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HOMETOWN HEREOS COME TOGETHER TO PRESENT COBBLESTONE 2025

Cobblestone wrapped up Sunday after four days of events that brought out large crowds and perfect weather. The festival, “Hometown Superheroes,” featured traditions including the parade, contests, live music, children’s activities and food vendors along Stone Street. The parade stretched over an hour through down Harlan Street on Saturday morning, drawing families and visitors who claimed their seats over an hour before the parade started. There was good attendance throughout the weekend, with great temperatures and sunny skies. “We couldn’t have asked for a better weekend—the mild temperatures brought out an amazing turnout from the parade to the demolition derby,” said Amber Holle, executive director of Falls City Chamber & Main Street. “Months of preparation go into this event from not just the Chamber but all the organizations, businesses, and individuals that facilitate the different activities. This festival is truly a community effort, filled with pride for Falls City, and seeing the smiles on the young faces makes it all worth it.” The P.I.E. Little Mister and Miss Cobblestone contest was held Friday evening on the Richardson County Courthouse lawn. Little Mister Cobblestone 2025: Easton Lape, son of Derik and Breanna Lape. Runner-up: Baker Matthew Gibson, son of Brandon and Morgan Gibson. Third place: Grayson Michael Schmidt, son of Jake and Elise Schmidt. Little Miss Cobblestone 2025: Monroe (Please turn to Page 10 - More photos on Page 18)

Two dead in Wednesday shooting

On August 20, 2025 at approximately 11:06 AM officers responded to a residence in Falls City following a report of two individuals with gunshot wounds. Upon arrival officers discovered two deceased individuals, a 23 year-old female and a 27 year-old male inside the residence. There is no ongoing threat to the public. According to the Falls City Police Department, this is an active investigation and no further details have been released at this time.



Community Medical Center to transition to Epic Electronic Medical Records System

Community Medical Center (CMC) is pleased to announce that on Saturday, September 6, 2025, the hospital and its Family Medicine Clinics in Falls City and Humboldt will transition to Epic, the nation’s leading electronic medical records (EMR) system. This change reflects CMC’s continued commitment to providing high-quality, patient-centered care. While the exceptional care patients receive will remain the same, Epic will offer significant benefits—most notably through MyChart, Epic’s secure patient portal. With MyChart, patients will have convenient, 24/7 access to their health information, including:

- Test results and physician notes.
- Current medications and refill requests.
- Appointment scheduling.
- Secure messaging with care teams.
- Billing and payment options.

Patients who already use MyChart at another facility will be able to link their CMC re-

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“We’re trying to do a good job” Commissioners meet with county residents to discuss county roads

Those were the words that came from Richardson County road grader operator Roger Glathar, addressing a large crowd in the District Court room at Wednesday morning’s Commissioner meeting. Approximately 60 county residents were in attendance, some listening and some voicing concerns regarding the condition of the county roads. Neal Kanel and Ben Steffen gave a short presentation to the Commissioners, stressing the disrepair of county roads. Kanel pointed out that many residents have begun maintaining their own stretches of road due to the lack of maintenance. “We realize we are all trying to do more with less these days,” said Kanel. “But there needs to be some concessions and corrections, perhaps some reorganization.” Kanel also pointed out the ongoing battle between the Road De-

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Council votes to increase utility rates

The Falls City Council met on Monday, August 18, 2025, at City Hall. Councilpersons Kenny Killingsworth and Josh Kaster were absent. In the Mayor’s report, Mayor Harkendorff read a statement he was introducing to maintain an orderly and productive meeting that complies with the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. Harkendorff asks that Council Members and the public follow the guidelines. The news “rules” relate to staying on topic, council members getting recognized before speaking, public commentators approaching the podium, stating their name and limiting their time to three minutes. Anyone who interrupts or speaks out of turn may be ruled out of order and multiple violations can lead to that person being removed from the meeting. Police Chief Jamie Baker said during a “Speeding Catches up with You” campaign from July 14-31, 296 calls for service were answered. With Labor Day approaching, he also reminded citizens that drunk driving is illegal and puts everyone at terrible risk. The Police Department will take part in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” grant from August 16-September 1. Baker also announced the promotion of Michael Dougherty to Assistant Chief and James Wason to Sergeant, effective September 28, 2025. A Treasurer’s Report for June and July was presented and approved.

The Council heard the first reading of Ordinance 2025-106, prohibiting fowl and providing for control of chickens within city limits. The ordinance allows for a maximum of ten chicken hens, with no roosters permitted within the City limits. The Council voted to suspend the rules and move to the third and final reading of the ordinance, which passed on a 5-1 vote. Councilperson Frank Killingsworth was the lone nay vote. A selection committee, which was comprised of Councilpersons Ferguson and Leyden, Board of Public Works members Ray Joy and Jerry Koopman, City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum and Utility Superintendent Trevor Campbell, made the recommendation to approve the selection of Olsson as the engineering firm for the Energy Forward Transmission Improvement Project. The action passed on a 6-0 vote. The Council held a public hearing for the consideration of an amendment to the 23DTR006 project. The Community Development Block Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Downtown Revitalization was previously approved by the Board. The award originally was in the amount of \$435,000 for sidewalk support, curb and gutter improvements, commercial façade rehab and related items within a 12-block downtown area. After grants had been awarded, an excess of \$56,353.75 remained. The City asked to reallocate the remaining funds to the Sidewalk Construction section of the fund. The change will reduce the Commercial Rehab fund from \$165,000 to \$108,646.25 and raise the Sidewalk

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Prairie Doc

Why pelvic health matters: more than just kegels

By Dr. Patti Berg-Poppe and Dr. Staci Wietfeld

In our research and clinical practice experiences, a common theme emerges from people living with pelvic floor issues -- “I wish someone had told me about this sooner.” Through interviews and conversations, we’ve documented the stories of individuals who didn’t know what questions to ask, didn’t realize their symptoms were treatable, and often assumed they were alone. In her practice, Staci sees these realities unfold in the clinic every day, as both male and female patients arrive with frustration, confusion and a long history of being told that their concerns are normal, inevitable or simply something to live with.

Pelvic floor disorders such as urinary incontinence, constipation, pelvic pressure, pain with intercourse and pelvic floor dyssynergia (poor coordination) are more common than most people realize. These symptoms affect millions of adults. Nearly one in four women and one in eight men in the U.S. will experience some form of pelvic floor dysfunction in their lifetime. Yet these issues are often dismissed, hidden or normalized. Although not uncommon, we want to emphasize that dysfunction in the system is not normal. It is treatable. Conversations around pelvic health often begin only after childbirth, surgery or the slow accumulation of symptoms that have significantly affected quality of life. By that point, the affected person is often dealing not only with physical discomfort, but with years of self-doubt or embarrassment.

The pelvic floor is a group of muscles that sits at the base of the pelvis. These muscles are responsible for more than most people are ever taught. In both men and women, the pelvic floor supports the bladder, bowel, abdominal and reproductive organs. It helps control continence, allows for sexual function, and plays a role in basic breathing, posture and core stability. Despite all of this, most people grow up never learning about their pelvic floor, how it functions, or how to care for it. This lack of awareness isn’t just a missed opportunity for treatment; it’s a missed opportunity for prevention.

Every human has a pelvic floor. Pelvic health should be part of basic health education, not a niche topic reserved for specialists. Young people deserve to understand how their bodies work, and that includes the pelvic floor. Learning about healthy habits, such as avoiding excessive straining, practicing coordinated breathing during physical exertion, and developing strength, coordination and flexibility throughout the hips and core, can make a meaningful difference later in life. And for those planning for pregnancy, knowledge of pelvic floor function before and during pregnancy can support smoother recovery and reduce complications down the line. Gaining understanding of how the pelvic systems change with age, after surgery, or with the hormone changes of peri- and post-menopause also offers people a chance to create change and retain optimal function.

Kegels are often the only pelvic health advice people hear, but the solution is rarely that simple. Some individuals need strengthening; others need help learning to relax and coordinate pelvic floor muscles properly. Pelvic health is not a “one-size-fits-all” issue, and that’s why education before symptoms emerge is so important.

When problems do arise, they’re worth bringing up. Leakage, pressure and pain are common, but they’re not normal or untreatable at any age. Pelvic health physical therapists and other providers trained in this area can offer effective, individualized care. But even better is helping people know enough to ask questions earlier, build healthy habits sooner and prevent dysfunction before it starts.

Pelvic health matters. And the earlier we begin talking about it, the better.

Patti Berg-Poppe is a professor and chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of South Dakota. Her research focuses on pelvic health, including postpartum recovery and pediatric pelvic floor dysfunction, as well as motor control and learning in special populations. She has led interdisciplinary studies on the effects of intrapartum pelvic trauma on sexual function, return to participation and family well-being and has published on exercise interventions for conditions like diastasis recti and dysfunctional voiding in children.

Staci Wietfeld is a board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist and certified pelvic rehabilitation practitioner. She specializes in treating complex musculoskeletal conditions and pelvic floor dysfunction, integrating advanced manual therapy and patient education to promote recovery and well-being. In addition to her clinical practice with Avera Health Systems in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, she contributes to research and public education on pelvic health and physical therapy.

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All things Nebraska
A new, 18-member commission is the latest effort to find property tax relief

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Gov. Pillen and state lawmakers are taking another run at reducing the much despised, high property taxes in our state, this time via a commission on reforming the way we fund K-12 schools.

You gotta admire the governor for keeping on trying. It was one of his top campaign pledges – to cut property taxes.

But, we seem to have gotten deeper cuts in state income taxes in recent years than real property tax relief.

I know, I’m veering off track. Back to property taxes.

“Reforming” the way we fund local schools – which means increasing state funding for local schools – is a key way to reduce local property taxes.

But getting there has proven harder and more complicated than beating Iowa in a college football game. I can’t get over last year’s loss when we fumbled away a certain victory at the end against a Hawkeye team that had no discernable offense.

OK, I’m veering off track again.

Despite lots of efforts, and some progress here and there, Nebraska’s property taxes are still among the highest in the nation.

“Lots of land and not enough people” has always been one of the excuses. (If not for immigrants, our state’s population would be stagnant.)

But the economy has also been to blame. After the recession years around 2009, farmland prices exploded, while the price of residential property barely increased. It dramatically increased farmland valuations, and resulted in a great load of property taxes being paid by farmers and ranchers.

To be sure, state lawmakers have tried to deal with that, and have even directed a larger share of state property tax credits to agricultural land. And overall, we’re getting more credits from the state to offset local property taxes on homes and ag land.

But despite all that, Nebraska’s property taxes continue to rise. Our “effective rate” is the 4th highest in the U.S., according to the Tax Foundation. Our taxes on property are the 6th highest according to Rocket Mortgage, and 9th highest according to Wallet Hub. Not the kind of Top 10s we want to be in.

Pillen has tried every year to do something about high property taxes. He increased state aid to schools, proposed (without much luck) a slew of tax shifts by eliminating sales tax exemptions on services and luxury items, and even called senators into a special session last year on taxes.

But like those pesky Iowans, there always seemed to be an effective defense to stop any meaningful progress. To be sure, it’s much easier to say “I’m going to cut property taxes,” than to actually get it done.

The same thing happened during this year’s session of the State Legislature, forcing Pillen and State Sen. Jana Hughes of Seward to opt for the time-worn solution to perplexing problems – appoint a committee to study it.

This approach – appoint-

ing an 18-member School Finance Reform Commission to suggest a better way to support K-12 education by Dec. 1 – can work. But it will face the same headwinds past efforts have confronted – it’s a complicated problem, there’s a lot of different ideas on what will work, and every solution has winners and losers (and each hires lobbyists). Thus it’s hard to find consensus.

Personally, I think the state should shift more of the tax load onto sales and income taxes. Every year, it seemed, the Legislature granted a new sales tax exemption for some entity that was threatening to move out of the state. Time to get rid of some of those. And I’m all for taxing junk food and some services.

Those are not new ideas, but past efforts have lacked a solid consensus, between ag and business interests, between rural and urban state senators, to get it done.

It’s often said that it takes a “crisis” to get meaningful change enacted.

I’m not sure we’ve reached a crisis level. Maybe, if crop prices and farm income continue to drop, we might get there.

But we all want lower property taxes. Maybe, just maybe, this new, 18-member commission might achieve a breakthrough.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.



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 - Oven emanation
 - Beast of burden
 - Slat
 - Chocolate substitute
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 - San Diego baseballer
 - Actress Linda of “Dynasty” fame
 - Grave acronym
 - Dartmouth and such
 - *Largest shoulder muscle
 - *Mind-body exercise with “apparatus”
 - To do this is human
 - Hold back or restrain
 - *Biathlon gear, sing.
 - Rum follower
 - Illuminated by a certain star
 - Windshield option
 - Gang’s domain
 - Symbolized by white dove
 - Wander
 - “Sesame Street” regular
 - a.k.a. amir
 - Nobel Prize, e.g.
 - Most luminous star
 - 0.001 inches, pl.
 - *Workout prep
 - Used to be
 - Sailor’s assent
 - Agitate
 - Carry a load
 - *Series of exercises with little or no rest
 - *Peloton sport
 - “Bite the bullet,” e.g.
 - E in BCE
 - Term of endearment
 - “He _____ it like it is”
 - Actress Ryan
 - “M*A*S*H” character
 - One of #18 Across
 - 007
 - What actors do
- DOWN**

 - Passed with flying colors
 - Five-star review
 - Not written
 - _____ Carlo
 - Soak up
 - 36 inches
 - Boxer Clay
 - Fraternity K
 - Surface magma
 - Passage into a mine
 - *“Arboreal” yoga pose
 - Hitler’s sidekick Rudolf
 - _____
 - Highway accident
 - Extremely angry
 - “_____ show time!”
 - Nocturnal bird of prey (2 words)
 - It broke the camel’s back
 - Plains tribe
 - Iron + nickel
 - *Use calories
 - a.k.a. Indian Lilac
 - Vampire of Greek mythology
 - In a cold manner
 - To the point
 - Four years for a President
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 - Premature
 - _____ semolina, pl.
 - Hawaiian dish
 - Trick-taking card game
 - List components
 - Twilight
 - C in NYC
 - Brain wave
 - Small brook
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 - Same as cagey
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 - Like a drink in a snifter
 - Swirling vortex
 - *One in a set

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75 Years Ago, August 27, 1950 to September 2, 1950

Packard Motors and the CIO United Auto Workers agreed on a contract restoring peace to the automobile industry.

Mrs. Katherine Pierce, 85, of Rulo, passed away from burns suffered in an explosion of a stove at her home. Mrs. Pierce had been canning peaches shortly before the blast, which shattered windows in three separate rooms.

The Humboldt All-Stars defeated the Table Rock baseball team 9-5 in Table Rock. Buck Davis led Humboldt with four hits, including a triple. Fencil, Jaros and Pennington combined on the mound for the win.

Miss Virginia Bippes of Preston, a member of the local Evangelical United Brethren Church, was named president of the district youth rally held at the Bellevue Church near Leona, KS. Paul Weinert of the Preston Zion Church was named vice-president.

Thirty men boarded an early morning Missouri Pacific passenger train to go to Ft. Crook, where all were examined as to their physical fitness for the armed services. The draft office stressed the men were not reporting for duty, but simply for a physical exam.

Virgil McWain of Falls City was named as the new Burlington station agent at Shubert.

The Harlem Globetrotters took on the Brooklyn Cuban Giants in barnstorming action at City Park, which the Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored. The Trotters won 12-6 before roughly 650 fans. The life of the party was baseball clown Ed Hamman, who kept fans entertained for several innings.

Forty-two guests attended the Rieger reunion at City Park. Chris Yoesel conducted the business session.

Several Gage County residents may have had free eggnog after a truck driven by Donald Roe of Falls City upset on a slippery highway near Beatrice. Sheriff Ned Maxwell said 110 cases of eggs and 60 cans of cream belonging to the Falls City Creamery Company were scrambled all over the road.

For sale—Beer Tavern, Talmage, NE, Building and living quarters all go—about \$2,400 per month gross sales.

Robert P. Luff, city councilperson from the Third Ward and his wife sold their house at 1215 Fulton Street and planned to move to Atchison, KS.

The school year opened at Sacred Heart with 119 enrolled in grade school and 51 in the high school, according to principal Sister Mary Eugene.

Brooklyn Dodgers first baseman Gil Hodges blasted four round trippers as his team defeated the Boston Braves 19-3 at Ebbets Field.

Mrs. Edwin Bletscher, Route 1, Falls City, was chosen as president of the Richardson County W.C.T.U. at the annual convention held at the Prairie Union Baptist Church in the Shubert area.

50 Years Ago, August 27, 1975 to September 2, 1975

A federal grand jury would hear from 70 witnesses beginning next Tuesday as prosecutors stepped up efforts to learn the fate of former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa. The ex-union boss had been missing for three weeks.

Cigarettes and meat were stolen from the Pony Creek Café south of town on Highway 73. Approximately 18 cartons of cigarettes were stolen, along with \$30 in coins from a music machine and a pool table.

Rural Water District No. 2, which had 188 users and served the area northeast, east, southeast and southwest of Falls City, was in complete operation. Kenneth Zoeller, chairman of the water district board, said that only a few minor things remained to be done on the construction project, which began in June of 1974. Other board members included Ruben Knaup, Raymond Fisher, Robert Zimmerman, Ed Huppert, Jr., Paul Benitz, Paul Bachman, Ed O’Grady and Victor Karst.

Police Chief Ivan Bieck was presented a plaque by Tom Compo, the AAA Cornhusker Motor Club Safety Director, for recording four straight years without a pedestrian fatality.

Pee Wee Erwin stopped in Falls City for a concert with Al Maust, Dr. Bob Hoban, Bob Shields and Buck Bedunnah. Erwin had just finished a 3 ½ week concert tour across South Africa. After his African tour, he flew to Nice, France, for a 12-day festival called “Grand Parade du Jazz.”

In a photo on the front page of The *Journal* dated August 30, 1975, Jon Snethen was pictured in his combine, harvesting corn on a farm of his parents. The Snethens had begun the corn harvest on August 23, which the paper stated as being mighty early for Richardson County.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Butrick announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Phyllis Elaine, to Ernest Wayne Kreutzer.

Dairy Dip advertised a Labor Day Picnic Special of 12 pieces of chicken, a quart of potato salad, a pint of cole slaw, six pieces of bread, a gallon of pop, a sack of potato chips, a sack of ice, plates, napkins, forks and spoons for \$9.95.

Four hundred persons attended the Salem reunion, including ten members of the 1925 class. Mrs. Merl Boguess, postmistress at Salem, was the toastmistress.

Marvin Pethoud, formerly of Sioux Falls, S.D., purchased the Hested Store and would assume ownership on September 5. The store would be renamed the Falls City Department Store. Pethoud had previously been employed by the Hested organization for 21 years.

Ernie Comfort won the Country Club Championship with a 36-hole score of 143, nine strokes ahead of second-place finishers Max Rathman and Bill Milam.

25 Years Ago, August 27, 2000 to September 2, 2000

The Great China Buffet at 1603 Stone Street opened for business.

Peru State College opened the semester with an eye-popping 18.6 percent more students than it had the previous year. Enrollment figures for the year showed 1,294 students, compared to 1,091 at the same time the year prior.

The Richardson County Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with local volunteer emergency teams, the Red Cross and local emergency departments, staged an emergency nuclear leak scenario. Officials from FEMA and Nebraska Emergency Management were on hand, evaluating every move.

Approximately 40 persons attended the 14th annual Richardson County Historical Society meeting. A program about the Civil War, presented by Ryan and Mid Bauer, included songs and a history of various aspects of the war.

Jerry Clark, Duane Armbruster and Ralph Gilkerson presented the 29th annual Hunter Safety Course in Falls City.

New faculty members at Falls City Public Schools included Donna Eickhoff, Vicky Zoeller, Connie Taft, Alish Sutton, Susan Witt, Jamie Frederick and Kim Niemann.

New officers of the Richardson County Historical Society included Mary Snethen, Marilyn Stalder, Bill Rowan, Mildred Fritz and Jo Ann Auxier.

SunMart advertised ground chuck, sold in 5 lb. portions, for \$1.19 per pound.

The newly remodeled and air-conditioned Prichard Auditorium was ready for business and was set to host the Sacred Heart/Omaha Brownell-Talbot volleyball contest.

The Richardson County Commissioners requested assistance from the state to help address the issues on the “Boy Scout Road” south of Humboldt.

The DV Jets fell to Diller-Odell 15-2 and 15-8 in the opening week of the season. Becky Cooper had three kills and Cori Harmon added six blocks.

Steve Brott, attorney for the Nellie Ruch estate, presented a \$5,000 check to Bill Jenkins, president of the Library Board, to help with the construction of the new building.

Ryan Chaffee was accepted by the Wisconsin State Patrol and would attend the Law Enforcement Academy at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

“We’re trying to do a good job”
Commissioners meet with county residents to discuss county roads

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partment workers and the County in dealing with the pay scale.

“This needs to get handled sooner than later,” said Kanel.

Steffen began by thanking the Commissioners for their service on the County Board.

Steffen then stated that the group didn’t want to disrespect anyone; they just had concerns and “we appreciate the efforts that have been put forward, but we’ve got some concerns that we want to address,” said Steffen.

Steffen said while everyone has opinions on the road situations, most agree that the current state of the roads could be categorized as in a state of disarray.

Steffen provided photographs of troubled areas, stating that most of the residents in attendance live on county roads, and do so knowing they are not paved. However, the current conditions have proven to be unacceptable, as he stated it often takes a four-wheel drive vehicle to traverse the roads. Steffen claims the lack of rock and water running down the middle of the roads has been the most significant factor, and it didn’t just start this summer with all the precipitation. “We don’t see regular maintenance grading work,” said Steffen.

Steffen also questioned the upkeep of minimum maintenance roads, stating farmers still need access to their fields.

Finally, Steffen spoke about a tube that was installed on 637 Avenue between Dawson and Humboldt. Steffen said it took two months to get the tube installed, stating it was a large, long tube and a deep ditch. However, three days after it was installed, water was running beneath the tube. “There was no water running through the tube at all,” said Steffen.

He went on to say he isn’t sure if the tube will be salvageable, but the responsibility for it falls on the “planning and supervision” of the project.

He asked the Commissioners if they could give the public a reasonable expectation that the roads would be maintained regularly. Another suggestion he offered dealt with the workforce, stating, “It is critical to have a team effort to make progress on all this.”

He stressed the importance of resolving the labor dispute with the County employees.

“We need to get this situation settled out of court,” said Steffen. “It needs to be resolved and it needs to be done in a respectful way so we can get together and get moving forward together.”

The third suggestion he offered was to work on leadership, beginning with workers on the Road Department, all the way up to the Commissioners.

“Our county government team will only be as good as our leadership,” said Steffen.

Steffen charged the Commissioners with building a shared set of expectations, doing so with workers, supervisors and themselves.

A few residents of the County spoke to the Board. Some were happy with the grader operators in their area, stating the issues dealt

more with needing clean rock to be utilized as opposed to crush and run. Another idea was to have operators drive the county roads during the rainy season to identify trouble spots, allowing for better addressing of these issues.

Another resident stated that “clean rock on a road will not work,” saying clean rock dissipates moisture, causing the road to lose its crown and lose the base.

One resident stated that cooperation between the workers, supervisors, and Commissioners is necessary for success. She also stressed the importance of training, scheduling and oversight by supervisors.

One resident stated she felt the usage of the roads has outgrown the maintenance, questioning whether the County needs more workers or possibly more rock.

Humboldt area grader operator Roger Glathar addressed the crowd once everyone had an opportunity to speak. He said he thinks he was speaking on behalf of the employees who were in attendance, saying, “We’re trying to do a good job.”

He advised everyone that, although it may not currently seem so, the employees are doing their best to remedy the situation. He stated he feels the quality of rock has gone downhill over the years, saying the rock is softer now.

Those in attendance who spoke included Craig Ely, Moose Bletscher, Bill Ely, Judy Handley, Roger Glathar, Jim Farwell, Cindy Foster, Colton Vollan and Carol Glathar.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. offered a brief rebuttal to some of the questions raised. He stated he has worked very hard to get his employees the raises they deserve.

“I’ve argued with these three (Commissioners) about getting them their raises,” said Darveau. “I think my employees need a raise. I offered not to take mine last time because I feel these guys need theirs.”

He also mentioned that eight years prior, when he started, the county rock budget was \$500,000.

“I proposed a \$1.5 million rock budget this year. I think we settled at \$1.2,” said Darveau.

The Highway Superintendent also addressed the culvert project between Humboldt and Dawson. He advised those in attendance that he had tried to save the county money, but the effort backfired, taking full responsibility for the mishap.

“I’m going to say it bit me in the ass,” said Darveau. “I apologize for anybody in that area.”

Darveau said a headwall will be poured and will take care of the issue without having to dig up the 11-foot diameter tube. The headwall will protect and support the culvert.

He emphasized the need to scale back some of the 1-year and 6-year plans and concentrate on cleaning ditches or rebuilding roads. Keeping ditches clean will result in water running off the roads more successfully, leading to fewer pot-holes and washouts.

He also noted he is working on projects nearing the \$30 million mark through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. He has applied for

grants through the bill to help with the infrastructure of the County.

“I’m going after grants that can get 100 percent reimbursed,” said Darveau. “So we can replace big infrastructure, that we are all aware needs done, and we can use our own money to try to work on our roads.”

According to the provided information, the County spent \$913,416.12 on rock for county roads in 2024. Through August 13, 2025, Richardson County has hauled 12,863 tons of rock in District 2, 12,848 tons to District 3 and has 1,055 tons stockpiled.

In other agenda items, Sheriff Rick Hardesty reported that 18 inmates were currently being housed at the jail. He also discussed staffing issues in dispatch, jail and deputies. The Sheriff noted a vacancy in dispatch leaves them with four dispatchers.

He noted the potential of hiring a part-time dispatcher to alleviate some of the current issues until a full-time position can be filled.

A discussion was also held regarding a potential contract with Airstream to provide a service agreement for the Law Enforcement Center on a quarterly schedule. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to consider a written proposal from Airstream to inspect the plumbing, the heating and cooling units every three months.

Hardesty also reported that General Fire and Safety had completed the project to install a clean agent fire suppression system in the server room at the Law Enforcement Center. The Board had previously approved the project on February 5, 2025.

Nebraska Jail Standards had also completed the annual inspection with a final report expected at a later time.

The Board authorized County Attorney Samantha Scheitel to sign an amendment to the NE Department of Health and Human Services agreement for child support enforcement.

The Commissioners adopted Resolution 2025-2026-5 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund for \$200,000. The Board also received \$4,551.31 from the National Opioids Settlement, \$1,292.89 from the National Opioids Trust Allergan and \$950.42 from the National Opioids Trust Kroger.

Senator Bob Hallstrom from District 1 was in attendance at Wednesday’s meeting.

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

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

Richardson County Queen voting hit its fifth week with a bit of movement. Please have all votes turned in by 4:00 p.m. for the votes to count.

Queen Votes as of August 21, 2025 were:

Chloe Shupp 127,166,643.
Ella Glathar 93,298,817.
Miranda Rist 28,472,200.
MaKena Dunlap 27,742,828.
Kendall Freeman 20,506,690.
Elie Bstandig 14,211,618.
Jorja DeJonge 9,919,845.
Hannah Lindsey 8,068,316.
Shayfer Cumro 5,144,186.
Maddie Bredemeier 3,534,102.

The following businesses are voting locations: Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc. AKRS Equipment Solutions, Inc., American National Bank, Armbruster Motor Co. – **Falls City**, Bear Butte Enterprises, LLC, Berwick Cooperative Oil Company, Blecha’s General Store, Bruna Bros Implement, LLC, Burgett Irrigation, Chaotic Coffee & Boutique,

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

According to Richardson County Sheriff’s Office accident reports, on August 9, 2025, Allison Joy Yoesel of Falls City, was traveling westbound on 707 Road when she approached the intersection of 657 Ave. Yoesel, was distracted by infant passenger and failed to stop at the stop sign. Yoesel traveled through the intersection colliding with southbound Kelly Bletscher of Falls City. Both vehicles came to rest in the southwest ditch of the intersection. Yoesel, was issued a citation for fail to stop. The Yoesel vehicle was totaled; the Bletscher vehicle suffered an estimated \$15,000 in damage.



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Sat., September 6 • 4-10PM

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\$5 ticket or 5/\$20 Drawing Sept. 6-Need not be present to win.

FARM LAND FOR RENT

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Parcels range in size from 320 acres & down.

Complete descriptions of parcels can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com.

Submit bid form via email to tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com or mail to Tammy

Epple – Lease Bid, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 68434 no later than 2 PM Thursday 9-18-2025.

Contracts to be finalized by October 28, 2025 for leases to run from 1-1-2026 through 12-31-2030

Contact Tribal Board member Gary Bahr at 785-742-0053 Ext 4002 or cell 402-245-8490 with any questions or concerns.

14 PARCELS FOR LEASE:

#1) 210 Tillable Acres NW ¼ of NE ¼ and lots 5, 6, 8 and 9 of South 36-1-17, Richardson County, NE	#9) 30.3 Tillable Acres NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Sec. 35-1-17, Richardson County, NE
#2) 47 Tillable Acres N ½ of NE ¼ and NW ¼ of Sec. 3-1-17 Brown County, KS	#10) 14 Tillable Acres S ½ of NE ¼ in Sec. 2-1-17-Night Hawk Rd So of 340th St., Brown County, KS
#3) 76 Tillable Acres S ½ of NW ¼ Sec. 35-1-17, Richardson County, NE	#11) 133 Tillable Acres SE ¼ of Sec. 15-45-15 E, Brown County KS
#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	#12) 15.66 Tillable Acres No of Margrave 2-1-17-old CRP-Brown County KS
#5) 115.3 Tillable Acres SW ¼ of NE ¼ and W ½ of SE ¼ of Sec. 30-2-16, Richardson County, NE	#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
#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	#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.
#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.)	
#8) 109 Tillable Acres W ¼ of Walnut Creek, Sec. 7-1-17, Brown County KS	

Community Insurance Group, Inc., Creative Thoughts- Pawnee, Davis Plumbing & Electric - Stella, Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, P.C., L.L.O., Farmers Cooperative, Friends of the Humboldt Auditorium, Highway 50 Fertilizer – DuBois, Home In Bloom, Housing Authority of the City of Humboldt, Humboldt Community Thrift Store, Humboldt Standard, Lewis Implement Co., Marburger’s Shoe Store, Meyer-Earp Auto Center Inc. - Auburn, Mezger Construction, Inc., Nebraska Public Power District, Niders Grocery, North Fork One Stop, Old Windmill Antiques, OPPD, Phillips Plumbing & HVAC, Quad County Historical & Research - Museum Sapp Bros., Inc., State Bank of Table Rock, 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.

Humboldt residents gather to discuss city issues

A group of Humboldt residents held a community meeting last week to discuss concerns about city infrastructure, roads and communication.

Attendees said the gathering was intended as an opportunity for citizens to share questions and possible solutions about city operations outside of a formal council setting.

Topics raised included the condition of streets and sewers, hydrant maintenance the growth of the town and how to help improve it.

Those involved in the meeting said they hope future gatherings will provide constructive opportunities for residents to work together on ideas for improving the city. A follow-up meeting is expected, though a date has not yet been set.

SOCIETY NEWS

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

By Tana J Brown Secretary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met August 12, 2025 at the home of Elizabeth Ketner. Co-president Jana Wheeler called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence. In the absence of our Chaplain, Dona Hall offered the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a verse of “My Country Tis of Thee” was sung, and the ALA Preamble was recited

Roll call was answered by nine members.

Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the July 8, 2025 meeting. They stand approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Schlosser shared the Treasurer’s report. Elizabeth Ketner made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Karen Shorb and all approved. There were no bills presented.

Elizabeth Ketner reported the treasurer’s books were audited for the last fiscal year and she and Vicki Beilke found all was in order.

For Communications: A thank you was read from Lincoln VA NWHCS for the children’s activity bags. Linda Patchen shared that Teresa Olberding has been making the bags. Anyone that would like to contribute items would be welcome to. Usually included are colors, coloring books and little pks of Kleenex. Other suggestions could be a small notebook, little puzzle or game. These activity bags are given to children who come with the

parents or grandparents to appointments at the VA. Things that would be easy to use in that setting are what is needed.

Fall Round UP will be in Crab Orchard on October 11 starting at 10 AM with each one contributing a covered dish for lunch.

Committee Reports were given: Bobbi Albers had brought Tana Brown certificates from Department Convention: one for Kase Schawang for 2nd place in the Department Americanism essay contest as well as check from department; and one for the Unit for reaching 104.17 percent of membership goal, along with a ribbon for 100 percent membership. Give 10 for Education program was discussed. Tana shared a little background of the program for the newer members. Requested items were brought to the meeting and other members gave money to purchase supplies. These will be delivered to HTRS in the near future. The need for a community service chair was discussed.

Jana Wheeler suggested the idea of a raffle as a fundraiser. There will be more on that at the September meeting.

Gold Star Recognition is in September. There was discussion on what to do this year.

The Cobblestone parade is at 11 AM on August 23rd. Several members plan to participate.

The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2025 at 6:30 at the home of Jana Wheeler.

Dona Hall gave the closing prayer.

Co-President Jana Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned.

Falls City Journal deadline changed 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 legal notices so please plan accordingly.

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Railroad crossing project on US-136, near Auburn

Work on the railroad crossing project on U.S. Highway 136 (US-136), near Auburn, has been rescheduled for September 11 and 12, 2025.

The crossing repair work is being done by Track Source.



34TH FANTASTIC SEASON

September 5TH ~ 7TH

The Cody Sisters

The Cody Sisters band is the very heart of contemporary acoustic Folk and Bluegrass music in Colorado, the United States and the UK. Their propulsive instrumental solos and warm harmonies combine to grip the listener. Sisters Megan (guitar, mandolin, vocals) and Maddie (guitar, banjo, vocals) have forged a new sound that has no equivalent match in the acoustic world today.



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1 LABOR DAY 	2 PAIN MANAGEMENT KARL HAAKE, MD CARDIOLOGY HISHAM HAKEEM, MD ORTHOPEDICS MARIA DENTLINGER, PA	3 SURGERY AARON BROWN, MD DERMATOLOGY TIFFANY ENGELKEN, APRN WOUND CLINIC SUSIE LUEGER, APRN	4 NEUROLOGY ABRA WOOLARD, APRN ORTHOPEDICS MICHAEL MCCOY BOTOX LEVI GRIMM, APRN	5 KANZA MENTAL HEALTH
8 SURGERY DENIS JIMENEZ, MD OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGERY WILLIAM BURR, MD CARDIOLOGY SWAPNA MAMIDIALLY, MD NEUROLOGY KEELYNN ERICSON, MD WOUND CLINIC SUSIE LUEGER, APRN	9 PAIN MANAGEMENT KARL HAAKE, MD CARDIOLOGY BAILEY DELONG, APRN SURGERY SAMUEL BRUNA, MD	10 SURGERY DENIS JIMENEZ, MD DERMATOLOGY TIFFANY ENGELKEN, APRN PODIATRY ROBERT SHEMWELL, DPM	11 PATRIOT DAY BOTOX LEVI GRIMM, APRN ORTHOPEDICS ADAM STREIT, DO NUCLEAR STRESS TESTS	12 ENT JASON LEPSE, MD CARDIOLOGY TONYA STALLBAUMER, APRN
15 SURGERY SAMUEL BRUNA, MD WOUND CLINIC SUSIE LUEGER, APRN	16 PAIN MANAGEMENT KARL HAAKE, MD ORTHOPEDICS MARIA DENTLINGER, PA UROLOGY KRIS CARLSON, MD DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP @3PM	17 SURGERY SAMUEL BRUNA, MD DERMATOLOGY TIFFANY ENGELKEN, APRN	18 ORTHOPEDICS MICHAEL MCCOY NEUROLOGY ABRA WOOLARD, APRN DIZZINESS & BALANCE GARY MCKNIGHT, AUD BOTOX LEVI GRIMM, APRN	19 ONCOLOGY ROBIN MCKAY, APRN OB/GYN JAMESINA DICKSON, MD NEPHROLOGY LAKSHMI DUVVUR, MD KANZA MENTAL HEALTH
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Stalder receives Masters Degree

Matilyn Stalder, daughter of Aaron and Sus Stalder, Humboldt, NE. received her Master’s Degree from University of Nebraska as a Speech Language Pathologist on August 16, 2025 at Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln.

Matilyn graduated from HTRS High School in 2019; attended four years at University of Nebraska as an undergraduate, graduating with her Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology in May 2023 and then two years straight through at University of Nebraska receiving her Masters’s Degree from University of Nebraska as a Speech Language Pathologist.

She is currently employed with Lincoln Public School as a Speech Language Pathologist.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln awards 556 degrees in August ceremony

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln conferred 556 degrees during a combined graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremony Aug. 16 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

The 548 graduates are from 39 countries; 34 U.S. states



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.

Peru State College Giving Week coming September 1

Peru State College, Nebraska’s first postsecondary educational institution and proudly known as the Campus of a Thousand Oaks, is excited to celebrate our upcoming Giving Week.

and Puerto Rico; and 70-plus Nebraska communities.

Chancellor Rodney D. Bennett presided over the commencement ceremony.

Local graduates included, Jamie Milam of Falls City, Graduate Studies, Master of Arts for Teachers.

This special time highlights the spirit of generosity and community that has sustained our College for more than 155 years. Giving Week is not just about donations—it’s about coming together as alumni, friends, and supporters to honor the tradition of excellence that began here and continues to shape the future for our students.

Your support during Giving Week is vital to the continued success of Peru State College. Gifts of any size make a meaningful impact on scholarships, academic programs, athletics, and campus improvements that enrich the student experience. When you give, you’re investing in opportunities that empower students to thrive, ensuring that the legacy of the Campus of a Thousand Oaks remains strong for generations to come.

Second-Ever Giving Week

In addition, there will be excitement for an event that promises to bring everyone together: Giving Week. This isn’t just any fundraising event; it is a celebration of the collective spirit that had built and sustained the College for over 158 years.

In the past, the Peru State College Foundation hosted a 24-hour Giving Day in October. The Foundation Board and staff determined earlier a year ago that a Giving Week correlating with the start of 158 years of education would be a better way to go.

Many Areas to Support

The areas of support for Giving Week are as diverse as the students and alumni themselves.

There will be campaigns supporting various Academic or Athletic needs where donations will help support the activities which bring pride and excitement to campus. Donors also can give to something that they love where they have an opportunity to designate their gift to any area on campus that means the most to them.

Or donors may give funds to the Blue and White Fund through which the Foundation provides funding to help maintain a vibrant campus culture.

Challenges and Matches

To add an extra layer of excitement, the Foundation has arranged several challenges and matches.

This year, a very generous donor has stepped forward with an incredible \$25,000 match to inspire Bobcats everywhere to give. Even more exciting—the donor will contribute an additional \$10,000 if the Foundation reaches its overall goal of \$100,000 during Giving Week. Every gift brings us closer to unlocking these challenges and making a transformational impact for Peru State College!

To date there are sixteen different challenges and/or matches in addition to the overall \$25,000 opportunity. Additionally, there are matches/challenges for various areas such as the Theatre program, Cross Country and Long Distance Track, School of Professional Studies, Science program, Blue and White Fund, Cheerleading, Business Contest and Collegiate FBLA (formerly PBL), Homecoming, Hall of Fame, School of Education Faculty Development, Dr. Seuss event, School of Education CARE program, Social Science program and Phi Alpha Theta, Football, and the Hicks/Anderson Student Teacher Scholarship.

These challenges are powerful reminders of the College’s impact while hoping to inspire others to give back. They highlight the importance of Peru State College and how, through collective effort, remarkable things can be achieved.

More matches and/or challenges could be added before the official start of Giving Week. If you have a challenge in mind, contact the Foundation office.

Importance of Giving!

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To give online go to <https://bit.ly/PSCGivingWeek>

Your support of Peru State College is genuinely appreciated.

LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

GENEROUSLY BROUGHT TO YOU EACH WEEK BY THE SPONSORS BELOW

FALLS CITY
First Brethren Church (1902 Lane St.)
Sunday: Worship Service, 9:30AM; Sunday School, Nursery (or pre-school), Adult, 10:45AM; Fellowship Hour, 6:00PM. *Don Shafer, Moderator. 402-245-5209*

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.mygnag.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) Weekend Mass Times: Sat, 5:00PM; Sun, 7AM & 10AM. Daily Mass: Mon. thru Fri., 6:45AM.

Services livestreamed daily on www.facebook.com/sppfc. Inquiry classes by appointment. Sacrament of Penance: Sat., 3:45-4:45PM, or by appointment. *Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor. 402-245-3002*

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. verdon-christianchurch@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*

FOREST CITY, MO
River of Hope Fellowship 27765 Hwy 159, PO Box 176, Forest City, MO 64451. Sun. Worship: 10:30AM, Sunday School: 9:30AM. *Will Certain, Pastor. 816-824-8566. Randy Seedorff, Pastor. 816-507-7339*

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August 13 through August 14, 2025 calls: two 911 hang up/misdials, two fire calls, one ambulance/EMS call, two calls referred to other agencies, one gun permit, one animal call, five miscellaneous calls, one phone/digital/mail scam call, one accident, one information only call, one parking complaint, two nuisance calls, and five 911 calls.

August 14 through August 15, 2025 calls: two ambulance/EMS calls, Two calls referred to another agency, two 911 hang ups/misdials, one parking complaint, one animal call, one nuisance, one Law enforcement assist, One informational only call, one traffic/driving complaint, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for speeding, and six 911 calls.

August 15 through August 16, 2025 calls: four information only, one check welfare, one possible death, one traffic/driving complaint, two miscellaneous, two 911 hang up/misdial, two nuisance, two fire calls (Rulo fire/Falls City fire), two ambulance/EMS, one accident, seven 911 calls, two citations for nuisance-weeds and grass over 12", two citations for maintaining a nuisance, one citation for nuisance-unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicle.

August 16 through August 17, 2025 calls: two miscellaneous, one open door, one information only, four referred to another agency, one burn permit, four 911 hang up/misdial, one disturbance, one found or lost property, one ambulance/EMS, thirteen 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective vehicle license, one warning for speeding.

August 17 through August 18, 2025 calls: four ambulance/EMS, two referred to another agency, two information only, one parking complaint, one disturbance, three miscellaneous, one traffic hazard, one 911 hang up/misdial, two 911 calls, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning fail to use signal light, one warning for fail to use seat belt, one warning for no proof of insurance, one warning for muffler violation.

August 18 through August 19, 2025 calls: four referred to another agency, three animal calls, one burn permit, two check welfare, one escort, four ambulance/EMS, two 911 hang up/misdial, one records check, one miscellaneous, one domestic disturbance, two nuisances, two parking complaints, two gun permits, one HHS intake/referral, one traffic/driving complaint, three investigation, five 911 calls, one citation for DUI .15+ one citation for possess open alcohol container, one citation for possess or obtain legend drugs, one citation for acts declared unlawful-license/driving, one warning for speeding, one warning for traffic control violation, one warning for plates not clear and visible.

August 19 through August 20, 2025 calls: three nuisances, one gun permit, two HHS intake/referrals, one theft, one information only, one traffic/driving complaint, one disturbance, one miscellaneous, two ambulance/EMS, one domestic disturbance, two 911 calls, one citation for assault/threaten menacing manner, one warning for theft of services \$0-\$500.

CITATIONS
Kai-Di Johnson of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)
Kathleen Wamsley of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Daniels)
Michael Bahr of Germantown, WI, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)
Amanda Powell of Falls City, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Daniels)
Paige Keefe of Omaha, NE, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)
Nirvana Gutierrez Alonzo of Des Plaines, IL, violate no passing zone, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Anderson)
Mark Bippes of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
Ronald Mayfield of Vonore, TN, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)
Andrew Timothy of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
Hailey Robertson of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)
Daniel Vargo of Spring Hill, FL, count one, drive left of center, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, use handheld mobile device CMV-1st, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)
Michael Waggoner of White Cloud, count one, traffic control violation, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Daniels)
Tommy Adams of Falls City, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Daniels)
COUNTY COURT
Josiah D. Williams, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.
Leslie Gutierrez, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order-MSD 2, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for September 17, 2025.
Melinda A. Goll, count one, obstruct government operations, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for September 17, 2025.
Wynne Wang, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 22, 2025.
David D. Constantine, count one, no proof of insurance, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and license revoked for term of one year; count three, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count four, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.
Jennifer L. Calvert, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, amended to disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.
Stephen W. Rutherford, count one, no proof of insurance, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; count two amended to dropped/dismissed.
Kyle A. Hague, count one, criminal trespass-2nd degree, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed.
DISTRICT COURT
Blake A. Kaler, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, pled not guilty; count three, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, pled not guilty; count four, contribute to delinquency of minor, pled not guilty; count five, criminal mischief \$501-1,499, pled not guilty; count six, criminal mischief \$501-1,499, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025.
Marty P. Foster, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; counts 2-5 amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; counts 7-10 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for September 16, 2025.
Dylan M. Dodge, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, violate Sex Off.

Reg. Act-felony 3A, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation for term of 14 months; count three amended to dropped/dismissed.
Shayne C. Songer, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for October 14, 2025.
Heather A. Cooper, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; counts 3-4 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for October 21, 2025.
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City Council votes to increase utility rates

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Improvements to \$291,353.75. The amendment will drop the number of businesses assisted in the Commercial Rehab from six to four. The change includes a 20 percent match of \$14,088.44 for the funds from private property owners to the City.

After the public hearing, the Council voted in favor of a resolution approving the amended CDBG Downtown Revitalization Agreement.

The Board of Public Works also read a prepared statement, affirming their “full support for Mr. Trevor Campbell, Public Works Director/Utility Superintendent for the City of Falls City.” In response to recent questions and concerns raised by some members of the City Council regarding utility operations, we feel it is important to clarify Mr. Campbell’s role and the governance structure under which he operates.”

The Falls City codes state, “The code further states that the Board may, at its discretion, employ a commissioner to operate one or more of the municipal utilities, and that such commissioner shall be under the immediate authority of the Board.”

The letter requested that if City Council members have concerns regarding the Public Works Director, they be directed to the Board of Public Works.

John Krajewski of JK Energy Consulting, LLC, presented the 2025 Cost of Service/Rate Design Study to the Council. Krajewski proposed a four percent increase for the Electric Utility in 2026, 2027 and 2028. He stated the increase is necessary to cover projected operating expenses. The rate increases are directly related to the construction of the new transmission tie to provide backup service to the town. The recommendation by JK Energy is to designate two percent of the increase to future capital projects. The collected money can only be used for capital projects, distribution projects, transmission or debt on those types of projects.

“The rate increases we’re proposing, two percent of it is going to be in the form of an infrastructure fee,” said Krajewski.

The rate increases are divided, with two percent allocated to the infrastructure fee and two percent to the rate increase, totaling four percent.

According to the study, the typical residential customer will see an increase of \$4.60-\$4.80 per month. Another recommendation was to calculate the PCA (Power Cost Adjustment) on a six-month average, rather than monthly.

“I think that will help your customers from a budget standpoint,” said Krejewski.

The Utility serves approximately 2,100 residential customers, 520 General Service customers and two large power plant customers.

Next, Krajewski discussed the Natural Gas Study. He proposes a one percent rate increase for 2026, 2027 and 2028. The rate increase will be

approximately \$1.00 per month for residential customers. A two percent increase in 2029 may be necessary to provide sufficient revenue to cover projected expenses. The test year budget for FY 2025 was \$2.64 million, while projected revenue from existing rates is \$2.61 million. The rate increase is necessary to ensure adequate revenue to pay expenses in the future.

The Water Utility shows projected revenue for 2025 at \$1.6 million, while projected expenses were nearly \$1.7 million. The proposed rate increase for the Water Utility is six percent in FY 2026, FY 2027, and FY 2028. The average residential customer can expect to see an increase of \$2.43 in 2026, \$2.57 in 2027 and \$2.72 in FY 2028.

The final study included the Wastewater Utility. The study by JK indicated that the Utility does not collect enough revenue to cover the projected expenses. The proposal is to increase the rate by four percent for FY 2026, four percent for FY 2027 and four percent for FY 2028. The average bill will rise by approximately \$1.77 per month each year.

Krajewski acknowledged the City of Falls City has done a tremendous job of gradually increasing rates over the past 15 years, rather than hitting customers with a significant increase all at once.

Krajewski recommended the infrastructure fee on the Water, Electric and Wastewater Utilities, not the gas.

According to Krajewski, adding the four utilities together will account for a roughly ten-dollar per month increase for residents through 2028.

The Council voted to suspend the rules and passed Ordinances 2025-101, 2025-102, 2025-103 and 2025-104 to follow the recommendations passed down by JK Electric.

“We need to educate our community and before they get emotional and angry when they see that they’re bills are going to go up ten dollars a month,” said Councilperson Buckminster. “There’s a reason for that, but I just don’t feel like anybody

is involved or engaged enough to educate themselves or their families to understand why. We know we have capital improvements we need to do, we know there’s going to be rates, but nobody’s ever here asking questions as to why. This was a perfect presentation to explain the why’s and nobody shows up.”

A few in the audience spoke up to state they were there for that reason and the Council thanked them for participating.

Krajewski thanked Nussbaum, Campbell and all the City staff for the help throughout the rate study process.

Councilperson Leyden stated that he acknowledges no one wants rate increases, but it is a necessary evil.

“I just want the public to know that we would rather have a decrease, but it’s just not possible,” said Leyden.

The Council voted in favor of purchasing additional Enterprise parts under an Interlocal Agreement with Nebraska City for \$22,075. Falls City and Nebraska City have an agreement to acquire parts of an engine being decommissioned in Belleville, KS.

Campbell told the Board that the Power Plant purchased three cylinder heads last year for \$25,000.

“We’re looking at buying 12 heads for \$30,000,” said Campbell. “To build a new head is over \$40,000 from Cooper.”

Nebraska City and Falls City will each pay \$22,075.00 for the parts. All the parts will be stored in Nebraska City.

The Council voted in favor of the additional purchases.

chases.

The Council also approved the purchase of a Reading CLS 098S RW1 FA011201 Classic II Service Body for a 2025 Ram 3500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 truck from the American Equipment Company for the Gas Department on a 5-1 vote, with Councilperson Fouraker voting nay. The truck, purchased from Armbruster’s, was received two weeks prior. The bed was removed and sold to Smith Auto in Pawnee City for \$1,250. The cost of the truck body is \$15,146.00.

The Council approved an agreement with SEL Engineering for \$231,000 for Items 2, 3, and 4 of the proposal for design services of the Power Plant SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) System. Item two of the project is the Protection Settings and ICTR Plan for \$48,418. This item develops the settings for the generator, feeders, transformers and meter. The third item is a Retrofit Design (\$80,199) that modifies existing drawings and creates 60 updated protection and control design drawings. The fourth item is the Automatic Settings Services (102,390), which develops functional design specs, SCADA integration programming, HMI screens, RTAC configuration for 39 devices and secures remote access configuration.

The relay replacement and SCADA integration are the first steps in modernizing the control and protection of Falls City’s electric system.

Phase two of the project will be the procurement of the devices, which will cost approximately another \$100,000.

“Well, basically, we’re

going to be taking the power plant from 1950s technology to the 21st century to help identify potential issues through the data that generated through the equipment,” said BOPW member Ray Joy.

The Board suspended the rules and passed Ordinance 2025-105 to vacate the public right-of-way for East 8th Street of the Gatz Addition.

The Board also approved a request by Linda Santo from CMC to use city streets for the 2025 Cobblestone Fun Run-Walk and a request by the Falls City Chamber to close the 1300 block of Stone Street for the Water War Cobblestone Event on Saturday, August 23.

The final item was for the Council to consider an

investment strategy for up to \$20 million of special reserve funds.

Six-month, 12-month and 24-month investment opportunities were discussed. Councilperson Leyden advised the Board to use laddering to split the money into multiple investments to protect the City’s interests.

Councilperson Ferguson proposed splitting the money into two \$10 million accounts, one for 12 months and the other for 24 months, both to be held with Frontier Bank. The investments will carry a 4.05 percent interest rate.

The action passed 5-0 with Leyden abstaining. With no further action on the agenda the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS August 7, 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 7th day of August 2025 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Absent: Froeschl, Johansen. Also present were Mayor Mark Harkendorff, and Anthony Nussbaum, City Administrator. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairperson and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CLAIMS REVIEW

Claims were reviewed. No action was required.

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 Rieger 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 July 16, 2025, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for August 7, 2025, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for August 7, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Froeschl, Johansen. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR LETTER OF SUPPORT | RAY JOY

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy for the approval of the Public Works Director Letter of Support as presented and to present it to City Council. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Froeschl, Johansen. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REVIEW OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITY MANAGEMENT STAFF

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to adopt the new utility hierarchy as presented with the understanding BOPW approve hiring positions before being advertised. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" Froeschl, Johansen. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 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 August 7, 2025, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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VILLAGE OF STELLA BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Village of Stella Board of Trustees regular meeting, August 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Ira Hall, Kyle Gossman, Heath Stanley.

Jim Donahoe arrived at 7:28 p.m. Absent: Rick Ramer
Guests: Kristy Fischer
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken. Chairman Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Hall and second by Gossman to approve the agenda with the addition of the propane contract. All voted yea.

Motion made by Hall with a second by Gossman to approve the minutes for the previous meeting. All voted yea.

Motion by Stanley with a second by Gossman to approve the treasurer's report. All voted yea.

Motion by Hall with a second by Gossman to approve the claims and payroll. All voted yea.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ramer handed out letters to the residents concerning tree trimming and disposable wipes in the sewer system. The wipes are costly to the village's sewer system.

COMMITTEES:
Streets – the street superintendent has been contacted concerning the street of 3rd and Vine by D Lockard's. Street lights – OK.

Park – OK.
Water/Sewer – written report was given concerning disposable wipes, south well house, curb stop replacement, overnight delivery of water samples, wastewater permit applications and the EPA program identifying water mains and water service lines.

Library – OK
Maintenance – OK
Planning – OK

OLD BUSINESS: Stray cats tabled until next month. Budget numbers were discussed. Clerk will be meeting with Julie Bauman for the budget on Tuesday, August 5th. Next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 2 with the special budget meeting held later in September.

NEW BUSINESS: First reading was held of the ordinance concerning Fowl Birds, the number allowed and no roosters allowed in the village limits.

There is an inoperable fire hydrant by the post office. It was decided to leave as is since there is 3 other fire hydrants within a block.

Motion made by Gossman with a second by Hall to purchase 3 propane contracts for the amount of \$3106.81 with Berwick Coop Oil with a summer fill. All voted yea.

Kristy Fischer asked about the water easements. The board will look into this.

Another town clean up day with dumpsters will be held in the fall.

Motion made by Hall and seconded by Gossman to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. All voted yea.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building.

Jana Wheeler
Village Clerk

Claims and Payroll for August 2025 Village of Stella

Tracy Milke, water/sewer operator \$350.00
Tracy Milke, expense\$313.00
Aaron Davis, assist water/sewer operator\$300.00
Dennis Bahr, maintenance 17 hrs\$255.00
Dennis Bahr, 3 mowings ...\$540.00
Ira Hall, librarian 10 hrs\$135.00
Jana Wheeler, clerk\$700.00
Jody Bahr, cleaning\$25.00
Rick Ramer, reimbursement for printing\$40.00
Blue Rivers Area, aging services\$82.50
Dennis Platter, sludge hauling\$1870.00
Davis PHE, curb stop, sewer cleaning\$2032.30

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY		
Falls City Airport Authority IN Richardson County, Nebraska		
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 3 day of September 2025, at 5:00 o'clock PM at 2307 Barada Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.		
2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	351,856.58
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	606,171.11
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	468,274.28
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	137,333.31
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$	605,607.59
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	99,489.80
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	108,693.68
Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	99,489.80
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	-

3J Pest Control, mosquito spraying\$480.00
Philip Bletscher, rock\$741.99
Stella Ag, roundup\$113.74
American Recycling & Sanitation, trash\$1364.00
Charlie Mack, sand\$330.00
NPPD
Village barn\$44.75
Siren\$32.63
Com bldg.\$46.31
Water.....\$45.35
Sewer.....\$568.43
Streets\$482.73
Greenhouse.....\$39.34
Total:\$1259.34
SENC
2080\$116.50
2232\$60.83
2392\$56.12
Total:\$233.45
Farm and City, lock, clogbuster\$31.98
Handley Law Office, services\$2335.00
Berwick, streets\$24.51
One Call Concepts\$8.12
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VILLAGE OF SALEM

Village of Salem August 2025

The Salem Board met August 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairperson Strauch opened the meeting. Kean, Wessel, and Vogeles answered roll. One guest, Jenny Helmich was present.

Wessel updated the board on the Community Building project. Wessel and Strauch met with foundation experts on August 11, 2025. They will be submitting their finding in the next few weeks.

Wessel reported that one of the refrigerators in the Community Building was not working. Strauch also reported that the part needed to fix it was not available. The board will look at replacing the refrigerator.

Claims were presentd for payment. Vogeles moved to pay the claims, seconded by Kean.

Motion carried. Kean, Vogeles, Strauch, and Wessel voting yes.

Clerk reported that the 2025 2026 Budget hearing will be held in the Community Building on September 9, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. The regular meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. prior to the Budget hearing. The Clerk also reported that the One and Six Year Street Hearing will be held on September 9, 2025.

Kean moved to pay Jodie Schuetz \$20.00 per hour for road maintenance. Motion seconded by Vogeles, Motion carried. Kean, Vogeles, Strauch, and Wessel voting yes.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:32, seconded by Kean. Motion carried. Kean, Strauch, Wessel, and Vogeles voting yes.

The next meeting will be September 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

CLAIMS August 2025

OPPD 491.22 (utility) 66.00
general comb 51.72 FRHL 35.11
Street 338.39
Robert McHenry 700.00 (salary)
water operator water
Richardson Co RWD #2 1833.16
(water purchased) water
Village of Salem/Water Fund
400.00 general
League of Municipalities 250.00 (Dues) general
Stateline Propane 3240.00 (contract pre-pay)1620.00 FRHL
1620.00 comb
Brad Catlin 110.00 (mowing)
Street
Mary Jane Wessel 110.00 (mowing)
Street
Jodie Schuetz 110.00 (mowing)
Street
Carolyn Glathar 70.95 (office supplies) general
Carolyn Glathar (salary) 500.00
General 200.00 street 200.00
100.00 water

CEMETERY

Farm and City Supply (supplies) 36.00
Bosselman Pump and Pantry (fuel) 181.01
Barb Brown (mowing) 400.00
Dennis Rowland (mowing) 400.00
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CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 4, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 4th day of August 2025, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in special session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 4, 2025

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR JULY 21, 2025

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ruiz to approve the minutes for July 21, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 5, 2025

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

ENGINEERING FIRM INTER-VIEWS FOR THE ENERGY FORWARD TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering firm presentations/interviews were performed in order by random drawing of names by Mayor Harkendorff. The order of presentation/interview was completed in the following order: Olsson, HDR, Power Engineers.

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to create a committee to conduct engineering firm interviews. The committee would be composed of two members of the Board of Public Works, three members of the City Council, Trevor Campbell and Anthony Nussbaum. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2025

A discussion was held, and the Treasurer's Report will remain tabled.

CONSIDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KEEPING OF FOWL AND REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 6-ARTICLE 2 OF THE CITY CODE

A motion was made by Council person Ruiz and seconded by Council person Buckminster to include language into an ordinance revision removing references of fowl within the city code, banning roosters, limiting permitting to 10 hen chickens and incorporating a public hearing process for permitting. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

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

RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL COVERAGE WITH LARM

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the Resolution for Renewal Coverage with LARM for an additional three-year commitment and transitioning to a \$5,000.00 deductible.. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN MOU WITH ALIVER FOUNDATION FOR THE DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF AN AED AT DALLAS JONES PARK

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve a Resolution authorizing an MOU with Aliver foundation for the donation and installation of an AED at Dallas Jones Park as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR		
Falls City Airport Authority IN Richardson County, Nebraska		
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 13-511, that the Falls City Airport Authority will meet on the 3rd day of September, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355, for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to amending the budget originally adopted on the 11th day of September, 2024. The need for the budget revision is due to a revision in reporting actual versus estimated disbursements. A capital improvement project was completed in fiscal year ending 2023; however, the final payment for the project did not clear the Airport Authority's bank account until October 1, 2024, which falls within the current fiscal year. This payment was not anticipated in the current year's budgeted expenditures and will cause actual expenditures to exceed the original budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.		
Summary of Proposed Revised Budget		
2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	263,917.00
2023-224 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	376,625.89
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	873,371.34
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	67,124.04
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	\$	940,495.38
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	62,730.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	42,809.02
Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	62,730.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes	\$	-
Summary of Originally Adopted Budget		
2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	509,705.00
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	807,639.26
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	445,100.90
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	67,235.60
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	\$	512,336.50
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	62,730.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	42,809.02
Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	62,730.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes	\$	-

City Clerk
Mayor
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Mildred “Millie” (Rowland) Marrs



Mildred “Millie” Jane (Rowland) Marrs, 85, of Falls City, Nebraska was born on January 25, 1940, in Salem, Nebraska to William Ellis and Estella Elizabeth (Randall) Rowland. On November 15, 1958, Millie was united in marriage to James Marrs also of Salem and made their home in Chanute, Kansas. To this union three daughters, Jeannette, Jamie, and Shona were born. After living in Kansas, the family moved back to Falls City and Salem area where they lived until moving to Omaha in 1967. After her husbands death in 1979, Millie moved back to Salem and worked in the Falls City area until moving to Holdrege in 1988. Millie worked at Holdrege Memorial Homes and was the manager of Erlandson Square Condo Association in Holdrege before retirement in the early 2000’s. She later moved back to Falls City in 2014.

Millie passed away on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at the Community Medical Center in Falls City, Nebraska having reached the age of eighty-five years, six months, and twenty-five days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband James Marrs, great-granddaughter Charlie Stephens, sisters: Hazel Lewis, Annabelle Portrey, and Coradean Wisdom; brothers: William, Charles, Marion “Bud”, Lee, Kenneth, and Everett Rowland, an infant brother Marvin J. Rowland, parents-in-law Dearld and Imogene (Kincanon) Marrs, and brothers-in-law: Carl, Matt, Jon, Harry Lynn, Ricky, Donny, and Bill Marrs.

Millie is survived by her daughters: Jeannette Liberty and husband Neil of Holdrege, NE; Jamie Weddle and husband Don of Falls City, Shona Keslar and husband Wally of Holdrege, NE; grandchildren: Nicole (Liberty) Rolling and husband Chris of Omaha, D.A. Weddle of Falls City, Colby (Liberty) Larson and husband Matt of Holdrege, NE; April (Weddle) Urkevich and husband Jeff of Lincoln, Michelle (Weddle) Stephens of Grand Island, NE; James Keslar of Holdrege, NE; eight great-grandchildren: her sister Linda Hance and husband David of Doolittle, MO; brothers: Walter Rowland and wife Connie of Falls City, Robert Rowland and wife Barb of Sabetha, KS; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Graveside Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025, at the Maple Cemetery in Salem, Nebraska with Pastor Howard Blecha officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net

Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan St.-Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3131

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Nebraska Sorghum Field Day moves to Axtell in September

Nebraska sorghum growers, agribusiness professionals and industry partners are invited to attend the 2025 Nebraska Sorghum Field Day on Mon., Sept. 8, at 5:00 p.m. The event is hosted by Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board Chair Scott Nelson at his farm near Axtell, with supper provided following the program.

“The Nebraska Sorghum Field Day is a great opportunity for growers to see research in action and have real conversations about what’s working in our fields,” said Nebraska Sorghum Executive Director Kristine Dvoracek-Jameson. “Whether you’re a producer, agronomist, or an industry partner, you’ll leave with information and connections you can put to work right away.” Attendees will hear research updates and view side-by-side comparisons of sorghum varieties in the test plot. This year’s Field Day moves to Axtell after being held in Trenton in previous years.

“It’s exciting to host the Field Day in Axtell and showcase what’s happening in this part of the state,” said Nelson. “Moving the event allows us to highlight different growing condi-

CMC to transition to Epic Electronic Medical Records System

(Continued from Page 1) cords for a seamless experience across multiple providers.

How to Access MyChart Beginning September 6, patients may sign up for MyChart by visiting the CMC website or by downloading the MyChart app from their phone’s app store. Simply select Community Medical Center and follow the on-screen instructions.

A Step Forward in Patient Care

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For questions or additional information, please contact the CMC Administration Office at 402-245-6503 or email administration@cmcfc.org.

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School bus involved in minor accident, no injuries reported

Falls City Public Schools Superintendent Andrew Offner said a district school bus was struck by a hay baler the afternoon of Tuesday, August 19.

Dr. Offner said the incident involved Bus 7 during its route and resulted in only slight damage. No injuries were reported, and all students were dropped off safely. “We wanted to notify everyone,” Offner wrote in a message to parents and the community on social media. “If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to let us know at school.”

tions and give attendees a fresh perspective on how sorghum is performing across Nebraska.”

The event is open to the public, but registration is required

COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 13, 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 13, 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 August 6, 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 minutes from the August 6, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator reviewed with the Board the FY2025-2026 proposed budget for the Cooperative Extension Service in Richardson County.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. A discussion was held on the road conditions due to the recent rainfall in the past weeks. The Board also reviewed the proposed FY25-26 budget for the road department with Mr. Darveau.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported that there are currently 18 inmates being held at the Jail. The Sheriff’s Department was awarded a NE Dept. of Transportation grant “Drive Sober—Get Pulled Over” which will reimburse Richardson County for overtime that is incurred by the county’s law enforcement officers during August 16 through September 3. He also once again reported that the NE Jail Standards will be conducting the annual jail inspection on August 19.

The Board also continued the review of the FY25-26 proposed budgets for the Law Enforcement Center.

ROB TICHY, COUNTY SURVEYOR

Rob Tichy, County Surveyor reviewed the FY25-26 proposed budget with the Board.

REVIEW OF FLOODWAY/ FLOODPLAIN AREA

Application for Floodplain Variance

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, presented to the Board an application for a floodplain variance which was reviewed by the Board. The applicant is required to include a “no-rise certificate” which was not included with the application. No action was taken on this application. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also available for this review.

A continued discussion was held regarding the ordinance of the floodway and possible changes that could be made to alleviate some of the current restrictions.

In researching the requirements to be met for any construction in a floodway in the neighboring state of Missouri, it was discovered that building in a floodway in Missouri is permitted with certain guidelines as their state regulations and laws are written to allow it. Lance Braun from the Office of Nebraska District 1 State Senator, Bob Holstrom, was in attendance at this time and made note that their office will research the possibility of introducing legislation to change Nebraska’s regulations.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Monthly Operating Statement

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

Liquor License Amendment

Motion was made by Karas to approve an amendment to the TumbleReeds, LLC liquor license to include additional outdoor seating to include existing concrete patio and large grassy area which includes a surrounding fence. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. TumbleReeds, LLC dba TumbleReed Mercantile is located at 65225 720 Road, Shubert.

Other

A representative from NextEra Energy Resources, Stephen B. Chase introduced himself to the Board along with two others and informed the Board that NextEra Energy Resources are reviewing certain areas within the County regarding possible development for a solar project.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Airstream, serv	285.00
Ameriflex, fee	70.00
Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimb	32.50
Benchmark Government Solutions, serv	537.45
Brite, supp	12359.76
Charm-Tex, supp	447.20
County Treasurer, tax	2027.42
Culligan, serv	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv.....	702.10
Donahue & Sisco, serv.....	539.00
CR25-152 E. Shubert, CR25-249 K. Frederick, CR25-250 C. McNeely	
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....	248.45
Farm & City Supply, supp	70.54
Frederick, Keia, reimb	186.10
Galls, supp.....	276.93
Humboldt Standard, adv	109.00
KexRx, supp.....	1495.67
Koch’s Auto Service, serv.....	3763.76
Kollasch Law Office, serv.....	3311.00
CR25-64 C. Ochoa, CR25-65 C. Ochoa	
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1500.00
Merz Ink, supp	62.96
Meyer Laboratory, supp	112.00
NE Dept of Revenue, tax	6.81
ODP Business Solutions, supp	250.98
Physicians Laboratory Services, serv	3456.00
Platter, Paul, serv	300.00
Positive Concepts, supp	450.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv ..	177.00
Quill, supp.....	280.92
Region V Systems, serv	4539.78
Richardson County Sheriff, fees ..	1069.03
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	439.94
Schendel Pest Control, serv	69.88
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv	1573.00
Simpson, Krystal, reimb	159.60
SNC, serv	872.19
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$41,841.97

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

FC Utility Dept., serv	431.72
Hamm, rock	2332.70
Harmon’s, serv	360.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock ...	11497.29
Norris Quarries, rock	6737.95
O’Reilly Automotive, supp.....	545.78
Salem, Village of, serv	22.00
Stateline Propane, supp	750.00
Tri State Truck & Tractor, supp	18.66
Verdon, Village of, serv.....	32.64
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$22,728.74

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Schawang Masonry, serv	4250.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$4,250.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv	1390.98
SNC, serv	167.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARYFUND.....	\$1,557.98

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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Pinewood Derby Contest Winners



LITTLE MISTER AND MISS COBBLESTONE 2025: L-R: Second Place: Runner-up: Sadie Rae Schmidt, daughter of Jake and Elise Schmidt. Third place: Grayson Michael Schmidt, son of Jake and Elise Schmidt. Third place: Julianne Rae Crosby, daughter of Tyson Crosby and Madisyn Davis. Second Place: Runner-up: Baker Matthew Gibson, son of Brandon and Morgan Gibson. Little Mister Cobblestone: Easton Lape, son of Derik and Breanna Lape. Little Miss Cobblestone 2025: Monroe Marie Clark, daughter of Jayme and Lacy Clark.

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Marie Clark, daughter of Jayme and Lacy Clark. Runner-up: Sadie Rae Schmidt, daughter of Jake and Elise Schmidt. Third place: Julianne Rae Crosby, daughter of Tyson Crosby and Madisyn Davis.

All proceeds benefit Partners in Education, which supports students and staff in Falls City Public Schools.

This year's parade featured dozens of floats and marching entries. Judges awarded top honors in two categories:

Business: Community Medical Center, Frontier Bank and Harris Family Farm.

Nonprofit: Sixpence, Sacred Heart School and FFA.

The annual Car Show, organized by the NEK Auto Enthusiasts, featured 52 cars

and four motorcycles. Winners included: GM Pre 1950: Bo Boltinghouse, Lenox, IA. GM 1950-1969: David Guilliams, Falls City. GM 1970 and Up: Bob Chalek, Bellevue, NE (winner best of show). Ford Pre 1950: Larry Johnson, Verdon. Ford 1950-1969: Dennis Auffert, Falls City. Ford 1970 and Up: Randy Stingley, Stanberry, MO. Mopar Pre 1950: Terry Cummins, Verdon. Mopar 1950-1969: Paul Staduenmaier, Bendena, KS. Mopar 1970 and Up: Tracy Rhodus, Cairo, NE. Pickup Pre 1950: Virgil Wilson, Falls City. Pickup 1950-1969: Jim and Marcia Richling, Horton, KS. Pickup 1970 and Up: Dan Nussbaum, Falls City. Foreign: Luke and Celeste Jones, Falls City. Orphan: Ed Harris, Falls City. Best Engine: Jeff

Thompson, Bellevue, NE. Best Motorcycle: Jim Rubx, Nemaha, NE. Best Interior: Terry Campbell, Cairo, Neb.

The dodgeball competition filled Prichard Auditorium with fast-paced games across three age divisions:

Third-Fifth Grade: The Burger Flickers — Jayden Neville, Jax Simon, Jona Babb, Grayson Witt, Henry Howard, Carter Salsman

Sixth-Eighth Grade: The Rebels — Ollie Beck, Alex Wintz, Anthony Martineau, Don Martineau, Kasyn Lee, Blake Sailors

Freshman-Adult: No Hit Sherlock — Marcus Gordon, Nick Owens, Wyatt Counce, Jadian Rosado, Ashton Romo, Dreyden Romo, Devon Smith

The frog jumping contest drew 44 participants, with the top three jumps measured at nearly 10 feet.

First place: Jett Montgomery, nine feet eight inches. Second place: Ella Kirkendall, nine feet two inches. Third place: Cord Kreifels, eight feet 11 inches.

The Humane Society hosted its annual Cutest Pet Contest, which drew a large number of entries.

First place: Gracie. Second place: Millie Mae. Third place: Bane.

Other close contenders included Luna, Dee Dee and Stevie. The Humane Society thanked participants for supporting its work in caring for and protecting local animals.

The B.P.O. Does #56 of Falls City, in partnership with Dollar Fresh Supermarket, hosted the annual Supermarket Sweep.

Finalists were Janice Wittwer, Rylee Robinson and Josie Basson. After playing a "Price Is Right" style game, Rylee Robinson earned a three-minute shopping spree and walked away with \$411 worth of grocery items.

Event helpers included Dayken and Bryson McKim, Cam Sailors and Radley Crawford.

Throughout the weekend, crowds packed downtown for food vendors, Sam's Amusements, live music and contests including Hot Wheels races, train songs and the demolition derby.

Events also included a tractor and equipment show, wrestling dual and the Fire Department's Water Wars.

The Falls City Cub Scouts Pack 391 hosted its 4th Annual Community Pinewood Derby on Sunday.

Twelve and under winner: Corbin Ramer; Thirteen and older winner: Will Surman; Business Class winner: Goff Farms.

The festival concluded Sunday with an alumni concert at the Falls City High School auditorium.



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FROG JUMPING CONTEST WINNERS: First place: Jett Montgomery. Second place: Ella Kirkendall. Third place: Cord Kreifels.

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THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

- DC Lynch Carnival Rides & Concessions & Other Vendors - City Square Park - EVERY DAY!
- Before Noon - Ag Building open, enter exhibits. Judging at 1:00 PM
- Before Noon, Enter Buck Goats and Sheep at Powell Pavilion. Judging at 1:00 PM
- Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest begins at 1:00 PM, Judging at 2:00 PM
- Southeast Community Band Performance at 6:00 PM
- AKSARBEN Farm Family Awards at 7:30 PM

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

- DC Lynch Carnival Rides & Concessions & Other Vendors - City Square Park - EVERY DAY!
- Before Noon, Ag Building Open. Enter Poultry and Female Goats at Powell Pavilion. Judging 1PM
- Kiddy Tractor Pull at Powell Pavilion at 4:00 PM

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

- DC Lynch Carnival Rides & Concessions & Other Vendors - City Square Park - EVERY DAY!
- Before Noon, Ag Building open, enter Dairy, Beef Cattle, Horses - Powell Pavilion. Judging at 1PM
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Scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Men’s Early league results for Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Team 1 (4.00) Liberty, Brandon 44-42; Bennett, Chuck 45-33. Team 7 (2.00) James, Charles (45-38); Mullins, Jim 50-40.

Team 2 (0.50) Malcolm, Terry 47-37; Kermoade, Terry 55-42. Team 6 (5.50) McNeely, Erik; Heinzelman, Denny 45-34.

Team 3 (0.00) Hays, Gary (F); Vonseggern, Bill 48-36. Team 5 (6.00) Borg, Dave 42-36; Murphy, Jim 51-34.

Team 4 (4.00) Ebel, Ron 42-37; Romine, Alan 50-39. Team 10 (2.00) Foster, Tim 49-39; Veigel, Merle 57-38.

Team 8 (1.00) Hillyard, Mark 44-35; Hankins, Dan 49-38. Team 9 (5.00) May, Mark 42-34; Severin, Steve 58-37.

Late League results for Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Team 1 (2.00) Simon, Steve 41-40; Ferguson, Don 42-35; Waller, Doug 58-40. Team 16 (6.00) Gist, Thomas 46-41; Gooch, Blake 43-33; Malone, Kevin 49-38.

Team 2 (6.00) Montgomery, Carter 38-36; Harmon, Galen 46-37; Witt, Bailey 49-33. Team 15 (2.00) Froeschl, Lucas 40-33; Ebel, Bryce 45-38; Bippes, Derek 52-38.

Team 3 (8.00) Dunn, Joe 34-33; Dunkhas, Gale 51-40; Witt, Rich 47-35. Team 14 (0.00) Daake, Brian 41-34; Gilkerson, Robert (F); McNeely, Erik 47-38.

Team 4 (0.50) Bachman, Eli 39-37; May, Mark 47-39; Craig, Robbie 52-37. Team 13 (7.50) Gist, Dick 39-33; Romine, Alan 50-37; Sly, Tony 57-36.

Team 5 (5.50) Scheitel, Trent 37-34; Witt, Wade 47-38; Leyden, Derrick 47-33. Team 12 (2.50) Davis, Darin 45-40; VanDyke, Kyle 42-36; Jordening, Ron 51-37.

Team 6 (5.50) Kirkendall, Jeremy 40-36; Chesnut, Justin 42-33; Craig, Jake 48-37. Team 11 (2.50) Anderson, Dusty 38-33; Froeschl, Nathan 46-39; Meysenburg, Fr. James 49-37.

Team 7 (6.50) Liberty, Brandon 39-36; Schawang, Cody 48-39; Steele, Brendan 43-30. Team 10 (1.50) Siel, Jake 38-34; Froeschl, Joe 52-44; Buckminster, Blake 52-36.

Team 8 (5.00) Simon, Dan 39-35; Poppe, Brian 45-37; Scheitel, Lane 48-32. Team 9 (3.00) Witt, Tom 38-35; Witt, Weston 41-34; Dunn, Mike 55-39.

Team 17 (4.00) Hullman, Ben 39-34; Bennett, Chuck 45-33; Bauer, Trevor (F). Team 19 (4.00) Aitken, Bob 41-36; Froeschl, Ethan 45-36; Bippes, Drew 44-35.

Team 18 (1.50) Gerweck, Rob 40-35; Heckenlively, Tim 46-35; Keller, Bart 54-33. Team 20 (6.50) Hill, Dan 40-33; McNeely, John 44-36; Harmon, Jason 48-33.

Tigers’ bats are silenced in season opener

The Nebraska City Pioneers spoiled the debut of new Head Coach Brooks Ivey, defeating the Lady Tiger softball team on Thursday night 12-0.

Pitcher Alexis Schawang held the Pioneers in check in the first inning, allowing just one run. A hit by pitch, two stolen bases and an error allowed the game’s first run to score.

Falls City got its first base runner of the season in the second inning. With one out, Addi Miller was hit by a pitch. Un-

fortunately, FC ended the frame with two consecutive strikeouts, stranding the runner at first base.

The Pioneer offense came alive in the second inning, scoring six runs to make it 7-0 after two innings. Nebraska City drew four walks and hit three singles in the inning.

The Tigers were retired in order in the third, all going down on strikes. Meanwhile, Nebraska City was still looking to tack on runs. Two singles, two doubles, a triple and



BIG WINNERS, L-R: Bella Strecker, Miles Buckminster, Madalynn Hawley, Alivia Seeba, Aiden Seeba, Cooper Lotter, Noah Arnold.

The fish were biting at Stanton’s Lake

Stanton’s Lake was a popular venue on Thursday, August 21, 2025, as the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department hosted the annual fishing contest, which is held during Cobblestone every year. Temperatures cooled off slightly for the anglers on Thursday, even more so if you were lucky enough to snag a shady area.

The event featured hot dogs, chips and drinks for the participants, free snow cones from Sip N Serenity and prizes for contestants. Falls City Foods donated trophies for the event, while Monty Coleman donated water and cash for prizes. Matt Beer, Falls City Fire Department Chief, stayed busy, slinging hot dogs on the grill.

Winners in the 0–5-year-old division were as follows. Tristian Godemann, first place (12 oz), Benny Scheitel was second (11.8 oz) and Isabella Strecker was third (10.1 oz).

In the 6-10 division, Noah Arnold was first (17.5 oz), Cooper Lotter was second (1 lb), and Aiden Seeba was third (15.5 oz). In the 11-15 division, Alivia Seeba took the top honors (1 lb 4.5 oz), Madalynn Hawley was second (15.5 oz) and Austin Gresham was third (10.4 oz).

Aliva Seeba took home the prize for the largest fish (1 lb 4.5 oz). A drawing for prizes was also held, with Miles Buckminster, Neve Harkentek and Clarissa Popejoy winning prizes.

two walks allowed the Pioneers to end the game at 12-0.

The Tiger defense allowed four errors in the contest, while going hitless on offense.

Pioneers’ pitcher Resyn Becker tossed three innings, allowing no hits, no runs and struck out nine. Becker ended the contest with just 35 pitches thrown.

For FC, Schawang took the loss. Alexis allowed two hits and four walks while surrendering seven runs in 1 2/3 innings of work. Jazzy Strecker threw one inning, allowing six hits, two walks and five runs. The Tigers were outhit 8-0, while Miller was the only baserunner, drawing a second-inning walk.

The Tigers will regroup and host Auburn and Wilber-Clatonia on Tuesday, August 26, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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2025 TIGER CROSS COUNTRY: Front row, L-R: Jennifer Sweeney, Peyton Weddle, Audrey Scrivens, Mada-lynn Hawley, Kinsie Riggs. Back row: Aaron Selleck, Zade Bents, Lathan Richey, Martin Irizarry, Callen Furnas, Barrett Johansen, Ben Furnas, Emmett Daake, Ryker McCullough.

Off and running, Tiger cross country teams ready for competition

The Falls City cross country team has pounded the pavement this summer, preparing for success on the courses this fall. The Tigers are led, for the 26th season, by Coach Cody Hawley. Joining Hawley for the tenth season is Coach Amanda Merz. Merz is considered a “huge asset to our team’s success,” by Coach Hawley.

The Tiger runners are led this year by a pair of seniors in Ryker McCullough and Emmett Daake. McCullough was the top finisher for the boys at the district meet at Branched Oak State Park last October, placing 25th in 18:29.40. Daake showed a significant improvement as the season

proceeded, placing 60th at districts in 22:15.60. Junior Lathan Richey returns this fall after running solidly all last year. Richey earned a 48th-place finish at Branched Oak, breaking the tape in 21:12.50. Adding depth to the boys’ team will be sophomore Callen Furnas and freshmen Martin Irizarry, Aaron Selleck and Zade Bents.

For the Lady Tigers, juniors Jennifer Sweeney and Kinzie Riggs will be the leaders of the squad. Sweeney placed 19th at districts last fall, finishing the 3.1-mile course in 22:51.03. Teammate Riggs ended her season in 32nd place in 25:04.32. Adding strength to FC will be sophomore Madalynn Hawley and freshmen Peyton Weddle and Audrey Scrivens.

Many years have passed by since Falls City last qualified a team for the state meet. The girls made it in 1984 and the boys earned a spot in 1995. Over the 26 years since Hawley was handed the keys to the program, 26 athletes have punched their tickets to the state meet.

Coach Hawley has tabbed McCullough as the

leader for the boys, but he should get help from his fellow runners. “Our hope is one of the next boys will make a big leap forward to help make us a more competitive team in the team scores,” said Hawley.

For the girls, he expects Sweeney and Scrivens to lead the pack.

“Jennifer had a strong spring in track and is an incredible leader,” said Hawley. “Audrey is a

fierce competitor and will have a great season.”

The season begins on Friday, August 29, at Auburn, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Falls City Invite will be on Thursday, September 25 and districts will be on October 15, 2025.

“Self-accountability is going to be a huge factor,” said Hawley. “The runners will get out what they put into their training.”

Newcomers look to make immediate impact on Tiger volleyball team

The Tigers will storm the volleyball court this fall with Coach Allison Haines guiding her seventh team and sporting an 86-91 record. Joining Haines on the bench this fall will be Alyssa Frederick (2nd) and Terri Hogue (7th). Last year, FC ended the season at 9-19. The Lady Tigers won three in a row in mid-September but failed to put together consecutive wins for the rest of the season.

The Tigers lost Taylor Kreifels, Kaitlyn Kirkendall and Paige Young, but return a great deal, along with the addition of a strong freshman class.

“The offense this year will be getting a whole new revamp from last season,” stated Haines. “There is a very talented freshman group coming into the program that will have an immediate impact at the varsity level.”

Haines said Gabi Young will move back to her natural position at libero for the 2025 season and freshmen Tessa Gossman and Leah Goff will fill her shoes at the setter position. Outside hitter Bella Johansen and middle blocker Carlea Dunkhas each return, while freshman Ashlyn Alexander will see time at outside hitter and freshman Liv Buckminster will see action at middle blocker. Senior Ella Glathar will switch from middle blocker to outside hitter this fall.

“Defense has been a highlight of our summer,” said Haines. “One of my main focuses as head coach is to run the offense through the defense. If we cannot pass a ball, we can’t run offense. As a team, we struggled with offensive production last year. Putting away points on serve receive and the ability to kill points was a struggle.”

Haines said a special emphasis has been put on putting away points early and efficiently, which led to success throughout the summer.

Falls City opens the year on the road at Wymore on Thursday, August 28. The Tigers will host their first match on Monday, September 8, when East Atchison comes to McIntire-Henderson Field House. FC will host Weeping Water and Freeman on Tuesday, September 23, for a triangular and the Falls City Invitational on Saturday, October 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The ECNC tourney will be played from October 13-16 at locations to be named later.

“Throughout the season, I am looking for growth and development,” said Coach Haines. “We are returning players with varsity experience, but our team will consist of ten freshmen. This is great for our future, but with this much inexperience at the varsity level, there will be growing pains. As the season progresses, I look for our communication on the court to develop and new players to become comfortable in their roles.”

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Good Luck Teams!

Tigers are hungry and motivated

The Falls City football squad has put in the off-season work to build upon last year's 5-4 record. The Tigers enter the 2025 season under fourth-year Head Coach Jack Bangert. The Tigers are hoping to make a return to the postseason for the first time since the 2014 campaign.

The orange and black will lean heavily on 17 returning letter winners, which includes 11 from the senior class. Starters back for Falls City include seniors QB/LB Blakely Sells, OL/DL Brock Niedfeldt, H/LB Gavin Bauer, Z/DB Orion Cattrell, OL/DL Chase Simpson, X/LB Mason Collier, OL/DL Vaden Leyden, OL/DL Ashton Martin, DB Cade Caudle and LB/Kicker Jaxten Jorgensen. Junior Y/X Jacoby Bangert also returns.

The team welcomes in a pair of newcomers to the program, safety/running back Jayton Wilkerson and RT Caleb Offner. Coach Bangert and Company also expect players Grant Kobza, Bowdy Jones and Elijah Leyden to be key contributors this fall.

"Our goal is always to get to the playoffs, but we need to take it one game at a time," said Coach Bangert. "We had a great summer with 90 percent of our guys meeting the 75 percent summer attendance goals and 14 that



TIGER FOOTBALL 2025: Front row, L-R: (Captains) Bowdy Jones, Gavin Bauer, Blakely Sells, Brock Niedfeldt, Jacoby Bangert. Second row: Cade Caudle, Vaden Leyden, Mason Collier, Jayton Wilkerson, Ashton Martin, Caleb Offner, Orion Cattrell, Jaxten Jorgensen, Chase Simpson. Back row: Brandon Collier, Grant Kobza, Elijah Leyden, Kaleb Kaiser, Tanner Jackson, Ryder Hullman, Taylor Donahoo, Collin Roberts, Karson Simpson, Kacen Davis, Nolan Nicholson, Ryan Hall, Brantly Sells.

did not miss a single day in the weight room."

According to Bangert, the team put in the work this offseason and are hungry and motivated to showcase their labor on the field. Bangert cited the need for top-notch conditioning as only 28 players will hit the turf this fall and many will be expected to play entire contests.

Bangert singled out team captains Sells, Niedfeldt, Bauer, Bangert and Jones as having outstanding leadership.

Sells enters his final year as the Tiger signal caller, needing just 34 yards passing to become the career passing leader for Falls City. Sells, with 2,681 yards, trails Darcy Zimmerman, who threw for 2,714 yards from 1993 to 1995.

Falls City opens the season at home on Friday, August 29, when they host the Palmyra Panthers. Other vital contests on the schedule include Auburn on October 3, Syracuse on October 10, and Fairbury on October 24.

"I imagine every team we play will have more kids, they will be bigger and faster than us, but we are used to it and frankly don't care," said Bangert. "This group has seen it all and they are ready for the season to start."



2025 SOFTBALL TEAM: Front Row, L-R: Kyleigh Furnas, Kaydence Rego and Malori Kuker. Second Row, L-R: Taytum Maddox, Jessica Sells, Brylee Liberty, Taiylah Moore, Addi Miller, Jazzy Strecker and Olivia Mirelez. Back Row, L-R: Jordyn Choate, Kenley Alexander, Kaytlin Rhodd, Bristol Titus, Alexis Schawang, Reagan McNeely, Caroline Powell, Shia Wisneski and Kenna Ehrhardt.

Under new leadership, the Falls City Tiger softball team begins a program rebuild

After five seasons and a 22-68 record under Trista McClure, the Tigers will be under the tutelage of former assistant coach Brooks Ivey.

Last season, the softball team struggled, finishing the season at 2-24.

Ivey will enlist the help of Tayten Keller (4th year), Natalie Keller (1st) and Kaitlyn Schawang (1st) as assistant coaches. The Lady Tigers appeared in the district final in 2022 when they finished 14-12, falling to Yutan in two games, 2-7 and 0-8. The Tigers made their only appearance at state in 2006, going 2-2 with wins over Bennington and Tekamah-Herman.

The Tigers have experience on their side as they take the field this fall with eight letter winners returning for Coach Ivey.

Coach Ivey stressed the importance of the entire lineup on the offensive side of the game.

"Our offense will require all nine or ten bat-

ters to do their job," said Ivey. "Putting the ball in play to apply pressure to a defense is our main goal.

When playing in the field, Ivey said everything begins in the circle.

"Defense begins with pitchers throwing strikes," said Ivey. "The defense behind our pitcher is unable to do their jobs if we don't make the offense swing the bat. In the infield and outfield, we prioritize communication and making the simple plays."

Gone from last season are the top two producers on offense. Emilou Schulenberg batted .472 with 25 hits and six RBI, while Delaney Godemann batted .333 with 16 hits and 13 RBI.

However, returners for FC include Malori

Kuker (3rd year as starter), Jazzy Strecker (3rd), Brylee Liberty (3rd), Kenley Alexander (2nd), Taytum Maddox (2nd), Reagan McNeely (2nd) and Bristol Titus (2nd). The coaching staff will also look towards Addi Miller, Alexis Schawang and Kaytlin Rhodd.

The Tigers opened the season on the road at Nebraska City on Thursday, August 21. FC hosted a triangular on Tuesday, August 26 and will host Wymore Southern on

Thursday, August 28. Other games that loom large for the Lady Tigers include the Falls City Invitational on Saturday, September 13 and the ECNC Triangular in Falls City on Saturday, September 27, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

"Our team goal is to be one percent better every day," remarked Coach Ivey. "We bring back plenty of experience, but are still learning how to play the game as a team."

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The Irish football team is coming off back-to-back 2-6 seasons, uncharted territory for sure for the Class D2 record holder for most team championships (8). Hall-of-Fame coach Doug Goltz enters his 38th year at Sacred Heart and possesses the most wins in Class D2 history with a 343-75 record. Last fall was just the second time since 1986 that the Irish eight didn't make the postseason.

Goltz will be joined on the sidelines by assistants Luke Santo and Garrett Harring.

Goltz will need to replace three sizable contributors from last year. Gone are Evan Bailey, Tate Wilcox and Rob Froeschl. Wilcox rushed for 408 yards and passed for 561 last fall. Froeschl ran for 235 yards, caught six passes for 153 yards and scored six total touchdowns. Bailey anchored the offensive line and added 51 tackles on defense, leading the team with six for losses.

The offense returns five starters, while the defense brings four back. According to coach Goltz, the Irish will look to run a spread offense while trying to attack more on the defensive side of the action.

"Tough schedule," said Goltz. "We lack depth as well as size. (We) lack linemen. (We) will spread more to get athletes in space. More passing and option football. The defense must improve; it lacked physicality last year."

Last year, Lourdes, BDS, Weeping Water and Elmwood-Murdock all made the Class D2 playoffs and should all have solid teams again this season. In those contests a year ago, Sacred Heart was outscored 184-54. On top of that, JCC finished 6-2 last fall. The Thunderbirds didn't make the playoffs because they opted down to 8-man football. Those five teams combined for a 37-13 record last season.

According to Goltz, all games on the schedule will be important this fall.

The Irish welcome senior Elijah Canonico. The running back/linebacker is arguably the best all-around athlete on the team and could have a breakout season. Last fall, Canonico led the team with 435 yards rushing on 71 attempts. Elijah added 75 tackles on defense, including three tackles for loss.

Cole Taft, a 155-pound end/linebacker, led the 2024 squad with 18 catches for 289 yards and two scores.

Brenden Lemerond will assume the quarterback duties, replacing Wilcox. The 145-pound senior completed 8/14 passes for 97 yards and two scores last fall and added 44 tackles while snagging an interception.

The season opens on Friday, August 29, at Nebraska City Lourdes. The Irish travel to powerhouse BDS on Friday, September 5 and host JCC on September 12 for their home-opener.



2025 SH FOOTBALL, Front, L-R: Sitting - Treydon Witt, Owen Santo, Aiden Scheitel, Noah Howard, Reid Kirkendall, Cash Witt. Middle: Charlie Rottinghaus, Toby Baxter, Kayden Groth, Bo Fletcher, Hayden Clow, Trayce Stutheit, Reid Wustrack, JJ Lancaster. Back: Cole Taft, Brenden Lemerond, Alex Madsen, Cooper Knobbe, Elijah Canonico, Kyler Sipple



IRISH VOLLEYBALL 2025: Front, L-R: Macy Taft, Kinley Lechtenberg, Payten Georges, Brookelyn Bebermeyer, Daycee Witt, Bailey Lemerond, Kemper Sipple. Middle: Brinley Jones, Ceejay Tisdell, Jade Romo, Ryann Westengaard, Lena Delaney, Ave Bletcher, Josie Bletcher, Brooklyn Fletcher. Back Row: Rachel Bauman, Kenzee Ralfston, Emersyn Courtney, Alise Reschke, Justice Smith, Hallie Jones, Isabelle Nussbaum, Dorothy Crouse, Stella Waller.

Lady Irish anticipate hard work through the summer will pay dividends this fall

The Lady Irish volleyball team will look a little different on the court this fall; however, the goals remain the same. After two down seasons, at least by Irish standards, SH is poised to make a run at the NSAA playoffs. Coach Emma Ebel enters her sixth season in charge of the Lady Irish and has an impressive 120 wins versus 50 losses. The Irish won the Class D2 state title in Ebels' second season and fell to Humphrey St. Francis in the opening round a year later at the NSAA state tourney. Eighth-year coach Abby Shubert and first-year assistant Paige Vitosh will join Coach Ebel.

Last fall, the Irish ended the year at 18-17, falling to HTRS in the Class D2-1 subdistrict in Falls City in four sets.

The Irish have the luxury of returning eight letter winners from last season, none more important than senior Daycee Witt. However, Sacred Heart

lost a great group of seniors, which included Jentry Lechtenberg, Destry Groth, Annika Reschke, Addison Keller and Addison Fischer.

Witt, a three-year letter winner, will be the setter for the Lady Irish and should eclipse 1,000 career assists in September.

Adding depth to the Irish will be junior middle blocker Isabelle Nussbaum. Coach Ebel expects Nussbaum to be a crucial defensive factor for the Irish.

Ebel has high expectations for Hallie Jones, also. The OH/RS hitter will be a meaningful cog on offense this fall.

The coach expects Emersyn Courtney to take over the libero duties and junior Dorothy Crouse will be a threat from the outside hitter position. Other major contributors will include DS/serve specialist Brookelyn Bebermeyer, OH/RS Alise Reschke and sophomore Ryann Westengaard.

She also mentioned freshmen Bailey Lemerond, Kemper Sipple and sophomore Jade Romo as athletes who will see the court this fall.


"We are gaining some height across the board and have some potential to be a very offensive team this season and make some big plays," said Ebel. "I believe defense is about mentality as much as technique. They have had a great first few days of practice and the defense has been fun. Defense wins championships."

The volleyball season gets underway on Thursday, August 28, when the Irish host Nebraska City

Lourdes. The MUDECAS tourney in Beatrice will take place from September 15-18. The Pioneer Conference tourney is scheduled for October 13-18, and sub-districts begin on October 27.

"I am excited for this season," said Ebel. "We are coming off a busy summer with a lot of success. We have had a great atmosphere in our gym so far to start the season. I feel like we are deep off the bench and versatile and that will take us far this season. As a coach, you are constantly looking for those groups of kids that have that spark. I feel like this group has that."

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Titans striving to get over the hump

The HTRS Titan football squad is hoping to end a long stretch of sub-.500 seasons. The last time the Titans finished on the plus side of .500 was in 2015 when they went 5-4.

The Titans will look to make a leap in year two of the Grant Tuttle era. Tuttle took over the reins of the Titan team last fall and guided HTRS to a 2-6 mark, with wins over Omaha Christian and Cedar Bluffs. The Titans narrowly fell to Elmwood-Murdock and gave Sacred Heart all they could handle for three quarters before eventually falling 20-36. The Irish outscored HTRS 14-0 in the fourth period to pull away for the win.

Tuttle will be joined by assistant coaches Koalton Talcet (5th), Schuyler Kuhlmann (2nd) and Jamie Stice (1st).

HTRS welcomes back eight letter winners from last season, none more critical than DL/LB Emmett Glathar. Glathar was a second-team All-Conference pick in 2024, finishing the season with 63 tackles, including four for losses. Returners hoping to make an impact include Glathar, Cole Hunzeker, Reed Shupp, Jon Koch, Jacob Davis, Bradyn Bowen, Kameon Dettmann and Axton Wamsley.

It will take a team effort to replace athlete Hunter Bohling. Bohling led the team with 1,135 yards on the ground and 17 touchdowns and added a team-high 77 tackles on the defensive side of the ball.

“Hunter Bohling can’t be replaced,” said coach Tuttle. “With a unique balance of power, speed and raw athleticism, our offense was centered around him a season ago.”

Bohling broke multiple school records during his playing days at HTRS and will be greatly missed.

Also gone is receiver/defensive back Brogan Dunlap. Dunlap led the team with 21 catches for 348 yards and four scores, while adding 33 stops on defense.

“Brogan Dunlap was our spark plug a season ago,” said Tuttle. “With great hands and athleticism, he could make difficult catches look routine.”

According to Coach Tuttle, there will be a change at the QB position. Kameon Dettmann, who took the majority of the snaps last fall, will move to wide receiver, and sophomore Bradyn Bowen will step in as the signal caller.

“We look for him to have a prominent role this season,” stated Tuttle. “With great development between his freshman and now sophomore season, he has some ability that could surprise some people.”

HTRS opens the season at home against the Southern Raiders. The Titans will look to open the year with a bang, hoping to extend Southern’s losing streak. The Raiders ended the 2024 season on a seven-game skid. Another big game for HTRS is on September 26, when they host Sacred Heart.

“Our goal, as always, is to be a team of great people that improves every day,” said Tuttle. “I personally feel like I have a much better grasp on coaching than a season ago and am hoping to find my stride this year as I continue learning. Our boys have great attitudes and are hungry to take the next step.”



2025 HTRS Football: Front row, L-R: Bennet Arth, Jonathan Koch, Emmett Glathar, Samir Aliev. Second row: Axton Wamsley, Reed Shupp, Kameon Dettmann, Colt Leech, Jacob Davis. Third row: Cole Hunzeker, Josh Manning, Bradyn Bowen, Alex Dewberry, Ty Dunekacke, Jack Hilgenfeld, Griffin Sikora, Alvin Sikora, Liam Falder. Back row: Preston Mezger.



2025 HTRS Volleyball: Front row, L-R: Lillian Bowen, Elie Bstandig, Madison Bredemeier. Second row: Grayson Sherman, Chloe Shupp, Colby Hedden, Harlee Hardesty, Makena Dunlap. Third row: Georgianna Melcher, Eden Duryea, PJ Howe, Eden Stewart, Emerson Bredemeier, Dasha Hunzeker. Back row: Adilyn Nincehelser, Lexi Tichy, Bailee Schmit, Jazi Frey.

Expectations high for Lady Titan volleyball

For the second time in two years, the HTRS volleyball program will be guided by a new head coach. However, this captain will be a familiar face. New head coach Brittany Rogers enters her 15th season with the program, but first as the lead manager. Last fall, under the tutelage of coach Nic Sikora, the Titans finished 16-15 and made it to the district finals against Leyton. Assisting Coach Rogers will be a pair of first-year coaches, Megan Howe and Chantel Farwell.

The Titans will need to replace two key players who helped lead them to back-to-back district final appearances. Gone are setter Laramie Glathar and middle hitter Macy Vrtiska. However, there is an abundance of talent returning and the Lady Titans shouldn’t miss a beat. Four-year starters Elie Bstandig and Lillian Bowen return, as do two-year contributors Maddie Bredemeier and PJ Howe.

Bstandig led the 2024 team with 288 kills and a .228 hitting percentage. Bowen finished with 95 kills, 45 ace serves and 171 digs. Bredemeier led the squad last fall with 213 digs, while Howe added 44 kills, 165 digs and 14 ace serves.

According to Coach Rogers, Bstandig will be the most significant threat on offense.

“She’s smart, and after an All-Conference second team junior year, is ready to improve upon last season,” said Rogers.

She went on to praise Bowen for possessing the skills to place the ball and to be able to hammer the ball home when called upon to do so. Bredemeier received acknowledgment for ball placement and hustle, Howe will see plenty of action at setter and Jazi Frey, just a freshman, but has “great instinct in the game.”

Coach Rogers prides herself on the defense and can’t wait for the girls to showcase their talents.

“Our seniors will be leading our defense,” said Rogers. “They’re great in serve receive and all three have shown they can play effectively all the way around.”

As previously mentioned, the Titans have made two consecutive district finals. HTRS moved up a class this fall to D-1, but expectations won’t be lowered.

The season begins on Tuesday, September 2, when the Titans travel to Lewiston. The first home contest is a triangular with Falls City and JCC on Thursday, September 4. MUDECAS will be from September 15-18 and the final contest of the regular season will be in Humboldt against Meridian on October 23. The Class D1-1 subdistrict will be played on October 27 and 28 and will include HTRS, Lourdes Central, Pawnee City, and Weeping Water.



2025 HTRS GIRLS GOLF: Kendall Freeman, and Ava Meints.

Lady Titans swinging for accuracy

The Lady Titans Golf team is nearing its first meet. The team this season consists of two golfers and will be guided by first-year Head Coach Kelly Joy. Both golfers are familiar with each other, having played together last fall for HTRS.

Returning this fall for HTRS are senior Kendall Freeman and sophomore Ava Meints. The Lady Titans lost Alyssa Askern to graduation in May.

In 2016, HTRS won the district championship.

The Lady Titans’ season outlook involves improving daily and lowering the average score by the end of the season. The Titan golfers are working every day on improving drive accuracy, putting and most importantly, the short game.

HTRS opens the year on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at the Syracuse Country Club. The Titans will host the HTRS Invite on Monday, September 22, 2025, at Kirkman’s Lakeview Golf Course. Teams participating include Auburn, Beatrice, JCC, Syracuse, Tri County and HTRS.

The Class C-1 District is set for Hidden Valley Golf Course in Lincoln on Monday, October 6, 2025.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
 Richardson County Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 15, 2025, in the Council Chambers at 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 Corridor 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 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
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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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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.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

You are hereby notified that the following property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder without warranty, by Eric H. Lindquist, Successor Trustee, on October 14, 2025 on the first floor, lobby area of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, in the City of Falls City, NE 68355, at 10:00 AM for the purpose of foreclosing a Trust Deed executed by Michael Dunn aka Michael James Dunn and Michelle J. Navarrette, husband and wife, as Trustructors, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, as Beneficiary, as nominee for West Gate Bank, its successors and assigns, and West Gate Bank as Trustee. The Trust Deed was filed for record on December 6, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019-01790-11, in Book 280, at Page 127. The trust property affected is legally described as follows. Lots 19 and 20, Block 10, Crook and Towle Addition, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska. TAX # 740067141. Purportedly known as 2212 Crook St, Falls City, NE 68355 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address). West Gate Bank is the current Beneficiary of the Trust Deed. Record owner of the property as of the recording of the Notice of Default is reported to be Michael J. Dunn. The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, or the attorney for the Trustee, a \$5,000.00 deposit in the form of a bank or credit union cashier's check or a bank official check, payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. The successful bidder must tender the deposit at the sale and the balance of the purchase price by 12:00 noon the following business day. The balance must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. A bank or credit union cashier's check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is a cashier's check. A bank official check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is an official check. Any party who wants to bid at the Trustee's Sale must display the check described above prior to submitting a bid. The requirement is waived when the Beneficiary is the highest bidder. Successor Trustee disclaims liability for any error in the street address shown herein. Successor Trustee may void sale due to any unknown facts at time of sale that would cause the cancellation of the sale. If sale is voided, Successor Trustee shall return funds to bidder, and the Successor Trustee and Beneficiary shall not be liable to bidder for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Beneficiary, Trustor, Successor Trustee, or the Successor Trustee's attorney. This is an attempt to foreclose a security instrument and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 13 day of August, 2025.

/s/ Eric H. Lindquist,
 Successor Trustee
 10050 Regency Circle Suite 505
 Omaha, NE 68114
 Telephone: 801-355-2886
 File No. NE22221

NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN C. HOLLAND Deceased. Estate No. Pr-25-44

Notice is hereby given that on August 19, 2025, in the County of Richardson County, Nebraska, David L. Holland, whose address is 7608 Ashley Cir., Johnston, Iowa 50131, has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 27, 2025 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
 Estate of Jerry W. Nelson, Deceased
 Estate No. PR-25-45

Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2025, in the County of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Shane R. Decker 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 27, 2025 or be forever barred.

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
 Estate of Sarah A. Nims, Deceased
 Estate No. PR-25-46

Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2025, in the County of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Jacque Westling, whose address is 15620 North 45th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85032, 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 27, 2025 or be forever barred.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Supervisors of Drainage District No. 8

Time and place of meeting:
 September 2, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.,
 1719 Stone Street, Falls City,
 Nebraska

Meeting Agenda:

1. Announcement of Public Meetings Act;
2. Agenda approval;
3. Approve minutes;
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Request the Auditor of Public Accounts waive the audit requirements
6. Approve claims;
7. Discussion of District levee maintenance;;
8. Adoption of proposed budget.;

Proposed Budget:
 Amount needed for operation of the District and for necessary maintenance for year April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026
\$153,971.60

Source of Funds:
 Funds on hand April 1, 2025,
 Operating Account142,894.16
 Funds on hand April 1, 2025,
 Savings Account505.36
 Estimated unpaid assessments for current and prior years3572.08
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Dated August 20, 2025

DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8
 of Richardson County, Nebraska
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 Kevin Vonderschmidt, Secretary

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Salem Nebraska as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec 39-2119 et seq R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Salem Village Board, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 9th Day of September, 2025 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building at which time objection to or recommendations for said Plan be heard.

Carolyn Glathar
 Salem Village Clerk
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The Towers, LLC proposes to build a 199.5-foot self-support communications tower at the approx. vicinity of 707 Road & 660 Avenue, Rulo, Richardson County, NE 68431. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Alaina, a.decampossalles@trileaf.com, 1821 Walden Office Sq, Ste 500, Schaumburg, IL 60173, 630-227-0202.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Village of Rulo is looking for bids to perform limb removal this fall.

Scope of work

All roadways within city limits south of Highway 159. Height clearance of 14 feet. Width will vary by street. Cut back vegetation, remove all trees within right-of-way, and treat stumps with appropriate stump killer. Debris removal must be included.

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 785-741-3623
 All bids must be received by
 Monday, September 8, 2025 by
 mail or by email to Rachel Jean at
 ruloclerk@gmail.com.

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REMINDER TO LANDOWNERS

Pursuant to NE Revised State Statutes 39-1811

ROADSIDES MUST BE MOWED AT LEAST TWICE PER YEAR.

It shall be the duty of the landowners in this state to mow all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches running along their lands at least twice each year, namely, sometime in July for the first time and sometime in September for the second time.

Pursuant to NE Revised State Statutes 39-1812

HEDGES AND TREES; TRIMMING; DUTIES OF LANDOWNERS

Each landowner in this state upon whose land there is standing or growing any osage orange, willow or locust hedge fence, trees, or undergrowth, bordering the public roads, when such fence, trees, or undergrowth become a public nuisance to travel on the roads, or obstruct the view at or near railroad crossings, cross-roads or abrupt turns in the road, shall keep the same trimmed not less than once a year by cutting back to within four feet of the ground, excepting trees, which shall be trimmed from the ground up eight feet, and the trimmings so cut shall be burned or removed from the road right-of-way within ten days after each cutting.

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners would like to thank the rural landowners for their cooperation.

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Village of Verdon
 IN
 Richardson County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 3rd day of September 2025, at 7:15 o'clock PM, at Verdon Village Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	262,304.75	
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	364,936.17	
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	351,204.32	
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	286,007.13	
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$	637,211.45	
Total 2025-2026 Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	33,855.20	
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	10,350.85	

Breakdown of Property Tax:			
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	25,055.20	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	8,800.00	

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 3rd day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock PM, at Verdon Village Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	398,356.26	351,204.32	-12%
Property Tax Request	\$ 32,244.25	\$ 33,855.20	5%
Valuation	6,419,307	6,848,591	7%
Tax Rate	0.502301	0.494338	-2%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.470816		

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Magnolia Metal Corp.

Currently accepting applications for:

➔ **Foundry Manager**

This position requires management of overall foundry operations with responsibility for safety, quality and production. Experience in casting processes, metalurgy or relevant foundry technologies preferred but not necessary. We are willing to train an individual that can manage people and has a good work record. Salary and possible relocation allowance negotiable.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska has an immediate opening for a full time Domestic Violence Department Director.

Working Monday -Thursday - 7:30 to 5:30 in Reserve, Kansas. Minimal on call responsibilities. Full BCBS health, dental, vision & other benefits. This position will include working with families, DV victims, and child welfare. Help with client resources, referrals, transports, crisis intervention and counseling. Seeking someone with a passion to help people, leading a team to advocate, educating, manage & prep reports for numerous grant programs. Must be willing to travel. Preferred qualifications in Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice, or a closely related Human Services field, experience in advocacy or case management or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Native American preference applies.

Application form and more complete job description is available at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 66434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com.

Submit application form, cover letter, and resume at postal address listed above, or email to employment@sacandfoxks.com no later than 2 PM Thursday 9-18-2025.

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HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

Part-Time Maintenance Technician

The City of Humboldt, Nebraska, will accept applications for the Maintenance Department. The right person must be a self-starter and can prioritize work. The candidate should prioritize the quality and appearance of their work, have mechanical skills, be able to operate a payloador and snow-plow, mow, hold or be willing to obtain a Water/Wastewater license, chemical license, maintain streets, follow directions, and be available for on-call duties during off hours. The role requires teamwork and has varied daily tasks.

Applications are available at City Hall 330 E Square Humboldt, NE 68376 or email resume with cover letter to humboldt.clerk@gmail.com

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Humboldt – Table Rock – Steinauer Public School has a need for substitute teachers for now and the future

Substitute pay is \$175/day for regular and \$195/day for substitutes covering an individual teacher's class for more than 10 consecutive days. Applications are located in the main entrance of the school. Applications and substitute certification requirements can be located online at <https://www.htrstitans.com/page/employment>.

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JOB OPENINGS

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

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

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

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

EOE Employer/Vet/Disabled

NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL
2022 13th STREET - AUBURN, NE

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HTRS PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS OPENINGS

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

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

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

IF INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE POSITIONS
Applications are available in the office at 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or online at <https://www.htrstitans.com/page/employment> & mailed to Dr. George Griffith, HTRS Public School 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or emailed to georgegriffith@htrstitans.org.

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

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Nemaha Natural Resources District

Accepting applications for the position of NRD Clerk located at the Falls City NRCS office. Computer and general office experience required. Complete job details are available at the Nemaha NRD, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh NE 68450 or on our website, www.nemahanrd.org.

Closing date for applications is Friday, Aug. 29, 2025.

For more information, contact the NRD in Tecumseh at (402) 335-3325.

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One Team - One Mission

POSITION OPENINGS

Pawnee County Memorial Hospital is seeking

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- » **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

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