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RIBBON CUTTING: Chamber Director Amber Holle, Lillian and Owen Moore, Tammy Witt, Peggy Hainsworth, Zoe, Kaylea Keller. (Photo by Alexander McKim)

Ribbon cutting celebrates unique 24/7 gift store

The Falls City Chamber & Main Street proudly hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, July 16th to celebrate the grand opening of a one-of-a-kind retail concept, After-Hours Shoppe Club, located at 923 Harlan Street, right next to Brillows Nutrition.

This innovative gift shop is the creation of Tammy Witt, a name familiar to many in the community from her previous store, Flair, which she operated uptown for 10 years. "After Flair, I really missed it," Witt shared. "So when Elle Froeschl with Penny & Plaid moved uptown and this space was vacant, I saw the opportunity to bring something new to Falls City—a small gift shop that doesn't require full-time staffing. It's the perfect solution for last-minute gifts."

After-Hours Shoppe Club offers a truly unique shopping experience. With 24/7 member access, shoppers can browse and purchase items whenever it's convenient for them—ideal for busy schedules and last-minute needs. Membership costs just \$1, and a short contract must be signed to help safeguard against theft or vandalism. Once enrolled, members receive a personal

entry code.

To sign up, visit Brillows Nutrition during regular hours:

You can also watch for the "Now Open" sign in the After-Hours Shoppe Club window to connect with someone on-site.

The store operates primarily on the honor system, with payment accepted through Venmo or via a secure lock box. All items are clearly priced, with tax included. While the store is under constant surveillance for security, footage will remain private unless needed.

Stocked with a wide variety of gifts for women, men, kids, and babies, After-Hours Shoppe Club is the perfect spot for birthdays, holidays, or party presents—especially for those who can't shop during traditional hours.

Falls City welcomes this fresh, flexible approach to shopping and applauds Tammy Witt for once again bringing creativity and heart to local retail.

For more information or to inquire about membership, visit Brillows Nutrition or stop by the shop at 923 Harlan Street.

Longtime Falls City teacher Hogue earns McAuliffe Prize

Terri Hogue, who has taught mathematics at Falls City Middle School for the last 35 years, has been awarded the 2025 Christa McAuliffe Prize for Courage and Excellence in Education.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Education and Human Sciences presents the award annually to a Nebraska teacher who exemplifies the character of McAuliffe, the first teacher in space, who died in the 1986 Challenger space shuttle disaster.

"I am truly grateful to the College of Education and Human Sciences for selecting me as this year's recipient," Hogue

said. "I am the person I am today because of the love and support of my family, the mentorship of past and current educators and paras, the brave conversations with administrators who in turn advocate for my ideas and purpose, and the students who have walked through my doors over the years. It is having those one-on-one experiences with them that helped mold and shape me into the teacher I am today. This award

inspires me to keep striving for excellence."

Hogue was recognized during Administrators' Days, a conference hosted by the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, July 23-25 in Kearney.

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County signs five-year law contract with Humboldt

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at the Courthouse in Falls City. Commissioners Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie answered roll call.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr., gave updates on work being done on roads and bridges throughout the county. Darveau also reported to the Board that he had recently hired two new employees. The group also discussed stockpiling rock for county roads.

Next on the agenda, County Attorney Samantha Scheitel presented the Commissioners with a renewal agreement with BraveBe Child Advocacy Center. The agreement runs from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The County and City of Falls City take part in this agreement for a yearly cost of \$1,210.00 each. Chairman Caverzagie made a motion to authorize the agreement, Campbell second-

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Council to consider splitting role of city administrator

The Falls City Council met on Monday, July 21, 2025, at City Hall for a regularly scheduled meeting. Councilpersons Leyden and Ferguson, along with Mayor Harkendorff, were absent from the two-hour and 24-minute session. Councilperson Joe Buckminster assumed the role of mayor or during the session.

The Council approved the agenda, the minutes from July 7, and the claims for July 22. The Treasurer's report for June was tabled as it wasn't ready to present to the Board. The City Administrator cited workload constraints as the reason for not having the report finalized.

Under old business, a lengthy discussion took place regarding the establishment of procedures and compliance requirements for keeping fowl within City limits. A resolution is being drafted and will be sent to the City Attorney before being presented to the Council for reading.

Next, a lively discussion was held on the electric utility operations update, including contractor and in-house crew transitions. Falls City began using RS Electric in April 2025 to support its electric operations after the line crew resigned. In early June, RS moved to full-time, providing a three-person crew that worked four 10-hour days. The crew has worked on capital improvements and is seeking ways to enhance the electrical system's resilience. One instance of hardening has been the replacement of 20 utility poles throughout town. Many of the poles had been identified as needing replacement. As of June 15, 2025, RS Electric had invoiced the City for \$108,543.74 for work completed. Falls City filled two line crew positions on July 8 with the addition of Vernon Coy and Collin Sowards. A third, Pat Stamper, will begin in late September. The three-person crew will handle routine and minor electrical service calls, allowing RS to concentrate fully on line-hardening and capital projects. Moving forward, the Falls City administration views a continued hybrid approach, utilizing the in-house crew in conjunction with contracted support, as the best solution. A similar approach has been used effectively for the gas utility and will help control costs while completing critical improvements.

"This is similar to how we operate our gas departments with contract labor work," said City Administrator Nussbaum. "One year we farm a bunch out, one year we do it all in-house."

Councilperson Frank Killingsworth inquired if the City has a plan in place for infrastructure improvements and, if so, could

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Know your family health history

Roberta K. Olson, PhD, RN

Foundational education as an RN with a BSN from South Dakota State University provided a broad understanding of how our bodies function. One of the lessons that was high lighted over the years was the need to pay attention to changes, e.g., my two sisters needed total knee replacement and so did I; my paternal grandfather had a massive stroke and died at the age of 61 years in 1948 from what? It was never diagnosed. My father thought that his dad, who was a farmer, was too stubborn to get regular check-ups from a physician and probably had heart problems in addition to his high blood pressure.

When I was diagnosed with elevated blood pressure in 2015. My only symptom was ocular migraines; I started taking blood pressure medication. Both of my parents had low (normal) blood pressure and when I was pregnant with our two sons, my blood pressure was consistently in the low normal range. At first, I thought that perhaps the blood pressure machine wrong but with further tests, I was diagnosed with hypertension.

My blood pressure stayed elevated even with the daily medications that I took to keep the hypertension in check. In June 2024 my pulse slowly dropped to 34 (normal is 70-80/minute). On Thursday my primary care physician ordered an echocardiogram for the following Monday because my pulse was 40 bpm in the office. On Sunday night at midnight, I was awake, got up and measured my pulse. It was 34 bpm. I debated whether to wait 10 hours for the scheduled echocardiogram or call 911. I called 911.

The ambulance came at 12:30 a.m. and I was taken for an assessment to the Brookings Emergency Department. Further assessment indicated that I was in a 3rd degree heart block and would need a pacemaker. A cardiac surgeon had accepted the request from the Brookings ED Physician. By 4:00 a.m. I arrived at the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls via ambulance. I was monitored the entire time by the EMT. Further assessment was done by the technicians and at 8:30 a.m. I was on the operating table with the cardiac surgeon ready to insert a pacemaker. I stayed one night in the hospital for observation and was discharged on Tuesday morning.

We are fortunate in South Dakota to have responsive EMTs, competent MDs at all times in the Emergency Department, and Cardiac Surgeons ready to assist as needed at the Avera Heart Hospital.

Following the “organ recital” discussion with my sisters, I learned that a third cousin who lived in Illinois and is four years younger than I am also had a pacemaker inserted a few years ago. Our grandfathers were brothers. Genetics in your family history is important to know and understand. Dwelling on every ache and pain is not necessary but know your body and changes in the usual patterns of wellness. Post pacemaker my blood pressure is consistently within the low normal range.

Roberta K. Olson, PhD, RN earned her MSN in Nursing of Children at Washington University, St. Louis, MO and her PhD in Higher Education at Saint Louis University. She served in four academic institutions prior to returning to her alma mater and serving the last 20 years of her career as the Dean of Nursing at South Dakota State University. Follow The Prairie Doc@ at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Threads. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc@, a medical Q&A show, 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB), providing health information based on science, built on trust.

All things Nebraska In summer, corn sweat raises humidity, but it could be worse

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

We appear to be done bombing Iran, and to be back to helping Ukraine repeal invaders from Russia. Plus, it looks like the trade war we started is going to raise our cost of buying coffee from Brazil and beer from Mexico.

Great, huh?

So maybe it's time to talk about something really important – corn sweat.

We're entering the peak of corn sweat season, when the thick, green fields of corn that blanket eastern and central Nebraska start to emit their highest levels of moisture. It's called “evapotranspiration,” according to Eric Hunt, an agriculture meteorologist with the University of Nebraska Extension Service.

One acre of corn can transpire or sweat 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of water a day. That can up the dew point by a sticky 5 to 10 degrees, turning a 90-degree day into a soggy slog that feels like 100.

(To be fair, concrete and asphalt parking lots and roads in cities also contribute to hotter weather. Combined with heat generated by vehicle engines, it can raise temperatures by as much as 22 degrees, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. But hey, this is a column about corn sweat.)

For the next three weeks or so, corn is the sweatiest of the season. In August, soybeans take over as the top contributor to humidity.

“It is what it is,” Hunt said.

As we get older – and I'm part of that crowd – it's harder for us to fend off humidity and higher temperatures, according to those who study such things.

We have fewer active sweat glands and we just don't sweat as much, according to a report in the academic publication, Environmental Health Perspectives. And the more humid it gets, it's harder for sweating to cool us off.

I don't do “steamy” very well. Give me a cold day – you can dress for that.

If you ask me (and no one really is) it's the hot, sticky weather in summer that is driving some people to move out of Nebraska (along with living closer to family). It's not taxes, as many politicians keep maintaining.

Anyway, humidity has gotten worse over the past 40 to 50 years, according to Hunt, in part because there's just more corn out there.

Over the past 25 years, the amount of acres planted with corn has risen substantially, in part to produce supplies for ethanol plants. In 1990, about 74 million acres of corn were planted, a number that rose to about 95 million acres this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

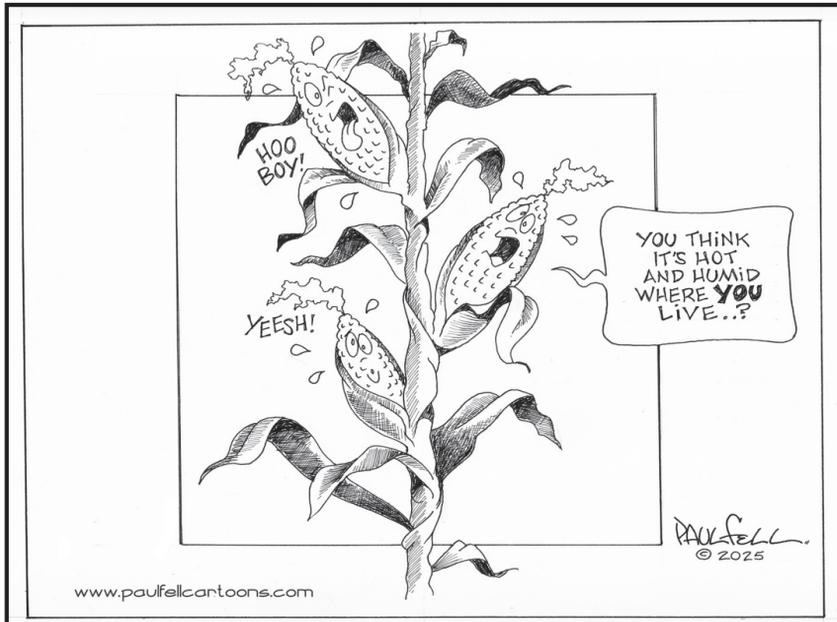
And those fields of corn are thicker than they used to be.

Back in 1996, a typical corn field in Iowa had about 23,000 plants per acre. By 2023, that number was about 31,000 plants per acre, according to a report by the University of Illinois.

My guess is those baseball playing ghosts from “Field of Dreams” would have a hard time walking through today's fields of corn.

Thicker stands of corn means more biomass to transpire moisture, Hunt said, thus contributing to higher humidities.

Like humans, corn uses sweat to stay cool. The higher the soil moisture, the more it can sweat.



Back in the day, when I used to travel the state for the Omaha World-Herald, I'd hear people in central and western Nebraska blame center pivots for the steamier weather.

According to Hunt, that's partly right – it will be more humid near a pivot – but there's other contributors. Soupy winds from the Gulf Coast help push humidity higher in eastern and central Nebraska, he said.

So what can we do about it? Not much, he said, other than to be prepared and take precautions.

I've always thought the state motto should be “It could have been worse.” You'd pull up to a farmstead that had been flattened by a tornado, and the owner would be there shaking his head, saying that luckily, no one got hurt.

“It could have been worse,” he'd say.

I'm thinking we'll deal with the summer soupiness the same way. It could have been worse.

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: HUMAN BODY

ACROSS

1. Composer Joplin's first name
6. Stomach pain-causing acronym
9. Boxing practice
13. Horatio ____ of “Ragged Dick” fame
14. Not cooked
15. This and desist
16. *Torso, pl.
17. Wrath
18. *DNA half
19. *Body part, not Elvis
21. *Part of blood, not type of TV
23. *Lung filler
24. Same as on top
25. Seth MacFarlane's bear
28. Helps
30. Genus, pl.
35. Paper unit
37. Comme ci, comme Áa
39. Burdened
40. Egg on
41. *Pumps blood, not tires
43. Type of nuclear missile, acr.
44. River in West Africa
46. Fraternity recruitment season
47. Purse to go with evening gown
48. “Annie Hall” star
50. Urban myth, e.g.
52. Kenan Thompson's TV show, acr.
53. Target of a joke
55. Cemetery jar
57. *Fingers, not numbers
60. *Muscle, not skeletal or cardiac
63. Enticed (2 words)
64. ____ Baba
66. Scary movie consequence
68. “____ came a spider...”
69. Old towel, e.g.
70. Nail salon file
71. *Gallbladder contents
72. ____ of Sam
73. Poet ____ Alighieri

DOWN

1. Fri follower
2. Hoofbeat sound
3. Princess Fiona, by night
4. Unit of magnetic flux density
5. Ken Jennings' forte
6. *Part of an eye, not a flower
7. “Cheers,” e.g.
8. Moved under the rug
9. Witnesses
10. *Part of a hand, not a tree
11. Continent
12. Tyrannosaurus follower
15. “____ of Love” by The Dixie Cups
20. Like one from Dublin
22. Lincoln lumber
24. Battery's partner
25. *Torso, not part of a tree
26. Fear-inspiring
27. Cannabis, in South Africa
29. Not talker?
31. Umberto Eco's “The ____ of the Rose”
32. Marks on a manuscript
33. Old episode
34. *Part of an ear, not blacksmith's block
36. Swimming competition
38. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
42. Monotonous hum
45. Dressing a priest, e.g.
49. Bolt's partner
51. Washed away
54. Nicholas I and Alexander III
56. Marilyn Monroe's original name
57. Cold cuts shop
58. Graven image
59. Departed
60. Manual communication gesture
61. Thirteen-year-old, e.g.
62. Wagner or Powers in a TV classic
63. Chemist's office
65. Burmese neighbor
67. Yellow #5, e.g.

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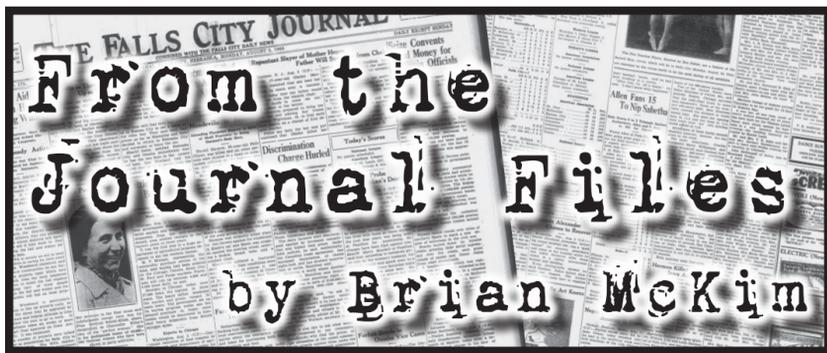
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75 Years Ago, July 23, 1950 to July 29, 1950

Charley Jones, Falls City, who played shortstop on the Salem baseball team, suffered a double fracture of his right leg in a collision with a teammate. Jones, chasing a fly ball into the outfield, collided with Gale Griffiths of Verdon, causing the ballgame to be called off due to the seriousness of the injury.

Paul, James, and Carol Ann Kaiser of Preston reported to their parents that they had seen what they believed to be a flying saucer while playing outside at 12:40 in the afternoon. Each of the children reported the object as round, flat and disc-like.

Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett and Elizabeth Taylor starred in "Father of the Bride" at the Rivoli Theater.

Thirty-nine Richardson County 4-H Club members returned from a three-day campout at Peru.

Miss Virginia Hamm was appointed to the house manager of the Oil City Theater, and Norman Aue was made assistant manager of the Oil City.

Robert Moore, Spanish instructor at Falls City High School, tendered his resignation in anticipation of being called back into the armed forces.

A county truck driven by George Jones and a car operated by John Davis, Jr., collided head-on on the narrow Nemaha bridge at Salem. The accident could have been a tragedy as the truck was carrying a 50-pound box of TNT.

Work had begun on the building at 1608 Stone Street. Once the remodeling was finished, the building would be occupied by the Brown's Shoe Fit Company.

The annual American Legion Post 222 picnic in Shubert was held on July 27 and 28. Free acts performed each day, a big parade was held on Friday, and a dance, featuring Sammy Newton's Orchestra, was held each night. It was reported that record crowds attended the event, with several thousand people milling around the picnic grounds.

The Nebraska Game Commission announced that more than 5,000 applications for deer permits had been received at the commission offices. The early total was already 40 percent higher than the year prior.

Sixty members of Company B. 134th Infantry, left by motor convoy for two weeks of active duty with other elements of the 34th (Red Bull) division at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Catlett received a thrill when they tentatively identified an American soldier in Korea shown in a newsreel at the Rivoli. Mr. and Mrs. Catlett and other relatives said they were reasonably certain the soldier shown was their son, Donald, better known as Milt.

Humboldt had made tentative plans for constructing a swimming pool.

A daughter weighing six pounds, nine ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Furnas. Vicki Lynn was born at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital.

50 Years Ago, July 23, 1975 to July 29, 1975

The Nebraska State Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council released a report indicating the state needed 206 additional physicians. The report indicated shortages in doctors of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry and podiatry.

The resurfacing of Highway 67 from Shubert south to the Highway 73 junction was set for 1976. The six-mile project would cost an estimated \$300,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kentopp of 2017 Abbott Street celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an open house in the social room of Christ Lutheran Church.

Gus Scholz, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank, announced the appointment of Merle L. Veigel as an assistant vice-president of the bank. Mr. Veigel was a 1966 graduate of Falls City High School and a 1970 graduate of the University of Nebraska.

The Mel Brooks comic masterpiece "Young Frankenstein" was shown at the Rivoli Theater, while "Student Teachers" was playing at the Breezy Hill Drive-In Theatre.

Approximately 100 people enjoyed the Falls City Community Theatre's melodrama, "Temperance and Temptation, or Charity Begins at Home," on the northwest corner of the courthouse square. Gary Dunker directed the production.

A four-day search for an escaped Arkansas convict, serving a life sentence for murder and an Arkansas woman with him, came to an end just east of the Missouri River bridge at Rulo. James Cloer, 32, and Susan Kay Cannady, 26, walked out of the roadside brush at the command of State Trooper Robert Strickland. Assisting in the capture were Deputy Sheriff LeRoy Collier, Rulo Marshal Gerald Scholl and off-duty Falls City Policeman John Cummings.

Shubert became the first community in Richardson County to be presented the Bicentennial flag. State Bicentennial Commission executive director Don Searcy presented the flag to Mayor Jessie Wing.

The Richardson Stationery Store was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Del Sutherland. Mrs. Les Dodds and Mrs. Ervin Deckinger would continue to manage the store.

Louis Fritz won the over-30 championship of the Lake Atwood 10-mile road race. Fritz won the race in 56:30 and finished ninth overall.

Corner News and The Bottle Shop advertised Pabst 12-packs for the everyday low price of \$2.34, warm or cold.

Patty Fisher, queen of the Falls City Riding Club, led the club in the Horseplay Days parades and played a role in the club's horse shows.

For sale—Hot summer special: 1975 2-bedroom mobile home, only \$ 4,666.

25 Years Ago, July 23, 2000 to July 29, 2000

The \$1.8 million Prichard Auditorium renovation project, financed in part by a one-half of a 1 percent sales tax, was moving ahead right on schedule. Among the additions were 950 new permanent seats in the east and west balconies and new insulated windows contracted by Jim Hill's Paint. New restrooms and locker rooms were also installed, along with central air conditioning. The 1 percent sales tax, half of which was allocated for the renovation (the other half was used for the new spec building and economic development), generated \$28,000 per month.

A photo of Kara Jenkins and Franklin Savage appeared in The Journal. The two were united in marriage on July 30, 1999, at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Lincoln.

The 3-State Stockyards Men's Softball Team placed first in the Playboy Classic Softball Tournament at Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Kent Robinson hit .846, Mark Bippes hit .785, and Joe Dunn batted .692. The team was 31-7 for the season.

Deckinger Body Shop Inc. hosted a customer appreciation pork barbeque and dance at Bev's County Catering in honor of its 15th year in business.

Molly Joy, 17, won the break-a-way calf roping championship at the 2000 Fanner Park State 4-H Exposition in Grand Island.

Despite recent rains, the Highway 159 five-mile construction project was ahead of schedule. Western Engineering Company of Harlan, Iowa, headed the \$3,599,570 project.

Robert and Mildred (Knoflicek) Weber of Shubert were planning a 60th wedding anniversary party on August 4. The Webers were married on August 8, 1940, at Holy Rosary Church in Plattsmouth.

Bill Simon was on top of the Hillyard Golf Shop leader board with a 36.5 average.

A Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting was held at Hair Expressions at 1423 Harlan Street. The shop's owners were Connie Feek and Angie Noll.

For sale—near F.C. High School, 1 BR, 1 bath, just \$11,900.

For sale, 5 BR, 1 bath, \$15,500. Neeld Messler & Associates.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"I think someone may have trapped my cat"

I think someone shot or may have trapped my cat that I just spent \$300 on. I bottle fed for three months, fed, gave medicine. He did not jump on things or knock things down. Now I don't have someone to eat cereal with or share ice cream at night.

Now I lost him and my wife in the last three weeks.

I know that someone has shot two other ones.

If someone took him, a gray house cat that I would like to get back if he is alive.

Kenneth Fritz
Please call the Journal to relay the message to Mr. Fritz (402-245-2431). Leave message or email)

Keithley named F&M Bank Vice President of Lending and Chief Lending Officer

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Keithley has played a pivotal role in driving strategic initiatives, strengthening client relationships, and fostering a culture of excellence and integrity. Known for a deep understanding of community banking and a commitment to customer service, Keithley has consistently demonstrated the values that define F&M Bank.

"Alex has been an integral part of our team, and this promotion reflects the trust and confidence we have in his leadership," said Derrick Leyden, President and CEO of F&M Bank. "His vision and dedication will continue to be instrumental as we grow and serve our community."

In his new role as Vice President, Keithley will have greater responsibilities in the lending department, further enhancing the bank's mission to deliver personalized financial solutions and community-focused service.

F&M Bank congratulates Alex Keithley on this significant career milestone and looks forward to his continued success in this expanded leadership role.

"These facilities and services are critically important to all of us"

Thank you for excellent and thorough coverage of the potential impacts of Medicare and Medicaid cuts on our community and of the Humboldt town hall on the subject. Your article offered perspectives from multiple sources, including local voices and state wide leaders. Well done!

Everyone wants a doctor and a hospital when there is an emergency. We are blessed with a wonderful community asset in Falls City Community Health Center because our entire community pulled together in a huge effort to establish this beautiful facility. Similarly, we can all appreciate our senior care facilities as critical care for our loved ones. Beyond the critical care and services provided, the economic impact of these facilities is huge in our community.

Last year many people in the Humboldt area worked hard to ensure that Colonial Acres Nursing Home would continue providing wonderful care and would operate on a firm financial footing. Our community came together to make that happen. Through all of this hard work something has become very clear: These facilities and services are critically important to all of us! Unpopular changes to Medicaid and Medicare threaten the financial future of rural hospitals and nursing homes. We have already lost 19 nursing homes in Nebraska since 2020 with 15 of those from rural communities!

An unhappy bonus is that many of us can expect to see higher premiums for health insurance as a result of the changes. We have every right to be concerned and we should be doing all we can to prepare as well as to communicate with our representatives, letting them know our thoughts. This is our community and we can shape our future!

Ben Steffen

"As a state we should be proud of the results that we produce in education"

I was surprised and concerned when I learned Nebraska's 21st Century grants were under review and may be canceled. From my work as a superintendent, I know that these grants have allowed districts and communities to offer quality before and after school learning experiences for students and have provided support for working families. The timing of this announcement will assuredly force districts to make very difficult decisions concerning their programs as many budgets are close to being finalized. I fear that the consequences of this action will be severe and felt throughout many school district communities in our state that have worked hard to support students in their academic and social growth.

As a state we should be proud of the results that we produce in education. Of course, this is due to the hard work and dedication of our educators. Their work has been aided by programs that seek to maximize time for students to learn before and after school in environments that are safe and nurturing. I saw first-hand the impact these programs had on student attendance, behavior and academic achievement.

If programs are forced to close, parents will struggle. With many of them currently in the work force, the elimination of these programs might cause difficult family decisions as child care will become an even greater burden. This could certainly have a negative impact on our local economies as well.

It is my hope that our political leadership will reach out to the federal administration and urge them to release these already approved funds as soon as possible. As a state that is recognized for excellence in so many ways, we should remind our leaders that weakening opportunities for student and family growth should not be on the table. These programs are important, even vital, for our communities to continue to build stronger students that will ultimately become contributing adults in our state.

Steve Joel, Retired Superintendent
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Red, White and BBQ a success

Food, games and music bring the community together at the library. The Falls City Friends of the Library hosted a Red, White and BBQ on Saturday, June 28, at the library parking lot from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Soaring temperatures weren't enough to scare away the locals as a large contingent showed up to support the library.

The event featured food, games, a pie-eating contest and live music. Winners of the adult and kids pie-eating contest were permitted to pie a local "celebrity" in the face. The music was provided free of charge by the up-and-coming local band Small Town Avenue, featuring Alex McKim on vocals, Avery Wendtland on lead guitar, Christian Saul on drums, and Matthew Eaton on bass.

The event raised over \$700 for the Falls City Library. One local "celebrity" receiving a pie in the face was Marcus Heller of Heller Martial Arts in Falls City (pictured above). Also pictured is Small Town Avenue.



SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order Of The Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette

Ten members of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star met on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at the Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. for their stated meeting. Worthy Matron Phyllis Kreuzer presided in the East as the chapter opened in long form with prayer by the Chaplain. All sang the Opening Ode, 'Come Into My Heart' and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

The regular order of business was followed with the Secretary reading the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved and the Treasurer reported on the balance in the general fund.

Correspondence was read. Acknowledgment was made for a memorial donation to the Masonic Eastern Home for Children in Fremont in Sarah Nims' name. The Masonic News showed pictures of the new Grand Lodge Officers and the newly installed Nebraska OES Grand Chapter Officers attending the Kansas Grand OES Session. Also pictured were children of the Children's Home with their woodworking and mechanical 4-H projects. The Nebraska OES News revealed the Special Projects for the 2025-2026 Year--

OES Star Dogs of Nebraska, Inc. and Shrine Road Runners. The Nebraska OES News presented messages from the Worthy Grand Matron Gloria Guern and Worthy Grand Patron Dennis Rix and brief descriptions of their Grand Officers.

There was discussion concerning the upcoming Area Visitation scheduled for September 13. A planning meeting is planned for July 5, 2025, where all eight chapter representatives will be present.

Sickness reported: Mary Behrends is showing improvement at the Good Samaritan Home in Auburn. Chris Joy announced that she has a new great-grandchild, making nine in all for Jerry and her.

There being no further business, the chapter closed in form with prayer and singing of the Closing Ode. Refreshments were served by Donna Monnette during the Social Hour.

FCPD ACCIDENT REPORTS

According to Falls City Police Department accident reports, on June 13, 2025, Trischa Clow of Falls City backed out of a drive way at 27th and Schoenheit and hit vehicle owned by Eric Rottinghaus. An estimated \$2,000 in damage was done to the Rottinghaus vehicle; an estimated \$2,000 in damage was done to the Clow vehicle.

Inc., Stella Ag LLC, The Chop Shop, The Station, The Stella Vault - Stella, True Ag & Turf - Falls City, Weber Electric/Anytime Storage and Wherry Mortuary.

Douglas resignation accepted during July 1 Humboldt council meeting

The Humboldt City Council held its regular meeting July 1 at 6 p.m. at Humboldt City Hall, with Mayor Jan Wilhelm and Council Members Chris Norrup, Jaymie Nolte and Richard Davis present.

Betsy Packett, Administrator of Colonial Acres Nursing Home, reported that the facility currently has 37 residents and a profit of \$32,584. Deputy Geer gave the June Sheriff's Report, which included 161 service hours and five calls for service.

Public comment was given by Sherryn Rist.

The Council voted to table the Richardson County Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services until revisions are reviewed and approved by the county. Council Member Chris Norrup made the motion, which was seconded by Council Member Jaymie Nolte. The motion passed with Norrup, Nolte and Richard Davis voting in favor.

In other business, the council approved a five-year renewal agreement with PeopleService Inc. for operation and maintenance of the city's water and wastewater systems. The contract begins at \$12,030 per month for the first year, with annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index plus one percent. Services covered under the agreement include certified staffing, sampling and regulatory reporting, equipment maintenance, hydrant flushing, fire valve exercising, meter replacement, and public engagement as needed.

The contract also includes a non-capital maintenance and repair limit of \$21,204 in year one, with increases tied to inflation. If wastewater flow or loading changes by more than 20 percent for 90 consecutive days, either party may request a rate adjustment or terminate the agreement with 30 days' written notice. The agreement automatically renews for five-year terms unless either party provides written notice of cancellation 90 days before the renewal date. It replaces the previous agreement signed July 2, 2020.

The council voted unanimously to approve the termination of the city's legal services agreement with current city attorney Doug Merz and directed

the mayor to provide written notice per the agreement terms. The motion was made by Nolte and seconded by Norrup.

Also approved was a legal services agreement with Andrew K. Carothers of Willet & Carothers in Beatrice. Carothers will serve as the city's legal advisor and represent Humboldt in Richardson County Court, District Court, the Nebraska Court of Appeals and the Nebraska Supreme Court, except in insurance defense cases where outside counsel is assigned.

Under the agreement, Carothers will be compensated at a rate of \$125 per hour, which includes travel time to and from Humboldt. The contract also establishes fixed fees for real estate transactions: \$150 for purchase agreement preparation, \$100 for deed and transfer documents, and \$400 for closings. Travel mileage is reimbursed at IRS rates, and the city will reimburse reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Invoices will be submitted monthly and reviewed as claims at regular council meetings and paid promptly. Any disputes shall be addressed and promptly resolved by both the City and Attorney.

Council Member Davis made a motion to approve the June 13 special meeting minutes, which was seconded by Norrup. A motion to approve the June 17 regular meeting minutes was made by Norrup and seconded by Davis. Both motions carried with all members voting in favor.

A resignation from Ward II Council Member Kendra Douglas was accepted on a motion by Norrup and second by Nolte.

In a letter provided to the Council, Douglas asked that her resignation be effective July 1, 2025 and thanked the council for allowing her to try to serve and better the Humboldt community.

In department updates, Mayor Jan Wilhelm reported that street repairs would begin soon and that she would contact Karen Anderson about the potential relocation of the farmers market to Colonial Acres Nursing Home. Council Member Nolte had previously recommended the outreach.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

You're Invited!
Please join us for an **Open House Celebration** in honor of **Susan Zimmerman Sipple's 80th Birthday!**
Date: Saturday, August 2nd
Time: 1:00-3:00PM
Location: FC Elks Club, 1417 Stone St., Falls City
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Richardson County Fair Queen voting has started

Richardson County Queen voting has officially started. Queen Votes as of July 17, 2025 were: MaKena Dunlap, 3,513,564; Ellie Bstanding, 501,702; Ella Glathar, 133,480; Hannah Lindsey, 10,153; Shayfer Cumro, 7,855; Maddie Brede-meier, 7,418; Kendi McClarnen, 6,009; Miranda Rist, 3,841; Kendall Freeman, 2,330; Camryn Vaughan, 1,987; Chloe Shupp, 562.

The following businesses are voting locations: Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc. AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc., American National Bank, Armbruster Motor Co. - Falls City, Bear Butte Enterprises, LLC, Berwick Cooperative Oil Company, Blecha's General Store, Bruna Bros Implement, LLC, Burgett Irrigation, Chaotic Coffee & Boutique, Community Insurance Group, Inc., Creative Thoughts-Pawnee, Davis Plumbing & Electric - Stella, Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, P.C., L.L.O., Farmers Cooperative, Friends of the Humboldt Auditorium, Highway 50 Fertilizer - DuBois, Home In Bloom, Housing Authority of the City of Humboldt, Humboldt Community Thrift Store, Humboldt Standard, Lewis Implement Co., Marburger's Shoe Store, Meyer-Earp Auto Center Inc. - Auburn, Mezger Construction, Inc., Nebraska Public Power District, Niders Grocery, North Fork One Stop, Old Windmill Antiques, OPPD, Phillips Plumbing & HVAC, Quad County Historical & Research - Museum Sapp Bros., Inc., State Bank of Table Rock, Stataline AG Enterprises,

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Ed & Pat O'Grady would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the family and friends who helped make their 70th wedding anniversary celebration so special. It was a joy to see so many familiar faces-both from their large loving family and longtime circle of friends. The day was filled with laughter, memories and love. They are deeply grateful for the beautiful cards, warm wishes and for everyone who joined in making it a day to remember.
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Huskers named to Deans' List for spring 2025

More than 6,700 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester of the 2024-25 academic year.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' List for more than one college.

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, 3.75; Interim Dean Thomas Burkey. College of Architecture, 3.75; Dean Kevin G. Van Den Wymelenberg. College of Arts and Sciences, 3.7; Acting Dean Patrick Dussault. College of Business, 3.6; Dean Kathy Farrell. College of Education and Human Sciences, 3.75; Interim Dean Nicholas J. Pace. College of Engineering, 3.5; Dean Lance C. Perez. College of Journalism and Mass Communications, 3.7; Dean Shari Veil. Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, 3.7; Dean Andy Belser. Explore Center for undeclared, pre-engineering, pre-health and pre-law students, 3.6; Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Undergraduate Education Amy Goodburn.

The following is a list of area honorees. Some students chose not to be listed.

Falls City students include: Grace Malcolm, sophomore, Dean's List, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, advertising and public relations, and broadcasting.

Jocelyn Adelle O'Grady, senior, Dean's List, College of Business, management.

Derek Schawang, junior, Dean's List, College of Engineering, electrical engineering.

Laura Waggoner, junior, Dean's List, College of Business, marketing.

Humboldt students include: Alysa Brooks, senior, Dean's List, College

of Arts and Sciences, psychology.

Skai Joyner, junior, Dean's List, Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, graphic design.

Andrew Stalder, junior, Dean's List, College of Engineering, electrical engineering.

Joe Stalder, senior, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, geology.

Rulo students include: Natalie Lorene Keller, senior, Dean's List, College of Education and Human Sciences, elementary education.

Riley Kobza, senior, Dean's List, College of Business, accounting.

Table Rock students include: Sydney Binder, freshman, Dean's List, College of Business, business and law.

Washburn Announces Dean's List for Spring 2025

Washburn University has announced its spring 2025 Dean's List honorees. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 3.4 to 3.99.

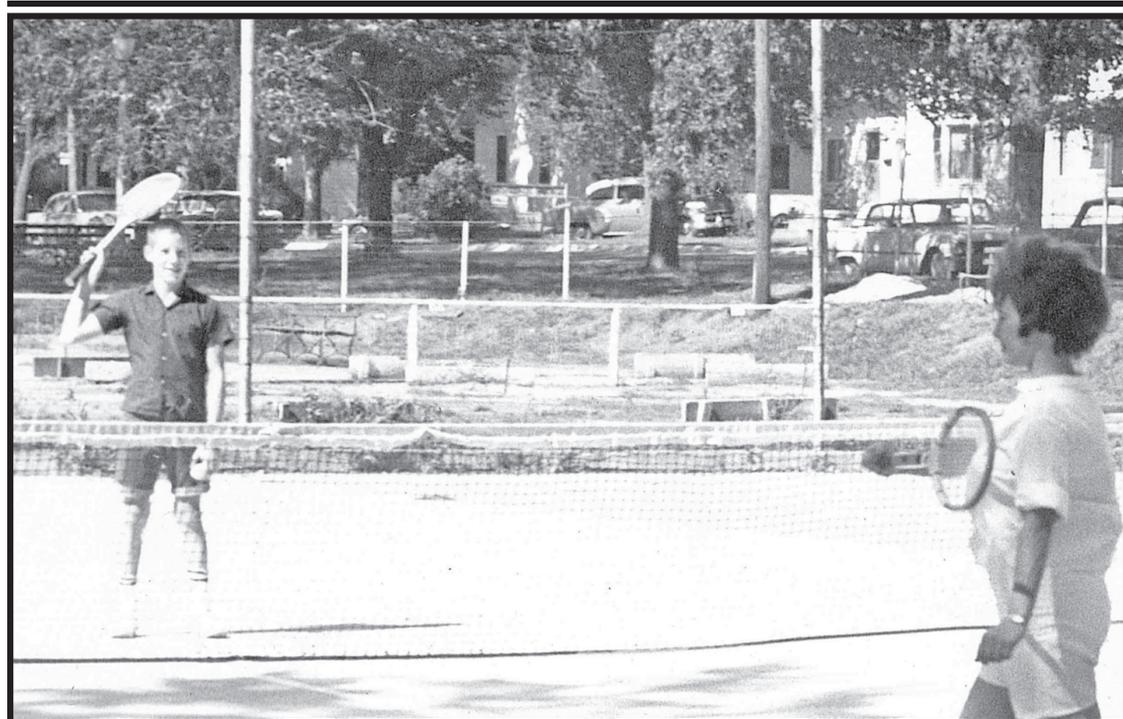
More than 900 students qualified for the Dean's List. Congratulations to all these students, Washburn University is proud of their hard work and commitment to their education.

Dean's List honorees are: Samantha Arnold, Kaily Dorn, Joshua Grimm, Jacob Grimm, Alexa Kaufman and Preston Michael all of Sabetha.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. ACCIDENT REPORTS

According to Falls City Sheriff's Department accident reports, on July 10, 2025, Marry White of Humboldt was backing

out of the parking space on 3rd Street. The driver, Ms. White didn't see



Tennis in Falls City, 1975.

Doane University Dean's List

A total of 274 Doane University students made the university's Spring 2025 Dean's List, nearly a third of all students enrolled at Doane's Crete campus.

To make the Dean's List, undergraduate students enrolled on the university's Crete campus must earn a grade point average of 3.70 or higher in at least 12 graded credits during the semester. Of the 274 students on the Dean's List, Ashleigh Kirkendall, JR, Falls City High School was among them.

A total of 841 undergraduate students were enrolled at Doane's Crete campus in the spring. The Dean's List is shared following the completion of each fall and spring semester.

Halle Scoby of Sabetha named to University of Arkansas Dean's List

Halle Scoby of Sabetha was named to the University of Arkansas Dean's List for the 2025 Spring Semester.

Scoby joins a distinguished group of students recognized for this outstanding academic achievement.

To qualify for the Dean's List, undergraduates must achieve a grade-point average of 3.75 (or higher) during the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours. School of

Law students must earn a 3.0 grade-point average or higher during the semester to be named to the Law School Dean's List.

"We are incredibly proud of the students who have earned a place on the Dean's List this semester," said Provost Terry Martin. "Achieving this level of academic success is no small feat and is evidence of their dedication and perseverance in their academic pursuits. It is also a testament to the families, friends and mentors whose encouragement and support have been vital to their academic journey."

BUILDING PERMITS

Jerome Teeter, 2205 Barada St., Replace AC Unit; \$5,138.00.

Falls City Elks Lodge #963, 1417 Stone St., Repair Roof; \$29,000.00.

Patricia Kiekhaefer, 1519 Stone St., Reconstructing and Replacing Roof; \$234,000.00.

Shirley Rattazzi, 906 McLean St., Replace Roof; \$12,451.56.

Scott Woods, 2103 Towle St., Replace Roof on House and Garage; \$7,898.97.

Timothy Curtis, 718 Stone St., Install Deck; \$1,500.00.

Dwight and Krista Meyer, 822 E. 16th St., Replace Sidewalk; \$1,980.00.

St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1820 Fulton St., Install Fence; \$3,500.00.

Smart Homes LLC, 710 Reavis St., Install Mobile Home; \$2,500.00.

Dream Weaver Hotel LLC, 1800 Stone St., Replace Sidewalk; \$2,130.00.

Laura Bowe, 915 Lane St., Replace Water Heater; \$1,500.00.

Kathy Mackey, 2206 Schoenheit St., Replace Roof; \$13,000.

Jo Ellen Crawford, 2504 Hiland Ave., Replace Gas Line; \$5,000.

Clarissa Whalen, 2509 Schoenheit St., Replace Gas Line; \$5,000.

Kenneth Blaylock, 2618 Schoenheit St., Replace Gas Line; \$5,000.

Steve Kottich, 2519 Ab-

bott St., Replace Gas Line; \$5,000.

Doug and Betty Merz, 2501 Hiland Ave., Replace Roof and Gutters; \$23,089.5.

Danielle Schmidt, 2420 Crook St., Install Wall Support to Repair Bowing Walls; \$31,961.99.

Glenn Cudney, 803 E. 17th St., Replace Roof; \$23,664.

Jessica Howard, 2407 Towle St., Install Wall Support to Repair Bowing Walls; \$20,764.59.

Lockard named to Dean's list at University of Maryland Global Campus

Isaiah Lockard of Stella was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

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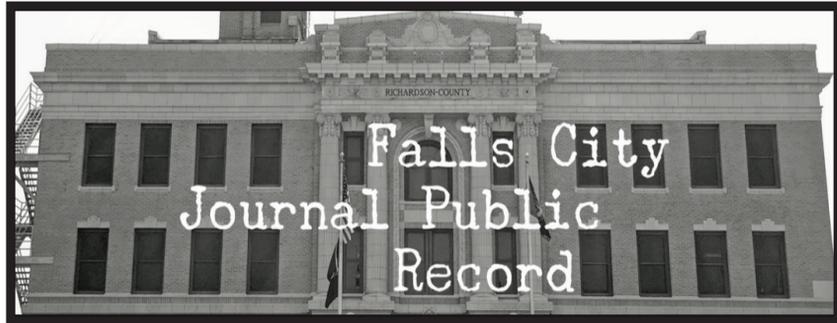
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(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

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

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

CITATIONS

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

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

Dominic Smith of DeWitt, NE, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Cathleen Osburn of Glenwood, IA, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Pablo Garcia Islas of Omaha, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Yahir Nieves Diaz of Oklahoma City, OK, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Holliday)

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

Joshua Crutchfield of Omaha, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Franks)

Alexandra Rolseth of Tulsa, OK, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Michael Waggoner of White Cloud, KS, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Cheek)

Hailee Daarud of Wahoo, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Ali M.)

Kristina Boverhuis of Pawnee City, count one,

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

Daniel Kerns of Lincoln, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Megan Vrbka of Staplehurst, NE, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Caroline Lumley of Sapulpa, OK, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Jared Ely of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Manas Lemi of Fort Hood, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count three, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count four, no proof of ownership, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs. (Novak)

Abel Espinoza-Zavala of Topeka, KS, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

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

DISTRICT COURT

Kevin S. Dexter, count one, possess controlled subs, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of two years, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, jail for term of 11 days, credit for 11 days served, counts 2-9, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Charles R. Kramer, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months, probation fee-regular of \$300; count three, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 12 months; counts 4-6 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Daniel R. Werner, count one, accessory to class 2 or 2A felony, pled not guilty; count two, acces-

sory to felony not class 4 (1d/e/f), pled not guilty; count three, refuse to aid peace officer, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 19, 2025.

Davis L. Smith, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, pled not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 5, 2025.

Nicholas R. Barrows, count one, terroristic threats, pled not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, pled not guilty; count three, possess firearm while commit felony, pled not guilty; count four, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count five, DV assault-3rd/cause bodily injury, pled not guilty; count six, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 19, 2025.

Tonya M. Beccard, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, criminal mischief-\$5,000+, pled not guilty; count three, unauth use propelled vehicle-1st, pled not guilty; count four, willful reckless driving-1st, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for September 2, 2025.

COUNTY COURT

Tawni R. Jones, count one, DUI-.15 or refusal (1 prior conviction), amended to DUI-.08 breath-1st, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes \$500 fine, probation for term of nine months, drug testing fee of \$45, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$225, license revoked for 60 days, interlock device, reimburse county of \$17; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Jessica M. Scheele, count one, disturbing the peace, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 4, 2025.

Brandt T. Chapple, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, criminal mischief-\$501-1,499, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 4-6 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for September 8, 2025.

Alicia C. Swimmer, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for August 27, 2025.

FCPD CALLS AND STATISTICS

July 4 through July 5, 2025 calls: one welfare check, four miscellaneous calls, one informational, only call, one noise, disturbance, two fire calls (Falls City Fire), five ambulance/EMS calls, two 911 hang up/misdials, one citation for nuisance, weeds, and grass over 12 inches, one citation for maintaining a nuisance, one failure to yield ROW, one citation for invalid registration, and thirteen 911 calls.

July 5 through July 6, 2025 calls: one investigation, four information only calls.

July 6 through July 7, 2025 calls: one HHS intake/referral, one noise disturbance, three calls referred to another agency, three calls that were informational only, one call for found or lost property, one miscellaneous car, for ambulance/EMS calls, and six 911 calls.

July 7 through July 8, 2025 calls: one fire call, one gun permit, one fraud, one animal call, two suspicious person/vehicle calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one nuisance call, one miscellaneous call, one traffic/driving complaint, one warning for an improper return, and four 911 calls.

July 8 through July 9, 2025 calls: one alarm, five nuisance calls, one investigation, one burn permit, two miscellaneous calls, one ambulance/EMS call, one noise disturbance, one suspicious person/vehicle, one call referred to another agency, one ambulance/EMS call, one HHS intake/referral call, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning issued for speeding 11-15 mph municipal, and one 911 call.

July 9 through July 10, 2025 calls: two ambulance/EMS calls, one animal call, five miscellaneous calls, one house watch, one motorist assist, one alarm, one nuisance, one parking complaint, two calls referred to another agency, one HHS intake/referral, one 911 hang up/misdial, one warning for speeding 6-10 miles municipal, one warning for a misuse of school permit, and two 911 calls

July 10 through July 11, 2025 calls: one information only call, one 911 hang up/misdial, one animal call, three ambulance/EMS calls, one call referred to another agency, one investigation, two traffic/driving complaints, three miscellaneous calls, one accident, one welfare check, one HHS intake/referral, one warning for a stop sign violation, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation nuisance weeds and grass over 12 inches, and five 911 calls.

July 11 through July 12, 2025 calls: four ambulance/EMS calls, two nuisance calls, one information only, one parking complaint, one call referred to another agency, two miscellaneous, two 911 hang up/misdials, one citation for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for a misuse of a school permit, one warning for speeding, and four 911 calls.

July 12 through July 13, 2025 calls: two ambulance/EMS calls, one animal call, one HHS intake/referral, one burn permit, one miscellaneous call, one parking complaint, one disturbance, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and three 911 calls.

July 13 through July 14, 2025 calls: one animal call, one domestic disturbance, two calls referred to another agency, one found or lost property call, one information only call, two 911 hang up/misdials, one ambulance/EMS call, one citation for speeding, and three 911 calls.

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Shotgun Awards: Front Row L-R: Audrey Scrivens, Turner Dunn, Chase Dishong, Jayme Ewers, Wyatt Cooce. Back Row: L-R: Norman McHenry, Weston Snoke, Cole Schawang, Trayce Stutheit, Thomas Aitken, Vaden Leyden, Elijah Leyden.

Richardson County 4-H Shooting Sports Competition

Youth and adults gathered June 26-28th for the annual Richardson County 4-H Shooting Sports Competition. 4-H'ers competed in shotgun trap on Friday; small-bore pistol and rifle, BB, and air pistol and rifle on Saturday; and archery on Sunday.

All awards were provided by the Richardson County 4-H Boosters.

Junior Shotgun - Champion and purple ribbon went to Audrey Scrivens. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Turner Dunn. Chase Dishong was awarded a blue ribbon.

Senior Shotgun - 16 Yard - Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Trayce Stutheit. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Norman McHenry. Cole Schawang, Jayme Ewers, Thomas Aitken, Weston Snoke, and Wyatt Cooce also received purple ribbons. Blue ribbons were awarded to Elijah Leyden and Vaden Leyden.

Senior Shotgun - Handicap - Champion and purple ribbon went to Trayce Stutheit. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Norman McHenry. Jayme Ewers, Thomas Aitken, and Vaden Leyden also received purple ribbons. Receiving blue ribbons were Cole Schawang, Weston Snoke, and Wyatt Cooce. Elijah Leyden received a red ribbon.

Junior Small-Bore Rifle - Champion and purple ribbon went to Turner Dunn. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Elise DeJonge. Audrey Scrivens was also awarded a purple ribbon. Elizabeth Robison and Halle DeJonge received a red ribbon.

Intermediate Small-Bore Rifle - Champion and blue ribbon went to Cale Zentner.

Senior Small-Bore Rifle - Champion and purple ribbon went to Adisen Fischer. Reserve Champion and blue ribbon went to Trayce Stutheit. Reserve Champion and blue ribbon went to Weston Snoke.

Junior BB - Champion and purple ribbon went to Cayden Goff. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Turner Dunn.



Archery Awards: Front Row, L-R: Kyndall Kennedy, Lynnley Ankrom, Josslyn Schutte, Charles Wamsley, Colby Dunn, Cayden Goff, Harley Goff, Gabe Goff, Baker Hamilton, Tallon Wamsley, Elizabeth Robison, Patricia Howe, Adisen Fischer. Back Row, L-R: Josslyn Bangert, Carline Powell, Leah Goff, Emma Goff, Kylie Ramsey, Trayce Stutheit, Colt Leech, Turner Dunn, Cale Zentner, Austyn Munford.



Indoor Awards: Front Row, L-R: Charles Wamsley, Harley Goff, Gavyn Mullins, Cy Zentner, Tallon Wamsley, Colby Dunn, Turner Dunn. Middle Row, L-R: Arryn Chandler, Rylee Kriefels, Gabe Goff, Cayden Goff, Baker Hamilton, Callan Scrivens, Ike Rieschick, Rory Casey, Scarlett DeJonge. Back Row, L-R: Emma Goff, Lily Kopf, Leah Goff, Audrey Scrivens, Elise DeJonge, Elizabeth Robison, Halle DeJonge, John Casey, Cale Zentner.

Senior Small-Bore Pistol - Champion and purple ribbon went to Adisen Fischer. Reserve Champion and blue ribbon went to Trayce Stutheit.

Junior BB - Champion and purple ribbon went to Cayden Goff. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Turner Dunn.

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Richardson County Sheriff's Department arrest four, after burglary in Stella

Four people were arrested and stolen property recovered following a reported burglary at a building in Stella on July 14, according to the Richardson County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies responded to the report early that morning and found numerous tools and equipment missing from the premises. Authorities determined the burglary occurred earlier the same day.

Investigators quickly identified suspects and secured a search warrant for a rural residence near Humboldt. Within just over 24 hours of the burglary, deputies executed the warrant and recovered much of the stolen property. Several firearms were also seized during the search, including some from a person legally prohibited from possessing them, the sheriff's office said.

The investigation led to the arrests of four individuals:

Otis Mann, 46, of Missouri, was charged with bur-

glary (felony), three counts of possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person (felony), theft by unlawful taking (felony) and criminal trespass (misdemeanor).

Jennifer Anderson, 43, of Humboldt, was charged with burglary (felony), three counts of aiding and abetting a felony (felony), theft by unlawful taking (felony), criminal trespass (misdemeanor) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wyatt Anderson, 21, of Humboldt, was charged with burglary (felony), theft by unlawful taking (felony) and criminal trespass (misdemeanor).

Jordan Watson, 26, of Talmage, was charged with burglary (felony), theft by unlawful taking (felony) and criminal trespass (misdemeanor).

The sheriff's office said the investigation remains ongoing and that additional charges may be filed. All individuals innocent until proven guilty.



In light of recent events, notably the Big 12 Media Days in Frisco, Texas, I feel compelled to join the conversation regarding remarks made by former Nebraska Cornhuskers player and coach Scott Frost.

We all know the origin story of the kid who grew up just west of Lincoln in Wood River. The QB was named a Parade All-American, having amassed over 11,000 yards and 67 touchdowns throughout his high school career. The now 50-year-old Frost made no fans when he shunned Coach Tom Osborne and the Big Red by choosing Stanford for his college destination. He made the decision that Bill Walsh and the Cardinal could help him reach the next level better than Nebraska could. After two years, he decided to return to his home state, maybe it had something to do with the 7-14-1 record at Stanford. Suddenly, the Big Red looked more appealing.

At Nebraska, he succeeded, going 24-2 and earning a slice of a National Championship in 1997. After the Orange Bowl win over Tennessee, Frost pleaded with coaches to give Osborne a share of the championship. Many fans admired his speech; I wasn't one of them. You should never have to beg for a win; you earn it. While I'm happy to claim the 1997 national title, it doesn't have the same reverence as the ones that came before it. Frost tarnished his legacy when he left Nebraska for Stanford, and there was nothing he could do, at least in my eyes, to remedy that, not even a shared title with Michigan.

Flash forward to December 2, 2017. Again, he was coming home. Again, he was expected to lead the Big Red to the promised land. To say he failed would not do justice to his time in Lincoln. It was the most significant failure by the athletic department in Lincoln in over 50 years, even worse than the Steve Pederson experiment. The last football coach at Nebraska to finish with a record of less than .500 was Bill Jennings. Jennings went 15-34-1 from 1957 to 1961. Heck, even Mike Riley went 19-19 during his three-year tenure.

Frost ended his run at Nebraska with a final mark of 16 wins and 31 losses. That is a .340 winning percentage. That is at a school that has every advantage imaginable: great weight rooms, top-notch facilities, the best fans in the world and great boosters. Yet, with everything at his beck and call, Frost laid an egg. He failed to live up to even the most basic expectations. He was rude to the media and failed to land the recruits needed in today's era of athletics. In other words, he happily accepted the paychecks but did very little in the way of earning them.

On September 11, 2022, Frost was relieved of his duties but received a \$16.4 million buyout. Two years later, he emerged to take the job at UCF, the team he coached immediately before coming to Lincoln.

At that point, I wished him well (didn't mean it) and moved on. Then he opened his mouth during the Big 12 media days. He was asked what lessons he learned while coaching at his alma mater. The response, while typical of his overwhelming arrogance, still caught some off guard. "Don't take the wrong job," he told The Athletic.

He went on to explain that he never wanted to leave UCF and that he was pulled there by others. Evidently, he had no choice in the matter. Whatever the case may be, his overinflated ego still will not allow him to take any ownership of his shortcomings. A simple message stating his failed goals and the desire to learn from his mistakes would have sufficed. A good coach will shower praise on players after something good and take the fall after something bad. All this joker seems to care about is himself.

Husker fans, it's time to let him go. This state never meant anything to him when he was younger; why did we expect it to mean anything to him as he got older? The job was never wrong; the choice to lead the program was wrong. Until he learns to sometimes fall on the grenade, he will never be the coach he thinks he is.

Matt Rhule couldn't be more opposite. That, and that reason alone, is why he is and will always be more revered than Frost in this state. Go Big Red.

R.C. 4-H Shooting Sports Competition

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bon went to Tallon Wamsley. Blue ribbons were awarded to Gabriel Goff, Rory Casey, and Scarlett DeJonge. Receiving a red ribbon were Gavyn Mullins, Ike Rieschick, and Ivy Stickney.

Intermediate BB - Champion and purple ribbon went to Elise DeJonge. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Lily Kopf. Callan Scrivens, John Casey, and Rylee Kreifels also received purple ribbons. A blue ribbon was awarded to Baker Hamilton, Colby Dunn, Halle DeJonge, and Turner Dunn. Charles Wamsley, Elizabeth Robison, Emma Goff, and Harley Goff received red ribbons. Conner Gossman, Cy Zentner, and Hunter Driskell received white ribbons.

Senior BB - Champion and purple ribbon went to Arryn Chandler. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Audrey Scrivens. Cale Zentner and Leah Goff received blue ribbons.

Junior Air Rifle - Champion and purple ribbon went to Colby Dunn. Reserve Champion and blue ribbon was awarded to Tallon Wamsley. Gabriel Goff also received a blue ribbon. Conner Gossman and Cy Zentner received red ribbons.

Intermediate Air Rifle - Champion and purple ribbon went to Elise DeJonge. Reserve Champion and a blue ribbon went to Halle DeJonge. Charles Wamsley also received a blue ribbon. Jase Knapp and Turner Dunn received a red ribbon.

Senior Air Rifle - Champion and purple ribbon went to Cale Zentner. Reserve Champion and a blue ribbon went to Leah Goff.

Junior Air Pistol - Champion and purple ribbon went to Colby Dunn.

Intermediate Air Pistol - Champion and purple rib-

bon went to Turner Dunn.

Junior Archery Freestyle - Champion and purple ribbon went to Harley Goff. Reserve Champion and Purple Ribbon went to Colby Dunn. Gabriel Goff, Kyndall Kennedy, and Lynnley Ankrom also received purple ribbons. Blue ribbons were awarded to Baker Hamilton, Cayden Goff, and Tallon Wamsley.

Intermediate Archery Freestyle - Champion and purple ribbon went to Kylie Ramsey. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Leah Goff. Caroline Powell and Turner Dunn also received purple ribbons. Receiving blue ribbons were Charles Wamsley and Elizabeth Robison. Emma Goff and Josslyn Schutte received red ribbons.

Senior Archery Freestyle - Champion and purple ribbon went to Trayce Stutheit. Reserve Champion and purple ribbon went to Josslyn Bangert. Adisen Fischer also received a purple ribbon. Cale Zentner, Colt Leech, and Patricia Howe received blue ribbons. Austyn Munford received a red ribbon.

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the 2025 Richardson County Shooting Sports Contest!

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

Minnesota grain dealer no longer licensed in Nebraska

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) wants to ensure grain producers are aware that World Foods Processing, LLC, d/b/a PURIS, Minneapolis, Minnesota can no longer do business as a Grain Dealer in Nebraska.

On Tuesday, July 15, the company surrendered its Nebraska Grain Dealer License to the PSC.

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ed to buying grain from producers/sellers with the intent to sell such grain.

If you are a producer/seller who may have done business with this company and has any questions you are encouraged to contact the PSC grain department.

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Each of us has a role to play in addressing fraud. When you learn about a new scam, share what you know. You may just help the next fraud target avoid becoming the next fraud victim.

Last Minute Travel Scams: If you're looking to squeeze in one more summer trip, be cautious—while great travel deals exist online, so do scammers eager to cash in on your vacation plans.

Criminals set up look-alike travel websites in hopes you will book with them rather than the intended company. And just because the link showed up when you searched "travel deals" doesn't mean it can automatically be trusted. Scammers often buy paid promotions for their bogus travel sites, so they appear high up in search rankings.

Before hitting 'confirm' on that deal, make sure you really know who you are doing business with. Research a new-to-you travel site before booking by searching the company's name along with the words "scam," "complaint," or "review" to read about other people's experiences. And pay with a credit card, which offers stronger protections than other forms of payment.

Summer Heat Waves Bring Out Utility Scams: The summer heat is here, and so are scammers posing as the utility company. You might get a call or email from someone threatening to shut off your electric service due to unpaid bills. With high temperatures making air conditioning essential, these criminals use fear to pressure you into acting fast.

They may demand immediate payment using gift cards, wire transfers, or mobile payment apps. Real utility companies don't threaten immediate shutoff without notice, and they don't demand unusual forms of payment. If you receive a threat like this, contact your utility company directly using the number from your bill—not the one the caller gives you.

Grandparent Scams Meet AI: You get a call from a panicked grandchild or other family member. They say they're in a time-sensitive crisis—hospitalized after a car accident or jailed for example—and beg for immediate financial help.

They may hand the phone over to someone they say is a police officer, lawyer, or court official who provides detailed instructions for sending money via gift card, wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or cash.

This is the beginning of the grandparent scam, and it's more sophisticated than ever. Criminals now have generative artificial intelligence tools to make the fake situation seem all-the-more real. But there is no emergency: It's a setup to steal your money.

If you receive a call like this, verify the situation by contacting your loved one directly using a number you know is theirs. Above all, if you receive an unexpected communication that puts you into a state of high emotion and involves urgency, let that be your signal to take an "active pause." Give yourself time to reflect on what you might know about the situation or to reach out to someone for guidance. AARP Fraud Watch Network™ is mounting an educational campaign to "Pause. Reflect. Protect."

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Dave and Shirley Dolman

A memorial service is being held for Dave and Shirley Dolman at Prairie Union Baptist Church, 64571 719 Rd, Stella, NE, on Sunday, July 27, 2025. The service will be held in conjunction with the Sunday morning Worship starting at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioners contemplating help from UNL for comprehensive plan and proposed zoning regulations

(Continued from Page 1) + mileage fee of \$40.20).

A discussion was held regarding quotes for purchasing the necessary equipment for the new patrol vehicles. The purchase of a new Dodge Charger was also discussed at that time.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to purchase a new 2023 Dodge Charger AWD V6 from ESU Pursuits of Edwardsville, KS, for \$37,900.00. The motion carried. Campbell also made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment to be installed in the Charger from 911 Customs for \$6,120.27. The motion carried. The Board also approved the purchase order for the equipment needed for one of the 2025 Ford Police Interceptors from 911 Customs for \$7,400.00.

Tom Bliss, Executive Director of the Southeast Nebraska Development District, advised the Board on the activities currently being carried out by SENDD in Richardson County. He mentioned an Owner-Occupied Rehab project in Stella, Community/Income Surveys in Humboldt, Salem and Rulo and the Downtown Revitalization project in Falls City.

Brittany McCullough, an associate of Bliss, stated that she is currently working with Humboldt on the pool planning project and Salem on the community building project.

He also mentioned changes within the Broadband Federal Program.

"There are some changes going on there that really hurt a lot of our small towns," said Bliss. An example he gave was that the area was scheduled to have 80 houses hooked up to broadband, and that number has been reduced to 44, a 45 percent decrease.

He went on to say SENDD was "working with NACO trying to convince the fed-

eral government to change their minds because this is important for some of these small towns."

He explained the need for broadband, especially with schools now issuing tablets instead of textbooks.

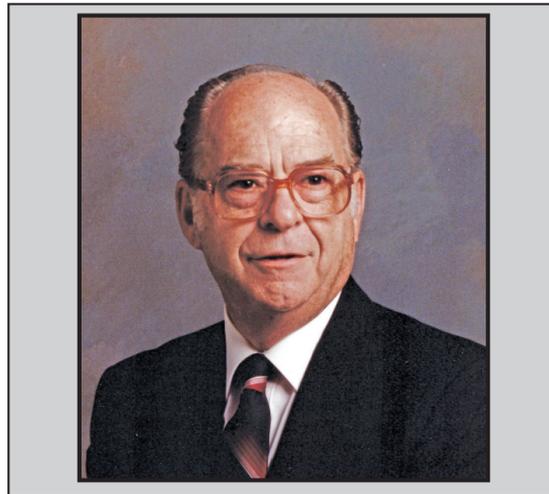
Later, Bliss informed the Commissioners that grant funding was possible for the purchase of First Responder radios and other equipment. He also pointed out that CDBG grants can be used for fire departments. A recent example is the town of Wymore, which received a \$400,000 grant to purchase a fire truck, with the match being just \$100,000. The Board also had a discussion with Bliss regarding the recent talks of updating the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and proposed zoning regulations. He explained that the grant money that used to be available for such projects has been "scaled back".

However, he advised the Board that the University of Nebraska could potentially offer assistance for this project through students participating in community regional planning courses at UNL, which could be a cost-saving effort for the county.

"They've got graduate students, like Andrew here, who will do these projects for you at a fraction of the cost," said Bliss. "They've always been very, very inexpensive, but the quality of work has been great."

A motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for David L. Keithley located in S29, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-2. The motion passed.

Karas made a motion to approve the payment of the claims, and the motion was passed. With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.



George Elwonger

George Byford Elwonger, 99, passed away on July 16, 2025 in Kansas City, MO. Byford was born on October 31, 1925, to George S. and Mayme A. (Critchfield) Elwonger on a farm near Pawnee City, NE. He graduated from Dawson High School in Dawson, NE, in 1943. In January 1945, he enlisted in the Merchant Marines where he served until the end of World War II.

In 1948, he graduated from Chillicothe Business College. Through these experiences he learned to become a successful business man, operating and owning a motel, managing a Ford dealership, and other business ventures. He also served as Nebraska President of the hotel/motel association, State President of the Nebraska Jaycees, and served as Vice President of the U.S. Jaycees. Later in life, he was inducted into the world Jaycee Hall of Leadership in Washington D.C.

Byford married Evelyn (Brown) Elwonger in July, 1948 and later divorced in 1974, but the greatest gifts God gave him through this union was his three children, Karen, Diane, and John.

He was also active working in many community and fraternal organizations. These included the Auburn Board of Public Works, The United Methodist Church, Toastmasters, and Rotary. He was a member of the American Legion as well as the Masonic Lodge and Shriners for more than 65 years.

In December, 1974, Byford married Patricia Cle-

ments. They operated a bookkeeping business in Auburn until moving to Hawaii in 1979. In 1981, they settled in a suburb of Phoenix where Pat and Byford continued their business ventures. Upon Pat's passing in 2003 he continued his business pursuits with the help of friends, especially Lucille. In 2015, Byford sold his business and moved to Missouri to be closer to family. He spent his final years in an assisted living facility in Overland Park, Kansas.

Byford is survived by his three children, Karen Carns of Atlantic, IA, Diane (Dennis) Junge of Overland Park, KS, and John (Sharon) Elwonger of Summerfield, NC, five grandchildren, Ryan, Christen, Laura, Brian, and Owen, and five great grandchildren, Oliver, Avery, Madelyn, Harper, and Emma. Also surviving are step-children Linda Catlett, Wesley Clements, Mark Clements and special friend and classmate, Lucille Weatherfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a toddler sister, Esther Mary, his wife, Patricia, son-in-law, John Carns, and step-son Glenn Clements.

A memorial service will take place at Hemmingsen's Funeral Home in Auburn, NE at 11:00 AM on July 26, 2025, with visitation 30 minutes prior to the service, and reception following. Burial to follow in the Pawnee City Cemetery in Pawnee City, NE.

Memorial donations may be given to St. Luke's Hospice House of Kansas City, MO or Shriners Hospital for Children.

Services are entrusted to Hemmingsen Funeral Home of Auburn.

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Early League Results from Tuesday, July 8, 2025.
 Team 1 (5.50) Liberty, Brandon 37-34; Bennett, Chuck 47-35. Team 10 (0.50) Foster, Tim 44-34; Veigel, Merle 55-37.

Team 2 (4.00) Malcolm, Terry 48-36; Kermoade, Terry 43-27. Team 9 (2.00) May, Mark 41-32; Severin, Steve 63-41.

Team 3 (5.00) Hays, Gary 35-31; Vonseggern, Bill 46-34. Team 8 (1.00) Hillyard, Mark 42-33; Hankins, Dan 44-34.

Team 4 (0.00) Ebel, Ron 40-35; Romine, Alan 48-36. Team 7 (6.00) James, Charles 39-31; Mullins, Jim 46-35.

Team 5 (3.50) Borg, Dave 41-34; Murphy, Jim 57-39. Team 6 (2.50) Dunn, Joe 35-33; Heinzelman, Denny 51-40.

Late League Results from Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

Team 1 (7.50) Simon, Steve 34-33; Ferguson, Don 41-33; Waller, Doug 55-38. Team 10 (0.50) Siel, Jake 43-39; Froeschl, Joe 42-34; Buckminster, Blake 55-39.

Team 2 (6.00) Montgomery, Carter 39-37; Harmon, Galen 43-34; Witt, Bailey 45-27. Team 9 (2.00) Witt, Tom 35-32; Witt, Weston 45-38; Dunn, Mike 54-38.

Team 3 (1.50) Dunn, Joe 35-33; Dunkhas, Gale 48-38; Witt, Rich 47-35. Team 8 (6.50) Simon, Dan 38-34; Poppe, Brian 45-37; Scheitel, Lane 46-30.

Team 4 (4.00) Bachman, Eli 38-36; May, Mark 43-34; Craig, Robbie 47-31. Team 7 (4.00) Liberty, Brandon 37-34; Schawang, Cody 48-40; Steele, Brendan 44-28.

Team 5 (6.00) Scheitel, Trent 36-33; Witt, Wade 42-32; Leyden, Derrick 51-37. Team 6 (2.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 41-37; Chesnut, Justin 44-35; Craig, Jake 45-34.

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Team 12 (1.50) Davis, Darin 40-36; Van Dyke, Kyle 40-32; Jordening, Ron 48-34. Team 18 (6.50) Gerweck, Rob 39-33; Robeson, Jared 48-32; Keller, Bart 53-31.

Team 13 (6.00) Gist, Dick 41-36; Gilkerson, Keith 41-32; Sly, Tony 52-28. Team 17 (2.00) Hullman, Ben 39-33; Bippes, Drew 44-36; Bauer, Trevor 54-38.

Team 14 (2.00) Daae, Brian 42-35; McNeely, Erik 42-34; Heinzelman, Eric 52-39. Team 16 (6.00) Gist, Thomas 38-32; Gooch, Blake 46-36; Malone, Kevin 44-33.

Team 15 (0.50) Froeschl, Lucas 45-39; Ebel, Bryce 46-39; Morris, Adam 49-35. Team 20 (7.50) Hill, Dan 42-35; McNeely, John 45-37; Harmon, Jason 49-35.

The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals. Early League results from Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Team 1 (5.50) Liberty, Brandon 36-34; Bennett, Chuck 48-37. Team 2 (0.50) Dunn, Chaz 37-38; Malcolm, Terry 50-39.

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By Jeff Yost

When asked what they love about their hometown, do people say, "rigidity?" What about, "no one invites me to get involved?" Or "we don't like new ideas?"

None of those are likely responses to that question – thank goodness! Instead, we are more likely to answer that we love our community's tight-knit connections, our creativity, our tenacity, and, most of all, our neighbors.

The next generation of Nebraska leaders understands this deeply.

In June, I had the pleasure of being invited to the first ever Youth Connection Summit in McCook, hosted by a group of amazing, civic-minded high school students. The group, Youth Change Reaction (YCR), is the youth engagement branch of McCook Community Foundation Fund, the local Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) affiliated fund. Students approached both MCFF and NCF about hosting an event in McCook for their peers across the state.

From the beginning, YCR members led the conversation and held decision-making power. During their planning discussions, they collectively uncovered the invisible asset that brings all communities together: relationships. In recognition of the ties that bind us to our places, they decided to name their event "Connections Create Community."

Among the vine-laden brick of Norris Alley, YCR members welcomed students from Bertrand, Columbus, Grant, Howells, O'Neill, Callaway, Spencer and Verdigré. Before a walking tour of down-town McCook, summit guests paired up with a new acquaintance and shared their names, where they were from and one thing they loved about their hometown. In these conversations, a common thread emerged. Attendees noticed that their conversation partners began their responses talking about their place in terms of physical assets, but quickly shifted the focus to the power that relationships have to charge our spaces with meaning and significance. To quote one YCR member: "connection is the reason we love our communities."

Those informal conversations informed the rest of the summit. Stories enrich our lives with meaning and purpose; our shared stories imbue our places with value. A town without stories is hardly a place at all. "Connections create community" resonates deeper than maybe even YCR considered. A building without stories is a collection of neatly stacked bricks; with stories, that same building becomes something more. It becomes a community treasure, a place where people made and continue to make memories. It's the stage for deeper connections.

When attendees were asked what they love about their hometown, they spoke about

tight-knit communities, proximity to family and a feeling of unity. Many also mentioned that their hometowns are more than buildings. Community shines first because people share their gifts with one another. That's the special sauce.

It can be intimidating to share our talents with our neighbors. That's why Nebraska Community Foundation is celebrating "The Year of Invitation" in 2025. We're encouraging all Nebraskans to invite newcomers to be in community with us. Or to invite someone who left to come back to their hometown. Or invite a young person to get involved. Or invite your friends and neighbors to invest in the future.

Remember, however, that invitation and action should never venture far from one another. Without action, an invitation risks losing meaning. And when an invitation loses its meaning, the invitee loses trust. But when an invitation is fully realized, doors are opened to stronger bonds and bolder ideas. The high school students in YCR were not just invited to sit at a table; they were called to unleash their ideas for their community. The invitation was not performative, and neither is YCR's work. It's joyful, hopeful, and fueled by a love for their hometowns.

Jeff Yost is president and CEO of Nebraska Community Foundation. Learn more about NCF's work at NebraskaHometown.org.

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 2701 Barada St.
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 Wednesday: Bible study for all ages, 6:00PM
 245-5857
 Josh Maxwell, Preacher,
 402-245-7148

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 Mike Hader, Pastor

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 245-2398 office

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 weekday mass schedules Call rectory; confessions before Mass.
 Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor
 855-3595 or 245-4151

St. Mary's (Arago)
 Sunday: Confessions, 10:10AM; Mass, 10:30AM
 Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor

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 Sunday: Confessions, 8:00AM; Mass, 8:30AM. Daily Mass schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30AM
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 David Showalter, Pastor

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 Sunday: Morning Worship 10:30AM, Sunday School 9:30AM
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 Web page: www.gbfcchurch.com
 Dave Lockard, Pastor
 Office: 402-883-2110

Big Lake Baptist Church
 (213 Lake Shore Drive)
 Sunday: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45AM; Sunday School, 9:30AM; Worship Service, 10:30AM
 Monday: Prayer & Share Monday, 8:30AM
 Wednesday: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7PM
 Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor

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 27765 Hwy 159, PO Box 176 Forest City, MO 64451
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 Will Certain, Pastor
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 Randy Seedorff, Pastor
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The Four Mile Church
 (South of Humboldt)
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 Howard Blecha, Pastor

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Midwest feeds

By Barry Weber

Hello again from the extension world. If I complain enough about the lack of precipitation like I did in the last article, maybe we can keep catching these rains. Now we just need to space them out so hay can be put up right.

One downside to the moisture we've gotten is the increase in fly pressure on livestock. It doesn't take long for a fly population to grow past the Economic Injury Level threshold of 200 flies per animal. This is when the fly-induced stress alters grazing behavior to a point where weight gain is reduced and milk production suffers. A University of Nebraska study of the impact of stable flies on grazing yearlings was performed over 3 years in the late 1990s and showed a reduced average daily gain of 0.44 lbs in cattle receiving no insecticide treatment for flies as opposed to their treated counterparts (Boxler, 2025).

Treating cattle with pour-ons and sprays is the most common method, along with fly tags. Make sure the mode of action, or active ingredient, in the pour-on or spray is switched up even within seasons to keep from building resistance. Fly pressure can also be reduced by attacking their resting areas. For flies to digest their meals, they need to rest in the shade. Windbreaks, sides of buildings, and trees in a fence line are all areas that could be targeted with natural pyrethrin or synthetic pyrethroid spray. Commercially available traps set around buildings and water sources can also put a dent in the fly population. Remember, just because you're fighting the good fight doesn't mean someone a few miles away is as well. Fly control is a process, not an event, so be in contact with your veterinarian about your product usage and rotation.

The heat of summer also means it's hay season which also means it will be hay buying season. It's a good idea to test hay before you buy it. If that hay will be fed to beef cows and calves, don't worry about the Relative Feed Value, as that is more of a dairy industry number. Knowing the moisture, energy (TDN), and protein of grass or alfalfa hay is the main information to ask out of a forage test. If a summer annual hay is purchased, such as sudan grass or millet, it's always a good idea to test the nitrate level. A visual inspection for any possible mold or toxic weeds should be done as well. For further information regarding hay testing, check out a Beef-Watch article by Aaron Berger at https://beef.unl.edu/sampling-and-testing-hay/ or contact your friendly extension educator.

I touched on creep feeding in the last article but since it is a timely subject, it merits another mention. Making sure it pays is the main consideration. Granted, introducing creep feed prior to weaning is a great way to teach calves to eat, but doing the math before committing to a summer long feeding program is a good idea. BeefBasis.com is a great tool for figuring the value of gain and another BeefWatch article, https://beef.unl.edu/creep-feeding-beef-calves-profit-or-expense/, explains the calculations used to find the value of gain as well as several other dos and don'ts of creep feeding.

Placing the creep feeder near water or an area where cattle normally gather, along with using familiar feeds to entice them to explore the feeder are methods to introduce calves to the process. Provide 4-6 inches of bunk space per calf and set the feed adjustment bar so that a hand can be slipped under it. It is also important to take steps to prevent those calves with aggressive appetites from overeating. A pelleted feed is a safer option than a creep ration with finer ground corn as it reduces sorting and diminishes the chance of starch overload and acidosis. Crude protein levels in a creep feed should be in the 14-16% range and a feed with more ruminally undegradable protein, like distiller's grains, would be preferable. Remember, the longer you intend to feed your calves after weaning, the less impact creep feeding will have.

County fair season is here and that also means oppressively hot and humid days are here as well. Those calves that have been in a cooler all summer may be in for quite a shock when they leave their friendly confines and go to the fairgrounds. Junior nationals and other larger regional shows generally have more climate-controlled facilities where as your local fairgrounds are not as forgiving when the wind chill hits 110 degrees. It is fairly common to hear of heifers aborting a calf due to the massive change in temperature and location. This isn't to say which is right or wrong, but simply as a reminder of the risks involved.

DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, July 14, 2025 7:00 PM Humboldt Board Conference Room Attendance Taken at 7:02 PM. Quentin Bowen: Present, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Absent, Scott Ogle: Present.

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

Motion to approve passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0
3.1. Meeting Minutes
3.2. Bills for Payment
3.3. Review Treasurer's report
4. REPORTS
4.1. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
4.2. Committee Reports

Policy committee met and reviewed policies for the second read.
5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1. Approve board member's leave of absence

Motion to approve board member's leave of absence passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0
Motion to approve the updated rates passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

5.2. Annual Bullying Policy Review

Motion to okay the Bullying Policy review passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0
5.3. Set Early Learning Center Daily Rate to Approved Subsidy Reimbursement Rate

Infant: \$47.80
Toddler: \$43.05
Preschool: \$40.95

Motion to approve the updated rates for the Early Learning Center passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

5.4. Set Student Fees Policy 5045 (need to waive Policy 1002 to approve)

Motion to keep lunch prices at the same price passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Quentin Bowen. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

Suggested meal prices:
Breakfast from \$2.60 to \$2.75
Lunch PK-6 from \$2.90 to \$3.20
7-12 from \$3.20 to \$3.50
Adults from \$4.70 to \$5.00
Milk from \$0.40 to \$0.50

5.5. Policies 5015, 5018 and 5031 (need to waive Policy 1002 to approve)

Motion to approve 5015, 5018 & 5031 passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

5.6. Personnel
Cady Saunders Head Cook

Motion to approve hiring passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Scott Ogle.

Quentin Bowen: Yeas, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Yeas, Mike Kanel: Yeas, Neal Kanel: Yeas, Scott Ogle: Yeas
Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

5.7. Calendar Changes: for Conf. Quiz Bowl & JH Music Contest

Motion to approve the changes to the 2025-2026 calendar passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

5.8. Policy Changes Second Read

Motion to approve the Policy Changes passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

5.9. UNL Extension

Motion to not continue paying the UNL extension passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 3, Nays: 2

Further discussion is to be had as far as pricing.

5.10. JAG Renewal

Motion to table passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yeas: 4, Nays: 1

5.11. Purchase 2 Welders \$7,242

Motion to approve the purchase of 2 Miller Multimatic 235 multi-process welders w/ EZ-Latch cart for the total of no more than \$8000 passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel.

Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

Get other quotes from other local companies on the welders.

5.12. Handbooks for Approval

Motion to approve the changes to all handbooks passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

These will all need updated with the lunch prices, staying as are.

6. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT

Additionally discussed 2025-2026 grants.
6.1. Special Board Meeting on August 4

7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted, Chantel Farwell

Vendor Name Description Invoice Amount
3p Learning Inc, Po 8471 Curriculum1,725.00

Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc., Maintenance-Chemicals ...1,026.74
Amazon Capital Services, Sixpence, Tech, Maint.4,803.70
Beatrice Mechanical Service, Parts & Repairs686.03
Blecha's General Store, paint for rooms.....474.32
Blick Art Materials, Po 8394 ..144.14
Blue Valley Door, Inc, repairs ...376.00
Boomgarn, Renee, Custodial/ Parts244.07
Brainpop LLC, Po 8468 Curriculum4,500.00
Cardmember Service, credit card charges-gen fund6,601.17
City Of Humboldt.Uilities-Water/ Sewer.....3,507.75
Cleaning Cousins, LLC, steam ..224.69
Crownne Plaza, Po 8407339.90
Curriculum Crafter LLC, K-12 Ela Curr. Load3,900.00
Das State Accounting - Central Finance, Tech / Ocio585.74
Discount School Supply, Po 8480 Esucc-64462177.05
Dstk Phillips, Inc, Filters, Repairs, Parts2,504.76
Eakes Office Solutions, contract38.99
Egan Supply Co, Po 8376 ...134.17
Electronic Contracting Co., alarm monitoring services.255.74
Esgi, LLC, Po: 8472777.00
Essential Screens, Emplmt background screenings80.90
Esu #3, Vm & Ms Traditional140.00
Esu #4, Sped Billing, Retreats, Speech, Conf.17,988.96
Esu #6, tech hosting services ..61.23
Esu #7, 2025 sophos-anti virus2,138.52
Esu 5, State Cip Meeting25.00
FC Sanitation, Trash-Uilities. 670.00
Fiber Platform, LLC, Distance Learning1,072.46
Frey, Jazmyn, Bookstand Project - Steam150.00
HD Supply, Po 8379 maint.3,111.53
Holiday Inn of Kearney, Po 8346269.90
Hometown Leasing, Staple Copier Lease2,824.95
HTMC, ad messages432.00
HTRS Early Learning Center, FC Aquatic Family Event100.00
HTRS Payroll Acct, Payroll Expenses552,670.29
Hullman's Ford-Lincoln, Ford Seat Belts219.41
Intelligent Buildings, LLC, Repairs-Outdoor Air Temp Sensor1,598.00
IXL Learning, Po 84675,756.25
Jaymar Business Forms, Inc, Po 835157.74
Jeanne's Distribution, Maint Supplies2,150.00
Kiewit Luminarium, Po 8475 Steam480.00
Koch Auto Service, Bus Oil/Air Filters77.04
Kurita America Inc, Water Soft Contract, Glycol2,804.94
Lakeshore Learning Materials, LLC, Teaching Materials ..586.43
Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services785.75
Mary's Appliance, Fcs-Washer, fridge.stove3,949.99
Mcgraw Hill School Education, Inc, Po 8409 & 841158,810.08
Meyer-Earp Auto Center, 11 Suburban361.82
Micek, Karl, Classroom Floors900.00
Mid-American Research, Floor Finish And Supplies2,305.10
Midwest Floor Covering, Concession Stairs1,651.00
Missoula Children's Theatre, Po 8395 Summer Steam3,800.00
NASB Nebraska Assn of School Boards, Board Retreat1,118.97
NASPA, 2025-2026 Cf Dues ..40.00
National Therapeutic Associates, Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped Services741.00
NPPD, Elec-Uilities5,494.46
NRCSA, NRCSA Dues Renewal850.00
Pawnee Republican, Ads991.28
Quill, Esucc-64465159.10
Read Naturally, Po 8469640.00
Renaissance Learning, Inc, Po 84507,633.55
Schenkel Pest Control, Pest Control-Spraying.....950.00
School Specialty LLC, School/ Student Supplies113.08
Simpson Chiropractic, RJ Exam150.00
Software Unlimited, Inc., 2025-2026 Annual Fees9,950.00
Staples, Esucc-64448640.74
Station Service Center, Inc., The, Fuel/Sped Fuel8,308.10
Stepware, Inc, Po 84731,216.00
Strauch, Jessica, Course Reimbursement350.00
Sullivan, Chelsey, Parents As Teachers Conf Airfare453.37
T-Mobile Usa IncGob Tab Monthly Charges291.90
Teacher Innovations, annual subscription planbook756.00
Tichy, Lexi, Bookstand Project - Steam150.00
TK Elevator Corporation, Elevator Maintenance562.00
Truck Center Companies, Parts & Repairs970.25
University Of Nebraska - Lincoln, Fy24, Quarter 43,645.10
Us Cellular Cell Phone - Principal/ Sixpence218.76
Vandentop-Caniglia, Kimberly, Mileage Reimb133.00
Verizon Business Long Distancex2183.31
Wilcock, Joy, Occ Therapy - Sped Services2,913.49
Windstream Nebraska, Phone Uilities737.18
Woodriver Energy Llc, Fuel-Uilities1,100.28
Zaner-Bloser, Inc, Po 8446 K Curr.447.37
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 9, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 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 Campbell to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-abstain. Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 13 inmates being held at the Jail. He reported that the golf tournament held on June 28 that was held for support of the K-9 Drug Dog made \$3,600 and that these funds will be deposited with the County Treasurer.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested permission from the County Board to close 703 Loop on July 29 for Anhydrous Ammonia Release and Decontamination Drill to traffic from 5-8 p.m. (July 30 as back-up date). A total of 110 persons signed up for the drill.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the brief closing of 703 Loop on July 29 for an Anhydrous Ammonia Release and Decontamination Drill to traffic from 5-8 p.m. with July 30 as a back-up date. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY TREASURER, AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board the Semi-Annual Report, January 1, 2025, thru June 30, 2025.

Motion was made by Karas to accept the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

MARVIN PLANNING

The Board requested that Marvin Planning of Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. met with them to review the procedures and requirements needed to update the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and discuss proposed zoning regulations.

Motion was made by Karas to move forward with the consulting services provided by Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. to update the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and develop a proposal for zoning regulations. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. A contract will be sent for the County Attorney to review and the Board to sign.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

A report was received from EMA on the sale of the 2 ipads which was received a total of \$700.00 for both.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Ameriflex, fees70.00
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv523.50
Blue Valley Public Safety, serv14655.00
Consolidated Management, serv10608.50
Culligan, serv60.00
Datashield, serv24.00

Falls City Mercantile, supp293.57
Farm & City Supply, supp ..136.93
First Concord, fees211.00
Hullman's Ford, serv526.70
Idemia, serv2778.00
Jim Hill's, serv490.60
Jones Air Conditioning, serv2411.50
KexRx, supp1020.05
Kirkendall, James, reimb436.80
Koch's Auto, serv1836.90
Kollasch Law Office, serv2200.00
CR25-34 C. Ochoa

Meyer Laboratory, supp437.90
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv30.00
Miller Monroe, serv40.00
Nebraska.Gov, fees18.00
NE Department of Revenue, fees75.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, fees75.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp34.27
Pro Serv Business Systems, serv393.70
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb84.16
Richardson County Sheriff, reimb984.16
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/ retire/etc27510.70
SNC, serv1903.17
SunnerOne, serv213.55
TK Elevator Corporation, serv416.76
US Signal Company, LLC, serv945.00
Visual Edge IT, Inc., fees230.65
Vollmer, Julie, reimb320.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb1142.25
Wherry Mortuary, serv385.00
Payroll Expense116599.07
TOTAL GENERAL FUND\$190,121.39
City of Humboldt, serv90.53
Culligan of Percival, serv22.40
East Richardson RWD #2, serv46.00
Falls City Utilities, serv304.09
Martin Marietta Materials, rock5256.01
Nebraska Public Power District, serv32.63
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock1904.52
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., supp767.28
Operation & Expense Account, reimb62.09
Richardson County Vendor, tax2244.00
Salem, Village of, serv44.85
Unifirst, serv15.62
Payroll Expense35509.63
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND\$46,299.65

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv167.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND ..\$167.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 16, 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.

Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman
Stacey Bailey, Deputy County Clerk
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION JULY 2, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor, Kim Riggs; and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by 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.

PROPERTY VALUATION PROTESTS

Property valuation protest hearings were held for filings: 2025-012 through 2025-016; 2025-018 through 2025-019; 2025-021 through 2025-023; 2025-026 through 2025-028; 2025-030 through 2025-032.

Commissioner Karas excused himself from the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CHANGE NOTICES

Motion was made by Campbell to approve 31 Board of Equalization Notice of Changes to be sent to property owners as presented by the County Assessor. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees regular meeting, July 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

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

Absent: none
Guests: Stacy and Angela Lees

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken. Chairman Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Ramer and seconded by Hall to approve the agenda. All voted yea.

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

Motion made by Donahoe and seconded by Gossman to approve the treasurer's report. All voted yea.

Motion by Ramer and seconded by Hall to approve the claims and payroll as presented. All voted yea.

COMMUNICATIONS: The bathroom by the water tower is plugged. It was stressed that the residents need to be aware of flushing wet wipes into the sewer system even if there are "flushable".

COMMITTEES: Streets - work has been completed. Tri County Sanitation will be called to ask if pick up could be rerouted going through the alley behind the old grocery store instead of backing up. Rock roads need to be graded after heavy rains. Water/sewer - well has been fixed. Fence by sewer plant needs to be repaired. Ramer made a motion with a second by Gossman to purchase a water flow meter for \$5174. All voted yea. Library - coffee is held every Wednesday morning. Library board will be meeting in the near future. Planning - copies of the building permits were handed out.

OLD BUSINESS: Street work and library status were discussed during committee reports. Paint for the flag pole was acquired. Well work is finished.

NEW BUSINESS: Weeds downtown will be sprayed. The issue with stray cats was addressed. A few have been caught and have been fixed by the Animal Health. Hall will contact them concerning additional cats. The street superintendent will be contacted by Ramer for solutions for the street by Dave Lockard. The upcoming budget for the village was discussed. It was noted that new water easements will need to be acquired. Flushable wipes were addressed again. They cause huge issues with our sewer system. They are not to be used by any residents.

Water shut offs were signed.

Stacy and Angela Lees asked if they needed permission to remove the evergreens by their residence. The end of main street needs attention.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Ramer and seconded by Hall. All voted yea.

Next meeting will be held August 4, 2025 at the Community Building.

Jana Wheeler, clerk

Claims and payroll for July 2025

Village of Stella
Tony K. Lovell, Street repairs49950.00
Tracy Milke, water/sewer operator350.00
Tracy Milke, expenses630.82
Aaron Davis, asst water/sewer operator300.00
Dennis Bahr, 7 hours @ \$15.00105.00
Dennis Bahr, mowing540.00
Ira Hall, librarian 8 hours108.00
Jody Bahr, cleaning25.00
Jana Wheeler, clerk700.00
Jana Wheeler, stamps, paper, envelopes, ink314.31
One call Concepts6.91
OPPD, water1095.44
Midwest Laboratories, Inc labs144.30
Sargent Drilling, well20853.13
Davis PHE, LLC, sewer plant700.00
3J pest Control, mosquito spray480.00
Berwick, diesel153.33
Core & Main LP, pulse kits 1669.90
NE Public Health Environmental Lab labs49.00
Rick Ramer, reimbursement for VBS lunches156.35
Kristy Fischer, reimbursement for VBS lunches250.00
American Recycling & Sanitation, Inc, trash1364.00
NPPD, streets482.73
Sewer509.73
Water45.03
Com Idg32.63
Greenhouse51.83
Siren32.63
Village barn47.11
.....1201.69
SENC2080114.42
.....223260.83
.....239256.12
.....231.37
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet weekly for a regular meeting on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m., Room 202 in the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal working hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

The Board of Equalization of the County of Richardson, Nebraska meet when times may necessitate for the purpose of conducting any and all business that requires the action of the County Board of Equalization. The agenda for the meetings are kept continuously current and are available for public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE during normal business hours. The agenda is closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and is posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given of the organization of NCA INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company.

The street and mailing address of the designated office is 1910 Valley Avenue, Falls City, NE 68355.

The name, street and mailing address of the registered agent is Nicholas C. Aitken, 1910 Valley Avenue, Falls City, NE 68355. The company is member-managed.

The name and address of the organizer is Nicholas C. Aitken, 1910 Valley Avenue, Falls City, NE 68355.

The company is organized to engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be formed under the laws of the State of Nebraska, excluding banking and insurance.

16-23-30
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

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

Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee

First Publication: June 25, 2025

NOTICE

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

25-2-9-16-23
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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2025, for the following retail liquor licensee:

Wild Bills 33 LLC
118 N Main St
Rulo, NE 68431-1896

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Rulo on or before August 10, 2025 in the office of the Village of Rulo clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

Rachel Jean
Clerk, Village of Rulo
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO THE NEMAHA NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY 180-DAY STAY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WELLS AND THE INCREASE OF IRRIGATED ACRES

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-743, the Nemaha Natural Resources District (NNRD) hereby provides notice that the NNRD shall hold a public hearing as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-707(2) on Thursday, August 14th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the NNRD Office, located at 62161 US Highway 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450. The purpose of the hearing is to accept public testimony on the current and proposed temporary 180-day stay on the construction of new high-capacity wells and the increase of irrigated acres within the entire geographic area of the NNRD. The NNRD is proposing to extend the stay up to an additional 180 days initially enacted at its regular scheduled board meeting on March 13th, 2025, under the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-707(2). The purpose of the temporary 180-day stay was imposed due to continued drought conditions, observed groundwater level declines, changes needed to the well permit ranking methodology scoring and the need to update the current 2020 District's Groundwater Quantity Management Plan Rules & Regulations. Extending the stay will also give the NNRD Board of Directors and staff additional time to evaluate management options and review potential rules and regulations revisions.

Any interested person may appear at the public hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning extending the moratorium. Written testimony may also be submitted in advance and up through to the time of the hearing to the Nemaha NRD office by electronic mail at nrrd@nemahanrd.org. Contact the NNRD office by phone at (402) 335-3325 with any questions.

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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 liquor licenses may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2025, for the following retail liquor licensee, to wit:

FAMILY FARE #3734 – 1900 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City on or before August 4, 2025, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

THE DEN LLC. – 1800 STONE STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City on or before August 4, 2025, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

DOLLAR FRESH – 1300 STONE STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City on or before August 4, 2025, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

FREDERICK SPIRITS LLC. – 2602 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City on or before August 4, 2025, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Swingin' Doors Saloon LLC
126 S 1st St
Rulo, NE 68431

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Rulo on or before August 10, 2025 in the office of the Village of Rulo clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

Rachel Jean
Clerk, Village of Rulo
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CITY OF FALLS CITY
Pursuant to the Nebraska State Statutes 19-1102 and as required by law, the City of Falls City is required to publish the job positions of all employees and their current annual, monthly, or hourly salaries. All supporting documents are at the office of the City Clerk for public inspection.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Utility Superintendent.....\$91,341.44 year
Utility Office Bookkeeper.....22.21hour
Utility Office Bookkeeper.....18.81hour
Administration Secretary.....23.87 hour
Receptionist.....16.48 hour
Inventory Store Clerk..28.16 hour
Line Foreman.....40.43 hour
Lineman.....25.97 hour
Lineman I.....22.53 hour
Lineman II.....26.96 hour
Power Plant Production Manager.....39.62 hour
Power Plant Operator...27.82 hour
Power Plant Relief Operator.....29.52 hour
Power Plant Operator 29.05 hour
Power Plant Ass't Engineer.....31.71 hour
Water Plant Chief Operator.....38.04 hour
Water Plant Operator I. 28.23 hour
Water Plant Ass't Operator.....21.39 hour
Gas Superintendent.....41.85 hour
Gas Inspector/Construction Chief.....32.93 hour
Gas Service Person (2). 29.29 hour
Gas Service Person.....28.38 hour
Meter Technician.....31.21 hour
Wastewater Plant Chief Operator.....38.04 hour
Ass't Chief Wastewater Operator.....32.70 hour
Wastewater Plant Operator (2).....28.24 hour

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
Police Chief.....\$86,847.56 year
Ass't Police Chief..\$77,040.61 year
Police Sergeant (2).....36.11 hour
Police Officer (4).....32.65 hour
Police Officer.....31.88 hour
Police Officer (Uncertified).....24.21 hour
Dispatch Supervisor.....27.17 hour
Police Dept. Radio Dispatcher.....23.72 hour
Police Dept. Radio Dispatcher (2).....17.89 hour
Police Dept. Radio Dispatcher.....20.24 hour
Police Dept. Radio Dispatcher.....19.06 hour
Police Dept. Radio Dispatcher.....24.87 hour
City Administrator, Clerk/ Treasurer.....\$95,604.60 year
Deputy City Administrator.....70,432.25 year
Administration Secretary.....23.87 hour
Building Inspector.....30.52 hour
Engineering Secretary..23.87 hour
Street Dept. Foreman...33.19 hour
Street Dept. Ass't Foreman.....30.31 hour
Street Dept. Equipment Operator.....28.60 hour
Street Dept. Skilled Laborer.....24.58 hour
Street Dept. Skilled Laborer.....21.18 hour
Code Enforcement.....26.25 hour
Cemetery Caretaker.....27.13 hour
Janitor.....21.10 hour
Park Caretakers (2).....27.13 hour
Parks Director.....62,004.80 year
Head Librarian.....32.73 hour
Librarian(2).....22.31 hour
Librarian.....17.66 hour
Head Mechanic.....30.55 hour

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES
Utility Dept./Part-time Summer Laborer.....15.00 hour
Police Dept./Police Officer.....27.35 hour
Fire Chief/Fireman- Driver.....19.69 hour
Fire Dept./Part-time Driver (3).....19.69 hour
Fire Dept/Part-time Driver.....13.55 hour
Cemetery/Seasonal Laborers.....15.00 hour
Cemetery/Seasonal Laborers.....14.00 hour
Parks/Maintenance.....23.60 hour
Library/Part-time Library Aide.....12.85 hour
Swim Pool Ass't Manager.....19.50 hour
Swim Pool Ass't Managers(2).....19.00 hour
Swim Pool Lifeguards (5).....15.00 hour
Swim Pool Lifeguards (6).....15.25 hour
Swim Pool Lifeguards(4).....15.50 hour
Swim Pool Lifeguards(5).....15.75 hour
Swim Pool Staff Support(5).....13.50 hour
Swim Pool Staff Support(6).....13.75 hour
Swim Pool Staff Support(3).....14.00 hour
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VILLAGE OF RULO

Village of Rulo Salaries 2025
Clerk-Treasurer.....\$1,000/month
City Maintenance.....\$1,500/month
Utilities Secretary.....\$300/month
Water Commissioner.\$350/month
Board Chairman.....\$100/month
Board Member.....\$50/month
Flood Plain Admin.....\$100/month
Part-Time Seasonal.....\$13.50-\$15.00/hour
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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
County Court of Richardson County
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VILLAGE OF SALEM

VILLAGE OF SALEM JULY 2025

The Salem Village Board met July 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. The open meeting poster was acknowledged. Board members Kean, Wessel, and Voegel answered roll. Catlin was absent.

Lindie Catlin's resignation letter was read. Strauch moved to accept her resignation, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried. Kean, Strauch, Wessel and Voegel voting yes. The Board thanks Catlin for her service on the Board.

Village residents interested in applying for the vacant seat may contact a Village Board member or the Village Clerk.

Wessel updated the Board on the progress of the Community Building grant. The Village has received \$7500.00 so far for the planning process. Wessel will meet with SENDDs and Michael Fakler on July 10, 2025 to start the planning process.

Wessel also reviewed a survey that Salem residents will be asked to fill out and return to SENDDs. The surveys will need to be returned by August 1, 2025.

Strauch move to approve a contract with Robert Aitken to prepare year end documents and prepare the budget for the year ending September 30,2026. Motion seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Wessel, Strauch, and Voegel voting yes.

Claims were presented for payment. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Wessel, Strauch and Voegel voting yes.

Kean moved to change the date of the August meeting to Tuesday August 12, 2025. Motion seconded by Voegel. Motion carried, Voegel, Kean, Strauch and Wessel voting yes.

Kean moved to adjourn at 9:01, seconded by Strauch. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Voegel, and Wessel voting yes.

The next meeting will be August 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

Village of Salem Claims July 2025

OPPD 493.34 (utility) general
66.09 Cambi 54.46 FRHL 34.99 street 338.30 Robert McHenry 700.00 (water operator) water
Ne Public Health Lab 81.00 (water testing) water
Richardson Co RWD 2 2156.36 (water purchased for sale) water
Village of Salem/Water Fund 400.00 (transfer from general) water
Davis PHE 103.75 (repair comb!) Miller
Moller Monroe Co 32.00 (insurance due) general
Schendel Pest Control 30.00 (service) Cambi
SENDD 300.00 (dues) general
Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (salary) street
200.00 general
200.00 water
100.00 USPS 126.00 (postage) water
112.00 general
14.60 US Treasury 229.50 (withholding quarter 2) general
Nebraska Dept of Revenue 391.48(sales tax quarter2)
Brad Catlin 660.00 (mowing) street
Wolfes Printing 104.80 (printing billing cards) water
Cemetery Claims July
Farm and City Supply 130.93- 6.99 supplies
Bosselman Pump and Pantry 150.00 fuel
Barb Brown 180.00 mowing
Merl Rowland 140.00 mowing
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 2, 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, July 2, 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 25, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from June 25, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

COUNTY TREASURER

Rachel Jean, Deputy County Treasurer presented to the Board the request to close out the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA) special bank account with all remaining interest that has accrued on these funds to be transferred into the County General Fund. The closeout of the Local Assistance Tribal Contingency Fund (LATCF) was also discussed.

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-1 in reference to closing out the ARPA Fund Account 2580 and the LATCF 2585. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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. An update was given on the current projects being completed and those that will be starting in the next few weeks. Commissioner Campbell reported on a project the Road Department completed in the Preston area and a compliment was received from the landowner on the cooperation that was given by the Highway Superintendent and the Road Department crew.

Mr. Darveau also reported that he has contacted someone from Beatrice who will be servicing the Road Dept. to meet the requirements for CDL instruction and certification.

Gayle Swisegood requested to meet with the Board regarding the County's driveway access policy. The policy that was adopted on June 12, 2018, was reviewed and Mr. Swisegood's questions were answered.

Bill Ely requested to meet with the Board regarding the condition of the county roads past his residence and surrounding area. Mr. Ely indicated that more rock needs to be placed on the county roads and that the budget should allow more funds for rock.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

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

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order. A leak from the roof was discovered this past weekend after the recent rainfall and a contractor informed the County that the roof had received hail damage that needs to be addressed.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Fee Reports

Reports were reviewed and approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of June, 2025: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$122.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$10685.75; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court, \$682.00.

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the June, 2025, monthly operating statement.

EPC Agreement

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an agreement with Region V Systems for Emergency Protective Custody Services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of \$214,000/day. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book

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CLAIMS

Motion was made by Campbell to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

Bennett, Pam, serv.....100.00
BuckIT, serv.....7005.46
Culligan, serv.....22.40
Datashield Corp., serv.....148.75
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv.....334.66
F&M Bank, pmt.....46625.30
FC Utility Dept., serv.....5501.71
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv.....3465.00
CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-40 K. Buis, CR25-10 B. Ramirez, CR25-29 T. Rogers
Farm & City Supply, supp.....76.08
Federal Signal Corp, serv..5720.00
Fritz, Kerry, reimb.....75.60
Gravatt, Jere, serv.....100.00
Handley, Dylan, serv.....600.00
Karas, Rick, reimb.....327.04
Mellage, Mary, serv.....100.00
Miller Farrell Ins., ins...186469.75
MIPS, serv.....3565.86
MIS, serv.....110.00
Nemaha County, reimb.....5606.64
Peterson Reporting, serv.....760.75
RC Court, fees.....660.10
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....590.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv.....279.00
SE NE Development District, dues.....6634.00
SumnerOne, serv.....44.32
Unifirst, serv.....74.66
Verizon, serv.....215.91
Wolfe's Printing, supp.....40.46
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$275,253.45

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Hamm, rock.....2257.10
Martin Marietta Materials, rock.....16721.14
Miller Farrell Ins., ins...149971.50
Norris Quarries, rock.....3815.04
OPPD, serv.....168.79
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....158.22
Sapp Bros., fuel.....19593.54
Schendel Pest Control, serv.....250.00
SNC, serv.....105.12
Truck Center Companies, serv.....1869.15
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$194,909.60

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv.....324.92
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND.....\$324.92

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, contribution.....9937.93
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND.....\$9,937.93
JAIL BOND REPAY FUND
BOK Financial Corp., pmt.....29388.75
TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAY FUND.....\$293,838.75

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 9, 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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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION JULY 9, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor, Kim Riggs; and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

PROPERTY VALUATION PROTESTS

Property valuation protest hearings were held for filings: 2025-038 through 2025-041.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman
Stacey Bailey,
Deputy County Clerk
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UNMC College of Nursing in Omaha to offer twice-yearly admissions

Lepaine Sharp-McHenry, DNP, dean, UNMC College of Nursing

After successful rollouts for its Lincoln and Kearney divisions, the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing now will offer twice-a-year admission at its Omaha campus, welcoming its first spring cohort of incoming nursing students in January 2026.

Applications now are open for Omaha's spring 2026 cohort. The initial cohort will be approximately 30 students, rising to approximately 65 students as the program grows.

Dean of the UNMC College of Nursing Lepaine Sharp-McHenry, DNP, said that nursing schools across the country still are turning away a substantial number of qualified applicants due to a lack of seats to accommodate them.

"We recognize that the need for nurses in Nebraska is continuing to increase," Dr. Sharp-McHenry said. "So this is part of our attempt to address this need."

The first spring cohort in Lincoln, which began in January, was larger than the college had projected, and Dr. Sharp-McHenry said admissions officers are finding there is a pool of students who may lack a prerequisite for fall enrollment but are ready by spring.

"Based on that, we determined that we want to open spring enrollment for our Omaha division in spring of 2026," she said, adding that the college also is exploring twice-yearly admissions for its Northern Division in Norfolk.

The additional cohort, she said, eventually will increase overall enrollment in Omaha by about 30%, a not-insignificant number in a state where nurses are at a premium.

"This helps us to stay aligned with our overall goal of addressing workforce needs statewide," Dr. Sharp-McHenry said. "Our clinical partners have told us they can accommodate students in the spring as well as the fall, so we're responding to that need as well as supplying graduates twice a year."

The college is continually exploring more flexible pathways for students to enter nursing programs, Dr. Sharp-McHenry said.

"This requires our clinical partners to partner with us, and they have been on board and agreed to support these initiatives to make sure we have the clinical placements in order to move to twice-a year admissions."

"The state of Nebraska is projected to remain in a significant nursing shortage in the upcoming years," said Julie Lazure, vice president and nurse executive at Nebraska Medicine. "Increasing the pipeline of new nursing professionals is critical to ensuring the availability of qualified nurses to meet growing health care needs of our state. Nebraska Medicine supports UNMC College of Nursing efforts by providing clinical sites for practice and allowing Nebraska Medicine nurses to serve in clinical instructor roles."

The jump in nursing students will be significant, Dr. Sharp-McHenry said, but cautioned it would not completely meet the state's need. "Recruiting these students is critical but retaining and graduating them is equally important," she said.

"Our data shows that 80% of our students across all divisions stay in the state, which will be impactful, but the need for more nurses will still exist," she said. "We are committed to constantly seek innovative ways to meet the workforce needs of our state. We're exploring other methods and other pathways to create a more seamless process for students to matriculate into our nursing pro-gram. This is only the latest strategy of several that we are exploring."



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Local art and iconic sites take center stage on new banners

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ater. “Knowing Richardson County is home to many talented artists, we headed over to the Heartland Fine Arts Gallery to browse existing artwork,” Holle said. “We wanted to feature a variety of art but with a cohesive look. Once we saw Patricia Steinman’s series of paintings featuring Falls City businesses and landmarks, we knew they were the perfect design.”

Steinman agreed without hesitation to allow her work to be featured on the new banners. Merz Ink, a local retailer, collaborated with Wolfe’s Printing, using digital files of Steinman’s original paintings to create the vibrant, eye-catching banners now lining city streets.

The banners, made of durable vinyl with wind slits, have an expected lifespan of

18 to 24 months. Holle said the Chamber hopes to periodically refresh the banners, possibly highlighting different local artists through future design competitions.

“At the Chamber, we are all about keeping things local,” Holle emphasized. “We chose a local retailer, Merz Ink, to source the banners, and featuring a local artist further embraces our mission and proclamation as a ‘City of Art.’”

Feedback from residents has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Holle. Community members have appreciated both the contemporary style and the nostalgic references.

“People have noted they really love the brightness and more modern feel, yet the nod to the past with some of the subjects,” Holle said.



Pictured above, L-R: Susan Johnson and Wynn Burget, Kelsey Prichard and Harlow Denton, Stephanie Gerdes and Ellori Denton, Maddison Reiman and Nylah Blunt, Amber Ramer and Jareth Jensen.

Falls City Public Schools Sixpence hold Float 4 Life Swim lessons

During the month of June, Falls City Sixpence offered three weeks of swim lessons four hours a day, four days a week for children six months of age and up. During this time 55 children in the community participated in these lessons, free of charge. Each lesson is 15 minutes in duration and there are five certified instructors. If you are interested in this program, for your child, or just to learn more information, please reach out to the Falls City Public School Sixpence Program. They will be offering these again June 2026.

What sets this program apart? Float 4 Life has identified water safety skills that are compatible with early childhood development. These skills are outlined in our Water Safety Milestone Chart, a guide that documents your child’s float progression.

The Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation (DBA JCMF Children’s Charities) was founded by Blake and Kathy Collingsworth in 2008 after their personal tragedy of losing their son, Josh, due to accidental drowning. Out of this tragedy has come a worldwide foundation whose sole mission is to educate children and adults about water safety and drowning prevention. The local nonprofit foundation is recognized nationally and internationally for its dedication to water safety and childhood drowning prevention.

In 2008, Josh the Otter Water Safety and Awareness Program was created. The program was designed to teach young children about water safety through the use of Josh the Baby Otter. A book written by Blake Collingsworth, which has been translated into 12 languages. Over 500,000 books have been distributed globally since the foundation began. The program has been presented in classrooms, community centers, zoos, pools, and childcare facilities around the world. With ongoing support, we will continue to incorporate the Josh the Otter Program in every educational curriculum in the United States and beyond.

In 2009, the concept Float 4 Life was developed through the collaboration of the Joshua Collingsworth, Memorial Foundation and the YMCA of Lincoln, Nebraska. Together they implemented one of the first infant and toddler water-training courses in the city.

Water safety training has expanded into swim schools across the country. To date, over 10,000 infants and toddlers have been taught water training skills.

In July 2019, JCMF celebrated the Grand Opening of the Float 4 Life National Training Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Float 4 Life Center combines a variety of physical and educational components of water safety through one-on-one float lessons and Josh the Otter water safety education.

The center also serves as the National Training Facility for instructors who want to learn water safety and floating techniques.

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Information taken from the Float 4 Life Web Site which you can visit at: <https://www.float4life.org>

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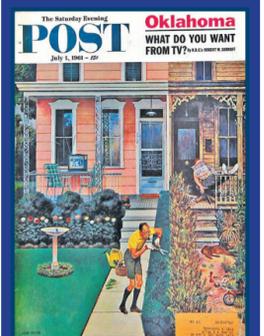


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The John H. Morehead Memorial Scholarship goes to any currently enrolled college student who previously graduated from any of the three Richardson County High Schools (FC High, Sacred Heart and Humboldt-TR-S), and may be applied to any four-year college or university in the country. Mr. Morehead served as Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. President for nearly 40 years. Prior to returning to Nebraska, John was an FBI agent in New York City. He passed away in April 2015. He first became associated with RCB&T in Falls City in 1958 and within just four years he was elected President of the bank. Until his retirement in 2011, he served in various other capacities, including Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.

TIDY AND SLOPPY NEIGHBORS

JULY 1, 1961



John Falter’s cover shows us that twin homes, like twin humans, usually dress differently as they get on in years. At the residence on our right we find a reclining retriever at the foot of the steps and an irretrievable recliner at the top of the steps, in an office chair. We deduce that both Red and his neighbor, Mr. Jones, seek relaxation in activities which provide a change of pace from their workaday pursuits. Red is a handyman who likes to assume the posture of an executive, and Mr. Jones is an executive who enjoys playing handyman. Red has no desire to keep up with the Joneses, for he has observed a danger of over grooming; Red’s head of hair is a jungle, but it flourishes; whereas Mr. Jones’s hair seems to have been combed and plastered to within a couple of inches of its life.

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