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 - 9 Flag Retirement
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Hamburger Special
American Legion. 4PM
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2015 Crook St., 9-4PM
 - 11 Bingo at the American
Legion
 - 14 Toenail Trimming Clinic
at FC Family Practice
10:00AM-1:00PM
 - 15 Fish Fry at the American
Legion
 - 25 Bingo at the American
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Mini Park Makeover: Falls City Edition

Everyone in Falls City has walked or driven by the Mini Park that sits on the 1500 block of Stone Street, but how many know the history behind the parcel, which is nestled between KawreS Superstore on the north and Bill’s Pawn Shop on the south?

Three murals have graced the walls of the south building since the 1980s, and a few years back, the discussion turned to adding a fourth, updated mural to showcase the advances that Falls City has made. The new mural, painted by Pat Steinman, with help from her daughter and Tootie Ebel, will feature places such as the library, the pool, the ball fields, Jug Brown Stadium, the hospital, the CBG complex and the Roh Activity Center. It took the three artists nearly a year and a half to complete, and since the last strokes were added, the three large panels have been stored at Bob Aitken’s office.

Local contractor Jeromie Brown has agreed to position the new mural and install new trim around the older paintings. He attempted to remove one of the murals to facilitate restoration, but encountered issues, leading to the decision to leave it on the building. The final verdict was to leave the old paintings “as is” and install the new panels on the west end of the building.

The Mini Park was the culmination of the efforts of merchants in the 1500 block of Stone Street in the early 1980s. At the time, it was billed as the community’s answer to tragedy. Four buildings, which occupied the area now known as the Mini Park, were destroyed by a fire on October 4, 1980. Initially, plans centered around finding businesses to reoccupy the region. However, talk soon turned to the idea of filling the void with a park. Local entrepreneur Mary Whitehouse seized the opportunity, and by the next meeting, she had secured an agreement from the property owner that permitted the creation of the park. Funding was the next hurdle. With help from the *Falls City Journal* and KTNC Radio, the community was kept informed and the park began to take shape. The group, along with many others, pooled resources to level out the lots that were left after a fire flattened the buildings that once stood there. According to the August 15, 1984, installment of *The Journal*, as the park began to develop and take shape, the community responded in truly amazing fashion and significant changes could be seen on a regular basis. The Mini Park was officially dedicated on August 16, 1984. The *Journal* reported that the project started with a few people trying to improve the community and ended with a large portion of the population

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County approves agreement with Marvin Planning Inc. for comprehensive plan and zoning regulations

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners gathered on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at the courthouse for a regularly scheduled meeting. All Board members answered the roll call.

No action was taken on the first item on the agenda. Kraig Coonce addressed the Board, requesting a real estate tax exemption on lots 3 & 4 in Block 38 of Rulo Bedard located in the Village of Rulo for the purpose of creating a private cemetery on parcel 740095420. After a discussion, County Attorney Samantha Scheitel advised the Board that she saw no laws preventing Coonce from creating the cemetery as long as he followed the proper process.

“The Board doesn’t really have anything to approve, assuming you’re following state statute and any zoning requirements if it is in the Village of Rulo,” said Scheitel.

Scheitel explained that Coonce needed to seek approval from the Village of Rulo first. She encouraged Coonce

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Falls City conducts successful community emergency preparedness drill

Curtis Stahel, Safety Director for Ag Partners Cooperative, in partnership with Community Medical Center, Richardson County Emergency Management, and local first responders, successfully conducted a full-scale emergency preparedness drill on July 29 to test and strengthen the area’s emergency response systems.

The drill simulated an anhydrous ammonia release, allowing multiple agencies—including Richardson County Emergency Management, Falls City Rural Fire, Falls City Volunteer Fire Department, Morrill Fire, Dawson-Verdon Fire, Volunteer Ambulance, Falls City Police Department, and the Richardson County Sheriff’s Office—to coordinate and practice their emergency protocols in a realistic setting.

“This drill gave us the opportunity to evaluate our communication systems, inter-agency coordination, and overall readiness,” said Racy Hullman, Quality Director for Community Medical Center. “We were impressed by the level of collaboration and professionalism shown by all participants.”

More than 50 individuals took part in the event, including emergency responders, hospital staff, city employees, and community volunteers. Brown County Emergency Management attended as observers, providing valuable feedback based on their expertise. Nebraska State Patrol, Iowa Tribe Police Department, and local community members were also present to observe and learn from the exercise.

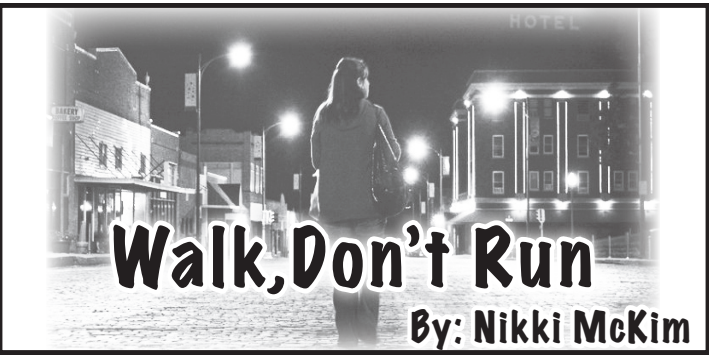
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A few weeks ago, Brian and I hit the road for what turned into a 10-hour drive to Bridgeport, Nebraska, for a Nebraska Press Association gathering.

It was my first time seeing Chimney Rock and it was absolutely breathtaking. As a storm rolled in from the west, the Nebraska symbol stood out against the dark clouds, creating a sight that felt surreal. I kept forgetting we were still in Nebraska. This wasn't the Nebraska I knew, the familiar landscape I wake up to every morning. Out west, it was open, vast, and incredibly beautiful.

This trip was a wonderful chance for Brian and me to explore a part of Nebraska neither of us had really visited before. Last spring, I was nominated and elected to serve on the Nebraska Press Association Board, a huge honor, but admittedly, incredibly daunting. The role has opened doors for me to meet and share experiences with dedicated newspaper folks from every corner of our state.

Spending a few days in western Nebraska with fellow publishers and “newspaper people,” I discovered a camaraderie similar to what I’ve experienced in the classic film community. These are my people. They speak my language. They know what it’s like to spend nights covering council meetings or working in the office until the early hours, only to wake up eager to do it all over again. They understand we won’t get rich doing this, but they also can’t imagine doing anything else. We do it purely for “the love of the game.”

Many of these community newspapers, just like ours, are run by husband-and-wife teams, pouring their hearts into their work and loving every moment. Many of us don’t come from formal journalism backgrounds, we found our way into career by chance and learned as we went along. It was a good chance for us to share how we are finding a way to learn a new way of navigating a newspaper landscape that’s rapidly changing, driven by rising postage costs and evolving technology. These challenges make us rely even more heavily on our communities for support and collaboration with each other as publishers. We know we can’t navigate these changes alone, so we lean on the support of our readers and colleagues. Together, we’re finding innovative ways to adapt, ensuring the newspapers we love so much remain personal and essential.

I often work until three or four in the morning. The quiet leaves me a lot of time to think. I like classic, I like routine and I like the newspaper the way it is. I don’t want to change, in fact I am doing all I can to fight against it. However the more I get involved the more I realize, to move forward I have to adapt. What does that mean? Who knows? What I do know is that I will continue to learn and listen. And sometimes at midnight when I stretch my legs and walk to the front of the office and look out the window down Stone Street, I’ll still pinch myself. Because I realize just how lucky I am to be doing something I love so deeply because I’m always excited to get up and do it all again tomorrow.

All things Nebraska
Changes in
broadband
program have
rural advocates
fretting

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Anymore, having high-speed internet at your home, farm or business has become as important as having electricity.

You run a business and have a website? You need high-speed internet.

You use precision ag? You need high-speed internet.

You wanna be examined by a doctor via video over the internet, something called “tele-health?” You need high-speed internet.

You like playing video games or downloading movies? High-speed internet makes that all better.

And just like electricity, it’s been hard to extend broadband to every corner of the nation, especially the most remote farms and ranches.

It is not cheap to string fiber optic lines to areas with few potential customers. That’s why both the federal and state governments have decided to offer financial incentives for companies to serve unserved areas. Two years ago, there was much excitement when Congress passed President Joe Biden’s Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Act (BEAD). It provided a whopping \$42.45 billion nationwide, including \$304 million in Nebraska, to help companies to extend high-speed service.

“Internet for All” was how BEAD was portrayed. It was part of Biden’s push to invest in needed infrastructure improvements, such as better roads and bridges, and better internet.

“... High-speed Internet is a necessity in today’s society,” said a presidential aid, likening it to President Franklin Roosevelt’s “Rural Electrification Act” that brought electricity to nearly every home in America

But recent changes in the BEAD program have some advocates for broadband wondering if currently unserved and underserved locations in Nebraska will have to settle for less-than-ideal internet.

First off, the criteria for determining which areas deserved BEAD grants changed, which rendered hundreds of locations across Nebraska now ineligible for federal funds.

Initially, state and county officials identified nearly 30,000 spots across the state that either were unserved by high-speed internet, or had slow internet, and deserved an upgrade. Now, only about half of those locations remain eligible.

Another big change was the kind of broadband the program would fund.

Initially, BEAD had a major preference for internet carried by fiber-optic cable, which is viewed as the Cadillac of delivery systems, and one that can be upgraded as technology advances.

But the recent changes now mean that broadband carried by satellites – like Elon Musk’s StarLink system – and broadcast via wireless means are good enough.

That led some advocates of broadband to say that rural folks will have to settle for second-rate internet service, because wireless and satellite systems can be disrupted by weather or other electronic signals, and is typically slower than internet delivered via cable.

It also led more than half of the counties in the state sending letters objecting to the changes, and came after dozens of state legislators – including three from Nebraska (Tom Brandt of Plymouth, Wendy DeBoer of Omaha and Jana Hughes of Seward) – also argued in letters against the changes.

The changes were done in the name of cutting expenses – it’s much cheaper to send an



electronic signal a couple of miles than to bury that stretch in fiber-optic cable. So much cheaper that some estimate that Nebraska will send back about half of its \$304 million in BEAD funds unspent.

I hear often from people who’ve travelled overseas about how good the internet and cell service is there, and why the U.S. can’t have comparable service.

That’s a good question. And if rural areas are to remain viable as places to do business or enjoy the amenities you find in the big city, good internet service is needed.

Right now, at the farm our family owns, you can get broadband by aiming a satellite dish at the top of a grain bin located on a high hill, where a repeater passes on a signal sent from a town 10 miles away.

That seems like a balancing-wire approach, and one that can’t be as reliable as hooking up to fiber, like you can do in most communities across the state.

We can do better. Let’s hope that our federal delegation, and state officials, will figure out how.

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: AT THE CIRCUS

- ACROSS**

 - 1.*Jumbo The Elephant or Sirius in space
 - 5. “But I heard him exclaim ‘ ____ he drove out of sight”
 - 8. Young salmon
 - 12. Blood component
 - 13. What Lizzie Borden did
 - 14. Leather razor sharpener
 - 15. “The Famous Five” author ____ Blyton
 - 16. Back of the neck
 - 17. Letter-shaped girder
 - 18. *Feats-of-strength circus performer
 - 20. Indian restaurant bread
 - 21. In need of a muffler
 - 22. Away’s partner
 - 23. Backward
 - 26. Same as ruin
 - 30. Greek R
 - 31. Net sales minus cost of goods sold
 - 34. Europe/Asia mountain divide
 - 35. Approximately, as in date
 - 37. Overnight lodging
 - 38. Inflicted a blow
 - 39. Celestial bear
 - 40. Goose egg
 - 42. ____-AFTRA
 - 43. Frying pan
 - 45. Eating establishment
 - 47. Type of English crs.
 - 48. Traffic accident
 - 50. Wading bird
 - 52. *Sara Gruen’s novel “Water for ____”
 - 56. *Lion tamer’s tool or counter seat
 - 57. Justice’s garb
 - 58. Hit it on the head
 - 59. Run off, as in couple
 - 60. Was in the hole
 - 61. Japanese zither
 - 62. Something ____
 - 63. Movie “Saturday Night” subject matter, acr.
 - 64. FedEx, verb
- DOWN**

 - 1. Tom Jones’ “ ____ a Lady”
 - 2. *Big Top
 - 3. Gulf V.I.P.
 - 4. Remodeled
 - 5. Tests
 - 6. Settle a debt
 - 7. Biblical place of bliss
 - 8. **The Greatest Showman” protagonist
 - 9. Equals length times width
 - 10. Multicolored horse
 - 11. Dashboard acronym
 - 13. Type of heart pain
 - 14. Moses’ mountain
 - 19. Hollywood legend ____ Shearer
 - 22. *Like circus audience’s experience, hopefully
 - 23. Bow-like structure
 - 24. Dodge
 - 25. Trunks
 - 26. *Three-____ circus
 - 27. What phoenix did
 - 28. Batu Khan’s people
 - 29. JD Vance’s “Hillbilly ____”
 - 32. Civil disorder
 - 33. African grazer
 - 36. *Sound of circus
 - 38. Money under mattress, e.g.
 - 40. *Aerialist’s bouncy safety device
 - 41. Piled
 - 44. Twisted cotton thread
 - 46. Give it generously
 - 48. *Funny one
 - 49. James Dean’s famous role
 - 50. It will
 - 51. *Unwelcome reception, pl.
 - 52. Cupid, to the Greeks
 - 53. Sodium hydroxide
 - 54. ____caca, South American lake
 - 55. Trough stuff
 - 56. Witness

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75 Years Ago, August 6, 1950 to August 12, 1950

Sheriff Vern Atkins, responding to a call from the Salem area about youths hand-fishing in the Nemaha River, arrested five individuals and brought them to Falls City for questioning. The youths ranged in age from 13 to 23 years. Since no fish were found, no complaint was filed against the youths.

“The Third Man,” a film noir featuring Joseph Cotton, Orson Welles and Alida Valli, was showing at the Rivoli.

Bill Vossen, a former Dawson High basketball star, was named coach at Honey Creek School.

–For Sale Sweet Corn, 30 c a dozen, Roy Yoesel

Ray Novak announced he would soon begin the construction of a super service station on the northwest corner of 13th and Harlan Street. The station would be leased to the Standard Oil Company.

An American girl, Florence Chadwich, swam the English Channel in a record 13 hours and 23 minutes.

Doug McIntyre, World War II veteran, was named commander of the Falls City American Legion Post for the ensuing year. He succeeded Dr. L.V. Brennan as post commander.

Vance Ramsey was named first vice commander, and Herman Sestak was named second vice commander.

A building, which would serve as a sales pavilion at the Central Hog Market, was under construction according to a partner in the market, Clarence Ratekin.

In Shubert, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kinsey had all their family home for the first time in 10 years.

A son weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell of Kansas City. The child was named James Joseph.

A young bull, being unloaded at the Edwards Packing Company at 7th and Barada Street, broke loose and had to be killed by Sheriff Vern Atkins. All efforts to corral the bull and drive it back to the packing company proved futile.

Over 900 people watched as the Jaycees and Farmers played to a 2-2 tie in the Donkey ball game at City Park.

Frank Power of Humboldt sold 22 steers, averaging 1,013 pounds, in St. Joseph for \$30.25 per hundredweight.

Harry James’ orchestra, considered by many to be the top dance organization in the country, was set to appear in Falls City on either October 24 or 25.

Chief Judd Ankrom announced that Leo Dougherty would become a member of the Falls City Police Department.

Charles Cox, superintendent of schools at Salem, was elected commander of the Salem American Legion Post. Roy Andrews was named vice commander, and Lester Kister was chosen adjutant.

The Falls City Legion baseball squad defeated the Grads from the year before, 11-10. Barney Meinzer and Charley Kottich hit home runs for the Legion team, and Keith Herbster added two singles.

50 Years Ago, August 6, 1975 to August 12, 1975

Richardson County Junior Fair Style Revue Champions included Regina Schawang, Glenda Eames, Tami Meinzer and Judy Standerford.

Members of the 1954 undefeated Falls City High School football team were gathering for a 20-year reunion. Seniors on the team expected to attend included Gary Adams, Roger Eickhoff, Dan Harper, Nels Kjeldsen, Julius Zimmerman, Alan Shipley, Gary Kirkendall and Jim Sefried.

The Humboldt Theatre was showing “Busting,” featuring Elliot Gould and Robert Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mehlin of Humboldt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house, which drew 135 guests. The couple had been united in marriage 50 years prior at the Methodist Church parsonage in Pawnee City.

The Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that a pregnant teacher could be forced to begin maternity leave at the start of the semester before the child was expected.

Forty cattle and 28 hogs were sold at the 27th annual sale, climaxing the Richardson County Junior Fair in Humboldt.

A \$229,000 federal grant for developing a park in the Rhine area in south Falls City was announced by Rep. Charles Thone. The six blocks would be developed and known as Grandview Park.

Mrs. Larry Ebel was named local chairman of the 1975 Breath of Life campaign to fight children’s lung diseases.

The Dawson-Verdon girls’ softball team went 20-6 and were conference tourney champs.

A hog owned by Eugene Fritz of Verdon was named Champion Crossbred in the carcass division and Champion overall in the carcass division of the annual Missouri Poland China Picnic.

A youth park on Main Street was dedicated in Dawson. Beth Bausch Giffie provided a brief history of the park area, and Richard Riley served as the master of ceremonies.

Don Sailors had 12 tackles and played nearly every defensive down during the Shrine Bowl contest at Memorial Stadium.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Prater announced that they were opening the One Stop Café at 21st and Stone Street.

The Vets Club advertised 8 oz sirloin steaks for \$2.50, fried chicken for \$2.00, and fried shrimp for \$3.00.

For Sale—Bargain! Priced for quick sale. 4 dr. 1955, recently overhauled Lincoln Capri automobile, new battery, snow tires on rims, electric windows, for cash, \$395.

25 Years Ago, August 6, 2000 to August 12, 2000

Over \$12,000 was raised in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life held at Jug Brown Stadium. Barb Bangert Tyler of Lincoln, formerly of Falls City, organized the highly successful event. Jim Jeffers, playing the bagpipes, led cancer survivors on the symbolic lap. After that, 15 teams of walkers began to circle the track, with many of them camping on the field.

Taylor Peterson was pictured participating in the garden tractor pull even at the Stella Fun Day.

Members of VFW Auxiliary Post 1765 met at the Legion Club with hostesses Jean Sailors and Angie Noll. The auxiliary’s 52nd birthday was observed with a potluck dinner.

Burdeen Prater claimed her 29th Club Championship, finishing seven strokes in front of second-place Michelle Milam. Prater was honored by the FC Ladies’ Golf Association with a new No. 11 tee box in her honor.

The 3-State Stockyards men’s softball team claimed the 31-team ASA State Championship in Hastings. Mark Bippes hit .600 for the tourney, followed by Darcy Zimmerman with a .591 and Rob Sipple at .590.

Work Wanted—Betty’s Day Care will have space for full-time children on August 21.

Recall elections involving four members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stella would be held on Tuesday, September 19, in accordance with an order issued by District Judge Daniel Bryan.

Sara Marrs, a graduate of Falls City High School and a current student at Peru State College, received the \$600 Joy Elmer Morgan Scholarship to continue her studies.

Charles and Annabelle Grady of Falls City were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary with a family barbecue at Big Lake.

Southside Bar & Grill advertised short orders, pizza and minestrone, serving from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Eighty-four graduates and guests attended the annual Bratton Union Reunion at the Southeast Consolidated School. President Steve Leech presided at the business meeting.

Bloodmobile falls three units short of 96 unit goal

By Linda Frederick, F.C. Coordinator

Falls City High School students helped host the Blood Drive held on July 16th and 17th at Prichard Auditorium. This was their scholarship drive, however we fell short three units of making our goal of 96 units.

It has gotten to be a battle of starting our drives on time.

The first day, road construction gave us a late start, and the second day the computers had been wiped clean and had to be restarted.

Emmett Daake, Kinsie Riggs, and Ella Glathar; put up posters, called for appointments, table and chair set up and take down, and escorted.

Teresa Olberding set up and ran the canteen. Helping were The Friends of the Presbyterian Church, who also furnished cookies. Lunch meat was donated by F&M Bank, and Frontier Bank. John Martin furnished the buns, the Jaycees furnished condiments and cheese.

Falls City Care Center donated all of the paper products.

A huge thank you to who came and donated. They were; Silas Amanullah, Jacob Babb, Les Baker, Jack Bangert, Janet Beach, Ethan Boatright, Becky Brewer, Gary Brown, Patty Brown, Chris Caudle, Penelope Caudle, Audra Cave, Martha Chaple, Tyler Cooper, Stacy Coupe, Judy Crawford, Roger Crofford, Kyle Daake, Mary Darveau, Gracie Deckinger, Henry DeKooning, Micah Derkson, Tami DiGiacomo, Gale Dunkhas, Barb Ebel, Adam Eickhoff, Ashleigh Eickhoff, Eugene Ernst, Chuck Ferris, Odis Fields, Kailyn Frederick, Linda Frederick, Rodney Frederick, Ethan Froeschl, Laurie Froeschl,

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The next drive will be held on September 18 and 19 at Prichard Auditorium.

Hope to see you there.

BUILDING PERMITS

Oneida Chandler, 1018 E. 17th St.; Replace roof on house and shed. replace gutters and downspouts, \$5,724.42.

Ben Howard, 619 Lane St.; install AC, \$7,000.00.

Phillip Fischer, 719 E. 12th St.; Siding, \$23,365.00.

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MONDAY MADNESS

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MONDAY MADNESS

BUNDLE GIVEAWAY

MONDAYS
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Sacred Heart School preparing to open doors 135th year

The school doors will open for the 135th year at Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School on Thursday, August 14. School will start at 7:55 am and dismiss at 3:10 pm for pre-kindergarten through sixth grades and dismiss at 3:23 pm for grades 7-12th; school lunches will be served. There will be a flag raising ceremony at 9:25 am.

A picnic style Open House will be held. The office will be open for families to make tuition, lunch, or milk money payments. At 6:00 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 12 any parents of 7-12 students who did not attend the iPad orientation meeting last year should meet in Room #10 for an informational session.

The Sacred Heart Staff for 2025-26 includes Doug Goltz, Chief Administrative Officer and Activities Director; Jenny Dunn, Principal and School Counselor; Father Ben Rynearson, Assistant CAO and Religion; Father Tony Bedient, Religion; Father James Meysenburg, Religion; Father Louden Redinger, Religion; Angela Simon, Librarian; Tiffany Keithley, Library; Alicia Schock and Julie Stice, Preschool; Emma Ebel, Kindergarten; Sue Ahrens-Ebel, First; Betsy Nelson, Second; Emily Clark, Third; Jenna Schawang, Fourth; Mackensie Nelson, Fifth; Julie Froeschl, Sixth; Angie Taft, Math; Paige Vitosh, Science; Sherrie Hoffman, Spanish, Reading Interventionist and Guided Learning; Luke Santo, Social Studies; Kylee Reschke, English & Technology; Stephenie Bippes, Language Arts/Speech; Christina Wertenberger, K-12 Art; Sebastian Boelhower, K-12 Vocal/Instrumental Music; Joyce Hundley, Accompanist; Katie Thiltges, Language Arts/Publications; Brian Lemerond, Physical Education; Adam Santo and Holle Lancaster, Guided Learning; Krista Noll, Speech Pathologist; Taylor Kearney, Title I; Cathy O’Grady, Molly Kirkendall and Adam Santo, Office; Beth Vonderschmidt, Nurse; Renee Kopf, Advancement Director; Abbey Huntsman, Tammi Zimmerman and Lisa Dougherty, Lunchroom; and Mary Darveau, Custodian.

Preschool hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:10 pm. Contact Alicia Schock for more information and to register your child.

After School Daycare will be available for Sacred Heart families.

Hot lunch will be served Monday through Friday in the school cafeteria. Meal prices will be \$3.25 for preschool, \$3.75 for K-6th and \$3.95 for 7-12th grade students. Free and reduced lunch applications have been mailed out to all Sacred Heart families and need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Milk break will be available for K-2nd grades at .60 cents per milk. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The mission of Sacred Heart is to be “a Family Educating Heart, Mind, Body and Spirit for this Life and the Next.” Families and students of all faiths are welcome to share in this great experience in an environment centered on our faith in Jesus Christ and the way it is lived in the Catholic Church. Sacred Heart is fully accredited by the State of Nebraska through Cognia Accreditation and is in compliance with all state curriculum standards.

Sacred Heart offers a comprehensive human formation curriculum to students in grades 9-12. This strong academic program offers Religion, Language Arts, Advanced Science, Calculus, Math, English, Social Studies, Spanish, Computer Technology, Speech, Band, Music, Art, and Physical Education. There are diverse activities, athletics, and fine arts programs available to all students. Sacred Heart is a member of the Nebraska School Activities Association, the Nebraska Pioneer Conference and the MUDECAS Association. A variety of clubs and national organizations are available for students; among these are National Honor Society, Student Council and Helping Hands Service Club.

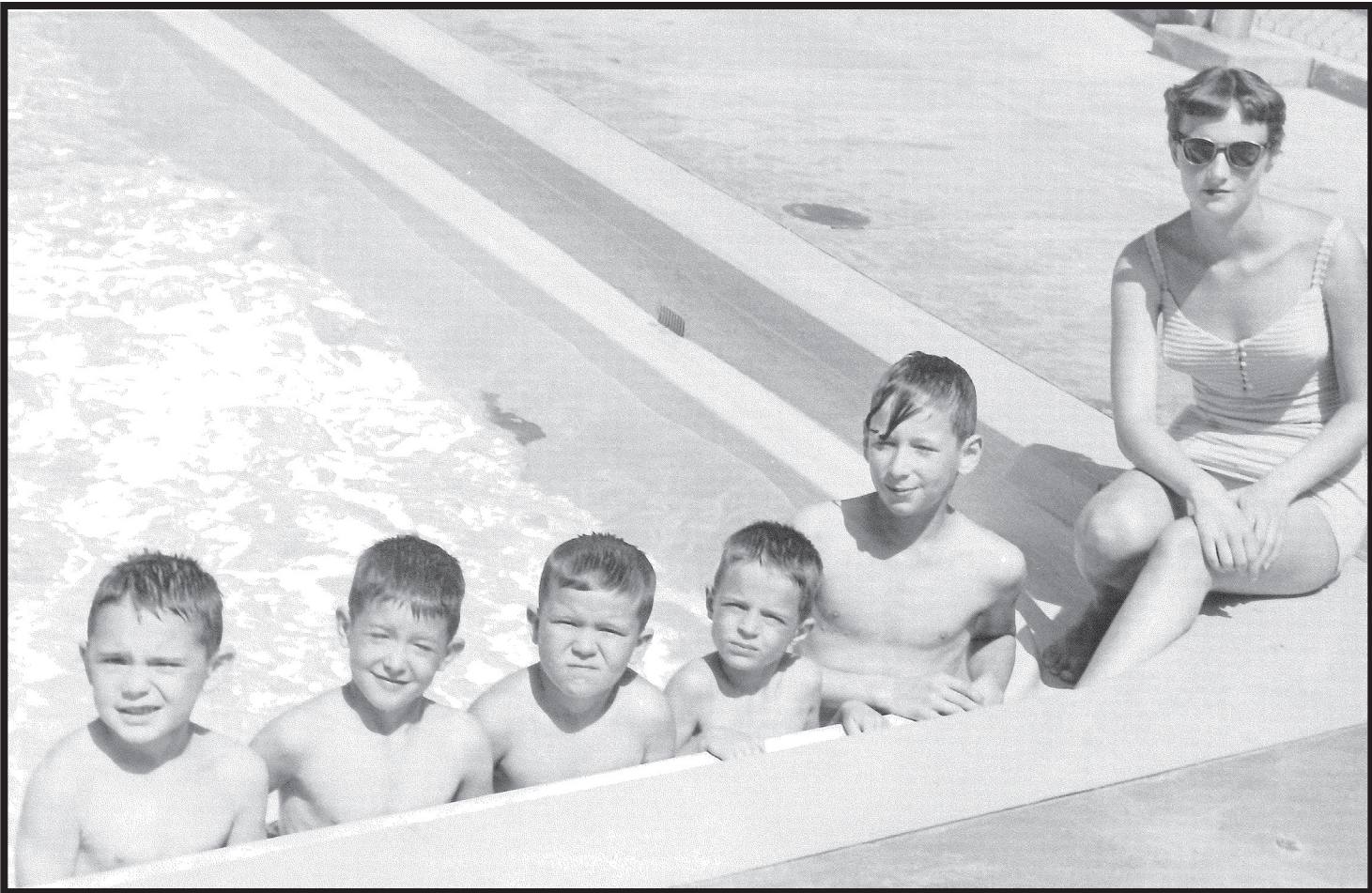
Sacred Heart operates on the generosity of many benefactors and assessments from the area parishes: Sts. Peter and Paul, Falls City; St. Mary, Dawson; St. Anne, Shubert; Immaculate Conception, Rulo; St. Mary, Arago. These funds, along with the Diocesan Good Shepherd and local Guardian Angel Scholarships, keep tuition affordable and allow Catholic education to be accessible to any family who desires it.

Visit <http://fcsacredheart.org> for more information.

The 2025 Richardson County 4-H & FFA Market Animal and Static Exhibitors would like to say “THANK YOU” to these businesses and/or individuals for their support at the 2025 Richardson County Junior Fair Livestock and Static Support Auctions, where 42 livestock exhibitors and 29 static exhibitors participated. Your support of the 4-H program and the 4-H members is greatly appreciated!

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FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



SCC awards 1,321 degrees

Southeast Community College awarded 1,321 degrees for the 2025 Spring Semester which ended on May 16, 2025.

The Spring Commencement was held on Wednesday, May 14, at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The combined ceremony included the following breakdown for degrees awarded by campus: Beatrice: 80; Lincoln: 772 and Milford: 469.

Isaac Gene Bittner of Dawson, Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Technology-Truck

Jodie Kay Uhri of Dawson, Associate of Applied Science in Agriculture Management & Production.

Zane Charles Ebel of Falls City, Certificate in Electrical & Electromechanical Technology, Electrical Technician.

Misty Star Jochum of Falls City, Associate of Science in Associate of Health Sciences.

Gavin Thomas Lechtenberg of Falls City, Associate of Applied Science in Electrical & Electromechanical Technology, Electromechanical Industrial Maintenance Technician and Certificate in Electrical & Electromechanical Technology, Electromechanical Industrial Maintenance Technician.

Josalyn Ariane Morehead of Falls City, Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education.

Gabrielle Marie Niedfeldt of Hiawatha, KS, Associate of Applied Science in Business.

Katelyn Marie Mercer, of Hiawatha, KS, Diploma in Practical Nursing.

Xavier Nicholas Oldham of Humboldt, Certificate in Precision Agriculture.

Saydee Marie Beth Hardesty of Humboldt, Associate of Applied Science in Business.

Graduation ceremonies conclude spring semester at Emporia State University

Over 500 Emporia State University students graduated during ceremonies in May 2025. Graduate students were recognized May 9; undergraduate students on May 10. Students from this area who graduated include: Cynthia N

Law of Hiawatha, Kansas, Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Education in Elementary Education.

Madisen Lynn Cochran of Sabetha, Kansas, Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Education in Physical Education and Health Education.

Richardson County Fair Queen narrows to top ten

Richardson County Queen voting has entered its third week, and narrowed the list to the top ten. Please have all votes turned in by 4:00 p.m. for the votes to count.

Queen Votes as of July 31, 2025 were: Chloe Shupp, 99,366,766; Ella Glathar, 46,813,925; MaKena Dunlap, 13,118,633; MirandaRist, 8,338,054; Elie Bstandig, 7,868,766; Hannah Lindsey, 4,230,215; Shayfer Cumro, 2,249,699; Jorja DeJonge, 1,543,737; Maddie Bredemeier, 458,632; Kendall Freeman, 50,029.

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., Cre-

ative 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, Stateline AG Enterprises, 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.

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County approves agreement with Marvin Planning Inc. for comprehensive plan and zoning regulations

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to meet with County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey to discuss being taken off the tax roll.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. updated the Board on projects throughout the County. Darveau advised the Board that the outfit working on the Pony Creek Road project backfilled the repairs after the rain the previous week, even after being advised not to, causing the tubes to slide and pull apart from the band that held them together. Darveau said the crew had two options: one is to dig it up and reset it and put rock under the tube, and the other is to pour a cement ring around the collar of the tube. No decision had been made on how to move forward.

Commissioner Campbell asked Darveau if it were possible to work on getting more ditches and tubes cleaned. Darveau stated he was “100 percent on board with this,” but he has recently tried to pursue initiatives to bring the County’s infrastructure up to date.

“We’ve come to the conclusion that anything major, we’re probably going to have to bid out anyway, just so we can stay on top of our smaller stuff,” said Darveau.

Darveau told the Board he would like to concentrate for a couple of years on cleaning out areas of ditch problems and tubes and contract out the major projects.

“For ditch cleaning, it is never-ending,” said Darveau. “It’s kind of like laundry. It doesn’t matter how often you do it; you still have something dirty.”

Darveau also visited with the Commissioners, discussing the rehire of two former employees. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to rehire Matt Bletscher and Joel Schawang.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty addressed the Board, stating the jail was currently housing 20 inmates and possibly going to 21 before the end of the day.

The Sheriff also discussed cancelling the purchase of a new Dodge Charger from ESU Pursuit and considering the pur-

chase of a used Charger from the Kansas Highway Patrol. ESU Pursuit contacted Hardesty and said they would not ship the vehicle until they had received payment from the County. Hardesty advised the Board that KHP had used Chargers for sale with 50,000 miles on them for \$33,825. The vehicles have the lights, sirens and consoles installed already. After a conversation, it was decided to cancel the purchase of the car from ESU and pass on the used Chargers from the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall requested approval for the 2025 Emergency Management Program Funding grant. “What these are is job descriptions and salary verification forms,” said Kirkendall.

A motion to approve the grant for \$48,583.59 was made by Campbell, seconded by Caverzagie and passed.

A discussion was also held regarding the Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network (NRIN), which is located in Stella. The Village requested that the County pay for part of the electrical costs associated with maintaining the system on the tower in Stella. NRIN is a microwave network that connects 911 centers and public safety answering points (PSAPs) across the state for improved communication. Karas made a motion to pay the Village of Stella \$600 per year for the maintenance of the system. Historically, the cost was paid for through the PET (Planning, Exercise and Training) Region, but according to Kirkendall, those funds are going away. The other tower in the County is located in Humboldt on a rural water tower. The County supplied a generator in that instance. The motion passed.

The Commissioners approved a motion to enter into an agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc., for the purpose of updating the County Comprehensive Plan and proposed zoning regulations for \$47,600.

Caverzagie made a mo-

tion to approve the Richardson County Flexible Savings Account (FSA) Plan and Document, amended and restated in January of 2025 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-3. The motion passed.

Caverzagie made a motion to acknowledge the Notice of New Opioids Settlement for the Purdue Direct Settlement and agree to participate in the resolution, which County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey has executed to receive funding from the Opioid Recovery Fund settlement agreements. The motion passed.

The claims were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

MEN’S GOLF LEAGUE

Scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.
Early League results from Tuesday, July 29, 2025.
Team 1 (3.00) Liberty, Brandon 37-35; Bennett, Chuck 48-37. Team 4 (3.00) Ebel, Ron 46-41; Romine, Alan 43-31.
Team 2 (5.50) Malcolm, Terry 41-30; Kermoade, Terry 50-35. Team 3 (0.50) Hays, Gary 43-39; Vonsellegern, Bill 47-35.
Team 5 (2.00) Dunn, Joe 38-37; Murphy, Jim 46-29. Team 9 (4.00) May, Mark 38-30; Severin, Steve 56-34.
Team 6 (6.00) Dunn, Chaz 40-40; Dunkhas, Gale 49-36. Team 8 (0.00) Hillyard, Mark (F); Hankins, Dan 47-37.
Team 7 (5.50) Daake, Brian 46-40; Mullins, Jim 47-36. Team 10 (0.50) Heckenlively, Tim 50-40; Foster, Tim 52-42.
Late League results from Tuesday, July 29, 2025.
Team 1 (4.00) Simon, Steve (F); Ferguson, Don 42-35; Malcolm, Terry (F). Team 13 (0.00) Gist, Dick (F); Gilkerson, Keith (F); Sly, Tony (F).
Team 2 (4.00) Montgomery, Carter 46-45; Harmon, Galen 47-38; Bennett, Chuck 51-39. Team 12 (4.00) Davis, Darin (F); VanDyke, Kyle 44-37; Jordening, Ron 52-38.
Team 3 (6.00) Dunn, Joe 34-33; Dunkhas, Gale 54-43; Witt, Rich 47-35. Team 11 (2.00) Anderson, Dusty (F); Froeschl, Nathan 45-37; Meysenburg, Fr. James 50-39.
Team 4 (2.00) Bachman, Eli (F); May, Mark 42-33; Craig, Robbie 56-41. Team 10 (6.00) Siel, Jake 39-35; Froeschl, Joe 48-40; Buckminster, Blake 50-34.
Team 5 (1.00) Scheitel, Trent 40-38; Witt, Wade 42-32; Leyden, Derrick 55-41. Team 9 (7.00) Witt, Tom 40-37; Witt, Weston 38-31; Dunn, Mike 51-35.
Team 6 (2.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 41-38; Chesnut, Justin 48-40; Craig, Jake 46-35. Team 8 (6.00) Simon, Dan 43-39; Poppe, Brian 46-38; Scheitel, Lane 46-31.
Team 7 (6.50) Liberty, Brandon 39-36; Schawang, Cody 46-38; Bippes, Derek 49-34. Team 20 (1.50) Hill, Dan 42-35; McNeely, John (F); Harmon, Jason (F).
Team 14 (2.50) Daake, Brian 47-41; McNeely, Erik 53-45; Gilkerson, Robert (F). Team 19 (5.50) Aitken, Bob 47-41; Froeschl, Ethan 55-46; Merz, Mitch 70-43.
Team 15 (4.50) Dunn, Chaz 39-39; Froeschl, Lucas 46-40; Bippes, Drew 52-44. Team 18 (3.50) Gerweck, Rob 40-34; Hillyard, Mark (F); Heckenlively, Tim 49-38.
Team 16 (7.00) Gist, Thomas 43-38; Gooch, Blake 46-37; Malone, Kevin 46-35. Team 17 (1.00) Hullman, Ben (F); Schawang, Cade (F); Bauer, Trevor 53-37.



SENCA’s Housing Development Director, Amanda Palmerton, receiving a check from Allie James, VP of Lending/Branch Manager of The State Bank of Table Rock, to transfer funds from the Humboldt Community Improvement Project to SENCA. SENCA will utilize these funds to continue the project of providing financial assistance to approved Humboldt property owners for the removal of unsafe, dilapidated structures, and property clean-up.



SENCA received a generous donation of \$4,000 from the Humboldt Lions Club in May. The funds will be utilized in the SENCA Community Improvement Project to assist approved property owners in Humboldt with funds to help remove unsafe, dilapidated structures and lot clean-up. Above, L to R: Michelle Hunzeker, Susan Keholm (SENCA Development Director), Susan Wissmann and Sherryn Rist.

The SENCA Community Improvement Project launches

By SENCA
The SENCA Community Improvement Project is the result of Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (SENCA) assuming the Humboldt Improvement Project from The State Bank of Table Rock in the spring of 2025. SENCA has been awarded grant funds from an area Foundation that will allow for expansion of the project throughout the four-county area of Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson, and Nemaha.
All community-based donations received for the project are reinvested back into the community where they are received. These funds help provide property owners of unsafe, dilapidated structures, financial assistance to help with the clean-up of the property, returning it to an environmentally safe, maintained green space. For example, SENCA was the recipient of a generous \$4,000 donation from the Humboldt Lions Club in May. Those funds will be reinvested in the Humboldt community to help with local improvement projects.
As a Community Action Agency, SENCA is required to survey clients and community partners every three years to identify top challenges. Once identified, SENCA will work to develop, implement, or expand projects to provide life-changing solutions. Access to safe, affordable housing has been a top identified challenge throughout southeast Nebraska for a number of years, especially in rural communities where some of the oldest housing stock in the nation exists. One of SENCA’s goals for the improvement project is that some of the cleaned-up lots will provide building sites for

much needed housing development.
The removal of unsafe, dilapidated structures, and clean-up of properties damaged as a result of fire, severe storms, or neglect, can cost thousands of dollars, especially when disposing of hazardous materials such as asbestos. Approved property owners can receive financial assistance to help with removal and clean-up costs.
In many instances project improvement funds cover 50% or more of the total cost. However, the cost of the project is typically determined by the size of the property and if hazardous materials are present. If hazardous materials are found on the property, containment and transportation to a qualified disposal site can impact what the property owner will be charged.
It is always recommended to get an estimate from qualified individuals, or companies, who will be performing the clean-up work prior to applying for assistance from SENCA. Funding is limited, and on a first come, first served basis. SENCA continues to be proactive in securing funding that will help maintain the current project, and potentially increase the amount of funds available to assist property owners.
Those in need of financial assistance from the SENCA Community Improvement Project should contact SENCA’s Central Office in Humboldt and speak with Amanda Palmerton, Housing Development Director, at 402-862-2411 x 112. To learn more about the positive impact SENCA programs provide throughout southeast Nebraska, visit www.senca.org and like SENCA at www.facebook.com/Senca1.

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Why Nebraskans trust newspaper ads more than social media

Flatwater Explains: What’s a Runza?

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Nebraska residents trust local newspaper advertising far more than social media, according to the 2025 Nebraska Statewide Study.

- Newspaper ads outperform other media in consumer comfort, reliability, and effectiveness—especially for home services and local businesses.
- Social media ads are viewed as significantly more irritating and less credible by Nebraska audiences.
- Communities with strong local newspapers experience lower government spending, higher voter turnout, better-performing schools, and improved public health outcomes.
- Local newspapers play a vital role in civic engagement, government transparency, and building community trust.
- Newspaper advertising in Nebraska remains a powerful, results-driven tool for marketing, outreach, and public confidence.

If you spend any time in marketing circles these days, you’ll hear a lot about clicks, impressions, and social algorithms. But here in Nebraska, it turns out people still put a lot of stock in something a bit more grounded: the good old-fashioned newspaper ad.

Whether it’s in print or online, local newspaper advertising continues to punch above its weight — and the numbers prove it.

Trust You Can’t Scroll Past

According to the Nebraska Statewide Study 2025, a whopping 85% of Nebraska adults say they’re comfortable with home services businesses that advertise in their local newspaper. That’s a higher comfort level than what people report for local TV, radio, or even well-known review sites like Angie’s List or Yelp.

And social media? Only 62% of Nebraskans feel comfortable with businesses they discover there. That’s a 23-point gap.

It gets even more revealing: when asked what kind of ads feel the most irritating, 50% said social media, compared to just 11% for newspapers. That’s not just preference—it’s a clear vote of confidence for local media.

It’s Not Just About Nostalgia

Some might chalk this up to habit or demographics, but that misses the bigger picture. Newspaper advertising in Nebraska is trusted because it feels rooted in the community. It shows up alongside stories that matter—school board updates, local sports scores, public notices, and photos from the homecoming parade.

When a business advertises there, it’s not just selling—it’s showing up in the places where Nebraskans already pay attention and feel informed.

Ads That Actually Drive Action

There’s another reason newspapers continue to deliver for marketers: they work.

Among Nebraska newspaper readers who recall seeing an ad:

- 39% said they visited a store or dealer afterward.
- 37% went to the advertiser’s website.
- 33% saved the ad for future use.

That’s not just brand awareness—that’s consumer behavior in motion.

Newspapers Strengthen Communities

But the value of local newspapers goes well beyond advertising metrics. Across the country, research consistently shows that communities with strong local journalism enjoy tangible, long-term benefits:

- Lower government spending and lower taxes: Studies have found that when local newspapers close, government costs tend to rise due to reduced oversight and accountability. Conversely, active local media can act as a fiscal watchdog.
- Higher civic engagement: Communities with newspapers see higher voter turnout, more competitive elections, and more residents contacting elected officials.
- Better schools: Local journalism has been linked to increased awareness of school board decisions, stronger community support, and improved education outcomes.
- Healthier communities: Public health initiatives gain more traction when communicated through trusted local sources. Newspapers often play a critical role in information dissemination during health crises.

When a newspaper shuts down, the effects are visible: transparency declines, misinformation spreads, and civic participation erodes. These aren’t just media industry concerns—they’re community-wide consequences.

As a study by the University of Notre Dame put it, losing a local newspaper can result in a “democracy deficit.” A community without a newspaper is a community with fewer eyes on those in power, fewer stories about those doing good work, and fewer shared moments that define life together.

In Nebraska, local newspapers continue to be trusted, read, and relied upon—by residents, voters, and neighbors who care about what’s happening in their towns. Supporting local journalism isn’t just a media choice; it’s a community investment.

Because when local news thrives, so does the community around it.

By *Natalia Alamdari, Flatwater Free Press*

The handheld meal keeps football fans warm at Memorial Stadium during chilly Husker games. Drivers chow down on them straight from the bag on long drives down Interstate 80. Vice presidential candidate Tim Walz went viral for spending hundreds at the fast food chain during an Omaha campaign stop in 2024.

It’s a little pillow of dough and meat. It’s quintessentially Nebraska.

NDOT announces funding availability for transportation needs

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has announced funds are now available to private non-profit organizations and governmental entities for transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. Eligible applicants include private non-profit organizations incorporated within Nebraska and governmental entities. Governmental entities must certify that there are no non-profit agencies in the service area readily able to provide the service. Applications will only be accepted for rural and small urban areas, and Lincoln. Applicants in the Omaha area should contact MAPA for information about applications.

The Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 program is a Federal Grant program managed by NDOT. The purpose of the program is to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Applications are restricted to the acquisition of transportation vehicles. Applications are due by October 31, 2025.

Additional information and applications can be obtained at dot.nebraska.gov/public-transit/funding-applications or by contacting Carly Grutel, Transit Programming and Reporting Lead at carly.grutel@nebraska.gov or 402-479-3185.

It’s the Runza.

So what is a Runza?

Technically, “Runza” is the trademarked word for a bierock.

The German Russian pastry features a mix of spiced ground beef, cabbage and onions, all encased in a soft yeasty dough, said Emily Gengenbach, librarian and program coordinator for the American Historical Society of Germans From Russia in Lincoln.

Their shape varies — a traditional bierock is often rounded, while the trademarked Runza is more of a rectangle. And while bierocks are eaten by German Russian descendants throughout the Midwest, Runzas are a uniquely Nebraskan staple.

How did the food end up in Nebraska?

You have to go back a few centuries to answer this.

In the 1700s, Germans started moving to Russia. German princess Catherine the Great had married into the Russian royal family, and was inviting her countrymen to move east. She offered free land for each family, and the promise to practice religion freely and no requirement to serve in the Russian military.

Once settled near the Volga River in southern Russia, they picked up on Russian cooking. Russians had the pirozhki — a baked or fried hand pie that can be stuffed with savory or sweet fillings.

The Germans made it their own, and with that, the bierock was born. The handheld meal was perfect for farmers needing a hot lunch in the fields.

By the late 1800s, there was pressure for German Russians to assimilate to Russian culture and religion. The Russian military planned to start drafting German Russians. Many German Russians fled the country, ending up in the Great Plains.

“When they left, they brought their different cultural foods and traditions,” Gengenbach said. “One of the cultural foods was the bierock, so that’s how it ended up in Nebraska.”

Why do Nebraskans call it a Runza and not a bierock?

That’s where the fast food chain comes in. In the 1940s, Lincolnite Sally Everett and her brother

Alex Brening started selling homemade bierocks to factory workers on lunch break, Gengenbach said. By 1949, Everett and Brening opened their first location in Lincoln.

The pair wanted to trademark their recipe. But they couldn’t trademark the word “bierock” — it was too general of a cultural term.

So they dubbed their pockets of meat the “Runza.” The name is believed to have been inspired by “krautrunz,” another German word for bierocks, or “runsa,” a German word for belly, because of the round pouch shape of the pastry, Gengenbach said.

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Many of their descendants — like the Everett family that founded Runza — still call Nebraska home.

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TRIO Program receives \$1.7 million grant renewal

Peru State College students from disadvantaged backgrounds will continue to have access to individualized attention and other services, thanks to a renewed \$1.7 million TRIO federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The grant is worth \$344, 204 each year for five years for Peru State’s TRIO Student Support Services Program (TRIO). Now in its 35th year at Peru State, TRIO serves 230 students each year.

“I’m proud of the TRIO staff’s effort and ability to connect with our students and help them succeed in their college journey,” said Michael Platt, director of TRIO Student Support Services at Peru State. “Student Intervention Coordinators build strong relationships with students, and work to ensure their success, which ultimately leads to graduation and successful careers. Our collective efforts show with more than 87% of our students in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or higher) and 80% continuing from last year to this year. This wouldn’t be possible without the support of Peru State president Wendy Waugh and associate vice president of student affairs Matt Thielen.”

According to the U.S. Department of Education’s website, TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist income-eligible individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.

TRIO provides a combination of academic and personal support services that match the individual needs of each student to increase learning, retention, and graduation rates. These services help students understand and adjust to the academic expectations and requirements of college-level learning.

“The SSS Grant renewal gives our students the continued individualized attention and support that helps support their academic success,” said Thielen.

Academic support services include academic tutoring and coaching; course registration and selection assistance; development of learning strategies, study skills, and time management skills for college; professional writing assistance; career preparation and/or graduate school assistance; and educational trips and programs.

Each TRIO student is assigned to an advisor, and together they create a plan that includes the student’s goals, services needed, and periodic meetings to monitor progress. TRIO students are expected to demonstrate a commitment to their education through frequent use of TRIO and campus resources, and regular contact with their TRIO advisor.

What to do in your lawn and garden in August

By Nicole Stoner

August is here! Back to school, football, and we will reach the end of those dog days of summer soon. We are getting close to fall activities and some fall lawn and garden projects, but don’t do too much too soon.

Fall vegetable gardens can be planted anytime now. Most of our fall vegetables should be planted within the first week or two of August to ensure a good fall harvest before frost kills the plant. Those cool season crops often planted in the early spring can be planted again in the fall. This includes things like lettuce, spinach, carrots, radish, kohlrabi, and peas.

The average first frost date for most of Southeast Nebraska is October 2 or 3, with the first hard freeze in mid-October, according to the National Weather Service. You can use the first frost date to figure out when to plant fall crops. Use the first frost date as a starting point, count backward the number of days to harvest listed on the packet of seeds and add a 10 day fall factor because the plants will mature slower due to the cooler weather. This will tell you when you need to plant to



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When overseeding, it can be helpful to aerate the lawn first so the seed can drop down into the plug holes afterwards, but it is not necessary. If you plan to kill off existing vegetation first, you can use glyphosate, or Roundup, which needs to be done one week ahead of seeding or follow label instructions on how far before seeding to apply the product you use. If you are just filling in bare spots or overseeding to increase turf density, just spread the seed and then rake it in with a stiff-tined rake. You can use a starter fertilizer when planting new grass. Do not use pesticides on the newly seeded areas until after 3 mowings, except for mesotrione, or Tenacity, which can be used at seeding. If you miss the window for using glyphosate and want to reduce weeds and get the seed down soon, you can use a mesotrione product, just follow the label on how to apply at seeding.

Wait until later in the fall

- Fall Lawn Fertilizer - Fall fertilization is the most important application for a lawn. Apply a granular fertilizer with 50% slow-release nitrogen, or less, from the beginning to mid-September.
- Manage perennial broadleaf lawn weeds – Perennial broadleaf weeds including dandelions, creeping Charlie or ground ivy, and clover are best controlled in the later Fall once the weeds have begun their preparations for winter. Spray weeds with a 2,4-D or triclopyr product two or three times from late September through the end of October. Make sure that temperatures are below 85 degrees for 72 hours following application to reduce damage to nearby plants.
- Clean up iris and peonies – Wait until these plants turn brown in later fall before you remove the foliage.

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Thomas N. Steinhauser

Thomas N. Steinhauser, 72, of Orleans, NE died on July 23, 2025. Mr. Steinhauser was born July 20, 1953 to Clarence & Dorothy (Johnson) Steinhauser in Gregory, SD.

He graduated from Sacred Heart High school in Falls City, NE and later received his Machinist degree from Southeast Community College in Lincoln. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved both hunting and fishing.

Tom was preceded in death by his loving wife Dana Gail. He is survived by his children, Melanie (Shon) Denhoff, Amy Proctor, Thomas Steinhauser, seven grandchildren, seven great-grand-

children, his siblings, Chuck Steinhauser, Cindy (Don) Kauk, Lavonne Eberhardt, Dennis (Robert) Steinhauser, and Nancy (Brad) Schutte.

A Celebration of Tom’s Life will be 11:00 AM on Friday, September 5, 2025 at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, 4040 A Street, Lincoln 68510.

Inurnment will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 6, 2025 in the St. Michael’s Cemetery-West Point, NE. At the request of the Steinhauser family there will be no public viewing/visitation, Tom’s wishes were for cremation. Memorials are suggested to Nebraska Game & Parks Commission.

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Nebraska women in STEM celebrate wins, see the state stumbling amid anti-diversity squeeze

By Lev Gringauz, Report for America corp member
Silicon Prairie News

Nebraska is slipping into a “two steps forward, one step back” trend when it comes to supporting women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. In 2023, women held a little over a quarter of STEM jobs in the state. That’s a slight increase since 2015 and puts Nebraska marginally ahead of neighbors like Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado and Kansas.

But the improvement came with bad news: In 2015, Nebraska women in STEM earned around 86 cents to every dollar made by a man. In 2023, that dropped to 76 cents earned to a man’s dollar.

In the national context, that data is “a little bit more shocking,” said Josie Schafer, director of the Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. “We have peer states ... that have fewer women in these occupations but are paying them better.”

Nebraska lags behind every single surrounding state on proportional pay for women in STEM.

Schafer unveiled this and other data from the U.S. Census Bureau on July 18 at a Nebraska Women in STEM (NWIS) hybrid webinar. The event marked three years since the release of a CPAR report titled, “Nebraska’s Women In STEM: Listen Then Act.” (Presentation slides with data can be found here.)

The event served as a way to celebrate the work of NWIS, while also bringing clarity to the ongoing issues faced by women in STEM. Over the past three years, across a variety of conferences and events, “we’ve had over 1,300 women and some men participate in our activities, and (we) hope that that continues to grow over the next three years,” said Amanda McGill Johnson, the director of NWIS.

Johnson formerly served in the Nebraska Legislature and currently sits on the Millard School Board.

An open conversation with attendees — roughly 26 people, most tuning in via Zoom — also highlighted the challenging new environment that NWIS has to navigate: A backdrop of federal anti-diversity efforts and funding cuts that further jeopardize support for women in STEM.

Still, attendees were confident about being able to persevere.

“There can’t ever really be a sense of defeatism with women in STEM because there have always been barriers,” said Stephanie Kidd, the communications strategist at the UNeTech Institute, the University of Nebraska-affiliated entrepreneurship organization.

“Things ebb and flow for women in any workplace,” Kidd said, “and there are always things to overcome.”

Data leads to action

When McGill Johnson saw the 2020 documentary “Picture A Scientist,” which focused on the sexism women face in science careers, she wanted to do something to support Nebraska women dealing with the same issues. So three years ago, as the executive director of Nebraska Cures, an advocacy nonprofit for science research and education, she partnered with Bio Nebraska, the bioscience trade organization, to gather data on the state.

“We were fortunate enough to be connected with the Center for Public Affairs Research and find funding to do a study,” McGill Johnson said.

CPAR did in-depth interviews with 48 women working in STEM jobs. The ensuing “Listen Then Act” report documented how women struggled with work-life balance and barriers to career progression, but also how they persevere despite those issues.

“One thing that we thought about as we were conducting the research was the women who we interviewed were the women who made it, so to speak,” said Morgan Vogel, CPAR’s assistant director. “We didn’t talk to women who left STEM because they couldn’t overcome the systemic barriers, or because they didn’t have the support structure in place.”

The report also came with recommendations ranging from increasing professional development and child care support for women, to improving workplace flexibility and education about the barriers women face.

But just talking about issues wasn’t going to cut it. As one study participant said, “At the end of the day, if all we do is share our stories, where have we gone, where have

we progressed?”

The report was always geared toward action, and kicked off the formal Nebraska Women in STEM initiative that McGill Johnson leads.

In many ways, NWIS got top marks at the event marking the three-year anniversary of the study.

“There was nothing,” Schafer said. “There was no Nebraska Women in STEM. And now you could just say it to people in this community, and of course, they know what you’re talking about. I can think of very few organizations that have become so well known so quickly.”

Tough times as the work continues

For all the success of NWIS, Nebraska women still face plenty of challenges in STEM — challenges that have been exacerbated by the federal crackdown on diversity efforts and funding. Visibility through data, for example, might take a hit. CPAR lost a National Science Foundation grant focused on researching gender equity in STEM professions. UNO also faces pressure and funding restrictions on work that involves diversity.

Meanwhile, a separate grant to study inclusive entrepreneurship ecosystems from the Kansas City-based Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation is expiring in September.

But all is not lost, Schafer said. “I was really worried that the atmosphere at the federal level would make other people unwilling to invest in the same type of work.”

“I have not found that to be true,” Schafer said. “If we can do it, we’re going to do it ... but it’s looking like everybody wants to do more with less.”

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DISTRICT #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes of the June 9, 2025 School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025 in the Superintendent's office at the Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE – School Board members present were: Roger Windle, Teresa Olberding, Anthony Johansen, Cassandra Goff, Gabe Ramsey and Kevin Scheitel. Absent: None. President Cassandra Goff presided at the meeting. President Goff announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

- None

1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded that it is hereby determined that this public meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and are hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Goff, yes; Johansen, yes; Windle, yes; Olberding, yes; Ramsey, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said meeting in open session.

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

– It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded to approve the agenda. The voting was as follows: Scheitel, yes; Goff, yes; Windle, yes; Olberding, yes; Johansen, yes; Ramsey, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

1.0 Business Items:

- 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Approval of Absences
- 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda
- 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
- 1.6 Public Comment
- 1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 1.8 Approval of Claims

2.0 Informational Items/Reports:

- 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: Tyler Bek, Transportation Update
 - 2.2 Principal's Reports:
 - 2.3 Board President's Report:
 - 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
 - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
 - 2.4b School Improvement & Strategic Plan Update
 - 2.4c District resources/Budget
 - 2.4d Policy Governance
 - 2.4e Building and Grounds Update
 - 2.4f Superintendent Meetings
 - 2.4g Board Member Meetings
 - 2.4h Other
 - 2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports:
 - 2.6 Board Member Reports:
- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
- 3.1 Final Readings on Policy Reviews and Revisions
 - 3.2 Set the Substitute Teacher daily rate for 2025-2026
 - 3.3 Resolution on construction management contract delivery system
 - 3.4 Approve the Falls City High School Track Resurfacing Project
 - 3.5 Other

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(regular and/or special meeting)- It was moved by Roger Windle and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 regular Board Meeting; the voting was as follows: Scheitel, yes; Ramsey, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Windle, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

1.6 PUBLIC COMMENT – None

1.7 APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

– It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded to approve the May 31, 2025 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$4,950,186.65 in the Student Fee Fund of \$14,080.00; in the Depreciation Fund of \$57,009.49; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$1,963,298.90. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried. The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, an Elementary Activity Account Report and a School Lunch Account Report.

1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

– It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Transportation Update – Changes Ahead for School Vans Falls City Public Schools is preparing for upcoming changes in transportation regulations that could impact how the district gets students to and from school and activities.

Currently, the district uses a few 11-passenger vans, but new state and federal safety rules will eventually phase those out. While the school is still waiting for an exact timeline (possibly as early as this July), we know that future student travel will likely shift toward small buses or minivans instead of large vans. Transportation Director Tyler Bek says the district is ahead of the curve on most of the new requirements. "We're already doing a lot of what's expected, but the biggest change is around the vans," he shared, "We'll be looking at our options, including possibly adding

another minivan to help cover trips with fewer riders."

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

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a ETHAN SULLIVAN: Submitted a written report.

2.2b MEGAN ROBESON: Submitted a written report.

2.2c SHELLY LEYDEN: Submitted a written report.

2.2d BRANDON GIBSON: Submitted a written report.

2.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None

2.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.4a Legislative and Organization Update: The Nebraska Legislature adjourned sine die on Monday, June 2nd. Passed bills specifically impacting public education to note include:

- LB 140 Sanders - Require school policies relating to use of electronic communication devices by students.
- LB 241 Hallstrom - Provide immunity from liability for cybersecurity events.
- LB 303 Hughes - Create the School Financing Review Commission.
- LB 306 Education Committee - Change provisions relating to admission to elementary and secondary schools, the Nebraskan Career Scholarship Act, and the Door to College Scholarship Act, and require a database of financial information regarding school districts and reporting regarding funding from foreign adversarial sources
- LB 390 Murman - Require each school board to adopt a policy relating to access by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to certain school library information.
- LB 645 Ballard - Change provisions relating to the School Retirement Fund.
- LB 647 Revenue Committee - Omnibus revenue measure that includes changes relating to budget limitations, property tax request authority, the Property Tax Request Act, and the Nebraska educational savings plan trust.
- 2.4b School Improvement & Strategic Plan Update: Onboarding for new faculty in 2025-2026 has been planned to provide initial orientation and mentoring activities. The mentoring is a combined local and ESU 4 effort to enhance the success on new faculty joining FCPS in the fall.

The Sixpence Board of Trustees has approved District 56's continuation grant request for the 2025-2026 fiscal year of \$ 425,856. This is a temporary reduction of \$129,051 due to a delay in the Child Care and Development Fund payment, administered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Should further funding be received, Sixpence will issue an amended award to the district.

2.4c District Resources / Budget: A preliminary budget has been built for expenditures and receipts. Now the board will just need to wait until August 20 for tax valuation to be certified. The budget and property tax request hearings will be scheduled in September.

2.4d Policy Governance: Board Policies up for review and final reading will include: Board Policies up for review and final reading will include:

- 1) 4263 Records Management and Retention: Review only with no revisions
- 2) 7114 Student Records: Review only with no revisions
- 3) 7123 Foreign Exchange Students: Review only with no revisions.
- 4) 7132 Routine Directory Information: Review only with no revisions.

2.4e Building & Grounds Update: The Board's Construction Management at Risk Contract policy was included in the May school board packet materials, and further reviewed by Derek Aldridge, an attorney with the Perry Law Firm. This policy was adopted pursuant to the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act. The policy defines the procedures for adopting a resolution and selecting the construction management at risk contract delivery system prior to proceeding with any of the steps involved with solicitation or execution of any construction contract. The resolution for adopting the construction management at risk delivery system is an action item for approval June 9th.

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

2.4f Superintendents Meetings: NASB/NASA School Leaders and Law Conf., June 11-12, Kearney.

2.4g Board Member Meetings: NASB/NASA School Leaders and Law Conf., June 11-12, Kearney.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Final Readings on Policy Re-

views and Revisions: 1) 4263 Records Management and Retention; 2) 7114 Student Records; 3) 7123 Foreign Exchange Students; 4) 7132 Routine Directory Information. It was moved by Roger Windle and seconded to approve the final readings on Policy Reviews and Revisions. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Set the Substitute Teacher daily rate for 2025-2026: It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded to keep the substitute teacher daily rate at \$175 per day for the 2025-2026 school year. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Approve the Falls City High School Track Resurfacing Project: It was moved by Teresa Olberding and second to approve the Falls City High School Track Resurfacing Project with contract price being \$168,851. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

Secretary

CLAIMS

ACCO Brands, MS & HS Supplies.....\$543.01
Amazon Capital Services HS, MS, NS & SS Supplies.....\$3,839.66
Amazon Capital Services Nurse & Technology Supplies...\$1,469.04
Amazon Capital Services.....Maintenance & Grounds Supplies,.....\$18.00
Amazon Capital Services,Sixpence & CCP Supplies.....\$1,010.78
Armbruster Motor, repairs \$500.00
Berwick Co-op Oil, Bus Barn Supplies.....\$140.00
Blick, HS Art Supplies.....\$274.46
Bosselman Pump & Pantry, Fuel.....\$5.05
BSN, Nurse Supplies.....\$73.92
Central Office, Mileage and Workshop Expenses.....\$4,298.48
Central Office, Bus Permit-Mileage-Supplies-Cell Phones.....\$306.37
Central Office, Miscellaneous Expenses.....\$51.98
Central Office. Payables with Due Dates.....\$668.74
Cintas, Mop & Rag Services (5-week month).....\$642.10
City of Falls City, Grounds Supplies.....\$396.00
Clayton Paper, Custodial Supplies.....\$3,757.90
Colorado West Equipment, Bus Barn Parts & Repairs...\$1,428.24
Das State Accounting - Central, Network Nebraska.....\$292.87
Depreciation Fund CTE Computer Reimbursement.....\$1,547.00
Diode Technologies, Repairs.....\$699.70
Edmentum..... Software Renewal \$3,750.00
ESU #4 Contracted..... SPED Contracted Services.....\$11,524.60
ESU #4 Co-op..... Registrations, Health Screenings & Kindergarten Roundup.....\$7,431.80
ESU #6..... Technology Hosted Services.....\$230.95
Falls City Auto Supply, Bus & Grounds Parts.....\$655.31
Falls City High School. Travel & Supply Reimbursement\$1,367.29
Falls City Journal, MS Subscription.....\$50.00
Falls City Mercantile, Bus Barn Supplies.....\$29.29
Falls City Middle School, Travel & Supply Reimbursement.....\$91.00
Falls City North School Travel & Supply Reimbursement...\$699.47
Falls City Sanitation, District & Sixpence Waste Removal \$860.00
Falls City School Lunch, March Lunch Support & Staff Breakfast Reimbursement.....\$7,861.04
Falls City Utilities, District Wide Utilities.....\$31,733.89
Family Medicine, DOT Physical.....\$100.00
Farm & City Supply, HS Voc Ag & Industrial Tech, Maintenance, Grounds & Bus Parts...\$1,535.87
Fiber Platform, Internet Service.....\$278.08
Frederick Farms (Storage) Rental Agreement.....\$75.00
Gopher, NS & SS Supplies\$495.89
Harmon, Leland, Retirement Plaques.....\$330.00
HD Supply, Maintenance & Custodial Supplies.....\$5,587.60
Herrick Bruxellas Properties, Building Rental & Utilities.....\$560.00
Holmes, Krystal, Tuition Reimbursement.....\$948.00
Hometown Floral, Memorials.....\$100.00
Hullman's Ford, Bus Barn Parts.....\$40.71
HyVee, Bus Barn Supplies.....\$18.63
Jim Hills, Maintenance.....\$7.99
Johnson Hardware, Maintenance.....\$182.00
Malcolm, Mary SPED Contracted Services.....\$6,304.05
Mechanical Sales, Maintenance.....\$1,362.74
Midwest Bus Parts Bus Barn Parts.....\$1,100.58
NASB, Superintendent Search Fees.....\$3,123.39
NCECBVI, SPED Contracted Services.....\$4,538.20
NCSA, Membership Dues & Admin Days Registrations.....\$2,220.00
Nodaway Valley Bank, Copier Lease.....\$3,985.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts, Bus Parts.....\$517.36
Parent-Child Center, Meal

Reimbursement.....\$302.81
Pest Control Services Pest Control Services.....\$150.00
Phillips 66 Co., Fuel.....\$97.43
ProServ, NS & MS Supplies.....\$203.84
Purchase Power, Postage\$1,501.00
Pyramid School Products, MS & Nurse Supplies.....\$134.70
RehabVisions .. SPED Contracted Services.....\$4,448.20
Safety-Kleen, Bus Barn Supplies.....\$620.84
Schmitt Music, HS Instrumental Supplies.....\$293.34
Schoolmate, MS Supplies..\$338.20
School Health, Nurse Supplies.....\$91.12
School Specialty, NS & MS Supplies.....\$641.94
Sixpence, Childcare Scholarships.....\$4,424.95
Snap-on, Bus Barn Supplies\$60.00
SNC, Telephone Service & Repairs.....\$1,662.01
Staples, HS Supplies.....\$52.65
TAESE, Registrations.....\$905.00
Tifco Industries, Bus Parts \$364.94
Towle Realty, Sixpence Building Rental.....\$525.00
Truck Center, Bus Parts.....\$79.08
US Bank, Travel & Registrations...\$1,439.55
US Bank, Supplies & Equipment.....\$251.58
US Bank, Sixpence.....\$377.59
Water Engineering, Maintenance Agreement.....\$249.18
Wiltse Electric, Maintenance.....\$100.00
Wolfe's Printing, HS & Bus Barn Supplies.....\$271.50
Total.....\$141,281.48
Payroll - June 2025.....\$1,062,583.45
GRAND TOTAL.....\$1,203,864.93

Depreciation Fund
West Music, NS & SS Music Equipment.....\$9,380.60
.....\$9,380.60

Special Building Fund
Amazon Capital Services. Stadium Bathroom Supplies.....\$1,114.63
BVH, Master Planning ..\$3,611.49
Home Lumber Stadium Bathroom Supplies.....\$2,974.45
Midwest Homes & Restoration, Gutters & Downspouts.\$1,092.94
Schawang Masonry, Stadium Bathrooms.....\$12,720.00
.....\$21,513.51
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 23, 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 23, 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 July 16, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-abstain. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & 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. Mr. Darveau reported that he has hired 2 new employees. The Board also discussed the idea of stockpiling rock.

SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel presented to the Board the renewal agreement with BraveBe Child Advocacy Center for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The City of Falls City also participates in this agreement. The annual cost to the County and the City is \$1,210.00 each.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and authorize the County Attorney and County Sheriff to enter into the agreement with BraveBe Child Advocacy Center for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of \$1,210.00/year. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. Currently there are 16 inmates being held at the Jail.

Motion was made by Karas to enter into the agreement with the City of Humboldt for the Richardson County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to the City of Humboldt at 160 hours per month at a cost of \$94,000/year and a 2% increase each year for the next 4 years at which time the agreement will terminate on August 31, 2030. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 61)

Motion was made by Karas to approve the request to upgrade cellular phones for the department and to advertise for sale on social media sites the sale of department cellular phones that have been deemed to be surplus to the highest bidder.

Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

PROJECT RESPONSE

Shania Vickers, representative for Project Response presented to the Board a quarterly report on the organization. Statistical information on the activity within the organization was given as part of the report.

FALLS CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH ENTERPRISE

Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of Falls City EDGE presented to the Board the quarterly report and current projects and activity of the organization.

RICHARDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Leon Wilhelm, President of the Richardson County Historical Society met with the Board to present the annual report of the organization and the request for continued funding in fiscal year 2025-2026. While the County has always provided funding in the amount of \$10,000/year, the Society requested that the Board consider \$12,000/year.

DISCUSSION ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND PROPOSED ZONING REGULATIONS

Discussion was held on proceeding with the Marvin Planning Consultants to update the Comprehensive Plan. More information was received at last week's meeting from the Southeast Nebraska Development District and what programs and assistance they have to offer to accomplish this update with some cost savings to the County.

The Board will consider the contract with Marvin Planning Consultants at next week's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER NE Dept of Health & Human Services

Correspondence from the NE Department of Health & Human Services was reviewed by the Board regarding the entrance and exit from this office in the lower level of the Courthouse. A letter will be sent back to the NE Dept of Health & Human Services addressing their concern and approval for them to proceed to make any corrections they deem necessary at the expense of the State of Nebraska.

Discussion on water leaks inside Courthouse

The Board held a discussion on the water leaks that have appeared inside the Courthouse building after the recent rain and storms. Commissioner Campbell has done some investigating into the areas that have leaks and reported to the Board that some work is needed to be addressed to the exterior of the upper level of the Courthouse which is the old jail area. He will be contacting a contractor that specializes in the restoration of historical buildings to obtain their opinion on the problem.

Commissioner Campbell also updated the Board on the condition of the roof at the Law Enforcement Center after he participated in an inspection with the insurance adjuster from EMC and contractor, Anthony Thiner of Skyline Construction, Inc. The roof had experienced some hail damage from previous storms.

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

ABK Fire & Safety, serv.....240.50
Amazon, supp.....18.09
AT&T, serv.....1061.78
Auburn Family Health Center, serv.....323.00
Bennett, Pam, serv.....100.00
Consolidated Management Services, serv.....9768.50
DAS State Accounting, serv150.00
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv.....3574.23
Falls City Journal, adv.....227.98
Falls City Mercantile, supp 111.61
Family Medicine, serv.....445.00
Farm & City Supply, supp...48.75
First Concord, fees.....228.00
Gravatt, Jere, serv.....100.00
Handley, Dylan, serv.....400.00
Howe, Caleb, reimb.....198.45
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins.....1450.74
Malcolm, Terry, serv.....385.00
Medica, ins.....\$4910.14
NE Health & Human Services, serv.....90.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv.....9166.66
Petersen Reporting, serv.....502.45
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....615.74
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb.....573.66
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/ retire/etc.....24584.08
SumnerOne, serv.....76.00
Tichy, Rob, reimb.....2145.83
Payroll Expense.....116569.34
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$228,065.53
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
Diversified Drug Testing, serv.....370.00
Marking Refrigeration, Inc., serv.....474.90
Martin Marietta Materials, rock.....32976.23
Midwest Petroleum Equipment, serv.....2376.58
Nebraska Public Power District, serv.....139.08
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock.....22849.75
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....148.49
Quill LLC, supp.....58.98
Rulo, Village of, serv.....25.00
UniFirst Corporation, supp...55.37
Payroll Expense.....35369.68
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$94,844.06
DRUG COURT FUND
Hawkins, Seth, serv.....1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv.....1300.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT

FUND.....\$2,600.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 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 30, 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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VILLAGE OF RULO

Village of Rulo Board Meeting Minutes Advanced notice of meeting was posted by IPM on Sunday, July 6, 2025 at Rulo Library, Swingin' Doors, and Wild Bill's Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6:00PM in the Rulo Library

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Board Chairperson, Rebecca Simmonds. Roll call – Present: Rebecca Simmonds, Kraig Coonce, Regina Barber, Mike Keller, Todd Thompson, Clerk-Rachel Jean.

R. Jean announced that the meeting is held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act which is posted and available in print upon request.

A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Thompson to approve the June meeting minutes. Roll call –AYE: Keller, Thompson, Coonce, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Tom Carpenter appeared before the Board to offer comment regarding water meters. No action taken.

2025-2026 Budget Proposal from Robert Aitken, CPA was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Coonce and seconded by Thompson to accepted the proposal. Roll call –AYE: Coonce, Thompson, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

2025 Lane Miles Report presented by R. Jean and reported no changes are needed. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Coonce to approve the report and submit to the State. Roll call –AYE: Thompson, Coonce, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

UTV/ATV Ordinance was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Coonce to update the Ordinance. –Roll call –AYE: Thompson, Coonce, Barber, Simmonds, NAY: Keller. Motion carried.

Junk removal/enforcement and nuisance issues were discussed as presented by Barber due to complaints received. R. Jean explained that current ordinances in place do not address issues such as storage, cost to Village, etc. Discussion to continue. No action taken.

A quote was provided by James Coonce to take over mowing at the Cemetery at a rate of \$650/week. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Thompson to accept the quote. Roll call –AYE: Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Abstain: Coonce. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Coonce and seconded by Thompson to accept the 2025 Annual Salary list as presented. Roll call –AYE: Coonce, Thompson, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

The Board discussed continued road improvements as approved by prior motion. No other action needed.

A motion was made by Coonce and seconded by Barber to approve a purchase of up to \$1200 for road culverts. Roll call –AYE: Coonce, Barber, Keller, Thompson, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Coonce reported highway light repairs are ongoing. No other action needed.

May Keno report, Water Delinquency Report and June Treasurer's report reviewed.

A motion was made by Coonce and seconded by Barber to accept and approve the July claims as presented. Roll call –AYE: Coonce, Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds

GENERAL – Grey Snow \$55.00 (svcs), OPPD \$958.00 (svcs), SNC \$51.08 (svcs), US Treasury \$2274.60 (Q2 payroll taxes), NE Dept of Revenue \$246.03 (Q2 payroll taxes), SENDD \$319.00 (dues), Rachel Jean \$37.19 (reimb – supplies), payroll \$2658.17

ROADS – Farmer's Repair and Machine Shop \$226.97 (supplies), True Ag & Turf \$410.78 (parts), Grandview Oil \$220.10 (fuel), Sky-view Equipment \$218.85 (parts), Bletscher Trucking \$904.80 (svcs)

WATER – NE Dept of Revenue \$35.66 (sales tax), City of Falls City \$3537.72 (svcs), NE Public Health Env Lab \$30.00 (svcs), Wolfe's Printing \$86.93 (supplies), payroll \$323.22

KENO – NE Charitable Gaming \$3568.00 (Q2 Keno Taxes)

CEM – Megan Bulgrin \$550.00 (svcs), James Coonce \$550.00 (svcs)

A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Thompson at 7:21pm to enter a closed session for the protection of public interest. Roll call –AYE: Barber, Thompson, Keller, Coonce, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Thompson at 7:33pm to exit the closed session and resume the public meeting. Roll call –AYE: Barber, Thompson, Keller, Coonce, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Keller to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm. Roll call –AYE: Barber, Keller, Thompson, Coonce, Simmonds. Motion carried.

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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 TRUSTEE’S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the west door of the Richardson County Courthouse in Falls City, County of Richardson, Nebraska, on September 22, 2025, at 10:00 o’clock a.m.:

Lots 13 and 14, Block 165, Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

subject to any and all (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) assessments, covenants and restrictions of record which affect this property, and (4) any liens that are superior to the lien of the Linda L. Ogden, pursuant to that Deed of Trust filed of record with the Richardson County Register of Deeds at Book 298, Page 249.

Kelly J. Werts, Trustee
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, PC, LLO
713 4th St., PO Box 126
Humboldt, Nebraska 68376
(402) 862-2321

Diane L. Merwin
FANKHAUSER, NELSEN & WERTS, P.C.
713 4th Street
P.O. Box 126
Humboldt, Nebraska 68376
(402) 862-2321

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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 or 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 ORGANIZATION OF HBW, LLC

Notice is hereby given that HBW, LLC has been organized pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Nebraska. The name of the limited liability company is HBW, LLC. The Registered Agent is Julie D. Bauman. The address of its Registered Office is 2020 Harlan Street, Falls City, NE 68355. The address of the Designated Office is 112 West 17th Street, P.O. Box 7, Falls City, NE 68355. The general nature of the business to be transacted is any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. The company commenced its business on July 24th, 2025 and it has perpetual existence. The affairs of HBW, LLC and its management shall be conducted by its members, who on its date of organization were Denise J. Mertens, and such persons who subsequently become members of such company.

HBW, LLC
112 West 17th Street
Falls City, NE 68450
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Richardson County Legal Notice
BRO-7074(26)
Stella Southwest; C.N. 13526

The proposed project would be located on 717 Road, approximately 2.25 miles southwest of the Village of Stella in Richardson County, Nebraska. The project would begin approximately 425 feet west of the bridge and ends approximately 365 feet east of the bridge. Construction would begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The existing roadway is a 20-foot-wide gravel road with a 2-foot-wide earth shoulder on each side.

The purpose of the project is to improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the project is supported by several factors. The existing bridge (Structure Number C007400815) has a sufficiency rating of 39 out of 100 and is structurally deficient.

The improvements would remove the existing bridge and construct a new bridge on the same alignment. The new bridge would be anticipated to be a 3-span 150-foot continuous concrete slab bridge with a 28-foot-wide clear roadway. The new roadway east and west of the structure would be a 20-foot gravel road with 4-foot-wide earthen shoulders on each side. Installation of a temporary work platform, grading beyond the hinge point, utility work, and work within the waterway would be anticipated.

The proposed project on 717 Road would not be constructed under traffic and a designated detour route would be provided. The detour would utilize 639 Ave, 718 Rd, and 641 Avenue. Work would not be required on the designated detour route. Construction could begin as early as the fall of 2026 and be complete by the spring of 2027.

The project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which may include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). Contact with property owners impacted by the project would be initiated by a project representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be temporarily limited at times due to phasing requirements.

Potential impacts to environmental resources have been evaluated for this project. Resources reviewed include, but are not limited to cultural resources, wetlands and other water resources, floodplains, hazardous materials, farmland, and threatened and endangered species. Impacts to wetlands and other water resources are anticipated, but are expected to remain below thresholds for required mitigation.

The anticipated cost of the proposed project would be approximately \$2,435,000 and would derive from federal and county funding sources.

The county is asking for your input regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through **September 5, 2025**. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Steve J. Darveau, Jr. Richardson County Highway Superintendent roads@richardsoncountyne.gov 402-245-2614

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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, August 11, 2025
at 7:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Falls City Public Schools, District No. 74 – 0056 will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. This meeting is open to the public.

An Agenda for this meeting is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the Superintendent’s Office during regular District business hours. The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate and may be modified at said meeting. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

Dr. Andrew Offner
Superintendent
Falls City Public Schools
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, August 18, 2025** at or soon after 6:00 P.M. in the Falls City City Hall, located at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355, the **City of Falls City** will hold a public hearing concerning a proposed amendment to its previously awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Downtown Revitalization improvements.

The original \$435,000 CDBG award supported sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements, commercial façade rehabilitation, and related amenities (such as railings, lighting, and ADA accessibility items) within a 12-block downtown redevelopment area. The original budget included:

- \$235,000 for Public Facilities & Improvements (sidewalks),
- \$165,000 for Commercial Building Rehabilitation
- \$10,000 for Construction Management, and
- \$25,000 for General Administration

Following the completion of all active commercial rehabilitation agreements, an excess of \$56,353.75 in grant funds remains available within that activity. The City proposes to reallocate these unused funds to the Sidewalk Construction portion of the project, reducing the Commercial Rehabilitation grant funds to \$108,646.25 and increasing the Public Facilities & Improvements (sidewalks) grant funds to \$291,353.75. This change will shift the associated 20% match of \$14,088.44 for the reallocated funds from private property owners to the City, for a total match requirement of \$72,838.44. The overall project budget and CDBG award amounts will remain unchanged.

No persons will be displaced as a result of this reallocation. The public is invited to comment on the proposed amendment to the use of grant funds.

A copy of the proposed amendment and the original application will be available for public inspection at City Hall, located at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE. All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the grant application. Written and oral testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2025 at or soon after 6:00 P.M. at the City Hall, located at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE. Written comments addressed to the City Administrator, Anthony Nussbaum, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355 will be accepted if received on or before Monday, August 18, 2025.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print, or recorded materials, please contact the City Administrator, Anthony Nussbaum, at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355 or (402) 245-2851 no later than Wednesday, August 13, 2025. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that a three-day notice is received by the City of Falls City.

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CITY COUNCIL

May 19, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 19th day of May 2025, at 6:00 o’clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz, Absent: Buckminster. Kaster was absent for part of the meeting, but arrived at 6:39 P.M. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public

places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR MAY 19, 2025

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR MAY 5, 2025

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

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR MAY 20, 2025

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

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR APRIL 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to table the item until June 2, 2025. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF LOT 1A, A REPLAT OF LOT 1 HELENA SUBDIVISION

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:05 P.M. Mayor Harkendorff then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor or opposition of said request. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:06 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF LOT 1A, A REPLAT OF LOT 1 HELENA SUBDIVISION

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the Consideration of Lot 1A, A Replat of Lot 1 Helena Subdivision as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR STORAGE OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS, STORAGE OF FERTILIZER, LOCATING ANHYDROUS AMMONIA-STORAGE TANKS AND SMALL TANKS ON THE LOT 1A | HELENA

AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC
Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:08 P.M. Mayor Harkendorff then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor or opposition of said request. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:09 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR STORAGE OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS, STORAGE OF FERTILIZER,

LOCATING ANHYDROUS AMMONIA-STORAGE TANKS AND SMALL TANKS ON THE LOT 1A | HELENA
AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC
A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the Consideration of Lot 1A, A Replat of Lot 1 Helena Subdivision as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZ ANNUAL FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR FALLS CITY RECREATION, INC. TOTALING \$5,000.00 FOR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS AND BALLFIELD MAINTENANCE | FALLS CITY RECREATION, INC.

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to authorize annual funding commitment for Falls City Recreation, Inc. totaling \$5,000.00 for youth recreation programs and ballfield maintenance as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSTAIN” Leyden-FC Recreation Treasurer. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A LISTING AGREEMENT WITH MILLER-MONROE COMPANY, INC FOR THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1612 FULTON STREET

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve Resolution to enter into a listing agreement with Miller-Monroe Company, Inc. for the sale of city-owned property located at 1612 Fulton Street as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

mitment for Falls City Recreation, Inc. totaling \$5,000.00 for youth recreation programs and ballfield maintenance as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSTAIN” Leyden-FC Recreation Treasurer. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

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AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. REQ01101 TOTALING \$97,210.00 FOR A STANDBY GENERATOR AT THE WASTEWATER LIFT STATION AS

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS | TREVOR CAMPBELL – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to authorize approval of Requisition No. REQ01101 totaling \$97,210.00 for a standby generator at the wastewater lift station as recommended by the Board of Public Works | Trevor Campbell – Public Works Director. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

AWARD OF PURCHASE OF A 1-TON TRUCK FOR GAS DEPARTMENT AS

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS | TREVOR CAMPBELL – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to Award of purchase of a 1-Ton Truck for Gas Department as recommended by the Board of Public Works | Trevor Campbell – Public Works Director. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A PAVEMENT & MAINTENANCE BEAUTIFICATION PROPOSAL TOTALING \$34,983.00 AS

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS | TREVOR CAMPBELL – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to authorize execution of a Pavement & Maintenance Beautification Proposal totaling \$34,983.00 as recommended by the Board of Public Works | Trevor Campbell – Public Works Director. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, K. Killingsworth, Leyden. “NAY” F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UTILIZATION OF FARRIS ENGINEERING, INC. AS THE OWNERS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ENERGY FORWARD TRANSMISSION PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS | TREVOR CAMPBELL – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the Resolution authorizing utilization of Farris Engineering, Inc. as the Owners Authorized Representative for the Energy Forward Transmission Project as recommended by the Board of Public Works | Trevor Campbell – Public Works Director. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster, Kaster. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 AUDIT | JULIE D. BAUMANN, CPA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the Review of the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit | Julie D. Baumann, CPA as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to ap-

prove Second reading of Ordinance 2025-100 authorizing and providing for the issuance of combined utilities revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20MM for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the electric system as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Kaster. Motion carried.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A discussion was held and revisions noted to the draft policy. A motion was made by Council person Ruiz and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to table the item until June 2, 2025. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “ABSENT” Buckminster. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:53pm

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on May 19, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

City Clerk, Anthony Nussbaum
Mayor, Mark Harkendorff
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION JULY 23, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; County 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.co.richardson.ne.us.

FINALIZE PROPERTY VALUATION PROTESTS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to finalize and approve the values that have been determined on the Property Valuation Protests that were filed in 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. Protests filed and documentation can be reviewed at the County Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.

3 YEAR ASSESSMENT PLAN

Motion was made by Karas to approve the 3-year assessment plan of the Richardson County Assessor as presented to the County Board of Equalization. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT

Assessor Riggs presented to the Board the Cemetery Report for Richardson County that will be submitted to the NE Department of Property Assessment.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CHANGE NOTICES

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve 12 Board of Equalization Change Notices of Valuation for 2025 to be sent. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Campbell-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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Southeast District Health Department is taking applications for a Full-time Administrative Assistant in their Auburn office.

For more information or to apply go to <https://www.sedhd.org/about-us/careers.html>

Starting Pay Range: \$18.36 - \$20.98



Southeast District
Health Department

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Positions Available:

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333 South 3rd St. Tecumseh, NE EOE–Vets, Disability

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JOB OPENINGS

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

Full-Time/Part-Time Certified Scrub Tech: Nemaha County Hospital's Surgical Services Department is seeking a motivated individual to join our team. The position is full-time or part-time, Monday through Friday. Hours can vary slightly, but are typically 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with flexibility when needed. No weekends or holidays are required. Applicants must have surgical scrub experience and be BLS certified. Sterile Services experience is preferred. This position also comes along with a cross-training opportunity in our outpatient clinic. Come be a part of our fun, fast-paced environment and work alongside our close-knit team of physicians, nurses, and techs!

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

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

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

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

EOE Employer/Vet/Disabled



NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL
2022 13th STREET - AUBURN, NE

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SEEKING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ASSISTANT

Part time position (25 hours/week). This position could lead to a full-time position as Executive Director.

Starting salary is \$15.00 per hour for 90-day probationary period. \$16.00 per hour after a favorable probation.

Qualifications include: Strong computer skills, Familiar with common software applications like Word, Excel and Outlook email, Strong organizational skills, Strong customer service and troubleshooting skills, Ability to maintain confidentiality in all aspects regarding the business of the Authority and its residents.

Please send your resume to: AUBURN HOUSING AUTHORITY, 1017 H ST. AUBURN, NE 68305
auburnhousing@windstream.net

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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HTRS PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS OPENINGS

HEAD COOK OPENING: Duties include, but are not limited to, planning, organizing, supervising and participating in the preparation, cooking, baking, and serving of a variety of foods in quantity. Responsible for ordering food and supplies; operating commercial kitchen equipment and appliances. Responsible for following the nutrition guidelines associated with the Nebraska Nutrition Services lunch program and training requirements. Qualifications: Associate's degree or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas with 1 year of relevant food service experience or High school diploma (or GED) and at least 3 years of institutional food service experience. Starting pay is \$18.00/hour with a 10 month contract. Benefits include District paid Family Health and Dental insurance. Employee Vision coverage is also included.

HEAD MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN TRAINEE OPENING: Under the general direction and supervision of the Superintendent, the Head Maintenance/Custodian Trainee will work with the Head Custodian who is responsible for supervising custodial staff routine cleaning, minor maintenance, and other custodial tasks in the District. Work involves a variety of custodial tasks, and they may be scheduled to work during the day or at night. Work is generally performed in accordance with established procedures, but specific instructions may be given for unusual problems or situations. Employees may also be required to perform general security duties, such as locking and unlocking facilities, and light maintenance duties when needed. Work for this full-time regular position is subject to inspection by a superior for maintenance of established standards of cleanliness and compliance with instructions. Starting pay is \$18.00/ hour with a 12 month contract. Benefits include District paid Family Health and Dental insurance. Employee Vision coverage is also included. Qualifications: Applicants must have a High school diploma or GED, 5 years of successful work experience in the custodial/maintenance area with a minimum of 2 years required. Must possess a valid driver's license and the ability to qualify for auto insurance coverage. CDL or willingness to obtain a CDL with School Bus Driver endorsement a plus.

BUS DRIVER: accepting applications for regular route and activity bus drivers, CDL with Nebraska school bus driver endorsement required but willing to work with CDL applicants in obtaining school bus driver endorsement. Route pay is \$62/ per route. Full-time route driver also receive a district paid individual Employee Health, Dental and Vision insurance

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ALSO OPEN A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER: for the 2025-2026 school year. The candidate should have or be eligible for a NE Teacher Certification with the appropriate endorsement. The district is willing to work with an individual student teaching or someone who qualifies for transition to teaching. Email your cover letter, resume, license, transcripts* and three letters of reference from your most recent employer to georgegriffith@htrstitans.org or mail them to HTRS ATTN Dr. Griffith 810 Central Avenue, Humboldt NE 68376.

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

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

Application form and full job description can be accessed by emailing tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com or the application form can be downloaded at www.sacandfoxks.com.

Submit the application form, cover letter, and resume, outlining your skills, background, and interest in the position to employment@sacandfoxks.com or submit a paper copy of the application form, cover letter, and resume, to Tammy Epple, 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 66434 or fax to (785) 742- 3785 no later than August 28th, 2025.

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Julie Bauman, CPA, P.C.
office is accepting applications for a Full-Time Accounting Specialist

The focus will be on taxes, accounting and payroll. Duties include preparing income tax returns, financial statements, data entry and processing payrolls. Experience of five to seven years in these areas is preferred.

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Falls City conducts successful community emergency preparedness drill

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Organizers extend their gratitude to Clint Sailors with Falls City Dollar Fresh for donating water and Powerade to help keep firefighters and volunteers safe during the extreme heat. Appreciation is also extended to Ag Partners for providing a much-needed meal to all participants following the conclusion of the drill. Support like this plays a vital role in the success of community preparedness efforts. Preliminary results from the drill highlight strong performance in response



time, teamwork, dispatch communications, and tactical operations—particularly the textbook execution by fire personnel in approaching and spraying the tank. Areas for improvement were identified in incident command coordination and communication across agencies. “Preparedness is a community effort,” said Brian

Kirkendall. “By conducting drills like this, we’re building stronger relationships and ensuring we’re ready to protect and serve our community in any crisis.” A full after-action report will be developed in the coming weeks to support continuous improvement and future planning efforts.

How to help schools and the environment with one simple action

(SPM Wire) The crayons on the table of your favorite family-friendly restaurants keep kids occupied before their meal starts, but in many cases, these art supplies get thrown away when the table gets bused. In fact, more than 60 million crayons are discarded each year in the United States alone. Because crayons are not biodegradable, throwing them away is harmful to the environment. A better destination for these gently-used crayons than the landfill is a

classroom near you. An initiative called National Crayon Collection Month, celebrated in August, invites families and teachers to ask restaurants to save their discarded crayons and donate them to their local schools. This can help ensure every student is well-equipped with much-needed school supplies. To learn more, visit <https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/august/national-crayon-collection-month-august>.

Mini Park Makeover: Falls City Edition

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involved. Every item in the park was donated, including the hours and hours of labor. Whitehouse recalled many stories regarding the beginning days of the Mini Park, chuckling about one instance that made an impression on her. In the early days, the Falls City Alumni Association provided funding for Christmas decorations in the park. However, due to the park’s infancy, no light plugs existed. Mary was forced to run long extension cords throughout the park to supply the lights with power.

Living across the street, above the Sears store at the time, she noticed each morning that the lights would be off when she awoke. After some investigating, she realized someone was stealing the power cords from the park. After losing five or six long cords, Whitehouse put a plan in place that would rival even the best private eyes. One night, she decided to “hide out” in the Nativity barn that sat in the park, patiently waiting for the assailants to reveal themselves.

“The boys came, they were rolling up cords and I barreled out of the stable and we chased for about three blocks,” said Whitehouse. “They didn’t steal any more extension cords.”

Whitehouse also headed up the “Adopt a Pot” campaign that supplied the park with flowers for years. After gathering 100 five-gallon buckets, they were cut in half, with each end of the bucket getting used.

“We took the top half and planted them in the park and we adopted out the bottom half and people from the community came and got them and that’s how the beautiful flowers were in the park for many years.”

The first painting on the wall represents the earliest days in Falls City from 1800 to 1900. The panel depicts Indian earth lodges, a young farmer with a horse plow and the falls of the Nemaha River, from which Falls City got its name. The center panel shows the area from 1900-1940 and includes apple orchards, the first train station and modern farming equipment. The final panel displays the period from 1940 to 1980. It depicts the Veterans Memorial on the courthouse lawn, the National Guard Armory and Falls City Middle School. The addition of the murals to the park was something that Mary Whitehouse insisted on. The local artists involved spent hours researching and crafting the scenes. Artists included Chris Simmonds, Tootie Ebel, Mary Little, Marcia Younker, Jerry Sumpter, Pat Cook and Steve Kruse. The project began with a few people trying to upgrade the blighted area and culminated with a substantial percentage of the community involved.

In 2014, the Mini Park received an essential touch-up as it neared its 30th birthday. Ebel and Steinman restored the paintings and added a wide border to each. At the same time, Dave Sailors, with help from Jeff Martineau, replaced the mounting frames and mural panels. The murals were showing their age and were beginning to rot. At that time, Whitehouse urged the citizens of the area to step up to preserve the park. “People of Falls City, my plea to you is to give a donation of either a commitment of labor in the park or money to hire someone to do it. We need people who will keep the flower beds weeded and free of weeds and tree sprouts. We need people who will mow and do so

on a regular schedule”. There is no Ty Pennington, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Clea Shearer or Johanna Teplin, all from Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, to help. A renovation on this scale needs the help from locals, willing to roll up their sleeves or contribute financially, to make it a reality. For more than two decades, twenty-six years to be exact, Mary Whitehouse held a third-grade mini history class in the park, telling the stories of the murals and keeping the history of Falls City alive in some of the area’s youngest residents.

“I told them how it was their responsibility to make sure that those murals weren’t destroyed,” said Mary. “Those third-grade kids took to heart that lesson and it has been taken care of. Those third-grade kids, for twenty-six years, that’s a lot of kids, they’ve taken very good ownership of keeping that park clean and cared for.”

It should also be noted that Kevin Malone and Bob Aitken donated their time to keep the park mowed for more than 20 years. Now the crew from SNC handles the mowing and upkeep.

Lina Dewald, owner of the south building, has graciously allowed the new mural to be hung side-by-side with the existing three. Towle Realty owns the Mini Park itself.

Donations can be made to the Richardson Foundation for the benefit of the Mini Park by mail to the Richardson Foundation, PO Box 161, Falls City, Ne 68355 or dropped off to Kevin Malone at Frontier Bank. All money raised will go directly to the restoration and installation of the murals, bringing the project to towards the finish line.

“We need a new generation to take charge,” said Whitehouse.



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Not long ago a contributor’s effort to replace his gaming losses brought us a story that otherwise wouldn’t have been written. But this week’s cover is the first time getting out from behind a poker eight-ball has paid off in art work for us. One night recently John Falter became embroiled in a “little game” at The Players, during the course of which he discovered that drawing to an inside straight was much less rewarding than drawing for Post Art Editor Ken Stuart. The game was dealer’s choice, so when Falter’s turn came he decreed a round of Artists and Models and transported the game to his studio. There Falter poker player gave way to Falter artist, and he settled down to making sketches of his friends working their way through stacks of blues and reds. That’s Falter with his back to the window. It’s the first time he’s ever put himself in a painting—with or without a pat hand. johnphilipfaltermuseum.com