employees, Bryan Dettman, Wyatt Martin and Ronald Ramer were correctly denied civil leave according to the agreement detailed in Richardson County exhibit 1 that was presented at the hearing, and the County is not required to return any vacation or paid-time-off used on March 24, 2025.

Fee Reports

Reports were reviewed and approved for Sheriff Hardesty for fees collected during the following months: August, 2024--\$10,440.77; September, 2024--\$7,765.69; October, 2024--\$8,396.60; November, 2024--\$6,412.52; December, 2024--\$4,206.93; January, 2025--\$3,463.60; February, 2025--\$4,605.65; March, 2025--\$6,256.89; April, 2025--\$7,946.22; May, 2025--\$4,431.16.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

AT&T, serv 1011.32
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb 209.30
Caverzagie, John, reimb 331.10
Court yard by Marriott, lodg .278.00
Crowne Plaza, lodg 869.70
DAS State Accounting, serv. 507.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp... 249.85
Falls City Sanitation, serv 40.00
Falls City Volunteer Ambulance, serv 640.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Mervin, serv 5190.50
JV22-38, JV23-37, JV23-38, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4, CR24-561 K. Buis, CR25-29 T. Rogers, CR25-23 T. Rogers
Farm & City Supply, supp .541.99
Haug Communications, supp 591.00
Hy-Vee, supp 20.03
Jim Hill's, supp 12.50
Justice Data Solutions, serv 5900.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb ... 275.80
Lexipol, serv 586.20
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv 1032.00
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv 495.00
MIPS, serv 4362.70
Morehead, Amanda, reimb... 49.70
NE State Fire Marshall, serv. 72.00
OPPD, serv 33.09
Petersen Reporting, serv 493.85
Postmaster, supp 1079.20
Quill, supp 521.97
Ram Exterminators, serv 48.00
Register of Deeds, fee 166.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb 114.93
Riggs, Kim, reimb 159.60
Schendel Pest Control, serv .69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv 279.00
SummerOne, serv 20.08
Sunset Law Enforcement, supp 2473.90
Uline, supp 1352.55
TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$30,078.24

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv 46.28
Falls City Auto Supply, supp 618.21
Falls City Sanitation, serv 40.00
Farm & City Supply, supp .484.47
Hamm, rock 429.21
Martin Marietta Materials, rock 19158.37
NPPD, serv 65.26
Norris Quarries, rock 14140.87
Operation & Expense Account, reimb 208.98
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair, serv 51.45
Vollmer, Julie, reimb 442.77
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$35,685.87

LATCF FUNDS

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv 24788.00
TOTAL LATCF FUNDS \$24,788.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

CPC, serv 2315.64
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS \$2,315.64

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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The pros and cons of insert advertising

By Jerry Raehal

It was a great meeting.

After presenting a comprehensive social and digital marketing strategy to hardware client, they were excited about the potential to expand their reach. As a result, they decided to sign a contract with us to implement that strategy.

Part of their plan was to reallocate their budget for mail inserts to focus solely on digital as they were not getting tracking from the mailers.

But first, they had to decide to do with next month's inserts as they had already been printed. Instead of mailing them out one final time, they put those inserts in the newspaper. The result? The saw way more engagement with the inserts in the paper than they ever did with the ones they mailed.

So much so, they changed the initial marketing plan from digital only to include newspaper media.

So why were the newspapers so much more effective than the mailed inserts?

Because when people subscribe to a newspaper, they're paying for both the news and the ads. They're actively choosing to have the newspaper delivered to their home. With mail inserts, on the other hand, people didn't ask for them—they're sent without any consent. It's no wonder so many end up in the recycling bin before even being looked at.

That said, even though digital is taking over in many places, inserts – newspapers or mailers – still have a ton of value, especially for the right campaigns and business verticals. And like all marketing, inserts work best in tandem with other marketing channels.

Let's break down the pros and cons of each type of insert, and where they fit in the sales cycle.

Newspaper Inserts: Pros of Newspaper Inserts:

- Higher Engagement: People trust their local newspapers, and they're more likely to engage with ads that are inserted into the paper. It's like an endorsement from the newspaper itself.
- Cost-Effective:

Newspaper inserts often come at a lower cost than direct mail, considering production and distribution expenses. They can also cost less than traditional print ads in the newspaper.

- Longer Shelf Life: Newspapers stick around in homes longer, meaning your insert is getting repeated exposure over time.

Cons of Newspaper Inserts:

- Less Precise Targeting: You can target by location, but when it comes to demographics or behavior, newspaper inserts might not be as specific as direct mail.
- Clutter: Newspapers often have a lot of inserts, and your ad might get buried. You have to make it stand out to get noticed.
- Changing media landscape: In Nebraska's larger markets, nearly a third of subscribers get the e-edition only, which means you might not hit the full newspaper audience in those markets.

Something to think about: If a newspaper audience is one you're trying to target – and why wouldn't you – people with disposable income, actively engaged in community and businesses – you need to look at more than just the cost.

USDA reminds NE producers to file crop acreage reports

After spring planting is complete, agricultural producers in Nebraska should make an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to complete crop acreage reports before the applicable deadline.

"In order to receive many USDA program benefits, producers should file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said Hilary Maricle, State Executive Director in Nebraska. "Call your local FSA office to make an appointment after planting is complete to report your acreage and take care of any other FSA-related business."

A crop acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch, its intended use and location. Producers should file an accurate crop acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage before the applicable deadline. In Nebraska the acreage reporting deadline for all spring-seeded crops, Conservation Reserve Program acres, perennial grass acres and cover crops is July 15, 2025.

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide: Crop and crop type or variety; Intended crop use; Number of crop acres; Map with approximate crop boundaries; Planting date(s); Planting pattern, when applicable; Producer share(s); Irrigation practice(s); Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable; Other required information.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates: If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting deadline, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed. If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting deadline, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the acreage reporting date or 15 cal-

As noted earlier, in many cases, insert advertising costs less than placing print ads and depending on the insert size and papers, can help drive results. But they also may not be going to the entire newspaper subscriber list due to the rise of e-edition subscribers. In larger markets in particular, if inserts are part of your strategy, you need to combine inserts with your digital strategies to make sure you reach your target audience.

Mailed Inserts, Pros of Mailed Inserts:

- Targeting Precision: Mailers allow you to target very specific demographics, making it an ideal choice for reaching highly segmented audiences.
- Personalization: With mail inserts, you can add personalized touches that might grab a recipient's attention more than a generic ad.
- Cons of Mailed Inserts:
 - Higher Costs: Printing, personalizing, and mailing your inserts can get pretty expensive compared to newspaper inserts.
 - Lower Engagement Rates: Since people don't choose to receive them, many mail inserts end up getting tossed out without being read.

When to Consider Inserts in the Marketing Funnel

So, when do inserts make the most sense in your marketing funnel? Here's a quick guide:

- Top of the Funnel (Awareness): Inserts are fantastic for creating awareness. Since people already trust their newspapers, your ad is more likely to be noticed compared to a random piece of mail that shows up uninvited. In Nebraska, this is especially effective, where a large part of the audience is still reading print editions.
- Middle of the Funnel (Consideration): If someone is already considering their options, inserts in newspapers can help push them to dig deeper. They're already engaged with the content, and if your ad offers useful information or incentives, it can make them think more seriously about your product or service. Mailed inserts can also play a role here, but they need to be targeted carefully to ensure they don't end up in the trash.
- Bottom of the Funnel (Conversion): If you're aiming for conversions—whether it's a sale, sign-up, or coupon redemption—both types of inserts can work. Newspapers can offer a sense of credibility, especially when combined with a clear call-to-action. Mailed inserts can also be effective for driving conversions, but they don't always carry the same weight of trust as a well-placed newspaper ad.

Tried and true

The hardware store's journey showed that digital advertising is key, but print — including newspaper inserts — still has its place. Even with the rise of e-editions and digital-first readers, newspaper inserts continue to offer significant value, particularly when combined with other strategies.

Whether you're aiming to build awareness, drive consideration, or boost conversions, inserts are a tried-and-true tool that can help move your prospects through the funnel. The best approach? Don't choose between inserts, print and digital—use an omni-channel approach to maximize your reach and impact.

endar days before grazing or crop harvesting begins, whichever is earlier.

Producers with perennial forage crops should check with their local FSA office to see if their crops are eligible for continuous certification, which rolls the certified acreage forward each year until a change is made.

Producers should also report the crop acreage they intended to plant but were unable to because of a natural disaster, including drought. Prevented planted acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Producers can access their FSA farm records, maps, and common land units through the farmers.gov customer portal. The portal allows producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries within farm records mapping. Producers can view, print and label their maps for acreage reporting purposes. A login.gov account that is linked to a USDA customer record is required to use the portal.

Producers can visit farmers.gov/account to learn more about creating an account. Producers who have the authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via an FSA-211 Power of Attorney form, Business Partner Signature Authority or as a member of a business can now access information for the business in the farmers.gov portal.

Acreage reports using precision agriculture planting boundaries can be filed electronically with an approved insurance provider or an authorized third-party provider, who will then share the file with FSA staff. Producers should notify their local FSA office if they submitted an electronic geospatial acreage report containing precision planting boundaries that they want to use as part of their FSA acreage report.

For more information, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

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 TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Robert G. Miller, dated January 27, 2012, and recorded on January 27, 2012, in Book No. 247, at Page 055 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Richardson County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on August 7, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at main lobby of the Richardson County, Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

Lots 17 and 18, Block 96, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, commonly known as 1512 McLean St, Falls City, NE, 68355

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee

First Publication: June 25, 2025

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 246860). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

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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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 P.O. Box 234
 308 West Third Street
 Valparaiso, Nebraska 68065
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18-25-2
 ZNEZ

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

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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
 ZNEZ

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
 ZNEZ

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.

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

18-25-2
 ZNEZ

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 folowing described Real Estate to Wit: Lots 16 & 16, Block 187, Original Town to the City of Falls City, Nebraska, Real Names Unkown, 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
 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ABANDONED OR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY BY THE FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE SOLD AT ONLINE AUCTION

The abandoned or unclaimed property described below may be claimed by the owner at the Falls City Police Department, prior to August 1, 2025 at 4:00 P.M., at which, if the property is not claimed, it shall be disposed of or sold at an online auction, by the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
 3 Red Bikes
 3 Black Bikes
 1 Purple & Pink Bike
 1 Orange Bike
 1 Blue Bike

Anthony Nussbaum
 City Clerk

25-2-9
 ZNEZ

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
 1700 Stone Street, Room 205
 Falls City, NE 68355

Dylan L. Handley (24152)
 Handley Law Office
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 Attorney for Personal Representative

2-9-16
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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

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

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 RICHARD L. VON BERGEN, Deceased.
 Estate No. PR 25-36

Notice is hereby given that on June 25, 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 R. JEFFERY VON BERGEN, whose address is 73348 641 AVENUE, AUBURN, NE 68305 and JAY L. VON BERGEN, whose address is 1517 Q STREET, AUBURN, NE 68305 have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before September 2, 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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NOTICE

Dylan James Watkins, Plaintiff vs.
 Raven Steele Foster, Defendant
 District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, CI22-74

To Dylan James Watkins: Notice is hereby given that on or about April 21, 2025, in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Defendant filed a Complaint to Modify seeking to modify custody and parenting time for the parties' minor children and for such other and further relief as the court deems just and equitable. To respond to the Complaint you must answer or otherwise plead within 30 days of the final publication hereof. Failure to answer or otherwise plead will result in the Complaint being taken as true and judgement being entered accordingly.

Diane L. Merwin, #24172
 Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, PC, LLO
 713 4th St. PO Box 126
 Humboldt, NE 68376

NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
 Estate of Carol J. Gentry, Deceased
 Estate No. PR 25-37

Notice is hereby given that on June 27, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Bryan Gentry was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before September 2, 2025 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
 Clerk Magistrate
 County Court of Richardson County
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 Falls City, NE 68355

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 Attorney for Applicant

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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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Public Meeting Notice Board of Education District #70

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on July 14th, 2025 in the Conference Room. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Kyle Hilgenfeld
 Board President
 ZNEZ

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION JUNE 18, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor, Kim Riggs; and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

COUNTY BOARD OF

EQUALIZATION NOTICES

A listing of parcel valuation changes, overvalue and/or undervalue or omitted property was presented to the County Board of Equalization for review and approval to send out County Board of Equalization Notices of Change.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the listing as presented by Assessor Riggs and authorize the 53 County Board of Equalization Notices of Valuation Change to be sent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY VALUATION PROTESTS

A property valuation protest was heard for filing #2025-002.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.


John Caverzagie, Chairman
 Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

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JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA JULY 9-13, 2025



"Make a Bee Line to the Jefferson County Fair"

Grandstand Events

Thursday, July 10 - 5-8 p.m. Midget Practice and Micro Qualifying, admission Beer Garden 5-8 p.m.
Friday, July 11 - 7:00 p.m. Midwest Midget Nationals Racing
 Beer Garden 4 p.m., Dance "Monsters at Bay" - 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
Saturday, July 12 - 7:00 p.m.-USAC Midwest Midget Nationals Racing
 Beer Garden & Dance "AM/FM BAND" - 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Horse Arena Events-- Free Admission

Tuesday, July 8
 Rough Stock Rodeo,
 6:30 p.m. - Mutton Bustin'
 7 p.m. - Barrels, Broncs and Bulls
Wednesday, July 9
 Rough Stock Rodeo,
 6:30 p.m. - Mutton Bustin'
 7 p.m. - Barrels, Broncs and Bulls

Saturday, July 12
 Noon - Fun Open Horse Show
Sunday, July 13
 9 a.m.-Noon
 Extreme Trail Clinic
 2 p.m. - Contest/Challenge

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JOB OPENINGS

The Nemaha County Hospital,
Auburn, Nebraska has the following open positions:

Full-Time Patient Account Representative: This position will perform a variety of duties within the Health Information Management/Business Office working 40 hours per week, Monday thru Friday. Strong customer service and computer skills are essential for this position. Hospital insurance billing and collections experience is preferred.

Full-Time/Part-Time Certified Scrub Tech: Nemaha County Hospital's Surgical Services Department is seeking a motivated individual to join our team. The position is full-time or part-time, Monday through Friday. Hours can vary slightly, but are typically 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with flexibility when needed. No weekends or holidays are required. Applicants must have surgical scrub experience and be BLS certified. Sterile Services experience is preferred.

This position also comes along with a cross-training opportunity in our outpatient clinic. Come be a part of our fun, fast-paced environment and work alongside our close-knit team of physicians, nurses, and techs!


Full-time Medical Technologist: 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. and "on-call" as needed. Technologists perform various clinical laboratory tests to obtain data for use in diagnosis and treatment of diseases, perform general phlebotomy and arterial blood specimen collection, and other duties. Requires Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology or a closely related field and current AMT or ASCP Certification.

Radiology Technologist: cross-trained in CT. The position is evenings, Monday - Friday, with a weekend call rotation every 3-4 weeks. Applicants must have ARRT, a Nebraska License, and be BLS Certified.

Registered Nurse: "Come collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to provide quality care, analyze physical and emotional needs, improve the lives of others, and utilize a wide variety of nursing skills." 12-hour hour shifts. Must have a current Nebraska RN license. \$10,000 sign-on bonus!

Apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital.applicantpool.com/jobs/>
Call Codi Sailors, CHRO at (402) 274-6121 with any questions.

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**NEMAHA COUNTY
HOSPITAL**
2022 13th STREET - AUBURN, NE

Day Care/Early Learning Center Design/Build & Construction 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 Design/Build & Construction services.

To request the RFP packet, or to submit questions in writing, email Kevin Burnison, Executive Director, kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com

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 31, 2025. Emailed submittals will be accepted at: kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com Native American preference is given. 27

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ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN

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Position in Reserve Kansas. Duties include/ but not limited to: Networking with environmental officials. Assistance with department functions such as filing, water/biological sampling, and solid waste operations. Conduct community outreach. Performs other duties as assigned by the Environmental Department Director or Tribal Council.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Education or directly related experience is preferred. However, applicants with an interest in becoming an Environmental Technician and having the ability to learn and perform the duties of the position may apply. Must have the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Must be able to work in weather extremes. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must have valid driver's license.

Position is 28 hours per week, working 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday thru Thursday. Term of position is dependent on funding. Native American preference does apply.

Application form and full job description can be accessed by emailing tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com or the application form can be downloaded at www.sacandfoxks.com. Submit the application form, cover letter, and resume, outlining your skills, background, and interest in the position to employment@sacandfoxks.com or submit a paper copy of the application form, cover letter, and resume, to Tammy Epple, 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 66434 or fax to (785) 742-3785 no later than July 10th.

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TRIBAL RESPONSE COORDINATOR

SAC AND FOX NATION OF
MISSOURI IN KANSAS & NEBRASKA

The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full-time opening for the Tribal Response Coordinator position. The Coordinator is responsible for maintaining brownfield inventory, working with vendors/contractors for site assessment and clean-up, conducting community outreach, record keeping, developing/writing monitoring strategies, quality assurance project plans, and standard operating procedures. The applicant must have computer experience and be willing to work in weather extremes. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. A degree in science or related field is preferred but direct experience may be substituted. Must possess a valid driver's license. If selected, applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment.

Position is full-time, working 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Benefits include: vacation, sick, holidays, paid BCBS health insurance, and dental insurance. Native American preference does apply.

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AMERICAN WALNUT. Buying standing walnut timber, 25 or more. Call 816-232-6781 in St. Joseph for details. 47-1f

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to the Wall of Fame selection committee who recognized our cousin, Pat Cain Smith, for becoming a member of this select group. Pat was very proud of being from Falls City and often visited her cousin, Blanche Cain Rowan Lombardo, accompanied by her husband Ollie. She was a great lady and as her accolades state, she was a smart and talented lady but it never went to her head. As I think of all her awards over her many years she would be very proud to be recognized by her Alma mater in her hometown.

Congratulations as well to the Paul Weinert family. He was a wonderful teacher who taught the Rowan kids, and married my husband Julian and I 27 years ago!

Thank you very much.
Bill Rowan
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**HTRS HAS AN OPENING FOR A
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FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Duties include, but are not limited to, planning, organizing, supervising and participating in the preparation, cooking, baking, and serving of a variety of foods in quantity. Responsible for ordering food and supplies; operate commercial kitchen equipment and appliances. Responsible for following the nutrition guidelines associated with the Nebraska Nutrition Services lunch program and training requirements.

Applications are available online or at the district office at 810 Central Ave. Humboldt NE 68376. Contact Dr. Griffith at georgegriffith@htrstitans.org or by calling 402-862-2151.

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**HUMBOLDT-TABLE ROCK-STEINAUER
PUBLIC SCHOOL IS
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
REGULAR ROUTE AND ACTIVITY BUS DRIVERS**

CDL with Nebraska school bus driver endorsement required. Applications are available in the office at 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or online at <https://www.htrstitans.com/page/employment> and mailed to Dr. George Griffith, HTRS Public School 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or emailed to georgegriffith@htrstitans.org.

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AIR QUALITY COORDINATOR

SAC AND FOX NATION OF
MISSOURI IN KANSAS & NEBRASKA

The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full-time opening for the Air Quality Coordinator position. The Coordinator is responsible for operating/maintaining air monitoring equipment, conducting community outreach, record keeping, developing/writing monitoring strategies, quality assurance project plans, and standard operating procedures. The applicant must have computer experience and be willing to work in weather extremes. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. A degree in science or related field is preferred but direct experience may be substituted. Must possess a valid driver's license. If selected, applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment.

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HELP WANTED

Southeast District Health Department is taking applications for a Full-time Administrative Assistant in their Auburn office.

For more information or to apply go to <https://www.sedhd.org/about-us/careers.html>
Starting Pay Range: \$18.36 - \$20.98



**Southeast District
Health Department**

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Happy 4TH OF JULY



Independence Day Hours

In observance of Independence Day, both the Drive Thru and Main Bank locations will be closed Friday, July 4th. Our Drive Thru location will also be closed on Saturday, July 5th.





Red, White & Boom – Encore Edition!

Why limit the fun to one day? Celebrate with us Saturday, July 5th Shubert, NE!

4:00-7:30pm – \$10 Kids Wristbands!!! Water Slides, Inflatables (Axe Throwing and Baseball), Face Painting and Games!
(Proceeds to Ashburn and HTRS Jr. Class Pool Fund)

5:00 – 12:00pm –Sprockets Famous Freedom Dogs Food Truck

7:30 to 11:30pm – FREE Music in the Street with Shawn Cole and his Band *Drunk Monkey!*

Dusk - BB Roofing's 8th Annual Firework Celebration at the Ballfield

Invite your family and friends! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and anything else you may need to enjoy the festivities with us!



HAPPY 4th OF JULY

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HUMBOLDT, NE – FULL DAY OF EVENTS!!
JULY 4TH, 2025 - CELEBRATION!

- 8 am to 1 pm – Breakfast at Cancer Garden
- 10 am – 2 pm – Quad County Museum -Car Show around City Square Park, awards at 2pm
- Quad County Museum Open for Tours – 10 am to finish
- Vendors in City Park & town cafes open for lunch
- Humboldt Garden Club Corn Hole Tourney begin 10am Southwest corner of Humboldt City Park
- 1:00 to 4:30 pm – BINGO at Auditorium
- 3 pm to 4 pm– Firetruck rides begin at Lake park
- 5 pm to 7 pm – Chamber BBQ at Richardson County Ag Bldg (Meal cost-\$10 each & 5 & under free)
- PC Youth Wrestling Club– Desserts/Ice Cream Social

Chamber raffle prizes announced before the Free Fireworks Display at Dusk at the Ballpark

(Events subject to change)

*City square, Auditorium & Ball Concessions bathrooms open during the day

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	2.6 DIESEL TRUCK




FIREWORKS NOTICE

PERMITTED DATES & TIMES FOR USE:
JUNE 25 - JULY 2, ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM TO 11:00 PM
JULY 3 - 5, ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM TO 11:59 PM

LOCATION: FIREWORKS CAN BE DISCHARGED WITHIN CITY LIMITS, BUT NOT ON PUBLIC PROPERTIES SUCH AS CITY PARKS.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF NOISE ORDINANCES TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY PEACEFUL! SEE ORDINANCE 2024-100 FOR MORE INFORMATION.





The Richardson County Courthouse will be CLOSED Friday, July 4th 2025 in observance of Independence Day



OPEN HOUSE

Friday July 11
11am - 2pm
614 W Oak, Fairview, KS

Please join us for an open house to meet our newest provider Laura Harmon, APRN. Tour our clinic, meet the staff, and the Country Cabin food truck will be on site for you to purchase your lunch. Come see how 'Everybody Wins' with Direct Primary Care at Holton Direct Care!



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