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ABB has entered a supply agreement with Citroniq to provide advanced automation, electrification and digital technologies to

Richardson County details more than \$188,000 in union-related legal fees since 2022

Richardson County has released records showing that since 2022, the county has spent more than \$188,000 in legal fees tied to grievances, negotiations, and state labor cases involving the Richardson County Road Department Union, NAPE/AFSCME Local 61.

Early grievance withdrawn

The first dispute came in February 2022, when the union filed a grievance on behalf of former employee Gerald Kuker over accumulated leave. The grievance advanced through the process outlined in the union contract but was withdrawn the day before a scheduled hearing before the County Grievance Board. Legal costs in that matter totaled \$11,266.99

CIR Case #1536 (2022–2023). In September 2022, the union filed Case #1536 with the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR), alleging the county violated the Industrial Relations Act in a wage dispute. A one-day trial was held in April 2023. The CIR dismissed the case on Nov. 2, 2023, concluding the union did not meet its burden of proof. Legal fees for that case totaled \$71,877.65

Contract talks and mediation (2023–2024). Contract negotiations to replace the agreement expiring June 2023 began in October 2023. The county presented a final offer on Feb. 14, 2024. Union members voted to reject it on Feb. 20, 2024.

On April 10, 2024, county commissioners voted unanimously to enter mediation with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. A mediation session was held June 18, 2024, but ended without agreement. Legal fees tied to negotiations reached \$19,067.02

CIR Case #1569 (2024–present). On June 24, 2024, the union filed Case #1569 with the CIR, asking the commission to establish wages, hours, benefits, and working conditions for the road department through June 2026.

A one-day trial was held March 24, 2025, to determine which counties would be used for wage comparisons. The union presented an expert witness from Washington, D.C., while the county used a local human resources consultant. On Aug. 14, 2025, the CIR ruled the comparison counties would be Saline, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Butler, Colfax, and York. A hearing on wages and conditions has not yet been scheduled. Legal fees so far total \$69,964.75

Grievance on civil leave (2025). In April 2025, the union filed a grievance on behalf of employees Bryan Dettmann, Wyatt Martin, and Ronald Ramer. They argued they should have received civil leave instead of using vacation or paid time off when they were subpoenaed to testify at the CIR trial.

The grievance was denied by the Highway Superintendent, the



Audrey Scrivens, Crystal Scrivens and Julie Phroper.

A crash course in family tradition

For Julie Phroper, demolition derbies aren't just about the crashing of metal, the roaring of the engines, or the smell of burning rubber. For her, it's about family.

This month, that family tradition reached a milestone. It was the first time three generations of her family competed together.

Julie first strapped into a derby car when she was about 20 years old. From that first spin she was hooked. "I love it," she said. "It's like overgrown bumper cars. Get out that road rage in a nice way."

Over the years, she's competed all over the region, entering events in Savannah, White Cloud, Pawnee City and beyond. "There for a while we were probably doing five or six a year," she said. Participating in about 50-60 derbies to this point.

Sharing the sport with her daughter, Crystal [Scrivens], made the tradition even stronger.

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County discusses possibly adding a future road grader route

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday morning, August 27, 2025. Board members Campbell, Caverzagie and Karas answered the roll call. The Board wanted to thank the public for attending last week's meeting and expressing their concerns to the members. Many items discussed throughout the meeting have been addressed recently and are already being implemented. They want to remind the citizens of the County that whenever they have issues, they should either call the Road Department shop or the Commissioners themselves. Contact information for the Commissioners can be found on the Richardson County website.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the Board and discussed routine maintenance throughout the County.

Commissioner Campbell advised Darveau that he had received a phone call from a citizen about a truck that had recently caught fire. Campbell said whichever wrecker service picked up the remains of the vehicle failed to properly clean the site, leaving

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Prairie Doc

Feeling Dizzy? How physical therapy can help you find your balance

By Matt Leedom, PT, DPT, NCS

Have you ever stood up too quickly and felt the room spin? Or rolled over in bed and suddenly felt like you were on a merry go round you didn’t ask to ride? Maybe you’ve started to notice you feel a little unsteady when walking or need to hold onto furniture “just in case.” If that sounds familiar, you are not alone. And more importantly, you are not without options.

Dizziness and balance problems are surprisingly common. These issues can develop after a cold, a minor head injury, or simply as part of the aging process. But despite how common they are, they are often overlooked. Many people chalk them up to aging or learn to “just live with it,” avoiding stairs, skipping favorite outings, or giving up activities they enjoy because they don’t feel steady.

That is where physical therapy can make a real difference. And no, it is not just about stretching or lifting weights. Physical therapists who focus on balance and vestibular care can help identify the source of your symptoms and offer practical, personalized solutions.

Let’s start with one of the most common causes of vertigo: Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo, or BPPV. It sounds complicated, but the fix is often simple. In BPPV, tiny crystals in your inner ear float into the wrong place and start sending confusing signals to your brain. The result? Sudden, brief spinning sensations with head movement or changes in position. A trained physical therapist can perform a series of head and body movements called repositioning maneuvers to guide the crystals back where they belong. Relief is often immediate.

But not all dizziness is BPPV. Sometimes it stems from vestibular system weakness, where the inner ear is not working properly. This can be caused by a virus, changes that come with age or for reasons unknown. Other times, balance problems are linked to neurological conditions like Parkinson’s disease or stroke, or to weakness and reduced movement after illness. Even changes in vision or sensation in your feet can throw off your balance.

That is why careful evaluation is so important. A physical therapist will assess how your eyes, ears, brain and muscles work together to keep you steady. Then they will create a personalized plan to help you feel more confident and stable. This may include exercises to improve gaze control, strengthen your muscles, practice safe walking and retrain your sense of balance.

Most importantly, therapy helps you rebuild your confidence. When you are afraid of falling or feeling dizzy, it is easy to stop moving. But that can make things worse. Physical therapy offers a safe way to stay active and regain control.

You do not have to live in fear of the next dizzy spell or miss out on the things you enjoy. If you are feeling off balance, ask your doctor if a referral to a vestibular trained physical therapist is right for you. The path to steady footing might be closer than you think.

Matt Leedom, PT, DPT, NCS, is a board-certified clinical specialist in neurologic physical therapy and an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of South Dakota. He earned his B.S. in psychology from USD and his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Creighton University. Leedom’s clinical expertise includes the treatment of individual neurological conditions, including vestibular disorders. His research focuses on improving mobility and quality of life for individuals with Parkinson’s disease, with current projects exploring cognitive flexibility training and non-invasive brain stimulation to address gait and postural impairments. Follow The Prairie Doc@ at www.prairiedoc.org.

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All things Nebraska
‘Cornhusker Clink’ is a clunker for many Nebraskans

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

On vacation in Colorado last week, I ran into a few Husker ex-pats.

All commented on how great the summer weather was in the mountains. No corn sweat! No 100 degree days!

Not one former Husker mentioned high property taxes – which blamed by several politicians as the reason people move from the state.

But I digress. We probably need to discuss the latest move to vilify and punish hard-working immigrants in our own backyard.

We’re talking about the “Cornhusker Clink,” the takeover of a state prison camp in McCook by the federal government, a part of the Trump Administration’s pledge to detain and deport immigrants deemed “the worst of the worst.”

Gov. Jim Pillen said that transferring 186 Nebraska inmates to other, seriously overcrowded state prisons to make way for federal detainees is the state’s way to support Trump’s offensive on immigrants.

I’m all for removing killers and rapists, but too often, this crackdown has nabbed immigrants doing jobs homegrown Americans won’t do, like slaughtering hogs and cattle, roofing and street construction, and landscaping work.

These days, I tend to pay attention to who’s working where. At a tourist tavern in Grand Lake, all the waiters and kitchen help were from Romania. At a tree farm near Yutan, those working in the hot sun all appeared Hispanic. At a huge dairy farm north of Denver, six employees -- all Hispanic -- died from toxic gases accidentally released from a manure pit.

These are all people pursuing what I thought was the “American Dream” – work hard, pay your taxes, support your family, get ahead. What is the benefit of tossing them into the Cornhusker Clink?

I’m curious what the reaction in Nebraska might be if one of our beef processing plants was raided and shut down? Cattle producers, who are seeing record prices right now, would scream.

If immigrants in these plants were deported, would American citizens line up to fill those jobs?

We all know the answer to that.

Our last president, Joe Biden, attempted to resolve the immigration dilemma – allowing immigrants, already living in the country and already working for companies that need workers, to remain working and living here.

Seemed like a smart idea and it reportedly had the bipartisan support to pass until then-candidate Trump called on his buddies in Congress to scuttle the bill for political purposes.

The ball’s now in Trump’s court to resolve the immigration dilemma. But instead of offering a solution, our current administration’s answer is to spend billions of taxpayer dollars to hire more Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to round up immigrants, and build several concentration camp-like compounds like the Cornhusker Clink and its predecessor in Florida, Alligator Alcatraz.

Trump always trumpets that he’s going to make America “great again.” (But I gotta wonder if the red hats should display “MTGA” (Make Trump Great Again) after reading an article estimating that his family’s wealth has more than doubled, by

\$3.4 billion, since the last election thanks to corporate deals, sales of merchandise and crypto coins, and gifts like that pricey plane from Qatar.)

Former President Ronald Reagan also wanted to make American “great again.” He actually did it when it concerned immigrants, pushing through a bill that allowed those who were working and living in the U.S. a pathway to citizenship.

Nearly 3 million immigrants got permanent residency under the bipartisan bill passed during the Reagan Administration.

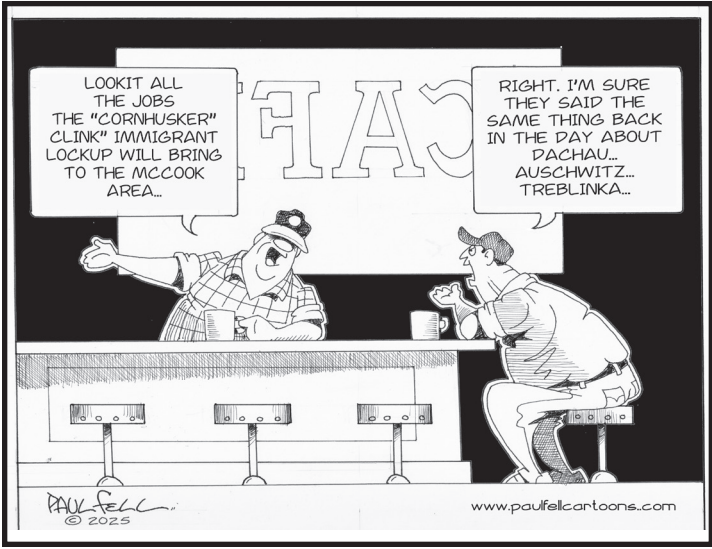
The Cornhusker Clink isn’t getting great reviews, and polls show that Americans think ICE is being too aggressive.

McCook residents interviewed by Andrew Wegley of the Lincoln Journal-Star worried that hardened criminals will be housed in their vicinity. There were protests when Pillen came to McCook to announce his deal, and later at the Governor’s Residence in Lincoln.

Even the normally quiet and conservative Catholic bishop of Lincoln, the Rev. James Conley called on officials to use the McCook facility only for those who endanger public safety, not for hard-working immigrants simply seeking a better life in America.

That’s something my family, and many others, sought as well when they came to the U.S.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was 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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 - Mythical air spirit
 - Water glider
 - Opposite of eve
 - Artfully shyly
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 - Move a plant
 - Saintly glows
 - Industrious insect
 - Inundated
 - *"An American Tragedy" author Theodore _____
 - *Ignatius J. Reilly, "A Confederacy of Dunces" protagonist
 - Neither’s partner
 - Flipside of pros
 - What hernias do
 - Snowman’s corn cob
 - 1970s dancing venues
 - Home to China
 - Biceps exercise
 - W.E.B Du Bois’s org.
 - Clays or mucks
 - Quetzalcoat worshiper
 - Viracocha worshipper
 - Muse of love poetry
 - The Hippocratic one
 - High in decibels
 - Orthopedic device
 - Egyptian goddess of fertility
 - Before, before
 - Kitten’s plaything
 - Between Cancer and Virgo
 - *Beatrice Belden’s nickname
 - *American Library Association’s medal for children’s literature
 - C in CSI
 - To boot
 - #61 Down plus E
 - Altar’s location, pl.
 - Fled
 - Indian cuisine dip
 - Give an impression
 - Mining product
 - See-through
- DOWN**

 - Common tropical marine fish
 - Part of BYO
 - Orpheus’ instrument
 - *Patricia MacLachlan’s “Sarah, _____ and Tall”
 - Medicinal herb
 - _____ anise, chai tea spice
 - _____ Kesey’s “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”
 - Foreword
 - Whimper
 - Milky-white gem
 - Like certain people’s glasses
 - Greatest possible
 - Ex grape
 - *"Fear of Flying" author _____
 - Jong
 - Finish line, e.g.
 - Not doubting
 - *Percival Everett’s reimagining of “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”
 - Steal a throne
 - Type of wave
 - *"The Godfather" author Mario _____
 - Go yachting
 - Birch bark vessel
 - Come to pass
 - *Dashiell Hammett’s hard-boiled detective Sam _____
 - _____ Spumante
 - Classic game show “_____ Make a Deal”
 - Argentina’s western neighbor
 - December birthstone, pl.
 - “Mai” follower
 - Paris’ underground tourist attraction
 - Yesteryear style
 - West African religious practice
 - Genealogical plant
 - Winter window design
 - Allah’s cleric
 - Opposite of all
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The Brownville Concert Series presents The Cody Sisters

The Brownville Concert Series is thrilled to welcome The Cody Sisters to Brownville. 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. Along with their bass player Will Pavilonis, 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. It's sure to be one you won't want to miss! The shows will be in cabaret on Friday and Saturday, September 5 and 6 at 7:30pm, and in concert on Sunday, September 7 at 2:00pm. Rick and Alexandra McMullen and Dr's David and Nicole Kaufman help to sponsor these shows.

"All the quiet people have got a lot to say," sing the Cody Sisters on the title track to their forthcoming album. And the group—Maddie Cody, Megan Cody, and Will Pavilonis—has spent the better part of their young lives proving it, whether they're collaborating as writers, harmonizing on bluegrass stages, or inviting fans to share their own stories.

"This feels like a project where we're just jump-starting everything," says Maddie of All the Quiet People, recorded at Vermillion Studios with producer Mike Robinson and Engineer Eric Wiggs. "We've gone through a transitional period with our genre, with the way that we approach music. As we've grown, we've leaned into the sounds that feel truest to who we are."

Maddie and Megan have been making music together since ages six and eight, respectively. Raised on the

Colorado folk and bluegrass scene—with encouragement from their dad, who often played guitar around the house and was the original bass player in the band—festivals like RockyGrass were high notes amidst a lifelong musical awakening filled with live performances, songwriting, and travel. With Maddie on banjo, Megan on mandolin, and both women trading turns on the guitar, the sisters built a following quite early for their resonant harmonies and meticulous instrumental chops. The Cody Sisters took on a new depth in 2020 when bassist Will Pavilonis became part of the band, bringing fresh dimensions to their arrangements and sound.

"I immediately knew Will would be the perfect fit for the group," explains Megan, who first connected with Pavilonis playing folk music in their freshman dorm. In addition to lend-

Richardson County Fair Queen voting nearing end as county fair gets closer

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 28, 2025 were:

Chloe Shupp 136,094,331
Ella Glathar 98,834,185
MaKena Dunlap 36,367,292
Elie Bstandig 30,702,829
Miranda Rist 30,557,821
Kendall Freeman 20,719,440
Jorja DeJonge 10,544,525
Hannah Lindsey 8,191,135
Shayfer Cumro 5,710,584
Maddie Bredemeier 3,689,982

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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.

ing his talents on upright bass and vocal harmonies, Pavilonis quickly became an essential part of the writing process, too, helping pair Maddie's lyrics and melodies with the right musical arrangements. On their 2023 self-titled EP as well as on tour stops across the United States and Europe, the Cody Sisters' sound evolved and matured—a creative growth especially evident in All the Quiet People.

"In a way, this album is an expression of our coming-of-age story—together," says Maddie. "Collectors on the Run," for example, is based on a memorable night from the trio's first time on the road together. "It was our last night of what we thought was this grand tour, driving our dad's minivan across the Midwest. We were all set on ending it with some extravagant fun night, but we wound up at a little league baseball game," Megan explains with a laugh. "It's so silly, but I think that was when all of us realized that we could do this forever; that we want to be on the road and collect all of these little stories together for as long as we can."

The songs that aren't strictly autobiographical often take inspiration from fictional stories and novels. "So often I connect with characters that I've picked up from books," says Maddie, citing the work of Ocean Vuong as a major influence on tracks like "Mother Tongue."

In many ways, the album's potent combination of personal experience and compelling fiction underscores its major takeaway: that every story has value. "We want our listeners to understand that their stories should be heard no matter who they are," says Maddie. "We're all collectively just interested in making a small difference with our music—to add a little bit of joy to this chaotic world."

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

SOCIETY NEWS

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order of the Eastern Star

Submitted by Donna Monnette, Secretary

Worthy Matron Phyllis Kreutzer presided over the stated meeting of Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star on August 7, 2025 at the Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. Eleven members were present for the meeting held in long form. Chaplain Joan Wheeler offered the prayer during the Opening Ceremony .

All sang the Opening Ode, "Come Into My Heart." The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed.

The regular order of business began with the reading of the previous meeting's minutes which approved. The treasurer reported on the balance in the general fund.

Correspondence included the Nebraska OES News reported on the visitations which the 150 Years Loving One Another Grand Family have made to North Platte, Grand Island, and Norfolk. The batons have been traveling from Chapter to Chapter as members are visiting.

News from General Grand Chapter committees concerning classes in CPR for better health care are encouraged.

The Masonic Youth Leadership Conference is planned for October 4-5, 2025 in Kearney, Nebraska. Those wishing to attend need to send their applications in before September 4.

Announcement was made of a summer pledge drive for our four Historical Landmarks up keeping.

Thank you letter for a memorial donation to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Fremont for former member Sarah Nims.

We received the report of the Jurisprudence Committee of changes approved at the May Grand Chapter Session.

Information was received of the Grand Officers Area Visitation to be held at the Pin High Restaurant on the Table Creek Golf Course in Nebraska City on September 13, 2025. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. Reservations are to be sent to Chris Kennedy of Brownville Chapter by September 2. 'A reception will be held from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. honoring our Grand Organist, Florence Schauer, member of the Palmyra Chapter.

Bills were presented for a memorial donation to the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth honoring Carol Coffey and monetary gifts for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. They were allowed.

The Landmarks were read by all the members.

A memorial service for Carol Coffey, a member from Hastings, who passed on July 3, 2025 was held and the charter draped in her memory.

Happy Birthday was sung to Joan Wheeler who will be 90 years old on August 13. George and Elizabeth Ketner will celebrate 63 years of marriage and Don and Donna Monnette 67 years this month. Mary Behrends is still recuperating at the Good Samaritan Home in Auburn.

Debbi Dunn suggested we review our Proficiency Test during the social hour at a future meeting.

There being no further business the Closing Ode was sung during the Closing Ceremony. Refreshments were served by Carolyn Bredemeier at the close of the meeting.

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Public Service Commission issues harvest reminders

With the harvest season soon to get underway, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) encourages producers/sellers to familiarize themselves with Nebraska Grain laws.

“Part of a successful harvest for producers/sellers is making sure their assets are protected. Understanding the law and how it affects them plays a key role in that process.” said Terri Fritz, PSC Grain Department Director.

Under the Grain Dealer Act, if producers/sellers want to ensure their transactions with a licensed grain dealer are covered by the grain dealer’s security posted with the PSC, they must demand payment within 15 days of completion of their contract with the dealer. Producers/sellers who choose not to demand payment within 15 days after completion of their contract will be unsecured creditors of that dealer and forfeit any protection from the grain dealer’s security.

Director Fritz said, “It’s

important for the producer/seller to understand that it is their responsibility to demand payment within a set timeframe to ensure they are covered.”

Grain Warehouse operators are also reminded by the PSC of the Emergency Storage Policy. In order to store grain on the ground, an Emergency Storage application form must be filed with, and approved by, the Commission.

A list of Licensed Grain Dealers, along with the PSC Emergency Storage 2025 memo and Emergency Storage application form can be found on the Grain Department page of the PSC website.

BUILDING PERMITS

Travis and Melissa Eickhoff, 2511 Fulton St.; HVAC Replacement, \$12,297.00

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HCC completes Higher Learning Commission Assessment Academy

Highland Community College has successfully completed the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Assessment Academy, a four-year program designed to provide institutions with targeted support and proven strategies to enhance student learning and success.

The HLC Assessment Academy engages participating institutions in an intentional, long-term project focused on improving assessment practices. Guided by experienced HLC mentors and scholars, Highland’s project centered on piloting co-curricular assessment. This initiative evaluated learning outcomes in areas outside the traditional classroom, including student organizations, athletics and broader student life.

The Highland Assessment Academy team was led by Dr. Jeff Hurn and included Eric Ketchum, Shane Clapper, Lucas Hunziger, Michelle Hurn, Pamela Fulbright, Mary Bryant and Lexy Clark. During the Academy’s concluding roundtable, the team presented a poster project showcasing their achievements and insights gained through the four-year effort.

“Our project underscored the value of co-curricular assessment in capturing the full scope of student learning,” said Dr. Jeff Hurn. “These experiences help equip our students with the skills they need to succeed—whether in the workforce or in continuing their education at a four-year institution.”

Highland is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the largest regional accreditor of degree-granting higher education institutions in the United States. Accreditation ensures that the college meets rigorous academic and operational standards, facilitates the transfer of coursework between institutions and affirms the college’s eligibility to award federal financial aid.



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FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



To celebrate the beginning of Husker season, here is a throwback to August 1991 when assistant head football coach Frank Solich and backfield coach at UNL was presented a “Patriotic Citizen Award” from VFW quartermaster Jack Fisher during Legion Club membership night.

Louis Fritz was able to name everyone from the football picture that ran in last week’s *Journal*. After seeing the picture, he went to the basement and retrieved an annual from Verdon School from 1957 which had the exact picture in it. Fritz himself was an eighth-grade student that year.

The picture featured the 1956 Verdon football team. Front row, L-R. Norman Elliott, Byron Owens, Ralph German, Neal Eickhoff, Dick Goolsby and Jim Richardson. Back row, L-R. Coach John L. Penney, Paul Larson, Elwood Steinke, Arthur Howe, Lloyd Burget, Larry Wilhelm, Bill Marsh and Duane Elliott.

That six-man team went a perfect 8-0, including an 80-32 win over Johnson in the Tecumseh Indian Bowl to end the season. The team averaged 52 points per contest, while allowing 19. Norman Elliott, German, Goolsby and Richardson were named All-Conference. The team was awarded third place in the State ranks of Class B Six-Man. Thank you Coach.

Aksarben Foundation, Nebraska Farm Bureau, and Nebraska State Fair honor Nebraska’s Farm Families at 2025 Farm Family Award reception

The Aksarben Foundation, in partnership with the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska State Fair, proudly recognized farm families in Nebraska at the 2025 Farm Family Reception held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at the Pump & Pantry Pit Event Tent on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

The annual celebration honors families who have owned and operated the same farm or ranch for 100 years (Pioneer Award) or 150 years (Heritage Award). This year, dozens of families were recognized for their remarkable contributions to preserving Nebraska’s agricultural legacy and sustaining the state’s most vital industry.

“Each of these families embodies the values that make Nebraska strong: hard work, perseverance, and stewardship of the land,” said Sandra Reding, President of the Aksarben Foundation. “It is a privilege to celebrate their legacy alongside partners who share our commitment to honoring agriculture.”

The Nebraska Farm Bureau has been an essential partner in identifying and supporting farm families for recognition. Their statewide presence ensures that deserving families across Nebraska are celebrated for their generational contributions.

The Nebraska State Fair once again provided a fitting stage for the event, hosting the reception in Grand Island, where Nebraskans gather to celebrate agriculture and community. The event was hosted on County Fair Day, a special themed day honoring all the county fairs in Nebraska that help make our state great.

Since the award’s creation more than six decades ago, over 10,000 families have received the Aksarben Farm Family Award, cementing it as one of Nebraska’s most cherished traditions.

The 2025 Farm Families are as follows:

Heritage Farm Families – Honoring 150 Years:
Antelope-Cowin Family Farm; Burt-Kerl Family Farm; Cass-Murphy Family Farm; Cedar-Jimmy Boeckman Family Farm; Cuming-Schlueter Family Farm; Dixon-Kneifl Family Farm; Dodge-Matt Olson Homestead; Hall-Lockwood Family Farm; Jefferson-Dick Family Farm; **Johnson-Reiken, Otteman, Woltemath, Hoemann Family Farm, Robison Family Farm**; Knox-Ruzicka Family Farm; Lancaster-Maahs Family Farm; Madison-Raasch Family Farm; Merrick-Phelps and Willhoft Family Farm; **Nemaha-Knipe Family Farm**; Pierce-Steinkraus Homestead; Platte - Wurde-man Family Farm.

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ly Farm; Cheyenne-Volkert Family Farm; Clay-Anderson Family Farm; Colfax-Glodowski and Papa Family Farm; Cuming-Nellor and Clatanoff Family Farm; Dawes-Cotant Family Farm; Deuel-Klingman Family Farm; Dodge-Minarick Family Farm; Fillmore-Priefert Family Farm.

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CALLS AND STATISTICS

August 20 through August 21, 2025 calls: two investigations, four ambulance/EMS, two information only, one gun permit, two animal calls, two HHS intake/referrals, two 911 hang up/misdials, one referred to another agency, one burn permit, one miscellaneous, one parking complaint, six 911 calls, one warning for speeding, one warning for no operators license on person, one warning for no proof of insurance, three citations for animal at large, one citation for invalid registration.

August 20 through August 21, 2025 calls: one referred to another agency, four miscellaneous, five information only, one nuisance, six ambulance/EMS, one check welfare, one fire call, two HHS intake/referral, one motorist assist, two 911 hang up/misdials, one found or lost property, four 911 calls, one warning for unlawful/fict. display of plate/renew tab, one warning for defective signal equipment, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for no proof of insurance.

August 21 through August 22, 2025 calls: no information received.

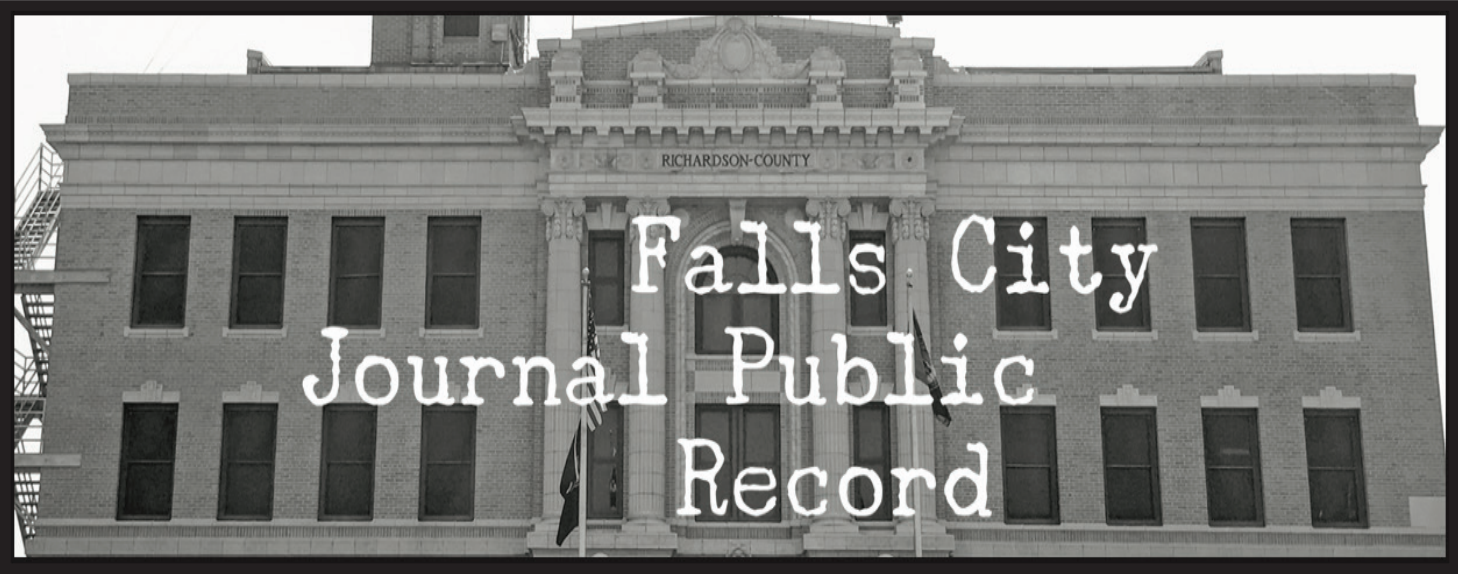
August 22 through August 23, 2025 calls: one alarm call, one call referred to another agency, two nuisance calls, two miscellaneous calls, one traffic/driving complaint, four parking complaints, one ambulance/EMS call, one burn permit, three HHS intake/referrals, one informational only call, one investigation, one disturbance, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one 911 hang up/misdial, and three 911 calls.

August 23 through August 24, 2025 calls: six miscellaneous calls, two found or lost property calls, one escort call, one call referred to another agency, one motorist assist, four ambulance/EMS calls, one burn permit, two 911 hang up/misdials, one citation for assault, one citation for speeding, six warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, two warnings for excessive window tint, two warnings for speeding, two warnings for invalid registration, one warning for not having splash aprons, one warning for no license while driving, one warning for ATV and UTV requirements, and four 911 calls

August 24 through August 25, 2025 calls: one animal call, one call referred to another agency, five miscellaneous calls, two domestic disturbance calls, one ambulance/EMS call, one citation for terroristic threats, one citation for criminal mischief, one citation for criminal trespass first-degree, one citation for disturbing the peace, one warning for a muffler requirement, one warning for exceeding two auxiliary spotlights, and one 911 call.

August 25 through August 26, 2025 calls: two calls referred to another agency, one record check, one escort, three ambulance/EMS calls, two nuisance calls, one burn permit, one investigation, one miscellaneous call, two 911 hang up/misdials, and six 911 calls.

August 26 through August 27, 2025 calls: one parking complaint, one disturbance, two nuisance calls, one HHS intake/referral, two ambulance/EMS calls, one investigation, two gun permits, one warrant arrest, one welfare check, five warnings for speeding, one warning for invalid registration, one warning for a failure to use a seatbelt, one citation for driving under a suspended license, One citation for failure to use a seatbelt, one citation for no license while driving, four citations for fugitives from justice, three citations for speeding, and two 911 calls.



COUNTY COURT
Eugene A. Waters, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, fail to use seat belt, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.
Leonardo Bahamonde Mestre, count one, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled not guilty; count three, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled not guilty; count four, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, pled not guilty; count five, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, pled not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for September 17, 2025.
Jessica Simmons, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for September 17, 2025.
Cheyenne J. Loveless, count one, disturbing the peace, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.
Jacob S. Feldkamp, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/menacing manner, amended to assault-cause bodily injury, amended to DV assault-3rd/cause bodily injury, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 360 days, credit for three days served; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dissmissed.
Alicia C. Swimmer, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 1, 2025.
Christjan V. Stevens, count one, intrude on person w/o consent, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$750.
Jessica L. Rowell, count one, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty; count two, no valid registration, pled not guilty; count three, no operator's license, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for October 20, 2025.
Jessica M. Scheele, count one, disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.
Patrick Kelly, count one, DUI-.08-first, amended to reckless driving-first, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$500; count two, disobey traffic control device, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.
Rita S. Johansen, count one, obstruct government operations, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150; count two, obstruct government operations, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150.

CITATIONS
Orvin Miller of Adams, NE, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
Nina Travis of Falls City, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)
Matthew Shaklee of Holton, KS, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)
Shirley Hatman of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
Joseph Addison of Lincoln, NE, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Franks)
Rian Heffernan of San Diego, CA, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
Sherry Spinner of Falls City, count one, stop sign violation, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Cheek)
Caleb Kidd of Sunrise, FL, count one, no opera-

tor's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)
Mitchell Hisle of Evertrest, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Shiley)
Amy Garner of Rock Port, MO, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
Michelle Heim of Dawson, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
Ty Karpinski of Stella, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
Chloe Fox of Lincoln, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Aitken)
Robert Barton of Oklahoma City, OK, count one, violate no passing zone, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Anderson)
Jennifer Hopkins of Omaha, count one speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

DISTRICT COURT
Michael Luna, count one, possess controlled subs, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 150 days, credit for 31 days served; count two amended to dropped/dissmissed.
Justin C. Mattox, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$450, jail for term of 15 days beginning January 30, 2026, jail for term of 15 days beginning June 30, 2026, jail for term of 15 days beginning November 30, 2026.
Michaela K. Gutierrez

Maldonado, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; counts 2-4 amended to dropped/dissmissed. Sentencing scheduled for September 30, 2025.
Jessica C. Bram, count one, possess (meth)amphetamine 10-27 grams, pled not guilty; counts 2-5, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, pled not guilty; count six possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count seven, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, pled not guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for September 16, 2025.
David L. Smith, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$1,000; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dissmissed.

(Editor's Note - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).
(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).
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Ninety-seven cars were entered into the Hot Wheels races held on Saturday during Cobblestone. First place went to Gage Lovenburg, winning for the second consecutive year with the same car. Aiden Seeba took the silver, Garrett Gresham was third and Alivia Seeba placed fourth.



Tiger shortstop Kenley Alexander (#7) and second baseman Addi Miller (#5) try to corral the throw as the Wolverine base-runner swipes second base on Tuesday night.

Tiger softball team still in search of first win

The Falls City Tigers hosted a triangular on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. The home-opener at Hartman Field ended with FC on the wrong side of a 9-0 contest against Wilber-Clatonia.

The Wolverines got all the runs they needed in the top of the first inning. With two runners on with one out, P. Mischnick drilled a line drive over the left field fence to make it 3-0.

In the bottom of the first, Taytum Maddox reached on an error, advancing all the way to third, but FC failed to drive her home.

Tiger pitcher Jazzy Strecker settled down in the second, opening the frame with a strikeout and a pop-up to center field. The next Wolverine batter singled to left, followed by back-to-back FC errors, which led to Wilber-Clatonia's fourth run.

Falls City's Strecker reached on a one-out walk in the second, but a ground-out and a strikeout again ended the scoring chance for the Tigers.

The Wolverines plated two runs in the third to extend their advantage to 6-0. Addi Miller led off the third with a base wrap up the middle, but a fielder's choice and two strikeouts again left the FC runner stranded.

Kaydence Rego laced a double to center in the fifth, but a groundout and two more strikeouts kept the Tigers off the board.

The Tigers' two hits came from Miller and Rego. Wilber-Clatonia had ten hits, while the Tiger defense committed nine errors.

In the second game of the night, FC faced off against the Auburn Bulldogs. It didn't take the Bulldogs long to build an advantage, leading 5-1 after one inning and 15-1 after two.

Maddox singled with one out in the bottom of the first. A single by Brylee Liberty and an error by

Auburn's third baseman allowed Maddox to score the first run of the season for Falls City.

The Bulldogs crossed the plate 10 times in the second and once more in the third to make it 16-1.

Malori Kuker opened the FC third with a walk. A fielder's choice and an RBI single by Liberty made it 16-2. Another RBI single by Rego kept the line moving and scored Falls City's third run. Kenley Alexander knocked in a run with a double, and Reagan McNeely singled to right to score Alexander and make it 15-6. A wild pitch and a double by Kuker made the final score 16-8.

Each team finished with seven hits, but the Tiger defense committed eight miscues, leading to eight unearned runs.

On Thursday night, the Tigers hosted Southern/Diller-Odell. FC battled, but the game slipped away in the late stages. The Tigers trailed 1-2 entering the fourth inning, but the Thunder scored five runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth to secure the 10-2 win over FC.

Rego drove in Falls City's first run of the game with a double to center field in the first inning. The hit scored Alexander and made it 2-1 after one inning. The Tigers' next run came in the fourth. With two down, Strecker singled up the middle to start a rally. Kaytlin Rhodd then tripped to right field to cut the Thunder lead to 7-2. That's as close as things would get as the Tigers fell to 0-4 to start the year.

FC pounded out eight hits and committed just three errors. Liberty led the way with two hits, including a double. Rhodd went 1-2 with the triple. Strecker went all five innings in the circle, allowing 11 hits and four earned runs.

HTRS/Pawnee City golf season off to a good start

The HTRS/Pawnee City golf team opened the season on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at the Syracuse Country Club. Lincoln Christian won the event with a score of 414, JCC placed second with a 456 and Elmwood-Murdock was third with a 474.

For HTRS, Kendall Freeman fired a 75 on the front nine, and a 57 on the back for a 132 and a 30th place finish.

The low score of the day went to Lincoln Christian's Katie Watson with a 48/50 for a 98.

On the JV side, Ava Meints of HTRS/Pawnee City shot a 48 on the par 35 course.

END of SUMMER

September 2025 Promotions

Special Events

Labor Day Celebration Monday, September 1st

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12:00pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12am. Hot Seat winners from 6pm-12am will get an extra entry into the Vehicle giveaway on September 27th.

Demolition Derby – September 6th

The demolition derby will start at 5pm at the Iowa Tribe Complex next to the Casino! See Player's Club desk for more information.

Grandparents' Day! Sunday, September 7th

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$400 in free play every ½ hour from 6:00pm-12am. Hot Seat winners from 6pm-12am will get an extra entry into the Vehicle giveaway on September 27th.

Pow Wow – Friday, September 19th

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play from 6pm-1am. Hot Seat winners from 6pm-1am will get an extra entry into the vehicle giveaway on September 27th.

Daily Promos

Sundays & Mondays

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$150 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-12am. Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the Recreational Vehicle giveaway on September 27th. (Excludes Sept. 1st & 7th)

Thursdays

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$150 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-12am. Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the Recreational Vehicle Qualifying drawings for September 27th.

Saturdays

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play or CASH every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play or CASH every ½ hour from 6pm-1am. (excludes drawings 8pm-10pm) Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the Vehicle Qualifying drawings for September 27th. Qualifier drawings for the Recreational Giveaway will be every ½ hour from 8:00pm-10:00pm plus get \$100 in free play. (excludes Sat. Sept 27th) We will draw a name from the Big Barrel to determine who the qualifiers will be to win the RECREATIONAL Vehicle on Saturday, September 27th. The qualifying winners will need to be present and have their qualifying certificates to check in at the Player's Club Desk by 10pm on September 27th. (See Rules on the TRIPLE RECREATIONAL Vehicle Giveaway Drawings for Sept 27th for all the details)

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Hot Seat Drawings to win \$75 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm and 6pm-12am. Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the Recreational Vehicle giveaway for September 27th.

Fridays

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-1am. (Excludes Sept 19th) Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the Recreational Vehicle Qualifying drawings for September 27th. Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, Mahaska Restaurant will have a Prime Rib Special. See restaurant for more details.

Bingo Promotions

Daily Drawings

Initial buy-in drawings daily!

Senior Sunday

All Seniors (55 and over) get \$10 off their bingo buy-in! (Must have valid ID)

Birthday Bingo

Bingo in your birthday month and you get \$20 in free play. Bingo on your birthday and get \$200 in free play! (Must have valid ID with birth date)

September Bingo Cash Giveaway

On each day you buy in for bingo in the month of September, you will get an entry into CASH drawings on Saturdays, September 6th & 20th. Two winners will be drawn to win \$500 in CASH both nights.

Rules: Buy bingo papers daily in the month of September and you will qualify. You will be given a registration ticket at the window, and it will be your responsibility to fill out the registration ticket and place it in the barrel. The drawings will happen as soon as the bingo session is completed on Saturdays, September 6th & 20th. Two winners will win \$500 in CASH in the month of September. Registration tickets will remain in the barrel until the last cash drawing on September 20th.

Saturday, September 27th End of Summer Recreational Giveaway!

Whichever recreational vehicle remains after the August 30th drawing will be the one you will have a chance to win! Which one will remain, the 2025 SUNTRACKER PONTOON, OR THE 2025 TRACKER CLASSIC BASS BOAT? You will know after the drawing on August 30th! Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$400 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour 6:00pm-12:30am. Hot Seat winners at 10:30pm, 11:30pm and 12:30am will automatically be added to the qualifier barrel for the vehicle. We will also draw a registration ticket out of the barrel at 10:30pm, 11:30pm and 12:30am to be added to the qualifier barrel for the vehicle. Registration drawing to win the last of the Awesome Vehicles will be at 1am. Who will be the winner? At 1am, one of the qualifiers will be going home with the final Awesome Recreational Vehicle! Consolation prizes will be given to the remaining qualifiers. See the Player's Club for all the details and rules for the RECREATIONAL Vehicle Giveaway.

Rules for the Vehicle Giveaway Drawing on September 27th:

(See the Player's Club for details) Registration will continue through September 27th, you may enter once per day and one registration per person. Entries will stay in the Big Barrel until the last prize is won on September 27th. You must be present in the casino to win the night of the drawings. Limit one prize per person and you can only qualify once in the final rounds. Starting September 6th, each Saturday we will draw 5 qualifying winners out of the Big Barrel. Qualifier drawings will be Saturday nights every ½ hour from 8:00pm-10:00pm. These qualifier winners will need to be present on August 30th and check in at the Player's Club desk. On September 27th, the qualifiers from the previous Saturdays will need to be here by 10pm with their qualifying certificate that was previously given to them. Without this slip, you cannot get registered for the 1am Vehicle drawing. At 10:00pm we will call all the qualifiers from Saturday nights in the month of September to the Player's Club desk to check in. At 10:30pm the Hot Seat winner's name will go into the qualifier barrel. We will then draw a name from the Big Barrel who will be added to the qualifier barrel. If that person is present their name will also go into the qualifying barrel for the next round. (If the name we call is not present we will draw until we have someone that is present). At 11:00pm we will draw 10 tickets out of the qualifier barrel. These 10 qualifiers will move on to the next round. The remaining qualifiers will get a consolation prize of \$150 in free play. At 11:30pm the Hot Seat winner's name will go into the qualifier barrel. We will then draw a name from the Big Barrel who will be added to the qualifier barrel. That person's name will also go into the qualifying barrel for the next round. (If the name we call is not present we will draw until we have someone that is present). At 12:00am we will draw 5 tickets out of the qualifier barrel. These 5 qualifiers will move onto the next round. The remaining qualifiers will get a consolation prize of \$250 in free play. At 12:30am the Hot Seat winner's name will go into the qualifier barrel. We will then draw a name from the Big Barrel who will be added to the qualifier barrel. That person's name will also go into the qualifying barrel for the next round. (If the name we call is not present we will draw until we have someone that is present). At 1:00am we will call the 7 qualifiers up at the Player's Club desk. The 7 qualifiers will each choose a tackle box in the order they qualified. Each tackle box contains one of two prizes, a consolation prize or the BIG GIVEAWAY. After all the tackle boxes are chosen, the qualifiers will wait until they are advised to open them at one time. One qualifier will win the big prize, and the other qualifiers will get a consolation prize. **Specific Rules:** Qualifying Certificates are non-transferable. Qualifiers from the previous Saturday nights must show up by 10pm on September 27th, or they will be disqualified from this giveaway. Daily registrations will begin at 8am-12am every day. No registrations can be submitted between 12am-3am. If you have registered more than once a day, you will be disqualified from this giveaway. If we call a name and that person is not present, we will continue to draw a name until we have someone who is present in the casino. All registration drawing winners will have 1 minute to report to the Player's Club desk to claim your prize or qualify for this specific giveaway. Registration tickets are non-transferable.

Daily Special Events

Sundays

Come in between 10am - 10pm and if you earn 20 points, you will get \$20 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person.

Mondays

Come in between 10am - 10pm and if you earn 30 points, you will get \$30 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person.

Tuesdays – Senior Day

Everyone 55 years plus will get \$20 in free play for all day! If your free play is not on your card, stop by the Player's Club Desk and they can assist you. Senior Day Discount (55+) in Restaurant for 10% off are on Tuesdays only.

Wednesdays

Come in between 10am - 10pm and if you earn 40 points, you will get \$40 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person.

Thursdays

Come in between 10am - 10pm and if you earn 50 points, you will get \$50 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person.

Saturdays – Free Play For Iowa Tribe Of Kansas And Nebraska Tribal Members

If you are an Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Member, show us your tribal card between 10am-10pm at the Player's Club desk and get \$20 in free play for coming to support your tribal Casino.

New Members

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Birthday Month

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County discusses possibly adding a future road grader route

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debris in the road.

Darveau said that although the road is on Tribal Land, it still falls under Richardson County jurisdiction, and the Sheriff's Department should ensure the debris is cleaned before the wrecker service leaves the site.

Sheriff Hardesty said it's his department's job to cover Richardson County, but the Tribes need to be responsible for their areas.

Commissioner Campbell stated, "There's a law enforcement mess right now between the Tribes and our County, that's what I'm getting at."

Darveau hoped better communication could lead to resolving the issues before the public needs to be involved.

Darveau reiterated what the Sheriff stated, saying, "If they're going to work stuff, then they need to make sure stuff is cleaned up."

Hardesty stated the County usually used Bill Koch or Armbruster's, and "they're really good at picking up everything."

Darveau stated that he and an employee walked the ditches and picked up as much as they could find.

Answering a question from Commissioner Campbell, Darveau stated that he had electric openers installed on the garage doors at the County shop, and the door tensioners had also been fixed. He also said he would like to have the generator at the shop made stationary and connect it to the city's natural gas. He also advised the Board that he would like to make the generator capable of automatically turning on in the event of a power outage.

The topic of the hole on the blacktop road by the Mouth of the Nemaha River was discussed. Darveau said the County either needs to mill the road and fill it with hot mix or hire an outside firm to cut the piece of roadway out and repour it. Commissioner Campbell said the problem "keeps getting worse and worse."

The County has applied for a grant to address the issue, but it is unclear whether or when the request will be approved. Campbell said he would rather have the problem area cut out and fixed for now.

Darveau said the grant has been submitted; they are just waiting for an answer as to whether they have been awarded the allocation.

Darveau presented the Board with a machine that secures to the front of a road grader and pulls in the edges, chews up the grass as it goes, and prevents windrows on gravel roads. He also informed the Board that the John Deere Road Graders have GPS, which allows him to track which roads have been graded and when.

He also pointed out that he had looked into installing cameras through Verizon in vehicles to ensure they are maintaining accountability. "It's not cheap," said Darveau. "But, if we are looking into accountability and stuff, maybe that is something we have to look for."

Campbell asked Darveau whether he had heard from the school regarding bus routes. Darveau noted that Tyler Bek had been out, and he hadn't received the routes. He said it would be advantageous to get the routes before school begins every year.

"If they can get it to me right away, we can start addressing some issues on school bus routes," said Darveau.

A discussion was also held on not trading in a grader and buying a new one outright, as well as adding a new route. Following the previous week's meeting,

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Darveau stated that adding another full-time blade operator would alleviate many issues. Darveau said that with a trade-in, the cost of a grader would be near \$350,000. Without the trade, the County would spend upwards of \$500,000. Commissioner Karas stated that, with fall approaching and the current budget nearing completion, purchasing the new grader may have to wait until the next budget year. Darveau said it will take time, but they can reorganize routes in the future and try to resolve some of the issues with the roads.

"I really, truly think that it will help if we add another blade to our system," said Darveau.

County Clerk Mary Eickhoff informed the Board that her office had received a phone call from Hazard Engineering in Wahoo the previous week. The firm stated that they were working with a client in the County on the potential construction of a livestock feeding facility. They were inquiring about zoning regulations in the County. Eickhoff said she sent the firm the County's comprehensive plan to review. She also advised the firm to have its client schedule an appointment with the Board to discuss the project and the potential site location, as county roads would be involved.

The Board also appointed Talon Anderson to the Safety Committee.

Sheriff Hardesty reported that the jail was nearly full. The facility is currently housing four out-of-county inmates, which can be moved if the County needs space for its own inmates. The Sheriff also said the jail is currently holding five sex offenders, two of them being inmates from other counties.

The Sheriff reported that Deputy Justin Dutcher was working on installing equipment on the new Ford Explorers.

The talk again turned to Richardson County Deputies responding to calls on Tribal Land. Hardesty and Campbell agreed that if a call came in for anywhere in the County, the Sheriff's Department should respond. Hardesty stated that the County and Tribal Committee need to enter into an interlocal agreement so that each side is aware of the other's responsibilities.

"I think you're on to something with that interlocal agreement," said Campbell. "Just so it's in black and white."

Commissioner Caverzagie agreed, saying the Sheriff's Department needs to respond to all calls within the County.

"Until we get this figured out, we don't want somebody getting hurt or dying," said Caverzagie.

Sherry Huddleston, Family Development Specialist of the SENCA Falls City office, submitted a written report. The report stated that from October 2024 to July 2025, 3,878 clients from 1,817 households had been served. An additional 669 food pantries were provided to families in Richardson County who are experiencing food insecurity.

Tiger volleyball has strong start

The Falls City volleyball team showed promise on Thursday night when the season opened with a triangular at Southern against the Raiders and Johnson-Brock.

FC came out swinging in the first contest against Southern, convincingly winning the first set 25-12. The Raiders fought back to take set two 25-23, but the Tigers battled to win the match 25-23 and move to 1-0 for the year.

In the second contest of the evening, Falls City fell in two sets to the Eagles, 20-25 and 24-26. Last year's Eagle squad went 29-7 and placed third at the Class C-2 state tournament.

In the first match, freshmen Liv Buckminster and Tessa Gossman led the team with six and five kills, respectively. Ashlyn Alexander finished with four kills while finishing with a team-high .444 hitting percentage. As a team, FC was 21 of 87 hitting with 18 errors for a .034 hitting percentage. Bella Johansen was the leader in serving with seven aces and serving for 14 team-best points. Junior Gabi Young led the team with 18 digs, while Leah Goff set her teammates up 10 times for points.

In the second match of the evening, FC fought but ultimately came up just short, falling 20-25 and 24-26 to the Eagles. The Eagles finished with a .055 hitting percentage and 29 kills. Daley Pelican and Charlotte Metschke each had ten kills.

Falls City stats were not made available in time for print.

The 1-1 Tigers hosted Jefferson County North and Horton on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, for the first home contests of the season. FC will then face the Johnson County Central Thunderbirds and HTRS in Humboldt on Thursday evening.

Falls City will then host East Atchison on Monday, September 8, and Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday, September 9. The Tigers will play host to a triangular on Thursday, September 11, when Sterling and Pawnee City come to town.

Lourdes races past Irish to open gridiron season

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish lost for the 18th time in the last 26 outings, falling to the Class D-1 seventh-ranked Nebraska City Lourdes Central Catholic Knights 14-56 in Nebraska City. The loss by the Irish was the fifth consecutive loss to the Knights. In those

five losses, the Irish have been outscored 275-80.

The road doesn't get any easier for Sacred Heart as they travel next week to take on BDS. The Eagles fell to Elmwood-Murdock on Friday, August 29, 2025, by a score of 16-30.

With the holiday weekend, the stats were not available by the time the paper was sent to print.

In other action in the county on Friday night, the HTRS Titans opened the 2025 season by hosting the Southern Raiders. The visitors controlled much of the game in Humboldt, getting past the Titans 50-26 to begin the season. It was the fourth consecutive loss to the Raiders for HTRS. The last time the Titans defeated Southern was a 46-8 thumping in 2022.

Stats were not made available to the Journal in time for print.

HTRS will play at Omaha Christian Academy on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The Titans will be home the following week to host the Deshler Dragons on Friday, September 12.

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Nebraska’s updated Move-Over Law takes effect September 3

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) reminds drivers that the state’s updated move-over law takes effect Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Previously, the move-over law applied only to emergency and roadside assistance vehicles. Beginning Sept. 3, drivers must slow down and move over when approaching all stopped vehicles and vulnerable road users on the side of the highway. This includes pedestrians, bicyclists, people in crosswalks, and agricultural vehicles or equipment.

Earlier this year, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 530, an omnibus public safety bill, which Gov. Jim Pillen signed into law. The measure was introduced by Omaha Sen. Kathleen Kauth.

Other safety changes in LB 530 include: Increased speeding violation fines in all categories for the first time since 1996. Under the new law, fines will increase as follows:

- 1-5 mph over: \$50 (up from \$10)
- 6-10 mph over: \$75 (up from \$25)
- 11-15 mph over: \$125 (up from \$75)
- 16-20 mph over: \$200 (up from \$125)
- 21-35 mph over: \$300 (up from \$200)

- 36 mph or more over: \$400 (up from \$300)

Expanded definition of reckless driving to include speeding violations more than twice the posted limit.

Enhanced criminal penalty for motor vehicle homicide, elevating it to a Class IV felony if a driver’s actions cause another person’s death.

Authorization for NDOT to temporarily reduce speed limits during adverse weather, environmental conditions, emergencies, and traffic congestion.

“We are working to make Nebraska’s highways as safe as we can,” NDOT Director Vicki Kramer said. “The provisions in LB 530 help us reach that goal. Of course, highway safety ultimately depends on each of us making the right choices every time we get behind the wheel.”

NDOT traffic engineers are developing and installing signage for the updated move-over law. The agency is also creating a policy for variable speed limit reductions and will keep records of when and how speed limits are temporarily changed once LB 530 takes effect.

Norma “June” Brown

Norma June (Fox) Brown, one of six children of Harold Vincent and Nelda Jean (Woods) Fox, was born June 19, 1937, in Auburn, Nebraska. Growing up, June attended school in Stella, Nebraska, where she graduated from high school.

In 1958 June married Howard “Bud” Brown. They lived in Shubert and Omaha in Nebraska, then Missouri and Texas before moving back to Shubert in 1966. The couple was blessed with seven children during their time together but later divorced.

June had many careers during her lifetime. She worked at the Danny Dare sewing factory in Auburn and at the Shubert Café through many ownership changes. The Anderson One Stop in Stella, and Pizza Hut and Community Medical Center in Falls City were other employers. June also worked in the kitchen at Southeast Consolidated School and served as crew chief of a bean walking crew for many summers.

June was a member of the Shubert Christian Church and played softball in the Shubert Women’s League. She enjoyed crocheting and working on multiple crafts through the years. She was always on the go and loved going to spend time with her grandkids.

On Monday, August 25, 2025, June passed away at the Community Medical Center in Falls City at the age of 88 years, 2 months, and 6 days. Her parents, step-mother Mary Fox, daughter Robin Ray, son-in-law Larry Maddox, great-grandson Dameon Keeton, brother Harold “Duane” Fox, and former husband Bud preceded her in death.

Among those who will miss June, but have many fond memories of her are her children Gerri Maddox of Shubert, Gary Brown of Nebraska City, Rick Brown of Lincoln, Keith Brown of Gering, Tracy (Kari) Brown of Tucson, AZ, and Leigh Ann Brown of Wahoo; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild due to arrive soon; siblings Joyce Kutzke of Topeka, KS, Richard Fox of Manley, Rita Cottle of Topeka, KS, and Lovina Lutz of Holton, KS; many other relatives and friends.

A funeral service, officiated by Rev. Dave Lockard, was held Friday, August 29, 2025, at the Shubert Christian Church. Casket bearers were Randy Kutzke, Kenny Kutzke, Vince Kutzke, Richard Kutzke, Richie Fox, and Sean Fox. Adam Maddox, Josh Maddox, Blaine Brown, Tyler Brown, Tony Brown, Jerred Brown, Trenton Ray, and Bob Kutzke served as honorary bearers. Burial followed in the Stella Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to Hemmingsen Funeral Home.

Preparedness starts at home: Red Cross urges everyone to get ready for emergencies now

Tornadoes and severe storms pose the biggest threats to Nebraska

September is National Preparedness Month and the Nebraska-Iowa region of the American Red Cross urges everyone to protect their loved ones by getting their households ready now.

Extreme weather that includes tornadoes and storms with high winds and flooding poses a threat to Nebraska communities.

“National Preparedness Month is a great time to ask whether your family would be ready if something unexpected happened tomorrow,” said Josh Murray, Regional Communications Director of the Nebraska-Iowa Red Cross region. “It’s not about being scared; it’s about being smart and looking out for the people you love. Taking a few simple steps now so that you have a plan can make all the difference when it matters most.”

How to get ready Disasters don’t wait for the “right time” — they can happen in the middle of the night, during your commute or while your kids are at school. Protect your family by making a plan to stay safe, gathering important supplies and knowing how you’ll stay connected by taking these

steps:

Depending on the emergency, you may need to stay where you are or go somewhere else to stay safe. If you may need to leave, think about where you’ll go, how you’ll get there, where you’ll stay and what you’ll take with you. Plan well in advance if you’ll need help leaving or use public transportation.

Next, gather and organize critical supplies — like food, water and medicine — into a go-kit and a stay-at-home kit. Make sure to include backup batteries and chargers for your devices (cell phone, CPAP, wheelchair, etc.), a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, and critical personal records.

Your go-kit should include three days of supplies that you can take with you. Your stay-at-home kit should have two weeks of food and water, and a one-month supply of medications, if possible.

Customize your kit to meet your household’s specific needs. If you have young children, don’t forget formula and diapers. If you have pets, include leashes, carriers, food, bowls, litter and a

litterbox.

Finally, make a plan to reconnect with loved ones if you are separated or if the phone or internet is down. Write down important phone numbers on a contact card and carry it with you.

Download the free Red Cross Emergency app for weather alerts, safety steps for different emergencies and expert advice in both English and Spanish. Don’t forget to sign up for local government emergency alerts to get critical local information — like evacuation notices — during an emergency.

People can also help their community be better prepared for disasters by giving blood, taking a class in lifesaving skills like CPR, or becoming a Red Cross volunteer. Visit redcross.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to learn more today. “Whether it’s a fire in someone’s home or a storm that destroys an entire town, disasters can happen anywhere, at any time,” Murray said. “Taking a few minutes now to get ready will help you protect your loved ones if the worst happens.”

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red

Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or follow us on social media.

Please join us to celebrate the life of John (JP) Price Sunday, September 7, 2025 2:30 PM at Swingin’ Doors in Rulo, NE

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County sets public hearing on 2025-26 budget

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2025-26 budget at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Richardson County Courthouse. A legal notice will be published ahead of time in the *Falls City Journal* and the *Humboldt Standard*.

According to budget documents, the county’s valuation increased 12.49 percent, rising from \$1,829,263,457 in 2024 to \$2,057,885,951 in 2025, an increase of \$228,622,494.

The county tax requirement for 2025 is \$6,180,382.54. That includes \$5,930,165 for the general fund, which includes a \$400,000 cash reserve, and \$250,217.54 for the jail bond. The total represents a \$196,274.50 increase, or 3.3 percent, over last year’s figure of \$5,984,108.04.

Expenditures will rise 9.9 percent, from \$19,283,248.32 in 2024 to \$21,191,602 in 2025, an increase of \$1,908,353.68.

The overall levy will decrease from .327132 in 2024 to .300327 in 2025. On a property valuation of \$100,000, taxes will drop from \$327.13 last year to \$300.33 this year, a decrease of \$26.80, or 8.2 percent.

The county general levy decreased from .310919 to .288168, a drop of .022751 cents, or 9.27 percent. The jail bond fund levy dropped from .016212 to .012159.

Historical context

Richardson County’s tax levy has trended downward over the past decade, despite overall growth in property valuation.

In 2014, the tax requirement was \$4,312,340.97 with a levy of .336394 on a valuation of \$1,281,931,727.

In 2018, the tax requirement was \$4,869,397.19 with a levy of .340156 on a valuation of \$1,431,518,830.

In 2022, the county required \$5,744,630.79 with a levy of .393977 on a valuation of \$1,458,112,640.

In 2024, the requirement was \$5,984,108.04 with a levy of .327132 on a valuation of \$1,829,263,457.

The 2025 requirement is \$6,180,382.54 with a levy of .300327 on a valuation of \$2,057,885,951.

A crash course in family tradition

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“It’s a family thing,” Julie said. “We enjoy it and we both have that little competitiveness and that urge to do something a little off the beaten path. When she [Crystal] came back from Iraq, she took a leave right about White Cloud’s derby time. So we did vans together. Those were awesome, too.”

Crystal didn’t start driving until her mid-20s, but once she did, it seemed like the natural thing to do given her years watching her mom behind the wheel.

This year, Julie’s 14-year-old granddaughter, Audrey, decided she wanted to drive.

“She was a surprise because she’s more of a girly girl,” Julie said. “She’s a cheerleader. She wears nails. She fixes her hair. Once she made that first lick, she loved it.”

Audrey had little driving experience before July. “Up until probably six weeks ago, she’d never drove either,” Julie said. “So we were giving her a crash course. I took her out to the farm with my ’69 Buick. She goes, ‘I can’t drive something this big.’ I said, ‘Sure, you can.’ So I taught her how to cut a cookie.”

Julie said Audrey’s fear wasn’t about safety. “I think she was more scared of failure than getting hurt,” she said. “She’s very competitive and she thinks whenever she does something she should get it. She just didn’t think she could do it. But then once she did it, she was going.”

By the end of the night, Audrey was hooked. “Matter of fact, I think we’re going to try and get them together and go to White Cloud,” Julie said.

Julie said this year may stand out as her favorite.

“This one was probably my favorite because, like I said, it’s always been a family thing,” she said. “Even when the kids were little, they’d be outside tearing apart the car and my son loved to watch the videos because my dad would always video it. When we’d all get together and do it, it was a family thing. We all

knew about it, we all know how to work, whatever. So, yeah, I think this last weekend was probably one of the better ones for sure.”

For Julie, what matters most is knowing her family shares her love for the sport. “We all have to leave a legacy when we leave,” she said. “It’s good to know that they shared something with me that I liked, and I’m glad they like it, too.”

Not everyone in the family is as enthusiastic, Julie admitted with a laugh.

“My husband goes, ‘Now we’ll never get out of it,’” she said. “He doesn’t want to do it as much. Now my grandson’s already planning next year when he’s 11. So I think for the most part, it’s still back to that family thing.”

The derby has always been about more than just the driving. “It also is a teaching thing,” she said. “You learn about cars, you learn about some things to do and all that good stuff. I’m sure they would rather quit, but we’re not going to let them.”

Demolition derbies aren’t without risks. Julie has seen her share of close calls.

“I remember one time when we had the demo down here,” she said. “We were watching the heat and the announcer said, ‘There’s a fire in the pits.’ We turned around, and my car that was just sitting there was on fire. Something had shorted out and caught it on fire and we rewired it and it ran.”

Over the years, she’s also seen rollovers and drivers hurt. “There’s always that element of danger,” she said. “I’ve been lucky enough I have not had any serious ailments. I’ve been on fire before, but I haven’t got flipped over.”

Some nights leave her sore, she said, but she shrugs it off. “The first few years I had a lot of whiplash problems, now I don’t hit as hard either. I’m not stupid anymore,” she said. “You can be kind of sore for a while, but mine’s usually not Sunday or Monday. It’s usually Tuesday or Wednesday, but it’s worth it. I always tell them if I’m going to fall and get hurt, I might as well do something that I want to do.”

When Julie first started, there were few women competing.

“When I first started, there was a couple of the derby drivers’ wives,” she said, “Now there’s a lot more obviously.”

Julie never let that bother her. “Once we’re in a car, we’re the same,” she said. “If you hit me, I’m going to hit you back if I can. Guys don’t intimidate me.”

She’s glad to see more women getting behind the wheel now, including her own granddaughter. “Just getting out there having fun and knowing that you’re teaching people, especially girls, and there’s a lot more girls now, that it’s fun,” she said. “If you do it, do it.”

Of all the derbies she’s run, the Falls City event remains the most meaningful. “It’s my hometown.”

She has only missed a handful of the Falls City Jaycees derbies over the decades. “Maybe five. We’ve been pretty much a staple for the whole time.”

But for now, Julie has no plans to hang up her helmet.

“Not anytime soon,” she said. “I got told the other day I was too old. But I will admit when I go see the people now that are running in it, a lot of them are the kids of the people I started out with.”

To Julie the derby isn’t just a sport, it’s a way of life, stitched into her family’s story.

“It’s something that we do together,” Julie said. “Because at the end of the day, it’s a family thing.”

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Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor – 402-245-3324

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Richardson County details more than \$188,000 in union-related legal fees since 2022

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County Board, and finally the Union/County Grievance Board on June 9, 2025. Legal fees totaled \$16,072.35

The county’s Feb. 14, 2024, final offer included: Starting wages of \$23 per hour, with step increases and 2 percent raises in 2024 and 2025.

Ending paycheck union dues deductions.

Replacing the Grievance Board with the County Board of Commissioners.

Changes to vacation accrual, paid time off renamed as sick leave (capped at 480 hours), and elimination of certain unpaid leaves.

Employer-paid single health insurance, 12.5 paid holidays, \$15,000 life insurance, bereavement leave, and overtime/comp time provisions.

The union submitted a counterproposal the same day. While details of the counterproposal are included in union filings, commissioners said the two sides did not reach agreement

According to county records, disputes with the road department union have cost taxpayers \$188,248.76 in legal fees from February 2022 through August 2025

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Emmett Till and his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, photographed between 1953 and 1955. Photo via the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Emmett Till’s slaying shook a nation. For an Omaha relative, keeping his story alive became her life’s work

By Brady Oltmans, Flatwater Free Press

An unusually crisp summer breeze greeted Deborah Watts as she pulled up to a sprawling dirt patch on North 29th Street in Omaha. Gone were the remnants of her childhood home, including the swing. Her grandfather made it so big and sturdy that eight kids could fit on it. The Minnesota resident tries to return to her hometown every few years for Native Omaha Days. Many of those childhood memories, she said during a July visit, stay with her to this day.

Among Watts’ hazy recollections: A night 70 years ago when her aunt, Mamie Till Mobley, turned grief into action from a lectern in an Omaha hotel ballroom. The family returned home and as the conversation turned serious, Watts, who wasn’t quite 3, was sent off for a nap. Several pamphlets lay on the bed. She thumbed through one and came to a picture of her cousin, Emmett Till, lying in a casket — his face horrifically disfigured. “It frightened me. ... I tore up three or four pamphlets,” Watts remembered. Watts had no way of knowing then, but her 14-year-old cousin’s brutal killing at the hands of two white men in Mississippi became a linchpin in the country’s simmering Civil Rights Movement. It nearly never happened.

Mamie and her son Emmett Till were going to drive their new ’55 red Plymouth from Chicago to pick up a cousin in Detroit, and then to visit family in Omaha in August 1955. That was the plan. Then relatives from Mississippi visited them in Chicago for a funeral. Emmett changed his mind and wanted to visit his teenage cousins in the Delta. Mamie never saw him alive again. On Aug. 28, 1955, Emmett was kidnapped from his uncle’s home, tortured and shot dead. A white woman working at a corner store had alleged he made sexually forward comments toward her through his speech impediment, culminating in a whistle. Despite evidence contradicting her claims, her husband and his half-brother killed Till. Two young fishermen found Till’s disfigured body in the Tallahatchie River three days later. A 70-pound cotton gin fan was tied around his neck with barbed wire. That fateful deviation from a planned trip to Omaha galvanized family members in Nebraska to carry Emmett’s legacy forward. “In the context of his story, she (Watts) is kind of the part because she has direct contact with Omaha and she has been ... a flagbearer for his legacy and memory and story for years,” said Preston Love Jr., a longtime North Omaha activist. “For, I’d say, 20 years she’s been travel-

ing the country and trying not to let the country, and all the pieces of this country, forget the story and understand the story.” Love, who teaches a course on the Black experience in politics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, noted the context leading to Till’s tragic story. African American families, seeking economic opportunity and to escape racial tension, fled the South in droves early in the 20th century. That’s what led Mamie Till’s immediate family to move from Mississippi to the Chicago area when she was 2. Some relatives on her mother’s side moved to Omaha, which emerged as a sought-after destination thanks largely to the cattle industry. By 1920, Omaha’s Black population surpassed 10,000, second only to Los Angeles among new Western cities. But it didn’t happen without conflict. White men, triggered by fabricated reports of Black men attacking white women, rioted in downtown Omaha on Sept. 28, 1919. Newspapers reported 10,000 gathered at the Douglas County Courthouse, eventually setting it on fire and beating every nearby Black person. According to the Omaha Bee, the mob stormed the top floor of the courthouse to reach Will Brown, who was charged with assaulting a white woman. They hung him from a pole on the south

side of the courthouse and dragged him behind a car to 17th and Dodge streets, where his body was burned. Brown’s slaying and Till’s 36 years later were far from isolated incidents, said JoAnna LeFlore-Ejike, executive director of the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation. She pointed to the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, as another mobilizing tragedy. “When people are confronted with violence every day and it’s because of the color of your skin, you have two options,” LeFlore-Ejike said. “You can turn inward and deal with anger and kind of recluse yourself from the world, and maybe it turns into depression or other forms of self-soothing your pain. “Or you do what Malcolm did. Or what (Malcolm’s father) Earl Little did. They came here and started speaking out about it.” Mamie Till Mobley made the same decision. She sat in the Tallahatchie County Courthouse during the five-day trial of J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant, who were accused of killing her son. She watched as an all-white jury declared them not guilty, prompting Bryant to light a victory cigar in the courtroom. The two later confessed that they had tortured and killed Emmett. The State of Mississippi didn’t want to send Emmett Till’s body to Chicago, acquiescing only if A.A. Rayner Funeral Home pledged to not allow a public viewing. The mortician only broke that vow at the emphatic request of a mother on a mission. Her only child loved musician Bo Diddley. He dreamed of playing baseball or being a motorcycle police officer. Now he was dead, and she wanted the world to see what hate did to him. The Associated Press reported that 2,500 attended the Chicago funeral. One of them was Ernest Withers, whose photo of the open casket was published in Jet and Ebony magazines, then in newspapers across the country, exposing the nation to what happened. Rosa Parks told Till Mobley that she thought of Emmett when she refused to give up her seat.

“She rung the alarm,” LeFlore-Ejike said. “And that takes a lot of courage as a mother, too.” Till Mobley toured the country as a guest speaker with the NAACP. Less than a month after the trial ended, she landed in Des Moines and headed toward Omaha. She told an overflow crowd at Zion Baptist Church that her son did not “die in vain.” She pleaded for the audience to pressure congressmen and senators to pass anti-lynching laws. Behind her on the rostrum were Omaha Star founder Mildred Brown, Omaha Public Schools trailblazer Eugene Skinner, NAACP president E.T. Streeter, Till Mobley’s step sister Mary Ann Washington, her father John Carthon and cousin Doris Barbary — who Deborah Watts lived with in the now-long-gone house on North 29th Street. The determined mother delivered a similar speech at the Hotel Fontenelle on her trip. Watts was too young to understand what she watched from the back of the ballroom. But she built an incredible bond with her aunt as she grew up. The two talked about how best to preserve Emmett’s legacy. “I wish you could move to Chicago with me,” Till Mobley told her. Watts would say she would if she didn’t still have family in Omaha. In 1998, Watts wrote a book titled “101 Ways to Know You’re Black In Corporate America,” a self-described painfully humorous book about the Black experience in the corporate setting. Till Mobley wrote the book’s forward. “The Death of Innocence,” Till Mobley’s book about her son’s death, published five years later, just after her death. “Her courage was what motivated me,” Watts said. “She is my personal she-ro.” Surviving Till family members started the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation in 2005. Watts holds various leadership

roles with the organization, which is planning a full agenda for the 70th anniversary of Till’s slaying. They’ve lobbied the government to claim important locations in the Till case as national monuments, which President Joe Biden did in 2023. The foundation has also carried on a mission of education that meant so much to Mamie Till Mobley. “She laid the blueprint for mothers who lost sons or daughters,” Watts said. “She made sure that our country would bear witness to the kind of hatred that she faced.” Two years ago, Omaha’s Malcolm X Memorial Foundation hosted a screening of “Till,” a movie based on Emmett Till’s life. They’ve worked together to share a common message: Education. LeFlore-Ejike equated Till Mobley’s decision to open the casket and show the world her son to how Malcolm X would use verifiable information to inspire others to educate themselves. She thought about how Omahans don’t always feel they have anything to brag about. “We all need some sort of reassurance that the greatness can come from the same dirt that we were born in,” she said. A half mile away from the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation sits the empty lot where Watts grew up. It’s where a family once put their hurt into action — a mission that Watts continues to this day. “We took upon ourselves the opportunity after (Mamie Till Mobley) passed to move forward, making sure Emmett’s death was not in vain. ... We want to make sure Emmett’s place in history is still relevant today,” she said. “The place in history and fight for justice is still relevant today.” *The Flatwater Free Press is Nebraska’s first independent, nonprofit newsroom focused on investigations and feature stories that matter.*

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Environmental Specialist - Sac and Fox Nation - Full Time

The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full-time opening for the Environmental Specialist position. The Environmental Specialist is responsible for conducting surface water/air sampling, conducting community outreach, developing/writing monitoring strategies, quality assurance project plans, standard operating procedures, site analysis for potential contaminated sites and maintaining inventory of Brownfield sites. Works with vendors/contractors for site assessment and clean-up.

The applicant must have computer experience and be willing to work in weather extremes. Must be able to lift 50lbs . A degree in science or related field is preferred but direct experience may be substituted. Must possess a valid driver's license. If selected, applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment.

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

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Running back Jayton Wilkerson looks for daylight near the endzone on Friday night versus Palmyra.

Tiger defense shines when it matters most

On a night when big plays drove the Palmyra offense, it was the Tigers' defense that came up with the biggest play of the game. With only seconds remaining and the Panthers facing a fourth and ten, Falls City's Blakely Sells broke up a pass in the endzone to preserve the one-point win for FC. The incomplete pass allowed the Tigers to go into a victory formation, taking one final knee before running off the turf at Jug Brown Stadium victorious.

Things looked bleak for Tiger fans as Palmyra dialed up the long ball early. Facing a third and 11 at their own ten-yard line, QB Dave Stansberry lofted a ball down the east side-line, hitting his receiver in stride for a 90-yard TD strike. The extra point put the Panthers in front 7-0 with 7:04 to play in the first.

The Tigers moved the ball on the ensuing drive, but a turnover on downs at the Palmyra four-yard line was difficult for FC fans to watch. On fourth down, QB Blakely Sells was stopped inches short of the goal line on an option keeper, giving the Panthers the ball inside their one-yard line.

Stansberry was at it again. On first and ten from their 37, the QB found his receiver running free down the field for a 63-yard TD. The extra point put the visitors in front 14-0 with 8:34 to play in the first half.

A penalty helped stall the next Tiger drive, but a fumble recovery on a muffed punt gave FC new life. Orion Cattrell pounced on the loose ball, giving FC a first and ten at the Panther 40 with 5:32 to play in the half. Later in the drive, Sells found Gavin

Bauer for a six-yard TD to get FC on the board at 6-14 with 2:18 to play in the half.

A late interception by Cattrell allowed FC to get into the locker room trailing by just one score, 6-14.

The Panthers got the ball to begin the third stanza, promptly driving down the field to score their third TD of the contest. Palmyra led 21-6, and Falls City's chances seemed dim.

Later in the period, Falls City faced a second and 11 at the Panther 21. Sells dropped back to pass, but seeing his receivers covered, he tucked the ball and ran 21 yards for the score. The two-point conversion by Jayton Wilkerson cut the Panther advantage to 21-14 with 2:36 to play in the third.

Wilkerson stepped up on defense on the next drive, making a huge tackle and forcing a punt. A bad snap on the punt and tackle by Bauer for a 19-yard loss gave FC the ball deep inside Panther territory.

However, a block in the back and a sack pushed FC the wrong direction. A fourth-down pass fell incomplete, turning the ball back over to Palmyra.

Wilkerson seemingly came up big again on the next defensive possession. On fourth and one, Wilkerson picked off the pass and exploded for a pick-six. However, a block in the back negated the score for FC. With the ball on the plus side of the field, the Tiger offense went to work. Sells ran an option left, cutting up the field and squirting through for a 30-yard score, getting FC within one point at 20-21 with 5:36 to go. Wilkerson took an option right and got the corner for the two-point try, giving FC its first

lead of the game.

On the next Panther drive, Wilkerson came up with an interception on a fourth-and-long pass with 3:41 to play.

After two straight runs going nowhere, Wilkerson picked up 12 yards, making it fourth and a long three at the Panther 42. FC faced a tough decision with 1:38 on the clock and the Panthers out of timeouts. The Tigers decided to try for the first down rather than punting, and the Panther defense made them pay.

The Tigers were stopped well short of the line to gain, giving Palmyra life. The Panthers took over at their 39 with no timeouts and 1:31 on the clock. Palmyra again hit a big pass, this time nearly 32 yards through the air. The Tiger defense needed a stop in the most significant way. Palmyra had the ball at the FC 20-yard line with forty seconds to go. After three incompletions, the visitors faced a fourth and ten at the 20. The pass from Stansberry was on the way to the receiver when Sells broke in front of the pass, allowing the ball to fall harmlessly to the turf and securing the Tiger win.

Falls City was out-gained 245 yards to 314, but the Tigers won where it counts most: the scoreboard. Sells finished 8/14 for 63 yards and ran 15 times for 102 yards and a score. Stansberry went 16/27 for 301 yards and two scores for Palmyra.

FC forced four turnovers while committing none.

Passing FC; Sells 8/14 63 yards, 1 TD.

Rushing FC; Sells 15-102, 2 TDs; Wilkerson 20-80.

Receiving FC; Wilkerson 3-25; Bangert 1-9; Cattrell 2-3.

Defensively, Sells finished with eight total stops, Wilkerson had four tackles and two picks, and Cattrell had four stops and an interception.

Sells became Falls City's all-time leading passer in the opening quarter, breaking the mark set by Darcy Zimmerman from 1994-1996.

The 1-0 Tigers will host the 0-1 Brownell-Talbot Raiders on Friday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m.



Daycee Witt gets a dig as teammates Emersyn Courtney (#5) and Ryann Westengaard (#8) look on in Sacred Heart's loss to Lourdes Central on Thursday night.

Irish swept in 2025 season opener

The Sacred Heart Lady Irish volleyball team entered this week as the fourth-ranked team in the Omaha World Herald's preseason Class D-2 volleyball poll. A loss to Class D-1 Lourdes Central Catholic on Thursday night at the Roh Activity Center won't help Sacred Heart maintain that position.

The Central Catholic Knights controlled the contest from the opening serve on Thursday, sweeping the Irish on their home court, 25-15, 25-20, and 25-14.

The loss was the third consecutive to Lourdes after dropping both contests

against the Pioneer Conference rival last season.

Stats for the contest were not made available in time for print.

The Irish hosted the Rock Port Blue Jays on Tuesday, September 2 and played at Bishop LeBlond in St. Joseph on Thursday, September 4. The Irish will host the preseason number five-ranked Diller-Odell Griffins on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at the RAC.

Sacred Heart was 0-3 versus Diller-Odell last fall, winning two of nine sets against the Griffins.



Callan Furnas was the top finisher for the Tiger boys on Friday and Jennifer Sweeney and Audrey Scrivens each place in the top ten.

Cross country newcomers making noise

The Falls City cross country teams opened the year on Friday morning, August 29, 2025, at the Auburn Country Club. A pair of new runners to the high school team made a splash on Friday morning. Freshman Audrey Scrivens, running in her first high school meet, had the top finish of the day for the Tigers, placing sixth in 22:35.23. Scrivens was just two seconds away from fifth place. For the boys, sophomore Callan Furnas, another first-year runner, placed 15th in 20:11.51.

Overall, the girls' team scored 45 points and finished in third place. Auburn won the event with 15 points. The Tiger boys finished with 86 points and placed sixth. Platteview had the best score of the morning with 23 points.

Falls City's Jennifer Sweeney also placed in the top ten, running the course in 22:47.48 for ninth. Also running for the Tigers were Peyton Weddle (21st, 25:34.01), Kinsie Riggs (23rd, 25:55.36) and Madalynn Hawley (26th, 27:46.61).

For the boys, senior Ryker McCullough finished 17th in 20:23.88, Lathan Richey was 28th in 23:22.22, Emmett Daake was 34th in 25:18.16, Aaron Selleck was 35th in 25:20.80, and Zade Bents finished 37th in 27:53.12.

In the girls' junior high 2,400-meter race, Alaina Jackson placed 10th in 13:59.61. On the boy's side, seventh-grader Ben Furnas took the gold, completing the race in 11:33.95, while Barrett Johansen ran the course in 12:15.29 for tenth place.

The teams competed at Plattsmouth on Tuesday, September 2 and will be at Fairbury on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

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