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7:00PM: Falls City Jaycees Tractor and Truck Pull at Jaycees Community Field

Sat., July 12

10:00AM-1:00PM: Lemonade Days 15th & Stone Street FC  
10:30AM-: FCFFA Alumni Poker Fun Fundraiser

Wed., July 16

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CMC golf event raises money for Community Kids Center

The Community Medical Center Foundation hosted the 14th annual Golf “Fore” Good Health event at the Falls City Golf Course on Thursday, June 28 and Friday, June 29. The event featured a meet-and-greet dinner on Thursday night and a 4-person, 18-hole scramble on Friday. The event also featured a silent auction with items ranging from homemade cinnamon rolls to concert tickets, gift certificates, and more.

The proceeds from this year’s event will be used for the Community Kids Center. A year ago, the hospital, acknowledging the area’s need for a daycare center, took over operation of the center  
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Former commissioner tells Board that the County is not spending enough on rock

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at the Richardson County Courthouse. All members of the Board answered the roll call.

Deputy County Treasurer Rachel Jean addressed the Commissioners, requesting permission to close the ARPA Fund and a special bank account, and to transfer the interest earned from the ARPA  
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Medicaid and Medicare cuts have rural leaders worried about impact

Photo (right) Ben Steffen speaking at Humboldt Town Hall, submitted

Healthcare providers and community leaders across Southeast Nebraska voiced concerns about the effects of a new federal law that will reduce Medicaid funding.

The legislation, referred to by President Donald Trump as his “big, beautiful bill,” passed the House 218-214 and the Senate 51-50, with Vice President J.D. Vance casting the deciding vote.

This bill continues the tax cuts that began in 2017, but it also includes significant changes to the Medicaid program. It tightens eligibility requirements, adds work requirements for people aged 19 to 64, and reduces federal funding for states.

Local facilities relying heavily on Medicaid, like Colonial Acres in Humboldt, Falls City Care Center, and Good Samaritan Society in Auburn, could face serious challenges. According to LeadingAge Nebraska, around 60 percent of residents in Nebraska nursing homes depend on Medicaid for their care.

At a town hall meeting in



Humboldt on June 25, attended by over 70 residents, Ben Steffen discussed the risks to local care facilities. He noted that since 2020, Nebraska has lost 19 skilled care nursing home facilities and 15 of the 19 have been lost from rural communities. Pawnee and Johnson Counties now have no nursing home beds at all.

Steffen said, “If the cuts go through, the choice won’t be whether we like our local nursing home, it’ll be whether we still have one at all.”

Richardson County has a large elderly population, with 24 percent of residents aged 65 and older, according to LeadingAge Nebraska. By 2030, Nebraska is expected to have a 63 percent increase in residents aged 75 or

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Members of the Executive Council, Mayor of White Cloud, members of Grey Snow Communications and Rainbow Communications.

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and Grey Snow Communications host ribbon-cutting celebrating launch of tribally-owned high-speed internet

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, in partnership with Grey Snow Communications, is proud to announce The Speed of Sovereignty, a milestone event that took place on June 25, 2025. This celebration marked the launch of a Tribal-owned high-speed internet service in White Cloud, Kansas, which will support digital sovereignty and long-term infrastructure for the Tribal community.

“This is a major step forward for the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, as high-speed internet for our people is not just about technology. It is about connection, opportunity, and sovereignty,” said Chairman Tim Rhodd.

During the pandemic, community members lacked sufficient access to online education or telehealth services due to severely

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limited high-speed connectivity. An incredible 91 percent of the town was considered unserved, so the Tribe decided to build partnerships to change that.

With services provided by Grey Snow Communications, a broadband engineering and construction company wholly owned by the Iowa Tribe, managing the efforts, \$1.3 million in grant funding was secured to bring high-speed fiber-optic internet to 158 homes and two institutions in White Cloud, including Tribal housing. This new system provides speeds of up to 10 Gbps, which is nearly 400 times faster than what was previously available in the area.

David Tam, CEO of Grey Snow Communications, said, “This fiber construction project placed 45,000 feet of fiber on telephone poles and in the ground. We are pleased that we could serve the

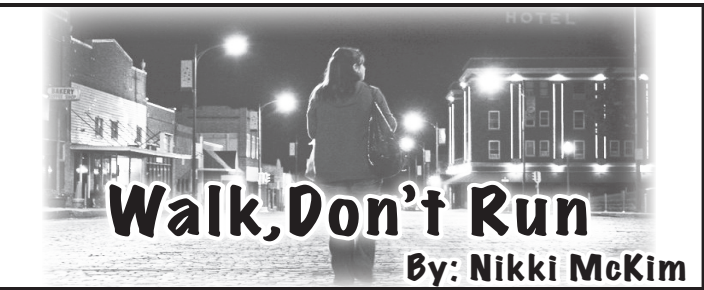


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Next, we headed to the TCL Chinese Theatre, where Michelle Pfeiffer introduced The Fabulous Baker Boys (1989). She had such a presence. You could hear a pin drop in that theater. It was also the first time in my near decade of attending the festival that I have seen security for any guest. It was the first time I had seen the film. Jeff and Beau Bridges play struggling musicians who hire a singer, played by Pfeiffer. I'm always happy I take a risk seeing new films during the festival because I find so many I end up really enjoying.

I took a break for dinner while others kept going. I went to Miceli's for a nice quiet dinner alone. Miceli's has a dreamy atmosphere where the smell of garlic fills the air and a gentleman sits at a corner piano singing Sinatra. The food is hit and miss, but the atmosphere is always glorious.

Later that night, we watched Clueless (1995) poolside at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Although not a traditional classic, my sister and I have always loved it for what it is, good old fashioned fun with a side of Paul Rudd.

Saturday began with rain, a lot of rain. Angela and I skipped the early screenings and went to Solar de Caahuenga for breakfast, a tradition we usually save for Sunday. The restaurant is known for its pastries and desserts. We waited for the rain to let up, but it only got worse. The streets around Hollywood Boulevard began to flood.

By the time we returned, preparations for the AFI tribute to Francis Ford Coppola were underway. Red carpet equipment was in place, but the weather was making the setup difficult. My jeans were soaked to the knees from walking the flooded sidewalks.

We stood in the rain outside the Egyptian Theatre for the nitrate screening of Mildred Pierce (1945). The film stars Joan Crawford as a mother who builds a restaurant business to support her ungrateful daughter. Directed by Michael Curtiz, it blends elements of melodrama and film noir. Crawford won the Academy Award for Best Actress which was well deserved.

This screening was on nitrate film stock. Anytime a film is shown in nitrate it's a battle to get in. Nitrate is known for its luminous image quality and is highly flammable and requires specialized projection and storage. Seeing a nitrate print is a rare experience and always requires a little pre-screening demo of where all the fire exits are.

After that screening, we attended a presentation inside the Hollywood Roosevelt by Karie Bible titled "Final Resting Places of Hollywood Legends." I took that time to grab a Coke and sprawl out on the floor of the Blossom Room of the Roosevelt. Filthy, yes. But, I love to sit back and tell myself to take it all in. The history of that room is so overwhelming. Sunrise won an Academy Award in that room during the first Oscars ceremony. How cool is that? Also you can get the best fountain Coke-a-Cola in the world there. *(To be continued)*



All things Nebraska  
Big, beautiful bill  
would deal bad  
news for rural  
hospitals and  
Medicaid recipients

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner  
There's some good news and plenty of bad news for Nebraska's rural hospitals.

Just recently, state officials cheered the announcement that the federal government had approved the state's application to join a program, already involving 44 other states, that would provide an additional \$1 billion to the state's hospitals and nursing facilities.

But, at the same time, there's concern that President Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" will severely cut the federal funding for Medicaid, which is a major revenue source for hospitals.

Times were already tough enough for rural hospitals, which not only provide life-saving medical care but are major employers in rural communities.

More than half of the state's rural, independent critical access hospitals were operating at a loss, according to the Nebraska Hospital Association. In recent years, more than one in five rural hospitals have cut back services due to financial struggles – services like delivering babies and treating mental illnesses. There are predictions that six rural hospitals will close if the proposed Medicaid cuts are approved.

Medicaid – health care for the disabled and low-income individuals that is jointly funded by the feds and the state (Medicare is health insurance for the elderly) – pays for 26% of all emergency room visits to rural hospitals and 44% of the bills for minor children, according to the Hospital Association. Almost half of all Medicaid recipients in Nebraska live in rural areas.

In short, it's a big deal for hospitals in our rural communities.

And the bad news is that the proposed beautiful bill would make a sizable cut in federal subsidies for Medicaid.

How sizable? The bill advanced by the House of Representatives would cut \$88 billion a year, or about 31% of what Nebraska spends per resident on Medicaid, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, which tracks health care issues. That group says that there are 97,000 children on Medicaid in Nebraska, 44,000 adults and 13,000 seniors and those with disabilities. One in three children in our state under the age of 6 are covered by Medicaid.

The version of the bill being advanced by the U.S. Senate makes even deeper cuts, nearly \$160 billion more over 10 years. So the total cuts would top \$1 trillion over 10 years.

When federal reimbursements go down, the state could pick up the difference. But it's estimated that Nebraska would have to spend \$1.3 billion over the next eight years to make that difference up. More than 100,000 Nebraskans could lose Medicaid coverage, according to the Nebraska Rural Health Association.

Nebraska, as we saw in the last legislative session, is scraping the cookie jars to fund state government, so state funding seems unlikely. And our U.S. Senators and



Representatives seems to be fully on board with the big bill.

Both the House and Senate bill have new work requirements to qualify for Medicaid. But that kind of ignores the fact that most people on Medicaid are already working – nearly two-thirds of recipients ages 19-64 already work. And many of those not working cannot due to caretaker responsibilities or disabilities.

A nurse from the Webster County Hospital in Red Cloud gave a sobering prediction at a recent news conference covered by the Lincoln Journal-Star.

The nurse said the small hospital is already operating at a loss and would likely close if the big bill includes the deep cuts in Medicaid.

And what if you had a heart attack in the home of Willa Cather? Instead of a five-minute ride to the hospital, it would mean a 40-minute ride north to Hastings. Think about 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: SOCCER

ACROSS

- 1. Heidi's footwear, pl.
- 6. \* \_\_\_\_ Hamm
- 9. Humorous anecdote
- 13. It doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles
- 14. Like Mother Hubbard
- 15. Popular pie nut
- 16. Hiker's path
- 17. Court
- 18. Makes better
- 19. \*Number of soccer players on field for each team
- 21. \*Winningest FIFA World Cup country
- 23. Common inquiries, acr.
- 24. Carmy Berzatto's restaurant, with The
- 25. Cul-de- \_\_\_\_
- 28. In the buff
- 30. Preacher's platform
- 35. Poking instrument
- 37. Smidge
- 39. Sashay
- 40. Bald eagle's nest
- 41. \*a.k.a. soccer field
- 43. Lice eggs
- 44. Located within
- 46. 3 squared
- 47. High rocky hills
- 48. Post-roller coaster ride state
- 50. Captain of Nautilus
- 52. \_\_\_\_ chi
- 53. Unforeseen obstacle
- 55. Acronym, abbr.
- 57. \*FIFA headquarters location
- 60. \*Soccer footwear
- 63. Uninterested
- 64. Hundred Acre Wood's wise resident
- 66. Parkinson's drug
- 68. Pool problem, pl.
- 69. Romanian money
- 70. Wooden ship caulking
- 71. Celt
- 72. Cotillion ball's main attraction
- 73. \* \_\_\_\_ Alexander-Arnold

DOWN

- 1. 100 lbs.
- 2. Elders' teachings
- 3. Kind of history
- 4. Widower's feelings
- 5. Forest spirit
- 6. Worked over with scythe
- 7. UN labor org.
- 8. Sun-dried brick
- 9. Exclamation, with Louise
- 10. Palm tree berry
- 11. \_\_\_\_ Mall, London
- 12. Ensign, for short
- 15. a.k.a. Lighthouse of Alexandria
- 20. \*Provide with shin guards, socks and uniform, e.g.
- 22. Drake's genre
- 24. Playing roulette
- 25. \*FIFA Women's World Cup current champion
- 26. Rome's Colosseum, e.g.
- 27. Singular of cornua
- 29. Kill (2 words)
- 31. "By \_\_\_\_ of" or "by means of"
- 32. "The \_\_\_\_," Dostoyevsky's novel
- 33. U in UV
- 34. \*Lionel \_\_\_\_
- 36. Coloring substances
- 38. Teenager's breakout
- 42. Relating to blood
- 45. Dwell
- 49. African National Congress
- 51. Central American wildcat
- 54. Get \_\_\_\_ of someone
- 56. Highway patrolman's gun
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- 58. Desire
- 59. \* \_\_\_\_ Madrid
- 60. \*C in AFC Richmond
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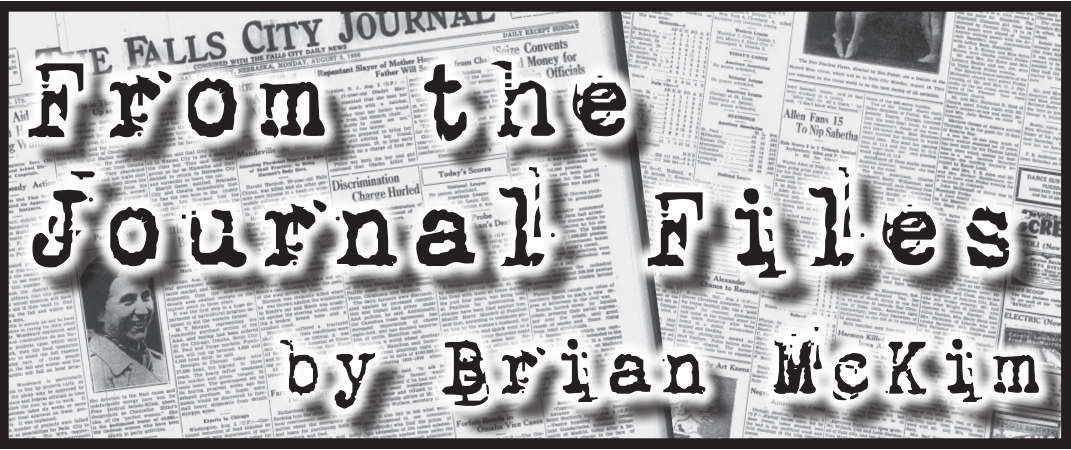
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75 Years Ago, July 9, 1950 to July 15, 1950

Soaking rains fell over the area over the weekend, bringing the two-day total for Falls City to 2.43 inches according to reporter Miss Kate Kloepfel.

Falls City stores were busy due to the impact of the Korean War. Citizens purchased overalls, four-buckle overshoes, sheets, food, tires and other items that were in demand as shortage worries loomed.

A Sunday afternoon auto racing program was held at the Auburn fairgrounds. The races over the half-mile track featured stock cars, which were rising in popularity.

A daughter, Laurie Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schock of 2109 Harlan Street.

Jimmie Sefried, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sefried, left for Frankfurt, KY and East St. Louis and Mt. Vernon, Illinois, to visit relatives and friends.

Selective Service headquarters ordered its 54 state and territorial directors to draft “as soon as possible” 20,000 men requested by the army.

The city’s new \$275,000 diesel generator unit was given its first test run. The new engine was rated at 2,800 horsepower and could be converted to permit the burning of natural gas when the supply was available. It was the No. 5 engine on the Falls City municipal power line. With the new unit, the generators were capable of producing over 5,000 kilowatts of power.

Slugger Ted Williams suffered a fractured left arm in the All-Star baseball game and would be sidelined for the remainder of the season, according to the Boston Red Sox.

Sam Philpot was named the Horseplay Days parade chairman; Charles Chaney, Jr., the free rides chairman and Dr. R.P. Hoban the free acts chairman.

Jake LeMotta whipped Tiberio Mitri in 15 rounds of action at Madison Square Garden in New York.

The Electric Tire Shop, located at 18th and Harlan Street, was undergoing extensive remodeling, according to owner Charles Heineman.

Smoke and fumes from a trash fire in the rear of the Rivoli Theater prompted the-atergoers to rush for the exits. Once it was determined that the fumes were sucked into the building through a big air intake fan the crowd returned to its seats.

More electric power and a more dependable supply for Richardson County were envisioned as a result of energizing a new 75-mile power line through Beatrice, with Humboldt as an eventual goal. The new line cost \$1,000,000 and ran from Kramer Junction through Beatrice and eventually to Humboldt.

“Ma and Pa Kettle Go to Town” was shown at the Rivoli Theater.

For Sale—Five-room, all-modern house, four lots, garage, north of 21st street, price \$6,000. See E.R. Miller.

For Sale—Small 1949 Packard DeLuxe, overdrive and heater, 9,000 miles, one owner. Perfect condition. \$1,650. Phone 4204.

50 Years Ago, July 9, 1975 to July 16, 1975

Douglas Merz, who graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law, joined the Weaver and Beekman law firm as an associate. Merz was a 1968 graduate of Falls City High School.

The Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad announced the addition of four new probationary members. The quartet included Mrs. Dick Gilkerson, Mrs. Carl Romine, Mrs. Robert Strikland and Bob James.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Eickhoff of Rock Port were the parents of a son born at Hamburg. Robert Benjamin was welcomed home by big brother Travis.

Gibson’s was having a super sale at its store in Falls City. A Huffy 10-speed bike was on sale for \$69.88, Daisy Model 1894 BB rifles were \$18.88, and Kool-Aid packets were six for 47 cents.

Tom Burton and Lonnie Ludwig, two of six ag students of Norm Fritz, were pictured working on shop projects. The group also included Bruce Vogeles, Darwin Godemann, Harry Kirkendall and Bob Kirkendall.

The marriage of Cher and Gregg Allman ended in divorce after only nine days. Cher stated, “Gregg and I made a mistake.”

President of the Chamber of Commerce Richard Halbert appointed a “task force” to determine the role the Chamber should play in assisting the Community Hospital with its expansion program.

Patty Kiekhaefer of Falls City defeated Nancy Albert of Atchison in a two-hole sudden-death playoff to win the championship of the annual Women’s Invitational Golf Tourney at the Country Club.

Don Weddle clubbed a grand slam, but it wasn’t enough, as his Sheets Pharmacy team fell to Krumme Lumber 16-6 in Pee Wee league action.

The Saturday Night Special at Hotel Stephensen was fixed chicken for \$1.75, while the Friday Special at Dairy Dip was fish and chips for 88 cents.

A son, Jason Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Becker of Omaha. Maternal grandparents included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schulenberg.

Sher’ree Hihath and Gary Frye were joined in marriage at the First United Methodist Church in Falls City by the Rev. Richard W. Dinsdale.

After being woken up by son Derrick at 2:00 a.m., Mrs. Ed Hall noticed what looked like a fire at the State Bank of Stella. She woke her husband, who got dressed and ran to get the fire truck. The commotion scared away the would-be burglars who were in the process of cutting open the bank’s safe with an acetylene torch.

25 Years Ago, July 9, 2000 to July 15, 2000

Carl Liberty, with the assistance of Tyler Bek, Jerry Jones, Kenny and Frank Killingsworth, and Tim Fischer, designed and built the largest high-voltage transmission cable pulling machine in the United States. The device was constructed in Falls City and was capable of 100,000 pounds of line pull, allowing it to pull up to 5,000 feet of cable at a time. The machine, built for W.A. Chester L.L.C., had a \$200,000 price tag and could feasibly be on the job for the next 40 years.

The fund drive for the Richardson County Military History Museum in the Court-house reached \$15,058.58. The final goal was \$22,000.

The Table Rock-Steinauer board of education voted 4-2 to pursue unification with the Humboldt Public School. The unification was the first step towards a merger into a single school district, a move that could take up to seven years.

“Scary Movie” and “Rocky and Bullwinkle” were shown at the Arrow Twin Theaters in Hiawatha.

“Partners in Krime” were playing at Bantz’s Chances R Bar in Salem.

The Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Week belonged to Ted and Diane Younker at 2110 Lane Street.

Winners at the Pee Wee Golf Tournament at the Country Club included Claire Poppe, Brooke Scheitel, Mitchel Harling, Clay Finck, Chaz Dunn, Grant Woods, Logan Faller, Mallory Hillyard, Morgan Hodge, Mitch Liberty, Jordan Faller, Morgan Hillyard and Hayley Milam.

One hundred fifty-four Bachman cousins, aunts and uncles gathered at the Rulo Auditorium for a pork barbecue dinner.

Ted Harshbarger was named Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management at Peru State College.

For sale—Near hospital, two-bedroom, central air, basement for \$32,900.

For sale—Acreage, four-bedroom, two-story with 17 acres for \$69,900.

Former commissioner tells Board that the County is not spending enough on rock

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funds to the General Fund. Jean advised the Board that during the lifetime of the ARPA funds, the County had earned \$18,375.28 in interest.

Commissioner Karas made a motion to pass resolution 2025-2026-1 to close the ARPA Fund #2580 and the LATCF Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund #2585. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. updated the Board on projects in the County. Commissioner Campbell passed along a compliment from a landowner in Preston, telling Darveau that the individual was thankful for the Road Crew and the Highway Superintendent’s action on addressing an issue.

Darveau also advised the Board that he is currently working with an individual from Beatrice who will be working with the Roads Department to give instruction and certification for CDL permits. Darveau said it will cost roughly \$1,200 per person for the four people who will be taking the course.

Gayle Swisegood met with the Board to inquire about the County’s driveway access policy. Swisegood remarked that he appreciated the Board allowing him to meet with them. He stated that his farm, northwest of Verdon, has a field entrance tube that needs to be cleaned out and was asking what the County’s role in that was. Darveau provided Swisegood with the policy that was adopted on June 12, 2018. The policy states that property owners are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all existing or newly installed culverts. The County will sell the tubes to landowners at cost and install them for free. The individual then owns the culvert and is responsible for keeping it clean. Swisegood said he thought the policy was good and he got the answers he needed.

Next on the agenda, Billy Ely requested a meeting with the Board regarding the condition of the gravel roads near his residence at 642 Avenue.

Ely advised the Board that his road rests on the “fringes” of the County and that his road is currently the worst he has ever seen it.

Ely asked that more rock be placed on county roads throughout the County.

“Whatever we’re spending on rock,” said Ely. “I’ve read in the paper it’s almost a million dollars. It’s not enough, evidently, because we aren’t getting the rock.”

Darveau responded by saying, “All you’ve got to do is just call. I’m trying to get everybody rock.”

The Sheriff was unable to meet with the Board this week.

The Board conducted a quarterly jail inspection and found it to be in good working order.

The Board also approved an agreement with Region V Systems for Emergency Protective Care Services from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, at a daily cost of \$214.00.

Claims were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and Grey Snow Communications host ribbon cutting celebrating launch of tribally owned high-speed internet

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Iowa Tribe by building this critical infrastructure, and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on the economy and the citizens.”

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska (ITKN) is a sovereign nation and federally recognized Tribe organized under a constitution and bylaws approved on February 26, 1937. The Tribe, also known as the Ioway or Báxoje, is headquartered on a reservation that straddles the eastern portion of the Kansas - Nebraska state borders,

along the confluence of the Níamaha and Nyisoji, or the Big Nemaha River and Missouri River. The Iowa River and the State of Iowa were named after the Tribe. ITKN owns several enterprises, including Grey Snow Management Solutions, LLC (GSMS). GSMS is a holding company for a collection of tribally owned businesses, known as the Grey Snow Companies, that offer reliable solutions for fiber communications, workforce development, renewable green energy systems, and professional services. In addition to GSMS, the Tribe owns Casino White Cloud, Ioway Farms, Ioway Bee Farm, Soje, and Grandview Oil.

BUILDING PERMITS

Barbara Froeschl, 2614 Abbott St., replace roof; \$18,570.00.

James & Marcia Frederick, 2104 Lane St., install generator; \$10,000.00.

Steven O’Grady, 420 E. 25th St., install generator; \$15,000.00.

Brian Kopf, 2510 Crook St., install deck; \$5,000.00.

Linn DeWald, 2612 Towle St., replace water heater; \$1,405.00.

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All proceeds go to support the Falls City FFA Chapter Scholarship Fund



# SOCIETY

## FALLS CITY DOES DROVE #56

Submitted

Monday, June 9th, 2025 Falls City Does Drove #56, NE met at the Elks Lodge.

President Dessie Scholl called the meeting to order followed by the Opening Ceremony. Phyllis Kreutzer, chaplain offered prayer. Secretary Linda Frost read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read.

Get well cards were signed for members Mary Ann Wenz, Debbie Witt and Kenna Nixon.

Dessie reported she had ordered more pecans. We will be selling nuts during Cobblestone at a booth outside of the Hometown Floral store.

Nancy McKim said tickets will be available for the annual Supermarket Sweep. The event will be held during Cobblestone at the Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh store.

Dessie and Nancy Jo said the recent bake sale was successful and thanked all for the contributions and help.

Ideas were discussed for our Grand Lodge Ways and Means project, formerly the President's Project. Members were asked to think about it and bring ideas to the

next meeting.

The Does will assist the Elks with the Flag Ceremony on Saturday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m. inside at the Elks Club. Members should be at the Elks Club by 9:30 in white.

The Drove voted to donate to the Elks parking lot project. We will donate to the Isla Kirkendall family. Isla was born prematurely and has undergone numerous surgeries.

Happy birthday was sung to Karen Ramsey. The entertainment-refreshment committee was Phyllis Kreutzer and Beverly Bernhardt. The July meeting will be a social with Karen and Julie Bauman hosting. Members will be notified of the event and date. The next regular meeting is August 11th with Mary Wiltse and Leecia Hillyard hostesses.

## ROTARY

Rotary met Thursday, June 19, at Falter Museum.

There were seven members present: Merle Veigel, Glenda Nelson, Rick Martin, Ryan and Cate Larson, Andrea Burgess and Mary Jane Weinert.

Dues are now due. Merle became the president as we thanked Cate Larson for her year of guidance.

The next meeting will be with the district governor present at the Museum on July 10th at 11 o'clock. Plans for the Cobblestone parade will be discussed.

## PARISH CIRCLE

Submitted

Parish Circle met on Monday evening, June 16, 2025, at Bethel Global Methodist Church. Thirteen members and one guest were present.

Deb Harris opened the evening with prayer. Sherry Rieger led lesson 1 from Ten Women of the Bible on Sarah (Life in the Kingdom of the Absurd). Ronda Yoesel, the co-chair, conducted the business meeting. Catherine Palmer gave the treasurer's report. Cindy Scott read two thank-you notes from memorials given. Ronda asked the group to share their prayer concerns and joys, which were then shared. She closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2025, at Bethel Global Methodist Church, featuring a Family Movie Night. Showing the movie "Time Changer". Beginning at 7:00 P.M., Joyce Jones will be the hostess and will provide the beverages, with members bringing snacks to share. The congregations are invited to attend.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated for Flag Day by the hostess Cindy Scott.

## The Brownville Concert Series presents Darius de Haas

The Brownville Concert Series is thrilled to welcome to Brownville, Darius de Haas in "TIMELESS: From Nat King Cole to Stevie Wonder." Darius de Haas, of the original Broadway cast of RENT and the singing voice of "Shy Baldwin" from the hit series The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel takes us on a musical journey celebrating the legacy of musical giants like Nat King Cole and Sarah Vaughan. He interweaves this with his own story growing up in a musical family who was also part of that Golden Age of the American Songbook. It's sure to be one you won't want to miss! The shows will be in cabaret on Friday and Saturday, July 11-12 at 7:30pm, and in concert Sunday, July 13th at 2:00pm.

Darius de Haas is an award-winning singer and actor whose career has spanned from Broadway to concert stages around the world. His Broadway credits include Kiss of the Spiderwoman starring Chita Rivera, Carousel, the original Broadway casts of RENT, The Gershwins' Fascinating Rhythm, Marie Christine, Shuffle Along, and the anniversary concerts of Dreamgirls and Hair (both for the Actors Fund). Other notable theater includes his Obie award winning performance in Running Man, the premiere production (at Papermill Playhouse) of Children of Eden and Public Works' As You Like It. Notable TV credits include Dietland, In The Life, and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel for which Darius is the singing voice of "Shy Baldwin".

A critically acclaimed concert and recording artist (The NY Times praised him for his "fiery unabashedly abject interpretations and ingenuous trust in total honesty"), among Darius' solo artist appearances include The Lincoln Center American Songbook, Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert Los Angeles Master Chorale, The New York Festival of Song, Carnegie Hall and many orchestras including the National Symphony, Cincinnati Pops, and The Boston Pops. He has performed and/or toured with such artists as Marvin Hamlisch, Oleta Adams, Roberta Flack, Elvis Costello, Deborah Harry and Vanessa Williams. His recordings include his debut Darius de Haas-Day Dream: Variations on Strayhorn, Quiet Please (duo w/pianist Steven Blier), and many Original Cast and Soundtrack Recordings. Darius is a founding member of Black Theatre United which serves to educate, empower, and inspire through excellence and activism in the pursuit of justice and equality for all black artists.

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



Falls City Rotary Club's passing of the gavel. Merle Veigel is taking over as club president for the 2025-26 year from Cate Larsen.

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# Red Cross Scholarship recipients announced

*Submitted*

We are proud to announce the recipients of the American Red Cross scholarships. These students help at the school and summer drives by hanging posters, calling and scheduling appointments and setting up tables and chairs. The students from Sacred Heart High School are; Destry Groth, daughter of Stacey and Andrea Groth, is going to Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa, Clayton Keithley, son of Joe and Tiffany Keithley, will be going to SCC in Milford, Nebraska, Jentry Lechtenburg, daughter of Justin Lechtenburg and Monica Lechtenburg, will go to SCC in Lincoln, Nebraska, Annika Reschke, daughter of Brad and Kylee Reschke, is going

to K-State.

Students from Falls City High School are Kaitlyn Kirkendall, daughter of Jeremy and Laura Kirkendall, is going to UNO, Bailey Thimmes, son of Mitchell and Darlene Funk is going to Northwest Missouri State University, Sierrah Vermeer, daughter of Jason

and Sandra Vermeer, is going to Peru State, Paige Young, daughter of Chris Young and Amanda Bartek-Ramsey, is going to Northwest Missouri State University.

Thank you to all donors who came and donated at these drives to help these students receive their scholarships.

# PSC announces President’s List

Peru State College is proud to announce its President’s List for the Spring Term 2025, recognizing outstanding academic achievement.

This spring’s honorees include students from Nebraska, 12 other U.S. states, Puerto Rico, and seven other countries around the world.

Locals honored for the Spring 2025 semester include: Jolena Bassett of Falls City; Shannon Jones of Humboldt and Laney Craine of Shubert.

To qualify for the President’s List, students must maintain a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, complete at least 12 graded credit hours, have no incomplete grades, and be degree-seeking.

# FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



Fireside Inn, June 22, 1975

# Southeast Community College spring 2025 Dean’s List

Southeast Community College released the names of 3,112 students who earned a spot on the Dean’s List for the 2025 Spring Semester which ended on May 16, 2025.

A student must complete at least six semester credit hours in the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 to be recognized on the Dean’s List. Classes with a grade of “P” (Pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum. The breakdown per campus is: Beatrice-378; Lincoln-2,176; Milford: 484; Prison Education Program: 74. In addition, 636 dual credit students and 170 students from The Career Academy earned a spot on the Dean’s List.

Dawson students included: Isaac Bittner, Diesel Technology-Truck; Elizabeth Bstandig-Rowland, Dual Credit; Jodie Uhri, Agriculture Management & Production.

DuBois students included: Jett Farwell, Dual Credit.

Falls City students included: Evan Bailey, Dual Credit; Gavin Bauer, Dual Credit; Ethan Boatright, Dual Credit; Peyton Brown, Dual Credit; Hayden Findlay, Dual Credit; Kyle Frederick, Dual Credit; Robert Froeschl, Dual Credit; Kyleigh Furnas, Dual Credit; Ella Glathar, Dual Credit; Caden Handley, Dual Credit; Taykia Hayes, Dual Credit; Jaxten Jorgensen, Welding Technology; Clayton Keithley, Dual Credit; Samantha Kendall, Associate of Health Sciences; Kaitlyn Kirkendall, Dual Credit; Taylor Ann Kreifels, Dual Credit; Jentry Lechtenberg, Dual Credit; Vaughn Lenard, Business; Ethan Neddennriep, Dual Credit; Connor Nelson, Dual Credit; Ruby Gk Nguyen, Dual Credit; Jocelyn Olberding, Dual Credit; Kaydence Rego, Dual Credit; Henry Rottinghaus, Dual Credit; Evie Rue, Dual Credit; Emilou Schulenberg, Dual Credit; Cole Taft, Dual Credit; Sadie Tisdell, Undeclared; Sierrah Vermeer, Dual Credit; Elizabeth Vice, Dual Credit; Jessica Wertenberger, Associate of Health Sciences; Malesa Wickham, Dual Credit; Paige Young, Dual Credit.

Hiawatha students included: Xavier Oldham, Agriculture Management & Production; Annika Reschke, Dual Credit.

Humboldt students included: Maelynn Bittner, Associate of Health Sciences; Jakob Manning, Dual Credit.

Nemaha students included: Blake Allen, Electrical Technician; Keelee McClintock, Medical Laboratory Technology.

Sabetha students included: Haylee Kramer, Associate of Health Sciences; Colin Menold, Agriculture Management & Production.

Salem students included: Derek Helmick, Dual Credit.

Shubert students included: Jayme Ewers, Dual Credit.

Table Rock students included: Adrian Dekoning, Dual Credit; Joseph Tyler, Computer Information Technology-Cybersecurity.

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<b>Grace Bible Fellowship</b> (Highway 62, east of Stella) Sunday: Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM Web page: <a href="http://www.gbfcchurch.com">www.gbfcchurch.com</a> Dave Lockard, Pastor Office: 402-883-2110	<b>Big Lake Baptist Church</b> (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	<b>River of Hope Fellowship</b> 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	<b>The Four Mile Church</b> (South of Humboldt) Sunday: Church services, 9:00AM Howard Blecha, Pastor	<b>Lighthouse Church of God</b> (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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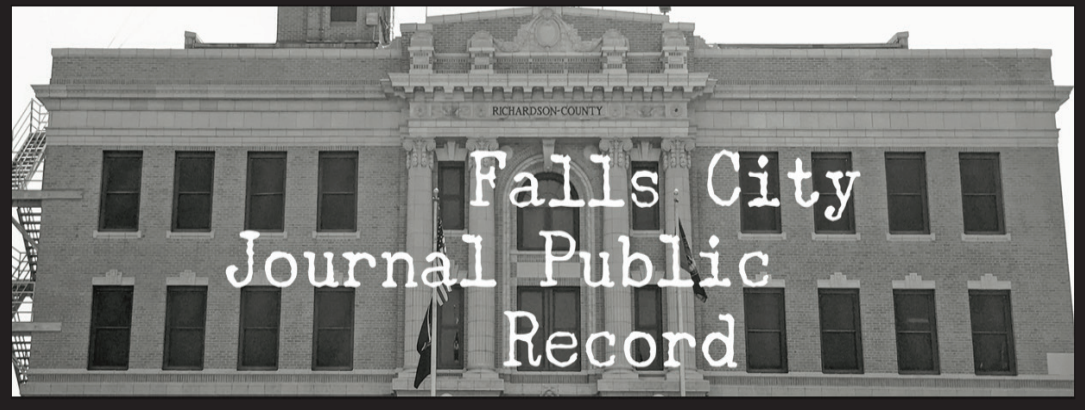
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(Editor’s Note - dismissal *with prejudice* bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

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**COUNTY COURT**  
Edward L. Ingalls, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Jennifer L. Calvert, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, amended to disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for August 18, 2025.

Josiah D. Williams, count one, drive w/o ignition interlock pled not guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for July 30, 2025, change of plea.

Dennis R. McCarthy, count one, sexual assault w/o consent-3rd degree, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 6, 2025.

Emma L. Shubert, count one, assault-cause bodily injury, pled not guilty. Pre-

trial scheduled for August 4, 2025.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Charles L. Ochoa, count one, possess firearm by prohibited person-first, pled not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, pled not guilty; count three, possess contr subs, pled not guilty; count four, possess firearm while commit felony, pled not guilty; count five, possess destructive device, pled not guilty; count six, use explosive w/o permit, pled not guilty; count seven, obstruct peace officer, pled not guilty; count eight, store explosives-violate safety reg’s, pled not guilty; count nine, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 22, 2025.

Lee M. Adkins, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, criminal mischief \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count three, habitual criminal, pled not guilty; count four, criminal mischief \$501-1,499, pled not guilty; count five, criminal trespass-2nd degree, pled not guilty; count six, willful reckless driving-first, pled not guilty; count seven, drive under suspense/before reinstated, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for July 22, 2025.

Bradley A. Spunaugle, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, pled not guilty; count two, possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound, pled not guilty; count three, possess or obtain legend drugs, pled not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 22, 2025.

David C. Wells, counts 1-5, possess firearm by prohibited person-first, pled not guilty; count six, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-first, pled not guilty; counts 7-9, possess firearm while commit felony, pled not guilty; counts 10-12 possess deadly

weapon while commit felony, pled not guilty; counts 13-15, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, pled not guilty; count 16, possess contr subs w/o tax paid, pled not guilty; count 17, possess contr subs, pled not guilty; count 18, habitual criminal, pled not guilty; counts 19-20 possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for August 5, 2025.

Laura E. Staten, counts 1-2, possess contr subs, pled not guilty; count three, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for July 8, 2025.

William Beddow Jr., count one, assault by strangulation or suffocation, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 5, 2025.

William Beddow Jr., count one, sexual assault-first degree, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 5, 2025.

Heather A. Cooper, count one, possess contr subs, pled not guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled not guilty; count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 22, 2025.

Shayne C. Songer, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, possess contr subs, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 19, 2025.

Ethan D. King, count one, possess contr subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 12, 2025.

Aimee L. Vermeer, count one, possess contr subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, pled not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 22, 2025.

CITATIONS

Wayne Gaul of Houston, 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. (Holliday)

John Bolton of Fort Leavenworth, KS, count one, violate no passing zone, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Holliday)

Daniel Farwell of Humboldt, count one, improper turn, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use seat belt, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Sheryl Bestwick of Talmage, NE, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Abby Fee of White Cloud, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CALLS AND STATISTICS

*June 25 through June 26, 2025 calls:* four miscellaneous calls, two calls referred to another agency, one animal call, one motorist assist, one burn permit, one nuisance, one welfare check, for ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, and five 911 calls.

*June 26 through June 27, 2025 calls:* three nuisance calls, one burn permit, one call referred to another agency, two miscellaneous calls, two animal calls, one weather call, one ambulance/EMS call, one HHS intake/referral call, three 911 hang up/misdials, one warning for unlawful/fictitious display of plates, one warning for improper/defective, vehicle, lighting, one citation for maintaining a nuisance, one citation for nuisance-liter, one citation for nuisance, weeds, and grass, and five 911 calls.

*June 27 through June 28, 2025 calls:* two miscellaneous calls, one noise disturbance, one burn permit, two ambulance/EMS calls, one fire call, one animal call, one accident, two warnings, two 911 hang-ups/misdials, and four 911 calls.

*June 28 through June 29, 2025 calls:* information not received.

*June 29 through June 30, 2025 calls:* four calls referred to another agency, one weather call, one ambulance/EMS call, three 911 hang up/misdials, one traffic/driving complaint, two miscellaneous calls, two welfare checks, one investigation, one animal call, and five 911 calls.

*June 30 through July 1, 2025 calls:* no information received.

*July 1 through July 2, 2025 calls:* four animal calls, three miscellaneous calls, three nuisance calls, one gun permit, one juvenile issue, one Ambulance/EMS call, one house watch, one burn permit, one informational call, one citation for a traffic control violation, and three 911 calls.

*July 2 through July 3, 2025 calls:* two calls referred to another Agency, one suspicious person/vehicle, one parking complaint, one animal call, two informational only calls, five nuisance calls, three HHS intake/referral calls, one assault, one welfare check, one burn permit, one theft, one Ambulance/EMS call, one citation for assault, and eight 911 calls.



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## Falls City outscored 40-0 at Fort Calhoun

The Froeschl Floors Junior baseball squad participated in the Zig Drywall Invite in Fort Calhoun. The Juniors fell to Peitzmeier Demolition 0-18 and then to Data-vizion Seward Post 33 Juniors 0-22.

In the first contest, Peitzmeier slugged 12 hits and scored 15 first-inning runs as they defeated Falls City 18-0 in three innings. Falls City's Kam Huppert, Knox Davis and Karson Simpson combined to allow 12 hits, 18 runs, four walks and struck out four. The three only allowed eight earned runs. Meanwhile, Andrew Johaneck threw all three innings for Peitzmeier, allowing two hits and no runs while striking out two and walking none.

The first half of an inning was a long one for FC. Peitzmeier used four errors, four walks, four singles, four hit by pitches, a double and a home run to plate the 15 runs.

In the bottom of the inning, Ryder Hullman hit a one-out single to right field, but consecutive strikeouts ended the inning.

Falls City's pitching settled down in the second, allowing just a single and no runs. In the bottom of the second, Elin Vonderschmidt reached on an error and Callen Furnas singled to right. Unfortunately for Falls City, a fielder's choice, a pop out and a ground out ended the frame with no runs. Peitzmeier added three more runs in the third to push their advantage to 18-0.

Noah Howard reached after getting plunked to open the third, but again the FC offense couldn't push him home as the Juniors fell 0-18.

Hullman and Furnas each reached on base hits, and Howard reached after getting hit by a pitch.

In game two, FC batters failed to get a hit, while the defense committed seven errors in the 22-0 loss to Data-vizion.

The Seward team went up 3-0 after the first inning as the Post 33 Juniors tagged pitcher Elin Vonderschmidt for two singles, a double and an error.

In the bottom half of the frame, Hullman reached after the first baseman committed an error. However, back-to-back strikeouts ended the inning with FC trailing 3-0.

Seward scored nine runs in the second frame and ten more in the third as they pushed to a 22-0 lead after two and a half innings. Noah Howard worked a two-out walk in the third but was unable to cross the plate.

The only baserunners of the contest for FC were Howard (walk) and Hullman (error). Seward scored nine unearned runs in the win. Landon Pelster went the distance for Seward, allowing no hits, no runs, one walk and striking out seven in three innings.

The loss dropped Falls City to 4-13-1 for the season.

## Community Medical Center golf event raises money for Community Kids Center

(Continued from Page 1) that had previously been operated by Sacred Heart. The center welcomes youngsters ranging from six weeks to 12 years old and currently serves 43 kids.

CEO of Community Medical Center, Ryan Larsen, asserted that, "This is not a money-making venture; subsidies are required. Knowing that safe, affordable day care is critical to families, however, we are committed to maintaining this service and even hope to grow it."

Trent Scheitel gave a brief welcome, stressing

to those in attendance the importance of childcare in the community. "In small towns like ours, these kinds of resources can make or break whether a young family chooses to stay in town or leave," said Scheitel. "So, when we invest in childcare, we are investing in workforce, growth and the long-term strength of our community."

Hullman's Ford was also recognized for their long-term sponsorship of the golf tournament.

Six Husker legends made the trip to Falls City this year, along with special

guest and former Denver Bronco star Rick Upchurch.

The group included longtime attendees Clester Johnson, Tommie Frazier, Mike Rozier and Johnny Rodgers. Two legends making their first appearance were Tony Veland and Dwayne Harris.

They all come to support Coach Reed, but more importantly, the Community Medical Center.

"When he asked me to come and be part of this, I said, absolutely. No ifs, ands or buts about it," said Rick Upchurch. He touched on his battle with

cancer and the golf tournament he runs in Colorado to raise money to help families dealing with the costs of fighting cancer. He discussed efforts to alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with fighting the disease.

"What is your purpose? God said we all have a purpose, find out what your purpose is," said the three-time NFL All-Pro. "We can talk about rushing records, we can talk about championships, we can talk about all that stuff. But when we're talking about the rural areas of the United States of America, we must step up and help."

Rodgers said loyalty brings him back each year. "We're in the same business," said Rodgers. "We got help from a lot of different people coming up, so we help."

He also stressed the need for help. "We believe in teamwork. Anything you can do by yourself just ain't big enough. Teamwork makes your dreams work, and I'm just part of the team."

The golf event on Friday featured 20 teams. The

## Athletic Director Kyle Pond has announced his resignation from PSC

"We are deeply saddened that Kyle Pond will be stepping down from his role as Athletic Director at Peru State College," stated Dr. Wendy Waugh, Interim President of Peru State College. "Since his appointment, Kyle has been an integral part of our Executive Leadership Team, contributing significantly to the advancement of our athletic programs and campus initiatives. Kyle's dedication to fostering a culture of excellence and integrity has left an indelible mark on our community. We are grateful for his unwavering commitment and the positive impact he has had on our institution. As he transitions to new opportunities, we extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Kyle and his family. We look forward to celebrating his achievements and wishing him continued success in his future endeavors."

During Pond's tenure at Peru State, the Bobcats celebrated significant milestones, including the launch of Project ROAR—the first new campus construction since 1980—which added a softball/baseball fieldhouse and an 80,000-square-foot indoor dome. The Bobcats also experienced record-breaking seasons and first-time achievements across multiple sports, including football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, bowling, and more. Athletic enrollment increased by 40%, and new indoor and outdoor track programs were introduced. Additionally, gameday events saw substantial growth, along with increased social media engagement and exposure for the athletic department.

"Peru State College, its coaches, students, and alumni have meant so much to me and my family over the last four years," Pond shared. "Team 402 has offered me the chance to help shape a new youth sports complex initiative, using my vision, voice, and values. This kind of creative control—grounded in purpose—unlocks new ways to challenge current norms and build something truly authentic for the community's benefit. Only an exceptional opportunity of this magnitude could take us away from Peru State College."

Reflecting on his time at Peru State, Pond added, "I believe Peru State College is an incredibly welcoming place. We are excited to see what the future holds. Thank you to everyone who helped make this our home. Go Bobcats."

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# CMC golf event raises money for Community Kids Center

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Championship Flight was won by TW Cattle Co. with a 58. Team members included Tom Witt, Don Ferguson, Brian Daake and Carter Montgomery.

The A Flight was won by the Rod Rowland team with a 65. Team members included Rowland, Chick James, Galen Harmon and Andrew Rothe.

The B Flight was won by F&M Bank with a 71. Team members were Derrick Leyden, Darin Davis, Adam Morris and Jared Robesen.

The two-day event raised approximately \$14,000 net for the Community Kids Center Daycare.

“These wonderful funds, so generously donated, aren’t just about helping right now,” said CEO Ryan Larsen. “They’re part of a bigger vision—a long-term commitment to expanding affordable childcare and supporting families and our community for years to come. It won’t happen overnight, but this is a powerful and meaningful start.”

## BOPW

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS June 5, 2025 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska

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

**CLAIMS REVIEW**  
Claims were reviewed. No action was required.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the minutes from the May 15, 2025, regular meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for

June 5, 2025, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for June 5, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: “YEA” Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Johansen. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES FOR ENTERPRISE ENGINE PARTS COMPATIBLE WITH FALLS CITY’S ENGINE #7 IN AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00 SPLIT 50/50 BETWEEN CITY OF FALLS CITY AND NEBRASKA CITY UTILITIES UPON REVIEW BY CITY ATTORNEY**

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to recommend to City Council the approval of the Cooperative Agreement with Nebraska City Utilities as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: “YEA” Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Johansen. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO AWARD 2025 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT TO MIDLANDS CONTRACTING, INC. IN AMOUNT OF \$472,002.00**

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Rieger to recommend to City Council to award the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Midlands Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$472,0002.00. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: “YEA” Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Johansen. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO CREDIT SEWER CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$376.67 TO THERESA ARMBRUSTER AT 1007 LANE ST. FROM WATER LEAK THAT DID NOT GO INTO SEWER SYSTEM**

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the request to credit sewer charges in the amount of \$376.67 to Theresa Armbruster at 1007 Lane St. from water leak that did not go into sewer system as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: “YEA” Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Johansen. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:32 PM**

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on June 5, 2025, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that

The CMC Foundation began in 2012 to build a “new foundation” of financial support for the hospital. The Foundation has supported the purchase of an MRI machine, the expansion and renovation of the facility, brain injury diagnosis and therapy, behavioral health services, cancer care and wellness, heart health and rehabilitation, and women’s health and exams.

CMC Marketing/Events/Foundation Coordinator Linda Santo added, “First, I’d like to thank Coach William Reed for serving as an ambassador for CMC and helping bring the celebrity group to our event. What an amazing group. They sincerely love Coach Reed and Falls City. None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of the CMC Foundation Golf Committee. Our members are Cindy Witt, Tracy Burns, Lisa Schawang, Libby Leaffy, Randee Tisdell, Debbie Gruber, Sadie Tisdell and Evie Rue. They put in countless hours to make this event a success.”

such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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## CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 9th day of June 2025, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Buckminster. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor or Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

**NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF COUNCILPERSON FOURAKER (3RD Ward)**

Mayor Harkendorff publicly read both the June 3, 2025 letter of resignation and the June 6, 2025 letter rescinding the resignation submitted by Councilperson Shawn Fouraker. Because the rescission was received prior to any formal reading at a regular or special meeting and a formal declaration of vacancy did not occur, Councilperson Shawn Fouraker remains in office. These items were acknowledged for the record and are included in

the minutes to ensure transparency and proper documentation.

**SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA LAND BANK REPORT**

The monthly report of the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank was submitted for review. No action required.

**AGENDA APPROVAL FOR JUNE 9, 2025**

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL FOR MAY 19, 2025**

A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the minutes for May 5, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

**RECORD OF SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING – NO QUORUM PRESENT FOR JUNE 2, 2025**

A Record of No Quorum for the regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2025 was submitted by the City Clerk. No action required.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR JUNE 3, 2025**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the claims for June 3 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT FOR APRIL 2025**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-100 AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF COMBINED UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20MM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM**

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the third reading of Ordinance 2025-100 authorizing and providing for the issuance of combined utilities revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20MM for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the electric system as

# MEN’S GOLF LEAGUE

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League results from Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Team 1 (0.00) Liberty, Brandon 43-41; Bennett, Chuck 54-43. Team 9 (6.00) Dunn, Chaz 37-38; May, Mark 47-38.

Team 2 (4.50) Davis, Darin 41-36; Dunkhas, Gale 50-38. Team 8 (1.50) McNeely, Erik (F); Hankins, Dan 47-37.

Team 3 (1.50) Hays, Gary 42-38; Vonseggern, Bill 52-40. Team 7 (4.50) James, Charles 42-34; Mullins, Jim 51-40.

Team 4 (0.00) Ebel, Ron 46-41; Romine, Alan 51-39. Team 6 (6.00) Witt, Tom 43-39; Heinzelman, Eric 48-37.

Team 5 (1.50) Daake, Brian 45-39; Murphy, Jim 59-41. Team 10 (4.50) Foster, Tim 48-38; Veigel, Merle 57-40.

Late League results from Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Team 1 (0.50) Simon, Steve 40-39; Ferguson, Don 42-34; Waller, Doug 57-40. Team 9 (7.50) Witt, Tom 38-35; Witt, Weston 41-34; Dunn, Mike 54-38.

Team 2 (6.00) Montgomery, Carter 37-35; Harmon, Galen 47-38; Witt, Bailey 58-40. Team 8 (2.00) Simon, Dan 43-39; Poppe, Brian (F); Scheitel, Lane 53-37.

Team 3 (3.00) Dunn, Chaz 37-37; Dunkhas, Gale 53-34; Witt, Rich 47-35. Team 7 (5.00) Liberty, Brandon 41-38; Schawang, Cody 41-32; Steele, Brendan 58-

43. Team 4 (4.00) Bachman, Eli (F); May, Mark 48-39; Bennett, Chuck 48-36. Team 6 (4.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 45-42; Bippes, Drew 53-47; Chesnut, Justin 45-37.

Team 5 (8.00) Scheitel, Trent 39-36; Witt, Wade 43-33; Leyden, Derrick 55-41. Team 20 (0.00) Hill, Dan 48-41; McNeely, John 47-40; Harmon, Jason (F).

Team 10 (5.50) Siel, Jake 41-37; Huppert, Drew 55-39; Buckminster, Blake 51-34. Team 19 (2.50) Aitken, Bob 38-32; Froeschl, Ethan 51-42; Merz, Mitch 65-38.

Team 11 (6.00) Anderson, Dusty 45-41; Froeschl, Nathan 42-34; Meysenburg, Fr. James 47-36. Team 18 (2.00) Gerweck, Rob 45-39; Heinzelman, Eric 53-42; Keller, Bart 58-37.

Team 12 (3.00) Davis, Darin 41-37; VanDyke, Kyle 44-36; Jordening, Ron 60-47. Team 17 (5.00) Hullman, Ben 43-38; Schawang, Cade 46-37; Bauer, Trevor 49-33.

Team 13 (7.50) Gist, Dick 41-36; Gilkerson, Keith 48-40; Sly, Tony 57-33. Team 16 (0.50) Gist, Thomas 44-38; Gooch, Blake 52-42; Malone, Kevin 47-36.

Team 14 (2.00) Daake, Brian 47-41; Gilkerson, Robert 47-39; Hankins, Dan 54-45. Team 15 (6.00) Froeschl, Lucas 45-39; Ebel, Bryce 46-39; Morris, Adam 54-40.

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

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve Implementation of the Purchasing Policies and Procedures as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF LIBBY DEAN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HARKENDORFF**

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ruiz to approve the appointment of Libby Dean to the Library Board as recommended by Mayor Harkendorff. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE (SDL) FOR AN EVENT ON JUNE 28-29, 2025 | AMERICAN LEGION POST 1021**

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the Special Designated Liquor License as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 918 FULTON STREET**

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve Resolution authorizing city to assess unpaid vacant property registration fees for 918 Fulton Street as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Fer-

guson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY TO ASSESS UNPAID VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2212 HILAND AVENUE**

A motion was made by Council person Ruiz and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve Resolution authorizing city to assess unpaid vacant property registration fees for 2212 Hiland Avenue as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:15pm**

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on June 9, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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# Norma Eckwert

Norma Eckwert, 92, of Falls City, NE, passed away June 29, 2025 at Falls City. She was born April 25, 1933 at Falls City to Carroll and Ollye (Ray) Runyan.

She married Edward Eckwert, Jr. on April 18, 1958 at Falls City. He passed away September 12, 2013.

Norma was raised in Barada and graduated Falls City High School in 1952. She then worked at Harper's Café and then for Stephenson Drug Store. Later she and her husband operated the Montgomery Ward Catalog Store for several years. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. She enjoyed making quilts and made quilts for her whole family, sewing, gardening and especially painting her house, inside and out.

Norma is survived by her daughters, Jeanne Shefferd and her husband Larry of Pensacola, FL, Joan E. Stice and her husband

Otto of Falls City, grandchildren, Tiffany (Brad) Selleck, Krystal (Ben) Howard, Molly (Josh) Richey, Justin (Caitlin) Stice, Amber (Gilbert) Imbiri, Justin (Cassidy) Shefferd, Adam (Courtney) Shefferd, Brandon (Amber) Shefferd, Travis (Jenni) Shefferd, sister, Martha Runyan of Falls City, twenty-five great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Dallas

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Jim Meysenburg as the presiding priest. Interment was in Harris Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with family receiving friends afterwards.



# Clarence Cote

Clarence Cote was born on October 29, 1948 in Van Buren, Maine to Willie and Constance (Gagnon) Cote, the oldest of six boys.

He worked for Family Lawn Mowing Service in Millinocket, Maine growing up. He then became a mechanic for several years before starting his own scrap-hauling business until 1987 when he went over the road trucking until his retirement in 2005. He became an Ordained Minister and traveled doing swap-meets and flea markets and served the Lord.

In 2008 he opened Sunshine Auction in Luray, KS before retiring to Falls City in 2010 living a quiet life.

Clarence died peacefully after a brief illness on June 20, 2025.

He is survived by brothers Henry of Molunkus, ME,

Harold of ME, Roland of OK and Raymond of East Millinocket, ME; daughters, Linda Stubbins of Tucson, AZ, Susan Shoemaker of Falls City; grandson Mark Morales (Alicia) of Tucson, AZ; granddaughters, Jessie Schuch of Avandale, AZ, Connie Young (James) of Sierra Vista, AZ, Stephanie Hill (Jeff) of Tucson, AZ, seven great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters. His special pride and joy, his fur babies Rodeo, Fatboy and Foxy who miss him very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, numerous aunts and uncles, cousins, brother Clayton Cote, and sons-in-law Richard Shoemaker and George Stubbins.

He is greatly missed.



# Dr. Robert Franklin Gibson (Gibby)

'Be curious, not judgmental' Walt Whitman

Dr. Robert Franklin Gibson (Gibby) was born on October 28, 1939 in Falls City, NE to Otto and Geraldine Gibson. Gibby enjoyed a close-knit bond with his parents and nine siblings. The fourth oldest, a nurturing nature was instilled from an early age, guiding and supporting his four brothers and five sisters, while occasionally getting into a little mischief along the way.

Gifted in sport, Bob earned an athletic scholarship to Peru State College, where he was a standout football, basketball, and track athlete, being honored as a PSC Hall of Fame inductee and a recipient of the Swenson Award which recognized student-athletes for outstanding character, personality, service, and loyalty.

Bob's desire to learn pushed him to excel in academics, earning a Master of Science at the University of Nebraska - Omaha and a Doctor of Education at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln; the former while coaching full time and raising a family.

Bob's teaching career started at Nebraska City Lourdes Catholic High School as the first layperson coach and educator alongside the square-dancing nuns of Lourdes.

Ultimately growing his roots in Omaha, Bob spent more than 35 years at the University of Nebraska - Omaha taking on roles he loved - Assistant Basketball Coach, Athletic Director, and his passion.... Director of Student Counseling.

A hopeless romantic, Gibby found his life love in Karolyne. Always holding hands, making each other smile, and exchanging sweet notes, they were true soulmates and were lucky enough to celebrate their 61st anniversary the day before his passing on June 28, 2025 at 85.

Along with being a loving, affectionate husband to Karolyne; Gibby was a protective, present, and supportive father to his three children; an easy-going, "let's bend the rules", fun-loving

Grandpa Gibby to his six grandkids; a loyal, generous, and dependable friend and confidante to so many, especially his cherished golf group.

He was a lover of red wine, fine bourbon, Nebraska sports, College World Series, weekly golf at Field Club, doing crossword puzzles, sitting around the firepit, hosting dinner parties, his favorite expression "Oh, sugar jets" and being surrounded by those he loved. Never able to sit still, Bob was always eager to run an errand, lend a hand, or just pop in for a quick "hello", eventually earning the nickname "Teenage Bob".

Always smiling, Bob was known for his spirit of service, patience, compassion, generosity, kindness, faith, honesty, and selflessness. He was an attentive listener, humble, non-judgmental and was always genuinely curious of those he met. He wore his heart on his sleeve and not too proud to shed a tear.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife Karolyne; their children, Rob (Jen Greder), Amy (Larry Kirshenbaum) and Ryan (Brady), their grandchildren; Elizabeth and MacKenzie Gibson, Roby Kirshenbaum, Thatcher, Parker and Matilda Gibson. His brothers and sisters; Doug, LaMarr, Connie, Karen, Butch, Mike, and Mary Beth and many nieces and nephews he loved.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Geraldine, and sisters, Yvonne and Susie.

Visitation was Sunday, July 6, from 5-7pm at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church (6116 Dodge Street).

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, July 7, 10:30am at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dr. Robert F. Gibson Education Scholarship c/o Peru State College Foundation PO Box 10 Peru NE 68421.

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# Dean Kirkendall

Dean Kirkendall, 95, of Falls City, NE, passed away June 30, 2025 at Falls City. He was born November 27, 1929 at Barada, NE to Bennie Leroy and Sophia (Parchen) Kirkendall

He married Patty Maye Bright on April 18, 1948 at Shubert, NE. She passed away February 8, 2010.

Dean was raised at Barada and graduated Barada High School in 1945. Following graduation, he started farming. He farmed and ranched his entire life and moved into Falls City in 2005. He was a member of Barada Global Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting turkey; squirrels; mushrooms and deer. He was a gifted carpenter and built the family home and several farm buildings and also helped remodel the Barada church.

Dean is survived by is daughter, Susie Buethe of Elk Creek, NE, sons, Randy and his wife Renete and Mark of Falls City, nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother, Jesse, sister, Mary Howard, son-in-law, Bill Buethe and a daughter-in-law, Janice Kirkendall.

His funeral was held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Jerry Yount officiating. Interment was in Harris Cemetery.

The family received friends on Friday from 3-4:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home

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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

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Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee

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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:

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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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 trustees, 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  
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Linda J. Gowe,  
 Deceased.  
 Estate No. PR 25-38

Notice is hereby given that on July 1, 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 David S. Halbert, whose address is 1431 1/2 S. 14th St., Omaha, Nebraska 68108, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate. Creditors must file their claims with this Court on or before September 9, 2025 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann  
 Clerk Magistrate  
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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.

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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  
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 County Court of Richardson County  
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 Attorney for Applicant

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 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.

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Notice of Sheriff Sale

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

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

Sheriff Rick Hardesty, Jr.  
 Richardson County, Nebraska

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 JUNE 25, 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 25, 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 18, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from June 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting on June 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. 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](http://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. He reported that he will be holding interviews for 2 positions to be filled in the Department and advertising to fill a vacancy for the office administrator.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement enter this week. Currently there are 9 inmates being held at the Jail. He reported that there are still some issues with the air conditioning not cooling certain areas of the Law Enforcement Center and it is being addressed.

A grant to compensate for over-

time accrued by deputies for traffic speed enforcement during the period of July 14 through July 31 has been applied for through the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Sheriff Hardesty reported that a deputy has been hired to fill a vacancy. The Board also re-viewed further the requested proposed salary increases effective July 1, 2025, for the department staff with no action taken at this time. The Board indicated that they would continue the review of the request and finalize the decision after the budget has been reviewed.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the purchase of 2 patrol units, 2025 Ford Explorer police interceptors with selected options from Hullman's Ford Linc of Falls City from the state bid contract #16076 OC at a price of \$46,904 each. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

DISTRICT 1 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

Melanie Stormer, District 1 Chief Probation Officer reported to the Board statistical information on the probation office in Richardson County along with the proposed budget for the Nebraska State Probation District 1. Richardson County's portion of the costs for District 1 probation is \$10,666.68, a reduction of \$969.66 from the prior year.

SCOTT MILLER, MILLER-FARRELL INSURANCE

Scott Miller and Steve Simon representing Miller-Farrell Insurance Agency presented to the Board the county general liability, work comp, auto, property, error & omission, umbrella, etc. insurance changes and renewal premium information to the Board for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to accept the insurance changes and renewal premium for the coverage period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with Miller-Farrell Insurance at a total of \$336,441.25, an increase of the prior year of 5%. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER KARAS

Commissioner Karas requested this time to review the current wages of the staff in the County Treasurer's Office. County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey was also in attendance for this meeting and requested that the Board consider an increase for the support staff in the County Treasurer's office to keep in line with other departments and other job opportunities in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Recognition of County Officials and Employees Policy

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-45 regarding changes approved to the policy for recognition of County Officials and Employees from 2007 as follows: reception expense to \$150, plaque or token for certificate of service to \$150 and certificates of achievement to \$100. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 56)

Overspent Budgets

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2024-2025-46 regarding the over-spent budgets and unencumbered funds during fiscal year 2024-2025, in which the Humboldt Law Enforcement Agrmnt was overspent by \$31,809.60. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 57)

Agenda Request Form

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a form and adopt a policy regarding the request for items to be placed on the County Board meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Other

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

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Campbell 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

159 Lumber, supp .....351.66  
 Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv .....52.61  
 Amazon, supp .....427.95  
 Clerk of Dist Court, fees .....643.00  
 Consolidated Management, serv .....20881.00  
 Culligan, serv .....162.40  
 DAS State Accounting, serv702.10  
 Dept. of Correctional Services, serv .....1834.56  
 Douglas County Sheriff's Office, serv .....23.65  
 Falls City Mercantile, supp.141.08  
 Farm & City Supply, supp .....254.09  
 Hullman's Ford, serv .....481.56  
 Humboldt Standard, adv .....173.00  
 Hy-Vee, supp .....440.50  
 Jensen, Marianne, reimb .....5.35  
 Koch's Auto, serv .....1085.52  
 Ligouri, Angelo, serv .....2220.60  
 Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins .....1423.61  
 Mary's Appliance, supp .....994.00  
 Medica, ins .....55929.78  
 Miller-Farrell, ins .....150.00  
 Miller-Monroe, fee .....40.00  
 NE Dept of Health & Human Services, serv .....93.00  
 Nemaha County Hospital, serv .....4624.50  
 Nestor & Mercure, serv .....9166.66  
 Nolte, Sean, reimb .....20.00  
 Nussbaum, Emily, reimb .....131.88  
 Petersen Reporting, serv .....423.30  
 Physicians Laboratory, serv .....11600.00  
 Plattsmouth Dept. of EMS, serv .....150.00  
 Postmaster, supp .....847.20  
 Psychological Resources, serv .....150.00  
 Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb .....519.93  
 Richardson County Vendor, FICA/ retire/etc .....23427.84  
 Road & Bridge Fund, tax .....276,924.84  
 Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv .....279.00  
 St. Joseph Plumbing & Heating, serv .....1574.24  
 Summit Fire Protection, serv .....2070.00  
 UNL, reimb .....5078.84  
 Wolfe's Printing, supp .....1001.84  
 Payroll Expense .....111994.63  
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND .....\$538,495.72  
**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**  
 Agco Finance, supp .....218.70  
 Blue Valley Door Co., supp .....30251.25  
 Co Treasurer, transfer ....300000.00  
 Grainger, supp .....884.40  
 Hamm, rock .....1827.70  
 Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, supp .....37.64  
 Martin Marietta Materials, rock .....23941.53  
 NPPD, serv .....75.92  
 NMC, supp .....1102.35  
 Norris Quarries, rock .....3882.19  
 Operation & Expense Account, reimb .....182.29  
 Rulo, Village of, serv .....25.00  
 Safety-Kleen Systems, supp.424.87  
 Sapp Bros., fuel .....5842.13  
 Truck Center Co, supp .....3598.11  
 Unifirst, supp .....55.37  
 Woods & Aitken, serv .....7183.45  
 Payroll Expense .....35029.04  
 TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND .....\$414,561.94  
**DRUG COURT FUND**  
 Hawkins, Seth, serv .....1200.00  
 Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv/reimb .....1400.06  
 TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND .....\$2,600.06  
**ARPA FUND**  
 Richardson County Vendor, FICA/ retire,etc .....6.66  
 Payroll Expense .....46.24  
 TOTAL ARPA FUND .....\$52.90  
**LATCF FUND**  
 Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv .....232.39  
 Kustom Signals, supp .....2742.62  
 TOTAL LATCF FUND. \$2,975.01  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
 Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 2, 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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Richardson County Treasurer's Office

Semi-Annual Treasurer's Statement

01-01-2025 Through 06-30-2025

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	COLLECTIONS	DISBURSEMENTS	FUND TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE
100	COUNTY FUNDS	\$ 7,061,755.63	6,003,108.10	(6,696,622.54)	1,588,652.78	7,956,893.97
6000	STATE FUNDS	196,654.82	1,208,900.80	(1,206,709.06)		198,846.56
6100	SCHOOL FUNDS	1,956,150.81	8,944,349.31	(10,740,016.41)		160,483.71
6900	ESU	57,799.47	148,769.12	(203,926.14)		2,642.45
7100	COMMUNITY COLLEGE	94,873.73	204,639.05	(295,971.78)		3,541.00
7300	NNRD	115,583.07	297,497.59	(407,796.47)		5,284.19
7700	FIRE DISTRICTS	56,505.50	133,528.46	(188,334.71)		1,699.25
8400	DRAINAGE DISTRICTS	7,441.76	25,388.45	(32,736.46)		93.75
8600	CITIES/VILLAGES	151,284.50	737,856.43	(851,646.77)		37,494.16
8611	TIF DISTRICTS	61,691.69	53,524.12	(115,215.81)		-
9200	AG SOCIETY	12,836.78	32,953.79	(45,205.48)		585.09
9450	AIRPORT	8,475.90	35,483.84	(42,682.73)		1,277.01
9500	HOLDING FUNDS	85,203.83	75,971.90	(79,134.42)		82,041.31
	GRAND TOTAL	9,866,257.49	17,901,970.96	(20,905,998.78)	1,588,652.78	8,450,882.45

CASH ON HAND	\$	7,121.72	OUTSTANDING WARRANTS	\$	-
CHECKS ON HAND		65,504.63	NUMBER OF UNPAID CLAIMS		-
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS		3,348,366.56	NUMBER OF DENIED CLAIMS		-
CHECKING ACCOUNTS		771,680.74	OUTSTANDING CHECKS		3,073.58
INVESTMENTS		4,255,365.75			
IN LIEU OF CASH		2,843.05			
	\$	8,450,882.45			



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DISTRICT #56

**Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, July 14th, 2025, at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School**

The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

1.0 Business Items:  
1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance  
1.2 Approval of Absences  
1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication  
1.4 Approval of Agenda  
1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes  
1.6 Approval of Claims  
1.7 Public Comment  
1.8 Approval of Treasurer’s Report  
1.9 Required annual hearings on Student Fees policy, Parental Involvement Policy, Bullying Policy, Attendance Policy, Staff Conduct with Students, and Multicultural Policy  
2.0 Informational Items/Reports:  
2.3 Board President’s Report:  
2.4 Superintendent’s Report:  
a. Welcome, and thank you for this opportunity  
b. Budget update  
c. Summer Project update  
d. BVH and update on possible construction  
e. Upcoming board retreat  
f. Sparq meetings  
g. Staffing  
i. One additional paraprofessional was hired  
ii. Elementary Art is also still open  
2.5 Board Committee Reports:  
2.6 Board Member Reports:  
3.0 Old/New Action Items:  
3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revision  
3.2 Set date for Budget Workshop  
3.3 Set Budget and Property Tax Hearing for September 8th, 2025  
3.4 Other  
4.0 Executive Session: Requested

by member, approved by majority, as per statute

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for August 11th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City

Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

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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](mailto:tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com) or the application form can be downloaded at [www.sacandfoxks.com](http://www.sacandfoxks.com). Submit the application form, cover letter, and resume, outlining your skills, background, and interest in the position to [employment@sacandfoxks.com](mailto: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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