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Pictured, L-R: Jan Wittwer, Trevor Godemann, Marilyn Capps, Ted Godemann, Bethany Godemann, Mona Godemann, Todd Godemann, Steve O'Grady, Gracie Deckinger, Larry Fischer and Carol Harris.

For generations, Mona Godemann's family has served the country

On Friday, August 15, at the Falls City Legion Club, Mona Godemann was presented with a quilt titled "Taking Flight." The quilt was provided by Pat Rieschick and given to Godemann on behalf of the American Legion Post 102, the VFW Auxiliary 1765 and the Veterans of Richardson County.

Godemann was forced into retirement earlier this year due to health concerns. Mona made the difficult decision to step away from her job, submitting her resignation letter to the County Commissioners, effective February 24, 2025. Godemann was confirmed into the role of Richardson County Veterans Service Officer on January 14, 2014, when County Court Judge Honorable Curtis L.

Maschman swore her into the position. It was a role she didn't take lightly, humbly holding it for the past 11 years. Before assuming the role of Veterans Service Officer, Godemann served in the Veterans Service Office for 14 years, totaling 25 years of dedicated service to the area's many veterans.

In her resignation letter, Godemann said, "I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve the veterans of Richardson County (and others) who reside here and are so important to our community."

County Commissioner John Caverzagie accepted the resignation with a heavy heart, saying, "She's done a lot for me and other veterans in the County. I hate to see her go, but I understand."

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The 2025 Richardson County Free Fair and Humboldt Fall Festival opened Wednesday, Sept. 10, with the annual coronation in City Square Park.

Doug Phillips was crowned king and Chloe Shupp was crowned queen during a ceremony highlighting this year's theme, Broadway Magic.

Shupp, a junior at HTRS and the 16-year-old daughter of Angie (Hunzeker) and Ben Shupp. Chloe is the granddaughter of Jim and Susie Shupp of Humboldt and Ron and the late Linda Hunzeker of Table Rock. She has long ties to the fair's tradition, with multiple relatives serving as past queens or finalists, and she and her twin brother, Reed, were junior attendants in 2014. Shupp plays volleyball and basketball, participates in summer softball, and is active in FFA and the Methodist Church in Humboldt. She helps at the food bank, babysits her cousins, and assists her father with his trucking business. Her future plans include a career in healthcare

Phillips, who was born in Pawnee City and raised on a family farm in rural Humboldt, attended Humboldt Public Schools, participated in 4-H, and later studied at Southeast Community

College before beginning a 17-year career as a machinist in Sabetha, Kansas, and Auburn, Nebraska. Phillips has been married since the late 1980s and has a son and a daughter. He has served with the Humboldt Volunteer Fire Department for more than 37 years and the Humboldt Rescue Squad for 36 years, filling multiple leadership positions. He is active in the Christian Church and the Masonic Lodge, where he achieved the rank of Master Mason. Phillips and his wife later purchased a local business, and he became manager and operator of Richardson County Rural Water District #1. He continues to play trumpet, recently joined the Southeast Community Band, and helps with the group's equipment. His family's ties to fair royalty date back to 1945, and his sister was crowned queen in 1988. For the past 12 years he has driven the royalty parade float, though this year he experienced the event from a new vantage point as king.

First runner-up Ella Glathar, a senior at Falls City High School and the daughter of Kris and Ali Glathar. Ella is the granddaughter of Chuck and Jean Sailors, and Terry and Carolyn Glathar. Ella comes from a line of Fair Royalty. Her dad's

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Nebraska Corn: Safety first, avoid the worst

As harvest season approaches, the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB) and Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) are reminding farmers, rural communities and motorists to prioritize safety during National Farm Safety and Health Week, September 21-27. This year's theme, "Safety First, Avoid the Worst," highlights the importance of taking proactive steps to prevent accidents during one of the busiest and most dangerous times of the year in agriculture.

Agriculture remains the backbone of Nebraska's economy.

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Sheriff urges citizens to report individuals tearing up county roads

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at the Richardson County Courthouse. Commissioners Karas, Caverzagie and Campbell answered the roll call.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the Commissioners, updating them on work being carried out throughout the county. The Commissioners addressed areas of concern on county roads that residents have reported.

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Prairie Doc

Peripheral artery screening: a lifesaving check-up for your circulation

By Adam Ladwig, Ph.D., DPT and Jed Droge, DPT

While you’ve likely had your blood pressure checked in your arm countless times, you may have never had it measured in your leg. Yet this simple and often overlooked screening can be critical for detecting restricted blood flow. If left untreated, inadequate blood flow could lead to serious complications including limb loss, disability or even death.

Many people are unaware of a common and serious condition known as peripheral artery disease (PAD). PAD occurs when the arteries in your legs become narrowed or blocked due to plaque buildup, reducing blood flow to your lower limbs. This condition affects over 8 million Americans and is especially common in those over 60 or with a history of smoking, diabetes or heart disease.

PAD doesn’t always come with obvious symptoms, but when it does, they may include leg pain or cramping during walking (called claudication), numbness, cold feet or wounds on the legs or feet that are slow to heal. Unfortunately, because these symptoms can be subtle or mistaken for other issues like arthritis or aging, PAD is often overlooked, until it leads to serious complications like infections, non-healing wounds or even amputation.

PAD can be detected easily and painlessly with a simple screening called the ankle-brachial index (ABI). Although traditionally completed with a Doppler ultrasound, screening can be completed with an automatic blood pressure cuff. The ABI test compares the systolic blood pressure (the first number) in your ankle to the blood pressure in your arm. The whole process takes only a few minutes and can help identify if blood is not flowing properly to your legs.

Health care providers, including physical therapists, are trained to help identify conditions like PAD early. If we detect signs of reduced circulation through an ABI screening, we’ll refer you to a medical provider for further evaluation. If PAD is diagnosed, treatment often begins with lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, increasing physical activity (especially walking) and managing other health conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes. Physical therapy can play a key role in treatment. One of the most effective approaches is supervised exercise therapy, which has been shown to improve walking distance, reduce symptoms and enhance overall cardiovascular health. In a supervised setting, physical therapists guide patients through structured walking programs, gradually improving circulation and tolerance to activity in a safe, monitored environment. In some cases, medications or procedures may be needed to improve blood flow.

Screening for PAD is especially important because many people don’t know they have it until it’s advanced. Early detection can prevent serious outcomes and allow you to keep moving and living independently.

If you’re over 60, have diabetes, smoke or have a family history of cardiovascular disease, consider asking your health care provider or physical therapist about ABI screening. It’s quick, non-invasive and could make a life-saving difference.

Your legs have something important to tell you. Make sure you’re listening.

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All things Nebraska
Big Beautiful Bill delivers budget dilemma for Nebraska lawmakers

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Brace yourself Nebraskans for another year without meaningful property tax relief.

That’s because the “One Big Beautiful Bill” means that Nebraska will have to do without about \$216 million in state income tax revenue over the next two years, and \$406 million less over the next four years.

That’s a Big Gulp of funding for a state budget that lawmakers had already cut by nearly \$400 million to balance the state budget.

As you recall, during the last session of the Nebraska Legislature, meaningful additional property tax relief was nixed after it was necessary to dig into the state’s cookie jars and cut back on spending and tax incentives, to make the budget balance. So more cuts likely means, again, no relief from property taxes.

Nebraska’s budget pogoes like a grade schooler on a teeter-totter, up and down, up and down.

Only a couple of years ago, the state was swimming in extra, post-COVID era cash, enough to have legislators funding new marinas on lakes, expanding several museums and dreaming about building a huge lake between Omaha and Lincoln, which is now dead.

But that was then, and this is now.

The farming sector is hurting, via a combination of low crop prices and exploding costs of inputs, in part fueled by the tariffs imposed by President Trump.

An advocacy group, Farmers for Free Trade, recently estimated that Nebraska’s farmers, through June, had spent an additional \$51 million due to new tariffs on things like steel, building materials, fertilizer and equipment, according to the Lincoln Journal Star.

That puts a crimp on farm income, and in turn, state income taxes.

The One Big Beautiful Bill won approval from every member of the all-Republican Nebraska congressional delegation. They defended the loss of state income tax revenue by trumpeting the tax cuts in the OBBB.

U.S. Rep. Mike Flood said that without the bill, a family of four earning \$76,484 would have seen a \$1,600 increase in their income taxes. U.S. Sen. Pete Ricketts gave an even bigger benefit, of \$2,443 less in taxes.

To be fair, some of that tax break is expected to be offset by higher consumer prices due to the tariffs.

The conservative, pro-business Tax Foundation says that 71% of the food imported by Americans will increase in price, things like imported liquor, baked goods, coffee, fish and, gulp, beer. That group foresees a \$1,300 impact on the average family.

Another group, the liberal Center for American Progress, projects an even higher hit on the pocketbook, of \$2,400 for the average family.

What can lawmakers cut now? And will Gov. Pillen get the additional \$500 million in budget cuts he was calling for only a couple of months ago?

Does the state suspend construction of a new state prison to replace the State Penitentiary and relieve overcrowding (exacerbated by pledging to take an additional 280 federal immigration detainees at the Cornhusker Clink)? Does the state skip the \$628-million

Perkins County Canal?

What about pausing, for a year or two, the gradual reduction in state income taxes -- to 3.99% by the 2027 tax year -- passed a few years ago?

State Sen. Tom Brandt of Plymouth had a simple solution to the state’s revenue shortfall last year – pause the gradual, state income tax reduction at 4.99%, thus saving the state nearly \$500 million over the next two fiscal years.

That would more than solve the state’s looming budget problem, and leave some extra funds to provide some property tax relief, which I hear over and over is the state’s top tax problem.

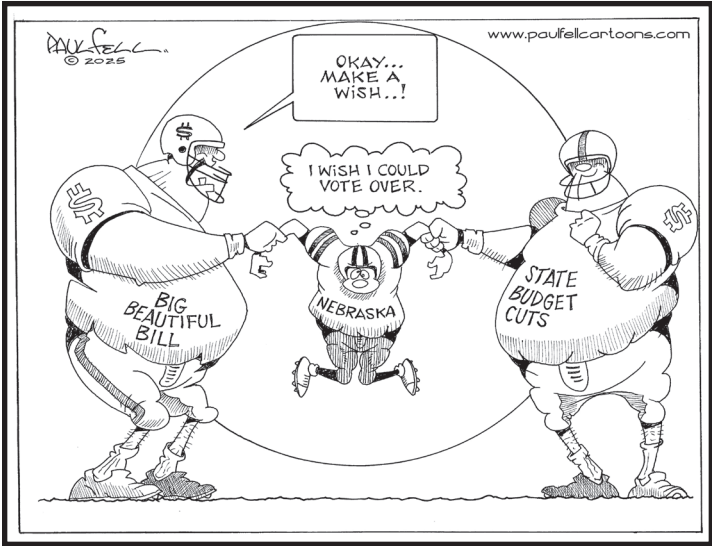
State senators, when they were debating the bill to cut the state’s top individual income tax bracket from 6.84% to 3.99% (and drop the state corporate tax levy from 7.25% to 3.99%) kept saying that if times got tough, a future Legislature could decide to pause the tax breaks.

That sounded reasonable then, and seems reasonable now, given that we’re getting a cut in federal income taxes.

But Gov. Ricketts and other business leaders say that stopping the state income tax cuts would send a bad signal.

It will all make for one heck of a debate in the 2026 legislative session.

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THEME: MEET ME IN...

ACROSS

- 1. Manual calculator, pl.
- 6. Beach Boys: “___ Only Knows”
- 9. Army beds
- 13. Pressed ham and cheese sandwich
- 14. Part of spch
- 15. Popular Latin dance
- 16. Influencer’s creation
- 17. Hula dancer’s flowers
- 18. Birdlike
- 19. *Meet me here, under the arch
- 21. *Meet me at the Top of the Rock
- 23. Comic book expression for alarm
- 24. Press backward arrow key
- 25. “Hand” with claws
- 28. Spreadsheet software command
- 30. Day off, backwards
- 35. Bug-eyed
- 37. “Cheers” regular
- 39. Coupe alternative
- 40. Be dependent
- 41. Damage one’s reputation
- 43. Slightly (2 words)
- 44. Prefix for below
- 46. Shade of beige
- 47. Java neighbor
- 48. War mounts
- 50. Rope fiber
- 52. “___ Now or Never”
- 53. Leave at the altar
- 55. Flapper’s feathers
- 57. *Meet me at the London Bridge
- 61. *The Black Eyed Peas: “Meet Me ___”
- 65. *Meet me in ___ Mara, Kenya
- 66. Undergarment
- 68. *Meet me in Australia to see this bear
- 69. Done to printer cartridge
- 70. Corn unit
- 71. Poet W. H. ___ of “Funeral Blues” fame
- 72. Infamous Nazi villain
- 73. Strong solution of sodium
- 74. Like gelled hair

DOWN

- 1. Parts of a play
- 2. Actor Reynolds of “Smokey and the Bandit”
- 3. Cain’s victim
- 4. Paddler’s vessel
- 5. Endows or empowers
- 6. “Buffalo ___; won’t you come out tonight...”
- 7. Keats’ poem
- 8. Jinn or genie
- 9. Guinea pig or capybara
- 10. Mixture
- 11. Russian monarch
- 12. What Titanic did
- 15. Went to bid farewell (2 words)
- 20. *Meet me in Orthodox church to see these
- 22. *Meet me in Tokyo, pre-1968
- 24. *Meet me in the largest city in Netherlands
- 25. *Meet me under the Eiffel Tower
- 26. Real estate broker, e.g.
- 27. “The Bonfire of the Vanities” author Tom ___
- 29. *Meet me by the Trevi Fountain
- 31. Adipose tissue
- 32. *Meet me at the Burj Khalifa
- 33. Like the Tower of Pisa
- 34. Bigfoot’s cousins
- 36. Swirling vortex
- 38. Filly’s mother
- 42. Popular Cuban dance
- 45. Be next to, as in rooms
- 49. Fall from grace
- 51. The Kenosha Kickers’ songs
- 54. Sticker on a jar
- 56. Run ___ of the law
- 57. Same as ayah
- 58. Respiratory rattling
- 59. Osiris’ sister and wife
- 60. Opposite of zigs
- 61. Tortoise’s opponent
- 62. Do like fly fishermen
- 63. Sheltered, nautically
- 64. Pull
- 67. Everybody loved him on TV

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75 Years Ago, September 17, 1950 to September 23, 1950

Six lettermen were included among the 11 candidates who reported to Coach Charles Cox for six-man football at Salem. The list included Joe Wintz, Larry Martineau, Wayne Jackson, Don Overfield, Charles Herold and Lee Rowland.

The Humboldt All-Stars defeated Salem 11-4 in action on the Salem diamond. Jack Pennington was the winning pitcher for Humboldt, while Harshberger and Lafferty each had four hits.

One hundred and thirty-two people attended the Schulenberg reunion at City Park. Mrs. Anna Watton, 69, was the oldest person in attendance.

In Popular Bluff, Missouri, four planes chased after a strange spherical object that hundreds of people saw roaring across the sky, but the pilots said they couldn’t get near it.

Notre Dame was ranked as the top team in the UP-preseason football ratings. Dr. Robert Hoban was elected president of the Southeast District Dental Society.

For Sale—Four-room, all-modern house, east part of town on East 16th. Price \$4,750. See E. R. Miller.

The American Legion in Falls City would be taking a poll, asking locals whether they favored universal military or not. The survey would be conducted via phone calls.

President Truman stated that it was up to the United Nations to determine whether UN forces in Korea would extend beyond the 38th parallel.

Three members of the Nebraska Game, Forestation and Parks Department were in Falls City investigating possible lake sites in the area.

Mrs. W.W. Windle recently toured historic Warwick Castle in Great Britain with other members of a delegation from the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of America.

According to Dr. S.W. Pennycuik, professor of physical chemistry, every cigarette you smoke takes three minutes of your life.

Miss Mamie Ryan of Exeter, NE, began work as the superintendent of the Rulo schools. Miss Ryan was also a high school teacher.

IGA Food Stores advertised two pounds of potatoes for 15 cents, two pounds of apples for 29 cents and pork chops for 49 cents per pound.

Oscar Weidler of Dawson was awarded a scholarship in physical therapy under the nationwide professional training program of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Mr. Weidler was studying at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Elmer Scholl narrowly escaped death when the bulldozer he was running came in contact with an electric light wire. The shock knocked Mr. Scholl from the machine.

The Tiger football squad defeated Atchison 25-0 in front of an estimated 2,000 fans in Falls City. Tom Percell and Wayne Nanomantube each scored two touchdowns.

For Sale—1948 Jeep, 1st class condition. \$575. Fred Roesch.

50 Years Ago, September 17, 1975 to September 23, 1975

Agatha Christie’s “Murder on the Orient Express” was showing at the Rivoli Theater. The Irish football team was ranked first in Class D by Conde Sargent of the Omaha World-Herald.

1 Story, 3-bedroom home with a completely finished basement—covered patio with gas grill—dishwasher—disposal—2 full baths and a beautiful yard. This property is known as the Virgil Oberst home, located at 2718 Abbott. Miller Monroe Co.

Members of the Falls City Jaycees kept watch at the walls around Jug Brown Stadium during Tiger football games. The Falls City Principal requested cooperation from the public to refrain from sitting on the wall or jumping over it to gain access without paying.

Dairy Dip advertised a fish sandwich and a medium drink for 73 cents.

Mrs. Charles Bebermeyer exhibited and sold many of her macrame hangers at the Arts and Craft Days in downtown Falls City.

Richard Halbert was elected to a four-year term in the Nebraska State Bar Association’s House of Delegates.

Kathy Fischer and Chieko Nakano turned in some outstanding plays to lead Southeast to a three-set win over the Nebraska City Lourdes volleyball team.

The Falls City Elks Lodge presented Bicentennial Flags to the local schools. Exalted Ruler Eldon Linquist presented the flags to Falls City School Board President Jim Sheets. One flag was given for each Falls City school building.

Matt Froeschl had a touchdown, Bob Atiken had two interceptions, and Dan Hill blocked an extra point in an Irish 6-6 tie at Sterling.

Sixty guests attended the annual father and son banquet at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. Eric Nelson won an award for being the youngest son present, Otto Hahn won for being the oldest father, and George McKinsey won for the father with the most sons.

Harley Frederick, a senior at Falls City High School, received an invitation to the White House Conference on Domestic and Academic Affairs to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Omaha.

Sara Jane Moore, 45, a one-time paid informant for the FBI, was seized after she fired a .38-caliber revolver at President Gerald Ford. It was the second attempt on Ford’s life in 17 days.

Cities Service Gas Co., Oklahoma City, requested approval of the Federal Power Commission for a 13 percent increase in natural gas rates on sales to local distributors in 502 towns in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska.

25 Years Ago, September 17, 2000 to September 23, 2000

An old arch culvert underneath the Prichard Curve was being removed as part of a Nebraska Highway Department project.

The BPO Does #56 met at the Elks Lodge, with President Dessie Scholl recognizing the Five-Year Officers. Lydia Poitner gave the courtesy report and Nancy McKim read correspondence sent to the drove.

Betty Jane Tubach hosted a dinner party at her home to honor her mother, Celia Lichty, on her 96th birthday.

Omaha Christian rushed for 360 yards as the Crusaders defeated Humboldt-Table Rock 56-20. Caleb Herr led the Cardinals with 73 yards rushing on 20 attempts.

A ribbon cutting was held at King Arthur’s Tea and Coffee Court at 1817 Stone Street. Pam and Mark Harkendorff owned the unique business.

Totino’s Party Pizzas were on sale at SunMart for 77 cents, while Blue Bunny Ice Cream was 2/\$5.

The two judges who held court in Richardson County each received highly favorable ratings in the biennial Nebraska State Bar Association poll. Judge Maschman received a 100% retention rating, while Judge Bryan’s rating was 96.8%.

Three of the five members of the Stella Village Board were recalled in an election that saw 62 percent of eligible voters participate in the community.

District Governor Merle Jansen of Rotary International asked the local Rotary Club to increase its membership by five percent and encourage members to donate an additional \$45 each to the Rotary Foundation.

The Tiger softball team improved to 15-4 when they defeated Wilber-Clatonia 12-1 at Dallas Jones Park. Catcher Amanda Ruiz cranked a grand slam in the third inning for FC.

The Hitchin’ Post Men’s Softball team of Stella went 5-1 and placed second at the USSSA Over-50 Softball Tourney. Team members included Marty Kelsay, Chuck Hines, Bill Timmerman, Danny Parker, John Kreinhop, Bud Darnell, Leion Eickhoff, John Mayfield, Frank Aue, Kent Robison, Bruce Davis and R.C. Fleck.

For generations, Mona Godemann’s family has served the country

(Continued from Page 1) Godemann’s career in service began on January 22, 1979, when she enlisted in the US Air Force. Mona held an active position as a sergeant at the Nebraska Air National Guard base in Lincoln, NE, until she exited the Air Force on December 31, 1990.

Not long after her exit, Mona, Ted and their family moved to Falls City. Once here, Mona went to work at the hospital in Falls City. After a while, she moved on to the Richardson County Extension Office and then to the NRCS/NRD in Falls City. She took the position of assistant in the Richardson County Veterans Service Office on February 14, 2000. There she would work under Ralph Huettnner, who proudly held the job for 17 years.

Now, let’s back up the hands of time a bit. Godemann comes from a long line of ancestors who have served in one fashion or another. Her paternal grandmother, Ada Alsup Hursh, was an ancestor of her third great-grandfather, John Alsup. His service dates back to the Revolutionary War, which lasted from 1775 to 1783. According to Mona’s husband Ted, the Alsup heritage descended from Sir William Plantagenet (Earl

of Surrey) Alsup. The Plantagenet family was a direct descendant of the King of England.

Flash forward to another tumultuous time in the United States. Mona’s great-grandfather served in the Civil War in the 1860s. Samuel enlisted with the Union on August 25, 1863, at the young age of 18, joining Company G, 8th Cavalry Regiment, Iowa. Private Hursh was wounded in October of the following year in Alabama and was discharged on May 17, 1865, in Davenport, Iowa. Remarkably, his twin brother, Daniel, who was also a member of Company G, survived the war as well.

According to Samuel’s obituary, he was eager to join the military when the war broke out, but due to his age of 16, he had to wait two years to enlist.

He was wounded in October of 1864 when he was shot above his knee and fell from his horse. Somehow, he escaped and safely returned to his compatriots. Eventually, he moved from Iowa to southwest Missouri, then to South Dakota, and in 1911, he finally settled in Crookston, Nebraska, a small village northwest of Valentine.

On October 24, 1923, Samuel, one of the last

remaining veterans of the Civil War, was laid to rest with full military honors. American Legion Post No. 197 was in charge of the ceremony, which included services at the M.E. Church. A line of people marched from the church to the cemetery, following the color guard and a riderless horse. According to the obituary, the long line of cars that formed the procession was a testimony to the love and esteem felt toward the deceased. All the shops and businesses in town closed during the service.

Moving ahead to more modern times, Mona’s father, Samuel Hursh, was a service member in World War II in Germany. It was during that time that Hursh met his future wife, Johanna Schmitt. Johanna and her sister escaped a German war labor camp where their mother was interned. After her escape, she met Samuel, got married and moved to the United States.

While Mona is proud to have such a remarkable family history that has served this country, Richardson County is proud to have Mona Godemann, who dutifully and faithfully served our country and veterans for much of her life, as a resident. Thank you.

Nebraska Corn: Safety first, avoid the worst

(Continued from Page 1) bone of Nebraska’s economy, with one in four jobs tied to the industry. But farming continues to rank among the most hazardous occupations in the United States. Fatigue, stress, heavy equipment and unpredictable conditions all contribute to the risks faced by farmers and rural residents alike.

“Harvest is a season that brings families together across generations, but it also requires us to be more vigilant than ever,” said Brandon Hunnicutt, chairman of NCB. “Taking a few extra moments for safety, whether in the field, on rural roads or around equipment, can save lives and help us avoid the worst.”

Nebraska Corn encourages both farmers and the public to keep these safety reminders top of mind this fall and beyond:

Equipment and Roadway Safety

- Make sure equipment is properly maintained before heading to the field.
- When approaching harvest equipment, do so from the front to ensure the operator sees you.
- Motorists should slow down and use caution when sharing the road with farm machinery,

which often travels well below highway speeds.

Health and Wellness

- Fatigue and stress can impair decision-making, schedule breaks and get adequate rest.
- Pay attention to mental health needs, and don’t hesitate to reach out for support when stress builds during harvest.

Generational Safety

- Teach youth safe habits early, including the importance of staying away from running equipment.
- Assign age-appropriate tasks and ensure children are supervised around harvest activity.

Confined Spaces and Grain Bin Safety

- Never enter a grain bin while equipment is running.
- Always have a harness and lifeline and never work in a bin alone.
- Keep children away from grain storage areas.
- Always wear helmets and seatbelts where applicable.
- Avoid carrying extra passengers unless the vehicle is designed for them.
- Operate off-road vehicles only in appropriate areas, not on public highways.

Nebraska Corn also reminds those traveling

through rural areas to be patient during harvest traffic and be aware of Nebraska’s updated move-over law. The updated measure requires drivers to slow down and move over for stopped vehicles and vulnerable road users which now includes agricultural vehicles and equipment. Slowing down and staying alert can prevent accidents and help avoid the worst.

The Nebraska Corn Board is funded through a producer checkoff investment of a one-cent-per-bushel on all corn marketed in the state and is managed by nine farmer directors. The mission of the Nebraska Corn Board is to increase the value and sustainability of Nebraska corn through promotion, market development and research.

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) is a grassroots commodity organization that works to advance Nebraska corn farmers through leadership, policy and education. NeCGA has more than 2,400 dues-paying members in Nebraska. NeCGA is affiliated with the National Corn Growers Association, which has more than 36,000 dues-paying members nationwide.

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Rottinghaus admitted to University Honors Program at Nebraska

Henry Rottinghaus of Falls City, a geology major in the College of Arts and Sciences, is among a record 739 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students selected to join the University Honors Program this fall. The cohort is 15% larger than the previous record class in 2019.

To be admitted to the Honors Program, students must demonstrate a record of academic excellence, outstanding leadership and involvement in high school, and significant contributions to their community.

“Through their high school achievements, these students have demonstrated a high level of potential, both inside and outside of the classroom,” said Tamy Burnett, director of operations for the Honors Program. “We are excited to welcome this outstanding group of scholars and leaders, and we look forward to all that they will accomplish during their time at the university.”

Sheriff urges citizens to report individuals tearing up county roads

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brought to their attention. Commissioner Campbell advised Darveau of a road that had been recently “torn up” by someone after a rain. Sheriff Hardesty commented that if the public sees anyone tearing up roads, they should report it.

“If they see people out there, I mean, there are two different statutes we can write that under,” said Sheriff Hardesty. “There’s a deface of a roadway and there’s a criminal mischief.”

Darveau mentioned projects slated for the upcoming year, which include a County building at Verdon and repairing the roof at the County Shop in Falls City. He also said he would initiate a call to Cat and John Deere to get quotes on a road grader.

He stated that he has calculated the mileage for the grader routes; now he needs to break it down and determine where he can relocate operators to add another course.

The Board also discussed the need for continued stockpiling of rock throughout the county. Commissioner Karas asked about the possibility of renting an area in Humboldt to stockpile rock. Darveau wondered whether the county wanted to do that and pay rent for an area, or just add rock to the pile in Dawson, where the county owns the property.

“We’ve got all kinds of room in Dawson if that’s what we want to try to do,” said Darveau.

They also discussed trying to haul out of Maitland, Missouri, due to the price difference.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty met with the Board, advising the members that the county currently had 24 inmates in jail, with 22

housed at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

County Attorney Samantha Scheitel was also present and participated in discussions regarding how and when to respond to calls within the boundaries of the tribal reservations of the Sac and Fox Nation and the Iowa Tribe. Recent issues have involved traffic accidents and tribal-owned buffalo escaping their enclosures.

Hardesty stated that his department encounters issues quite regularly, and an MOU or Interlocal Agreement to outline the duties and expectations would be extremely helpful.

“If we’re going to do anything on the reservation, it needs to be in writing what their expectations are of the Sheriff’s Office because I’m not comfortable advising you to do anything on the reservation unless we know for sure they are okay with it,” said Scheitel.

The County Attorney advised the Board that County Law Enforcement officials cannot patrol on the reservations with permission. “Responding to a call for service is one thing,” said Scheitel. She went on to say that driving around and patrolling on the reservation is something she could not recommend.

Commissioner Campbell stated that he had spoken with the Iowa Tribal Board and that they seemed to be “on board” with getting everyone on the same page.

Scheitel agreed to contact the legal representation for the tribes to arrange a meeting to discuss potential agreements moving forward.

The Commissioners further discussed the roof issues at the Law Enforcement

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FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



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ment Center. An insurance check was received for damages totaling \$57,872.83 for hail damage. Quotes for the roof repair will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Authorization was given to Chairman Caverzagie to sign a contract for MEDICA health insurance for the County employees.

Claims were approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

The Good of the Hive lands in Auburn September 22

The Auburn Creative District is buzzing with excitement as internationally renowned muralist Matthew Willey begins painting a one-of-a-kind mural in Auburn on September 22, 2025. Willey is the founder of The Good of the Hive, a global art initiative to hand-paint 50,000 honeybees, the number in a healthy hive, on murals around the world. To date, he has painted 11,786 bees across 64 murals on 5 continents, each one connecting community to art, to each other, and to the vital role of pollinators.

Willey will spend 4–6 weeks in Auburn, hand-painting every detail of the mural. Community members and visitors alike are invited to stop by and watch the progress unfold, turning a blank wall into a living story of Auburn’s connection to honeybees and the power of creativity.

While Willey is in Auburn, the Auburn Creative District will host a variety of events.

This project is made possible through the support of Grow Auburn, Auburn Arts and Events, Enjoy Nemaha County, Nebraska Arts Council, Auburn Creative District, and the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA).

“As the mural comes to life, we hope people see more than bees on a wall. We want them to see themselves as part of a hive, working together in community, creating beauty, and inspiring change. This mural will be part of Auburn’s legacy.” — Leslie Clark, Executive Director, Auburn Creative District



Easton Hall, second from left, and Ellie Ohlde, second from right, were the 2024-25 Swenson Award winners. Others in the photo include Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach Dom Wright, Hall, Foundation Executive Director Jon Firmature, Interim President Dr. Wendy Waugh, Ohlde and Softball Head Coach Toni Closner. *(Photo by Randy Gottula)*

Peru State Recognize Swenson Winners

Peru State College, its Athletic Department, and the Foundation presented its 101st Swenson Awards September 6 at halftime of the Bobcat football team’s win over Baker (Kan.) University.

Ellie Ohlde, a Bobcat softball player from Fairbury, and Easton Hall, a Peru State men’s basketball player from Schuyler, were selected by the full-time members of the athletic department as their picks for the 2024-25 Swenson winners.

Making the presentations were the College’s Interim President, Dr. Wendy Waugh, and the Foundation’s Executive Director, Jon Firmature.

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

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Tigers earn seventh-place finish at Falls City Tourney

One big inning by Bishop LeBlond doomed the Tiger softball team on Monday evening in St. Joseph. Leading 5-1 entering the bottom of the third frame, the Tiger defense surrendered eight runs and eventually fell 5-9 to the Lady Eagles.

The Tigers struck first on Monday. Kenley Alexander worked a four-pitch walk, followed by a walk by Brylee Liberty. With two outs, Bristol Titus reached on an error, allowing Alexander to score to put FC in front. Next, Malori Kuker singled to left field, driving in Liberty to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

LeBlond plated one run in the bottom of the frame against Tiger pitcher Alexis Schawang.

FC's offense was back on it in the third. After walks by Alexander and Liberty to open the inning, Taytum Maddox was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Alexander scored on a wild pitch, and Titus worked a four-pitch walk. Kuker collected another RBI on a single past the shortstop. Kaydence Rego drove in the final run on a fielder's choice, allowing Maddox to score.

LeBlond opened the bottom of the third with a triple, followed by a hit by pitch, two walks and a ground out to make it 5-4. An error and a walk allowed the home team to tie the game at five. With two outs, the Eagles used a double, two singles, a walk and a wild pitch to take a 9-5 lead over FC. That's where the game would end. FC threatened in the fifth when Maddox led off with a triple; however, a strikeout, a pop out, and a ground out ended the threat.

Kuker went 2-2 with two RBI, while Maddox added a triple.

On Saturday, Falls City hosted the eight-team 2025 Falls City Tournament. Falls City finished the tourney with one win and two losses and placed seventh.

In the opener, FC fell to the Cameron Dragons 0-12. The Tigers had a golden opportunity in

the top of the first inning. With one out, Alexander walked, followed by a Liberty double, and Maddox walked to load the base paths. Two consecutive strikeouts ended the threat, and Cameron took advantage.

Three runs in the bottom of the first proved enough for the Dragons; however, they tacked on four in the second and five more in the third to secure the win.

Liberty doubled, while Maddox and Rego each singled.

The second contest of the day for FC was much more competitive.

Syracuse struck first with two runs in the first and three more in the second to make it 5-0. The Orange and Black battled, scoring in the second to make it 1-5. After a one-out double by Kuker, Titus drove her in with a single for FC's first run.

FC continued to chip away in the fourth. Miller opened the frame with a walk, and Alexander reached on an error. A groundout by Maddox

made it 2-6, and a base hit by Kuker cut the lead to 3-6.

The wheels fell off in the fourth for Falls City. Syracuse crossed the plate nine times in the inning and sent 15 batters to the plate.

Down 3-15, the Tigers added two late runs to make the final 5-15. Kuker went 2-2 with a double and an RBI, while Titus was 2-2 with a run batted in as well.

The Tigers defeated South Sioux City in the seventh-place contest 11-8. FC scored four in the first, three in the third and four more in the fourth to earn the win.

Strecker went 3-3 at the plate and drove in four runs, while Titus was 3-4 with two runs scored. Kuker, Miller, Maddox and Rego all had two hits apiece. Strecker got the win, allowing 12 hits and eight runs (three earned) over six innings.

FC hosts Platteview for a double header on Tuesday, September 16, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Runners hit the course at Fairbury

The Falls City cross country teams competed at Fairbury High School on Thursday afternoon. Battling warm temps, the Tigers secured four medals, and FC runners set three personal bests.

Earning hardware for Falls City were Ben Furnas (7th, junior high), Audrey Scrivens (12th, varsity), Jennifer Sweeney (17th, varsity) and Peyton Weddle (19th, varsity).

The Tiger girls placed third on Thursday with 67 points. McCool Junction won the meet with 17. Scrivens was the top runner for Falls City, placing 12th in 23:28.76. Sweeney was next in 17th in 24:32.64, and Weddle was right behind in 19th in 24:54.64. Madalynn Hawley was 24th in 26:12.15, and Kinsie Riggs ran a 27:13.82 for 33rd.

The Falls City boys ended their day with 159 points and placed eighth. Tri County won the team championship with 18 points.

Ryker McCullough was the top runner for FC, running the 5k course in 21:15.40. Next for the Tigers were Martin Irizarry in 49th in 22:57.47, Emmett Daake 67th in 24:19.40, Lathan Richey 68th in 24:19.43 and Callen Furnas was 69th in 24:25.72. Aaron Selleck finished in 26:49.45 for 84th, and Zade Bents was 88th in 28:32.84.

The top finish of the day belonged to seventh-grader Ben Furnas. Furnas ran the 2400-meter course in 7:55.20 for seventh place. Barrett Johansen crossed the line in 9:14.50 to place 25th.

Falls City will compete next at Hiawatha on Thursday, September 18, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Tigers will host the Falls City Meet the following Thursday, at the Falls City Golf Course, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Tiger volleyball heating up

In their first home contest of the young 2025 season, the Falls City volleyball team made quick work of the East Atchison Wolves on Monday night. The Tigers earned a straight-set win, 25-17, 25-14, and 25-11, and improved to 4-3 for the season.

FC held the visitors to a negative hitting percentage, while clocking in at .202 on their side of

the net. The Tigers ended the match with 32 kills on 89 attempts with just 14 errors. Freshman Liv Buckminster led the offense with 11 kills, while classmate Tessa Gossman wasn't far behind with seven. Leah Goff led the way serving with five aces and 17 points, while Bella Johansen was next with four aces and nine points. Gabi Young secured 18

digs, while Goff dished out a team-best 20 assists.

The loss dropped the Wolves to 3-4-1 for the year.

The Tigers battled the 5-2 Elmwood-Murdock Lady Knights on Tuesday night in Falls City. The Orange and Black played a great first set, winning 25-16. FC ran out to a quick 4-0 lead thanks to kills by Buckminster and Gossman. However, the Knights continued to fight, evening the score at 7-7. FC weathered the storm and went out to a 12-8 on a Buckminster block. A Goff ace serve, followed by a Johansen kill, put the Tigers in the lead 15-9. Elmwood-Murdock got as close as 18-15, but the Tigers were too tough down the stretch. Two kills by Dunkhas and one by Johansen gave FC a 24-16 lead, and Hallie Young finished the set with an ace serve to put FC up 1-0.

Turnovers doom hopes of Irish win versus JCC

The Sacred Heart Irish football team hosted the Johnson County Central Thunderbirds at Jug Brown Stadium on Friday night. The Irish were seeking their first win of the season, while JCC was aiming to remain undefeated.

The Irish battled, putting up a fight for much of the night, but were outmatched, falling 38-0.

The visitors struck first on Friday. Wes Swanson engineered an 8-play, 65-yard TD drive that ended with a 10-yard TD pass to put the T-Birds in front 8-0 with 8:22 to play in the first.

The Irish moved the ball well on the following drive, getting to the JCC 24, but an interception by Cole Taft ended the threat for the Irish. Taft, playing QB in place of the injured Brenden Lemerond, was seeing his first action as a quarterback.

The Irish defense came

up huge after the turnover. Charlie Rottinghaus pounced on a JCC fumble, giving the Irish offense the ball back on the T-Bird 21-yard line. However, the inexperienced Taft was picked off for a second time, this time in the end zone.

The Thunderbirds took advantage, traveling 65 yards in seven plays to double their lead to 16-0 with 10:04 to go in the half.

Again, SH had success moving the ball, but Taft's third pick gave JCC the ball at their 22. Two plays later, Swanson ran 52 yards for the score, and just like that, SH found themselves on the wrong end of a 24-0 contest at the half.

Taft tossed his fourth interception on the open-

ing drive of the third quarter. Eight plays later, JCC sealed the game with a one-yard run by Regan Thies to make it 32-0 with 5:19 to play in the third.

The Thunderbirds scored one final TD in the fourth quarter to make the final score 38-0.

Through three games this season, Sacred Heart has been outscored 32-134.

The Irish moved the ball well all night; they just got bogged down inside the JCC 25-yard line. The Irish finished with 13 first downs and rushed for 104 yards on 31 attempts. SH passed for another 95 yards. The Thunderbirds outgained the Irish 335-199.

IRISH STATS

Rushing: Canonico 13-34; Clow 3-9; Groth 3-11; Taft 11-47; C. Witt 1-3.

Passing: Clow 1/3 8 yards; Taft 10/21 87 yards, 4 Ints

Receiving: Groth 6-48; Howard 2-14; Sipple 3-33.

Canonico led the Irish defense with 16 total stops. Kayden Groth added eight tackles and Noah Howard finished with six stops.

The road doesn't get any easier for the Irish. Sacred Heart, 0-3, will host the 2-1 Weeping Water Indians on Friday, September 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Jug Brown Stadium. The Indians opened the year with a 22-14 loss to Mead. Since then, Weeping Water has defeated Giltner 88-24 and Nebraska Lutheran 70-0. Last year, the Indians defeated Sacred Heart 36-18 in Weeping Water.

Irish place third at HTRS Tourney

The 2-5 Sacred Heart Irish hosted the 4-1 and Class D-2 fourth-ranked Diller-Odell Griffins on Tuesday night at the RAC. The Griffins got past the Irish 25-16 in the first set, but the Irish came storming back to fly past Diller-Odell 25-12 to tie the match at 1-1. Again, the action was back and forth as the visitors took a 2-1 lead with a 25-19 win in the third. The Irish battled and forced a fifth set, winning the fourth convincingly 25-13. The Irish led 14-10 midway through the set, but an 8-0 run sparked the win.

The fifth and deciding

set began with an Irish 3-0 run, but Diller-Odell maintained their composure and earned the 15-8 win.

The Irish hit .008 for the match, with Dorothy Crouse leading the charge with 12 kills. Daycee Witt was next for SH with eight kills, while Isabelle Nussbaum and Kemper Sipple each finished with four. Witt added a team-best five ace serves, while Emersyn Courtney led the way with 20 digs. Witt also paced the team with 15 assists, while teammate Bailey Lemerond was right behind with 14.

Last Saturday, during the

Weeping Water Tourney, senior Daycee Witt joined the 1,000-assist club. Congratulations, Daycee, on your achievement.

The Lady Irish played in the 2025 Titan Invite on Saturday morning in Humboldt. The Irish fell in three sets to the Titans in the first game of pool play. SH won the first set 25-17 but lost the following two sets, 22-25 and 23-25. In the second contest of the morning, SH defeated Lewiston 25-11 and 25-14 to earn a trip to the third-place game against Dorchester. The Irish had little trouble with the Longhorns, winning 25-13 and 25-14. The wins improved Sacred Heart to 4-7 for the season, while the loss dropped Dorchester to 5-3.

Sacred Heart entered the 2025 MUDECAS Tournament in Beatrice as the No. 2 seed in the B Division. The Irish played the No. 7 seed Sterling on Monday, September 15, at 5:45.



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Tiger rally comes up just short at Conestoga

On Friday night, the Falls City Tigers traveled to Conestoga to take on the Cougars. FC was hoping to bounce back after falling to Brownell-Talbot the week prior, while Conestoga was looking for its first win of the season.

After a punt on the first drive for FC, Conestoga drove deep into Tiger territory, but the Falls City defense held and forced a short field goal. The Cougars had the ball first and goal at the Tiger three, but the Tiger defense rallied to force the 21-yard field goal to make it 3-0 with 5:43 to play in the first.

FC moved the ball on the ensuing drive. QB Blakely Sells found Jacoby Bangert for a 23-yard

pick on the second play of the drive to get out to the Tiger 43. A great run by Gavin Bauer on the following play put FC at the Cougar 38. Two plays later, Sells found Bangert again, this time for 34 yards all the way down to the one. A false start penalty pushed FC backwards, and they failed to get into the end zone, turning the ball over on downs at the one after a Sells pass on fourth and goal fell incomplete with fifty-three seconds to go in the first quarter.

The teams traded possessions in the second quarter without really threatening to score. However, Conestoga went on a time-consuming, 90-yard drive at the end of the half that

ended with a nine-yard TD pass with 15 seconds remaining. The pass was well covered by two Tiger defenders, but the receiver came down with the ball to make it 10-0 after the extra point.

The Cougars ate up nearly five minutes of clock to open the third, but the Tiger defense didn't break, forcing a punt from midfield.

FC put on a clinic on the following drive. The Tigers went 69 yards in 11 plays, capped with a 15-yard TD pass from Sells to Orion Cattrell to make it 10-6 with 1:32 to go in the third. Cattrell broke a pair of tackles as he cut his way into the endzone on the play. Bauer kicked the PAT and made it 10-7.

It didn't take the Cougars long to respond. One play and three missed tackles later, Conestoga went 65 yards on a crossing route to push their lead to 17-7 with 1:08 to go in the quarter.

Cattrell returned the following kickoff to the FC 38. One play later, Sells found Bangert wide open down the sideline for the 62-yard TD. The PAT kick was missed, and the score was 17-13 with 51 seconds

to go.

Falls City forced a punt and moved the ball to near midfield before being forced to kick the ball away themselves. Facing a third and 11 at the Tiger 35, Conestoga's QB completed a pass and the receiver raced untouched for the score. The kick made it 24-13 with 5:30 remaining.

FC needed something good to happen and fast to stay in the contest. On the third play of the drive and facing third down, Sells hit Cattrell, who pulled away from the defenders for a 60-yard strike. The PAT attempt was no good and FC trailed 24-19 with 4:57 to play.

The Tiger defense forced one last punt with 1:26 to go. On fourth and 10, Sells found Bauer for a first down to keep the drive and game alive. Another completion to Bangert pushed the ball to midfield with thirty-four seconds to play. However, a penalty, three incompletions and a sack ended the Tiger rally.

The 1-2 Tigers will take on the 3-0 Concordia Mustangs in Omaha on Friday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Titans can't keep pace with Dragons

The HTRS Titan football team fell for the third straight week, this time at home to the Deshler Dragons. The Dragons held quarter leads of 28-0, 66-0, 72-6 and the final was 78-6. Deshler built a quick lead, needing just 21 offensive plays to lead 66-0 at the half.

On the first offensive play for the Dragons, they scored on a 55-yard run to make it 6-0 with 8:51 on the clock. After a three-and-out, the Titan defense forced Deshler into an 8-play drive. However, the result was another score and with 4:25 to play in the first, it was 14-0.

Another three-and-out led to a one-play, 44-yard drive to push the score to 22-0 with 3:02 to go.

The Titans, feeling the need to make something happen, attempted a fourth-down conversion at their own 21-yard line. After failing to make the first, HTRS gave up their fourth score of the game. Deshler went 21 yards in one play to make it 28-0 with 37 left in the first.

The second quarter started terribly for HTRS. An HTRS punt was returned 46 yards to make it 36-0 with 11:44 to go in the second. The Titans had some success on the next drive. After six plays, the

Titans drove to the Drag-on 26, but a turnover on downs gave Deshler the ball right back. Another one-play drive pushed the lead to 44-0 with 10:48 still to go in the half.

Deshler proceeded to score three more times in the half, including a 45-yard pick-six with just four seconds remaining in the half.

HTRS got its only points of the contest when QB Bradyn Bowen found Emmett Glathar down the middle of the field for a 46-yard strike to make it 72-6 with just eleven seconds to play in the third.

The Titans completed 10/23 pass attempts for 122 yards, while Deshler was 7/9 for 134. The Titans were outrushed 320 yards to 36 for a total of 454 yards to 158.

HTRS STATS

Passing: Bowen 10/23 122 yards, 1 TD, 2 Int.

Rushing: Dettmann 5-17 yards; Dewberry 6-16; Bowen 7-3.

Receiving: Dettmann 5-59; Glathar 2-54, 1 TD; Wamsley 1-1.

Wamsley led the Titans with eight tackles, Jack Hilgenfeld added six and Glathar and Colt Leach had five.

The Titans will play at 2-1 Elmwood-Murdock on Friday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m.

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The HTRS Lady Titans were back on the hardwood Tuesday when they played at Lourdes Central Catholic. The Knights, who have opened the season on a hot streak, didn't cool off on Tuesday. Nebraska City won in straight sets, 25-13, 25-18 and 25-12.

HTRS struggled against the Knight defense, hitting just .111, finishing with 14 kills on 81 attempts with 23 errors.

Elie Bstandig was the top hitter for HTRS, finishing with seven kills on 38 tries with eight errors. Eden Duryea added three kills and Madie Bredemeier finished with two. PJ Howe led

the defense with ten digs, while Bredemeier and Harlee Hardesty each had eight. Howe and Bredemeier split the playmaking duties with six assists apiece. The win was their fourth in five games and sixth overall, while HTRS fell to 4-4 for the season.

HTRS hosted the 2025 Titan Invite on Saturday, September 13, at Humboldt. Teams participating included Pawnee City, Southern, Dorchester, Lewiston, HTRS and Sacred Heart.

The Titans got just the jolt they needed on Saturday. The morning began with a straight set win over Lewiston, 25-13 and 25-17. In the next game in pool play, HTRS fought back for a 2-1 win over the Sacred Heart Irish. SH won the first set 25-17, but the Titans battled back to tie the match at 1-1 with a 25-22 win. The third set was tight, but HTRS prevailed 25-23, sending the Titans to the championship match against Pawnee City. It didn't take the Titans long to earn the 25-18 and 25-20 win. The Titans improved to 7-4 with the win, while Pawnee City fell to 4-5 with the loss.

HTRS will play in the B Division of the 2025 MUDECAS Tourney in Beatrice this week. The Titans are the No. 1 seed and played the No. 8 seed, Parkview Christian, on Monday, September 15, at Beatrice High School.

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Beverly “Babe” Koopman

Beverly “Babe” Jean Koopman, 91, of Falls City, Nebraska passed away on Friday, September 12, 2025, in Falls City surrounded by her loving family. She was born on November 27, 1933, at home in rural Union County, South Dakota to Ralph and Margaret (Hoffman) Heyl. Beverly graduated from LeMars Community High School in LeMars, Iowa. Beverly was united in marriage to Ray Koopman on June 2, 1953. He passed away on August 18, 2018.

Beverly worked various jobs throughout her lifetime. She was a homemaker, worked in retail, and helped in the kitchen at Falls City Middle School. Beverly was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, WIBC Bowling Association, and Ladies VFW Auxiliary #1765. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards, fishing, going to the casino, Huskers Football and Volleyball, and the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and attending their sports.

Beverly is survived by her three children: Jean Hodge and husband Mark, Jerry Koopman and wife Laura, all of Falls City, Carla Bachman of Bentonville, AR; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Florence Swain of Sioux Falls SD; and several nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Ray, great-grandson, Easton Vonderschmidt; son-in-law Alan Bachman, sisters: Donna, Eleanor, and Dorothy, and brother Milton.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Falls City with Father James Meysenburg officiating. Inurnment will be at the Falls City Catholic Cemetery at a later date. A register book will be available to sign from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, September 19, 2025, at Hall Funeral Chapel in Falls City. A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Falls City with the family greeting friends following the rosary. Memorials contributions are suggested to the family’s choice in care of the mortuary.

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan ST-Falls City, NE 68376 (402) 245-3131

AARP Nebraska’s September scam watch alerts;Your monthly guide to spotting, avoiding, and reporting scams

Here are three important things to know about fraud right now. First, most scams today are often run by highly organized international criminal networks, not individuals acting alone. These mafia-style organizations use stolen money to fund abusive criminal activity around the world, including Southeast Asian fraud compounds that rely on human trafficking, forced labor, and torture. Fighting scams isn’t just about protecting your life savings, it’s also about cutting off funding to these inhumane and violent organizations.

Second, just as you take steps to protect your health or home, you can take steps to safeguard your finances. This means taking actions like blocking unknown callers, using strong and unique passwords for every account, enabling two-factor authentication on your online accounts, freezing your credit, checking your credit report regularly, and shredding documents that contain personal information.

Third, if you do fall victim, report the crime, as fraud is notoriously underreported. Reporting isn’t just about helping authorities catch criminals. It also helps expose the true scale of the problem and the need for fraud-fighting resources. The AARP Fraud Watch Network™ recommends reporting to your local police to create an official record and to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center at IC3.gov.

Taking on AI Banking Scams: Artificial intelligence (AI) is making it even easier for criminals to steal people’s money, and Americans’ anxiety is rising. Concern is especially high around financial services, where scammers can use deepfake technology — AI-generated audio and video—to impersonate people and hack into bank

accounts.

To help tackle the problem, AARP endorsed the Senate’s bipartisan Preventing Deep Fakes Scams Act and a companion bipartisan bill in the House. The bill would establish a dedicated federal task force to examine the positive and negative impacts of AI on the financial services industry.

The panel would include industry representatives, AI experts, and others. It would be charged with examining how criminals use AI in financial scams and how the industry can leverage technology to better detect fraud and stay ahead of scammers. The bill would also require the task force to explore the use of AI in the financial sector to detect fraud and to work on interagency solutions.

Peer-to-Peer Payment Scams: Peer-to-peer (P2P) payment apps like Venmo, Zelle, and Cash App have made sending money between family and friends easier than ever—but consumers beware! While these apps make exchanging money fast and convenient, they also make it quick and seamless for criminals to steal your money through a variety of tactics.

You might get a message that appears to be from a loved one in trouble who needs you to send money quickly through a P2P app. Or you may see a “discount” for an online marketplace product if you make the payment through a P2P app, only to discover the seller is a scammer. Another common scam involves someone “accidentally” sending you money via a P2P service and then asking you to return it. However, their initial payment will later bounce like a bad check, leaving you responsible for any funds you sent back.

It’s best to use P2P apps to send money to friends,

family, and other people you know and trust. These apps do not have the same consumer protections as credit cards. Transactions are like paying cash—instantaneous and usually irreversible. If you receive an unexpected payment, don’t accept it and report it to the app provider.

Steps to Protect Against ID Theft: Identity fraud and scams are a massive and growing problem, but there are things each of us can do to protect against identity fraud, even if our data has been exposed. One way to help safeguard your personal information is to enable automatic updates on your device’s operating system and antivirus software. These updates often fix known security vulnerabilities that criminals could exploit.

Another way to stay protected is to be cautious of unsolicited calls, texts, emails, and social media messages. Criminals spoof phone numbers and impersonate trusted sources to appear legitimate. Avoid clicking on links in emails, texts, or online ads. Rather, type the web address of the company whose site you want to visit directly into your web browser. Let your voicemail or answering machine handle unfamiliar calls. If the call is important, the person will likely leave a message, and you can verify the number and information before calling back.

Despite the rise of online threats, criminals still rely on traditional methods like dumpster diving to steal personal information. Shred anything containing sensitive information that you don’t need to keep for specific purposes such as credit card statements, sales receipts, medical statements, and credit offers.

Learn how to spot and avoid scams with the AARP Fraud Watch Net-

Vera L. Updike

Vera L. Updike, 83, of Falls City, NE, passed away September 11, 2025 at St. Joseph, MO. She was born April 13, 1942 at Madison, WI to William and Dorothy (Tuschen) West.

She married Kenny Updike on May 20, 1975 at Ralston, NE.



Vera was raised in Madison and graduated from Madison East High School in 1960. Following graduation, she worked at Oscar Mayer. She then enlisted in the United States Air Force on February 13, 1961 at Milwaukee, WI. She was honorably discharged on August 30, 1963 at Offutt Air Force Base.

Following her discharge, she worked at AT&T until 1982 when she was then hired to run the retirement fund in Denver for U. S. West until her retirement in 1997. The couple then moved to Oklahoma where she worked for a CPA for six years. Following her retirement, she was a frequent speaker at conferences across the United States speaking about her time at U. S. West. The couple moved to Falls City in 2016. She enjoyed visiting casinos, fishing, flowers, gardening and was an excellent cook.

Vera is survived by her husband, Kenny of Falls City, children, Brad Miller and his wife Teresa of Columbus, WI, Terri Hogue and her husband Don of Falls City, brother Tom West and his wife Mary of Lodi, WI, sister, Jean Lange and her husband Darryl of Montello, WI, seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Kohen Hogue.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor David Showalter officiating.

No viewing or visitation. Friends may sign the guest book during regular business hours at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Kelly Valeria (Eickhoff) Tatsch



Kelly Valeria (Eickhoff) Tatsch passed away on September 13, 2025, at the age of 61 in Enterprise, AL. Kelly was born to Duane and Phyllis Eickhoff on March 31, 1964, in Falls City, NE.

Kelly received her Bachelors degree from Tarleton State University and taught high school math for several years before obtaining her Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and worked as a Licensed Professional Counselor for many years.

Kelly enjoyed fishing, art, reading, knitting and spending time with her grandchildren.

Kelly is preceded in death by her father, Duane Carl Eickhoff, mother Phyllis Jean Eickhoff, sister Estelle Eickhoff and grandparents.

Kelly is survived by daughters Megan (David) Green of Enterprise, AL, Kate (Brandon) Cox of San Angelo, TX, April (Travis) Bramblett of Ozark, AL; grandchildren McKenna, Carter and Hudson Green and Kayla Cox; brother Lowell (Mary) Eickhoff of Falls City, NE; niece, nephew and great nephews.

No funeral arrangements will be made at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Camp Courage. Camp Courage MO, 2741 Brairoaks Ln, Joplin, MO 64804.

Ruth Marie (Aase) Sejnoha

Ruth Marie (Aase) Sejnoha, age 97, of Mitchell, SD died September 12, 2025 in Colonial Acres, Humboldt, NE.

Born July 1, 1928, Ruth was the third child of eight born to Helen Annetta (Worre) and Mons Olai Aase. She was born in Bradish, NE in Boone County.

Ruth graduated from High School from Lake Andes, SD and got her teaching certificate to teach in county schools including Signal 3, Platte, SD, Geddes, SD and White Swan #3. She also worked at the County Court House in Lake Andes, clerked at retail businesses, worked at Norwest bank, waitressed, served school lunches, and provided child care. She has left behind her a rich tapestry of memories woven through decades of love and dedication.

Ruth’s life was woven around an unwavering love for her family. On March 1, 1953 she married James J. Sejnoha during a South Dakota blizzard. To that marriage was born five children.

Ruth is survived by Joyce (Kevin) Burnison, Michael (Susan) Sejnoha, Lynne (Spencer) Lien and Maxine (Kenneth) Ritchey, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Ruth is reunited in heaven with her husband James J. Sejnoha, sons Maurice, Kevin and a baby boy; a granddaughter Hannah Sejnoha Burnison, three brothers, Harlan, Elwyn and James, one sister Helen Andersen, and all of her husband’s brothers and sisters.

Prayer Service and visitation will be held at Wills Funeral Chapel, 210 East Green St, Mitchell, SD on Sunday September 21, 2025 from 4:00 to 6:00. Funeral will be held at 10:30 am Monday September 22, 2025 at First Lutheran Church, 411 No. Duff St, Mitchell, SD.

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Shupp and Phillips crowned 2025 Co. Fair Royalty

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grandmother Betty Moritz Glathar and two sisters, Sara Glathar Martin and Allison Glathar Hains served as queen. Ella is involved in FCCLA where she serves as a District Officer, student council and helps organize bloodmobiles hosted in Falls City. She is active in volleyball and track competing all four years. In her free time she enjoys working with kids, watching documentaries and spending time with her friends. She works as a peer mentor and para at Falls City Elementary School and plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University to study elementary education, with hopes of returning to Falls City to teach alongside her mom.

Second runner-up, Elizabeth (Elie) Bstandig, the daughter of the late Becky Bstandig of Tecumseh and Sara and Sean Ramsey of Dawson. Her great aunt Lucille Jones was little Miss Humboldt, her brother Alex Koziol was coronation escort and her sister Hannah Koziol was a top ten queen candidate and her mom, Becky Bstandig sang the national anthem at the 2001 coronation. Eli participates in volleyball, basketball, track and field, speech, FFA and AcaDeca. She has been honored as a state finalist in multiple events and serves on the NSAA Student Advisory Committee, where she is serving her second year of being an advocate for all athletes in high school. Elie is employed at Honey Creek Performance Arena where she takes care of horses. She plans to major in Veterinary Radiology with a minor in business. In her free time, she enjoys riding her horse, Scout, playing sports and hanging out with her friends and family.

Third runner-up, MaKena Dunlap, the daughter of Josh and Christina Dunlap of Humboldt and Tanya and Cody Hull of Topeka, Kansas, is the granddaughter of Dennis and Linda Dunlap of Humboldt and Peggy and Jim Easterwood of Dawson. She is also the granddaughter of Stacy and John Ramer of Shubert. Her brother Brogan was previously an escort. MaKena is active in sports where she qualified and placed at State Track. She is a member of student council, FCA, National Honors Society, youth mentoring, co-captain of the HTRS Cheer Squad, and mock-trial among many other sports and extra curriculars. She is employed at Honey Creek Arena and Titan Diner. She enjoys many outdoor activities like her dad, and hanging out with her baby sister CieJay. She plans to pursue a career in pediatric nursing.

Fourth runner-up, Miranda Rist, the daughter of Chelsea (Shaw) and Seth Kerwin of Auburn and Franklyn Rist of Humboldt. Miranda is the granddaughter of Tim and Kim Rist of Humboldt, Julie and Bill Krause of Auburn, and Ron and Cindy Shaw of Auburn. She too comes from a line of royalty including her great grandpa Crissie Rist who was king, her father who was an attendant, she was a junior attendant, her aunt Cheree Rist was first runner up. Miranda is active in track and made it to State Track in high jump as well as with her relay team. She volunteers at the food bank when she can and enjoys helping Terra Frank at her daycare. She plans on working in the medical field in the future.

The court was escorted by senior boys Kirk Bass, Emmett Glathar and Jonathan Koch of HTRS, along with Kyler Sipple and Cole Taft of Falls City Sacred Heart.

The 2025 Humboldt Woman of the Year honor was awarded to Imogene Frank.

The king and queen were crowned by Ryan Larsen, chief executive officer of Community Medical Center in Falls City.

The coronation program featured music, skits and performances by the HTRS cheer squad, show choir and Peru State College's "Treble in Paradise" ensemble.

The celebration marked the official beginning of the Richardson County Free Fair, which continued through the weekend with carnival rides, parades, exhibits, games and free entertainment.

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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*

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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@sentco.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

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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*

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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.*

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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*

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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) Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM. Website: www.gbfcchurch.com.

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HUMBOLDT

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

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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*

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

BIG LAKE, MO

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

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Quartz & Granite Countertops

Warm weather workouts benefit well-being

While we may be eager to enter a new season, warm weather is still here. There’s still time to take advantage of it.

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly SM), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, with a “Real People. Real Weight Loss.®” philosophy, teaches that exercise is a vital part of any weight loss journey — whether you move your body inside a gym or outside in the sun. Studies show that three in five people prefer outdoor workouts to indoor ones, opting for fresh air and natural scenery.

No matter where you exercise, a regular movement routine and a healthy diet will help you shed pounds. But outdoor exercise hosts several other benefits:

It Improves Our Overall Health

A typical person spends half of their day sitting, and a typical office worker sits for 15 hours a day. When sitting, often staring at a computer or screen, we can feel stuck and disconnected. That changes when we step outside, as movement outdoors can help us feel revitalized and rejuvenated because we’re able to be away — at least for a little bit — from the demands of our day-to-day life. Being around nature is linked to less stress and a boost in happiness, creativity, productivity, and positivity.

That exposure to the fresh air, especially the sunshine, also helps our immune system, muscle function, and brain activity when we soak up Vitamin D. Many people find themselves deficient in this vitamin,

either because they live in an area with limited sunshine or they don’t get out enough. Studies show that being outdoors just twice a week provides the necessary amount of Vitamin D needed.

Finally, those who spend time outside exercising tend to sleep better. Not only does exercise demand that your body rest but doing so in natural light helps regulate your circadian rhythm and sleep-wake cycles.

It Improves Our Exercise Routines

Exercising outside makes our workouts more effective. Outdoor environments are shown to prevent our brains from focusing on unimportant stimuli and increase our attention to the task at hand, meaning we train harder when outside.

The revitalization we feel in nature gives us more energy and less fatigue, and beautiful weather might prove as a perfect distraction, allowing us to work out longer than we expected.

Another bonus: exercising outside is free! No membership at a gym or fancy equipment is required. Most people can find a park that is walkable or that they can access via public transportation. Some parks even have equipment — monkey bars count!

The physical and mental health benefits from exercising outside will follow no matter what you do outside—whether you prefer to walk with friends, take an outdoor yoga class, or go for a run in the neighborhood. However, the following are some unique ex-

ercise opportunities to try:

Kayaking: Many cities have kayak rentals that allow you to be on the water for an hour or two. Kayaking gives you a great arm workout, targeting your shoulders, triceps, biceps, back, and core.

Hiking or Cycling: Looking to improve your cardiovascular endurance? Both hiking and biking benefit your heart health. They also allow you to unplug and socialize with those around you.

Roller Skating: If you’re worried about your knees, roller skating is a great option as it doesn’t put so much pressure on your joints. It’ll make you feel like a kid again with the high adrenaline rush.

Gardening: Even tending to your plants, fresh fruits, and veggies can provide a good workout. All the bending and twisting you do strengthen your core.

Grab a friend and break a sweat in the sun while the warm weather is around!

Visit www.tops.org or call 800-932-8677 to learn more about TOPS and to find a local chapter.

VILLAGE OF VERDON

VILLAGE OF VERDON MINUTES SPECIAL HEARING - SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 - 7:00 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

A Special Hearing was held to set the final tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Chairperson Denise Koso called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

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

ROLL CALL: Present were: Cody Bahr, Kerry Fritz, Denise Koso, Lois Miller, and Richard Strecker Jr. Absent: None. Clerk, Dawn Bennett, was also present.

GUESTS: Robert Aitken and Ver-na Shelton.

BUSINESS ON HAND:
1. Robert Aitken reviewed the final tax request as was published in the Falls City Journal on August 27, 2025. He explained the final tax request and compared it to the prior year’s budget information to those in attendance.

There was no input or discussion from the public.

Motion by Koso and second by Fritz to adjourn the Special Hearing with all the Board members present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.
Dawn Bennett,
Verdon Clerk
ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF VERDON

VILLAGE OF VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 - VILLAGE HALL

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Verdon was held immediately at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing.

Chairperson Denise Koso called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Cody Bahr, Kerry Fritz, Denise Koso, Lois Miller, and Richard Strecker Jr. Absent: None. Clerk, Dawn Bennett was also present.

GUESTS: Robert Aitken, Ver-na Shelton, Kenneth Fritz, Terry Cummins.

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Bahr to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

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

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

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

BUSINESS ON HAND:
1. A motion to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented was made by Koso with second by Fritz. Voting YEA: Koso, Fritz, Miller, Strecker, Bahr. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Carried.

2. A motion to request an audit waiver from the State Auditor’s office for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 was made by Bahr with second by Miller. Voting YEA: Bahr, Miller, Fritz, Strecker, Koso. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Carried.

3. Resolution No. 2025-05 SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RE-QUEST:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the

Governing Body of the Village of Verdon passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Verdon, resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund \$ 25,055.20
Bond Fund \$ 8,800.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 6.69 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be 0.470816 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. The Village of Verdon proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.494338 per \$100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Verdon will

Increase (or decrease) last year’s budget by -11.84 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

A motion was made by Kerry Fritz with second by Cody Bahr to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05. Voting YEA: Fritz, Bahr, Koso, Miller, Strecker. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Carried.

4. Ordinance 2025-101 “AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL: TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES: TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” was introduced and read by Cody Bahr. Motion by Denise Koso to waive the three different readings rule and pass the ordinance with one reading, second by Lois Miller. Voting YEA: Koso, Miller, Bahr, Fritz, Strecker. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Carried. Motion was then made by Cody Bahr with second by Denise Koso to pass Ordinance 2025-101. Voting YEA: Bahr, Koso, Miller, Strecker, Fritz. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. September 2025 Shut Off Notices – all have been paid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Committee Reports: GENERAL: Reminder that the Fall Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. STREETS: 1) Hein Construction should be starting the armor coating soon. 2) Discussion on over-hanging branches notices. 3) Reported that the repairs at 5th & Elm Street have been completed. WATER: 1) It was reported that the annual hydrant flushing will be on October 10, 2025. 2) Discussion on well house door repairs. 3) Update on the Public Water System Security Grant application. SEWER: 1) Update on the tube replacement – will be done this week. 2) It was reported that there is a Kickoff Meeting with JEO for the Wastewater System Preliminary Engineering Report on September 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

CEMETERY: Still waiting on the installation of the entrance sign. PARKS: Reminder that the Fish Fry Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 6th.

2. Water Hook Up at Cochran Property: No update

3. Nuisance/Unsafe Properties & Weed Notices: Updates on weed notices.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cost Increase for Residential Trash Customers – a notice was received from Seneca Sanitation Service on having to increase residential trash collection to \$21.00/month beginning November 1, 2025.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Questions and Concerns of the Public. At this time, Kenneth Fritz asked how to keep someone from shooting his cats. Board members suggested he call the game warden.

Motion by Koso second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. and all the Trustees voted YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk
The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be on October 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF VERDON AUGUST 2025 CLAIMS PAID

EFTPS EX	\$292.08
People Service SE	\$1,750.30
Verdon Library EX	\$25.00
Seneca Sanitation Service, Inc. SE	\$1,420.00
S.N.C. SE	\$92.58
Nebraska Public Health Lab SE	\$15.00
Tom Borrego SE	\$825.00
Cody Bahr RE	\$442.90
Kim Liberty SE	\$1,188.44
Dawn Bennett RE	\$300.00
Farm & City Supply SU	\$32.48
Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging FE	\$93.50
Falls City Journal EX	\$208.56
Justin Brewer EX	\$548.50
Staline Propane EX	\$2,106.00
J&A Traffic Products EX ..	\$135.08
Midwest Laboratories SU ..	\$48.10
Nebraska Rural Water Association FE	\$200.00
NPPD EX	\$898.16
Gerds Lawn Care SE	\$950.00
OPPD EX	\$274.66
Dawn Bennett SA	\$1,139.28
EX=EXPENSE, FE=FEE, MI=MILEAGE, RE=REIMBURSEMENT, SA=SALARY, SE=SERVICE, SU=SUPPLIES	
DAWN BENNETT, VERDON CLERK	ZNEZ

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 3, 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, September 3, 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 Campbell to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to make a correction in the minutes of August 20, 2025, meeting that incorrectly stated that Jim Farwell spoke during the concerned citizens group which should be removed and replaced with the name of Tom Farwell. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the August 27, 2025, Board of Equalization minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the August 27, 2025, Safety Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges the past week. With the recent heavy rainfall, he reported that rock hauling is being done, maintainers are dragging roads and equipment repairs are being addressed. Crews are also cleaning out ditches and culverts. Mr. Darveau also reported that he continues to work on grant funding and meeting with highway superintendents and engineers from the surrounding counties to make application for the bi-partisan infrastructure bill that includes grant funding for local road and bridge projects. He is also planning to enroll in a 12-week grant writer course to gain more information on completing grant applications.

I was also reported that the project, NW of Dawson on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road will have installed a headwall on the structure.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-6 to authorize the Chairman and Highway Superintendent to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications & Standards for 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. This certification is required to secure incentive payments for having a Highway Superintendent. (Resolution Book 28, Page 65)

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. He reported on the situation of heavy traffic on Hwy 75 on Thursday, August 28 with the majority of the motorists heading towards Kansas City for the NE football game at Arrowhead Stadium.

Staffing was also discussed and the Sheriff reported that dispatch will be hiring 2 new employees to fill vacancies and a part-time employee to fill in when needed. The deputies are also going to be attending some specialized training courses and an applicant to fill a vacancy position as deputy is being considered.

He also reported that 2 of the 3 patrol units recently ordered have been received and are waiting for the equipment, radio and computer equipment to be installed.

He reported the department statistics for the month of August with a total of 1,039 calls of which 369 were traffic stops, 37 arrests (5 from other agencies, out-of-county holds 4, and 29 arrested by Richardson County). During the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over grant period of August 16 thru September 1 there were 585 calls of which 241 were traffic stops with 11 arrests being made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:07 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel, to discuss pending litigation and for

the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:05 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

No action was taken after the executive session.

REVIEW FY25-26 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board reviewed the final calculations and the notice of the public budget hearing which will be advertised in next week’s publication of the Falls City Journal and Humboldt Standard. The notice will also be posted on the Richardson County website: www.richardsoncountyne.gov. The Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing to change the tax levy from the prior year to a different rate will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of August, 2025:

Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court \$1,186.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$9,036.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk \$338.50.

Sub-Division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Susan Mainzer and John Von Seggern located in Section 20, Township 2N, Range 15E and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-7. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 66)

Law Enforcement Center Roof

The Board held a discussion on the replacement of the roof at the Law Enforcement Center after it was determined that the roof had received damage from a hail-storm. The Board plans to obtain 3 quotes from different contractors to review the options available for replacement. The County’s insurance carrier has filed claim regarding this damage.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Campbell to allow the payment of all claims submitted today. Motion seconded by Karas. 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.)	
Amazon, supp	464.96
Clerk of District Court, fees	147.00
Continental Fire Sprinkler, serv	390.00
Culligan, serv	22.40
DAS State Accounting, serv	3141.29
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	164.86
Falls City Mercantile, supp	173.48
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	7494.14
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv	3080.50
CR25-168 P. Fellers, CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-62 Z. Creamer, CR25-23 T. Rogers, CR25-60 D. Smith, JV22-38, JV21-19 Karas, Rick, reimb	367.92
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1790.00
MIPS, serv	3565.86
NE Dept. of Health & Human Services, serv	93.00
Richardson County Court, fees	633.25
Richardson County EMA, reimb	56.98
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc	26161.30
Riggs, Kim, reimb	343.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv	17130.00
UNL, reg	115.00
Verizon, serv	199.85
Payroll Expense	122130.01
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$187,664.80

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Barco Municipal Products, supp	993.15
Blue Valley Door Co., serv	5389.00
Culligan, serv	33.60
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp	656.13
Falls City Utility Dept., serv	449.59
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	36370.09
Norris Quarries, rock	8120.40
OPPD, serv	91.80
Quill, supp	65.76
Unifirst, supp	7.85
Van Dorn Valley Construction, serv	45799.45
Payroll Expense	35944.07
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$133,966.89

REG. OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv

TOTAL REG. OF DEEDS P&M FUND

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Falls City Edge, funding ..

TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 10, 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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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
 Richardson County Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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 Trustees, 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
 ZNEZ

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for the Village of Shubert: that the 2025-2026 proposed budget of disbursements & transfers increased from \$30,721.00 to \$356,721.00; and the 2025- 2026 necessary cash reserve decreased from \$114,376 to \$64,376.00.

Jennifer Buchner
 Village of Shubert

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
 3-10-17
 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

To Tyler Scott David Wintz and all other interested persons: On 9-9-25, Bentley Gage Wintz, born November 2011, by and through his next friend, Jordyn Snethen, filed a petition in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska to change his name from Bentley Gage Wintz to Bentley Gage Snethen. The petition will be heard in the District Court of Richardson County, Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355, on October 21, 2025, at 1 :15 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Bentley Gage Wintz, Petitioner by and through his next friend, Jordyn Snethen

Diane L. Merwin, #24172
 FANKHAUSER, NELSEN,
 WERTS, ZISKEY &
 MERWIN, P.C., L.L.O.
 713 4th St., PO Box 126
 Humboldt, NE 68376
 (402) 862-2321

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 ZNEZ

NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska Estate of Clare B. Bachman, Deceased Estate No. PR25-47

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy of said Decedent, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of as Personal Representative has been filed herein and is set for hearing in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, located at 1700 Stone Street, Rm 205, Falls City, Nebraska, on October 6, 2025 at 9:15 o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Richard Smith
 Judge of the County Court
 1700 Stone Street, Rm 205
 Falls City, NE 68355

Kelly J. Werts, Bar I.D. #20509
 Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts,
 Ziskey & Merwin, P.C. L.L.O.
 713 4th St
 Humboldt, Nebraska 68376
 Tel: (402)862-2321
 Email:
 kellyjwerts@southeast-neb-law.com

17-24-1
 ZNEZ

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will meet in regular session at 1:00pm September 29, 2025 in person and via virtual ZOOM meeting per Executive Order 20-03 which issues a limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Board of Equalization. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd or log onto the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging website www.braaa.org. ZOOM meeting instructions will be provided upon request. The agenda may be modified to include items of an emergency nature only.

Tracie Fossler
 Administrative Assistant
 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

STELLA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
 IN
 RICHARDSON County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 23 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at Fire Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	29,967.52
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	65,147.69
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	54,300.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	8,067.06
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$	62,367.06
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	26,650.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	1,169.40

Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	26,650.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	-

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of the limited liability company: Campbell Auto Repair, LLC. Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 1922 Lane St., Falls City, NE 68355. Name of the initial agent for service of process: Nick Campbell. Street, mailing address and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 1922 Lane St., Falls City, NE 68355. Effective date if other than the date filed: 8/27/25

/s/ Nick Campbell
 Name of Organizer
 17-24-1
 ZNEZ

DISTRICT #70

Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary Monday, September 8, 2025 6:30 PM Humboldt Board Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM. Quentin Bowen: Absent, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present. Attendance Update Taken at 6:31 PM. Quentin Bowen: Present. 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - OPEN MEETINGS NOTICE - ROLL CALL 2. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS 3. HEAR DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 4. ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 6:53 passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Respectfully submitted, Chantel Farwell ZNEZ

DISTRICT #70

Property Tax Request Hearing Monday, September 8, 2025 6:45 PM Humboldt Board Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 6:54 PM. Quentin Bowen: Present, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present. 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - OPEN MEETINGS NOTICE - ROLL CALL 2. WELCOME PATRONS AND GUESTS 3. HEAR DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AND PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR MOTION TO ADJOURN passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Dave Mezger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 4. ADJOURN Respectfully submitted, Chantel Farwell ZNEZ

DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025 7:00 PM Humboldt Board Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 7:07 PM. Quentin Bowen: Present, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present. 1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER- ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE* 2. WELCOME PATRONS & GUESTS: PATRON COMMENT 3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Motion to approve passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 3.1. Meeting Minutes 3.2. Bills for Payment 3.3. Review Treasurer's report 4. REPORTS

4.1. Principal Caniglia discussed the upcoming college fairs, activities and upcoming parent teacher conferences. 4.2. Principal Standerford discussed our curriculum, CLSD grant, upcoming meetings and the C.O.W. (Celebrate Our Wins) Program. 4.3. SPED Director Kroll's Report 4.4. NASB Report - Neal Kanel 4.5. Committee Reports Building Committee discussed updating the intercom system, alarm system, bells, etc. The bid that we have received was discussed, and it was agreed to wait until we have the new phones installed and see how those work first. 5. AGENDA ITEMS 5.1. Approve board member's leave of absence 5.2. Approve 2025-2026 Budget Motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Neal Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 5.3. Approve Tax asking for 2025-2026 Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Tax Asking passed with a motion by Neal Kanel and a second by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 5.4. Welding Vent System Motion to approve the quote from VentAir for \$9870 passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 6. SUPERINTENDENT GRIF-FITH REPORT 7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS 8. ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 7:41pm passed with a motion by Scott Ogle and a second by Dave Mezger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Respectfully submitted, Chantel Farwell

Vendor Name	Description	Invoice Amount
Amazon Capital Services,	Supplies.....	6,976.33
Auburn Family Health Center,	Transportation Physical Bc..	150.00
B2 Environmental, Inc. Inspection,	Ahera	1,250.00
Bauman, Amber, Steam	Reimb	38.59
Beatrice Mechanical Service, Parts & Repairs		720.40
Blecha's General Store, Parts ..		11.00
Blue Valley Sod Irrigation Repair LLC, Parts+Labor		479.00
Cardmember Service, Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund		5,598.17
Chadwell, Mindy , Lmhp ,Jt.....		97.00
City Of Humboldt ,Utilities-Water/ Sewer.....		2,739.53
Dietze Music House, Music	186.30	
Don Plager,Parts+:-Labor		
C&D		75.92
Dstk Phillips, Inc, Parts. Repairs.	Filters	11,231.21
Eakes Office Solutions,	Maintenance Supplies	3,643.32
Eggers Bros Inc, Welding	Supplies	2,216.12
Electronic Contracting Co., Alarm	Monitoring Services.....	176.40
Essential Screens, Emplmt	Background Screenings	80.90
Esu #4, Zoom Setup -	Workshops.....	19,818.54
Esu #6, Tech Hosting Services...		61.23
Falls City Journal, Ads.....		1,069.00
FC Sanitation, Trash-Utilities ...		670.00
Follett Content Solutions, Llc, Po	8496-Books	1,694.38
Hometown Leasing, Staple Copier	Lease	1,382.80
Houghton Mifflin Co Map Growth K-12		1,875.00
Hrdirect, Posterguard		97.95
Htmc, Ad Messages		120.00
Htrs Activity Fund, Tr To Activities	Fund + Cheer Car Wash	66,000.00
Htrs Early Learning Center, Po	8547	300.00
Htrs Hot Lunch, Tr To Lunch	Account	30,000.00
Htrs Payroll Acct Payroll Expenses		576,261.48
Humboldt Standard, Ads		195.20
Inventory Id. Inventory 2025 Asset	Reports+Inventory	5,070.00
Johnson County Hospital, Bus	Driver Physical.....	152.00

Koch Auto Service, Inv 45266 + Suburban Repairs6,072.43
 Ksb School Law, Legal Services269.50
 Kurita America Inc, Water Soft Contract.....484.00
 Lewis Implement Co, Parts.152.29
 Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services2,305.50
 Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Po 85387,692.31
 Missoula Children's Theatre, Po 8567.....200.00
 Nasb Alicap, Insurance ..88,410.00
 National Therapeutic Associates, Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped Services.....712.50
 NCSA - Nebraska Council Of School Admin, Ak Membership Case-Cec

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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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

VERDON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
 IN
 Richardson County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 23RD day of SEPTEMBER 2025, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. at THE FIRE HALL for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	307,579.60
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	100,681.71
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	100,070.50
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	134,029.16
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$	234,099.66
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	95,585.73
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	-

Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	36,515.23
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	59,070.50

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Village of Stella
 IN
 Richardson County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 22 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Stella Community Building for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	198,860.17
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$	241,060.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	398,350.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	57,518.70
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$	455,868.70
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	20,217.45
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	501.35

Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	20,217.45
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	-

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST


PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 22 day of September 2025, at 7:10 o'clock P.M., at Stella Community Building for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	393,000.00	398,350.00	1%
Property Tax Request	\$ 17,170.00	\$ 20,217.45	18%
Valuation	6,314,473	6,839,701	8%
Tax Rate	0.271915	0.295590	9%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.251034		

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HELP WANTED

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Humboldt – Table Rock – Steinauer Public School has a need for substitute teachers for now and the future
Substitute pay is \$175/day for regular and \$195/day for substitutes covering an individual teacher’s class for more than 10 consecutive days. Applications are located in the main entrance of the school. Applications and substitute certification requirements can be located online at <https://www.htrstitans.com/page/employment>.
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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.
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JOB OPENINGS

The Nemaha County Hospital,
Auburn, Nebraska has the following open positions:
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Radiology Technologist: cross-trained in CT. The position is evenings, Monday - Friday, with a weekend call rotation every 3-4 weeks. Applicants must have ARRT, a Nebraska License, and be BLS Certified.
Registered Nurse: “Come collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to provide quality care, analyze physical and emotional needs, improve the lives of others, and utilize a wide variety of nursing skills.” 12-hour hour shifts. Must have a current Nebraska RN license. \$10,000 sign-on bonus!
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This RFP is being circulated by the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska to secure a Contractor to build tile terraces and underground outlet pipe per the NRCS Table of Quantities for Tract 1966: Line Items #4 & #5. Any contractor interested in providing these services should field verify the conditions and distances. After harvest, the field will be staked by NRCS. For more information contact: Kevin Burnison, Executive Director, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska 305 North Main, Reserve, KS 66434 Email: kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com Phone: 785-742-7471 ext. 2501 after office hours cell 785-288-0191.
Application form and a more complete project description can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742- 7471 Ext 2500 or via email tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com. Respond to this RFP by submitting via US Mail or hand delivery to the address noted above or via email to kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com no later than 2 PM Thursday 10-16-2025.

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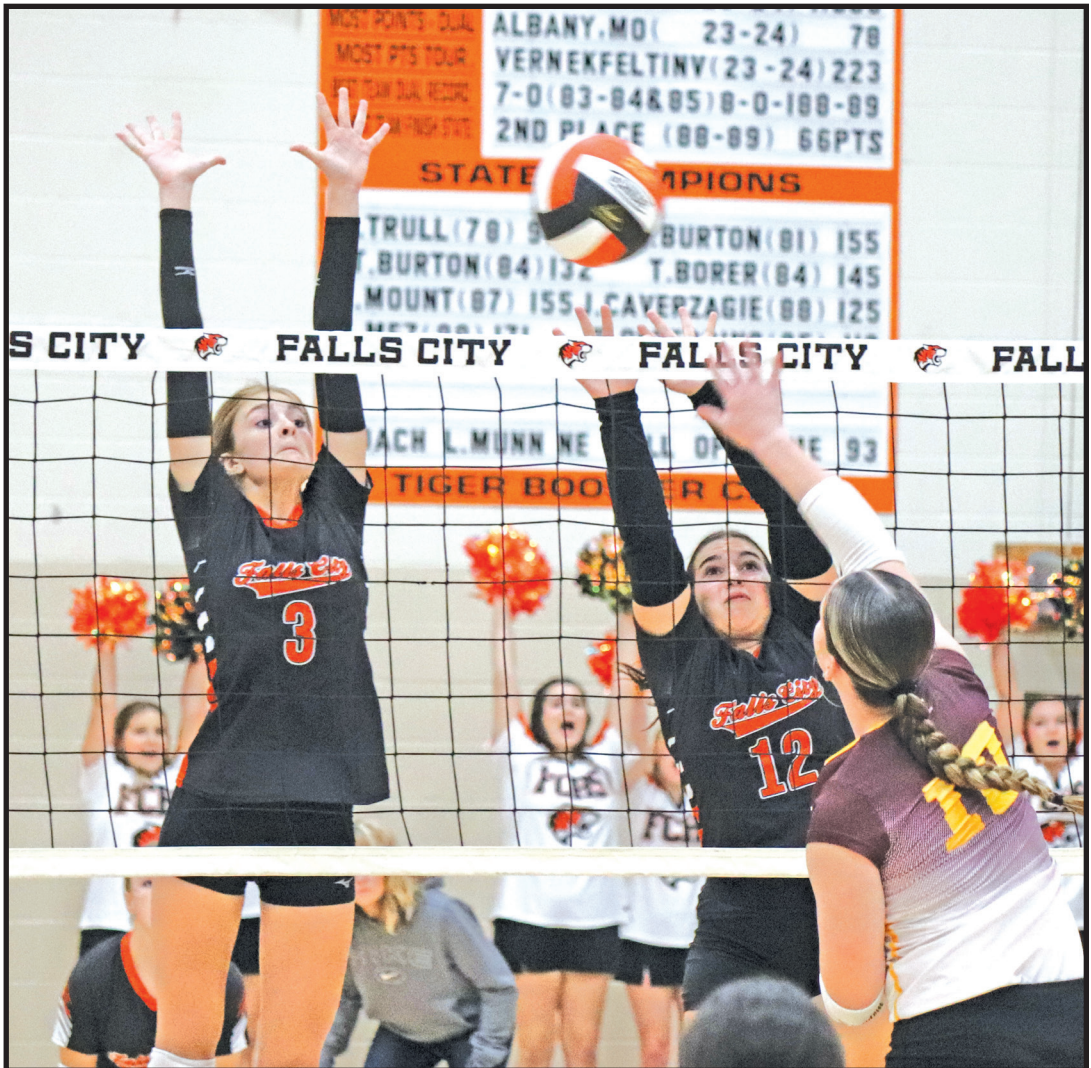
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Royal Court, L-R: Kirk Bass, Jonathan Koch, Kyler Sipple, MaKena Dunlap, Ella Glathar, Lucy Williams, Chloe Shupp, Reagan Dutcher, Doug Phillips, Bree Strauch, Dax Bittner, Elie Bstandig, Miranda Rist, Emmett Glathar and Cole Taft. (Photo by Alex McKim)



Liv Buckminster (3) and Bella Johansen (12) attempt a block versus Sterling on Thursday evening.

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TO GIVE BLOOD
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12:00 to 6:00 P.M.
Fri., Sept. 19
9:00 to 3:00 P.M.
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