

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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August

- 21** FC Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Contest at Stanton Lake 4:00-7:00
- 22** Cobblestone Festival
- 23** Cobblestone Festival Parade 11AM
Jaycees Demolition Derby 6PM
Richardson County Historical Society Program and Annual Meeting 2:00PM
- 24** Cobblestone Festival
- 26** Atchison Co., MO Land Auction, 10:00AM
- 28** Early deadline for advertising and legals for the 9/3 edition of the Falls City Journal-Noon

September

- 1** Office of the Falls City Journal Closed
- 3** Ranch & Farm Land Auction at FC Elks Club 11AM

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Steve Kottich (middle) with his grandchildren, Sam Waller (L) and Stella Waller (R).

Steve Kottich tabbed for Grand Marshal of Cobblestone Parade

“From his days as the mayor of Falls City to all the groups and organizations he has been involved with, he has always given countless hours to our community,” said Doug Goltz in his nomination letter for the 2025 Cobblestone Grand Marshal.

Steve Kottich, a longtime Falls City ambassador, boasts a distinguished record of accomplishments, spanning from his tenure as mayor to his recent presidency of the Richardson Foundation.

While serving Falls City as mayor for a decade, Kottich was instrumental in bringing many businesses to town, but his proudest accomplishment can be pointed to purchasing the gas company.

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Commissioners continue talks involving floodway/floodplain area

The Richardson County Commissioners convened at the courthouse on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, for a regularly scheduled assembly. Board members Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie answered the roll call. Lance Braun of State Senator Bob Hallstrom’s office was again in attendance.

Cooperative Extension Service educator Kaytlyn Kennedy reviewed her 2025-2026 budget with the Board. Kennedy noted that her budget remained largely unchanged from the previous

year, with the exception of a slight increase in office supplies to account for rising material costs.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the Board, discussing road and bridge maintenance and the 2025-2026 budget. The hot topic on Wednesday, yet again, was rock on county roads. Due to such a wet summer and the increased traffic of larger trucks and vehicles on the roads, the rock hasn’t met expectations. Darveau told the Board that the road problems haven’t occurred due to the lack of trying, but the

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Falls City Firefighters respond to car fire north of Falls City on August 13, 2025. (Photo by Alex McKim)

Falls City Firefighters respond to two vehicle fires

Falls City firefighters responded to two vehicle fires and an electrical box fire in separate incidents last week.

The first vehicle fire was reported at 5:47 a.m. August 13 in an alley behind 1310 Lane St. Falls City Police, Richardson County Sheriff’s Office and the Falls City Fire Department arrived to find a car fully engulfed in flames. Engine #32 firefighters applied a heavy stream of water, then injected liquid foam to knock down the flames and prevent the fire from spreading. After the booster tank was emptied, crews switched to a second engine, refilling from a nearby hydrant.

Nebraska State Fire Marshal investigators arrived at about 9:30 a.m. The firemen remained on scene until 11 a.m. assisting with information.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

A second vehicle fire occurred at about 3:15 p.m. the same day when an SUV began filling with smoke on Highway 73 about a mile north of Falls City. The driver pulled over and firefighters again used foam and water to extinguish the flames. Firefighters determined the cause to be electrical. Crews remained on scene until 4 p.m. The vehicle was later moved by the owner.

Both vehicles appear to be total losses.

Earlier in the week, on Aug. 11, firefighters were called to an electrical box fire east of First Interstate Bank at about 6:30 p.m. Crews remained until 7:15 p.m., after the power was shut off.

The incidents were reported by FC Fire Department Public Information Officer Jon McQueen.



Cobblestone 2025 celebrates ‘Hometown Superheroes’ Aug. 21-24

The annual Cobblestone Festival returns to Falls City this week from Aug. 21-24, featuring four days of family-friendly activities under this year’s theme, “Hometown Superheroes.”

The celebration begins Thursday, August 21, with the Falls City Fire Department Fishing Contest at 5:00 p.m. at Stanton Lake.

The Friday, August 22, schedule includes the BPO Does Supermarket Sweep at Dollar Fresh, a children’s art class at Heartland Fine Arts, food and sales vendors from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Stone Street, Sam’s Amusements from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The P.I.E. Little Mister and Miss Cobblestone Crowning at 6 p.m. on the courthouse lawn, the Humane Society Cutest Pet Crowning at 6:15 p.m., a watermelon eating contest at 6:30 p.m. at 1700 Stone Street, youth wrestling at 6:30 p.m., and live music at 7:00 p.m. at the Elk’s Lodge.

Saturday, August 23, events start early with the Community Medical Center Fun Run at 7:00 a.m. at the CMC Nature Trail.

Uptown activities include a car show from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the 1800 block of Stone Street, an antique tractor and equipment show from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Richardson County Ag Museum, food and sales vendors from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., a frog jumping contest at 9:00 a.m., the Buchanan Highlanders Bagpipe Concert at 10:15 a.m., and the parade at 11:00 a.m.

Afternoon events include hot wheels races at 1:00 p.m., the Fire Departments Water Wars from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Sam’s Amusements from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m., a dodgeball tournament at 1:30 p.m., and Train Songs and Tales by David Seay at 2:00 p.m.

The Falls City Area Jaycees Demolition Derby will be held at 6 p.m. at Jaycees’ Arena.

The festival wraps up Sunday, August 24, with food and sales vendors from noon to 5:00 p.m., the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby at 11:30 a.m. in the FC Middle School gymnasium, Sam’s Amusements from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and the FCHS Music Alumni Concert at 2:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

For a full list of events and more information on the Demolition Derby, see ads on Page 7 or visit www.fallscitychamber.com.



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Running and Knee Pain: Debunking the Myths with Science

By Matt Dewald, PT, DPT

You've likely heard -- maybe even from a medical professional -- that "running is bad for your knees." But robust scientific evidence, including X-rays, MRIs, population surveys and long-term data, tells a different story: recreational running doesn't increase the risk of hip or knee osteoarthritis (OA). In fact, it may reduce it.

Debunking the Arthritis Myth: Despite popular belief, running isn't a cause of OA. A 2017 meta-analysis in the Journal of Sports and Orthopaedic Physical Therapy found lower OA rates among recreational runners compared to sedentary individuals. More recently, Hartwell et al. (2024) surveyed 3,804 marathon runners and found no increased OA rates, even among those with decades of high-mileage training. Impressively, 94% reported no diagnosis of hip or knee OA, and many with more years and higher mileage reported less joint pain overall.

The Osteoarthritis Initiative, a longitudinal study of nearly 4,800 individuals over eight years, adds further support. Runners showed no structural progression or narrowing in joint imaging, even among those with pre-existing OA. Interestingly, runners who continued to run were more likely to experience resolution of knee pain than those who didn't.

The Role of Metabolism in Joint Degeneration: OA is increasingly understood as a metabolic condition rather than a wear-and-tear issue. Risk factors like obesity, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol and insulin resistance, which are components of metabolic syndrome, can accelerate cartilage breakdown and raise the likelihood of requiring total knee arthroplasty (TKA).

A large Norwegian cohort study (HUNT data) linked to the Arthroplasty Register found those with metabolic syndrome were significantly more likely to undergo TKA, even when adjusting for lifestyle factors. Similarly, a 2025 case-control study found that 68% of OA patients who had TKA met criteria for metabolic syndrome -- nearly double the rate of those who avoided surgery.

Why Running Helps: Recreational running addresses key metabolic stressors that contribute to OA. It reduces body fat and inflammation by lowering levels of harmful adipokines, which are hormones released by fat cells that promote cartilage damage. Running also boosts insulin sensitivity and helps regulate blood sugar, reducing the low-grade inflammation associated with metabolic syndrome.

From a mechanical perspective, running supports joint integrity. Cartilage thrives on cyclical loading, and running supplies the ideal stimulus to help it stay nourished. Maintaining a healthy weight is also crucial; every extra pound of body weight adds roughly four pounds of compressive force to the knee with each step. Strengthening muscles and building bone density through running improves joint stability, reducing the risk of deterioration.

Smart Training = Injury Prevention

Running injuries are more often linked to training mistakes than to running itself. Sudden mileage increases, lack of strength support or ignoring warning signs are common culprits.

To minimize risk:

- Progress gradually. Avoid large changes in running.
- Incorporate strength training, especially for the glutes, quads, hamstrings and core.
- Tune into your body. Soreness is normal, but sharp or persistent pain warrants rest or adjustment.

Bottom Line: Far from being a joint hazard, running can be a powerful protector, especially for those managing metabolic risk factors. It strengthens supportive structures, counters inflammation and may delay or prevent OA and even TKA. With thoughtful training, running can help preserve joint health for decades to come.

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All things Nebraska Tariffs, low crop prices impacting Nebraska economy in the wrong way

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Driving down the road the other day, I was startled to hear one of our congressional representatives tell NPR that both Nebraska and Iowa were experiencing "basically a recession economy."

Both states have agriculture-based economies, for the most part, and rely on foreign trade. Plus, low crop prices have dogged farmers in recent years.

The new tariffs being imposed, here and there, by President Trump have disrupted export markets for American goods, such as corn and soybeans, and caused a lot of uncertainty for businesses.

Foreign trade is a big deal in our state, contributing \$7.9 billion from agricultural products alone 2023 to the state's economy, according to the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

As a Farm Bureau economist put it a couple of months ago: "(Foreign) trade translates directly to income for farm and ranch families ... the ability to sell products overseas can make the difference between a good year and a tough one for many Nebraska producers"

But recent news hasn't been exactly good.

Nebraska and Iowa recently tied as the states that saw the biggest drop in its gross domestic product -- a 6.1% decrease -- in the first quarter of 2025, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. By comparison, the drop was 0.5% nationwide.

It was the first decrease in GDP in the first quarter since 2022, according to Stateline. In Nebraska and Iowa, the decline was blamed mostly on lower prices for our top commodities, corn and soybeans.

Bacon told the Omaha World-Herald that the new tariffs -- which will ultimately be paid by consumers and local businesses -- haven't helped the local economy.

The newspaper, citing Bureau of Labor Statistics data, stated that growth in non-farm jobs was less than 1% over the past year, and that Nebraska has lost 2,500 manufacturing jobs during that period, along with losing 2,000 jobs in the trades, transportation and utilities.

These are pretty sobering statistics under a president who has promised to make America "great again" and increase domestic manufacturing. (I'm a little leery of that second promise. Seems like a lot of manufacturers are installing robots in their factories, instead of hiring more workers.)

Maybe we will eventually see a booming economy. I heard a Trump economist say that we should all be patient, that once the "big, beautiful bill" tax cuts take hold and the trade wars shake out, we'll all be better off.

But lately we got some sobering data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics about sluggish job growth. In response, the president fired the head of that number-crunching agency, calling the data "rigged"

(without, of course, providing any proof of that).

If you ask me, I'd rather see the president respond to such news by saying "we're going to work hard to improve those numbers." Instead, he fired the person who delivered the news. But what do you expect from someone who has his caddy kick his ball onto the fairway while golfing, rather than playing it where it landed, in the rough or sand trap, where duffers like me often end up?

Meanwhile, trips to the grocery store are getting pricier and pricier. And, I gotta think, there's some worry about making payments in farm country.

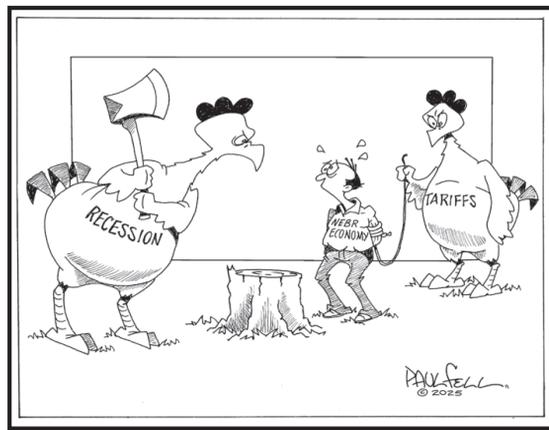
The futures price for corn tumbled toward \$3.70 a bushel last week. That's the lowest level since 2020, due to the expected record corn crop and tough competition from Brazil and Ukraine.

While it is good news that the fields of corn and beans in eastern and central Nebraska look better than ever, we are due for some better economic news beyond that.

Maybe a huge trade deal with China or some other big customer to expand trade instead of contracting it.

I'd even take a few wins for the Huskers.

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ACROSS

1. A long way off
5. Basketball org.
8. *Dr. Seuss' cat headgear
11. Elbow-wrist connection
12. Showing signs of use
13. Legal excuse
15. "The ___ Show" (1976-1980)
16. Black and white cookie
17. Pall ___ and ___ of America
18. *Halle Berry's 2004 role
20. Small island
21. In advance
22. Santa ___ winds
23. *Bouncy, trouncy, flouncy, pouncy one
26. Orbital extremes
30. Half and half
31. Casual top
34. Clerk's call
35. Fortuneteller's props
37. Pub offering
38. *Berlioz, Toulouse and ___ of "Aristocats"
39. ___ perspirant
40. Silo contents
42. Philosophical system
43. More zestful
45. Army's offensives
47. Blast maker, acr.
48. "___ Line Is It Anyway?"
50. Long, long time
52. *Lewis Carroll's smiley ___ Cat
55. Star Wars attacker
56. First rate (2 words)
57. Foolish
59. Jaws of Life manufacturer
60. *Cereal-praising tiger
61. Lake north of Cleveland
62. Comedian Schumer
63. Health resort
64. Communists, slangily

DOWN

1. Summer mo.
2. Flocculant, for short
3. Actress Kendrick
4. Riffraff
5. ___ Jean Baker
6. Certain pudding ingredient
7. Happening soon, old fashioned
8. Ant construction
9. Competent
10. ___ the season!
12. Suitors
13. Type of acid
14. *Garfield's favorite food
19. Sharpens
22. Bldg unit
23. November birthstone
24. Lacking sense
25. Hanukkah coins
26. Atlas stat
27. Chilling
28. Be
29. Champagne flute part, pl.
32. Whisker
33. Not well
36. *What three little kittens lost
38. Decent person, in Yiddish
40. Between game and match
41. "___ Goosey Gander"
44. Magazine's special feature
46. Kidnapper
48. What pertussis patients do
49. Temporary tattoo ink
50. Class reunion attendee
51. With bloodshed
52. *A. L. Webber musical
53. One in a million
54. Children's author Blyton
55. Repeated Cuban dance step
58. An affirmative

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75 Years Ago, August 20, 1950 to August 26, 1950

One day before the start of the second annual Horseplay Days, locals were perplexed by the weather as the temperatures dropped to 42 degrees over the weekend.

The Falls City Legion team chalked up win No. 14, defeating Hiawatha 9-4 at City Park. Frank Falloon pitched six frames for the win and Rich Reschke got the save. Herbster went 2-5 at the plate to lead the locals.

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Ruegge held their annual reunion at Sun Springs with 50 guests in attendance.

Two 1950 members of the 1950 Sacred Heart graduating class entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Charity at Xavier, Kansas. The two were Miss Joan Coupe and Miss Patricia Stowell.

A fire of unknown origin resulted in damage at the home of Dr. L.V. Brennan at 923 East 11th Street.

Mrs. Marion Krause threw a solid right to the midsection of a would-be robber at the Shestak Drug Store. The man attempted to withdraw cash from the register but was met with a swift punch by the clerk, allowing George Barton, who was seated at the soda fountain, to assist in the capture of the suspect.

George Lyon, cashier at Richardson County Bank, discussed a time, half a century ago, when a railroad was proposed to transport people from Falls City to Sycamore Springs. The area was seen as a health resort due to the mineral springs, and a few were discussing financing a train for the 17-mile trip. George said his brother, Ike, was thrilled to come home with a lifetime pass for the railroad that was never built.

One hundred and twenty descendants of Christian Rist attended the 22nd annual Rist reunion at the Humboldt City Auditorium.

An estimated 3,500 people attended the horse show, and 1,500 participated in the dance on Tuesday evening during Horseplay Days, and an estimated 10,000 attended the parade on Tuesday afternoon.

Pfc. Frederick Brink of the U.S. Marines was the first Richardson County soldier to be wounded in the Korean War. Word was received from the hospital in Osaka, Japan, that Brink was in a cast, but shouldn't have any permanent disabilities.

Falls City football coach Jack McIntire said he had 53 athletes on hand for the opening of fall camp.

The Shubert schools opened with only one change in the teaching staff, according to Superintendent Miss Doris Bright. The new member was Edward Harris of Omaha.

For sale—1936 Standard Chevrolet, radio, heater, good condition. \$125. See at 622 Wilson after 5:30 p.m.

50 Years Ago, August 20, 1975 to August 26, 1975

Joyce Drumm of Stella and Jerry Anderson of Humboldt were among more than 200 youth leaders from over Nebraska that attended the 15th annual Nebraska Conference of Youth in Lincoln.

Wayne Gatz, leading Knight of the Falls City Elks Lodge and Norman Fritz, squire and their wives hosted a whole hog barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gatz. The guests were the officers, trustees, house committee members and their families.

New teachers in the public school system were introduced at a luncheon at the Elks Club. Those included Mary Bauman, Gary Nelson, Evelyn Neihaus, Dennis Crawford, Debbie Keasling, Dave Rombach, Cherry Cook and Kirsten Anderson.

Jean Vonderschmidt and grandson Kevin were pictured holding half-eaten watermelons. Vonderschmidt had been raising melons since 1930, but in the past couple of years had to battle coyotes who evidently had developed a sweet tooth.

New Peru St. football coach Jerry Joy posed for a picture with five Richardson County athletes on his squad. Those included were Dave Werner, Mike Hall, Dick Ramsey, Mike Bird and Tim Lyons.

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were reported to be traveling together in Switzerland after 14 months of divorce and another reconciliation. Burton was quoted as saying they might remarry in Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stednitz of Laguna Beach were the parents of a son. The nine-pound, six-ounce boy was named Nicholas Ivan.

The first watershed construction in Richardson County was wrapping up on the Cecil Faller land northeast of Falls City. It was one of 16 structures to be built in the 12,100-acre watershed. Work was also underway on the properties of Mrs. Christine Fischer, Mrs. Earl Rieger, Mrs. Josephine Ernst and on a farm owned by Gilbert Thomas, Neal Thomas and Mrs. Lydia Poitner.

Twelve members of the Past Noble Grand Club of Rebekah's met at the community room at East View for a picnic supper. Hostesses were Mrs. Anna Lowe, Mrs. V. C. Bindrum and Mrs. John Barkley.

For sale—watermelons. All day Saturday and Sunday and after 5 p.m. weekdays. 10 miles north of Preston Corner, first house east. Terry and Kevin Wiltse.

Coaching the Tiger football team were assistants Larry Munn, Dennis Crawford and head Coach Mike Butler.

School bells rang for 1,269 students in the Falls City Public Schools and 217 students starting the year at Sacred Heart.

The state horseshoe championship was held at City Park, with Don McCance of Lexington winning his 16th title in 17 years.

Matt Froeschl, Tom Harmon, Phil Froeschl, and Scott Kreifels were the four senior veterans who would lead the Sacred Heart football team for Coach Bill Jenkins.

Kenneth Frederick was named assistant manager at the Firestone store.

25 Years Ago, August 20, 2000 to August 26, 2000

Lori Gottula earned an honorable mention in the Nebraska Screenwriting Contest for her screenplay entitled "Wavin' Charlie."

After an hour's delay, the Cobblestone Parade went on, and those riding on floats got a thorough drenching. However, the timely rain was much appreciated by the area farmers. Before the rain, the crops in the area had deteriorated badly.

The City Council unanimously endorsed the Library Building Committee's upcoming fund drive for donations and grants for the construction of a new library.

Jessica Howard was selected to receive a Peru State College Foundation scholarship.

Tim and Karen Pfister announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristi, to Jason Tollefsrud of Waconia, Minnesota.

Former Falls City High School boys' basketball coach Dennis Crawford was hired as the new head boys' basketball coach at Auburn High School.

Norm Fritz had his name called at the Jaycees Demolition Derby, winning a \$3,000 travel voucher redeemable at Falls City Travel and raffled by the Jaycees.

Amanda Jones and her macaw won Best-Dressed Pet and the Most Unusual categories in the Pet Contest at Cobblestone.

High temperatures sent kids home early in the Falls City area. With temps in the mid-90s all week, each school in the county dismissed early each day.

The school year began in Falls City with 994 students in the public school system and 261 at Sacred Heart. Southeast had an enrollment of 242, Dawson-Verdon was at 181 and Humboldt had 261 enrollees.

"What Lies Beneath," starring Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer, was shown at the Arrow Twin Theatres in Hiawatha.

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weather hasn't permitted the rock trucks to run as often as he'd like.

"You can't run when you get three inches one day, you get a day off and it rains an inch and a half, you get two days off and it rains, you just can't go," said Darveau.

Darveau explained that the "trash" in the rock that the County has hauled for two decades turns slick in the rain, making conditions less than favorable.

Darveau said one fix to the problem will be costly, but hauling "clean" rock should help with the slick roads. In areas where clean rock has been used, the problems don't seem to be as noticeable after a rain. He also noted that cleaning ditches and allowing water to run off roads will help. Darveau also stated that he has spoken with his employees about paying attention to the roads and adjusting the speed accordingly when dumping rock.

Road work on the "Dustless" highway was also discussed. Darveau hopes to complete a chip and seal on the road for now and apply for grants to do a two-inch mill and a three-inch overlay on the road in the future.

A larger tractor for the Road Department was also discussed. The bigger unit would be used to pull both the road groom and a shredder. The current tractor is undersized and cannot be adequately utilized for shredding. The tractor that the Department currently uses is 99 horsepower. Darveau also mentioned the weight of the tractor being an issue, as it is too light to pull a shredder or disk safely. The Road Department will test a 150 hp tractor to determine if it is sufficient for the required work.

Rob Tichy, County Surveyor, met with the Board to discuss the 2025-2026 budget.

Sheriff Hardesty addressed the Board, stating that the jail was currently housing 18 inmates. The Sheriff also said he was notified that the Department was approved for the "Drive Sober—Get Pulled Over" grant. The grant runs from August 16-September 3 and aims to educate people about the dangers and consequences of driving drunk. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, one person is killed about every 42 minutes in drunk-driving crashes, totaling more than 12,000 lives lost every year. In 2023, 511 people were killed in traffic accidents over Labor Day weekend; 36 percent of those crashes involved a drunk driver. The grant reimburses the County for overtime incurred by the Sheriff's Department during the grant period.

Hardesty also discussed the 2025-2026 budget with the Board.

Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall discussed an application for a floodplain variance, which was submitted by Pat Duax of 66310 703 Lane, in Rulo, to complete walls and fill to install a swimming

pool. The Board reviewed the application but did not take any action on the item due to the failure to supply a "no-rise certificate" with the petition.

According to Kirkendall, the no-rise certificate has to come from an engineering firm. Kirkendall said he had recently spoken to an engineer who gave him a ballpark figure of costing upwards of \$100,000. The engineer he spoke with doesn't offer no-rise certificates, but previously had with a past firm. The engineer stressed that much of the cost associated with the no-rise certificate is due to the liability of the firm that issues it.

Kirkendall stated that the County was in the process of changing the ordinance to allow non-inhabitable structures to be built, but questioned whether or not the current ordinance was being enforced.

"Well, we should be," said County Attorney Samantha Scheitel.

"Are we going to try to stop them before they start building?" asked Kirkendall.

Scheitel replied, "While it's not favorable to probably anyone that lives down there, if the County doesn't enforce the ordinance as it stands, we could get ourselves in trouble. We have to enforce it."

Kirkendall questioned what action would be taken if someone decides to ignore the decree and build something without approval.

According to Scheitel, there are penalties with-

in the ordinance that the County will have to enforce. Kirkendall stated the fine for such a penalty is \$500 per day until the structure is removed and put back to grade.

As stated by Kirkendall, under the ordinance, it is his job to enforce the ordinance.

"The problem is, if the County doesn't enforce the ordinance and the state finds out that we are not enforcing it, it's going to affect funding that the County gets," said Scheitel.

The ordinance in question was passed in 2021 and was necessary for the County to be eligible for the Nebraska Flood Insurance Program. Currently, the Flood Insurance Program pertains to 18 people and three million dollars' worth of policies.

The Board reviewed the July 2025 monthly operating budget.

The Board also approved an amendment to the TumbleReeds, LLC liquor license to include additional outdoor seating and to include an existing concrete patio and large grassy area, which is surrounded by a fence.

The Board also met with representatives from NextEra Energy Resources. The contingent informed the Commissioners that the company is reviewing certain areas inside the County regarding possible development for a solar project.

Claims were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The office of Falls City Journal closed for Labor Day

The Falls City Journal office will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day.

The deadline for the Sept. 3, 2025, edition will be Thursday, Aug. 28, by the close of business.

That edition will be delivered on schedule. Due to early printing deadlines we may not be able to accept late advertisements or legals so please plan accordingly.

Richardson County Historical Society Program & Annual Meeting 2:00PM, Aug. 23

Featuring David Seay and his presentation titled "Train Songs and Tales."

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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

With school starting and the Labor Day holiday weekend approaching, the Falls City Police Department wants to remind everyone: drunk driving is deadly, illegal behavior, it puts the driver, their passenger(s), and everyone else using the roadways at terrible risk. If you have been drinking adult beverages or feel impaired from using any other substance, do not get behind the wheel of any type of vehicle.

During the 2022 Labor Day holiday, there were 490 crash fatalities, 39 percent (190) involved a drunk driver, and a quarter (25 percent) involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice the legal limit (.15+). Among drivers between 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the Labor Day holiday in 2022, 47 percent of those drivers were drunk with BACs of .08 or higher.

The Falls City Police Department wants everyone to enjoy their end of

summer activities, so joining with other State and Local Law Enforcement agencies the Falls City Police Department will be participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement activity from August 16 through September 1, 2025. This enforcement activity will hopefully result in reducing fatal and serious alcohol/impaired driving related injury-death crashes in Nebraska providing safer travels for all.

During the enforcement period Officers will be working overtime, conducting saturation patrols, concentrating on taking drunk/impaired drivers off the streets and highways. The overtime for this enforcement activity is being funded through a grant provided by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Traffic Safety Office.

Remember, drive safely, use designated drivers, report unsafe driving behaviors, and please, Buckle Up-Every Trip-Every Time.

NE Chamber releases 2025 business report

The Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry has released its 2025 Results for Business report, a comprehensive recap of the most recent legislative session and the impact of the Chamber's advocacy at the Capitol.

The report details 16 priority bills the NE Chamber engaged on last session. Nine of those bills were included in a scorecard at the end of the report, showing each senator's alignment with the

NE Chamber's priorities.

NE Chamber President and CEO Todd Bingham opened the report with an introductory letter to members since joining the NE Chamber in May. He reflects on his 30+ year career at the intersection of policy and business, with reference to how Utah prioritized growth the last two decades and now has the results to show for it.

Hunter Traynor, NE Chamber EVP of Legislation and Policy, also em-

phasized how sustained economic growth is Nebraska's best strategy for shared prosperity and that this past legislative session, the NE Chamber supported policies focused on talent, innovation and investment. From Hunter's letter: "[A]t its core, growth is the best people policy: it creates jobs, expands opportunity and wages, and gives communities momentum to thrive."

The Results for Business report is published annually and distributed to Chamber members, elected officials and stakeholders across Nebraska.

To see the results and how your Senator voted on various bills, go to <https://www.nechamber.com/results-for-business.html>.

REMEMBER: In Nebraska, the lease termination date for an oral carryover lease is September 1.

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SOCIETY

Does Drove #56

Submitted

Monday, August 11th, 2025 Falls City Does Drove #56, NE met at the Elks Lodge.

President Dessie Scholl called the meeting to order. The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Secretary Linda Frost read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Committee reports were given. Nancy McKim sent birthday cards to Glenda Bippes and Kenna Nixon. Happy birthday was sung to Nancy, Glenda and Betsy Coolidge. For Benevolence Dessie told of the Elks project installing flag poles and flags representing all the armed forces. The Does will support a pole and flag in memory of all Marines. The dedication date will be October 12th. The Falls City Elks #963 will also be celebrating their 120 years of organization in Falls City. A dinner will be held followed by the Chief's game. The Does will assist the Elks with the celebration.

Linda reported for lapsation. She also gave the audit report in absence of auditor Susan Wilhelm.

Karen will sell our pecans on Saturday afternoon August 23 during Cobblestone in front of Hometown Floral.

Members were reminded to get tickets sold for the Supermarket Sweep to be held on Friday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh.

Dessie named her Nominating committee. They are Linda, Nancy and Glenda.

The Iowa-Minnesota-Nebraska East District meeting will be in Atlantic, Iowa October 16-18. Falls City has been assigned the Ritualistic Initiation Ceremony.

The Coin March was held. Door prizes were won by Linda, Nancy, Betsy, Phyllis and Marlene McKim.

Mary Wiltse served refreshments assisted by absentee Leecia Hillyard.

The next meeting will be September 8th with hostesses Dessie and Mary Ann Wenz.

Richardson County Fair Queen voting well on its way as it enters fifth week

Richardson County Queen voting is well on its way. Please have all votes turned in by 4:00 p.m. for the votes to count.

Queen Votes as of August 14, 2025 were: Chloe Shupp, 119,960,413; Ella Glathar, 84,440,797; Kendall Freeman, 18,617,993; MaKena Dunlap, 16,404,914; Miranda Rist, 16,156,378; Elie Bstendig, 12,331,032; Jorja DeJonge, 8,796,152; Hannah Lindsey, 6,690,458; Shayer Cumro, 4,399,944; Maddie Bredemeier, 3,003,326.

The following businesses are voting locations:

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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.

BUILDING PERMITS

Regina Barber, 816 E 16th St.; Install Furnace and AC, \$9,000.00.

Dora Willey, 1015 Chase St.; Replace Electric Water Heater, \$900.00.

Poppe Realty and Mgmt, 1810 Harlan St.; Install Furnace and AC, \$13,000.00.

Blessedx3 Boutique, 117 E. 17th St.; Install Sign, \$200.00.

Shawn Thompson, 1220 Chase St.; Replace Roof, \$17,000.00.

Shawn Thompson, 1210 Chase St.; Replace Roof, \$14,000.00.

Valley Avenue Baptist Church, 2023 Valley Ave.; Replace HVAC, \$1,500.00.

Shawn Thompson, 1216 Chase St.; Replace Roof, \$8,500.00.

Paige Shiley Jante, 1322 Morton St.; Replace Roof, \$15,000.00.

City of Falls City, 1200 Barada St.; Install Sign, \$8,450.00.

MK Home Realty, 909 Wilson St.; Install Shed, \$1,500.00.

MK Home Realty, 909 Wilson St.; Install Deck, \$1,000.00.

Matthew and Machia Kirkendall, 2403 McLean St.; Install Shed, \$200.00.

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Falls City continues mosquito control efforts

Falls City is continuing its mosquito control program through regular fogging and monitoring. The city conducts fogging after sunset on a bi-weekly basis and, at times, weekly, depending on the mosquito life cycle and weather conditions.

The Southeast District of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services sets three mosquito traps in the Falls City area every other week to help determine spraying needs. According to DHHS data, no West Nile virus-infected mosquitos have been detected in the area so far in 2025.

Residents are advised to stay at least 100 feet from the fogging truck and go indoors if spraying is in progress. The city also reminds residents not to follow the truck.

To help reduce mosquito populations, officials recommend removing standing water where mosquitos can lay eggs. Items such as tires, buckets, and toys that can collect water should be emptied or turned over. Bird baths and pet water bowls should be refreshed at least once a week, and gutters should be kept clear so water can drain properly.

More information on mosquito-borne diseases is available at the Nebraska DHHS website: dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Mosquito-Borne-Diseases.aspx.

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Drug Enforcement Administration encourages open conversations on dangers of drugs and social media as students return to school

As students across the state prepare to return to school, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Omaha Division is encouraging families to have open conversations about the potentially lethal consequences of drug experimentation and the threat posed by drug dealers on social media.

In Nebraska, DEA has seized more than 145,000 fentanyl pills in the first seven months of 2025. This number is more than triple the amount seized by DEA in Nebraska in all of 2024 and represents close to 85,000 deadly doses of fentanyl removed from communities.

Social media plays a significant role in the life of students and cartels are taking advantage of this audience. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to emphasize the dangers associated with buying pills online. In Nebraska, DEA has seized fentanyl pills made to resemble common prescription medications such as Xanax®, Adderall® and Oxycodone®. Never trust your eyes to determine if a pill is legitimate or counterfeit. The only safe medications are prescribed by a trusted medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.

“We know that a lot of families sit down at the start of a new school year to go over things like dealing with bullies, taking precautions when walking home and staying organized with classes,” DEA Omaha Division Acting Special Agent in Charge Rafael Mattei said. “We want families to engage on the tough topics including the use of social media for buying and selling drugs. One pill can kill. Let’s raise awareness in our communities and prevent families from suffering a tragic loss of life.”

For families unsure how to begin a conversation on the dangers of drug use, the DEA has resources and fact sheets available online: <https://www.dea.gov/onepill/partner-toolbox>. Conversation starters, information on drugs including street names and side effects, and helpful tips on ways to stay engaged in these important conversations year-round, are available based on age and grade.



WHO'S IN THIS WEEK'S PHOTO? We're asking for your help in solving the mystery each week of our thousands of photos. If you know who is pictured, please email us at brian@fcjournal.net or nikki@fcjournal.net and look in an upcoming issue or our Facebook page for answers. This week's photo's are from Cobblestone August 15, 1987. (Jan Mason contacted us about last week's Stella photo. She identified a former Stella teacher, Mrs. Rieke students, Carol Glathar, Janet Storang, Cathy Banks and Nona Jacobitz. Thank you to Mrs. Mason.)

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPT. ACCIDENT REPORTS

According to Falls City Police Department accident reports, on August 3, Cara Cudney of Falls City was parked at the gas pump facing south. Michael Waggoner of White Cloud, KS was backing out of the parking stall and backed into Cudney. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Cudney vehicle; An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Waggoner vehicle.

PSC seeks homecoming parade entries

Registrations are now being accepted for the upcoming Peru State College 2025 Homecoming parade.

The theme for this year's festivities is “Bobcat 500 – Revved Up for Homecoming.” The parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 4.

Parade entries are available online at <https://bit.ly/PSCParade> and are due by Friday, September 26, at 5 p.m. Participants will be contacted with information regarding the parade route and line-up.

For more information regarding the 2025 parade, contact Student Senate President Lucas Hrabik at Lucas.Hrabik12957@bobcats.peru.edu. Additional information about the 2025 Homecoming can be found at <https://www.peru.edu/events/homecoming/>

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Good News Assembly of God (600 Reavis St)
Sunday School, 9:30AM; Worship, 10:40AM. Wed: Good News Kids, 6:30PM. Listen to sermons online, www.mynag.com. *Tim Boatright, Pastor. 245-3977*

Corner Stone Baptist Church N. Highway 73 to Blue Valley Behavior Health Inc., turn east.
Sunday School Bible Hour, 9:30AM; Worship hours, 10:30AM & 6:30PM. Wednesday: Bible study & Prayer time, 7 p.m.; Lively Stone Kids Klub, K-6. *Pastor Mike Dumleavy. 402-245-2049 (home), 402-245-4245 (church)*

Church of Christ 2701 Barada St.
Sun: Worship service, 10:30AM; Bible study (all ages), 9:30AM. Wed: Bible study for all ages, 6:00PM. *245-5857. Josh Maxwell, Preacher, 402-245-7148*

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS (23rd & Barada)
www.fallscitylcms.blogspot.com Holy Communion celebrated 2nd & 4th Sundays. Sun: Divine service, 9AM; Sunday School, 10AM. First Tues: Care & Outreach 6:30PM. Third Thurs. of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2:00PM. *Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor. 402-245-3324*

First Church of Nazarene (1812 Wilson)
Sunday School, 9:00-10:00AM; morning worship, 10:00-11:00AM

First United Methodist Church (1700 Harlan St)
Sun: Worship Service, 10:30AM. Broadcast previous service on 1230 KTNC AM and 107.1 FM at 11:00AM. fumc@sentco.net. *402-245-3281*

NorthRidge Falls City (1820 Morton St.)
Sunday School, 9:00AM; Worship Services, 10:00AM. (402) 245-2167. www.northridge-network.org/falls-city

Sts. Peter and Paul (1820 Fulton)
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Zion United Church of Christ 65763 709 Rd, Falls City.
Sun: Worship service, 9:00AM; Communion, first Sun. of each month. <http://www.facebook.com/fallscity-cooperativeministry>. *Pastor, Grant Speece. 402-980-5960 cell, 245-2398 office*

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA (20th and Towle Street)
9AM-Sunday School pre-school thru adult, during school year; 10AM-Worship; Wed. 6:30PM-Confirmation; 7:30PM-Choir Practice. Call for Youth, Bible Studies & Women's Group schedules. *Joanna Kathol, Pastor. 402-245-3828*

BARADA

Barada Global Methodist Church 717 Rd./652 Blvd.
Worship Service 9:15AM; Sunday School 10:30AM. Services held in Barada on the 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. Services Held at St. Peter's ELCA on the 1st & 3rd Sun. of the month. *Pastor Mike Hadler. 402-245-4584*

RULO

Immaculate Conception (Rulo)
Sun. Confessions, 8:00AM; Mass, 8:30AM. Daily Mass schedule: Mon.-Fri., 6:30AM. *Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor*

Riverside Fellowship 117 S 3rd St., Rulo, NE.
Sun. Worship 9AM. Fellowship, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 10AM Following Worship. *David Showalter, Pastor*

DAWSON

St. Mary's (Dawson)
Weekend Mass: Sat., 5:30PM; Sun, 8:30AM. Daily Mass: 7:30AM Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. Check bulletin for changes, weekday mass schedules. Call rectory; confessions before Mass. *Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor. 855-3595 or 245-4151*

SHUBERT

St. Anne's (Shubert)
Sun. Mass: 10:30AM; confessions before Mass. *Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor. 855-3595 or 245-4151*

Prairie Union Baptist Church (Rural Shubert)
Sun: Morning Worship 10:30AM, Sunday School 9:30AM. Communion is served the first Sun. of every month. *Bob Heusman, Pastor*

STELLA

Stella Community Church
Sun: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30AM; adults Sunday School, 10:30AM. *John States, Pastor*

Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of Stella)
Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM. Website: www.gbfcchurch.com. *Dave Lockard, Pastor. Office: 402-883-2110*

HUMBOLDT

The Four Mile Church (South of Humboldt)
Sunday: Church services, 9:00AM. *Howard Blecha, Pastor*

ARAGO

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

VERDON

Verdon Christian Church Disciples of Christ (400 Walnut St.)
Sun: Worship, Summer: 7PM, Winter: 6PM. Find us on Facebook at Verdon Christian Church. verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com. *Rev. Daniel Spencer. Call or text: 402-801-0374*

WHITE CLOUD, KS

Lighthouse Church of God (2202 330th, White Cloud, KS)
Sunday School, 9:30AM; Church Service, 10:30AM. *Rev. Charles J. Haney, Pastor. 785-862-1107*

BIG LAKE, MO

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

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Paladin Firearms and Gunsmithing celebrates grand opening in Falls City

By: Amber Holle

Paladin Firearms and Gunsmithing officially opened its doors with a grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on Friday, August 8, at 1801 Stone Street, Suite B, in Falls City. Friends, family, community members, and local leaders gathered to welcome the new business and show support for owners, Isaac and Cozett Knight.

Isaac Knight, whose passion for firearms and craftsmanship sparked the launch of the shop, began his journey into gunsmithing by building custom ARs. An experience he describes as “the bug bite” that started it all. Encouraged by friends and family, he pursued a degree in Firearms Technology from Sonoran Desert Institute, graduating in August 2022. After earning his credentials, he began the licensing process and turned his

vision into reality with the opening of Paladin Firearms and Gunsmithing.

The business offers a range of services, including firearm and ammunition sales, firearm transfers, and comprehensive gunsmithing work such as diagnostics, cleanings, optic mounting, restorations, and repairs. The store also carries firearm magazines, rifle scopes, pistol sights, and personal protective equipment including hearing protection, safety glasses, and hunter orange apparel.

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FCPD ACCIDENT REPORTS

According to Falls City Police Department accident reports, on August 13, Michael Marteny was traveling south on Harlan Street when he struck Yolanda Montoya of Falls City, who was westbound on 19th Street. Neither drivers were injured in the collision. An estimated \$3,000 in damage was done to the vehicle driven by Montoya; an estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Marteny vehicle.

Steve Kottich tabbed for Grand Marshal of Cobblestone Parade

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Kottich noted that KCP&L owned only two entities in Nebraska, making the city’s purchase a sensible decision for everyone.

Kottich was also mayor when the Union Pacific Railroad was pulling train crews out of Falls City.

“I knew the governor and he got me a meeting with Dick Davidson, who was the top guy in the railroad,” said Kottich. “I went to Omaha by myself. I didn’t know any better. Here was the governor and president of UP, and they both said, Okay, here we are, what do you have to say?”

Kottich also spent four years on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska League of Municipalities, serving as the group’s president in his final year.

Laughing, Kottich reminisced about the year an ice storm struck during Halloween, sitting on his front porch, hearing branches cracking all around him.

“I said nope, nobody out,” said Kottich. “Believe it or not, I got my butt chewed by a bunch of mothers. I originally thought, well, we’ll have it two weeks later. The problem was that there was so much damage that everybody had to take their trees and put them in the street.”

Long story short, the damage was so widespread that Halloween was not only postponed, it was also canceled.

Kottich was an owner of Miller-Monroe for many years in Falls City, but got his start by himself in 1978. After roughly five years, Kottich bought out Don Coupe and began his time at Miller-Monroe. One of the long-term reasons for purchasing the business was to bring family back to Falls City.

“I saw the opportunity to maybe bring a son-in-law home and a daughter and one of them be an agent,” said Kottich. “That way it would get the grandkids around, and it worked.”

His son-in-law, Doug Waller, purchased his share of the business, joining Steve Simon in the firm.

Nowadays, in his free time, Steve enjoys watching his grandkids compete in sports.

“I think I’ve got to set the record for watching the most youth, high school and junior high games,” said Kottich.

Over the years, Kottich has been a referee on the football field and basketball court and has spent time announcing Sacred Heart football and basketball contests.

In keeping with the Cobblestone theme, I asked Steve what superhero he would aspire to be if given the opportunity. After a brief pause, he responded with a not-so-surprising answer.

“I would like to be Superman so I could fly all over the place,” laughed Kottich. “I always thought that would be cool since I was a kid.”

He said he is still driven to help Falls City because he sees people, such as those from WASP, another business he helped bring to town, retiring. Kottich said seeing those people retiring with such good benefits makes him feel good, knowing he was instrumental in getting the business to town so many years ago.

Kottich still sits on the EDGE Board and Executive Committee.

“It is weird for me,” said Kottich. “All of a sudden, now I’m the 70-year-old relic.”

He emphasized the understanding that he can’t continue to serve indefinitely, but he isn’t quite ready to pass the torch just yet, as he believes his years of experience can still be beneficial.

He emphasized the importance and the rarity of how the chamber, the city, the county and the private sector work together to better the area and “it’s a testament to all those people.”

The 1974 Sacred Heart graduate returned to Falls City after he and his wife, Diana Merz, got married. Diana was offered and took a job at Falls City, setting the next four-plus decades in motion.

“We had choices, but we chose Falls City because of all the pluses,” said Kottich. “We both had a nice childhood and we knew what it could offer. We don’t regret the decision, never have. People are connected around here and I like that.”

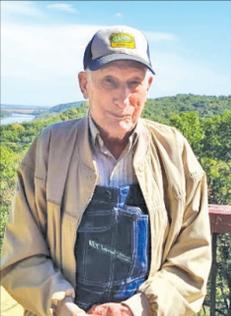
After going down memory lane, I asked Steve what he is currently most proud of when it comes to the area. He replied very simply, stating how many projects the Richardson Foundation has had its hands on over the years. He stressed the importance of the Foundation as the number one reason he hasn’t left it.

“Until I see somebody else that has the background I have, I don’t really want to pass it off because I’m afraid it will die on the vine,” said Kottich.

“I feel honored because sometimes you get to hearing all the negativity and that, but there are a lot of people out there that appreciate what you do,” said Kottich about being named Grand Marshal. Kottich said he’s sure he has upset some people over the years by saying or doing certain things; however, and more importantly, many people in the community have been appreciative of what he has given.

“He is always ready to lend a hand,” said Goltz as he finished his nomination letter. “He has been a great leader and spokesman for our community.”

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Friday, August 22nd	
4pm -- BPO Does Supermarket Sweep	Dollar Fresh
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6-10pm -- Food & Sales Vendors	Stone Street
6-10pm -- Sam’s Amusements	Stone Street
6pm -- P.I.E. Little Mister & Miss Cobblestone Crowning	Courthouse Lawn
6:15pm -- Humane Society Cutest Pet Crowning	Courthouse Lawn
6:30pm -- Dollar Fresh Watermelon Eating Contest	1700 Stone Street
6:30pm -- Youth Wrestling Dual	1700 Stone Street
7pm -- Glow in the Dark Cornhole Tournament & Live Music	Elk’s Lodge
Saturday, August 23rd	
7am -- Community Medical Center Fun Run	CMC Nature Trail
8am-2pm -- Car Show	1800 Block of Stone Street
8am - 2pm -- Antique Tractor & Equipment Show	Richardson Co. Ag Museum
9am-10pm -- Food & Sales Vendors	Stone Street
9am -- Frog Jumping Contest	1700 Stone Street
10:15am -- Buchanan Highlanders Bagpipe Concert	First United Methodist Church
11am -- Parade	Harlan Street
12pm -- First United Methodist Church Luncheon	1700 Harlan Street
1pm -- Hot Wheels Races	1800 Stone Street
1-3pm -- Fire Departments Water Wars	1300 Stone Street
1-10pm -- Sam’s Amusements	Stone Street
1:30pm -- Dodgeball Tournament	Prichard Auditorium
2pm -- Train Songs & Tales by David Seay	Richardson Co. Ag Museum
6pm -- Falls City Area Jaycees Demolition Derby	Jaycees’ Arena
Sunday, August 24th	
12-5pm -- Food & Sales Vendors	Stone Street
11:30pm -- Boy Scout Pinewood Derby	FC Middle School Gymnasium
1-5pm -- Sam’s Amusements	Stone Street
2pm -- FCHS Music Alumni Concert	FC High School Auditorium

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By the time this hits the newsstands, Nebraska's season-opener against Cincinnati will be less than 10 days away. Coach Matt Rhule and the Huskers have a lot riding on this season, but what is realistic versus expectations? This fall, I feel as though the two go hand-in-hand; my expectations, although lofty, seem quite manageable when you take a deeper dive. The schedule overall looks favorable for the Big Red as they rank in the middle of the pack in the Big Ten and somewhere in the 35 range nationally. It also bodes in the Huskers' favor to not have Ohio St. or Oregon on the list this fall, both find themselves inside the top-10 to open the year.

The season opens a week from Thursday when the Big Red faithful will pack Chiefs' stadium in Kansas City for a matchup against Big 12 foe Cincinnati. The Bearcats will be a solid foe, but the Huskers are hungry and will get the win to move to 1-0.

Game two is in Lincoln when the Akron Zips of the Mid-American Conference come to town. Not much to see here. Great opportunity to get some new players minutes-Husker move to 2-0.

The Huskers move to 3-0 the following week when Houston Christian comes to town. Last fall, the Huskies went 5-7 in the Southland Conference. Again, nothing to see here. Blowout win by the Huskers, moving to a perfect 3-0.

Here's where the season begins to get real. The Michigan Wolverines come to town on September 20, but will be without the services of head coach Sherrone Moore. Moore will be serving a suspension that was handed down by the NCAA for a sign-stealing scandal. In addition to the suspension, Michigan will be fined heavily by the NCAA, possibly as much as \$35 million before it is said and done. With all the turmoil in Ann Arbor, the Big Red is poised to pounce and give Coach Rhule his biggest win to date. Huskers win a close one thanks to a revamped special teams. Huskers are rolling at 4-0.

After a bye week, another Michigan team comes to town, this time our old friend Sparty from East Lansing. Is it realistic for Nebraska to move to a perfect 5-0? Probably not. However, I see it happening and Nebraska moving inside the top-15 in the polls.

Nebraska goes on the road for back-to-back games after that, first at Maryland and then at the pesky Minnesota Golden Gophers. The Maryland game is a trap game and the Huskers will fall for the first time. However, the following week, Nebraska will end Minnesota's five-game winning streak against the Big Red and move to 6-1 for the year. P.J. Feck's team will run out of magic, falling to Nebraska by two scores.

Next up, the Northwestern Wildcats. The teams have split the last six games, but Nebraska is starting to pull away from teams like Northwestern. Easy win in Lincoln, 7-1.

Don't look now, but Nebraska is bowl eligible and hungry for more. The vaunted USC Trojans come to town and Nebraska is out for revenge. A late controversial interception in the endzone by the Trojans sealed the win last year in Los Angeles; the same won't happen in Lincoln. Nebraska will also roll out an all-black uniform for this game. The athletic department is encouraging fans to wear all black for the contest. Fans take note, leave your red or white hats, shirts, jackets, whatever at home. It would be great for everyone to understand the assignment and follow it; that rarely happens at Memorial Stadium. Anyway, back to the game, Nebraska has too much talent and picks up its eighth win of the season, up next, UCLA.

Again, this was another contest that got away last fall in Lincoln. This year at the Rose Bowl, Nebraska shocks
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Galen Harmon, Chaz Dunn and Weston Witt



Jessie Montgomery and Angie Hillyard

Dunn and Montgomery repeat as Club Champions

The Falls City Golf Course hosted the 2025 Club Championship last weekend. For the third time, Chaz Dunn took home the Club Championship. Dunn's gross score of 141 was four strokes better than his score of 145 last year. Chaz fired a 67 on the first day and followed it up with a 74 on Sunday for the win. Eli Bachman and Jeremy Kirkendall tied for second place with 145s. The Handicap Championship went to Weston Witt with a net of 135. Witt had a first round of 79 (66) and shot an 82 (69) on Sunday.

The First Flight title went to Witt with a 135, Galen

Harmon won the Second flight with a 145 and Doug Waller took the third flight with a 141.

For the second consecutive year, Jessie Montgomery took home the Women's Club Championship. Montgomery fired a 65 (71) on Saturday and a 70 (76) on Sunday to secure her second straight title with a gross score of 147. The Handicap Championship went to Angie Hillyard with a net score of 143. Hillyard shot a 100 (71) on Saturday and a 101 (72) on Sunday for the win. Barb Kelly won the Championship Flight with a net of 147, while Hillyard won the first flight with a 143.

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals. Early League results from Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Team 1 (5.50) Liberty, Brandon 40-38; Bennett, Chuck 49-38. Team 6 (0.50) Kurpgeweit, Lee 46-39; Heinzelman, Denny 56-45.

Team 2 (2.00) Malcolm, Terry 51-41; Kermoade, Terry 54-41. Team 5 (4.00) Daake, Brian 49-42; Murphy, Jim 54-37.

Team 3 (0.00) Hays, Gary 51-47; Vonseggern, Bill 52-40. Team 4 (6.00) Ebel, Ron 39-34; Romine, Alan 48-37.

Team 7 (0.50) James, Charles (F); Mullins, Jim 52-42. Team 9 (5.50) May, Mark 50-42; Severin, Steve 63-42.

Team 8 (4.50) Hillyard, Mark 46-38; Hankins, Dan 51-40. Team 10 (1.50) Foster, Tim 49-39; Veigel, Merle 58-40.

Late League results from Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Team 1 (4.00) Simon, Steve 40-39; Ferguson, Don 42-35; Waller, Doug (F). Team 15 (4.00) Froeschl, Lucas 46-40; Ebel, Bryce 44-38; Bippes, Drew 43-34.

Team 2 (2.00) Montgomery, Carter 42-41; Harmon, Galen 48-39; Witt, Bailey 63-47. Team 14 (6.00) Daake, Brian 45-38; McNeely, Erik 49-41; Gilkerson, Robert 48-39.

Team 3 (3.50) Kurpgeweit, Lee 42-34; Witt, Rich 50-38; Heinzelman, Eric 49-37. Team 13 (4.50) Gist, Dick 43-37; Gilkerson, Keith 47-39; Sly, Tony 51-29.

Team 4 (6.00) Bachman, Eli 39-37; May, Mark 48-40; Craig, Robbie 54-39. Team 12 (2.00) Davis, Darin (F); VanDyke, Kyle 36-29; Jordening, Ron 54-41.

Team 5 (0.00) Scheitel, Trent (F); Witt, Wade 50-41; Leyden, Derrick (F). Team 11 (8.00) Anderson, Dusty 45-40; Froeschl, Nathan 46-39; Meysenburg, Fr. James 54-43.

Team 6 (2.50) Kirkendall, Jeremy 39-35; Chesnut, Justin 51-43; Murphy, Jim 51-36. Team 10 (5.50) Siel, Jake 38-34; Huppert, Drew 52-37; Buckminster, Blake 54-39.

Team 7 (2.00) Liberty, Brandon 42-39; Schawang, Cody 51-43; Steele, Brendan 45-31. Team 9 (6.00) Witt, Tom 37-34; Witt, Weston 39-32; Dunn, Mike 53-37.

Team 8 (4.00) Simon, Dan 44-41; Hillyard, Mark 51-42; Scheitel, Lane 56-41. Team 20 (4.00) Hill, Dan 44-41; McNeely, John 44-37; Harmon, Jason (F).

Team 16 (6.00) Gist, Thomas 39-34; Gooch, Blake 47-38; Malone, Kevin 44-33. Team 19 (2.00) Aitken, Bob 41-36; Froeschl, Ethan 45-36; Merz, Mitch (F).

Team 17 (6.00) Hullman, Ben 37-32; Schawang, Cade 54-45; Bauer, Trevor 59-43. Team 18 (2.00) Gerweck, Rob 42-37; Bennett, Chuck 50-38; Keller, Bart (F).

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Lions, camels and goats: A century-old carousel fell into disrepair

Now it's spurring joy in the heart of Nebraska

By Lori Potter

Flatwater Free Press

MINDEN — Waylon Petersen wore a wary look as his family entered the white red-trimmed pavilion. Then the 2-year-old started dancing when the calliope music began playing. And when his grandpa hoisted him on a race horse, Waylon's lingering suspicion turned to joy.

Over decades, similar scenes had unfolded countless times on the more than century-old carousel at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village, a 20-acre attraction packed with historical items in the heart of Nebraska. Then they stopped.

Time and Mother Nature made the carousel — once a source of unforgettable moments — little more than a crumbling memory.

Until Aug. 1, when Waylon and three other generations of his family embarked on the carousel's first public ride since falling into ruin 20 years earlier.

They had a small but dedicated team of volunteers to thank. The group, a mix of

locals and service-minded summer travelers, spent more than four years bringing the carousel back to life. Some felt called to the project by their own memories.

Brad Roberts, who grew up in nearby Axtell, remembers riding the original 1880s steam-powered version of the carousel during field trips and family visits to Pioneer Village.

"It was pretty exciting," he said. "When I first rode it, I thought, 'They actually have toys this size!'"

Carousel rescues

Harold Warp detailed his discovery in an Aug. 27, 1956, letter to his sister Clara, who helped find and buy most of Pioneer Village's 50,000-plus historical artifacts.

"I bought the 1880 steam-powered Merry-Go-Round from Dan Zehr at Pontiac, Ill., for \$1,325.00 and 7 Merry-Go-Round Horses from Mrs. John Redshaw in Granville, Ill., today for \$400.00.

"The Merry-Go-Round is supposedly (the) oldest steam-operated in existence

and the Horses came from White City Amusement Park in Chicago."

The purchase was just the start. Warp went on to collect animals from wherever he could find them, Roberts said, eventually amassing 33 basswood figures. "If he found them, he bought them just to finish out the carousel."

In the late 1800s, carousel manufacturers introduced different animals in a bid to stimulate business. That plan didn't quite work out, according to an old Pioneer Village exhibit sign titled "Carousel Animals 1895."

"It was soon discovered that children preferred Ponies, fearing to ride on such animals as Giraffes and Tigers," the sign said. "Thus, through trial, error and evolution, the carousel eventually came with only ponies and chariots."

Volunteers aren't sure what animals made up the original carousel configuration, but Warp's stable of figures eventually grew to include a zebra, goat, elk, pig, camel, reindeer, giraffe and lion,

along with horses and chariots.

Over the years, the carousel became a popular part of Pioneer Village.

"It wasn't unusual for people to come from coast to coast or other countries, just to see this rare old carousel," said Roberts, the last operator before the shutdown.

But time, weather and modern safety requirements eventually forced the carousel — still powered by a steam engine at the time — to close in 2005.

Help on the way

Alan Farlin spent several years in his 20s operating the steam engine-powered carousel. He carried memories from those days halfway across the world and throughout a 34-year career supporting mission work in the Philippines.

When he saw the carousel for the first time after returning to Minden in 2016, he cried.

The roof had collapsed. Dirt and leaves covered the rotted wooden deck. "It had the same animals, but they were in a lot worse shape," he said.

Farlin was far from the only person dismayed by the carousel's sorry state. Eventually, a group of locals banded together to restore the figures. The restoration effort, coordinated by Farlin, was aided by two different volunteer groups made up of RV'ers from across the country.

One group, Y2V, repaired the carousel roof in 2022.

Some of the same volunteers returned to Pioneer Village four more times as RV Volunteer Friends. They repaired the carousel deck and underlying mechanical systems in 2023. In 2024, 21 volunteers from eight states built the pavilion's outside walls and window casings, which weren't part of the original carousel but necessary to preserve the restored figures and other upgrades.

This summer, they installed insulation, hung drywall, painted the building inside and out, constructed a handicap accessibility ramp and completed an insulated ceiling that resembles a large tent. The carousel now has heat for the winter and air conditioning for the summer, as well as humidity control.

The Nebraska State Fire Marshal cleared the carousel to officially open for rides at the end of July.

Skilled hands

While the structure required extensive repairs, the real painstaking work involved restoring the collection of hand-carved wooden figures,

all from the 1800s and early 1900s.

Sam Ridge of Minden spent many hours stripping paint and sanding each figure, at which point volunteers could diagnose underlying problems.

"We've found cracks, nails, screws and bird nests. Some have been repaired before, fixed and painted," Ridge said.

Because 1970s-era restorers often used lead paint, some figures required three rounds of sanding and two coats of enamel paint to return them to their original condition, said volunteer Jo Ann Weisman of Holdrege.

Weisman studied art in Italy, California and Colorado, and had two studios in Arizona before moving in 2020 to Holdrege to be closer to her daughter. She volunteered after visiting Pioneer Village and seeing the carousel's collapsed roof. When she asked about the horses, Weisman was told they were "out for restoration."

Actually, pieces and parts of horses and other figures were laid out on beds in the temporarily closed Pioneer Village Motel.

"Brad and I decided we'd take the best of the worst to start because they would be easier ... We were wrong, of course, because we really don't know what we had until they are stripped," Weisman said.

They named each figure — Willa the horse was first — during the restoration as their "souls" began to be revealed.

"It's more personal than calling them by numbers," said Roberts, who specializes in carving and repairing cracks. He learned to restore carousel horses from an Ohio-based expert who visited Pioneer Village in 2005 and offered to teach him.

Along with Willa the horse, there's Zeke the zebra, who will be in the museum's Nebraska State Fair booth in Grand Island this year, and Elsa the lion, who had to have layers of black paint stripped. "Truthfully, I don't know how we pulled this off," Weisman said. "Except that we worked on it every day." Restoration volunteers have worked from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. most weekdays since 2021.

The restored version now has 10 smaller horses side by side, four single derby horses, a camel, goat, reindeer, giraffe and two chariots. Zeke and another horse will eventually round out the full carousel.

Even then, the work still won't be done. There are

other horses to finish, plus an elk, pig and the lion.

Farlin hopes the other restored figures will be displayed in Pioneer Village. Some might be changed out for ones currently on the carousel.

Weisman said she and other volunteers are "a little bit shy of crazy."

"It's just a kind of passion," she said. "What else can I say?"

That passion likely saved some serious money. Bette Largent, owner of Carousel Consultants and author of "Paint the Ponies," the main reference book used by the Pioneer Village restoration team, said such work could cost up to \$10,000 per figure.

"We have an outstanding set of volunteers," Farlin said. "They're really following high standards of restoration, but it takes a while."

Largent knows of only three other similar operating carousels in North America — Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota.

The steam engine that once powered the Pioneer Village carousel could be from 1879, but the carousel itself probably dates back to the early 1900s, Largent said.

All of the figures were made by two of the most prominent carousel companies in the country, making the Pioneer Village carousel "a museum going around in circles," Largent said.

New, old carousel

An RV volunteer painted a new carousel pavilion sign that was unveiled at the official Aug. 9 grand reopening. It includes the original ride cost.

"A nickel a ride," Farlin said. "That won't change now."

He hopes the old steam engine also will be restored, so it can be fired up for demonstrations, even though it won't power the carousel again.

Tears of joy welled in Farlin's eyes on Aug. 1, when he pressed the carousel's start button for the first public ride since 2005. Young Waylon and three other generations of the Runions family got to experience that first ride — and the joy that volunteers hope many others will feel for years to come.

"Your emotions take over, even just talking about it," he said. "... I realize we're going to be able to give the joy back to kids again."

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<p>#1) 210 Tillable Acres NW ¼ of NE ¼ and lots 5, 6, 8 and 9 of South 36-1-17, Richardson County, NE</p> <p>#2) 47 Tillable Acres N ½ of NE ¼ and NW ¼ of Sec. 3-1-17 Brown County, KS</p> <p>#3) 76 Tillable Acres S ½ of NW ¼ Sec. 35-1-17, Richardson County, NE</p> <p>#4) 204.6 Tillable Acres W ½ of NW ¼ and S ½ of NE ¼ Sec. 16-4-15 & W ½ of SE ¼ of Sec. 9-4-15, Brown County, KS</p> <p>#5) 115.3 Tillable Acres SW ¼ of NE ¼ and W ½ of SE ¼ of Sec. 30-2-16, Richardson County, NE</p> <p>#6) 46.66 Tillable Acres NE ¼ of NE ¼ Sec.10 and NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Sec. 11-1-17 Brown County, KS</p> <p>#7) 37.67 Tillable Acres W ½ less Hwy Row of SE ¼ of Sec. 12-1-16E pf the 6th P.M., Brown County, KS. (Less the 31.83 acres north of US 73 results in 37.67 acres for this lease = only the acres south of US 73.)</p> <p>#8) 109 Tillable Acres W ¼ of Walnut Creek, Sec. 7-1-17, Brown County KS</p>	<p>#9) 30.3 Tillable Acres NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Sec. 35-1-17, Richardson County, NE</p> <p>#10) 14 Tillable Acres S ½ of NE ¼ in Sec. 2-1-17-Night Hawk Rd So of 340th St., Brown County, KS</p> <p>#11) 133 Tillable Acres SE ¼ of Sec. 15-45-15 E, Brown County KS</p> <p>#12) 15.66 Tillable Acres No of Margrave 2-1-17-old CRP-Brown County KS</p> <p>#13) 5.3 Acres located in the NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Sec. 21-1-17, Richardson County, NE (Lot 11 A, Sac and Fox Subdivision, a replat of Blocks 11, 12, 14, all in Shelly's Addition to the former Village of Preston.) Parcel ID # 0740091832</p> <p>#14) 109 Tillable Acres Location: NE Quarter of Section 1, Twp. 1 South, Range 16 E Brown County, Kansas USDA FSA Farm # 6579 FSA Tract # 9313. USDA FSA administering this farm from Richardson County. In 2024 the operator certified 74.38 acres corn & 34.61 acres soybeans = approximately 109 total tillable acres.</p>
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Melissa Alyn Rieschick



Melissa Alyn Rieschick, 48, of Lake Jackson, Texas, passed away on July 24, 2025.

Melissa was a beloved wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend whose kindness, humor, and unwavering compassion touched the lives of all who knew her. For 26 years, she devoted her career to protecting and advocating for the most vulnerable members of her community through her work with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Her tireless dedication to children and families reflected her selfless heart and life-long calling to make a difference.

Melissa was a lifelong learner and dedicated student. She earned her bachelor's degree from Peru State College and later completed

her master's degree at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, furthering her education to better serve her community through her career.

Outside of her work, Melissa was very creative and found joy in many forms of artistic expression. She loved making jewelry and was a passionate scrapbooker, sharing her talents by running her own digital scrapbooking website, where she designed templates for others to use. She also poured her heart into traditional scrapbooking, lovingly creating and gifting personalized albums filled with cherished memories for her family.

Music was another defining part of Melissa's life. She had a beautiful singing voice and expressed her love of music in countless ways - singing in her church choir, performing karaoke, belting out songs on road trips, or harmonizing with her nieces at home. A talented multi-instrumentalist, Melissa played in both her high school band and jazz band, continuing her passion for music during her college years, which earned her a scholarship in the college band. Music was a source of connection, happiness, and self-expression for her, leaving lasting memories for all who shared those moments.

Above all, Melissa loved her family. She treasured every moment spent with her nieces and nephews - whether walking along the beach, watching their favorite shows, or simply laughing together. She created countless special memories with them, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and joy that will continue to live on in their hearts.

Melissa is survived by her loving husband, Johnnie Brent LaQuay; her devoted mother, Sue Vaughn Rieschick; her brother and sister-in-law, Jeremy and Giselle Rieschick; her cherished nieces, Sierra, Ansley, and Journey; and her nephews, Jacob R. and Jacob M. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family who loved her dearly.

Steven Holland

Steven Holland, 76, of Falls City, NE, passed away August 12, 2025 at Falls City. He was born January 26, 1949 at Falls City to Marvin and Martha (Goltz) Holland.

Steve was raised at Falls City and graduated Falls City High School in 1967. Following graduation, he attended Nebraska Wesleyan College and graduated with a dual degree in Vocal and Instrumental Music. He taught music at Southeast Consolidated School and later at Sacred Heart School. He later worked at Pamida and Shopko, retiring in 2010. He was a member of Grace Bible Church at Morrill, KS and the Clefsmen.

Steve is survived by his brother, Da-

vid and his wife DeAnn of Johnston, IA, niece, Christina (Dean) Cryer of Omaha, NE and their children, Makenna, Brayden and Madison, nephew, Matthew Holland of Seattle, WA and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister-in-law, Susan Holland.

A memorial service will be held on Friday August 22, 2025 at 1:30 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Casey McNerney officiating. Inurnment will be at Steele Cemetery.

Family will receive friends one hour prior to service at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Friends may sign the guest registry during regular business hours.

Joyce Kentopp Repp



Joyce (Kentopp) Repp was born to Marvin and Marie (Veigel) Kentopp on October 2, 1948 in Falls City, Nebraska. Joyce was the oldest of six girls born to this union. She grew up in Salem, Nebraska, attended Salem elementary through the eighth grade and Falls City High School.

She was united in marriage to Robert Repp. Robert adopted her two daughters Michelle and Sheila. Joyce and Bob added their daughter Lori to complete their family.

Joyce worked at Campbell Soup Company in Tecumseh for 23 years. After leaving Campbell Soup, she worked as a CNA full time in different facilities including the Tecumseh Care Center and in Beatrice until 2007, when she had to go on disability.

Joyce grew up in the Lutheran faith and later moved to the Methodist Church.

Joyce enjoyed following her grandkids and their sports and activities, collecting bells, watching birds, singing and dancing, playing cards and dominoes, and visiting with friends and neighbors while residing at the Tecumseh Manor for a number of years.

Joyce entered Good Samaritan Center in Syracuse when her health declined. She passed away there August 13, 2025 at the age of 76 years.

She is survived by her loving daughters Sheila Repp, Lori (Scott) Speckmann and Shelly Howard (Danny Packett), grandchildren Ana Ahrens, William (Jennifer) Speckmann, David Speckmann and Robert Schmiegelow and twin great-grandchildren Montgomery and Magnolia Ahrens, sisters Mary Miller, Janet (Lawrence) Rowland, Leona (Sherman) Rowland, one nephew and many nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant sister Martha, sister Virginia Fouraker and husband Edwin.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at the Wherry Mortuary in Tecumseh, NE with Pastor Tom Earhart officiating. Inurnment will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 23, 2025 in the Maple Cemetery, Salem, NE. Memorials may go to the family's choice.

Services are entrusted to Wherry Mortuary, Tecumseh, Nebraska.

Eli William Sayer



Eli William Sayer, 12, of Falls City, NE, passed away peacefully on August 12, 2025 at Falls City. He was born July 23, 2013 at St. Joseph, MO to Luke and Rachel (Keller) Sayer.

Eli was raised at Falls City and attended Falls City Public Schools and stole the hearts of all his peers. He enjoyed the pool and silly sounds, especially kissy noises. He loved taking trips, napping, snuggling and spending time with all his family. He is a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle St.) and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Eli is survived by his parents, Luke and Rachel of Falls City, sisters, Addyson, Avery and Emily Sayer, grandparents, Luke and Donna Keller, Judie and Steve Sayer, Nan and Lonnie Ankrom, great-grandmother, Donna Sayer, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents and a cousin, Braxton Butler.

His funeral was held on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 10:30 AM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle) with Pastor Joanna Kathol officiating. Interment will be in St. Mark's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The family received friends on Sunday from 6-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Family Choice for later designation.

Clayton Butrick

Clayton Butrick, 65 of Falls City, NE, passed away August 12, 2025 at Omaha. He was born February 10, 1960 at Falls City to Thomas and Garneta (Simpson) Butrick

He married April Feighner on May 12, 1979 at Lincoln, NE

Clayton was raised in Falls City and graduated Falls City High School in 1978. After graduation he enlisted in the Nebraska National Guard and was employed for Burlington Railroad at Lincoln, repairing railcars. He moved back to Falls City in 1981 where we worked at Rolfes, Airlanco, Wengers and WASP. He retired in 2013 due to his health. He enjoyed watching Nebraska and Broncos Football and was a prankster. He also hunted deer and mushrooms, was a fisherman and enjoyed looking at Mustangs and motorcycles.

Clayton is survived by his wife, April of Falls City, children, Tara Butrick of

Juniata, NE, Jeremy of Falls City, Shane and his wife Samantha of Wahoo, Jesse and his wife Jennifer of Falls City, Bryson of Blue Springs, MO, brothers, Thomas and Doug and his wife Lori all of Falls City, sister, Phyllis Kreutzer and her husband Wayne of Falls City, and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Sondra Stice and Sherry Huppert.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Steele Cemetery with Pastor Fay Ann Blaylock officiating.

Viewing began Thursday afternoon and the family received friends on Friday, August 15, 2025 from 6-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

In Lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials be made to help offset the cost of funeral services. Memorials may be made to and sent in care of the funeral home at 2303 Harlan St., Falls City, NE 68355.



(Continued from Page 7) college football and gets its ninth win of the season, moving inside the top-10 for the first time in nearly a decade.

November 22, at Penn St. Can Nebraska stay hot or are the Nittany Lions too much? My guess is the Huskers will be ready; however, Penn St. boasts too many talented athletes on both sides of the ball. Nebraska drops a one-score game on the road, but doesn't fall in the polls.

All this leads to a match-up against Iowa in Lincoln to end the year. I know the history. The last seven games have been decided by seven points or less, with the Hawkeyes winning six of those contests, including a deflating 13-10 win over the Huskers in Iowa City last November. The streak ends in a big way this year as the Huskers roll to a 24-10 win and end the season at 10-2.

The 10-2 mark and top-7 ranking is plenty good

to get Nebraska into the College Football Playoffs. Once you get there, anything can happen. Maybe they lose in the opening round, or maybe they don't. We will see soon enough. Things are looking up in Lincoln this fall. Don't get discouraged if they lose a game they shouldn't, but don't be afraid to dream big for this squad. We are due to pounce and begin the trek back to the top of college football.

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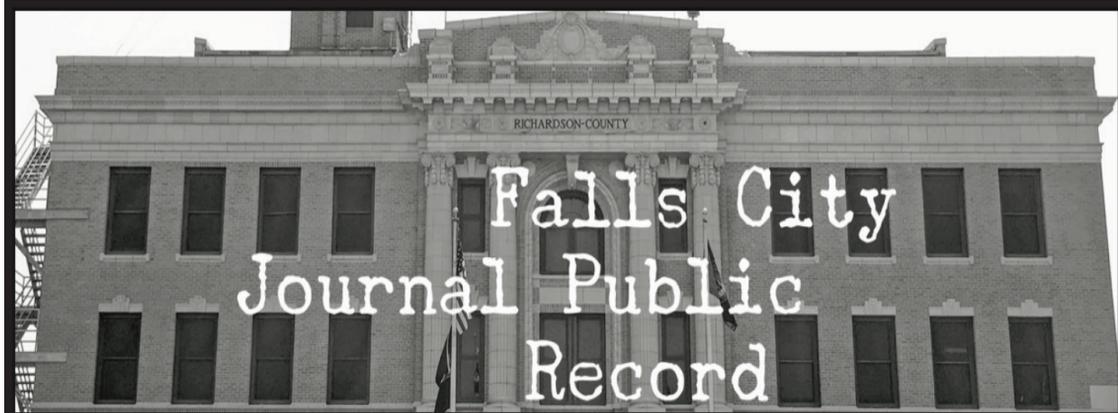
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COUNTY COURT
Edward L. Ingalls, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150, license revoked for term of one year.

Tristan D. Romines, count one, maintaining a nuisance, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, litter, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, weeds and grasses over 12", pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Jacob R. Parker, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, weeds and grasses over 12"-2nd offense, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50.

Chelsea M. Raney, count one, animal running at large, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, unlicensed animal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Lonnie D. Ludwig, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Joseph McGill, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty; count two, nonresident violate 30-day immunity, pled no contest, found guilty; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, possess/consume open alcohol container, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for September 24, 2025.

Shawna J. Harkendorff, count one, disturbing the peace, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Austin A. Parsons, count one, no proof of insurance, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, speed-

ing 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Tavares L. Rollins, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$200.

Nohemi Perez, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125.

DISTRICT COURT
Kif C. Buis, count one, del/d/d/m/p contr subs near school-1st, amended to possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of two years, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30; probation fee-regular \$240; jail for term of 30 days beginning August 12, 2025, credit for 23 days served; jail for term of 15 days beginning March 15, 2026; jail for term of 15 days beginning October 15, 2026; jail for term of 15 days beginning May 15, 2027.

Whitney M. Farr, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fines of \$1,000, jail for term of 22 days, credit for 19 days served; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Kandra L. Mallory, count one, criminal impersonation/(1)(c)-1st, amended to false reporting, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; counts 3-6 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for August 26, 2025.

Heather A. Cooper, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled not guilty; count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab,

pled not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for August 19, 2025.

Ethan D. King, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for September 2, 2025.

Zackery W. Creamer, count one, terroristic threats, pled not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for September 9, 2025.

Aimee L. Vermeer, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, pled not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for August 19, 2025.

CITATIONS
Sandra Zamora Arriaga of Omaha, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

Steven Hofmeister of Ashland, NE, count one, violate no passing zone, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, wrong way on one way, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Patricia Goad of Ca-toosa, OK, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Novak)

Sarah Hess of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75

and court costs. (Franks)
Loretta Buser of Sabetha, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Tammie Shaw of Baton Rouge, LA, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

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

(Editor's Note - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).

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

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

August 8 through August 9, 2025 calls: one animal call, four ambulance/EMS calls, one gun permit, one burn permit, one information only, three miscellaneous, one call, referred to another agency, one traffic/driving complaint, one morning for an improper turn, and two 911 calls.

August 9 through August 10, 2025 calls: eight ambulance/EMS calls, three miscellaneous, two traffic/driving complaints, one noise disturbance, one call referred to another agency, four information only calls, one weather call, one burn permit, one citation for speed, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and nine 911 calls.

August 10 through August 11, 2025 calls: one traffic/driving complaint, five miscellaneous calls, five ambulance/EMS calls, one informational only call, one animal call, one HHS intake/referral, one motorist assist, one call referred another agency, one 911 hang up/misdial, 4 warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and three 911 calls.

August 11 through August 12, 2025 calls: one 911 hang up/misdial, three miscellaneous calls, one call for found or lost property, one burn permit, three HHS intake/referrals, three informational only calls, one investigation, one fire call, one welfare check, one warning for failure to yield ROW, one warning for exceeding two auxiliary/spotlights, once citation for weeds and grass is over 12" and four 911 calls.

August 12 through August 13, 2025 calls: one noise disturbance, five ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, three miscellaneous calls, one fire call(Humboldt Fire), one suspicious person/vehicle, one phone/digital/mail scam, nine nuisance calls, one accident, one possible death call, one call referred to another agency, one alarm, one information only, two welfare checks, one HHS intake/referral, and thirteen 911 calls.

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VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING -
AUGUST 6, 2025 - 7:15 P.M. -
VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Chairperson Denise Koso.

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Kerry Fritz, Denise Koso, Lois Miller, Richard Strecker Jr. Absent: None

Clerk Dawn Bennett was also present.

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

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

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

AUGUST 2025 CLAIMS: Motion by Bahr, second by Fritz to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

All claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. August 2025 water shut off notices were reviewed. All have been paid.

2. A copy of the July Southeast Nebraska Land Bank Minutes was presented for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

General: A reminder that the Fall Clean-Up Day will be on Saturday, September 27th from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Streets: A follow-up discussion was held on overhanging branches and a list of who needs to have them taken care of.

Letters will be sent along with a copy of the ordinance. Water: 1) It was reported that PeopleService will do the annual hydrant flushing on September 8th. 2) Discussion was held on the Public Water System Security Grant - it was reported that PeopleService will be working on the grant application. Sewer: 1) A motion was made by Bahr and seconded by Miller to have the drain tube replaced at the lagoons in the amount of \$1717.00.

All Trustees present voting YEA. Cemetery: The entrance sign still needs installed. Parks: A reminder that a Fish Fry Fundraiser will be held on September 6th - this will be for new swings. 2. WATER HOOK UP AT COCHRAN PROPERTY: This is to be completed before the end of 2025.

3. NUISANCE/UNSAFE PROPERTIES & WEED NOTICES: Discussion held on new nuisance/unsafe properties that the owner needs notified about. Updates were held on the weed notices that were sent out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Street and Storm Drain Repair at 5th & Elm Street: A motion was made by Bahr and second by Fritz to repair the street/storm drain at the corner of 5th & Elm Street. All Trustees present voting YEA.

2. Tree Removal or Trimming Estimate at the School Park: A discussion was held on having the tree on the South side of the School Park checked to see if it needs removed or just trimmed up due to broken branches that had fallen.

3. JEO Agreement: A motion was made by Bahr and second by Miller to accept the Agreement with JEO for the Verdon Wastewater System Preliminary Engineering Report. All Trustees present voting YEA.

4. Propane Contract: A motion was made by Fritz and second by Bahr to prepay for 1300 gallons of propane for the 2025-2026 propane contract with Stateline Propane. All Trustees present voting YEA.

5. A discussion was held on the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

6. Budget Hearing: A motion was made by Koso and second by Miller to set the Budget Hearing for 2025-2026 on September 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees present voting YEA.

RESOLUTIONS:
1. Resolution 2025-04 "SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2025" was read by Bahr. A motion was made by Bahr and second by Miller to pass the resolution. All Trustees present voting YEA.

Motion by Bahr and second by Fritz to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. and all Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned. Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk
A Special Hearing will be held on September 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Budget Hearing and a Regular Verdon Board meeting at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF VERDON JULY 2025 CLAIMS PAID

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes EFTPS EX, People Service SE, Verdon Library EX, R.C.R.W.D. # 2 SU, Seneca Sanitation Service, Inc., SE, S.N.C. SE, Nebraska Public Health Lab, SE, SENDD FE, Valerie Guilliams RE, Tom Borrego SE, Denise Koso RE, Kim Liberty SE, Dawn Bennett RE, One Call Concepts SE, Schendel Pest Control SE, Farm & City Supply SU, Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, Nebraska Dept. of Revenue EX.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Home Lumber Co. SU, USPS SU, NPPD EX, Gerdes Lawn Care SE, OPPD EX, Dawn Bennett SA, VILLAGE EMPLOYEE: CLERK WAGES, EX=EXENSE, FE=FEE, MI=MILEAGE, RE=REIMBURSEMENT, SA=SALARY, SE=SERVICE, SU=SUPPLIES, DAWN BENNETT, VERDON CLERK, ZNEZ.

COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 6, 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, August 6, 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 30, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. Road Department Foreman, Julie Vollmer updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. The report included progress being made on getting ditches cleaned in certain areas and on construction projects. Equipment maintenance was also discussed. A letter was received from Chuck and Gloria Hunzeker of Humboldt regarding the condition of the 710 Road west of Highway 105.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He provided a report to the Board on the activity of the Sheriff's Department in July in which there were a total of 43 arrests (5 other agencies and 38 from County Sheriff); 1157 total calls which included 377 traffic stops. A grant to compensate for overtime accrued by deputies for traffic speed enforcement during the period of July 14 through August 1 was awarded to Richardson County through the Nebraska Department of Transportation and during this period of time there were 766 total calls with 259 traffic stops in which 84 citations were issued and 27 arrests made. Currently there are 18 inmates being held at the Jail with 3 of those being held for other counties. Sheriff Hardesty reported that the State Jail Standards will be conducting the Annual Jail Inspection on August 19.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford 150 Police Responder for \$47,987.00 through the State of Nebraska Contract #16076(OC) and to purchase through Anderson Ford via Hullman's Ford Line Merc, Falls City. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A review of the Sheriff's fiscal year 2025-2026 budget was held. QUAD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Sandy Stalder, President of the Quad County Historical Society and her husband Duaine presented to the Board the annual report of the organization. The Society is also requesting the continued funding from the County in the amount of \$5,000 for the fiscal year 2025-2026. The Board will consider this funding when finalizing the budget for FY2025-2026.

BUDGET REVIEW

The 2025-2026 proposed budget document for Richardson County was presented to the Board at last week's meeting (July 30) for their review prior to reviewing with each department this week. The Board met today with the following officials and department heads regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 proposed budgets: Bethany Godemann, County Court Magistrate; Odiss Fields, Veterans Service Officer; Brian Kirkendall, Emergency Management and Noxious Weed Control Superintendent; Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk; Kim Riggs, County Assessor and Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney.

During the review with Odiss Fields, Veterans Service Officer, discussion was held regarding the current salaries of the officer and assistant. Mr. Fields presented to the Board information on the funds received in the County from the work the office does for veterans and salary information.

COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented to the Board pledge security receipts that require an exchange with F&M Bank. Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the replacement of the following pledge securities: Receipts #JC92998E, #JC92998A

and #JC92998D will be replaced with receipts #JC93048B and #JC94842C. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget of the Treasurer's Office with Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey and Deputy Treasurer, Rachel Jean. They encouraged the Board to approve an increase in the wage of the support staff in the office as it has not kept up with competitive wages in the area the past few years. The Board will consider this request during the next several weeks to finalize the budget for FY2025-2026.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR and SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney requested to review with the Board the floodplain/floodway ordinance and possible changes that could be made to alleviate some of the current restrictions.

A letter in the form of a template was presented to the Board for their approval, to be sent to property owners by the County when the County becomes aware of any improvements or construction that would be in violation of the current ordinance. The Board agreed that this letter should be forwarded to any property owner when the County has been made aware that possible improvements are being made, etc.

Elijah Kaufman from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Jared Reimers representing Congressman Adrian Smith's Office were also in attendance to answer questions and explain the requirements and differences between FEMA's description of floodway and floodplain and the importance for Richardson County to maintain and enforce the State of NE regulations of floodway and floodplains.

Mr. Kaufman explained to the Board that a process titled "Letter of Map Revision" could be obtained through a licensed engineer which would be reviewed by FEMA and if approved would allow the change of a floodway area back to a floodplain, moving the floodway to a different area, etc. This process can be costly for the County and Mr. Reimers explained that there could possibly be some federal grant funding available. Mr. Kaufman also suggested that the Natural Resource District could have grant funds available for this as well.

The County will be considering revisions to the current ordinance to be less restrictive and still remain in accordance with the regulations of the State of Nebraska.

BREAK

The Board recess at 1:07 p.m. and Commissioner Karas excused himself from the meeting at 1:07 p.m. due to other commitments. The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

KINGERY CONSTRUCTION

The Board met with representatives from Kingery Construction Co. of Lincoln, NE to review the condition of the tuckpoint on the upper area of the Courthouse and problems with rain water run-off in the lower level tunnel area.

The representatives will compile a report of their findings and submit to the Board for review and consideration for these problems to be corrected by their firm.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of July, 2025: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$199.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$9,549.25; Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court, \$790.00.

Resolution for Allocation of Levy Authority

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-4 to set the final allocation of tax levy authority to the rural fire districts and agriculture society. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 63)

Other

Lance Braun from the office Senator Bob Holstrom, District 1 Legislature was present for the meeting today.

A check was received from Nebraska Public Power District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 payment as per agreement in the amount of \$62,171.73.

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

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Airstream Heating & Cooling, Amazon, sup, Bailey, Stacey, reimp, BuckIT, serv, Clerk of the District Court, fees, Culligan of Percival, serv, Eickhoff, Mary, reimp, Falls City Journal, ads, Falls City Mercantile, supp, Falls City Utilities, serv, Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv, JV22-38, JV23-20, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4, CR25-128 t. Betz, CR25-49, T. Beclard, CR25-40 K. Buis, CR25-10, B. Ramirez, CR25-60 D. Simith Farm & City Supply, sup, Fisher, Concord, fees, Fisher, Robert D., serv, Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv, JV 24.4

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Hall Funeral Home, serv, High Plains Power Systems, serv, Kollasch Law Office, serv, CR25-21 B. Kaler Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv, Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv, MIPS, Inc., serv, Quill, supp, Region V Systems, serv, Register of Deeds, fees, Richardson County Court, fees, Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimp, Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc, SNC, serv, Summit Fire Protection, serv, SummerOne, serv, US Signal Company, LLC, serv, Weaver & Merz, reimp, Wolfes Printing, supp, Payroll Expense, TOTAL GENERAL FUND, ROAD & BRIDGE FUND, Culligan of Percival, serv, East Rural Water Dist. #2, serv, Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp, NMC, supp, Norris Quarries, LLC, rock, Omaha Public Power District, serv, Powerplan, serv, SNC, serv, Unifirst, supp, Payroll Expense, TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND, REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND, Mips, Inc., serv, TOTAL REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND, ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 13, 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.

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COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 16, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Karas at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Campbell. Commissioner Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Vice-Chairman Karas announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the Board of Equalization minutes from July 9, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv, Farm & City Supply, supp, NMC, supp, NPPD, serv, Operation & Expense Account, reimp, Sapp Bros., fuel, Unifirst, serv, Verdon, Village of, serv, Woods & Aitken LLP, fees, TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND, SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Combined Public Communications, serv, TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS, ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 23, 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.

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equipment to be placed in the 2023 Dodge Charger from 911 Customs for \$6,120.27. Motion seconded by Karas. Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a purchase order for the equipment to be installed in one 2025 Ford Police Interceptor from 911 Customs in the amount of \$7,400.00. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

TOM BLISS, SE NE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Tom Bliss, Executive Director of the Southeast Nebraska Development District presented to the Board the activity currently being done in Richardson County by SENDD. He also introduced the staff person, Brittany McCullough who has been working with the cities and villages within Richardson County.

Mr. Bliss explained to the Board that grant funding is possible for the purchase of 1st responder radios and possible equipment.

A discussion was also held on updating the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan and proposed zoning regulations. He informed the Board that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln would offer assistance for this project through students who participate in these courses at UNL which could benefit the County with some costs savings. He also explained that there might be some grant funding available to assist with these updates, although this funding has been reduced in the past year.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for David L. Keithley located in S29, T3, R16 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-2. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 60)

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

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Combined Public Communications, serv, TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS, ADJOURNMENT

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Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk 20 ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT Regular Monthly Meeting August 4, 2025 Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on August 4, 2025 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No Visitors. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second

(Hays/Lockard) to approve the July 7, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Hays/Lockard) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Motion and Second (Lockard/Hays) to send invoice for tree work to property owner. Tree work needed to be done before a water leak can be fixed. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

General: Propane contracts- Board reviewed contracts and discussed gallons used from previous years. Motion and Second (Patchen/Ramer) to purchase 2000 gallons to be used at the Community Building, Shubert Library and the Fire Hall. Summer fill if needed. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Printer- Clerks printer is not working properly and toner has leaked on the printing surface. The printer is 12 years old. Motion and Second (Lockard/Hays) to purchase a new printer. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Second reading of Ordinance #2025-4&5 Utility Rates- Motion and Second (Patchen/Lockard) to increase sewer rates by \$7.00 for a flat rate of \$22.00 per household and to increase the cost of water usage (per 1000 gallons) by \$2.50 for a new fee of \$6.00 per 1000 gallons. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Wood & Brush pile: Discussion of the road to the brush pile. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Park: None. Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours. Streets: Potholes and street repairs were discussed. Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to approve Resolution 2025-05 Municipal Annual Cert. of program compliance. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Fire: Motion and Second (Hays/Ramer) to add a new fireman (Jochem) to the insurance. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Board discussed loaning old fire equipment to the Richardson County Museum.

The public budget hearing and next regular board meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Hays/Patchen) to adjourn meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

Name Memo Amount

Table with 3 columns: Name, Memo, Amount. Includes Dearborne Group, Firemans Insurance, NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn, Jennifer Buchner, Payroll, Borrego, Tom, Mowing, Aue & Company, Monthly Fee, United States Treasury, Tax deposit, FC Journal, Minutes x3, NPPD - Library, Library, NPPD - Community Building, Community Building, Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, Support Donation, Neville Steer and Shear, LLC Tree removal on Oak street, Neville Steer and Shear, LLC, Concrete Elm & 5th, NPPD - 8th & Elm, 8TH & ELM, NPPD -Streets, Streetlights, Aaron Davis, Payroll, Tracy Milke, Payroll, Tracy Milke, Expenses June 2025, Aaron Davis, Mileage June, Paul Platter, Sludge Haul, State of Nebraska PHEL, Water Testing, Southeast Telephone Co, Well Phone, Davis PHE, Power outage at well house, Village of Shubert - Water Tower, Transfer to Water Tower acct, NPPD - Sewer, Sewer, NPPD - Wells, Wells, City of Falls City, Cleaning of blocked line, Falls City Sanitation Service Trash service, Village of Shubert - USDA Account, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account.

DISTRICT #70

Policy & Fund Transfer Monday, August 4, 2025 7:00 PM, Humboldt Board Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 7:01 PM. Quentin Bowen: Present, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present.

1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER-ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE* 2. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS 3. PATRON COMMENT 4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. Fund Transfers \$65,000 General Fund to the Activities Fund \$30,000 General Fund to the Nutrition Fund

Motion to approve the transfer for Activities and Lunch funds passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Year: 6, Nay: 0 4.2. Final Read and Approval of Policy Changes

Motion to approve the changes passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Dave Mezger. Year: 6, Nay: 0 5. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting, 7:06pm passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Mike Kanel. Year: 6, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted, Chantel Farwell 20 ZNEZ

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
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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 Harlen 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
6-13-20-27
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NOTICE OF BUDGET RETREAT

Monday, August 25th, 2025, at 5:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Budget Retreat of the Board of Education of the Falls City Public Schools, District No. 74 - 0056, will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the E Sports room at Falls City Middle School.

An Agenda for this meeting is kept continuously 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.

Dr. Andrew Offner
Superintendent, Falls City Public Schools
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION BECKER-WITT ARAGO FARMS, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Becker-Witt Arago Farms, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on August 11, 2025 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- 1. The name of the company is Becker-Witt Arago Farms, LLC.
- 2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
- 3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 65737 710 Rd., Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Duane L. Witt, 65737 710 Rd., Falls City, Nebraska, 68355.
- 4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486
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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of Jerry W. Anno, Deceased Estate No. Pr.25-43

Notice is hereby given that on August 14, 2025, in the County of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of Decedent and Martha Davis whose address is 929 Central Ave., Humboldt NE, 68376 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 20, 2025 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
1700 Stone Street, Room 205
Falls City, NE 68355

Allen Fankhauser, #11239
713 4th Street
Humboldt, NE 68376
402-862-2321
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2025, in the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of a substantial modification to the overall North Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Plan of the City of Falls City, which modification shall also include a specific redevelopment plan for Phase 2 of the North Commercial Corridors project.

The property which is the subject of the public hearing is the entire North Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Area, which is legally described as follows:

All property in Section 3, Township 1, Range 16 E and Section 3, Township 1, Range 16 E of the City of Falls City, Richardson County, NE that is located within 1/3 of a mile of Highway 73 from the northern corporate limit of the City of Falls City to approximately East 26th Street in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

The Phase Two project parcel is located within the above-described North Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Area, identified as Parcel No. 740023292, and legally described as:

Lot 2, Nelson Merz Subdivision, City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska

All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the amendments to the redevelopment plan. A map of the redevelopment area and a copy of the cost-benefit analysis shall be maintained at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Falls City.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the State of Nebraska, Liquor Control Commission by WOULD EYE SPORTS BAR AND GRILL for a Class C Liquor License for their place of business located at 1821 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing on September 3, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, at which time evidence will be heard bearing up-on the propriety of the issuance of such license.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Falls City, Nebraska, is requesting proposals from qualified electricians for Time and Material (T&M) services. Proposals should include:

- Hourly labor rates for standard, overtime, and emergency work.
- Material markup percentage on invoiced cost.
- Proof of licensing, insurance, and bonding.

The selected contractor(s) will provide electrical services on an as-needed basis for cutovers on multiple overhead to underground service upgrades in coordination with the contractor performing the underground upgrades downtown and other City electrician needs.

Proposals must be submitted to the Falls City Clerk's Office, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355, by 12PM (Noon), August 28th, 2025.

For additional information, go to https://www.fallscitynebraska.org/ bid-postings or call the Utility Office at 402.245.2851.

The City of Falls City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities.

DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting, Monday, August 11, 2025 7:00 PM. Humboldt Board Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 7:02 PM. Quentin Bowen: Present, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present.

1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER-ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

2. WELCOME PATRONS & GUESTS: PATRON COMMENT

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

4. REPORTS

4.1. Principal Caniglia - Mrs. Caniglia spoke about the summer happenings; marching band, staff conferences, and the staff kick-off. It was also reported from Mrs. Rogers all the new courses we are offering this year and the wide variety.
4.2. Principal Standerford - Mrs. Standerford discussed the upcoming curriculum, upcoming staff presentations and open house.
4.3. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
4.4. Committee Reports

4.4.1. Scheduling Meetings for these Committees

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5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1. Approve board member's leave of absence
5.2. Fund UNL Extension for Jami Ankrom at 12%
Motion to approve funding 10% for UNL Extension passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yea: 5, Nay: 1
5.3. Alicoap Insurance Premium
Motion to approve the premium passed with a motion by Mike Kanel and a second by Dave Mezger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
5.4. JAG Fee
Motion to approve passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yea: 4, Nay: 2

6. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT

7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Motion to go into executive session passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
7:33pm, came out of executive session

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Chantel Farwell

Vendor Name Description Invoice Amount

Amazon Capital Services, Thermal Laminator, Po 8493, 8529	.....	12,481.73
Apple Computer IncPo 8511, 8512	.....	5,095.00
Arbor Ink..Benefits Guides - Print	.....	955.00
Auburn Family Health Center, Employee Dot	.....	150.00
Beatrice Mechanical Service, Fridge Leak, Scope and Repair	.....	33,450.00
Bippes, Alexis, Speech	.....	570.80
Blecha's General Store, Maint Supplies - Paint	.....	272.96
Cardmember Service, Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund	.....	5,891.58
Cengage Learning, Hs Teaching Supplies	.....	350.00
Cleaning Cousins, Llc, Steam Supplies	.....	120.38
Curators of the University of Missouri, Nee Eval Training	.....	1,770.00
Curriculum Crafter Llc, K-12 Envisions Math	.....	3,900.00
Decker Inc, Po 8526	.....	723.26
Dell Inc, Tech-Computers/Hardware	.....	224.07
Dietze Music House, Music + Po 8518	.....	7,008.40
Eakes Office Solutions, Contract Egold Fax+Staple	.....	118.98
El Camino Electric, Llc, Install receptacle for FCS room	.....	5,506.25
Esu #4, Workshops	.....	1,974.83
Esu #6, Tech hosting services	.....	101.23
Esu Coordinating Council, Powerschool+Canvas+ Streaming	.....	13,696.45
Falls City Journal, Ads	.....	934.50

Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts & Ziskey, Pc, Legal Services	.....	400.00
Farm & City Supply, Maint Supplies	.....	199.89
Fiber Platform, Llc, Distance Learning	.....	1,073.03
Goodheart-Wilcox Company, Inc., The, Po 8447 Fcs	.....	8,122.44
Hd Supply, Maintenance Supplies	.....	681.45
Holiday Inn Of Kearney, Hotel Rooms	.....	1,539.45
Hometown Leasing, Staple Copier Lease	.....	1,377.80
Houghton Mifflin Co, Po 8410	.....	7,929.00
Hrs Payroll AcctPayroll Expenses	.....	541,314.83
Hullman's Ford-Lincoln, Vehicle Repairs	.....	1,470.32
Humboldt Standard, Ads	.....	396.87
Innovative Office Solutions, Llc, Supplies	.....	173.46
J W Pepper & Son Inc, Po 8495	.....	113.84
Jana Anderson, Staff Meal	.....	878.75
Jeanne's Distribution, Maint. Supplies	.....	481.00
Jim Hills, El Courtyard Glass	.....	520.00
Journeyed.com, Inc, Adobe Licenses	.....	500.00
Kansas City Audio-Visual, Inc, Po 8350 Mobile Install	.....	10,702.36
Knza Inc, Advertising-Radio	.....	125.00
Koch Auto Service, Repairs	.....	4,638.45
Ksb School Law, Legal Services	.....	200.00
Kurita America Inc, Water Soft Contract	.....	484.00
Lakeshore Learning Materials, Llc, Esucc	.....	1,354.68
Magic-Wrighter, Inc, Annual Regulator Compliance	.....	350.00
Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services	.....	922.00
Mid-American Research, Gym Floor Finish & Supplies	.....	4,440.55
National Therapeutic Associates, Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped Services	.....	654.50
NCSA - NE Council Of School Admin, Admin Days	.....	2,493.00
Pawnee Republican, Ads	.....	131.88
Really Good Stuff, Llc, Esucc Order - Bf	.....	33.94
Rochester 100 Inc., Po 8445342.40	.....	845.00
Schendel Pest Control, Pest Control-Spraying	.....	700.00
Schmit, Stephanie Reimbursement	.....	57.98
Scholastic Inc, Po 8365	.....	1,967.83
School Mate, Planners	.....	1,289.50
School Nurse Supply, Po 8486	.....	848.00
Nurse Supplies	.....	2,562.00
School Specialty Llc, Esucc Order Sk	.....	313.25
Security Services	.....	400.00
Steffen Pineda, Sarah Transalation	.....	41.48
Sycamore Springs, Steam Rental	.....	500.00
Sys-Kool, Llc, Po 8448	.....	1,466.96
T-Mobile Usa IncGeo Tab Monthly Charges	.....	291.90
Takkt America Holding, Inc.Esucc Order	.....	658.69
Time Management Systems, Contract	.....	5,537.00
Tk Elevator Corporation, Elevator Maintenance	.....	562.00
Truck Center Companies, Parts	.....	111.75
True Ag & Turf, Parts	183.68
Us CellularCell Phone - Principal/Sixpence	218.76
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B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS July 16, 2025 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 16th day of July 2025 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman. Absent: Rieger. Trevor Campbell reported the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairperson and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CLAIMS REVIEW

Claims were reviewed. No action was required.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Trevor Campbell gave the Public Works Report. No action was required.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the minutes from the June 18, 2025, and July 3, 2025, regular meetings are hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for July 16, 2025, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FUR-

HER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for July 16, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Rieger. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF WARTSILA SERVICE AGREEMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$22,940.00

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Johansen to recommend to City Council the approval of Wartsila Service Agreement in amount of \$22,940.00 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Rieger. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OLSSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$5,500.00 TO EVALUATE THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE POWER PLANT FLOOR BETWEEN ENGINE 7 AND ENGINE 3

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve Olsson professional services agreement in amount of \$5,500.00 to evaluate the structural integrity of the power plant floor between Engine 7 and Engine 3 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Rieger. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING SERVICES RFQ SHORTLIST RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE SELECTION OF AN ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF A NEW TRANSMISSION LINE TO FALLS CITY

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to recommend Power Engineers, Olsson and HDR to City Council for the engineering services RFQ shortlist for the selection of an engineering firm for the design and construction services of a new transmission line to Falls City as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Rieger. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NMC CAT 303.5 MINI EXCAVATOR FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$6,600.00

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Johansen to approve NMC CAT 303.5 mini excavator for the Gas Department in amount of \$6,600.00 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Johansen, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Rieger. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25 PM

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on July 16, 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 sufficient 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 members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place

of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

City Clerk
Chairperson
Secretary
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VILLAGE OF VERDON

VILLAGE OF VERDON BUDGET PLANNING MEETING AUGUST 6, 2025 - 7:00 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

Prior to the opening of the meeting, Richard Strecker Jr. was sworn in as an appointed Trustee for the Village Board of Trustees by Clerk Dawn Bennett.

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

Chairperson Koso notified everyone that the updated Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Kerry Fritz, Denise Koso, Lois Miller, Richard Strecker Jr. Absent: None.

Clerk Dawn Bennett was also present.

GUESTS: Verna Shelton BUSINESS ON HAND:

1. Budget sheets as prepared by Clerk Bennett were passed out and the Board members checked over the different funds showing the 2025-2026 anticipated revenue and expenditures.

2. Discussion and changes were made by the Trustees for various items. All changes were noted and will be finalized by the Budget Hearing.

Motion by Koso, second by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned.
Dawn Bennett
Verdon Clerk
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B.O.E.

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AUGUST 6, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a motor vehicle tax exemption for Good News Assembly of God Church for a 2016 transit wagon. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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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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Public Health Educator – pay scale: \$17.05 - \$19.67
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

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VILLAGE OF DAWSON

VILLAGE OF DAWSON MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD AUGUST 12TH, 2025 7:00 P.M. DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

The Dawson Village Board met in regular session on August 12th, 2025, at the Dawson Village Hall. Chairperson Bill Koch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Bill Koch, Stephanie Ingraham, and Larry Koch. Absent: Brian Burns. Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Guests: none.

Chairperson Bill Koch noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act posted on the Village Hall west wall.

August 12th, 2025, agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - absent; motion carried.

The minutes of July 8th, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved as unread with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - absent; motion carried.

The August claims were approved as presented with rejection of the original PeopleService Inc claim; a revised claim was completed, with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - absent; motion carried.

Unfinished business: Sidewalk maintenance: pit repair needs to be completed by Davis PHE LLC at a residential address before sidewalk repair can be completed. Tree trimming: has not been completed at time of meeting. Street maintenance: armor coating to be completed for north/south roads in the week of August 11th-15th per contractor. Dog licenses: letters have been sent to the residents from Village attorney who have not complied with the State ordinance. They have been given to August 28th to comply before court proceedings.

New business: Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch to adopt Resolution 2025-006 authorizing "Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025." ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - absent; motion carried. Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to move forward with having five (5) water sampling stations installed throughout the Village. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy will reimburse the Village ninety percent (90%) of the cost through a state grant. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - absent; motion carried. Discussion was held regarding a SENDD grant application for a new Fire Hall. Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns to move forward. ROLL CALL: T

Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - abstained; B Koch - aye; B Burns - absent; motion carried. Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to prepay for six hundred (600) gallons of propane at \$1.62/gallon through Staneline Propane Inc. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - abstained; B Koch - aye; B Burns - absent; motion carried.

Communications: Clerk completed fourteen (14) hours of continuing education courses in the month of July as required by the State auditor's office. Water tower assessment report provided by Utility Service Co Inc was provided.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to adjourn the August regular meeting at 8:09 P.M. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - absent; motion carried.

Tiffany Jorn, Village Clerk

Vendor Name, Memo, Amount	
American National Bank, account analysis.....	\$48.27
Dana F Cole & Co, accounting & tax services.....	\$175.00
Falls City Journal, mins publications.....	\$173.07
IRS, payroll tax.....	\$114.76
Jake Davis, 19 hrs mowing.....	\$285
League of NE Municipalities, membership dues.....	\$250.00
Midwest Laboratories Inc, lagoon testing.....	\$61.30
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, water testing.....	\$234.00
Nebraska Dept of Labor, unemployment ins tax.....	\$122.11
NPPD, fire department.....	\$48.42
116 Bluff St.....	\$156.63
Streetlights inside.....	\$515.01
120 Ridge St.....	\$32.63
Streetlights outside.....	\$15.06
Hwy 75 & 710 Trl.....	\$625.55
PeopleService Inc, Aug water/wastewater serv.....	\$1,770.00
Postage,shipping,samples.....	\$15.30
Quickbooks, invoicing software.....	\$75.00
Seneca Sanitation, garbage collection.....	\$1,134.00
Tiffany Jorn, clerical payroll.....	
.....	\$1,000.42
reimb. postage and printer ink.....	\$59.81
Utility Service Co Inc, water tower washout/insp.....	\$1,740.00
Vicki Manning, meter read.....	\$100.00
Village of Dawson, equipment.....	\$500.00
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E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 office in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the months of July and August:

General Fund --	\$51,256.85/\$71,318.59
Payroll --	\$442,310.46/\$459,546.77
NCECBVI	\$20,188.51/\$25,314.33
Federal Programs --	\$46,596.52/\$38,799.17
The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 pm following the General Fund Budget Hearing at 5:00 p.m., and the Hearing to Establish a Tax Levy Rate at 5:10 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025, at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. The agendas for these meetings are kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.	
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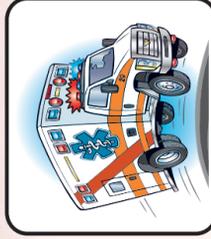
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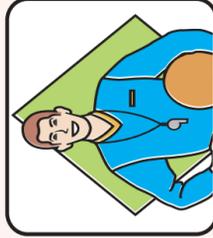
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