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- 12 Country Jamboree at Stanton Lake, 6:30 PM
- 13 Board-Break-A-Thon at Heller Martial Arts 11:30-2:30
- Would Eye Sports Bar and Grill Grand Reopening 10:30AM
- Brownville’s Main Street Art & Studio Tour 10AM-4PM
- Todd Oliver’s “Funniest night of Your Life” 7:00PM -Rock Port
- 14 Todd Oliver’s “Funniest night of Your Life” 2:30PM - Rock Port
- 18 FC Community Blood Drive at Prichard 12-6PM
- 19 FC Community Blood Drive at Prichard 9-3PM
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Equity Bank Enters Nebraska, Acquires Frontier Bank

Equity Bancshares, Inc., the Wichita-based holding company of Equity Bank, announced today it has entered into a definitive merger agreement with Frontier Holdings, LLC, parent company of Frontier Bank in Omaha, Nebraska, adding seven locations to Equity’s franchise and marking its entrance into Nebraska. “We are excited to welcome Frontier Bank into the Equity family as we expand into Nebraska,” said Brad S. Elliott, chairman and CEO of Equity. “Frontier has built a strong reputation for serving its communities with integrity and personal service, values that align perfectly with ours. This acquisition allows us to expand our regional presence while continuing our commitment to relationship banking, local leadership, and delivering the resources of a larger institution with the heart of a community bank.” “Partnering with Equity Bank positions us for long-term growth and strength in Nebraska,” said David E. Rogers, Frontier executive chairman of the board. “Equity’s resources and scale, combined with our deep community relationships, create a powerful platform for expansion and innovation. Together, we can deliver greater opportunities for our customers, invest in our markets, and continue building on the legacy our team has established” Subject to receipt of customary regulatory and member approvals and closing conditions, the merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2025. Following completion, Frontier Bank will merge with and into Equity Bank.

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Community Medical Center implements new electronic health record through Bryan Health Epic Community Connect

Community Medical Center (CMC) is now live with Epic, an electronic health record system that features streamlined workflows, improved data sharing between facilities and enhanced patient communication features. The Falls City-based hospital went live with Epic on Sept. 6 after a year-long collaboration with Bryan Health. Bryan offers its Epic Community Connect program so that smaller, independent hospitals and clinics have access to the platform for their providers, staff and patients. “Our providers had been asking for a new electronic health record. Epic has become the premier health record system in Ne-

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Ryan Larsen to crown royalty at Richardson County Fair coronation

The Richardson County Fair kicks off tonight, Wednesday, Sept. 10, with the traditional crowning of the fair king and queen. The coronation program begins at 7 p.m. at the Humboldt City Park. Ryan Larsen, chief executive officer of Community Medical Center in Falls City, will crown the royalty for the 2025 ceremony. The Richardson County Fair Coronation Committee selects a community member each year to carry out the tradition. Larsen has served as CEO of

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Employees to begin cleaning ditches in western end of the County

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. All Board members were present. Caverzagie made a motion to correct the minutes from the August 20 meeting. The minutes stated Jim Farwell spoke during the concerned citizen group meeting, when it was actually Tom Farwell who addressed the room. Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the Board and discussed road and bridge maintenance. Darveau said he felt like the roads were holding up despite over four inches of rain that fell across the County throughout the weekend. The Board approved the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for 2025. “Basically, it’s just stating that everything that we have done is to the best of our ability within the guidelines set by the state,” said Darveau. Darveau also advised the Commissioners that some county employees were blading roads

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City council approves split of Clerk and Treasurer from Administrator role

The Falls City Council met on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, for a regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall. Councilperson Buckminster was absent from the meeting. City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum gave updates on recent negotiations with the unions. He stated a tentative agreement was in place with the IOUE for the police and dispatchers. A meeting is scheduled with the CWA Union on September 10 and the IBEW the following day. Nussbaum stated that he hoped to complete the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) by September, but “it’s not on the fastest track to get there.” Nussbaum stated that the housing project at 1612 Fulton was nearly complete. He informed the Council that the City was nearing the deadline for the project. The property was to be sold or funds replenished back into the Rural Workforce Housing Fund. “So, we’re going to look at getting an extension on that,” said Nussbaum. “SEND D didn’t think that would be an issue to get on in, so we’re asking for a six-month extension.” Nussbaum stated that the job openings for the City included a water distribution lineman, an electric distribution position, a police officer, a power plant technician, a water plant technician, and a utility bookkeeper for the office. Police Chief Jamie Baker said his department is currently compiling information for a USDA grant to purchase a new patrol vehicle. Under old business, the Council voted to establish the permit application procedures, inspection protocol, and related procedures for the keeping of chicken hens, as outlined in Ordinance 2025-26, which was approved at the August 18, 2025, meeting. The permit fee will be set at \$20, with renewal fees set at \$10. A public hearing to consider a liquor license for the Would Eye Sports Bar and Grill was opened at 6:13. With no input from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:14. The Council then voted 7-0 in favor of the application for the Would Eye liquor license. The Board also approved the appointments of Quentin Coatney and Katie Drelicharz to the Housing Board as suggested by Mayor Harkendorff. A resolution setting the 2025 final allocation of levy authority for the Falls City Airport Authority passed. Specific political subdivisions may be allocated up to five cents per \$100 of taxable valuation by the City for their use. The Airport Authority requested, and the Council authorized, a levy of 0.047355 for fiscal year 2025-2026. The airport aims to establish a sinking fund account to support future projects. The airport has a \$2.3 million hangar project that it

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Presbyterian Performing Arts and Conference Center planned at former First Presbyterian Church

A New Chapter for a Cherished Landmark: Partners In Community Acquires Former First Presbyterian Church With immense joy and a deep sense of commitment to our shared future, Partners In Community, LLC, an organization proudly aligned with the traditions in service, is delighted to announce the acquisition of the cherished facility formerly known as the First Presbyterian Church, located at 206 East 20th Street here in Falls City. This isn’t just a transaction; it’s a heartfelt collaboration, a testament to our desire to honor 159 years of rich traditions and, in doing so, enhance the very fabric of our community. We are excited to further nurture local initiatives that will undoubtedly benefit every resident of Falls City. **Empowering Our Community Through Generosity** As Richard Martin, spokesperson for Partners In Community, beautifully expressed, “This organization will work in providing opportunities through tax deductions for donors and supporters, in accordance with IRS guidelines for individuals and corporations. This partnership will empower community members to contribute generously and make a meaningful impact.” Imagine the good we can do together! Your generous contributions will now have an even greater ripple effect, creating a lasting legacy of care and support right here at home. **A Home for Heartfelt Missions** Partners In Community will serve as a loving umbrella, supporting a series of community-focused missions, each dedicated to the well-being and flourishing of Falls City residents. These initiatives are born from a deep desire to nurture, connect, and uplift: • “First Church in Community” will be dedicated to an online worship hour during the week. With profound respect for the facility’s sacred past, its vitality will lie in being a safe and intentional place, promoting the Gospels, especially the profound teachings of Matthew 25, and uniting us in the timeless wisdom of Jesus Christ. Our ministry setting in Rural America is being challenged every day

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Nurturing active childhoods in a high-tech world

By Dr. Patti Berg-Poppe and Dr. Hsin-yi “Tanya” Liu

Long before children say their first words or pick up a pencil, they’re learning through their bodies. They kick, reach, roll, crawl and explore - hardwired to interact with the world through movement. From the very beginning, motor and sensory experiences are how babies discover their environment and how their brains begin to grow and organize.

Simply put, our bodies in motion are the vehicles through which we learn. When children move, their brains light up. Their senses, muscles, emotions and attention systems all come online and begin working together. Through active exploration, children build the foundations of their sensory, perceptual and cognitive systems.

Movement and imaginative play stimulate both brain and body, supporting not only strength and coordination but also emotional regulation, adaptive behaviors and social connection. A child building a tower of blocks isn’t just learning fine motor skills; they’re developing attention, problem-solving and perseverance. Free play fosters communication, cooperation and confidence. Movement is how learning begins ... and how it continues to unfold.

Yet despite all we know about the power of movement, children today grow up in an environment where active play is often displaced by screen time. Screens are nearly unavoidable and are often used to entertain, educate or soothe. For many families, technology helps manage the demands of modern life. But when screen use regularly replaces hands-on, movement-rich experiences, opportunities for growth are lost.

A child passively watching a screen misses the sensory variety, trial-and-error learning and face-to-face interaction that come from real-world play. Over time, this shift can influence motor skills, attention, emotional regulation, sleep and readiness to learn, which are essential for thriving in school, relationships and everyday routines.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under 18 months avoid screen use altogether, and that children ages 2–5 be limited to no more than one hour of high-quality content per day. These guidelines aren’t about restriction for its own sake; they reflect what we know about how children learn best - through movement, play and real-world interaction.

Movement is also one of the most reliable indicators of healthy development. Nearly 9 out of 10 young children in the U.S. meet national physical activity guidelines. This number drops sharply with age. By 6 to 17 years, only about a quarter of children meet these standards. As screen time increases and free time shrinks, children’s need for movement can quietly go unmet.

This steady trend of rising screen use and declining physical activity doesn’t mean we need to eliminate technology. Rather, we need to be more intentional about preserving time for play. Supporting active childhoods means prioritizing daily opportunities for whole-body movement, open-ended exploration and connection. That might look like a walk after dinner, dancing in the kitchen, building a blanket fort or inviting your child to help prepare a meal.

As pediatric physical therapists, educators and parents, we see the impact of movement every day. Children don’t need expensive equipment or curated experiences. They need time, space and encouragement to move through their world and learn as they go. Fostering imagination, exploration and meaningful interactions with peers and caring adults helps children grow into strong, curious and resilient individuals.

For guidance on creating a balanced media plan, visit: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/hhh.aspx>

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All things Nebraska
Redistricting battle promotes chaos, a tit for tat chess match

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Over the years, I covered more than one effort by the Nebraska Legislature to redraw the boundaries of districts for state legislators and U.S. congressional representatives, among others, due to shifts in the state’s population.

Those efforts, according to the State Constitution, always follow the latest U.S. Census, which happens at the beginning of each decade.

There’s a lot of data to pour through, and the process, in my opinion, becomes the most partisan exercise in the mostly nonpartisan Unicameral Legislature.

The top priority is redrawing districts so that no sitting state senator would lose their seat, by being “drawn” out of their district.

But there is a heavy dose of politics, especially when it comes to drawing new congressional districts, to ensure that Republicans – who now control the Legislature and congressional seats – win.

For instance, Saline County, once a hotbed for Democrats, was drawn out of the 1st Congressional District because there were too many Democrats there and the GOP-dominated Legislature wanted Republicans to continue to win that seat.

The Bellevue area, which has a lot in common with Omaha (back in the day, a lot of Sarpy County addresses were listed as “Omaha” even though they weren’t in the city limits), was suddenly drawn out of the 2nd Congressional District. Again, too many Democrats, and the desire to give a Republican a fair shot in the Omaha-dominated 2nd District (which now includes rural Saunders County, which has little in common with Omaha).

In Nebraska, districts are supposed to be drawn for “compactness” and to preserve “communities with (common) interests,” and without consideration of party affiliation. But one look at the state’s three congressional districts makes you scratch your head.

U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith’s 3rd District resembles a Pac Man, that wraps around the Omaha and Lincoln areas to gobble up counties along the Missouri River. And U.S. Rep. Mike Flood’s 1st District includes GOP strongholds like Madison and Platte counties instead of containing areas of southeast Nebraska that do have a lot in common with Lincoln.

There’s been a lot written about the “death” of the moderate Republican, and redistricting has played a huge role in that.

If you create a “safe” district with enough Republicans to ensure an “R” candidate will win, you also increase the chances that a more conservative Republican will win that seat. That’s because elections in “safe” districts come down to who wins the primary, and in the primary, fewer people (and less moderates) vote, making it more likely that a very conservative candidate will eventually become the winner.

This all brings us to the current kerfuffle over redistricting in Texas and California.

President Trump, who complained loudly (and falsely) that the 2020 election was “rigged” against him, is now trying to rig an election in his favor.

Opinion polls show that many of his policies are unpopular, and with a slim majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, there’s

concern that Democrats will take over in 2026, and frustrate any Trump proposals.

So, he commanded that Texas redraw its congressional districts so that there are more “safe” Republican districts created. Instead of Democrats holding 11 of the 38 House seats in Texas, the redistricting would favor Republican victories in five more districts, making it more likely the GOP holds its Trump-friendly majority in the House.

The purpose seems to be “If you can’t win a game by the rules, change them in the middle of the game.” And that can lead to chaos.

We’re already seeing California take steps to redistrict that state, creating more safe districts for Democrats, to counter what happened in Texas. Other states may follow suit, creating a chess match-like tit for tat to favor one party or another.

I doubt that you can take partisan politics totally out of the redistricting process. But there has to be an end to it, like only allowing it (like Nebraska does) once every decade, not mid-decade as Texas and California are doing to rig and unrig an election.

All Americans, I’m hoping, want a stable and predictable government, one that doesn’t shift on a dime to satisfy some political whim. Here’s hoping some judges will agree with that and end this redistricting chess match.

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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ACROSS

- 1. *The Coaches ____ or The AP Top 25 ____
- 5. *Super Bowl halftime performer Kendrick Lamar’s genre
- 8. 1/168th of a week
- 12. Purse to match a gown
- 13. Karl of politics
- 14. Model builder’s wood choice
- 15. *YDS, TD or INT
- 16. Black like certain tree
- 17. *Last season’s NFL MVP
- 18. *Worth 6 points
- 20. Way, way off
- 21. Owl cries
- 22. Come and ____ it
- 23. Ape
- 26. Stucco or aluminum on a house wall, pl.
- 30. “Wheel of Fortune” request
- 31. Bette Green’s “Summer of my ____ Soldier”
- 34. Stag, not doe
- 35. Like an uncomfortable mattress
- 37. European Economic Community
- 38. *NFL Hall of Famer Greene or comedian Hart
- 39. Seed coat
- 40. Cylindrical flower cluster
- 42. Stir or fuss
- 43. City in Illinois
- 45. #10 Down’s counterpart
- 47. Small dog’s bark
- 48. Adams of “Summer Of ‘69” fame
- 50. *Point value of a safety in football, pl.
- 52. *Worth 3 points in football (2 words)
- 56. Behind a stern
- 57. Raise the roof
- 58. Classroom parasites
- 59. Blooper
- 60. Actor and singer Kristofferson
- 61. Some are slippery
- 62. Scraps
- 63. Ballpark fig.
- 64. Dark loaves

DOWN

- 1. Bothersome one
- 2. *Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Graham
- 3. Molokai party
- 4. Leeches, alt. sp.
- 5. R2-D2, e.g.
- 6. Declares to be true
- 7. *College, home to football’s Nittany Lions
- 8. *Football intermission
- 9. Paella pot
- 10. Addict
- 11. *What the NFL’s Jim Brown famously did
- 13. Fixed up
- 14. Bleated
- 19. Hoagie, alt. sp.
- 22. Bathtub hooch
- 23. Green side
- 24. Accustom
- 25. Imitate
- 26. *Quarterback’s downfall
- 27. The N of U.S.N.A.
- 28. Move smoothly
- 29. Mister in Madrid
- 32. ____-view mirror
- 33. What Harry and Sally did
- 36. *Pre-championship games
- 38. Work the dough
- 40. High tea vessel
- 41. Bucolics
- 44. Gustatory sensation
- 46. Hook, line and sinker person
- 48. Coffin holders
- 49. Rekindled
- 50. Type of ski lift
- 51. Drift like aroma
- 52. Type of fish net
- 53. Like acne-prone skin
- 54. Climber’s destination
- 55. It’s more, to some
- 56. Don McLean: “A long, long time ____...”

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75 Years Ago, September 10, 1950 to September 16, 1950

Mrs. Eunice L. Ratekin of Rulo celebrated her 97th birthday, reflecting on the many changes in the area over the past 79 years. When she moved to the area in 1871, there was no railroad between Falls City and Rulo. There were no bridges between Falls City and Rulo. All the streams were shallow and could be crossed at that time. She also spoke about the grasshopper years when they were so thick they blocked out the sun and ate all the vegetation.

A car belonging to Robert Coonce caught fire on the Rulo highway, five miles east of Falls City. John Stevens, Jr., who lived nearby, hurried to the scene and made sure no one was in the vehicle. It had been parked after it was running rough and caught fire after the driver, Kenneth Coonce, had gotten a ride to Rulo.

Three local six-man football teams were beginning the season on the field. The Shubert Panthers, Dawson and Sacred Heart all opened the 1950 season, while many others had to wait one more week.

The first day of school at Humboldt had 317 children, eight more than the previous year.

Margaret Lenora Sandfort, a 17-year-old from Humboldt, was named the 1950 Richardson County Fair Queen, while businessman Friel Kerns, Sr., was named the king. A crowd estimated at 10,000 was on hand for the coronation ceremony.

Coach Cecil Davis had 24 boys report for football at Stella High School, including seniors Jim Kleine, Bill Jones and Charles Trussell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huppert were the parents of a son born at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital. Dearle Edward weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces.

Doug McIntyre, World War II veteran, was installed as commander of the Falls City American Legion Post.

Responding to an urgent appeal for a loan, Falls City sent its iron lung to St. Joseph's Hospital at Sioux City, Iowa.

The Falls City Coca-Cola Company at 705 Morton Street advertised a six-bottle carton of the soft drink for twenty-five cents.

Joe Presko pitched a two-hitter as Humboldt defeated the Havana Cuban Stars 5-0 on the baseball field. Presko, who reportedly was set to hurl for the St. Louis Cardinals the following year, was never in danger. Ed Heineman clubbed a double and Borschlegl had a triple for the Cardinals.

Sheriff Vern Atkins busted up a dice table at the Humboldt Legion Club, leading to the arrest of three. The Sheriff said 10-15 men were around the crap table and roughly \$1,600 on the line when he halted the action.

Excavation for the new Christ Lutheran Church, located at 24th and Towle Street, had been started by Krumme & Sons of Lincoln.

50 Years Ago, September 10, 1975 to September 16, 1975

Rhea Harshbarger was named the Richardson County Fair queen and Elmer Rexroth was named king at the coronation in Humboldt.

After upsetting Alabama 20-7, the Missouri Tigers moved into fifth place in the Associated Press polls.

Junior attendants in the County Fair coronation included Craig and Kerri Smith, Cindy Williamson and Corey Hain.

Sgt. Ted McConnell of Stella reenlisted for another six years in the Army Engineers. McConnell had been in the service for 5 ½ years.

Thanks to money earned from Dawson-Verdon students through a walkathon, a new scoreboard for the football field was going to be dedicated before the game against Odell. Thirty students participated in the walk and earned \$1,500.

Four new members were welcomed to the Falls City Ambulance Squad, bringing the total number of members to 30.

A family tradition came to an end when David Kopetzky delivered his last Falls City Journal. David was the last of five Kopetzky boys to provide the paper. As a group, the family accumulated 33 years and delivered approximately 800,000 papers.

American Elizabeth Ann Seton, a Catholic convert two hundred years prior, became the first native-born American saint. The 77-year-old Pope Paul VI led the service on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica.

Richardson County Bank and Trust announced that Norman Elliott was joining their staff as Vice President, handling commercial and real estate lending.

Patrick J. Hoy, an Air Force ROTC cadet at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was awarded an \$850 grant by the Society of Commissioned Officers to be used to pay for his education. Hoy was one of only two cadets to receive the honor.

Jeffery Lunsford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lunsford, won first place in the Nebraska Junior Archery meet in Lincoln. Lunsford competed in the 13-18-year-old category and finished 40 points in front of second place.

"Blazing Saddles," starring Mel Brooks, Gene Wilder, Cleavon Little and Madeline Kahn, was showing at the Rivoli Theater.

Jeffrey Wayne Bentley and Alice Lucile Schuetz applied for a marriage license in the county court.

Southeast Consolidated defeated Falls City on the volleyball court 12-15, 15-9 and 16-14.

Gambles at 1801 Stone Street advertised a swivel rocker chair for \$58 and a Deluxe 6-piece dinette with swivel chairs for \$96 off the regular price.

Hiawatha Plywood and Carpet celebrated its 2nd anniversary with a sale that included 5/8-inch plywood for \$7.50.

25 Years Ago, September 10, 2000 to September 16, 2000

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kreutzer of Rulo wondered whether they were hosting a hummingbird reunion. One day, the couple counted 25 of the small birds around a feeder.

The Military History Museum in the Courthouse reached its goal when William S. Dunn of Denver donated \$100 in memory of his father, Jess. The goal of \$22,000 was surpassed and future donations were still requested to cover unforeseen expenses.

A \$6.5 million general fund budget and a negotiated settlement with the faculty members of the Falls City Education Association received unanimous approval at the District 56 School Board meeting.

Bernard and Carolyn Chadwell of Morris, KS, would celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a reception on September 17 at the Morrill Community Building.

The Tiger football squad fell to the Auburn Bulldogs at Jug Brown Stadium 28-0. It was the ninth consecutive loss for FC. Auburn held Falls City to just 54 yards of total offense.

Southeast defeated Daniel Freeman 30-20 in Stella. Senior QB Brent Shubert and junior running back Blaine Brown each rushed for more than 100 yards in the win. Levi Handley led the Mustang defense with 17 tackles.

Abby Shubert was 16-of-20 serving with eight aces as Southeast upset the fourth-ranked Irish 15-12, 7-15 and 17-15.

The Tiger softball team defeated Auburn 14-2, Wilber 10-0 and Fairbury 3-0 to win the Falls City Invite. With the wins, FC improved to 8-3 for the season.

Senior QB Kris Glathar rushed for 72 yards and passed for 130 as DV defeated Iowa School for the Deaf 56-12 and moved to 2-0 for the first time since 1984.

Sandy Catlin was named the coordinator of the Falls City Middle School TeamMates of Nebraska Mentoring Program.

Janelle Findlay led the Peru State Lady Bobcat Volleyball team in an upset win over No. 2 Hastings. Findlay finished with 20 kills and 19 digs in the win.

Kelly Kanel was named the queen and Vanes Moerer king at the 2000 County Fair in Humboldt.

Falls City Journal Athletes of the Week included Brent Shubert and Shannon Stemple.

Led by Dani Busboom, Freeman defeated Sacred Heart in the MUDECAS A Division Final 15-7 and 15-12. Erin Flynn scored a team-high six points for Sacred Heart.

Community Medical Center implements new electronic health record through Bryan Health Epic Community Connect

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braska, adopted by nearly all of the major health systems. It was also the system most of our doctors trained on in residency. This made Epic the obvious choice," said Ryan Larsen, chief executive officer, Community Medical Center. "Likewise, due to its experience implementing Epic in rural facilities, Bryan has been an ideal partner to make this happen. Beyond the advanced clinical tools and care coordination that our doctors and staff will use, we think local patients are going to love MyChart, the Epic patient portal. Through it, individuals can view test results, message providers and pay bills online. It's a tremendous advantage and provides a new level of convenience."

CMC is the first hospital outside the Bryan Health system to be connected to the organization's Epic electronic health record system. Bryan Medical Center adapted Epic in 2018 and has since installed the platform at all of its facilities across the state.

Bryan Health supported CMC through every phase of implementation. Additionally, the organization provided extensive teaching and used a "train-the-trainer" model. This method allowed Bryan staff to teach multiple Epic super users at CMC, who then trained their colleagues on how to use the platform.

"With the expertise of Bryan Health, we have a safe, secure tool that allows us to do our best work – care for our patients," Larsen added.

Bryan's Epic Community Connect is set for future expansion. The Dialysis Center of Lincoln Kidney Care and Lincoln Medical Education Partnership are two additional facilities scheduled in the near future.

For more on Epic Community Connect, visit BryanHealth.org/EpicCommunityConnect.

Equity Bank Enters Nebraska, Acquires Frontier Bank

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"Joining with Equity Bank allows us to enhance the way we serve our customers and communities by providing access to advanced technology, increased lending capacity, and the strength of a larger organization," said Doug R. Ayer, president of Frontier Bank. "Just as important, our institutions share a common philosophy of community-focused lending, ensuring that our customers will continue to receive the same level of personal service, now supported by greater resources."

Established in 1937, Frontier Bank currently operates seven Nebraska locations, with two in Lincoln and one each in Falls City, Madison, Norfolk, Omaha and Pender.

As of June 30, 2025, Frontier Bank had \$1.4 billion in total assets, including \$1.3 billion in loans and \$1.1 billion in deposits.

The Falls City branch first opened in 1880, and the Pender location opened in 1890, both serving their communities prior to the founding of Frontier Bank in 1937.

Pro forma, Equity Bank will now comprise \$7.9 billion in total assets, serving customers in Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

The combination with Frontier brings Equity's total strategic transactions to 26 since the company's founding in 2002, including 14 whole-bank acquisitions since its initial public offering in 2015.

About Equity Bancshares, Inc.

Equity Bancshares, Inc. is the holding company for Equity Bank, offering a full range of financial solutions, including commercial loans, consumer banking, mortgage loans, trust and wealth management services and treasury management services, while delivering relationship-based customer ser-

vice. Equity's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "EQBK." Learn more at www.equitybank.com

About Frontier Holdings, LLC

Frontier Holdings, LLC is the parent company of Frontier Bank. Founded in 1937, Frontier Bank is headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska and operates seven locations in the state.

Kansas City Chalk artist in Brownville on September 13

Amy Lynn Sell, Kansas City chalk artist will be demonstrating her art from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, at 427 Main Street in Brownville, NE. Amy is a chalk illustrator and uses chalk as her medium to create illustrations for the "pure joy of creating art to enjoy" and adds that her "style is defiantly colorful and whimsical."

Amy will also have her work for sale as part of the Brownville Street Art and Open Studios. In addition to the public demonstration, there will be free chalk available to people of all ages to create their own works of art for others to enjoy. Peggy Groff noted "Brownville Fine Arts felt this was a perfect way for to promote public art, a sense of community, and foster creativity."

For more information about Amy, please visit her website at www.amylynnstudios.net.

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Richardson County Fair Queen voting ends as two battle for the lead

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 September 2, 2025 were:

- Chloe Shupp 139,858,339
- Ella Glathar 104,811,914
- MaKena Dunlap 36,643,851
- Elie Bstandig 32,127,811
- Miranda Rist 31,535,903
- Kendall Freeman 20,823,129
- Jorja DeJonge 12,117,206
- Hannah Lindsey 9,757,372
- Shayfer Cumro 5,722,983
- Maddie Bredemeier 4,329,746

The queen will be crowned by Falls City’s Ryan Larsen tonight in the Humboldt Square at 7:00 p.m.

Falls City Police Department participates in ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ Campaign

The Falls City Police Department participated in the *Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over* Campaign from August 16, 2025, through September 1, 2025. During this time, Falls City officers conducted 94 traffic stops with 34 citations and 60 warnings being issued. Several arrests were made including two DUI and two fugitive from justice.

Beyond the ticket activity includes Falls City Officers answering 292 calls for service including five accidents. Additionally, Officers investigated one criminal homicide, three death investigations, four assaults, two sexual assaults, four child abuse, two terroristic threats, two contributing to the delinquency of minors, two sale of alcohol to minors, six sale of electronic delivery of nicotine device to minors, four minors in possession of alcohol, one possession of legend drugs, one theft, two criminal mischief, one disturbing the peace, one wayward and disobedient minor and several others.

Falls City Officers worked a total of 58 hours of overtime during the campaign. The cost of the overtime was funded through a grant provided by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Office.

The Falls City Police Department would like to thank the Citizens of Falls City and all of our Community Partners for their continued Support. We also encourage all drivers to drive safely, don’t drink and drive, and to Buckle Up- Every Trip- Every Time.

NDOT to award \$4M via County Bridge Match Program

Beginning Monday, Sept. 1, Nebraska counties will have another opportunity to strengthen their local infrastructure through the Nebraska Department of Transportation’s (NDOT) County Bridge Match Program (CBMP). Now entering its 10th round of funding, NDOT will award \$4 million to counties for the innovative replacement and repair of structurally deficient county bridges, all while empowering and encouraging local partnerships.

NDOT is now accepting requests for proposals (RFPs) for the program. Eligible bridges must be in poor condition or have a low rating, greater than 20 feet long, and located on a roadway classified as a local road or better. The CBMP funds 55 percent of eligible bridge construction cost (up to \$500,000), while counties provide a 45 percent match.

Since its inception in 2016, the CBMP has: Received 549 proposals and selected 165 for the program.

Repaired or replaced 385 bridges. Awarded more than \$34 million to counties, generating more than \$100 million in construction activities.

The CBMP was created under Nebraska’s 2016 Transportation Innovation Act (TIA). Funding was renewed through LB 1030, which Gov. Jim Pillen signed into law in April 2024 to help counties tackle the costly challenge of maintaining safe, reliable bridges.

A working group was established to oversee the program and ensure local officials have a voice throughout the decision-making process. This group includes two county highway superintendents and three representatives from NDOT.

Key dates: Starting on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, request for proposals will be published on the NDOT website.

This program is competitive. Proposals must be submitted to NDOT prior to the close of business on Oct. 17, 2025.

Counties selected for funding will be notified by Dec. 5, 2025 to enter into an agreement with NDOT.

Selected bridges must be constructed by Dec. 31, 2028. Proposal forms, a map of eligible and selected county bridges, and more information can be found at [ndot.info/CBMP](#).

National Telephone Discount Focus of Lifeline Awareness Week

September 7-13 is “Lifeline Awareness Week” and the Nebraska Public Service Commission, in conjunction with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) wants eligible consumers to know that help is available when it comes to staying connected.

“Getting and staying connected can mean everything in today’s world,” said Commission Chair Tim Schram. “The Lifeline program helps make affordable voice and broadband services available to those who qualify.”

Under the Federal Lifeline Program, consumers who participate in certain public assistance and veterans’ programs, or qualify based on income can receive a discount of up to \$9.25 per month on an eligible phone, broadband, or bundled phone/broadband service.

The Commission supplements the federal program through the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP)/Lifeline Program which helps qualified Nebraskans by providing an additional \$3.50 each month that can be applied toward one landline or wireless phone bill, or to provide minutes for eligible cellular phone services.

To receive the NTAP discount, consumers must participate in the federal Lifeline program and meet all eligibility requirements. Learn more about the NTAP/Lifeline Program and how to apply by visiting the Phone and Internet Discounts Program page of the PSC website, or by calling Lifeline Support at 800-234-9473.

Commissioner Schram said, “Utilizing these services can truly be a lifeline for those needing help to access health care, call emergency services, find a job, get an education, or stay in contact with family.”

RICHARDSON CO. SHERIFF’S DEPT. ACCIDENT REPORTS

On August 17, 2025, according to Richardson County Sheriff’s Office accident reports, Katherine Tilton of Craig, MO stated as she was traveling southbound and navigating around curve on 703 Trl. A northbound vehicle entered her lane and caused driver to leave the roadway to the left, ultimately colliding with a guardrail. No Injuries were reported. an estimated \$7,000 in damage was done to the vehicle. The vehicle was towed by Koch’s Towing.



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-12am 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.

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.

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 6pm-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)

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-5am. 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

Get to Spin the Wheel to win up to \$50 in free play for signing up in the current month! If you're a member of the Player's Club and bring in a new member, you will receive the same amount of free play! (One new member a day)

\$10 Pic-Play For Your Jackpot Picture

Players who hit a taxable jackpot or drawing (\$1,200+ for jackpots or \$1,000+ for drawings) can get an extra \$10 in Pic-Play (free play) if you grant us and give us permission to share your jackpot photo!

Birthday Month

If you are a current member of the Player's Club, and it is your birthday month, stop by the Player's Club desk and you will get \$10 in free play for your birthday.

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Goltz earns Nebraska American Legion Post 102 Junior Law Cadet Scholarship

Mason Goltz was the recipient of this year’s Nebraska American Legion Post 102 Junior Law Cadet Scholarship. Mason is the son of Tom and Shannon Goltz and is a senior at Falls City Sacred Heart. After graduation, he plans on enrolling at Peru State College to major in Law Enforcement. Once he completes his college requirements, Mason is interested in working at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center or for the Nebraska State Patrol.

The Junior Law Cadet Academy consists of two days in Grand Island at the Nebraska State Patrol training facility. The two-day event this year was held on June 23 and 24. The candidates have the opportunity to explore and experience various aspects of law enforcement training, including driving patrol vehicles, firearm training, self-defense, operating drones, observing canine training, and learning crime scene investigation.



Falls City Library & Arts Center awarded grant

Falls City Library & Arts Center has been awarded a \$2000 SKPL grant from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) - Region 4. The goal of SKPL (Science Kits for Public Libraries) is to “bring hands-on STEM experiences to kids everywhere, one library at a time.” The library has purchased materials and assembled kits focusing on subjects of magnetism, elementary physics, everyday science, math & money, exploring circuits, electronics & coding, and much more! These kits will be available to check out and will also be used for future STEM projects and programs at the library. The public is invited to an open-house event on September 4 from 5pm-6:30pm to explore and check out the new kits.

IEEE is the world’s largest professional association dedicated to advancing technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity. IEEE and its members inspire a global community through IEEE’s highly cited publications, conferences, technology standards, and professional and educational activities.

Presbyterian Performing Arts & Conference Center planned at former First Presbyterian Church First Presbyterian Church

(Continued from Page 1) and on every front. We need to keep our communication lines open with each other and be in community with each other. We will feel it and know it. We are so loved by our God and we see that love from God through each other.

- The main anchor will be the commitment of Partners In Community to the new and forever home, with the establishment of the Presbyterian Performing Arts & Conference Center (The Centre). The Centre will be designed to foster a vibrant array of cultural and community events. This will be a place where both the young and the young at heart can dare to dream, a space to nurture those dreams, and a venue for community inspiration that will remind us all to never give up on what we believe in.
- The creation of a working group that will highlight the beautiful interconnectedness of all age groups, fostering mutual respect and understanding across generations. Imagine

the stories that will be shared, the wisdom that will be exchanged, and the bonds that will be forged between our cherished elders and our vibrant youth.

- The Caregiver Retreat for Those We Love offers a much-needed haven of education, support, and acknowledgment for the tireless caregivers in our community. This will be a safe and intentional space to offer grace and compassion to patients, their loved ones, and friends who find themselves in the early stages of specific ailments. It’s a place to replenish the spirit and find strength in shared understanding.
- And of course, our ongoing commitments to seniors will continue to thrive through engaging activities, heartwarming social programs, and vital food preparation initiatives that serve the needs of our beloved elderly population. Their comfort and happiness are paramount to us.

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transformative initiatives, the facility will also be lovingly available for leasing to eligible individuals, families, and organizations. Whether you’re planning a special event, a community gathering, or an important function, this versatile venue can be the perfect setting for your memories to unfold.

We are genuinely excited about these initiatives and wholeheartedly look forward to working closely with all of Partners In Community, LLC, and every member of our wonderful community to make a positive, lasting difference in Falls City. Together, we can create something truly extraordinary.

For more information

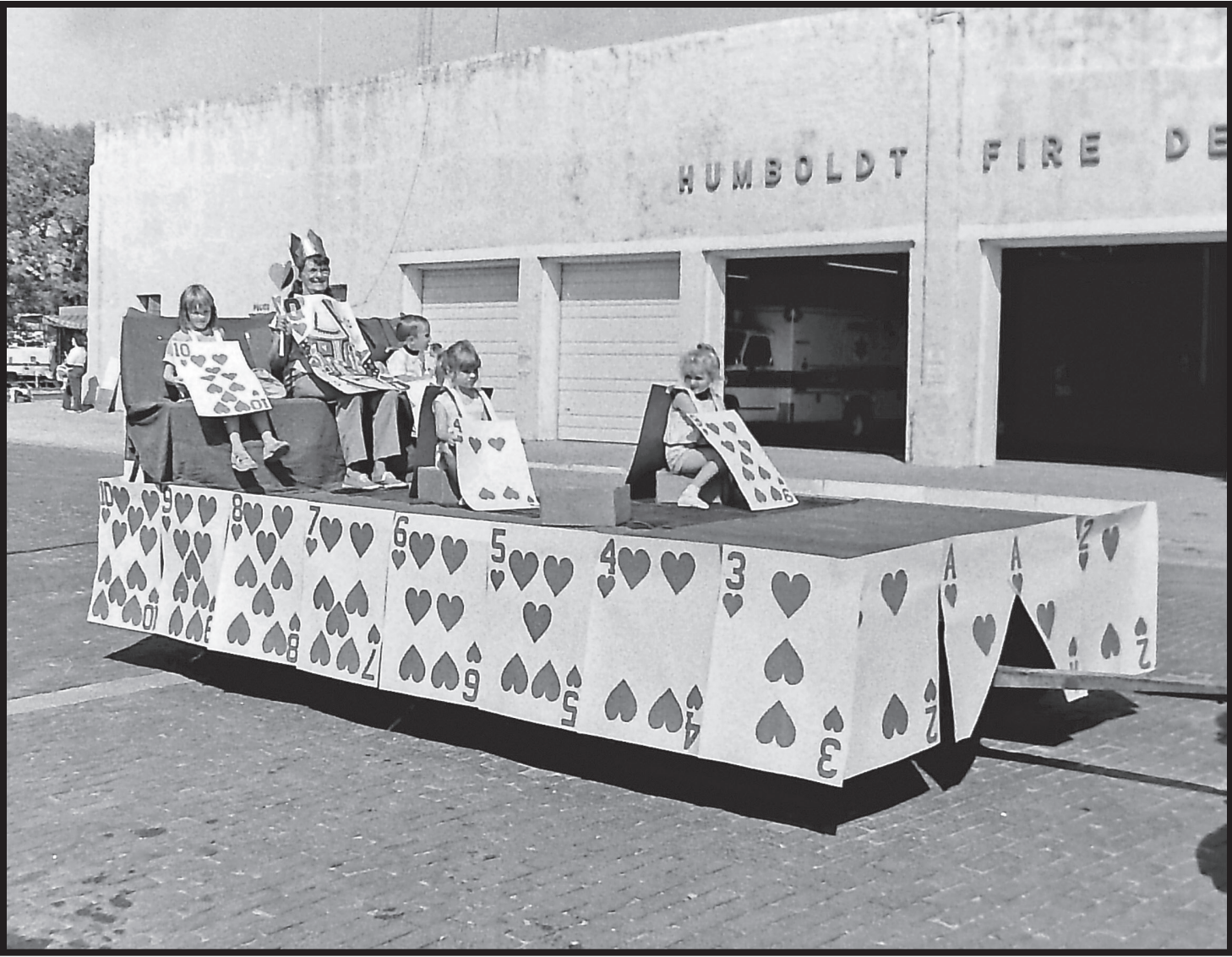
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FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



In celebration of the Richardson County Fair this week: The 1991 Parade featuring, Kati Hilgenfeld far left and Bridget Huppert front right.

BUILDING PERMITS

Nathan and Jenny Strecker, 718 E 12th St.; install furnace and AC, \$8,000.00.

Ruth Groothuis, 1208 Stone St.; install furnace and AC, \$13,500.00.

Travis Hayes, 1618 Lane St.; water heater, \$1,200.00.

Ronnie Huddleston, 711 Lane St.; gas line, \$600.00.

Sheri Hoys 1801 Abbott St.; install furnace and AC, \$10,000.00.

Casey’s General Store, 1221 Harlan St.; install new signage, \$44,227.97.

David Lewis, 915 Barada St.; fence, deck and above ground pool, \$7,500.00.

Ryan and Eve Seeba, 2209 Chase St.; replace sidewalk, \$2,000.00.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

On August 27, 2025, according to Falls City Police Department accident reports, Floyd Niepert Jr. was traveling eastbound through the intersection of 21st and Harlan when he was struck by a vehicle operated by James Mackey. Mackey was northbound when he traveled through a red light. When officers arrived on scene it was discovered that Mr. Macky had a passenger. Niepert claimed to have suffered an injury to his

collarbone.

There was also damage to a median sign located on the east side of the intersection. This was a secondary collision by the Mackey vehicle. It was discovered that Niepert had expired insurance. Niepert was cited for no proof of insurance. He was also transported from the scene of the accident by ambulance to CMC. Both vehicles suffered an estimated \$5,000 in damage.

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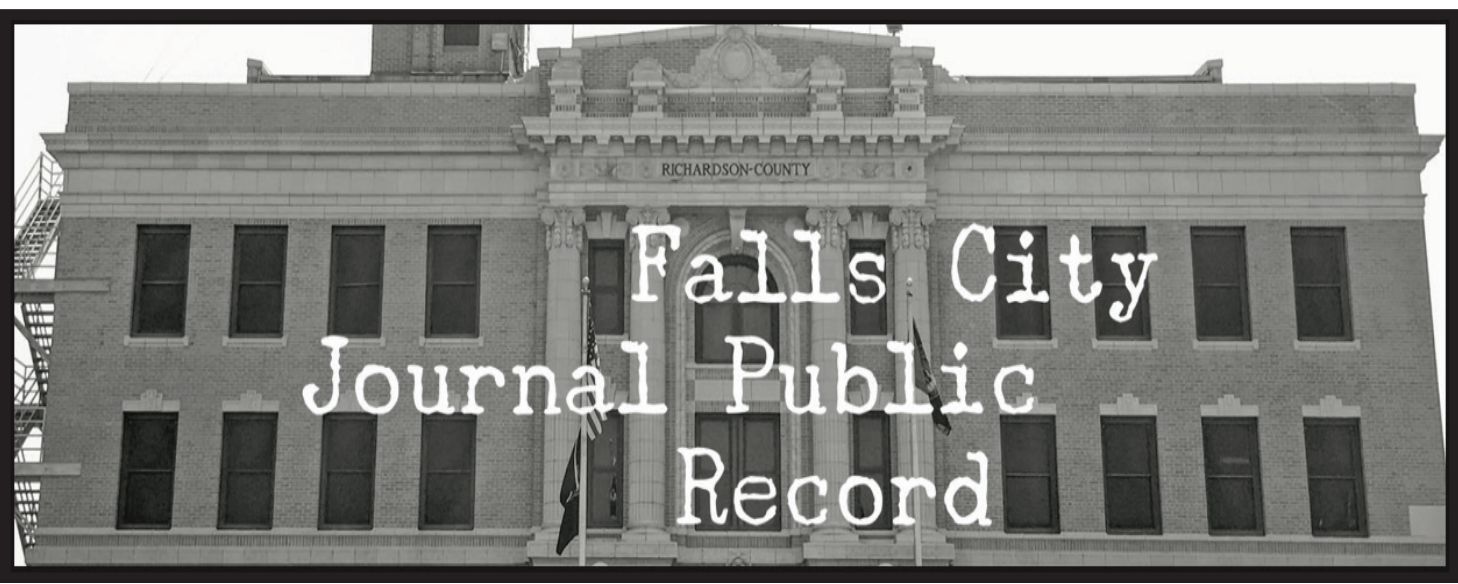
August 27 through August 28, 2025 calls: five miscellaneous calls, one fire call, seven ambulance/EMS calls, found, or lost property call, one animal call, one noise, disturbance, one nuisance, one information only call, one burn permit, one parking complaint, one accident, one theft, one HHS intake/referral, one 911 hang up/misdial, one citation for unlawful throwing of fireworks, one citation for careless driving, once citation for a traffic control violation, once citation for no proof of insurance, one warning for speeding, one warning for invalid registration, one warning for exceeding two auxiliary spotlights, one warning for failure to display a proper number of plates, and six 911 calls.

August 28 through August 29, 2025 calls: two HHS intake/referrals, three ambulance/EMS calls, two calls referred to other agencies, three motorist assists, one alarm, one traffic/driving complaint, one nuisance, one fire call, two miscellaneous calls, one burn permit, one animal call, one informational only call, one citation for a violation of an open burn ban, one citation for speeding, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for speeding, one warning for invalid registration, one warning for ATV/U TV requirements, one warning for exceeding two auxiliary spotlights, one warning for a possession of multiple licenses, and nineteen 911 calls.

August 29 through August 30, 2025 calls: five calls referred to other agencies, six ambulance/EMS calls, one assault, one welfare check, three miscellaneous calls, one burn permit, two informational only calls, one motor assist, one disturbance, one alarm, one HHS intake/referral call, one warning for driving without headlights, three warnings for failure to dim fog lights, one warning for speeding, one warning for improper/defective, vehicle, lighting, and citation for committing child abuse neglect/injury, and eleven 911 calls.

August 30 through August 31, 2025 calls: one investigation, one miscellaneous call, one burn permit, one information only call, one alarm, one animal call, one citation for a minor possession under 19 (first offense), and zero 911 calls

August 31 through September 1, 2025 calls: one animal call, four ambulance/EMS calls, one disturbance, one assault, two miscellaneous calls, one trespassing call, one welfare check, one motorist assist, one call, referred to another agency, one runaway call, one citation for a juvenile out of control, and seven 911 calls.



CITATIONS

Jennifer Hopkins of Omaha, count one speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Sandra Watton of Elkhorn, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Christopher Yearley of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

Sarah Istas of Savannah, MO, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Scott Sisk of Hiawatha, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Daniels)

Avery Wendtlandt of Falls City, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Morgan Handley of Lincoln, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

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

Ryan Perry of Hiawatha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Cheek)

Gabriel Kutash of Omaha, NE, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Jason Martineau of Verdon, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Franks)

Arjun Reddy of Carrollton, TX, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

(Holliday)

Jaden Cooper of Humboldt, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Bredemeier)

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

Emma Schilling of Morrill, KS, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Daniels)

Jeffrey Gerdes of Auburn, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

Craig Jordan of West Plains, MO, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Jaron Haase of Montfort, WI, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Anderson)

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

Belinda Cashman of Holton, KS, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Holliday)

Thomas Fix of Conroe, TX, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Holliday)

Heath Bush of Brentwood, TN, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Callie Mullins of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

Virgil Wilson of Falls City, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Daniels)

James Williams of Olathe, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Joseph Vangordon of Valley Falls, KS, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Corey Barrett of Indianapolis, IN, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Evan Prendes of Sioux City, IA, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Holliday)

Jose Gutierrez of Sioux City, IA, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty

and fined \$125 and court costs; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed. (Dutcher)

COUNTY COURT

Cody A. Jacobs, count one, take/possess fish without permit, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Derrick D. Flowers, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 15, 2025.

Leonard F. Pyles, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, overtaking/passing prohibited, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$25.

DISTRICT COURT

Mariann Flores, count one, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for October 14, 2025.

Ethan D. King, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for September 16, 2025.

Taylor A. Rogers, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, drug testing fee of \$90, probation fee-regular of \$180.

Tonya M. Beccard, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, criminal mischief \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count three, unauthorized use propelled vehicle-first, pled not guilty; count four, willful reckless driving-first, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for October 14, 2025.

Alex T. Morado, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 3-8 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for September 30, 2025.

Bradley A. Donohue, count one, tamper with physical evidence, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 3-6 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for October 14, 2025.

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

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Caleb Offner (77), Chase Simpson (74) and Brock Niedfeldt (76) chase Raider QB Rhett Urzendowski in the first half Friday night.

Tigers drop a nail-biter to Raiders

The Falls City Tigers had just 21 players available to play Omaha Brownell-Talbot on Friday night at Jug Brown Stadium. Those 21 players gave everything they had but came up just short in a 14-16 loss.

Midway through the first quarter, Falls City’s Jacoby Bangert was whistled for an intentional grounding while in the endzone, resulting in a safety for the Raiders. With 4:38 on the clock in the first, FC fell behind 0-2.

An onside kick recovery by Gavin Bauer gave FC the ball right back. However, after seven plays, FC was forced to punt the ball away.

On the fourth play of the Raider drive, QB Rhett Urzendowski found receiver Perry Anderson for a 36-yard TD to put the Raiders in front 9-0 with :39 left in the first.

A fumble on the first play of the ensuing drive gave the Raiders the ball back at the FC 26 with :22 remaining. Penalties by Talbot pushed them backwards, and the Orange and Black defense forced a turnover on downs.

FC began the next drive at their 26, marching down the field in seven plays, ending with a 21-yard TD pass from Bangert to Orion Cattrell to make it 6-9 with 8:26 to play. The play was set up the snap before when Bangert found Cattrell for a 28-yard gain on a quick seam route.

It didn’t take the visitors long to respond. Two plays, 79 yards and 35 seconds to be exact. On first down, the Raider running back took the ball and rushed 76 yards to the three-yard line. From there, a QB keeper made it 6-16 with 7:45 to play in the half.

After punts by each squad, it was Falls City’s turn to get back into the contest. With 3:45 on the clock, the Tigers marched 89 yards in 11 plays, ending with a 19-yard TD pass. The drive’s big play came on 3rd and six, when Bangert found Cattrell, who caught the pass on a

second effort and turned it into a 25-yard pickup. Four plays later, Bangert hit Cattrell over the top for a 17-yard TD. The two-point conversion pass from Bangert to Cattrell cut the lead to 14-16 with :55 to play in the half.

The Tigers opened the third with some trickery, recovering an onside kick and trying to continue the momentum from the end of the first half. However, an interception at the Raider three ended the Tiger drive.

The Falls City defense came to play in the second half. Talbot went on a 12-play 62-yard drive, but eventually turned the ball over on downs at the Tiger 32.

Looking for a spark on offense, Falls City turned to QB Blakely Sells to open the fourth. Sells had been held out of action for the first three quarters due to an injury, but was ready to go with 12 minutes to play. Unfortunately for FC, Sells was sacked on the first play, and the offense didn’t recover, eventually punting after 14 yards of losses.

The defense continued to battle, and with five minutes remaining, the Raiders were forced to attempt a punt. Bangert broke through the line and blocked the punt, which was recovered by Grant Kobza, giving FC the ball at the Raider 14 with 4:58 to go.

Facing a 4th and two with 3:22 to go, FC gave the ball to Bauer, who alluded the defense for an apparent 11-yard TD run. However, a phantom holding call negated the run, and FC eventually turned the ball over on downs. Both wide receivers seemingly executed great blocks on the edge, but the call didn’t go the Tigers’ way.

The Raiders did just enough the rest of the way to secure the two-point win over Falls City, sending each team home with a 1-1 record.

FC passed for 130 yards in the contest but ran for just 22. Bauer and Chase Simpon led the defense with six tackles apiece, while Bangert, Cattrell, Kobza, Bowdy Jones, Elijah Leyden and Cade Caudle all had four stops. Bangert had an interception, while Cattrell recovered a fumble.

Passing: Bangert 8/16 121 yards, 2 TDs, 1 Int; Sells 3/7 9 yards

Rushing: Bangert 9 - -26; Bauer 21-79; Sells 3- -31.

Receiving: Cattrell 8-119, 2 TDs; Bauer 1-4; Jones 1-9.

Falls City plays at 0-2 Conestoga on Friday.

Tigers anxious to play on home court

The Tiger volleyball team moved to .500 on Tuesday evening when they split a pair of contests played in Horton. In the opener, Falls City fell in straight sets, 15-25 and 15-25, to Jefferson County North. In the second match of the night, the Tigers got back into the win column with a 25-14 and 26-24 win over the Horton Chargers.

The Tigers struggled a bit in the opening contest against Jefferson County North, finishing with 15 kills on 67 attempts with 13 errors for a .030 hitting percentage. Ella Glathar led the Tiger attack with five kills, while Bella Johansen added four and Carlea Dunkhas finished with three kills and two blocks. Gabi Young was the top defensive player with 12 digs, while Tessa Gossman finished with six digs and a team-high ten assists.

On Thursday, the Tigers traveled to Humboldt for a triangular versus the Titans and JCC. In the first match of the evening, the Tigers fell to the Thunderbirds in two sets, 12-25 and 10-25. FC hit just -.054 in the match, finishing with eight kills and 11 errors on 56 attempts. Meanwhile, Johnson County Central was lights out, finishing with 25 kills and five errors on 56 tries for a .357 hitting percentage. Dunkhas led FC with three kills and a block. Johansen added two kills and five digs, while Gossman had a team-best nine digs and five assists.

The Tigers weren’t down for long as they earned the three-set win in the next contest against the home team. Falls City hit much better, finishing with 24 kills and 11 errors on 98 attempts. Gossman continued her hot start, leading the team with six kills. Liv Buckminster, Ella Glathar and Johansen all finished with four. Gossman and Leah Goff led the team with a pair of ace serves apiece, while defensively Buckminster had her hands on six blocks. Young finished the night with 20 digs, while Goff was the team leader with 15 assists.

The win improved FC to 3-3, while the loss dropped HTRS to 1-2. Falls City hosted East Atchison on Monday, September 8, and Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday. It also hosts a triangular meet with Sterling and Pawnee City on Thursday, September 11.

Cross country teams battle at Plattsmouth

The Falls City cross country teams hit the course at Rhylander Park in Plattsmouth on Tuesday afternoon. The boys’ varsity team finished with 195 points and placed ninth. South Sioux City won the meet with 26 points. For the girls, Falls City placed sixth with 88 points. Auburn took the team title with 33 points.

Callen Furnas was the top finisher for the boys, placing 45th in 21:24.88. Martin Irizarry was 51st in 22:22.91, Lathan Richey was 52nd in 22:24.12, and Emmett Daake was 55th in 24:07.93. Mesach Nkurubujango of Mt. Michael Benedictine was the top finisher, completing the course in 16:58.57.

For the Lady Tigers, Jennifer Sweeney earned her second medal of the season, placing 11th in 23:15.21. Audrey Scrivens ran the course in 24:19.31 and placed 22nd, while Peyton Weddle was right behind in 23rd in 24:25.88. Madalynn Hawley was the final runner to cross the line for FC, placing 37th in 25:58.63. Mallory Robbins of Plattsmouth won the race in 19:55.88.

In the boys’ JV race, Aaron Selleck ran a 24:43.63 for 67th, and Zade Bents was 86th in 27:22.71.

The middle school also competed on Thursday. Falls City’s Ben Furnas had the best finish of the day, placing third in 8:07.73. Barrett Johansen placed 52nd, running the 2400m race in 10:02.49. Levi Bowen of Fort Calhoun won the race in 7:25.53.

For the girls, Alaina Jackson ran a 9:22.95 and placed 14th.

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Tiger softball gets season’s first win

It took seven contests, but the Lady Tiger softball team finally secured its first win and can now put that behind them as the season progresses. At the Syracuse Tourney on August 30, FC fell to Yutan-Mead 0-13, then to Plattsmouth 8-12, but rebounded to defeat Cass County Central 8-2. Leading 2-1 entering the third inning, FC blew the game wide open with six runs, taking an 8-1 lead into the final inning. Kenley Alexander went 2-2 with a double, a home run and four RBI. With two outs in the third and a 5-1 lead, Alexander hit a bomb to left field to drive in Addi Miller and Reagan McNeely. Jazzy Strecker went all three innings in the circle, allowing just two hits and one earned run.

Falls City hit the road to play the Freeman Falcons on Tuesday. The home team raced out to a quick lead and never looked in the rearview mirror. After two innings of action, the Falcons led 8-0.

After going down in order for the first three innings, Falls City got something working in the fourth. Alexander drew a one-out walk, and Brylee Liberty smacked a double to left field to put runners at the corners with one out. Alexander got called out for offensive interference, and Kuker reached base by getting hit by a pitch. RBI singles by Bristol Titus and Strecker put FC on the board at 2-8.

However, Freeman recorded four singles and a double in the bottom half of the frame to end the game at 12-2. Freeman outhit FC 14-3, while the Tigers committed the only error of the contest. Liberty went 1-2 with a double, while Titus and Strecker each had base hits and an RBI.

Strecker went the distance in the circle, allowing 12 hits and 12 runs in 3 1/3 innings of work.

The Tigers looked to get back on track in Auburn on Saturday morning. Unfortunately, FC dropped all three contests, falling to 1-10 for the year.

In the opener against the Bulldogs, FC fell behind early and was unable to recover.

Auburn pushed a pair of runs across in the first inning, then nine more in the top of the second to make it 11-0. Falls City threatened in the bottom of the inning. Kaydence Rego walked, followed by singles by Malori Kuker and Taytum Maddox; however, the following batters struck out, struck out and popped out to end the inning. The Bulldogs added an insurance run in the third and earned the 12-0 win.

Liberty, Kuker and Maddox all singled for FC.

In game two, Falls City fell to Southern 0-11. The Raiders scored five in the first, two in the second, and four more in the third for the win.

Liberty hit a two-out double in the first, followed by a Maddox single, but a strikeout left the runners stranded. FC threatened again in the second. Kuker walked to open the frame, and Strecker singled with one down,

but a fielder’s choice and a lineout kept Falls City off the board.

Liberty hit her second double in the third inning, but a strikeout and groundout ended the threat.

Liberty went 2-2 with two doubles, and Strecker was 2-2 with two base hits. Strecker took the loss, throwing three innings, allowing 11 runs, only three of which were earned.

In the final game of the day, Falls City fell to Buena Vista 8-14 in five innings. Falls City was outhit 11-9 and committed eight errors, leading to five unearned runs.

The Tigers took the lead in the second inning. Titus singled to begin the inning, and Strecker reached on an error. Reagan McNeely got an RBI on a groundout to tie the game at two. A single by Addi Miller and an error put FC in front 3-2. A Maddox double to center made it 4-2 after two. RBIs by Strecker and Miller in the third put FC up 6-5 heading into the fourth.

The Bison crossed the plate seven times in the fifth, taking a 14-6 lead with three outs to go. The Tigers’ Bristol Titus connected with a pitch for a one-out home run to make it 14-7. With two outs, Liberty singled to left to drive in McNeely and make the final 14-8.

Maddox went 2-4 with a double, Kuker was 1-3 with a double, and Titus had a home run.

FC played at LeBlond on Monday and will host the Falls City Invite on Saturday, September 13. The Tigers will play Cameron, MO, at 9:30 a.m. at Hartman Field to open the tourney.

Lady Titans place second at Weeping Water

The HTRS Lady Titan volleyball team opened the 2025 season with a sweep of the Lewiston Tigers on Tuesday, September 3. The Titans cruised to a 25-15, 25-11 and 25-11 win in Humboldt.

HTRS hit an impressive .304, finishing with 33 kills on 69 attempts with 12 errors.

Senior Elie Bstandig provided the firepower on offense as she finished with a team-best 16 kills on 27 tries for a .481 hitting percentage and led the squad with two blocks. Classmate Lillian Bowen was next with seven kills on just 11 attempts. Bowen collected an incredible ten ace serves on 26 attempts. Defensively, the ball was spread around as Bowen and Harlee Hardesty each had six digs, while Madie Bredemeier added six and Bstandig had four. Bredemeier also led the way with 18 assists, while PJ Howe added 13.

On Thursday night, HTRS hosted Johnson County Central and the Falls City Tigers. It was a rough night for the home team, as the Titans fell to JCC 16-25 and

Despite a frantic comeback, Titan football falls to 0-2

The HTRS Titans found themselves backed up against the wall after the opening two quarters of action, trailing the Omaha Christian Academy Guardians 0-28 at halftime. Coach Grant Tuttle did a fantastic job of motivating his team as they fought back, outscoring the Guardians 22-0 in the final 24 minutes, but ultimately fell short, falling 22-28.

The Titans did the majority of their damage through the air, scoring all three touchdowns on passes from sophomore QB Bradyn Bowen. Bowen, starting for just the second time, completed 12/27 pass attempts for 157 yards, three scores and two interceptions.

Bowen’s favorite target on Friday evening in Omaha was Alex Dewberry. The sophomore teammate snagged a team-best seven catches for 81 yards and two scores. Emmett Glathar caught three balls for 34 yards and one touchdown.

Bowen was also the team leader on the ground, finishing with 26 yards on six carries, with a long run of ten yards.

Defensively, Axton Wamsley was all over the field. Wamsley led the team with six solo stops and 12 tackles altogether. Dewberry added eight stops, including three tackles for loss, while Glathar was close behind with seven takedowns, five unassisted. Glathar and Kameon Dettmann each added an interception, and Dewberry pounced on a pair of Guardian fumbles.

Passing: Bowen 12/27 157 yards, 3 TDs, 2 Ints.
Rushing: Dettmann 4-5; Dewberry 7-24; Bowen 6-26.
Receiving: Dettman 5-42; Glathar 3-34, 1 TD; Dewberry 7-81, 2 TDs.

The Titans will host Deshler on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The 2-0 Dragons have defeated Osceola and Wilcox-Hildreth to begin the 2025 season.

19-25 in the opener, and then 18-25, 25-22, and 13-25 to Falls City.

On Saturday, the Titans competed in the Weeping Water tourney. The Titans fared well on Saturday, finishing the day at 3-1 and taking home second place. The Titans earned straight set wins over Weeping Water, Sacred Heart and Southern, before falling to Auburn in two sets in the finale.

In the opener, the Titans defeated Weeping Water 25-15 and 25-23. They carried the momentum into the match versus Sacred Heart, beating the Irish 25-15 and 25-22. HTRS had little trouble against the Southern Raiders, earning a 25-18 and 25-12 win. The Titans ran out of steam in the championship, falling to the Bulldogs 19-25 and 17-25.

After a busy first week of action, HTRS finishes 4-3. The Titans will play at Lourdes Central on Tuesday, September 9 and then will participate in the MUDECAS Tourney the following week in Beatrice.

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John Ronald “Ron” Michals

John Ronald “Ron” Michals, age 82, passed away on August 26, 2025 with his wife of 41 years and two daughters by his bedside. Ron lived in Port St. Lucie, Florida, moving from the Detroit area after retiring from his 40-plus year career with General Motors. While he loved Michigan and spent weekends and summers boating on Lake Charlevoix and playing golf at Boyne Country Club in northern Michigan, the lure of the ocean, warm temperatures and year-round golf brought him to Port St. Lucie. A devout Catholic, Ron started most mornings with mass at St. Bernadette Catholic Church. He loved to usher on Sundays and no one was a stranger, greeting everyone with his easy smile, a twinkle in his blue eyes and a warm handshake or hug. Until recently, he was a member of The Legacy Golf Club where he played multiple times a week.

Ron is survived by his wife Shirley Bauman Michals, his children, Melanie Morgan (Greg), Jay Michals (Martha), Julie Schutzler (Jeff) and Jennifer Roberts, 14 grandchildren and his beloved dog Coco, and many other family members and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Jim Meysenberg as the presiding priest. Inurnment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary will be recited on Monday at 7:00 PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to St. Bernadette Church, the Port St. Lucie Humane Society or Dogs and Cats Forever, in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Dorr and Clark Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

Albert L. Lippold

Albert L. Lippold, 92, of Falls City, NE, passed away September 4, 2025 at Falls City. He was born August 14, 1933 at Falls City to Joseph and Julia (Bauman) Lippold.

He married Betty Kirkendall on December 28, 1953 at Rulo, NE. She passed away May 17, 2002.

Albert enlisted in the United Sates Army on July 23, 1953 and served in the European Theater in Germany. He was honorably discharged on May 19, 1955.

Albert attended school at Williamsville Rural School, District 23 and received his GED from American School of Chicago, IL. He worked for Frontier Homes, Flying L, and Airlanco, retiring in 2003. Following his retirement, he mowed the Catholic Cemetery for eleven years with his good friend, Bill Knobbe. He enjoyed working outside mowing yards and going to the Casino. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and the VFW.

Albert is survived by his daughters, Lori Hall and Nancy Campbell, both of Falls City, son, Mike and his wife Rhonda of Falls City, six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son, Mark Alan, a sister in infancy and Anna Margaret Schawang and a brother, Clarence.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 10:30 AM with Father Jim Meysenberg as the presiding priest. Interment was in Falls City Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Monday, 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the rosary.

Dorr and Clark Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

Ohlde and Hall 101st Swenson Winners

After celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Swenson Award winners last fall, Ellie Ohlde of Fairbury, Neb., and Easton Hall of Schuyler, Neb., have been announced as the initial second-century recipients for the 2024-25 school year.

Ohlde, a Bobcat softball player, and Hall, a Peru State men’s basketball player, were selected by the full-time members of the athletic department as their picks to start the second century of Swenson winners.

The Swenson Awards were presented Saturday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. when the Bobcats host Baker in the historic Oak Bowl.

Ellie Ohlde; A four-year starter on the softball team at shortstop, Ohlde earned Heart of America Athletic Conference Second Team All-Conference this past season. She had 35 hits, 15 RBI’s, and batted .292 this past spring. Ohlde tallied 16 runs for the Bobcats and finished the season with 83 assists and had an .867 fielding percentage. In her first three seasons, Ohlde had received all-conference honorable mention.

For three consecutive seasons, Ohlde was named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team. In addition, she was named as a Daktronics – NAIA Scholar-Athlete and a Heart Scholar-Athlete three times. Ohlde is the daughter of John and Lori Ohlde of Fairbury.

Easton Hall; A four-year member of the Bobcat men’s basketball team, Hall was a key contributor to the team while coming off the bench and being a mainstay on scout teams for practices. Hall played in ten contests his senior season after playing in 12 as a junior.

While a varsity member, Hall and his teammates competed in back-to-back-to-back NAIA National Championships. In addition, the Bobcats won the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament title during his junior campaign.

Hall was a three-time Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete as well as a three-time Heart of America Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete.

He is the son of Andy ’89 and Shanda Hall of Schuyler and the grandson of Randy (attd. 70s) and Lori ’87 Gottula of Elk Creek and Donna Gottula of Auburn.

The awards are presented to the winners through an endowment provided by the Peru State College Foundation.

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This one-day community celebration will be filled with fun, food, music, and activities for all ages – shining a spotlight on Auburn’s identity as “The Place to Bee.”

The festival kicks off at 8:00 AM. Throughout the day, festivalgoers can enjoy many events including interactive UNL Bee Lab Demos.

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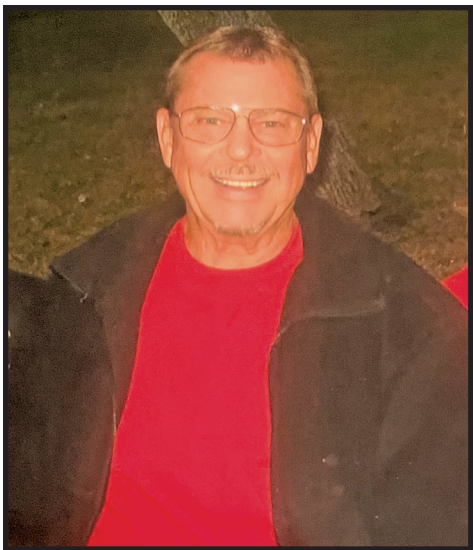
“The Honeybee Festival is more than an event – it’s a celebration of Auburn’s creative spirit, small-town pride, and our unique honeybee identity,” said Leslie Clark, Director of the Auburn Creative District.

“We can’t wait to welcome families, neighbors, and visitors to Auburn for a day of buzzing fun.”

The Honeybee Festival is free to attend and presented by The Auburn Creative District, sponsored by Grow Auburn

About the Auburn Creative District The Auburn Creative District celebrates Auburn’s identity through art, culture, and community. From murals and public art projects to signature events like the Honeybee Festival, the district is creating a vibrant place to live, visit, and grow.

Dale Bachman



Dale Bachman was born in Rulo, Nebraska to Loyd and Loretta Bachman on November 13, 1941. Dale was the second oldest of five boys; Neal, Merle, Lyle and Alan. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Neal and Alan. Dale passed away at home in San Antonio, Texas on August 27, 2025 in the presence of his loving wife Dee Bachman.

As a young man, Dale obtained certification in Business Administration and began his professional career as a stockbroker with Merrill Lynch. In addition, he returned to his farming roots, worked as an engineer on the railroad and in his latter years, Dale started a trucking company in San Antonio, Texas.

Dale had a unique sense of humor that will be remembered by everyone who knew him. He genuinely loved reminiscing about his upbringing and all the people who were a part of it. He thoroughly enjoyed hunting, especially on their Double D Ranch, in South Texas, traveling, and spending time with family.

Dale is survived by his wife, Dee Bachman, daughters Cindy Bachman Bowers (Lee) and Stacey Lynn Bachman, grandchildren Alyse Lilie (Craig), Christie Lyles (Scott), Jessica Free (John), Katharine Beal (Taylor), and Jenna Cress (Caleb), and fifteen beautiful great-grandchildren. Final resting place, Jones-Bachman Cemetery, Rulo, Nebraska.

All are invited to a casual gathering in the implement shop at the home of Merle and Trula Bachman, 66102 709 Rd, Rulo - Saturday, October 4, 2-4pm. Come share memories and fellowship.

Memorial suggestion: Southeast Nebraska Gun Club, c/o Kevin Taft, 702 Trail, Falls City, NE 68355

Condolences to Dee Bachman, 6034 Watertown, SA, TX, 78249.

RC SHERIFF’S DEPT. ACCIDENT REPORTS

On August 30, 2025, according to Richardson County Sheriff’s Office accident reports, Thomas Beutler of Johnson, NE was traveling eastbound on Highway 73 just east of the Highway 67 intersection.

A deer entered the roadway causing the van to strike the deer. The vehicle was totaled suffering an estimated \$4,000 in damage.

The driver wanted to figure out his own way of towing the vehicle off the shoulder.

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seeks to complete.

The Board also approved a memorandum of understanding with Evergy Kansas Central, Inc., for the Energy Forward Transmission Project. Falls City requested that Evergy evaluate a new delivery point from the King Fisher 115kV substation south of Hiawatha. Evergy advised that a study showed up to 50 MegaWatts of load at the new delivery point will not cause a negative impact on the transmission system.

The MOU will include a scope of work that encompasses Network Upgrades and Interconnection Facilities, as well as Falls City’s costs and a potential timeline for completion. The price is expected to fall in the neighborhood of \$15,000, but it could potentially be higher.

The Council approved a second amendment to the Communications Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for a cell tower at 1820 Towle Street. The amendment will grant Verizon the first right of refusal to purchase the property if the City ever decides to sell it. Verizon will issue a one-time payment of \$5,000 to execute the amendment.

The Board also approved a memorandum of understanding with the Aliver Foundation for the donation and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and its enclosure at Grandview Park. The funds have been raised for an AED at Dallas Jones Park, and now money is being collected for the second unit. According to Councilperson Leyden, they have raised \$3,750 and are only \$1,250 short of the goal for the second defibrillator.

The Board gave authorization for a submission of a Rural Workforce Housing Fund application to SENAHC (Southeast Nebraska Affordable Housing Council) to aid in the development of a single-family home located at 606 Morehead Court at Champions Crossing.

Lucas Froeschl advised the Council that this was the second phase of the project, following the first,

which involved the construction of the home at 1612 Fulton. Falls City, Henderson, and Nebraska City collectively initiated this \$1.6 million fund, which now has \$496,000 remaining. Nebraska City is currently working on its third structure, while Henderson is ready to build a second home; they are just waiting to secure the lots on which to build.

The City originally supplied \$200,000 to secure the matching grant and now has access to the funds available in the agreement. The house at 606 Morehead Court will feature a three-bedroom, two-bath layout upstairs, along with a three-car garage. It will come with an unfinished basement that could be used for a third bathroom and two additional bedrooms. The RWHF limits the project cost to \$325,000.

“This would render four of the six lots on the west cul-de-sac sold, with five more available on the east,” said Froeschl.

The lot must be purchased for \$34,000 before construction can commence. Completion of the project is slated for seven to nine months from the time of groundbreaking and is expected to have a completion date in June or July 2026. The projected asking price will be between \$351,500 and \$360,000.

The money for the houses comes from the pool between Henderson, Falls City and Nebraska City. Once a property is sold, the proceeds from the sale are returned to the pool.

According to Froeschl, 19 people who took the recent housing study survey indicated they would be interested in a new house with a budget of over \$350,000.

The Board approved a new fine schedule for violations ranging from speeding tickets to animal offenses to open burning ban violations. The speeding tickets will follow the State of Nebraska’s schedule, which took effect on September 3, 2025.

After exiting an hour-long closed meeting, the Council voted unanimously to approve a new management structure at the

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Employees to begin cleaning ditches in western end of the County

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and others were hauling rock. He said he would likely keep the employees hauling rock until the end of the week and then resume grading roads the following week.

“That way we get some more (rock) out there,” said Darveau. “Everything that can possibly be hauling with is out.”

The Highway Superintendent also stated that the County loaders are being serviced and prepped for winter, while the new loader is set to arrive on September 15.

Darveau also said he was hoping to get the plans for the headwall that needs to be poured on a tube between Dawson and Humboldt. Once they get the plans from the engineer, they will be able to advertise for the job. He advised the Board that the design featured a headwall extending halfway up the tube.

“They are going to go halfway up and five foot on each side,” said Darveau.

He said, according to the engineer, that with the amount of dirt on top of the tube, the headwall doesn’t need to extend all the way to the top. Once the job is complete, the hydroseeder will be used to place seed in the dirt.

He also stated that he had submitted for the County Bridge Match, but “It won’t be anything extravagant,” said Darveau.

He said the next job will be to dig a pipe out in the Preston area before heading to the West end of the County for some work.

“Don Goff gave me a list of some ditches, so we’re going to go out there and clean them up,” said Darveau. “Actually, all the blade operators gave

me a list of the places they would like to see some stuff cleaned out.”

Commissioner Campbell inquired about a recent job completed near Travis Witt’s property south of Falls City. Darveau said the water ran from the tile to the ditch like it was supposed to.

“It went down the corner and down and went through the new tube and ran where it was supposed to go,” said Darveau.

He also advised the Board that employees had cleaned a culvert at Preston, but that it will need to be replaced in the future.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty updated the Commissioners on business at the Law Enforcement Center. Hardesty said the jail was currently housing 21 inmates, with one awaiting pickup in Kansas.

For August, the Sheriff’s Department responded to 1,039 calls, with 369 of those being traffic stops. For the grant, which ran from August 16 to September 1, the department fielded 589 calls, of which 241 were traffic stops, and made 11 arrests.

Hardesty reported to the Board that fines for speeding in Nebraska are increasing statewide, effective September 3. The new penalties are as follows: \$50 for 1-5 mph over the limit, \$75 for 6-10 mph, \$125 for 11-15 mph, and up to \$400 for 36+ mph over the limit. Driving at more than twice the posted speed limit will now be considered reckless driving. Drivers must also slow down and move over when approaching all stopped vehicles and vulnerable road users on the side of the highway, according to LB 530, which was passed by the Legislature earlier this year.

The Sheriff stated last week, with the Husker game in Kansas City, Highway 75 traffic “was a disaster.”

Hardesty stated that traffic on Highway 8 and Highway 4 was backed up because vehicles couldn’t turn to get on Highway 75.

“There were six of us out trying to help because I was afraid somebody was going to get impatient and try to pull out in front of somebody or try to pass somebody,” said Hardesty.

The Sheriff reported the hiring of two individuals for dispatch, beginning in September. One of the hires has experience in dispatching.

Hardesty told the Board that he would like to send Deputy Dutcher to Taser Instructor Schooling.

Commissioner Campbell said he had met with Midwest Homes and Restoration and discussed the roof issues at the Law Enforcement Center.

“He’s confident in the ability to scarify the roof,” said Campbell.

Scarifying a roof involves a specialized grinding mechanism to remove the damaged or degraded top layer of a spray polyurethane foam (SPF) roofing system. Once the top layer is removed, the healthy foam underneath can be coated with a new layer of foam and a protective coating.

After a discussion, it was decided to obtain three quotes and decide which firm to hire. Campbell stated that one portion of the roof is so badly ponding water that moss and mold are growing on it.

“If you got up there, it would blow your mind how much water just stands on the roof,” said Campbell.

Campbell also stated that Midwest Homes recommended installing guttering on the dome part of the old armory building.

At 10:04, the Board entered a closed meeting to discuss pending litigation with special legal counsel Jerry Piglsley. Karas made a motion to exit the closed meeting at 11:05 a.m.

The Commissioners reviewed calculations and the notice of the budget hearing. The Public Budget Hearing is slated for Tuesday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m., while the Public Hearing to change the tax levy from last year to a new rate will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17.

A sub-division for Susan Mainzer and John Von Seggern in Section 20, Township 2N, Range 15E was approved.

Claims were approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:24.

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RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 20, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. Discussion was held on the proposed FY25-26 budget and future projects to be done.

Mr. Darveau and Commissioner Karas also reported that a demonstration was held using the County's "road groomer" and a tractor being considered for purchase by the County to make certain that it would be compatible to pull this equipment which it was found to be.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are 18 inmates being held at the Jail today. Staffing issues in the dispatch, jail and deputies was also discussed with the announcement that an employee in the dispatch center has left employment. The idea of hiring an experienced part-time employee for the dispatch was discussed which would help to fill the shifts until the vacancy is filled.

A discussion was held regarding a verbal proposal that was received from Airstream to inspect the Law Enforcement facility every three months to ascertain that the plumbing, heating and cooling units are operating correctly at a quote of \$300/quarter. Motion was made by Campbell to consider a written proposal for this service with Airstream to inspect the plumbing, heating and cooling units throughout the Law Enforcement Center on a quarterly basis to ascertain that operations are in good working order. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Sheriff will notify Airstream to provide a written contract for this service to be considered at a future meeting.

It was reported that General Fire & Safety has completed the project that was approved at the February 5, 2025, to install a clean agent fire suppression system in the server room at the Law Enforcement Center has completed the project.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that the Nebraska Jail Standards conducted the annual state jail inspection yesterday, August 19. The final report will be received by the County at a later date.

SAMANTHA SCHEITEL, COUTY ATTORNEY

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the County Attorney to sign the Amendment to the NE Dept. of Health & Human Services agreement for child support enforcement. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Group of Concerned Citizens regarding Richardson County Roads Mike Rogge and Tim Rist requested this agenda item to be placed on the County Board meeting agenda with Neal Kanel and Ben Steffen making the initial presentation to the Board on the concerns that the citizens in the rural area of Richardson County have

regarding the current conditions of the county roads.

Others who requested to address and speak at this meeting were Craig Ely, Moose Bletscher, Bill Ely, Judy Handley, Roger Glathar, Jim Farwell, Cindy Foster, Colton Volland, Carol Glathar.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau explained to the group the problems with a project located on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road which is northwest of Dawson, and that the situation on this project is being corrected.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel assisted the Board with facilitating the session.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-5 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 64)

Other

Funds were received from the National Opioids Settlement Trust for \$4,551.31; National Opioids Trust Allergan for \$1,292.89 and National Opioids Trust Kroger for \$950.42 which will have been deposited with the County Treasurer into the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Senator Bob Holstrom from Nebraska Legislative District 1 was in attendance for today's County Board meeting.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

AT&T, serv	1092.60
Community Medical Center, serv	7659.26
Consolidated Management Company, serv	10568.25
Culligan, serv	187.20
Falls City Journal, sub	110.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp	111.76
Farm Supply, supp	18.56
First Concord, fees	502.50
Hullman's Ford, vehicles ..	93800.00
Kawres, supp	150.00
KS HCI Haug Communications, serv	4920.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins	1431.63
NE Dept. of Revenue, fee ..	715.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv	9166.66
OPPD, serv	33.11
O'Reilly Automotive, supp ..	399.70
Postmaster, supp	168.00
Quill, supp	30.59
Ram Exterminators, serv	48.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash Acct., reimb	682.30
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	24537.60
Richardson, Kristy, reimb ..	383.49
Sapp Bros., serv	10309.13
Southeast Safety for Kids, serv	100.00
SummerOne, serv	239.07
Wolfe's Printing, supp	20.78
Payroll Expense	115155.64
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$282,540.83

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv	46.91
Falls City Journal, adv	44.97
Farm & City Supply, supp	255.42
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	41249.89
NPPD, serv	98.89
Norris Quarries, rock	12392.23
Unifirst, serv	23.48
Payroll Expense	36616.67
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$90,728.46

DRUG COURT FUND

Seth Hawkins, serv	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv	1300.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$2,600.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer	200000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND	\$200,000.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Charm-Tex	185.90
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS ..	185.90

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS (23rd & Barada) Sunday: Divine Service, 9am; Sunday School, 10am. Communion: 2nd & 4th Sundays. www.fallscitylcms.blogspot.com. *Kenneth Humphrey, Pastor – 402-245-3324*

Corner Stone Baptist Church (N. Highway 73 Turn at Blue Valley Behavioral Health) Sunday School Bible Hour, 9:30am; Worship, 10:30am & 6:30pm. Wednesday: Bible Study & Prayer Time, 7pm; Lively Stone Kids Klub K-6. *Pastor Mike Dunleavy – 402-245-4245*

Valley Avenue Baptist Church (2023 Valley Ave.) Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship services, 10:30am; Evening, 6:00pm. Wednesday services, 7:00pm. *Pastor Chad Berry–245-3890* valleyavenue.org

Church Of Christ (2701 Barada St.) Worship, 10:30am; Bible Study (All Ages), 9:30am. Wednesday Bible Study, 6:00pm. *Josh Maxwell, Preacher – 402-245-7148*

First Church Of Nazarene (1812 Wilson) Sunday School, 9:00-10:00am; Worship, 10:00-11:00am.

First United Methodist Church (1700 Harlan St.). Worship, 10:30am (Also Broadcast KTNC 1230am / 107.1fm at 11:00am) fumc@scentco.net – 402-245-3281

First Christian Church Disciples Of Christ (1322 Stone St.) Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship, 10:45am Facebook.com/fallscitycooperativeministry *Pastor Grant Speece – 402-980-5960*

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA (20th & Towle St.) Sunday School (Sept–May), 9am; Worship, 10am. Wednesday: Confirmation 6:30pm; Choir 7:30pm. *Joanna Kathol, Pastor – 402-245-3828*

St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan) Sunday Worship, 10:30am (Holy Eucharist) **Northridge (1820 Morton St.)** Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10am. www.northridgenetwork.org/Falls-City. 402-245-2167

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS. (6 Mi.

North of Falls City) Sunday School/Bible Study, 9:30AM; Worship, 10:30AM (Sept–May). Communion: 2nd & 4th Sundays. *Pastor Kenneth Humphrey 402-245-4643. www.fallscitylcms.com*

Sts. Peter and Paul (1820 Fulton) Weekend Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM; Sun., 7AM & 10AM Daily Mass: Mon. thru Fri., 6:45AM Services livestreamed daily on www.facebook.com/sppfc Inquiry classes by appt. Sacrament of Penance: Sat., 3:45-4:45PM, or by appt. *Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor 402-245-3002.*

Zion United Church of Christ (65763 709 Rd, FC) Sunday: Worship service, 9:00AM; Communion, first Sun. of each month. www.facebook.com/fallscitycooperativeministry. *Pastor, Grant Speece 402-980-5960 cell 245-2398 office*

BARADA

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

Bethel Global Methodist Church (70656 656 Ave (½ mile N of Preston Corner) Worship, 11:00AM; Sunday School, 10:00AM; Wednesday Choir, 7:30PM. *Pastor Mike Hader – 402-245-4584.*

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) Williamsville, 12 miles NE of Falls City) Worship 8:15AM (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays); Worship at Barada Global Methodist (2nd & 4th Sundays) Fellowship & Sunday School following worship. *Pastor Mike Hader – 402-245-4584*

RULO

Immaculate Conception (Rulo) Sun. Confessions, 8:00AM; Mass, 8:30AM. Daily Mass schedule: Mon.-Fri., 6:30AM. *Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor* **Riverside Fellowship 117 S 3rd St., Rulo, NE.** Sun. Worship 9AM. Fellowship, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 10AM Following Worship. *David Showalter, Pastor*

DAWSON

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

SHUBERT

St. Anne's (Shubert) Sun. Mass: 10:30AM; con-

fessions before Mass. *Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor. 855-3595 or 245-4151*

Shubert Christian Church Worship, 9:30AM; Fellowship, 10:30AM; Sunday School, 10:30AM. Thursday Fellowship, 5:00PM. *Pulpit Supply*

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

STELLA

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

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

HUMBOLDT

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

ARAGO

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

VERDON

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

WHITE CLOUD, KS

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

BIG LAKE, MO

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

FOREST CITY, MO

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

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VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees regular meeting, September 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Kyle Gossman Absent: none

Guest: Jan McMullen

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

Motion by Ramer and seconded by Hall to approve the agenda with the addition of bid for well act packs to new business. All voted yea.

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

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

Motion by Hall and seconded by Gossman to approve the claims and payroll. All voted yea.

Communications: Flushable wipes caused the sewer to be plugged twice last week despite letters addressing this issue given to each resident. Residents are not to flush these wipes as they cost the village unnecessary money. Tall grass is several lots in town need attention. Tall grass is several lots in town need attention.

Reports: Street lights -okay, Streets -several rock streets need to be maintained after rains each time. Park - ok. Water/sewer - written report was given, flow meter for the wastewater plant will be installed soon. Flushable wipes still being used was noted. Library-okay, Maintenance-okay. Tree board - Jan McMullen noted that the village has 10 nice trees to plant in the village. A picture plaque is needed for displaying the years of belonging to tree city.

Old business: Ramer made a motion to obtain 2 dumpsters for the fall for clean up days in October with a second by Donahoe. All voted yea.

Feral cats tabled until next month. The second reading of the fowl ordinance was held.

New business: Motion made by Donahoe and seconded by Gossman to purchase a flow meter for the sewer plant at approximately \$6400. All voted yea.

A special meeting will be held Monday, September 22 for the village budget with Julie Bauman.

Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 with a second by Stanley. All voted yea.

Special meeting night September 22 at the Stella Community Building. Next regular meeting will be held October 6, 2025 at 7:00 at the Stella Community Building.

Jana Wheeler, Village Clerk

Claims and payroll for September 2, 2025 Village of Stella

Tracy Milke, water/sewer operator	350
Tracy Milke expenses	232.44
Aaron Davis ass’t water/sewer	300.00
Dennis Bahr maintenance 8.5 hours	127.50
Dennis Bahr 3 mowings	540.00
Jody Bahr 2 cleanings	50.00
Ira Hall librarian 6 hrs	81.00
Jana Wheeler clerk	700.00
Jana Wheeler ink for printer ..	124.08
Midwest Laboratories lab	233.85
USA Blue Book sewer	148.20
Wolfe’s printing general	40.00
Hydro Optimization & Automation water	903.31
3J Pest Control mosquito spray	240.00
OPPD water	267.07
Berwick diesel	12.85
American Recycling & Sanitation trash	1364.00
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 27, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Mr. Darveau presented for consideration by the Board information on a pull type mulcher made by Capital Industries which would help with breaking down the grass in wind rows along county roads.

Commissioner Karas expressed at this time that the County Board appreciated everyone that appeared at the meeting last week to voice their concerns with the conditions of the county roads. Items that were mentioned during that meeting have been and are being addressed.

Commissioner Campbell inquired on the status of the repairs/replacement of the garage doors at the County Shop and several specific road condition problems that need addressed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are currently 22 inmates being held at the Jail which includes inmates being held from other counties.

An accident that occurred on 656 Road which is located within the Sac & Fox Reservation area was discussed. Commissioner Campbell stated that he had received a phone call from a landowner expressing that some of the debris from the accident was left in county road right-of-way. This led into a discussion of the activity within the Reservation areas being the responsibility of the County Sheriff’s Department or the Tribal Police. The Board requested that the Sheriff meet with the tribal police departments to review the areas of responsibility for the continued safety and protection of the public.

REVIEW FY25-26 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board reviewed the proposed FY2025-2026 budget.

Motion was made by Karas to advertise the public budget hearing for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to advertise the public hearing to change the tax levy from the prior year for Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

SENCA Report
Sherry Huddleston, Falls City Outreach Office presented to the Board a activity report of the agency from October, 2024 through July, 2025.

National Opioids Secondary
County Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey informed the Board that Richardson County will participate in the National Opioids Secondary Manufacturers Settlements.

Annual Inventory Reports

The Board reviewed and approved the annual inventory reports for the following: County Board members, County Clerk-Register of Deeds-Election Commissioner, Clerk of District Court, County Treasurer, County Judge, County Sheriff, County Assessor, County Attorney, County Surveyor, Emergency Management Agency, Noxious Weed Dept., Road and Bridge Department, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Educator, Probation Office and Courthouse Maintenance. An inventory report of the County Owned Real Estate was also reviewed and approved.

Update On Courthouse and Law Enforcement Roof

The Board reviewed some areas that are needed to be addressed with the upper part of the Courthouse (penthouse) which may be causing some water damage to occur inside the building. Commissioner Campbell will be working to get this matter resolved.

The Board also reviewed insurance information received regarding damage to the roof at the law enforcement center during a hailstorm that occurred earlier this year. Commissioner Campbell will be inquiring on the options to repair this damage with different specialized contractors in this type of roofing.

Other

Motion was made by Caverzagie to appoint Talon Anderson, representing the County Roads Department to the County Safety Committee to fill the vacancy that occurred when Wyatt Martin resigned from Richardson County Road Department. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the sale of surplus office furniture and equipment through social media sites to the highest bidders. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Benchmark Govt Solutions, serv	191.85
Community Medical Center, serv	5000.00
CVSOAN, reg	60.00
DAS State Accounting, serv	1209.60
Falls City Mercantile, supp ..	111.78
Family Medicine, serv	420.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	4.17
Frederick, Keia, reimb	15.00
Homolka, Morgan, serv	209.00
Jim Hills, serv	700.00

Kirkendall, James, class	400.00
NACO, reg	255.00
O’Reilly Automotive, supp ..	59.76
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	177.00
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	72.10
SummerOne, serv	120.32
Unifirst, serv	82.18
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$9,087.76
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	55985.68
Midwest Petroleum Equipment, supp	490.50
NMC, supp	11668.92
Norris Quarries, rock	3227.69
NPPD, serv	81.01
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	95.84
Rulo, Village of, serv	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel	9637.04
Unifirst, supp	41.25
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$81,257.93

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, and a majority of the Board of Public Works were present. The meeting was held in said City on the 18th day of August 2025, at 6:00 o’clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 18, 2025

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 4, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ruiz and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the minutes for August 4, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 19, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the claims for August 19, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT JULY 2025

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

TREASURER’S REPORT JUNE 2025

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-106 PROHIBITING FOWL AND

PROVIDING FOR CONTROL OF CHICKENS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Clerk Nussbaum performed the first reading of the ordinance. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Buckminster accept the first reading of ordinance 2025-106 and motion to suspend the rules and move to a final reading. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to accept the final reading of ordinance 2025-106. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” F. Killingsworth. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to accept the final reading as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to accept the final reading as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SELECTION OF OLSSON AS THE ENGINEERING SERVICES PROVIDER FOR THE ENERGY FORWARD TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the selection of Olsson as the engineering services provider for the Energy Forward Transmission Improvement Project as recommended by the Selection Committee. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE 23DTR006 PROJECT REALLOCATING \$56,353.75 OF COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION FUNDS TO THE SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:18 P.M. Mayor Harkendorff then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor or opposition of said request. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:21 P.M.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST TO AMEND THE CDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AGREEMENT 23DTR006

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve a Resolution requesting to amend the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Agreement 23DTR006. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITY ADMINISTRATION I OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ray Joy spoke on behalf of the Board of Public Works. No action was taken.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 COST OF SERVICE/RATE DESIGN STUDY FOR ELECTRIC, GAS, WATER & SEWER UTILITIES I JK ENERGY CONSULTING

A presentation was given for the 2025 Cost of Service/Rate Design Study for Electric, Gas, Water & Sewer Utilities by JK Energy Consulting.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-101 TO RESTATE THE ELECTRICAL RATES

Clerk Nussbaum performed the first reading of the ordinance. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to suspend the rules and move to final reading of Ordinance 2025-101 to restate the electrical rates. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to accept the final reading as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to accept the final reading of ordinance 2025-102 to restate the natural gas rates. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-102 TO RESTATE THE NATURAL GAS RATES

Clerk Nussbaum performed the first reading of the ordinance. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to suspend the rules and move to final reading of Ordinance 2025-102 to restate the natural gas rates. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth to accept the final reading as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

sworth and seconded by Council person Buckminster to accept the final reading as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-103 TO RESTATE THE WATER RATES

Clerk Nussbaum performed the first reading of the ordinance. A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to suspend the rules and move to final reading of Ordinance 2025-103 to restate the water rates. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to accept the final reading as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-104 TO RESTATE THE SEWER RATES

Clerk Nussbaum performed the first reading of the ordinance. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to suspend the rules and move to final reading of Ordinance 2025-104 to restate the sewer rates. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Buckminster to accept the final reading as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ENTERPRISE PARTS UNDER THE EXISTING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA CITY TOTALING \$22,075.00 FOR FALLS CITY’S SHARE

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF READING TRUCK BODY TOTALING \$16,528.07 FOR THE NEW GAS SERVICE TRUCK

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve the purchase as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” Fouraker. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH SEL ENGINEERING TOTALING \$231,007.00 FOR ITEMS 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES OF THE POWER PLANT SACADA SYSTEM

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

FIRST READING FOR ORDINANCE 2025-105 TO VACATE THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR EAST 8TH STREET OF THE GATZ ADDITION

A motion was made by Council person Ruiz and seconded by Council person Leyden to suspend the rules and move to a final reading. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried. A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Buckminster to accept the final reading of ordinance 2025-105. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO UTILIZE CITY STREETS FOR THE 2025 COBBLESTONE FUN RUN-WALK EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025 I LINDA SANTO - COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by

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

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE OF THE 1300 BLOCK OF STONE STREET FOR THE WATER WAR COBBLESTONE EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025 I AMBER HOLLE – FALLS CITY CHAMBER & MAIN STREET

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

CONSIDER AN INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR UP TO \$20MM OF SPECIAL RESERVE FUNDS

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to invest \$10MM of special reserve funds for a twelve (12) month term and \$10MM of special reserve funds for a twenty-four (24) month at Frontier Bank. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: “YEA” Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz. “NAY” None. “Abstain” Leyden. “Absent” Kaster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00pm

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on August 18, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Following the meeting it came to the attention of the administration of the City that notice of the Board of Public Works meeting had not been properly posted. All actions taken by the Board will require ratification by the Board of Public Works at it’s next meeting.

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

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AUGUST 27, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:46 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Treasurer, Amanda Bartek-Ramsey and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a motor vehicle tax exemption for SE NE Community Action Partnership, Inc. for a 2025 Chevrolet Traverse. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John J. Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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2025 EXEMPT REAL ESTATE
RICHARDSON COUNTY

During the month of September of each year, the County Board of Equalization shall cause to be published in a paper of general circulation in the County, a list of all real estate in the County exempt from taxation in that year pursuant to Section 77-202 to 77-202-03 except real estate owned by the State or its governmental subdivisions.

EDUCATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts of America :

Parcel #1 : Pt Section 27 & 34 all being in Township 1 North, Range 13 195.6A
Parcel #2 : 27-1-13, 42.25A Part E1/2 SW1/4; Part W1/2 SE1/4 & Part S1/2 SE1/4 SE1/4

John Philip Falter Memorial Park Inc., Falls City JH Miles Add., Blk 3, E 50' Lot 1

Library and Community Foundation of Richardson County, Falls City O.T. Blk 90, S 2' Lot 10, & Lot 11 (1.04L)

Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of NE, 15-2-14, 4A tract, 314.33' X 554.33' middle W1/2 NW1/4

Quad County Historical & Research Society:

Parcel #1: Humboldt, O T, Blk 5 N2' Lot 2 & S 27.25' Lot 3 (.53L)
Parcel #2: Humboldt Tinker & Kings Addition, Blk 11, Part Lot 1

Lucille C Ratekin Memorial Library, Rulo O.T. Blk 7, E 44' of N1/2 Lot 16 (1.6L)

Richardson County Historical Society, Inc.:

Parcel 1: Falls City O.T. Blk 104, Lots 9-12 (4L)
Parcel 2: Falls City O.T. Blk 104, Lots 7-8 (2L)
Parcel 3: Falls City O.T. Blk 103, Lots 16-18 (3L)
Parcel 4: Falls City O.T. Blk 103, Lots 19-20 (2L)
Parcel 5: Falls City O.T. Blk 103, Lots 21-24 (4L)
Parcel 6: Falls City O.T. Blk 103, Lots 13-15 (3L)

The Richardson Foundation, Inc., Falls City Hillside Acres Lot 51 Replat (2.21A)

Shubert Athletic Club, Inc., 12-3-15 .62L, Part Out Lot 2 SW1/4

John G. Smith Memorial Library, Dawson Hagadorn Blk 23, Lots 6-7 & Part Lots 8 & 9 (3.15L)

Village of Verdon Library, Verdon O.T. Blk 6, Lots 3-8 (6L)

Collection Museum, Falls City O.T. Blk 71, Lot 12A Replat of Lots 11 & 12

CHARITABLE
ORGANIZATIONS

Community Medical Center, Inc.:
Parcel 1 : 3-1-16, 28.35A W 884' NE1/4 SW1/4 & Pt N1/2SE1/4SW1/4
Parcel 2: Falls City Steele Add., Blk 24, E1/2 Lot 6 (1/2L)
Parcel 3: 3-1-16 10.06A PT N1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4
Parcel 4: 3-1-16 3.11A PT SE1/4SW1/4 exc. Wilderness Falls Sub

Falls City American Legion Post

#102:
Parcel 1: Falls City O.T. Blk 219, Lot 4 (Replat of Lots 4-8) (1L)
Parcel 2: Falls City O.T. Blk 219, Lot 5 (Replat of Lots 4-8) & W 60' Lots 9-12 (8L)
Parcel 3: Falls City O.T. Blk 219, Lots 1-3 (3L)

Falls City Area Jaycees Inc., 26-1-16, 7.81A, S1/2 NW1/4

Falls City Elks Lodge #963, Falls City O.T. Blk 103, S23' Lot 3 and all of Lot 4 (50% exempt)

Falls City Recreation, Inc., 15-1-16, 4.75A, Lot 5 E1/2 NW1/4 (494' X 330')

Humane Society of Richardson County, Nebraska, 11-1-16, 4.81A, Part Lot 12 SW1/4

Humboldt Shares, Inc., a Nebraska Nonprofit Corp., Humboldt Community Memorial Hospital Subdivision Lot 1 (1.24A)

RC HOH Transitional Housing, Falls City Boulevard Blk 12, Lots 9-12

Region V Services:
Parcel 1: 11-1-16 .17A, Part W1/2 W1/2
Parcel 2: Falls City OT Blk 89, Lots 21-24

Shubert American Legion Post #222, Shubert O.T. Blk 7, Lot 17 & 18 (2L)

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council, Inc.,
Parcel 1: Humboldt O.T. Blk 5, W 57 1/2' Lot 9 (.70L)
Parcel 2: 10-1-16 .667A Pt SE1/4SW1/4
Parcel 3: Falls City Park Place Blk 2, Lots 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 (5L)

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Barada Global Methodist Church, Barada 23-3-16, .33A PT NE1/4

Bethel Global Methodist Church, 9-1-17 1.6A PT NW1/4 (11 X 24 RDS)

Brethren Church of the City of Falls City, Falls City O.T. Blk 29, Lots 13-14 (2L)

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Parcel 1: Falls City Steele Addition Blk 24 W1/2 Lots 3-6 (2L)
Parcel 2: Falls City Steele Addition Blk 24 W1/2 Lots 1-2 (1L)
Parcel 3: Falls City Steele Addition Blk 23 Lots 5-8 (4L)

Christian Church, Verdon O.T. Blk 3, Lot 3 (1L)

Trustees Shubert Christian Church, Shubert O.T. Blk 11, Lot 1-6 (6L)

Church of Christ, Falls City Hillcrest Blk 1 Lots 12-15 (4L)

Community Church of Stella:
Parcel 1: Stella Clarks North Blk 3, Lot 5 and Part of Lot 6 (1.07L)
Parcel 2: Stella Clarks North Blk 2, S 6' Lot 3 and all of Lot 4 (1L)
Parcel 3: Stella O.T. Blk 3, Lot 1 (1L)

Corner Stone Baptist Church, F/K/A Bible Fellowship Church, Falls City Portrey Add., Blk 1, N 135' Lot 36 except 20' W side (1.04A)

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church:
Parcel 1: Humboldt Holman

Park Blk 2, Lots 14-18 (5L)
Parcel 2: Humboldt Holman Park Blk 2, Lot 19 (1L)

First Baptist Church of Falls City D/B/A Valley Avenue Baptist Church:

Parcel 1: Falls City Scribner Add. Blk 1, Lot 2 (1L)
Parcel 2: Falls City Steeplecrest Add. Lots 12-14 (3L)
Parcel 3: 11-1-16, 41A Part Lot 2 SW1/4
Parcel 4: Falls City Scribner Add Blk 1, Lot 1 (1L)
Parcel 5: Falls City Donald Brackhahn Lot 2 (1L/.21A)
Parcel 6: Falls City Donald Brackhahn Lot 1 (1L/.22A)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Humboldt
Parcel 1: O.T. Blk 8, Lot 9, Except 5.5' X 88.75' NW Side & 20' X 36' Lot 10 (1L)
Parcel 2: O.T. Blk 8, REM Lots 9 & 10 (.25L)

First Christian Church, Falls City O.T. Blk 123, Lots 17-24 (8L)

First Church of the Nazarene:

Parcel 1: Falls City O.T. Blk 31, Lots 13 & 14 (2L)
Parcel 2: Falls City O.T. Blk 34, Lots 19-24 (6L)
Parcel 3: Falls City O.T. Blk 34, Lots 17 & 18 (2L)

First United Methodist Church:
Parcel 1: Falls City O.T. Blk 60, Lots 13-16 (4L) Less HWY
Parcel 2: 11-1-16, .385A Part Lot 10 SW1/4 & Lot 10 SW1/4 12' X 125' E1/2 Less HWY
Parcel 3: Falls City O.T. Blk 60, Lots 17-22 (6L)

Four Mile Congregational Church, 10-1-13 2.5A Part SE1/4 SW1/4

Good News Assembly of God Church, 14-1-16 1.75A, Industrial Tract 1 Part NW1/4 SW1/4

Grace Bible Fellowship, 8-3-15 3.19A, SE1/4 SE1/4

Immaculate Conception Church:
Parcel 1: Rulo Bedard Add., all of Blk 9 except W 100' of Lots 12 & 13 (16L)
Parcel 2: Rulo O.T. Blk 11, REM Lot 1, All of Lots 2-8 (7.72L)

Falls City Congregation of Jehovahs Witnesses: Falls City Crook & Towle, Blk 8, Lots 13-24 (12L)

Mt. Zion Brick Church & Cemetery, 15-3-16 1A, NW/COR NW1/4 NW1/4

My Bridge Radio, 17-3-15 6.68A TR NW/C NW1/4 NW1/4 (Stella Tower Site)

Northridge Church of Sabetha, Kansas

Parcel 1: Falls City O.T. Blk 35, Lots 19-24 (6L)
Parcel 2: Falls City O.T. Blk 35, Lots 15-18 (4L)
Parcel 3: Falls City O.T. Blk 35, Lots 1 & 2 (2L)
Parcel 4: Falls City O.T. Blk 36, Lots 3 & 4 (2L)
Parcel 5: Falls City O.T. Blk 35, Lots 13 & 14 (2L)
Parcel 6: Humboldt Tinker & King Add, Blk 14 N 62.78' of E 22.35' of Lot 7 & N 62.78' of Lot 8 (.68L)
Parcel #7: Falls City O.T. Blk 36, Lots 5-8 (4L)

Prairie Union Baptist Church, 10-3-15 1.25A NE/COR W1/2 NE1/4

Riverside Fellowship, Rulo O.T. Blk 8, S1/2 Lot 3, All Lots 4-6 (3.5L)

St. Anne's Church, Shubert O.T. Blk 2, Lots 1-6 (6L)

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 3-2-17, 1A Part S1/2 SW1/4

St. Mary's Church:
Parcel 1: Dawson Heim Blk 35, Part Lot 3 and all of Lot 4 (1.5L)
Parcel 2: Dawson O.T. Blk 1, Lots 1-5 (5L)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 15-2-16 3.56A PT W1/2 NW1/4

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Parcel 1: Falls City Boulevard Blk 9, Lots 11 & 12 (2L)
Parcel 2: Falls City Boulevard Blk 9, Lots 13-21 & Part of 22-24 (11L)
Parcel 3: Falls City Boulevard Blk 9, Lots 9 & 10 (2L)

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 29-3-17 .78A Part SW1/4

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Falls City O.T. Blk 69, Lots 13-16 (4L)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church:
Parcel 1: 11-1-16 6.33A Part SW1/4
Parcel 2: Falls City Forney's 1st Add., Blk 2 N20' Lot 22 and All of Lots 23 & 24 (2.5L) (50% exempt)

The United Methodist Church of Humboldt:
Parcel 1: Humboldt O.T. Blk 5, Lot 8 (1L)
Parcel 2: Humboldt A R & Luther Nims Blk 28, Lots 4-6 (3L)
Parcel 3: Humboldt AR & Luther Nims Blk 28, Lot 7 (1L)

Zion United Church of Christ, 34-2-17 2.39A PT NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4

CEMETERIES

Anderson Cemetery, 2-2-17 3A PT W1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4

Archer Cemetery, 36-2-16 2A PT SW1/4 NW1/4

Athens Cemetery Assn, 17-1-13 2.27A PT SE1/4 SW1/4 (598.62' X 165')

Bohemian National Cemetery Assn :
Parcel #1: 19-2-13 5A PT SE1/4 SE1/4
Parcel #2: 19-2-13 2A TR SE1/4 SE1/4

Catholic Bishop of Lincoln :
Parcel #1:7-1-17 5.61A W1/2SW1/4SW1/4SW1/4 N of Hwy & PC 80x330 beg 660' N SW/C
Parcel #2 : 13-3-16 .69A PT SE1/4 SW1/4

Cupalo Public Cemetery, 35-3-15 1A N 209' of W 209' NW1/4

City of Humboldt :
Parcel #1 : 4-2-13 10.39A PT Lot 1 SE1/4SE1/4
Parcel #2 : 9-2-13 5.25A PT NE1/4NE1/4

Dry Branch Cemetery Assn, 19-2-13 1A PT NW1/4 NW1/4

Falls City Cemetery : 16-1-16 10A NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4

Fairview Cemetery nka Peniwell (Penuel) Cemetery, 2-3-15 .82A PT

NW1/4 NE1/4

Four Mile Congregation Church, 10-1-13 .61A TR SW/C SW1/4 SE1/4

Fricke Cemetery Assn, 7-2-17 5A NE/C NE1/4 SE1/4

Grave Yard Committee Salem, 4-1-15 .32A SE/C NE1/4

Harris Cemetery, 24-3-16 3.5A NE/C NW1/4 NW1/4 & 1A NW/C NE1/4 NW1/4

Heater Cemetery :
Parcel #1 : 35-2-17 .1A Fract SE1/4 SE1/4
Parcel #2 : 35-2-17 .5A Fract SE1/4 SE1/4

Heim Cemetery Assn :
Parcel #1 : 15-2-14 4.8A NE/C N1/2 SW1/4
Parcel #2 : 15-2-14 5A TR SE/C SE1/4 NW1/4

Huff Cemetery, 28-3-16 .08A TR NW/C NW1/4 NE1/4 (60' X 60')

Iliff Cemetery, 23-2-14 1A PT SW1/4 NE1/4

Immaculate Conception Church Rulo, 18-1-18 3.54A PT NW1/4 SW1/4

Indian Cemetery, 34-1-18 1A SW/C NW1/4 SW1/4

Liberty Cemetery Assn :
Parcel #1 : 7-2-15 1A Beg NE/C NE1/4 th S 264' th W 165' th N 264' th E 165' to POB
Parcel #2 : 4-2-15 1A Beg SW/C SE1/4 th E 220' th NWLY 214.5' th W 132' th S

Long Branch Union Cemetery, 21-3-13 3.92A SE/C NW1/4

Lynchburg Cemetery, 24-2-13 1A NE/C NE1/4 NW1/4

Maple & Salem Catholic Cemetery, Salem OT Blk 26, Lots 2-6 (5L)

Ladies Maple Cemetery Assn, Salem OT Blk 40, 19' E side Lot 3 (1/3L)

Village of Salem :
Parcel #1 : Salem OT Blk 25, Lots 2-7 (6L)
Parcel #2 : Salem OT Blk 26, Lots 1-7-8

Maple Grove Cemetery, 20-2-16 1.5A PT NW1/4 NE1/4

Mound Cemetery, 29-3-14 2A Tract SE1/4

Pearson Point Cemetery, 24-1-16 .446A TR SE1/4 NW1/4

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Assn, 13-1-13 3.02A NE/C SE1/4 SW1/4 (379.5' X 346.5')

Prairie Union Cemetery, 3-3-15 8.21A PT SW1/4 SE1/4

Rulo Cemetery, 18-1-18 5.98A PT NW1/4 NW1/4 (Blks 19 & 55)

Salem Cemetery Association :
Parcel #1 : Salem OT All Blk 7 & 8 (16L)
Parcel #2 : Salem OT Blk 25, Lots 1 & 8 (.4A)

Silver Creek Cemetery Association, 27-2-16 2.75A PT NE1/4

St. Anne's Church of Shubert, 19-3-16 3A SE/C SE1/4

St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery

Assn, 25-2-15 2.04A Beg NE/C W1/2 NW1/4 th W 330' th S 330' th E 330' th N 330' to POB

St. Mary's Church of Dawson, 21-2-14 3A N 371' of E 396' NE/C NE1/4

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, 16-2-17 2A PT NW1/4 SW1/4

Starr (Draper) Cemetery, 8-2-14 1A PT SE /C SW1/4 SE1/4

Stella Cemetery, 18-3-15 8.43A PT SE1/4 NE1/4 606' X 606'

The Day Baptist Long Branch Cemetery, 29-3-13 1.25A NE/C SE1/4 NE1/4

Village of Verdon Cemetery, 13-2-15 6A Beg NW/C NW1/4 th S 557.30' th E 466.3' th N 559.51' th W 469.99' to POB S of Hwy

Wild Rose Cemetery, 27-1-14 2.5A PT SW1/4 SW1/4

Williamsville Cemetery Association, 29-3-17 1.47A SW1/4

Zion Cemetery, 4-1-17 2A S 330' of E 264' SE1/4

Zion United Church of Christ, 34-2-17 1.4A PT NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4

FOR-PROFIT NURSING
FACILITIES

Falls City Health Holding LLC, Midland Villa Addition Blk 2 Lot 1

Kismet HD LLC, 3-1-16 5.71A PT SE1/4SW1/4

Jonesbrook Estates LLC, Morgan Place All Blk 5 (8L)

Dated this 10th day of September 2025

John Caverzagie
Chairman
Richardson County Board of Equalization

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

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NOTICE OF INFORMAL
ADMINISTRATION AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,
NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
STEVEN C. HOLLAND
Deceased. Estate No. Pr25-44

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

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Falls City intends to file an application to USDA Rural Development for financial assistance in an amount of \$47,808.11 for the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit A WD that is fully equipped with all police equipment.

A meeting will be held on 09/15/2025 at 6:00 p.m. at 2307 Barada Street regarding the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public comment.

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY
COURT OF RICHARDSON
COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Sarah A. Nims,
Deceased
Estate No. PR25-46

Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2025, in the County of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Jacque Westling, whose address is 15620 North 45th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85032, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 27, 2025 or be forever barred.

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

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

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COUNTY OF RICHARDSON COUNTY

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 17th day of September 2025 at 10:00 A.M at the Richardson County Courthouse, Room 202, 1700 Stone St, Falls City, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	19,139,766.44	21,191,601.81	10.72%
Property Tax Request	5,984,108.04	6,180,382.26	3.28%
Valuation	1,829,263,457.00	2,057,885,951.00	12.50%
Tax Rate	0.327132	0.300327	-8.19%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.290789		

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COUNTY OF RICHARDSON COUNTY

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Richardson County Courthouse, Room 202, 1700 Stone St, Falls City, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

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

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

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Magnolia Metal Corp.

Currently accepting applications for:

Foundry Manager

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

Manual Lathe Operator Day Shift

Excellent opportunity for individuals who take pride in their work and are willing to accept responsibility. No experience necessary, we are willing to train individuals with a good work record. We offer competitive wages, excellent fringe benefits including group health & life insurance, monthly bonus, 401k and deferred profit sharing.

\$22.94 / HOUR MINIMUM STARTING RATE
Apply in person at Magnolia Metal Corp.
63859 730 Road ~ Auburn, NE 68305
Or
www.magnoliabronze.com and click on careers

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HTRS HAS AN OPENING FOR A HEAD COOK / FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Duties include, but are not limited to, planning, organizing, supervising and participating in the preparation, cooking, baking, and serving of a variety of foods in quantity. Responsible for ordering food and supplies; operate commercial kitchen equipment and appliances. Responsible for following the nutrition guidelines associated with the Nebraska Nutrition Services lunch program and training requirements.

Applications are available online or at the district office at 810 Central Ave. Humboldt NE 68376. Contact Dr. Griffith at georgegriffith@htrstitans.org or by calling 402-862-2151.

HTRS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS
Part-Time Maintenance Technician

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

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

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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.

Application form and full job description can be accessed by emailing tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com or the application form can be downloaded at www.sacandfoxks.com. Submit the application form, cover letter and resume, outlining your skills, background and interest in the position to employment@sacandfoxks.com or submit a paper copy of the application form, cover letter and resume, to Tammy Epple, 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 66434 or fax to (785) 742- 3785 no later than October 2nd.

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AMERICAN WALNUT. Buying standing walnut timber, 25 or more. Call 816-232-6781 in St. Joseph for details.

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HARVEST HELP - Haul grain to bins. 402-801-2785.

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SOCIAL SERVICES CASE WORKER - SAC AND FOX NATION- FULL TIME

Preferred qualifications include 2 years of experience in family services/ case management or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Education in the field of Social Work or related fields a plus. Will consider qualified applicants with work history and experience in case management. Required: valid driver's license, and maintain a clean driving record. Benefits package includes full BCBS, Dental, Vision.

This position will include working with Native American families and individuals who are in need of assistance with client resources, referrals, transports to and from appointments. This person will be responsible for assisting in child welfare cases & advocating for the families being served and educating the public.

We are working four 10-hour days: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. There may be instances where client needs or conference attendance extends your day beyond 5:30 PM. Indian preference does apply.

Application form and more complete job description at Sac and Fox Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS 66434 or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500. Visit www.sacandfoxks.com for additional information. Submit your application form, cover letter, and resume, outlining your skills, background, and interest in this position to employment@sacandfoxks.com or in person at 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 66434. Position open until filled.

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Contractor Bids Wanted
SNOW CLEARING SERVICES

Fulton Villa Apartments in Falls City, Nebraska, is seeking contractor bids for snow clearing services for the 2025/2026 season. If you are a reliable and experienced snow removal company, we invite you to submit your bid for consideration.

BIDS ARE REQUESTED BY OCTOBER 15TH.

We appreciate our partners who help keep our community safe during the winter. We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact Amanda Palmerton at 402-862-2411 ext. 112 or by email at apalmerton@senca.org



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To the coward who shot a cat that was wearing a collar. I hope to catch you so you can pay the bills and my emotional distress. If the cat did something, he would know. You know who the cat belongs to. I just came home from watching the game.

Kenneth Fritz.



Pack Rat Storage. Units Available. 402-245-7236.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

/s/ Eric H. Lindquist,
Successor Trustee
10050 Regency Circle Suite 505
Omaha, NE 68114
Telephone: 801-355-2886
File No. NE22221
27-3-10-17-24
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Stella, Nebraska as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec. 39-2119 et. Seq. R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Stella Village Board, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 22nd Day of September, 2025 beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the Stella Community Building at which time objection to or recommendations for said plan be heard.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application for Liquor License
Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, LLC

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 2025, the Richardson County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. in Room 202 of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE to receive testimony from the public for the issuance of a Class I Beer, Wine, Spirits On Sale Only to Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, LLC located at Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, 65627 713 Rd, Suite 1, Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

All persons desiring to give evidence before the Richardson County Board of Commissioners in support of or in protest against the issuance of such license may do so at this hearing.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2025.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Richardson County Board of Commissioners

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Jerry W. Nelson,
Deceased
Estate No. PR25-45

Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2025, in the County of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Shane R. Decker was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 27, 2025 or be forever barred.

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

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Attorney for Personal Representative
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CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of the limited liability company: BDB Enterprises LLC. Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 1821 Stone St., Falls City, NE 68355. Name of the initial agent for service of process: Brandon Dean Brown. Street, mailing address and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 923 W. 21st St., Falls City, NE 68355. Effective date if other than the date filed: 8/22/25.

/s/ Brandon Dean Brown
Name of Organizer
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN C. HOLLAND Deceased. Estate No. Pr25-44

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

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

Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Tracy A. Burns, #25398
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC
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Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
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Isabelle Nussbaum tries for a point on Tuesday night against Rock Port.

Lady Irish looking for spark early in the season

The fifth-ranked Sacred Heart Irish volleyball team was handed its second straight loss on Tuesday and, in the process, fell to 0-2 at home for the season. On Tuesday, the Irish hosted the Rock Port Blue Jays, losing in four sets 16-25, 21-25, 25-19 and 20-25.

Sacred Heart's Ryann Westengaard and Hallie Jones each finished with eight kills, while Daycee Witt added seven. As a team, the Irish hit .027 with 32 kills on 147 attempts with 28 errors.

At the service line, Witt and Emersyn Courtney

led the way with four aces apiece, while Dorothy Crouse added two. Crouse also finished with 20 digs, Witt added 17, and Courtney finished with 15. Witt also led the Irish with 15 assists, while freshman Bailey Lemerond added ten.

The Irish fell to 0-3 on Thursday night with a straight set loss in St. Joseph at Bishop LeBlond, 23-25, 17-25 and 14-25.

Versus the Eagles, SH hit just .039, finishing with 20 kills and 17 errors on 76 swings. Jones led the Irish with seven kills on 19 attempts, while Crouse

added four kills and four errors on 15 tries. Bailey Lemerond, Crouse, Courtney and Westengaard each had an ace serve, while Nussbaum and Westengaard each had two blocks.

Crouse led the squad with 11 digs, while Courtney added ten. Daycee Witt was the top playmaker for Sacred Heart, finishing with a team-best 12 assists.

The win pushed the Eagles to a 4-1 start while the Irish are still searching for their first win.

The Irish avoided a 0-4 start by defeating Southern on Saturday morning,

25-21 and 26-24, to open the Weeping Water Tournament.

The momentum didn't last, though, as the Lady Irish lost in straight sets to HTRS 15-25 and 22-25 and then to Lourdes Central 22-25 and 21-25.

The statistics weren't available in time for printing.

The 1-5 Irish will look to turn the season around on Tuesday when they host the 4-1 Diller-Odell Griffins. The Irish will participate in the MUDE-CAS Tournament the following week in Beatrice.

Eagles pull away late from Irish for win

The Sacred Heart Irish battled on the gridiron Friday night in Shickley but eventually fell to the Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Eagles 18-40.

The Eagles opened the scoring with a long, 10-play, 65-yard drive, which ended with a six-yard TD run by Wyatt Kempf.

However, one minute and twenty-two seconds later, SH tied the contest at 6-6 on a 31-yard TD strike from Irish QB Brenden Lemerond to Cole Taft. The conversion failed, and the game was tied with 7:14 remaining in the first quarter.

Three-and-outs by both teams ensued. Then, with just forty-six seconds remaining in the first, Eagle QB Levi Kamler ran for a ten-yard score, capping off another long, 12-play, 60-yard scoring drive.

After a three-and-out by the Irish offense, BDS was back on the board. Kempf scored for the second time, this time from four yards away, to make it 18-6 with 10:38 to play in the half.

It appeared the game was slipping away from the Irish, but the offense scratched out a 58-yard drive that ended with a 36-yard double pass from Taft to Kyler Sipple to make it 12-18 with 7:50 to go.

That is where the score remained until after the intermission. The Irish took the kick after the break and methodically marched down the field. With 7:06 left in the third, running back Elijah Canonico broke the goal line for a four-yard TD to tie the contest at 18 apiece. The PAT pass failed, and the score remained tied.

The tide turned after the Canonico score as the Eagles closed the contest on a 22-0 run to make the final 40-18.

With the score still tight at 18-32, Lemerond was injured, and moments later, SH was sacked in the endzone for a safety to make it 18-34.

BDS finished with a 400-31 advantage in rushing yards, while the Irish held a 275-78 margin in yards through the air. SH lost one fumble and committed four penalties for 28 yards.


Canonico led the rushing attack for SH with 21 yards on eight carries and one score. Lemerond led the air attack, completing 15 of 29 pass attempts for 173 yards and a touchdown. Taft was the main target through the air, snagging ten passes for 140 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Canonico and Kayden Groth each had 15 tackles. Charlie Rottinghuas added 13, and Lemerond added 11.

Passing: Clow 1/1 44 yards; Lemerond 15/29 173 yards, 1 TD; Taft 2/2 58 yards, 1 TD.

Rushing: Canonico 8-21, 1 TD; Clow 5-16; Groth 1-0; Howard 1-1; Lemerond 6-9; Witt 1-1.

Receiving: Canonico 1-8 yards; Lancaster 1-44 yards; Sipple 6-83 yards, 1 TD; Taft 10-140, 1 TD.

BDS now gets ready to host the 0-2 Kenesaw Blue Devils on Friday, while the 0-2 Irish will play at home for the first time against the 2-0 Johnson County Central Thunderbirds.



Falls City, NE

EDGE Education


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH ENTERPRISE

Falls City High School Career Academy

Thank you to Falls City Public Schools for implementing Career Academies for high schoolers: Education, Healthcare, Agriculture, Welding, and Construction. According to *Nebraska's Employment Gap Report* from January 14, 2025, Education and Healthcare are #1 and #2, respectively, for highest statewide demand. Agriculture, Welding, and Construction are fundamental careers of need in the Falls City area. EDGE also encourages students to explore other trade professions, especially electrician, plumber, diesel technician, and other skillsets required for housing construction. We are focused on creating H3 Careers for our local workforce: High Wage, High Skill, and High Demand.



Falls City's Flag Football league kicked off the 2025 season on Saturday morning at Jug Brown Stadium. Here the Packers did just enough to get past the Broncos in mid-morning action. Perhaps the contest will be a foreshadowing to the NFL season this year.




1705 Chase St.
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-4661

30% through 2025

Time is running out, the 30% federal tax credit will expire December 31, 2025, so act now for the most savings!

THE ENERGY CREDIT: The 30% tax credit for geothermal heat pump installations is valid through the end of 2025 and can be retroactively applied to installations "placed in service" on January 1, 2022 or later. Property is usually considered to be placed in service when installation is complete and equipment is ready for use. However, if the system is part of the construction or renovation of a house, it's considered placed in service when the taxpayer take residence in the house. To save the most on your installation, you'll want to act quickly-this credit will expire on December 31, 2025.

- 30% of total system cost in 2022 through 2025
- No limit to credit amount
- Can be used to offset alternative minimum tax (AMT)
- Can be used more than one year
- Can be combined with solar and wind tax credits
- Can be combined with energy efficiency upgrade credits

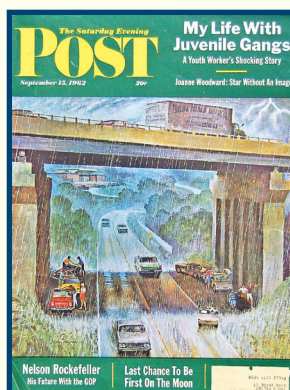


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30% THROUGH 2025

CONVERTIBLES TAKE COVER IN THE RAIN

SEPTEMBER 15, 1962 - Adopted by Scott & Sandra Harkendorff Volker



Part of the fun of owning a sports car stems from coping with minor inconveniences such as having to put up your top in a sudden rainstorm. Artist John Falter approached this "fun" with feeling. Once he owned a sports car himself--a 1947 English Singer Drop-Head Coupe with Self-Canceling Trafficators. It wasn't waterproof.

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CONGRATS TO BLAKELY SELLS WHO BECAME THE ALL-TIME PASSING LEADER AT FALLS CITY WITH 2,744 YARDS.

