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October

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Commissioners send settlement offer to road department employees

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners convened on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at the Richardson County Courthouse. Commissioners Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie all answered the roll call.

Caverzagie made a motion to approve two pledge security receipts replacements from F&M Bank, which Clerk Mary Eickhoff and Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presented.

The Board met with Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. Darveau told the Board that he was still awaiting blueprint plans from the engineers regarding the project northwest of Dawson on 637 Avenue. Darveau said he had reached out to the firm on Tuesday and was told he should have the plans by the end of the week. The Commissioners expressed concerns about reopening the road, and Darveau agreed, but said he doubted the project would be completed by harvest. The Superintendent said that once he receives the plans, the project will have to go out for bids, and that will take time.

Tyler Bek, Transportation Supervisor for Falls City Public Schools, met with the Board to discuss bus routes. He provided the Board and Darveau with a map of roads that the school uses for bus routes in the County. Bek questioned whether the Honey Creek Road was going to be repaired with hot mix or a chip and seal. Darveau responded, "No, it's not going to get overlaid."

After a discussion, it was decided that the road was too far gone to do an overlay. The conversation shifted to milling the road and laying it back down, then turning the road to gravel. The Commissioners agreed that milling the road and turning it into a gravel road was something to investigate.

Darveau said he now has bus routes from all the schools that use roads in the County.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty updated the Board on business at the Law Enforcement Center, reporting that the jail was currently housing 17 inmates.

A discussion was also had regarding an engine in the 2021 Ford Explorer. The question arose of whether it was better to try to repair the engine or purchase a new one.

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City to assess fines for four more vacant properties

The City Council met at City Hall on Monday, September 15, 2025. Councilpersons Leyden and Kaster were absent from the roll call.

In the City Administrator's report, Anthony Nussbaum stated that he was aiming for a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 29, 2025, for a budget hearing, which would follow at 6:00 p.m.

The Council authorized the use of city streets for the Falls City Public Schools Homecoming Parade. The parade will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025.

The following item up for discussion was a request by Bing Bindrum for no parking along the east side of the 900 block of Morton Street. Bindrum alleged that neighbors in his area continually block his driveways with vehicles and trailers for extended periods, making it difficult for him to access his trailers.

The Council sympathized with Bindrum but ultimately decided against installing no-parking signs, citing the precedent it would set.

The Board also discussed a modification to the North Commercial Corridor Redevelopment plan. According to Nussbaum, Phase One of the project was adding O'Reilly's on the north part of town. Phase Two is what is currently being discussed and would encompass True Ag and Turf.

"We're doing the redevelopment plan due to the community development law changing this last year," said Nussbaum. "So, this will be Phase Two, but there's other big buildouts in the future, this plan allows them to be able to capture those additional TIF dollars."

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Journal earns awards at NPA Better Newspaper Contest

The *Falls City Journal* was recognized with three awards at the Nebraska Press Association's (NPA) Better Newspaper Contest, in Kearney, NE.

Highlighting the *Journal's* success, Chelsie Alexander secured a first-place award in Creative Ad Writing for "Back to School ABC's." Judges stated, "Clever use of ABC's for Back to School and wide range of advertising clients."

Additionally, Alexander was honored with third place in the Community Promotion Advertisement category for the "Halloween Map," praised as "eye-catching and festive, providing a great service to parents in the community by offering a safe place for children to trick or treat."

Nikki McKim also earned recognition, receiving second place across all Nebraska newspapers in the prestigious "Editorial of the Year" category for her piece titled "Preserving the Heartbeat of Our Community: The Role of Local Newspapers."

Judges noted this editorial was "well-written, engaging and powerfully articulated the essential value and community role of local journalism."

Have you seen this house?

By Bob Nelson

From 1857 to the late 1870s, this humble home built of black walnut lumber was located at the northwest corner 16th and Stone Street, a lot now occupied by the Collection Museum, or, for us older types, "Falter's Clothing Store," or for even older types, "The Dorrington Block." Then the house was moved.

But where did it go? And, does it still exist?

Carpenter David Dorrington hastily built the home while he worked on more substantial commercial structures along Stone Street the first year of Falls City's existence. He and his wife, Ann, had planned to settle in Kansas when they arrived in 1857, but David received an offer he couldn't refuse – for guiding construction projects in the new town, he'd receive several lots along the main street of what one of the city's founders, Jim Lane, promised would soon become an industrial powerhouse, "The Lowell of the West" as he called it.

At the time, Lane, a former U.S. Congressman and Mexican War hero, was using the spot as the headquarters for the rag-tag remnants of the "Army of the North," a group of more than a thousand free-state fighter/settlers who had travelled overland through Iowa and Nebraska the year prior to break a pro-slavery blockade of Missouri River by pro-slavery militiamen. The "Border Ruffians" wanted Kansas to be a slave state and, by 1855, were using violence and voter fraud to win.

Those travelling what became known as "The Lane Trail" in 1856 wanted slavery banned in the new state and were willing to fight for it. The ultimate goal of anti-slavery advocates, many of whom had joined the new Republican Party, was to block the spread of slavery into new territories as part of a plan to surround slave states with free territories and thus, choke the institution of slavery to death.

That was the hope of David and Ann Dorrington, an English couple who moved to New York state in the 1840s, then pulled up stakes again in 1857 to join thousands of other anti-slavery northerners heading to Kansas once the Missouri River was reopened to people from all states of the union. They landed at the thriving river town of Doniphan (long since washed away), which, at the time, was home of James Redpath's "Crusader of Freedom,' a paper dedicated to three things: Making Kansas a free state, getting Jim Lane elected senator of that free state, and, to fund the enterprise, selling expensive lots in some Nebraska paper town called "Falls City."

By 1859, the Dorringtons had built a barn behind the house where they stored the horses and wagons for the mail routes David had acquired while guiding construction on Stone Street. David, with the help of his two sons, John and William, shuttled mail between Falls City and Topeka using the same path to the free-state capitol used by the emigrants and gun runners in 1856 and 1857.

Many of those anti-slavery emigrants had stopped along the way, thereby making the path uniquely qualified for another purpose – helping those fleeing slavery in Missouri to get to Canada through a landscape teeming with bounty hunters.

The road from Topeka to Falls City and on to Tabor, Iowa, became known as the Westernmost Line of the Underground Railroad. Most famously, the route was used by John Brown after his raid into Missouri in late 1858 that liberated 11 and left one slaveholder dead. After Sissa Daniels gave birth to a boy her and her husband named John Brown Daniels, the group, escorted by "The Topeka Boys," arrived at the Great Nemaha River at the beginning of February, and, after spending the night at Joe Tesson's double-log cabin directly south of Falls City, disassembled their wagons, slid gently across the iced-over Nemaha, rebuilt their wagons, and then advanced slowly up to Falls City where, according to David and Ann's son, William, at least some number of the group, including Brown himself, spent the night in either the Dorrington house or barn, by then known as a trustworthy safehouse for those fleeing slavery.

There are no pictures of the barn. It's currently unknown when it was torn down or moved. What is known is this: The Dorrington house was moved to a lot somewhere in Falls City, likely in the late 1870s or early 1880s, to make way for a massive brick structure more appropriate for a thriving town's main street.

In 1873, David built a larger house on the northwest corner of 15th and Chase streets. Today, that structure, split into four apartments in the 1920s, looks much like when it was first built.

While likely that David and Ann moved into their new house soon after, no evidence has been found to indicate when their original house was moved from its Stone Street location. All we know for sure: It was surely gone by 1881 when construction began on the "Dorrington Block."

In 1908, an un-bylined writer in the "Falls City Daily News" mentioned the house, noting cryptically that, "The Dorrington house was an old landmark for years, and, although having been removed and repaired, is still recognized by the old pioneers as they pass by it." This may suggest that the exterior – notable due to the unusually flat pitch of the roof and the shape and position of the two second-floor windows – appeared so different from the outside that only those who had seen the house relocated and remodeled could identify it. This might explain why, after slowly driving up and down every street in Falls City several times

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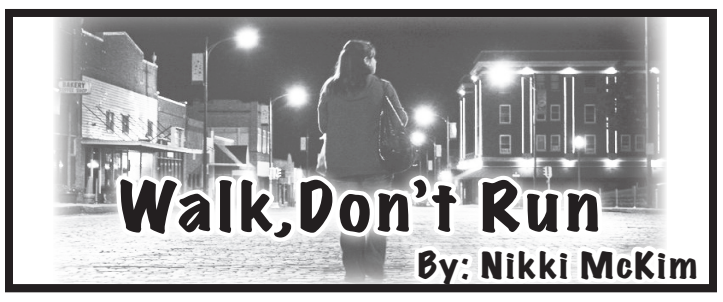

A Life Colored Redford: If you were to stop by my office or house, you'd know immediately who my "current" favorite movie star is. The answer is everywhere you look. At home, Robert Redford peers out from original posters of *The Electric Horseman*. A program from when he starred in *Sunday in New York* rests beside an early photograph of him in *Barefoot in the Park*. I have autographs framed on ledges, old magazines with him on the cover, and even a photo that once belonged to Robert Osborne's personal collection. Friends who know me well have gifted me Redford shirts, coasters, tote bags, and more. Each piece holds a story, a movie memory, or a memory of that friend or time. But each piece reminds me of how much I adore Robert Redford.

He's such a constant presence that we named our dog after him. I'll never forget walking into the old *Journal* office and telling Scott Schock we got a new dog over the long Fourth of July weekend and named him Robert Redford. The way he just smiled, slightly shook his head and asked what kind of dog he was. That's a good memory. But, after a few days yelling out "Robert Redford" got to be a bit much, so we shortened it to "Hubbell" after Redford's truly awful, but beautiful character in *The Way We Were*. The little R on his back still reminds us that he was destined to be our little "Robert Redford."

Redford has always been more than an actor to me. From the new to town stranger in, *This Property is Condemned*, the "uptight" businessman in *Barefoot in the Park*, Sundance in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, the relentless reporter in *All the President's Men*, the washed-up cowboy in Alex's favorite Redford film, *The Electric Horseman*. His characters were always charming, but they also carried weight. They represented something in all of us, the determination of a person trying to do right in a complicated world.

When I first traveled to New York City the summer before the pandemic, one of the main places I wanted to visit was Washington Square Park. Redford filmed there in the movie adaptation of *Barefoot in the Park*, and I couldn't resist the urge to reenact some of the movie stills. It was so corny, but I loved every second of it.

Redford's importance goes beyond his acting or his work behind the camera. He believed movies could be more than entertainment. Through the Sundance Institute and the Sundance Film Festival, he created a platform for independent filmmakers who might have otherwise gone unheard. He opened doors for films and stories that were not "conventionally" Hollywood. Some genuinely excellent movies have emerged from Sundance, including the "*Before* series" from Richard Linklater and Tarantino films. Finding a voice for independent cinema helped change the direction of American film. That alone changed the way movies are made and seen and gave him a place in history.

Still, for me, the connection is personal. Redford (and Jane Fonda) has been with me in the good days and the bad. During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, I watched *Barefoot in the Park, Sunday in New York*, and *The Way We Were* a lot. Sometimes the same one a couple of times a day. They were some of the earliest comfort movies for me during the pandemic. As the days grew into weeks and months, then came, *The Natural, Great Gatsby, The Electric Horseman, Up Close and Personal, The Sting, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, This Property is Condemned, All the President's Men, Our Souls at Night, Out of Africa* and more. He was kind, gentle and comforting for all three of us.

Redford always stuck to his values and pursued roles and projects that mattered to him, even when he knew they may not be huge box office hits. He stood up for environmental causes, advocated for freedom of expression and supported filmmakers who had something to say.

Redford's presence in my world, through film, memorabilia and art, is a testament to my gratitude for what he has given us. He's given me hours of joy, thought and inspiration. Naming a dog after him, decorating my walls with his image, wearing him as a tote, button, shirt or bumper sticker all come down to the same thing. His work mattered, still matters and always will.

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All things Nebraska

Lagging job growth in Omaha and Lincoln sparks concern

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Alarm bells are sounding over the lack of robust job growth in the state's two largest cities.

A recent study commissioned by the Omaha-based Aksarben Foundation indicated that job growth in Omaha and Lincoln lagged behind its peer cities, such as Sioux Falls, Des Moines and Oklahoma City.

An analysis by old buddy Henry Cordes in the Omaha World-Herald found that the number of jobs in Nebraska's top cities grew by 0.3% and 0.4%, respectively, from 2020-24. That's quite a bit less than the 1.8% job growth in Sioux Falls and the 1.2% growth in Des Moines.

The Aksarben report calculated that had Omaha and Lincoln seen employment grow at the same rate as its peers, the two cities would have added 68,000 more jobs and generated up to $800 million in additional state taxes.

With 60% of the state's jobs and wages based in those two cities, that's pretty stunning stuff.

Why Omaha and Lincoln are being lapped by its competitors was unclear. Job growth nationally has lagged in recent months, but others are doing better.

The report offered several suggestions:

– Brain Drain. Nebraska in recent years has seen more people with bachelor's degrees and higher leaving the state than moving here. In 2020, the net loss was 4,610 individuals, according to a report by the University of Nebraska at Omaha Center for Public Affairs Research. Brain drain, the report suggested, makes companies look elsewhere to expand.

Why the brain drain? I'd say it's a lack of high-paying jobs college grads want, and the age-old lure of "bright lights, big cities" being more exciting than the Cornhusker State.

– High Taxes. Omaha business leaders, who make up the Aksarben Foundation, blamed the state's high property taxes and relatively high income taxes for some of the sluggish job growth. They also called for more incentives for businesses (don't we already give millions and millions?).

But Des Moines taxes are higher, the World-Herald article pointed out, so why was its job growth so much better?

– Promotion. I saw recently that the state tourism director who adopted the pitch line, "Honestly, Nebraska: it's not for everyone," resigned. That motto brought some attention to the state, but I thought it also gave some people one more reason not to visit or live here.

Overall, we Nebraskans are a pretty humble bunch. We're not braggers like those big-hats in Texas, and we don't celebrate our cheese and beer like those in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

But I do think we have some work to do to promote our "Good Life" state and talk up its advantages. That probably means spending more money for promotion.

We have great public schools, low crime and ample open spaces. (I really appreciate the latter attribute after battling bumper-to-bumper, moving-at-a-crawl traffic on a recent visit to scenic Colorado. Somehow, I didn't see beauty in the back end of the car ahead of me.)

We have a tremendous work ethic, a strong bond with our neighborhoods and communities, and a low cost of living. And the best volleyball in the land, along with a getting better football team.

It's a tough environment for companies right now. There's uncertainty about raw materials due to tariffs, and the shortage of workers is being exacerbated, to some extent, by the crackdown on immigrants.

But we have many attributes that ought to be attractive to job growth. We've got some work to do.

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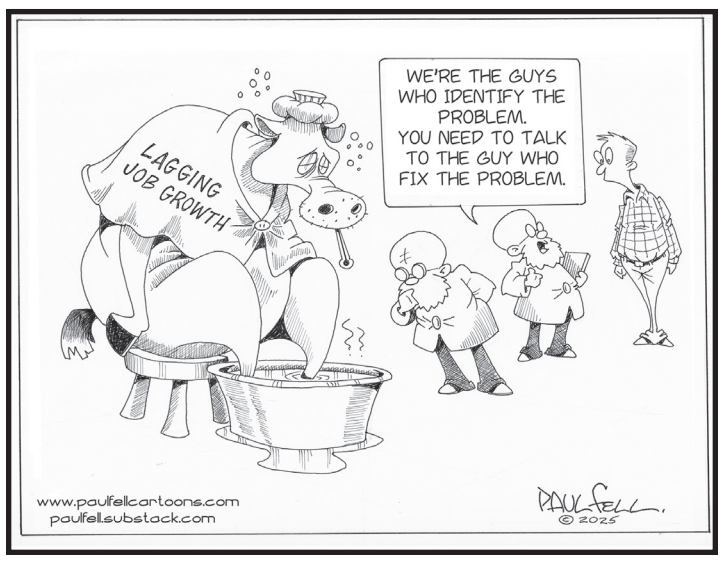

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13. Governmental space agency, acr.
14. Meat in a casing
15. Larry Bird's target
16. Narrative poem
17. Richard Bachman to Stephen King
18. *Sherman's Mr. ____
20. Fence plank
21. Small jar
22. FedEx competitor
23. *Tabaqui of "The Jungle Book"
26. Most vital part
30. a.k.a. Home of the Brave
31. Bewilder
34. Y'all
35. Phonograph media
37. Williams sister's return
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63. Bo Peep follower
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48. Nut holder
49. Tequila source
50. "____ me a seat"
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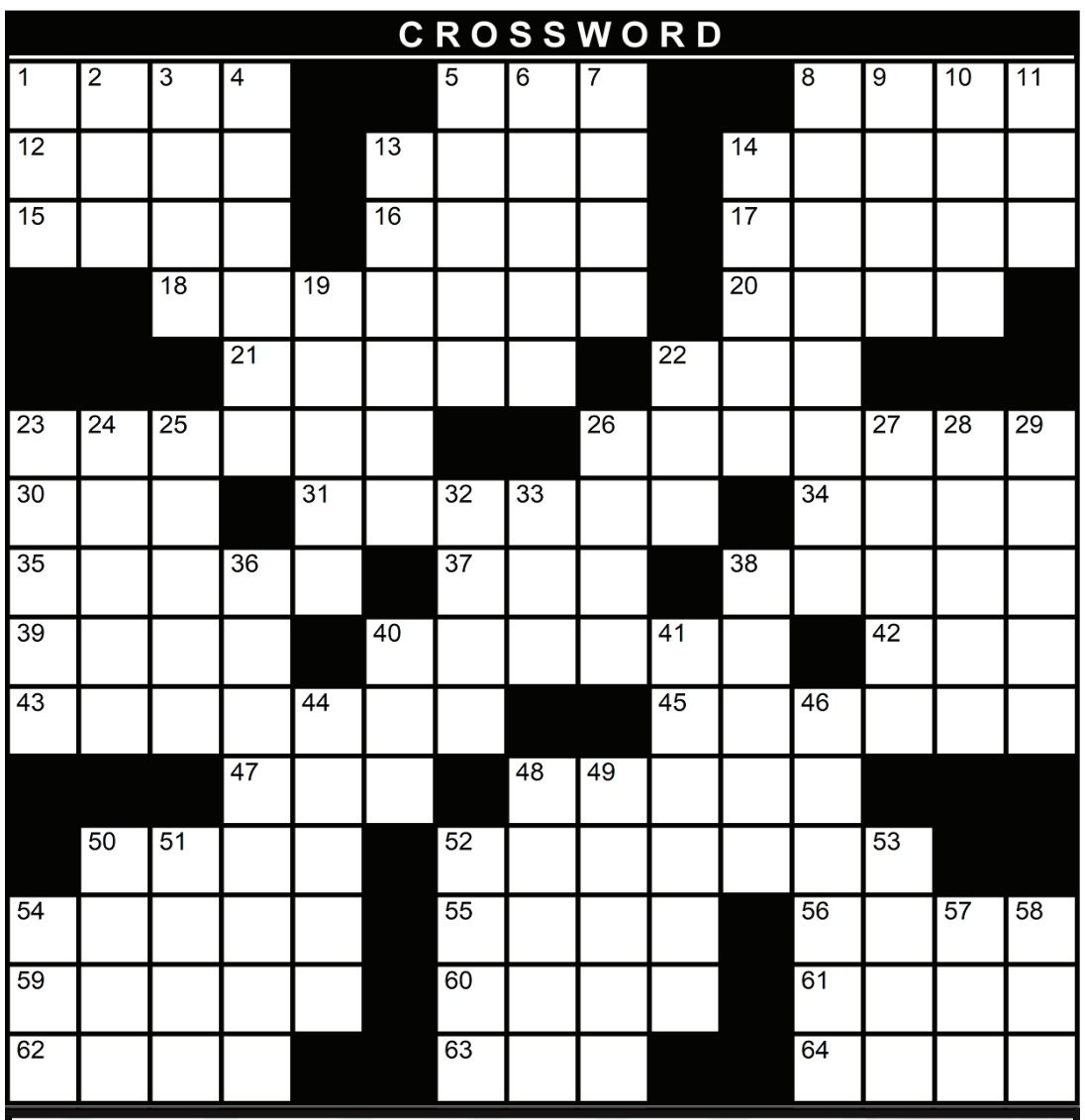

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75 Years Ago, September 24, 1950 to September 30, 1950

The Central Hog Auction market, at the south end of Fulton Street, was to hold its first livestock auction in the new pavilion on October 3. J.C. Ratekin of Falls City and Leo Goodhart of Humboldt were partners in the firm, while Jim Bowers and Henry Herold were the auctioneers.

The 24th annual convention of the Richardson County Federation of Women's Clubs was to be held at the Christian Church at Verdon. Governor Val Peterson was set to appear.

The Falls City Vets baseball squad wrapped up a 25-13 campaign with a 13-1 win over Union Chevrolet of Kansas City. Pitcher Davey Brown tossed a no-hitter for the local club. Sonny Spainhower went 3-3, while Rusty Witt added a pair of singles for Falls City.

Mrs. Delia Waley of Verdon and her brother, James Laymiller of Portland, Oregon, met recently for the first time in 52 years. A fish dinner was given in their honor by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgess of Salem.

The City chose two Hastings firms to construct the new municipal swimming pool for $59,415.

A coal mine explosion in Worksop, England, killed 83 miners at 1,335 feet underground.

Ray Pettegrew, golf pro and manager of the Falls City Country Club, resigned to assume a similar position at Excelsior Springs, MO.

The Omaha World-Herald recognized three Falls City High School athletes for their contributions on the field. The list included Wayne Nanomantube, Tom Percell and Dick Wickiser.

Fred Meinzer of Falls City was elected second vice-president of the Southeast Volunteer Firemen's Association at the annual meeting in Auburn.

Anderson-Rawlings, a Crete contractor, was installing a ready-mix concrete plant at Humboldt. The firm was awarded the contract for the construction of Quonset-type 40,000-bushel storage bins for the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation in Richardson, Nemaha, Pawnee, and Johnson counties.

The City of Humboldt decided to move forward with plans for a municipal swimming pool. The mayor and council issued an invitation to contractors to submit bids by October 17.

Sacred Heart defeated Verdon 54-34 on the six-man football field. Chico Marx scored the game's first touchdown for the Irish on a 34-yard double reverse.

Pawnee City defeated the Tigers 14-7 in front of 2,200 fans in Falls City. Nanomantube scored Falls City's only touchdown of the game.

50 Years Ago, September 24, 1975 to September 30, 1975

The first boxing smoker of the fall was nearing, and Jake Nanomantube had eight fighters ready to hit the ring. The list included Mike Olberding, Steve Scholl, Pat Olberding, Phil Knobbe, Jim Adams, Tim Burton, Tom Gerdes and Jess Marrs.

Antelope fullback Bill Simon carried the ball 11 times for 59 yards and slotback Fred Ivey totaled 74 yards on three catches as Kearney State defeated Fort Hays State 10-7.

Paula Prichard, a senior at Falls City High School, was awarded a scholarship by the Nebraska Women's Athletic Department for softball. Prichard was one of only two women to receive a softball scholarship in 1975.

For Sale—Watermelons, 4 for $1. You pick 'em from the patch. Don A. Runyan.

A five-shot Remington pump shotgun was on sale for $124.97 at Gibson's Discount Center in Falls City.

A dam, which included approximately 35,000 cubic yards of earth embankment, was in the final stages on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rieger and Mrs. Elmer Fischer. The dam covered a drainage area of 224 acres.

Wichita-based Pizza Hut reached a unit milestone when President Frank Carney cut the ribbon on the company's 2,000th unit located in Independence, Missouri.

Wheeler's Store on East 159 Highway was giving away one quart of Coke with the purchase of each five gallons of gas.

One Stop Café advertised home-cooked meals daily except on Sundays. Monday night featured fried chicken, and Friday's meal was fresh river carp.

The Dawson-Verdon royalty was announced at halftime of the Jets and Elk Creek football game. The Queen was Joanie Ramsey and the King was Bill Bruhn. Others in the court were Russell Snethen, Debbie Bausch, Cindy Harmon and Charles Fiegener.

A Nebraska bank official stated that within five years, depositors would be conducting most of their banking transactions with a small plastic card rather than using checks.

"Certainly I love my wives; otherwise I wouldn't have married them," actor Cary Grant said in response to reports that his four marriages were loveless.

Ilsa Bednar of Johnson competed on the Johnson-Brock cross country team, becoming the first girl to compete on a boys' team. Bednar had gotten an injunction to allow her to run at the Falls City Invitational at the Falls City Country Club. Her time of 17:15 placed her 27th in the JV race.

Patricia Kreifels, a senior at Benedictine College in Atchison, was elected president of the Home Economics Club.

The Dairy Dip special of the week included a cheeseburger basket and a small drink for 88 cents.

25 Years Ago, September 24, 2000 to September 30, 2000

The 2000 Southeast Consolidated Homecoming Queen was Jill Haveman, and the King was Matthew Noa. Others in the royal court included Brent Shubert, Levi Handley, Cori Fritsch and Brandi Ramer.

Falls City's 52nd annual Horseplay Days horse show was led by 2000 Queen Jackie Redder of Hiawatha.

Carl and Ruth Gruber would celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 3. Their children planned a family celebration. The Grubers were married by Fr. L.F. Obrist at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Falls City.

Falls City rushed for 382 yards as they steamrolled Syracuse 26-6. Chance Simon led all rushers with 106 yards on 20 carries, while Dana Dill added 93 yards on just seven attempts.

Lourdes Central shocked Southeast 42-0 to spoil the Mustangs' homecoming.

A sale at Cummings Auction included a collection of German and Nazi medals, ribbons and insignias. The collection, from a DuBois man, included infantry, naval, and Panzer badges, as well as various Nazi Party membership pins.

The first Horseplay Days and its horse show, which attracted thousands, were promoted with a photo taken in August of 1947 inside the First National Bank. On the horses in the bank were Ralph Steinman and Dale Kirkendall.

Weather-permitting, the new section of Highway 159 west of Rulo was set to open to traffic on Wednesday, October 4.

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit #222 sponsored a Meet the Candidates session at the Community Building. The event was to feature candidates for U.S. Senator, State Senator, District #3 Commissioner, and Board of Education.

According to Jo Ann Auxier of the Richardson County Historical Society, Rulo had nearly 200 new homes built in 1860, and by 1900, the population had swelled to 877.

City to assess fines for more vacant properties

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Nussbaum stated that notifications were sent to all taxing entities, and they received no written objections.

The motion passed 6-0.

The Council also approved an application to the USDA Rural Development for assistance in purchasing a 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit Cruiser for $47,808.11.

"If it were passed today, it would be replacing a seven-year-old patrol vehicle with 121,000 on it," said Chief Jamie Baker. The cost for the City would be $11,952 for a fully equipped car.

The motion carried 6-0.

The Council authorized the Creative District to paint eight picnic tables, use the grass lot north of the library for the activity, and for city crews to seal the tables upon completion to ensure their longevity. The event will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There were four actions to authorize the City to assess unpaid vacant property registration fees. The properties include 1315 Lane, 1006 Chase, 1012 Chase, and 1313 McLean Streets.

The Board also authorized the execution of a labor agreement between the City of Falls City and the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 571. The union had previously ratified the deal.

The final item authorized the execution of grant documents and requests for the 2025 Community Forest Improvement Project. The City was awarded the second phase of funding through the Arboretum and Nebraska State Forest Service.

"We have zero match dollars that go into this," said Nussbaum. The award is for $231,000 for tree trimming and tree maintenance. The grant requires a one-to-one replacement for any trees removed. The City will remove 49 trees and plant 49 replacements in their place.

With nothing further on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Commissioners send settlement offer to road department employees

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Sheriff Hardesty mentioned that the engine in question had its plugs replaced recently and had run fine for a while. After a second set of plugs was installed, new injectors were also installed. However, the problem persisted.

The worry became tying up thousands of dollars into a used motor or replacing it for nearly $12,000.

The $12,000 includes the motor, labor to install it, and replacement of the two turbos.

The Commissioners advised the Sheriff to obtain a written quote for the motor replacement and will discuss it further next week.

Hardesty advised the Board that his department had received the two new Explorers, with one being equipped and running.

The Sheriff said he has an interview set up for a potential deputy who has already completed the academy and is certified in Nebraska.

Hardesty reported on issues at the County Fair in Humboldt, ranging from a naked individual running around to a group of youngsters, "being very disrespectful to the booth, carnival workers."

Chairman Caverzagie made a motion to approve the FY25-26 budget document as presented at the public meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, and adopt Resolution 2025-2026-8. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed.

A public hearing was held to change the tax levy from the previous year. With no input from the public, the hearing was closed. The Board adopted Resolution 2025-2026-9 to let the 2025 levy for Richardson County at .300327. The tax levy is an 8.9 percent decrease from the previous year, which was .327132.

Another public hearing was held at 10:30 a.m. for the issuance of a Class 1 Beer, Wine, Spirits On Sale Only to Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, LLC, located at Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering at 65627 713 Road, Suite 1, Falls City. Three individuals were in attendance at the public hearing, along with one member of the media. Applicants Matt and Danell Bauman-Cromer advised the Board on the facility and what events will be held at the site.

Commissioner Campbell expressed his concern that the application's on-site parking availability was insufficient. Mrs. Cromer stated that six loads of gravel had recently been hauled in for parking in an alfalfa field. She also noted that the events will have set capacities, allowing them to control the number of patrons present.

Commissioner Caverzagie addressed the Cromers, stating that he would be voting no due to apparent Facebook posts by one of the parties seeking the permit, regarding his ability to make decisions. "I don't know if I'd make a proper decision," said Caverzagie. "So, I'll be voting no." Commissioners Campbell and Karas voted in favor of making the recommendation to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission to approve the issuance of the liquor license.

Emergency Director Brian Kirkendall met with the Commissioners to discuss the buy-out program for property owners within a floodway. The program is provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources grants. The grants are available to areas to reduce flood risk by helping homeowners relocate to a safer location outside the floodplain. The grant would cover all or nearly all of the costs associated with relocating to a non-flood zone. Kirkendall stated that there is currently no money available to help with the purchase of the properties.

Karas made a motion to send a letter to homeowners in the floodway areas of Richardson County. The letter inquires whether the landowners would be interested in selling their property if financial resources were ever made available.

If a landowner decides to sell, the land will become property of the County. If the County takes possession of the land in question, it will have to be put back to grade.

A revised ordinance for floodway and flood fringe districts was discussed. FEMA has approved the new ordinance. The County removed the no-construction portion in floodways; however, human habitation buildings still cannot be constructed.

"We left in the two feet of freeboard," said Kirkendall. "And we changed the portion about being able to have a camper down there. So, the person who recently bought that property can park a camper in there."

The item will be further discussed.

Jerad Reimers, the District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith, provided an update on the current legislation and work being carried out in Congress.

At 11:27, the Board entered a closed meeting with special legal counsel Jerry Pigsley, County Clerk Mary Eickhoff, and County Attorney Samantha Scheitel. After the closed meeting, a motion was made by Karas to send a settlement offer for a contract to NAPE/AFSCME Local #61, who represents the employees of the Richarson County Roads/Highway Department. The offer and the proposed contract changes can be found on the Richardson County website at www.richardsoncountyne.gov. The letter sent to employees includes the projected changes that will occur to the contract if the CIR decides the case based on the selected counties. It also read, "We are sending you the Settlement Offer to avoid misleading descriptions of the County's Settlement Offer to you."

A few items in the proposal include the County's desire to eliminate the grievance board; instead, the County Board will be the final decision-maker on grievances. The County proposed setting wages in five different ranges. The starter rate would be set at $23.00; after one year, it would increase to $24.00; after five years, it would rise to $24.50; after ten years, it would increase to $24.75; and after 15 years of employment, the rate would be $25.00 per hour. The County also proposes to rename the PTO benefit to sick leave and capping the max of sick leave hours at 480.

The Board agreed to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Four County Juvenile Diversion program with Pawnee, Nemaha, Richardson and Johnson Counties.

Claims were approved, except for claims submitted by Rick Hardesty and Ashley Fischer for the purchase of candy to hand out at the Cobblestone Parade.

With no further action on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 12:05 p.m.

Lord's Acre
SALE
Saturday, Sept. 27
Barada Global Methodist Church
Barada, NE
Dinner 5-7 pm
Free Will Donation
Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Scalloped Potatoes, Cowboy Beans & other Desserts
Auction to follow

Fall Community Supper
Sunday, September 28 • 5:00-7:00PM
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church 20th & Towle
Freewill Offering - Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Dessert
Proceeds going toward the Sayer family in memory & honor of Eli
SUPPLEMENTED BY THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

Shubert Christian Church
LORD'S ACRE SALE
Saturday, Oct. 4 • 203 Main St., Shubert, NE
Dinner 5-7 p.m. • Free will donation
Serving: Chicken pot pie, ham, veggies & pies.
Auction 7-9 p.m. *(Provided by Mark Fleskoski)*
Flag Poles, Baked Goods, Many other Items.
"Come bid on Tilly the Turtle"
Ask a church member about Tilly!

SOUP & DESSERT
Christ Lutheran Church, 2310 Barada St., Falls City on Sunday, September 28 • 5-7PM
Freewill offering to benefit Ted & Traci Hinton who lost their home & all their belongings in a devastating fire this past June.
Presented in part by Thrivent Financial

Pink Pumpkin Walk marks 10 years at Indian Cave State Park

The 10th annual Pink Pumpkin Walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. at Indian Cave State Park near Shubert.

The event supports October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is open to cancer survivors, those currently fighting cancer and in memory of loved ones. Registration is required for all participants over the age of 10.

Organizers are also offering personalized pink pumpkins to honor loved ones, survivors and those currently in treatment. Pumpkins cost $20 and must be ordered by Oct. 5. They may be taken home after the event.

Proceeds will go to the Richardson County Cancer Fund in Falls City to assist county residents with personal expenses during their fight against cancer.

A raffle with prizes donated by local businesses and individuals will also be held. Registered walkers will be entered into a drawing for door prizes. Donations of raffle items will be accepted up to the day of the walk .

The event will take place at 65296 720 Road, Shubert. A park entry permit is required.

For registration or pumpkin orders, contact Angie Alexander at 402-883-0014. For additional information call 402-883-2575.

Nebraska Department of Transportation spotlights Railroad Safety Week; Governor signs proclamation

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) dedicated last week to promoting railroad safety.

On Sept. 16, representatives from the agency were on hand to receive a proclamation signed by Gov. Jim Pillen, recognizing See Tracks? Think Train Week. The week highlights the need for awareness and caution when walking or driving near railroad tracks and trains.

"We remain committed to educating the public and enhancing safety around railroad crossings," NDOT Director Vicki Kramer said. "Raising awareness is vital as we continue working toward the goal of making every railroad crossing safe and eliminating fatalities. As we work toward this goal, we value our strong partnerships with Operation Lifesaver, the Railroad Transportation Safety District, and law enforcement agencies statewide."

Nationwide, a person or vehicle is hit by a train every three hours. Last year, 1,024 people in the U.S. were killed or injured in vehicle-train collisions, with 18 incidents in Nebraska. Another 1,438 people were killed or injured while walking on or near railroad tracks, with seven incidents in Nebraska.

Earlier this year, Nebraska received a combined $67.9 million in federal grant awards as part of the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program to focus on improving safety. Projects include:

- 33rd and Cornhusker Viaduct Project in Lincoln, awarded $66.7 million to build a new bridge over the rail corridor, eliminating two at-grade crossings.
- Grand Island Rail Crossing Study, awarded $600,000 to assess conditions of 17 rail crossings and develop a prioritized Corridor Improvement Plan.
- Omaha to Lincoln Rail Crossing Study, also awarded $600,000 to evaluate 73 at-grade crossings along more than 64 miles of BNSF track to identify safety improvements.

Society Minutes

FALLS CITY DOES DROVE #56

Falls City Does Drove #56, NE met Monday, September 15, 2025 at the Elks Lodge.

President Dessie Scholl called the meeting to order. The Opening Ceremony was held followed by the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Secretary-treasurer Linda Frost.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Committee reports were given. Nancy McKim sent a birthday card to Cathy Gutshall and an anniversary card to Stephane and Dan Jones. Happy birthday was sung to Susan Wilhelm.

An application was received for membership.

Nancy reported for Public Relations. A new project that will expand our benevolence will be making blankets for the homeless in the 2026 Grand Lodge host city of Reno/Sparks.

The Drove will sell pecans and the various nuts at the Craft Fair in November.

Linda gave the treasurer's report. Dessie reported on the sale of nuts. It has been a profitable project.

Members were reminded of the Elks #963 celebration of 120 years and the placing of memorial flags on October 12th. Our Drove is sponsoring one of the military flagpoles and flags.

The serving committee was Dessie and Mary Ann. The Fall theme was enjoyed with mums, candy corn and pumpkin cake. Prizes were won by Marlene McKim, Mary Wiltse, Karen Ramsey and Linda.

The next meeting will be October 13th with Linda and Steph Jones hosting. Initiation will be held. Offices should wear white.

Fool's gold, a hard metal, yellowish in color, often mistaken for gold. Granted, the 2025 Husker football team isn't yellow or a rigid metal; they may have been mistaken for gold, at least by this sportswriter.

Saturday's game against the 21st-ranked Michigan Wolverines gave off a subtle feeling of hope. Maybe even an assurance. I've decidedly chosen not to "drink the Kool-Aid" for the past decade. When Scott Frost returned, I openly protested the hiring decision. I even went so far as not to renew my season tickets that year. Then, when Matt Rhule was hired, I was vocal against bringing in an unproven coach who is the son of a minister. Was he really the right hire for the job, I pondered, or is he just another snake oil salesman? After the first year as the head coach, I began to think maybe he was the right fit; he was always saying the right things. Year two brought more promise yet. Becoming bowl-eligible and even defeating Boston College, albeit it was the Pinstripe Bowl in New York.

Then, at the start of the 2025 season, 3-0, and looking fairly dominant in doing so. Michigan is coming to town. No worries. We got this. Nebraska hadn't defeated a ranked opponent since beating Oregon in 2016. Let that sink in. The day was September 17, 2016. Nebraska won that Saturday 35-32 against a Ducks team that finished 4-8. Not much to hang your hat on.

Flash forward over 2,190 days. The Wolverines gave the Big Red a chance to break through, to become relevant on the big stage. Excitement was building. Heck, I even got my inflatable Lil' Red out and set up just in time for kickoff.

Then the game began. Stopped inside the five-yard line on the first drive. I give Coach Rhule credit for attempting a fourth-and-goal. A team like Nebraska has to take advantage of every opportunity in a game such as Saturday's. The Cornhuskers did not do that. They failed to score on that opening drive, giving Michigan the slightest of hope. On the ensuing drive, Nebraska missed a chip shot of a field goal, strike two. Then the Blackshirts allowed the floodgates to open, reminiscent of the debacle in 2001 at Folsom Field in Colorado.

The vaunted Blackshirts they were not, at least when it came to defending against the run. Still, the offense did just enough to keep the Big Red in the contest.

Moral victory? Heck no. I do not subscribe to that phrase. There are winners and losers in sports: no grey area, no participation ribbons. You either celebrate a win or sulk about a loss.

Saturday, that Husker team and coaching staff should have cried themselves to sleep. We are not back. I jumped the gun a bit by declaring so. Can the season still be a success? Absolutely. Will Nebraska win against a ranked opponent at some point this season? I sure hope so. Is Matt Rhule the savior who will lead us to the promised land? No. He will make us better, perhaps even a perennially ranked team, but not a championship-contending squad year after year.

You disagree with me? Prove to me that I'm wrong. Show me on the field, not at press conferences. I will be the first to admit if I am wrong, trust me, it happens daily, and I genuinely hope that I am. The sky may not be falling, yet. But if you look closely at the horizon, I see storm clouds building.

Are we back to the gold standard of the 1995 team, which was celebrated on Saturday? Not even close, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't aspire to be held in that regard.

The Huskers have a bye week to learn from their mistakes. Shore up blocking issues on the offensive line and work on securing tackles. In two weeks, Michigan St. comes to Lincoln. Should be a win. At least it had better be. Go Big Red.

Building Permits

Richard Meinzer, 2223 Schoenheit St.; replace roof, $10,850.00.

Carrie Clark, 2727 Barada St.; Basement foundation work, $17,611.55.

Anna Fiegener, 412 E. 20th St.; utility shed, $3,975.00

Bob and Lana Georges, 1008 St. Mary's Ave; Gas line for generator, $1,800.00.

Matilda's Rentals, 2018 Crook St.; replace front porch/deck, $3,000.00.

Russ Vollan, 1207 Lane St.; replace with metal roof, $10,252.30.

Dennis and Cheryl Hullman, 2003 Lane St.; Install Generator, $12,000.00.

John Steinman, 2302 Lane St.; replace roof, $23,478.12.

Tom Strasil, 1615 Chase St.; Masonry and concrete work, overhead door, $9,000.00

Ace Harware, 2618 Harlan St.; Signage, $5,000.00.

FC Police Dept. Accident Reports

On September 9, 2025 according to Falls City Police reports, Anthony Candela of St. James, MO, backed into a gas meter at 1808 Abbott Street. No damage was done to the vehicle; an estimated $1000 in damage was done to the gas meter owned by the city of Falls City.

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY ACE

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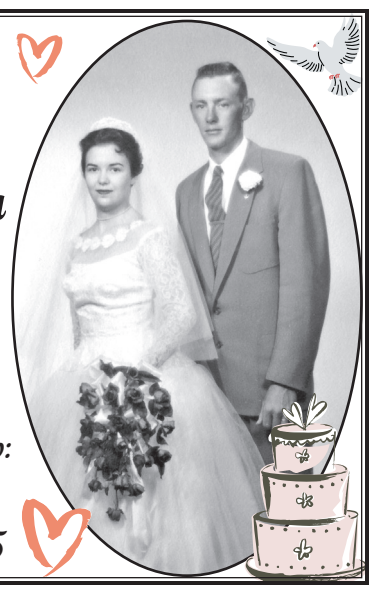

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This project is funded 100% ($30,000 - total award $230,141) from the Strategic Prevention Framework- Partnerships for Success grant (5H79SP083671-02) through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, contracted through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Region 5 Systems.

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Dunn brings home gold at Shotgun Championships

Nearly 90 young shooters from across Nebraska gathered Sept. 13-14 at the Heartland Shooting Complex in Grand Island for the 2025 4-H Shooting Sports Nebraska Shotgun Championships.

The annual competition drew participants from counties across the state to test their skills in three disciplines: trap, skeet and sporting clays.

Falls City's Turner Dunn earned top honors in the novice division, bringing home the gold medal in the trap event.

Dunn's win in Grand Island capped a weekend that showcased young competitors from across Nebraska.

SCC announces summer graduates and Deans list

Southeast Community College released the names of 2025 Summer Graduates and 908 students who earned a spot on the Dean's List.

A student must complete at least six semester credit hours in the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 to be recognized on the Dean's List. Classes with a grade of "P" (Pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum.

2025 Summer Graduates
Southeast Community College.

Auburn graduates included:

Zoe Baltensperger, Certificate in Fundamentals of Agriculture.

Rachel Lee Jones, Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education.

Rachel Lee Nicole Jones Certificate in Early Childhood Education, Preschool.

Carson Thomas Leslie Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology.

Falls City graduates included:

Sara Marie Black, Diploma in Medical Assisting.

Ethan J. Boatright, Certificate in Business.

Humboldt Graduates included:

Jaylyn Marie Bohling, Associate of Applied Science in Livestock Management and Production.

Calvin W. Jetton, Certificate in Energy Generation Operations.

Rock Port, MO graduates included:

Dalton L. Stevens, Diploma in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology.

2025 Summer Dean's List Southeast Community College

Auburn: Kaden Milo Maahs, Culinary/Hospitality; Colby McConnaughey, Computer Information Technology-Application Development; Kellen R Moody, Precision Agriculture.

Falls City: Sydnee Marie Acton, Practical Nursing; Kayly Elaine Leafty, Associate of Health Sciences; Vaughn D Lenard, Business; Summer Marie McGinnis, Associate of Health Sciences.

Humboldt: Veronica Anne Schiffbauer, Associate of Arts.

White Cloud, KS: Abby L Fee, Practical Nursing.

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From the Journal Archives

Who's in this week's photo? We're asking for your help in solving the mystery each week of our thousands of photos. If you know who is pictured, please email us at brian@fcjournal.net or nikki@fcjournal.net and look in an upcoming issue or our Facebook page for answers. In the August 13, 2025 Edition we featured the Stella Volleyball team. They have been identified as, L-R: Coach Mrs. Dorothy Rieke, Carol Glathar, Betty Trussell, Janet Storant, Enid Herr, Marilyn Davison, Nona Jacobitz, Donna Keyser, Shirley Stanley, Cathy Banks, Gaye Shineflew, Lucille Ballard and Donna Penkava.

Bingo & Restaurant Casino White Cloud

HAPPY HALLOWEEN
OCTOBER 2025 PROMOTIONS

SPECIAL EVENTS

HAUNTED CASH GIVEAWAY!!
SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH & 25TH
Hot Seat Drawings every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm to win up to $250 in free play. Hot Seat Drawings every ½ hour from 6pm-12:30am to win up to $500 in free play (Excludes hourly drawings 8pm - 1am). Registration CASH Drawings to win $1,400 every hour beginning at 8:00pm until 1am.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $300 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $800 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-1am.

RULES FOR HAUNTED CASH DRAWINGS ON OCTOBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH & 25TH
Starting October 4th, every Saturday there will be CASH drawings. Registration drawings will be Saturday nights every hour from 8:00pm-1:00am. We will draw 1 ticket out of the big barrel each hour beginning at 8pm until 1 am. Each registration winner will win $1,400 in CASH. Registration for drawings on Saturday nights will begin at 6pm. The ticket barrel will be dumped after the last drawing each Saturday night. You may enter once per day and have one registration per person. You must be present in the casino to win the night of the drawings. Limit one cash prize per person per day. Specific Rules: If you have registered more than once a day, you will be disqualified from this giveaway. If we call a name and that person is not present, we will continue to draw a name until we have someone who is present in the casino. All registration drawing winners will have 2 minutes to report to the Player's Club desk to claim your prize.

DAILY PROMOS

SUNDAYS & MONDAYS
Hot Seat Drawings to win $75 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm and 6pm-12am.

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
Hot Seat Drawings to win $50 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win $75 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12am.

THURSDAYS
PICK YOUR GHOST!
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $100 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $200 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-12am.

FRIDAYS
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $250 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Spin the Wheel! (Land on a GHOST and win $20 extra in free play for November). Hot Seat Drawings to win up to $500 in free play every ½ hour 6pm-1am. Spin the Wheel! (Land on a GHOSTand win $25 extra in free play for November). (Excludes October 31st)

DAILY SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAYS
FREE PLAY FOR IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA TRIBAL MEMBERS
If you are an Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Member, show us your tribal card between 10am-10pm at the Player's Club desk and get $20 in free play for coming to support your tribal Casino.

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

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

BINGO PROMOTIONS

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

BIRTHDAY BINGO
Bingo in your birthday month and receive $20 in free play. Bingo on your birthday and receive $200 in free play! (Must have valid ID with birth date)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!
Drawings to win a bingo pack and free play!

OCTOBER BINGO CASH GIVEAWAY
On each day you buy in for bingo in the month of October, you will get an entry into CASH drawings on Saturdays, October 4th & 18th. Two winners will be drawn to win $500 in CASH, one cash winner each night. Rules: Buy bingo papers daily in the month of October and you will qualify. You will be given a registration ticket at the window, and it will be your responsibility to fill out the registration ticket and place it in the barrel. The drawings will happen as soon as the bingo session is completed on Saturdays, October 4th & 18th. Two winners will win $500 in CASH, one on the 4th and another on the 18th. Registration tickets will remain in the barrel until the last cash drawing on October 18th.

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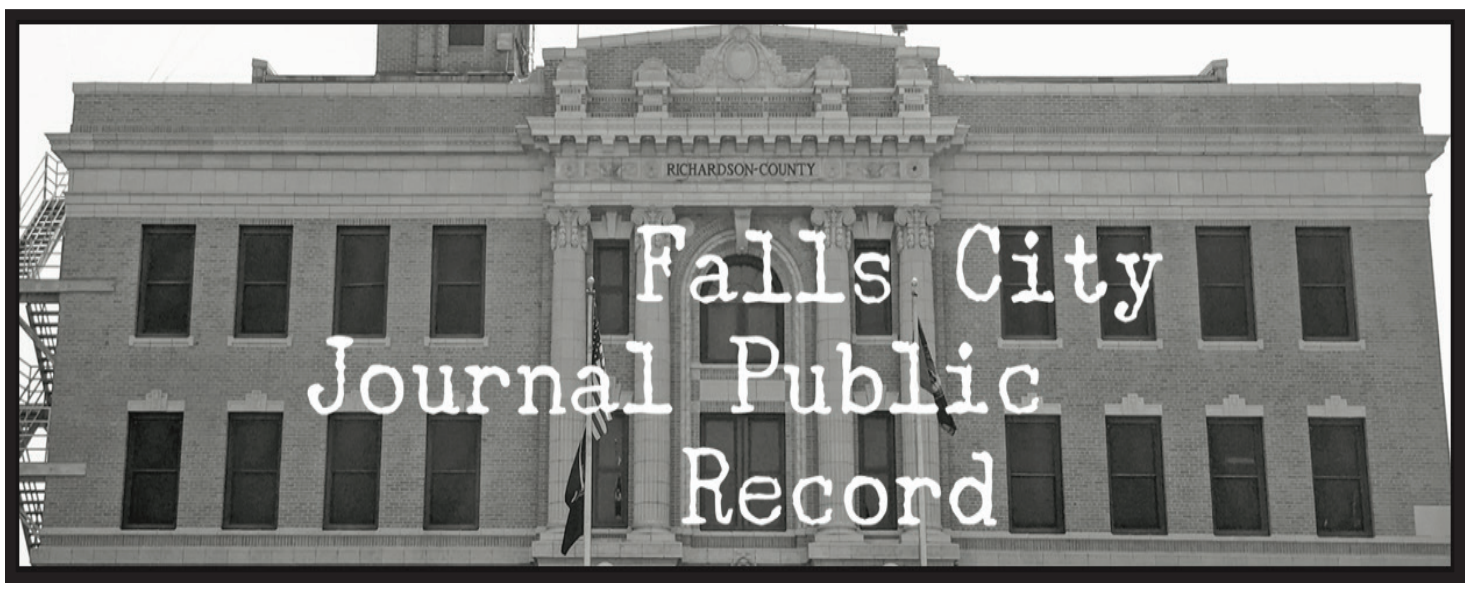

Falls City Police Department Calls and Statistics

September 11 through September 12, 2025 calls: six miscellaneous calls, two 911 hang-ups/misdials, two ambulance/EMS calls, one found or lost property, one call referred to another agency, one assault, one parking complaint, one HHS intake/referral, one trespassing, two citations for minor in possession/under 19, two citations for municipal park hours, two citations for open container, two citations for procuring or selling alcohol to a minor, two citations for contributing to the delinquency of a child, one citation for tobacco/electronic nicotine use/under 21, one citation for curfew violation, one warning for improper turn, two warnings for speeding, one warning for plates not clear or visible, one warning for no license on person, one warning for failure to use turn signal, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and seventeen 911 calls.

September 12 through September 13, 2025 calls: five ambulance/EMS calls, four miscellaneous calls, two calls referred to another agency, two HHS intake/referrals, two animal calls, one information-only call, one found or lost property call, four warnings — one animal running at large, one potentially dangerous dog, one invalid registration, one improper/defective vehicle lighting — one citation for animal running at large, and nine 911 calls.

September 13 through September 14, 2025 calls: five ambulance/EMS calls, two animal calls, one information-only call, one miscellaneous call, one runaway, one call referred to another agency, one check welfare, one citation for invalid registration, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and four 911 calls.

September 14 through September 15, 2025 calls: four ambulance/EMS calls, one check welfare, one theft, one call referred to another agency, one miscellaneous call, one warning for invalid registration, and one 911 call.

September 15 through September 16, 2025 calls: two miscellaneous calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one information-only call, one suspicious person/vehicle call, one traffic/driving complaint, one nuisance call, three warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for dangerous dog and animal running at large, one citation for offenses including litter and unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicles, one citation for unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicles, weeds and grasses over 12 inches, and maintaining a nuisance, and one 911 call.

September 16 through September 17, 2025 calls: four miscellaneous calls, four ambulance/EMS calls, two animal calls, two disturbances, two investigations, one parking complaint, one nuisance call, one burn permit, one 911 call, one referred other agency call, and one gun permit call. One citation for dog at large, two citations for committing child abuse negligently/no injury, one citation for curfew violation, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and eight 911 calls

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

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

Legend drug means drugs that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that are required by federal or state law to be dispensed to the public only on prescription of a licensed physician or other licensed provider.

The *Falls City Journal* publishes the Public Record as part of its obligation to inform readers about the business of public institutions and to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. The information contained in this list is processed from an electronic copy of the official record, which is submitted by the Richardson County Courthouse

COUNTY COURT

Christopher W. Smith, count one, theft-shoplifting $501-1,499, amended to theft-shoplifting $0-500, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $100.

Jessica Simmons, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for October 15, 2025.

Leonardo Bahamonde Mestre, count one, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled not guilty; count three, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled not guilty; count four, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, pled not guilty; count five, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, pled not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for October 6, 2025.

Robert W. Davis, count one, nonresident violate sus/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 22, 2025.

Tyrone J. Flint, count one, drive during revocation/impd-first, pled guilty, found guilty; count two, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for December 3, 2025.

Dominic A. Franklin, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined fined $150, license revoked for term of one year; count two, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $25.

Nathan W. Young, count one, no proof of insurance, amended to unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of $50, bond forfeiture of $86; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty and fined $150, license revoked for term of one year; count three amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, no brake lights/turn signals, pled no contest, found guilty and fined $25.

DISTRICT COURT

Ethan D. King, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for October 14, 2025.

Kimberly D. Bryant, count one, DUI-.15+ or refusal (2 prior convictions), amended to DUI-.15+ or refusal (1 prior), pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of $1,000, jail for term of 120 days, credit for 59 days served, license revoked for term of five years, interlock device; counts 2-4 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Marty P. Foster, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, jail for term of 30 days, credit for 23 days served; counts 2-5 amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, probation admin enrollment fee of $30, probation fee-regular of $180, drug testing fee of $90; counts 7-10 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Kyle H. Wissler, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count three, habitual criminal, pled not guilty; count four, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty; count five, fail to deliver title on sale/disposal, pled not guilty; count six, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled not guilty; count seven, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 4, 2025.

Katrina M. Dettmann, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, false reporting-misdemeanor, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for November 4, 2025.

Nicholas R. Barrows, count one, terroristic threats, pled not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, pled not guilty; count three, possess firearm while commit felony, pled not guilty; count four, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count five, DV assault-3rd/cause bodily injury, pled not guilty; count six, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 4, 2025.

CITATIONS

Emmet Kirkendall of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $25 and court costs. (Franks)

Barbara Pederson of Horton, KS, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $10 and court costs. (Daniels)

Nixon Castro Duarte of Hiawatha, KS, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Dylan Leafty of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Dakota Kelsay of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Aaron Koenig of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $25 and court costs. (Dutcher)

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

Mari Tuhey of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $25 and court costs. (Dougherty)

Max Clymer of Seward, NE, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $125 and court costs. (Cheek)

William Carey of Westwood Hills, KS, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined $125 and court costs. (Holliday)

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Irish earn MUDECAS Title

The Falls City Sacred Heart Lady Irish volleyball team is catching fire at the right time of the season. After beginning the season 0-3, the Irish entered Thursday night's championship matchup having won four of their past five contests.

Sacred Heart blew past the competition in the first two rounds of the 2025 MUDECAS Tourney in Beatrice. The Lady Irish defeated Sterling in two sets, 25-7 and 25-13 on Monday, and the following day made quick work of Meridian, 25-18 and 25-16. The wins pushed the Irish into the B Division championship against HTRS on Thursday.

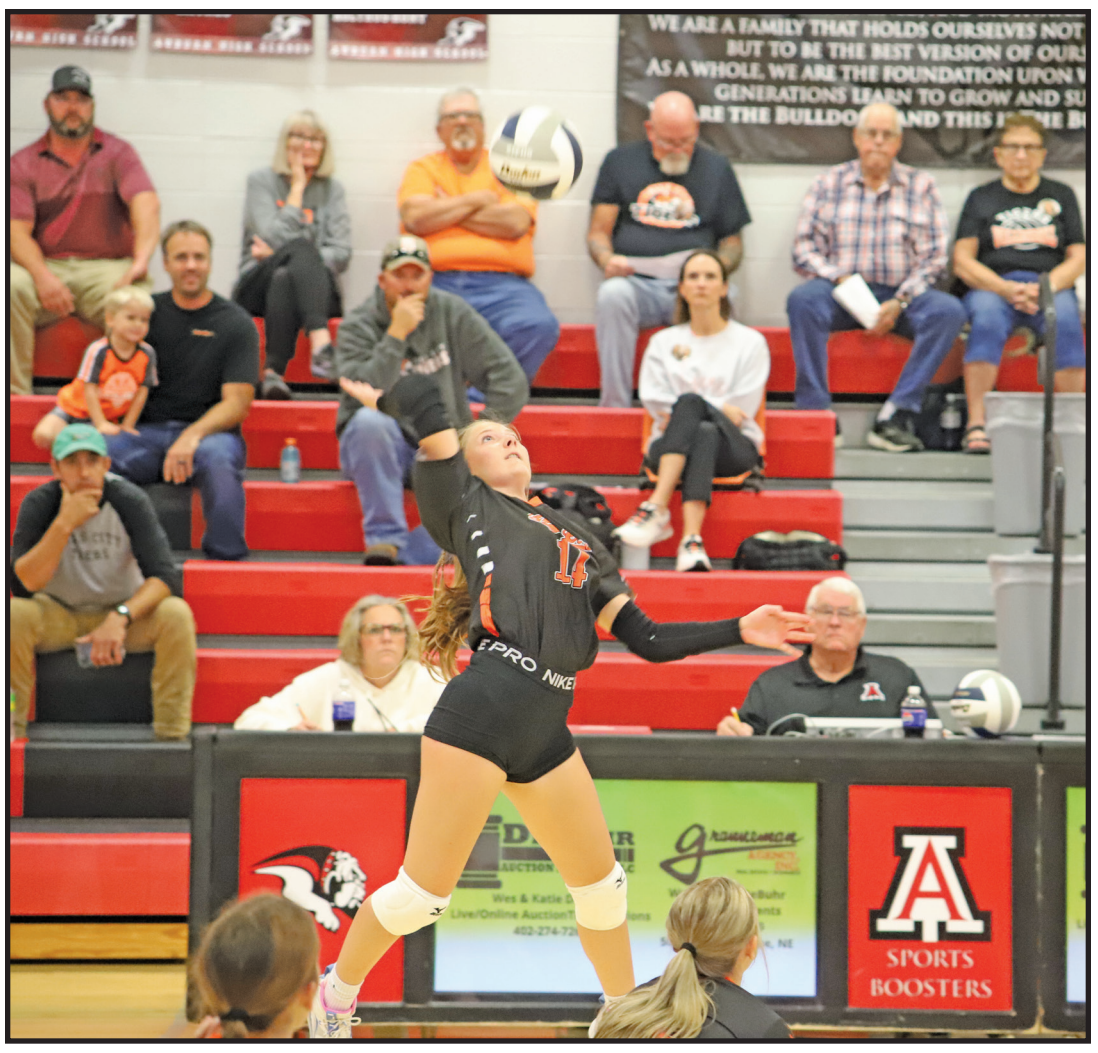
In Monday's action versus the Jets, Sacred Heart finished with 17 kills on 35 attempts with only three errors for a .343 hitting percentage. Hallie Jones led the way with seven kills, while Dorothy Crouse finished with four. SH added 14 ace serves with Bailey Lemerond and Daycee Witt each contributing four. Isabelle Nussbaum had four digs, while Witt added nine assists and four digs.

In Tuesday's action in Beatrice, SH dominated the Mustangs. The Lady Irish finished with a .233 hitting percentage, ending the game with 25 kills on 60 attempts. Jones again led the way with 11 kills, while Crouse added six and Nussbaum finished with four. Crouse also led the serving game with three aces and 11 points. Lemerond finished with eight digs and eight assists, while Witt had a team-best 15 assists.

Sacred Heart didn't slow down a bit on Thursday. Playing in the B Division title game, Sacred Heart blew past HTRS 25-16 and 25-12. It marked the first win against the Titans in three attempts and pushed the Irish to .500 for the first time this season. The 7-7 Irish have now won five of their last six contests, and the schedule sets up a strong chance for them to move to 10-7 this week.

On Thursday evening in Beatrice, the Irish hit .120 with 16 kills on 50 attempts. Jones continued her dominance with seven kills, while Witt added six of her own. Crouse added six ace serves and six digs for the Irish. Courtney led the way for the Irish with 10 digs, while Witt finished with eight digs and six assists. Lemerond was the top playmaker for the Lady Irish with nine assists.

The Irish hosted 5-10 Southern and 5-7 Pawnee City on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. SH will be at 2-12 Lewiston on Thursday, September 25. SH will have their work cut out for them the following week when they travel to Adams to take on the 11-3 Freeman Falcons.



Freshman Ashlyn Alexander sends a spike the Bulldogs way on Thursday night in Auburn.

Tigers fall to Trojans in double dip

The Tigers softball team dropped both ends of a doubleheader on Tuesday night when they hosted the Platteview Trojans at Hartman Field. Falls City fell 11-1 in the opener and 17-7 in the nightcap, dropping to 1-15 for the year.

In the evening's first contest, the Trojans plated two runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back. Platteview added nine insurance runs in the third to seal the win. Meanwhile, the Tiger offense went down in order in the first three innings. Finally, in the fourth, FC came alive at the plate. Addi Miller opened the inning with a walk, followed by a single to left by Malori Kuker. With one out, Bristol Titus hit a run-scoring double to right field to get Falls City on the board at 1-11. That's as close as Falls City would get as they fell 11-1.

Falls City was outhit 13-2 and committed three errors in the field. Kuker singled, and Titus added a double for FC, while Miller reached on a walk. Strecker went the distance in the circle, allowing 11 runs (seven earned) and one walk.

Game two didn't begin much better, but it didn't take the Tigers long to strike. Trailing 0-5 after the top of the first, FC rallied for a run in the bottom of the opening frame. A one-out walk by Kuker, followed by a single by Brylee Liberty, put two runners on base. Following a strikeout, Katylin Rhodd singled to load the bases. An RBI walk by Taytum Maddox put FC on the board at 1-5.

The Tigers held the Trojans scoreless in the second, and it was back to work for the Orange and Black offense. Kenley Alexander began the frame by getting hit by a pitch. With two outs and a runner on base, Kuker walked, Liberty singled, and Titus doubled home two runs to cut the lead to 3-5. Next, Rhodd reached on an error by the shortstop, driving in two more runs to tie the game at 5-5.

The visitors scored two in the top of the third, but FC continued to claw. Kaydence Rego singled to open the inning and went to second on a sac bunt by Alexander. Miller then singled to right field to score Rego and make it 6-7.

Nursing a one-run lead, Platteview scored five in the fourth and five more in the sixth to secure the win. Falls City's final run came with two outs in the fifth. Jazzy Strecker singled home Caroline Powell to make the final 17-7.

Miller and Liberty each had two hits, while Titus had a double and two RBI. Rhodd, Rego and Powell all singled for FC. Strecker surrendered 11 hits and 10 runs in the loss.

Falls City will host Fairbury on Tuesday, September 23, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and St. Joseph Lafayette on Thursday, September 25, at 5:00 p.m.

Tiger volleyball splits contests in Auburn

The Orange of Black Falls City volleyball squad competed in a triangular in Auburn on Thursday, September 18, 2025. Falls City was riding a two-game winning streak as they took on the Bulldogs in the first contest of the evening. The Tigers dropped game one 13-25, but battled back to tie the match with a 25-18 win in the second set. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs did just enough down the stretch to get past FC, 25-17 in the third for the win.

Falls City ended the match with a .079 hitting percentage, finishing with 25 kills on 101 attempts with 17 errors. Senior Ella Glathar led the team with seven kills, while Liv Buckminster added five, and Ashlyn Alexander added four. Freshman Hallie Young supplied a pair of ace serves, while Tessa Gossman added one ace and 11 points while serving. Gabi Young was the team leader with 14 digs, while Gossman led the way with 12 assists.

The Tigers lost the first set of the second match of the evening, falling to Nebraska City 18-25. FC stormed back in the second set, winning 25-18 to force a third and deciding set, which Falls City dominated. The Tigers won 25-13 and moved to 7-5 for the season.

Stats were not available for the Nebraska City contest due to an issue with the film.

The Tiger freshmen volleyball team competed in the Horton Reserve Quad on Monday, September 15, 2025, finishing the tourney a perfect 3-0.

FC hosted a JV triangular on Monday, featuring HTRS and Pawnee City, and a varsity triangular on Tuesday, with Weeping Water and Freeman.

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Have you seen this house?

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in recent years looking for that roofline and those windows, this writer has failed to find the historic house.

The author of this early piece was likely Annie Reavis Gist, a granddaughter of David and Ann Dorrington who, the year prior, wrote a much more detailed town history piece that, sadly, was also coy about identifying the location of the house. (Perhaps the owner didn't want it known to avoid looky-loos?)

Mrs. Gist wrote the following in the August 23, 1907, edition of the *Falls City Daily News* about the original house once located at 16th and Stone:

"The house that stood on that corner is still in Falls City. If you should visit it and examine thoroughly you would find a hole under one of the window sills made by a bullet that this same woman (Ann Dorrington) dodged one day during the well-known county seat fight."

Gist continued: "Mother Dorrington, as she was familiarly known, figured prominently as a woman of no small amount of bravery and resources. Squire Dorrington's barn was a station in John Brown's "underground railway," and sheltered many a homeless wanderer. In this house was conceived and organized the first church, Sunday school, and public school."

If the house is still standing, it might possess another peculiar feature: a five-foot-tall by three-foot-wide boarded-in hole in the house's rear wall. William Dorrington, David and Ann's youngest child who was also David's youngest mail carrier, described an enclosed stairwell that led from the back of the house down to the barn. In 1925, a reporter for the *Omaha World-Herald* related the following tale:

"Mr. Dorrington recalls his first contact with John Brown, the irreconcilable abolitionist who was later hanged at Harpers Ferry: 'It was about '58 or early in '59,' Dorrington said. 'I was with the pony mail service. A partner awakened me early in the morning up in the house. I groped down into the semi-darkness, stepping and stumbling over some object in the way. Arriving downstairs, I was told that the obstacle in my path was John Brown. He was then head of the "underground railway" which smuggled negro slaves north."

It should be noted that Dorrington didn't say he actually "made contact" with John Brown. He says he was informed by someone else that the object he stumbled over was John Brown, who, it should also be noted, was famously capable of sleeping anywhere, including small wooden chairs, as he did at the home of Charles Smith between Holton and Sabetha in the days prior to reaching Falls City. (That chair is now part of the collection of the Kansas State Historical Society.)

The reason for mentioning the potential hole-in-the-wall: Early this year, a construction crew remodeling the basement of the Collection Museum broke into a crawlspace between the original 1881 Dorrington Block and an addition added to the back in the 1920s. In the crawlspace, workers discovered what looked to be a small barn door painted two shades of light green paint on one side and unpainted on the other. A retired architectural historian was willing to look at pictures of the door, which he determined was made of black walnut boards cut in a sizing standard not used after the Civil War.

"I think the fragment must have been used inside a domestic space, and maybe more likely was the door to a built-in or moveable cabinet of some sort. While an interior cabinet of some sort might also be found in a barn, or elsewhere on a farm, the two (partial) coats of paint on the finish side of the cabinet door suggest a more domestic "interior" to me – especially as those two green paint colors were very popular as rural interior colors for a very long time, certainly during the four decades on either side of the turn of the twentieth century." He continued: "The observation that the wood is walnut is important, in that black walnut was a characteristic species of the riparian and upland forest along this portion of the Missouri River corridor at the time of initial settlement."

"Additional support for the early date of the walnut fragment is provided in the thickness of the lumber, which, at essentially one full inch, has to be considered full dimensional lumber…. Full dimensions were abandoned not too long after settlement began." "Also, the use of cut nails in the construction of the door fragment suggests a temporal boundary of ca. 1850-1870s as well." "All (evidence) provides convincing support for an assertion that the fragment dates to the earliest construction on the site," which would have been the Dorrington house and barn in 1857."

"While I personally take the fragment to belong to the house, such may still just be the beginning of a story that future research might bring even more to light."

The scientist did not second the hypothesis of the writer, who believes the small door opened from the interior of the Dorrington house to the enclosed stairwell to the barn described by William Dorrington, who was present when the addition, which sat on the site of the Dorrington barn, was added to the building he owned that sat on the house in which he grew up and also, allegedly tripped over John Brown.

Simply, I believe the crawlspace was used as a sort of time capsule for something William didn't want to throw, but, since there was no local historical society repository at the time, didn't know where to keep. So he stashed it hoping one of his great-great grandkids, which the writer is, might be odd and interested enough to have the piece investigated by an expert in such things, which he did.

Supposition, the theory might be called, or a hunch or wishful thinking. What would help prove the theory: Discovering that this peculiar old door, which will be part of a new museum in the basement of the Collection Museum celebrating the story of David and Ann Dorrington's house and barn and its Underground Railroad history, was found to match the size of a boarded-in space in the back of the actual house of David and Ann Dorrington.

Have you seen this house? If you have, please send a note to me at omagbob@gmail.com. Know this: If you can help identify the structure, you would be aiding in the rediscovery of one of the most significant historical structures in this city's history. Just the Site of the Dorrington House and Barn is a member of the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, one of only two sites in Nebraska, along with the Mayhew Cabin in Nebraska City, confirmed to have been used as part of the American anti-slavery effort known as the Underground Railroad. To find the actual house itself and to unlock just a few of the secrets it holds would be priceless.

Sabetha Community Hospital Outpatient Calendar---October 2025

Allergy
Bilal Khan, MD: October 21

Botox
Levi Grimm, APRN: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Cardiology
Bashar Amr, MD: October 3
Hisham Hakeem, MD: October 30
Tonya Stallbaumer, APRN: October 10
Swapna Mamidipally, MD: October 13
Kevin Bernd, DO: October 6

Dermatology
Tiffany Engelken, APRN: October 1, 8, 9, 15, 22, 29

Diabetes Support Group
October 21st @3pm

Dizziness & Balance
Gary McKnight, AuD: October 16

Ear, Nose, & Throat
Jason Lepse, MD: October 10

Endocrinology
Kelli Bradbury, APRN: October 28

Nephrology
Haley Wingerson, APRN: October 13
Lakshmi Duvvur, MD: October 17
Keelyn Ericson, MD: October 20

Neurology
Abra Woolard, APRN: October 2, 16

Nuclear Stress Tests
October 9, 23

OB/GYN
Jamesina Dickson, MD: October 1

Oncology
Robin McKay, APRN: October 17
Manidhar Lekkala, MD: October 27

Ophthalmology Surgery
William Burr, MD: October 13, 27

Orthopedics
Adam Streit, DO: October 9
Maria VanDyke, PA-C: October 14, 23, 28
Michael McCoy, MD: October 2, 23

Pain Management
Karl Haake, MD: October 7, 14, 21

Podiatry
Robert Shemwell, DPM: October 8, 24, 28

Pulmonology
Michelle Warren, APRN: October 29

Surgery
Aaron Brown, MD: October 13, 15, 27, 29
Samuel Bruna, MD: October 1, 20, 22
Denis Jimenez, MD: October 6, 8

Urology
Kris Carlson, MD: October 14, 21, 28

Wound Clinic
Susie Lueger, APRN: October 6, 13, 20, 27

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS. (6 Mi. North of Falls City) Sunday School/Bible Study, 9:30AM; Worship, 10:30AM (Sept–May). Communion: 2nd & 4th Sundays. *Pastor Kenneth Humphrey 402-245-4643.* www.fallscitylcms.com

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Bonnie Joyce (Bachman) Bragg

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Bonnie was born on March 13, 1946, to Joseph and Ethel (Foster) Bachman, in Falls City, Nebraska.

Bonnie grew up on a Midwestern farm in the 1950's and 1960's in rural Nebraska with her brothers Jody and John, and sister, Rose Mary.

As a young girl, Bonnie filled much of her time tending, nurturing, and loving the many barn cats that dwelled on the farm. She loved all things nature, and most of all she loved exploring the countryside with her beloved dog, Spotty. As a young girl, Bonnie began journaling her daily adventures, thoughts and dreams, something that would become a lifelong project later in life, as a published author.

Bonnie graduated from Falls City Sacred Heart High School in 1964. Shortly thereafter, Bonnie went on to practice as a licensed cosmetologist in a local beauty salon that afforded her the luxury of purchasing her very own automobile, a pink Studebaker Lark. Bonnie loved going for long drives in the country listening to the tunes of Elvis Presley and Ricky Nelson.

In 1965 Bonnie went to visit her brother, Jody, in Amarillo, Texas, and that's when she met Raymond Bragg on a military base. Ray would tell his children it was love at first sight (for him). Their encounter was serendipitous, and a romance blossomed. The two were married on February 15, 1967, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Two years later, along with daughters Bonita and Marcy, the couple moved to California. Their family would continue to grow with the addition of three boys, Theodore (Teddy), Matthew, and Zachary.

Over the years, Bonnie would describe herself as a "fulltime domestic engineer" as she had the good fortune of being a stay-at-home mother. She raised her five children in the presence of God and relied on the power of prayer each day.

Once Bonnie's children were all grown, Bonnie worked in retail management for nearly 20 years.

Bonnie's first job outside the home was at a small greeting card store at a local shopping mall in San Diego, CA. Bonnie started as a part time associate and quickly found herself in a leadership role. Bonnie also found herself particularly fond of a greeting card company called Blue Mountain Arts, and being the writer that she was, submitted some of her poems to the company. Imagine her surprise when they reached back to her too and wanted to publish her work (and pay her for it). Bonnie enjoyed her time at the greeting card store and went on to write greeting card poems for Blue Mountain Arts.

After a year at the card store, a new opportunity presented itself. Bonnie was approached by a recruiter from a major retailer that was going to be opening a new store at a nearby mall. She accepted the leadership position as part of the opening store team for JC Penney. During her time at JC Penney,

Bonnie managed many different departments, one of which was catalog sales (the original way to shop online before Amazon). Bonnie managed the stand-alone catalog store, the only one for the entire city of San Diego (no small feat). Bonnie held this position for many years before she and her husband decided to return to the good life, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Once situated in Nebraska, Bonnie took her love of baking to another level and enrolled in a course to become a certified "Wilton Master Baker." Bonnie put her artistic creativity to work at a local bakery, where she soon became known for her magnificent wedding and birthday cakes. Always busy with a waitlist, she continued to make time for her two greatest passions, writing & animals. Her love of animals knew no boundaries, particularly her love of cats. Bonnie wouldn't harm the tiniest of creatures, often relocating spiders or insects that found their way indoors, back outside, telling her children that if she lost her way in life, she hoped someone would be so kind as to redirect her.

Once retired from the bakery, Bonnie got straight to work on her writing, and it began with bringing her beloved childhood diaries to life. Over the years, Bonnie would go on to write a series of books known as the "The Skissley Diaries", detailing her life growing up on the farm. Nine books in all,

Bonnie's lifelong dream of becoming a published author had come to fruition. Bonnie's books can be found in both bookstores and online.

Bonnie fought bravely against dementia for many years. She cherished time spent with her children, ice cream treats, watering her potted flowers, watching Little House on the Prairie, Jack Hanna Animal Adventures, and Mork and Mindy. She found joy visiting nearby parks, eating fresh garden tomatoes, loving on her precious cats, country drives with her son, feeding the ducks and geese, and picnics with her daughters.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Ethel Bachman, brothers Jody and John Bachman, daughter-in-law Amanda (Moore) Bragg, and loving husband, Ray.

Bonnie is survived by her sister, Rose Mary Baker, daughters Bonita Bragg, Marcy Knobbe (Patrick) son's Ted Bragg, Matthew Bragg (Charlene), Zachary Bragg (Nicole), granddaughter, Justine (Bragg) Schnebel (Jeff), and grandson's Patrick and Noah.

Celebration of Life is from noon – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at the Iron Horse Event Room, located at 728 Q Street, Lincoln, NE. Interment for the immediate family at the Waverly Cemetery at 3:30 p.m.

Titan golfers at Fairbury

The Lady Titan golfers competed at the Fairbury Girls Golf Invite on Monday, September 15, 2025. Beatrice took home the team honors with a 409. Seward was next at 418, and H&H placed third with a 443.

The Titan's Kendall Freeman finished her day in 22nd position with a 141. Mia Hiebner of H&H was the top golfer on Monday with a 78. Hiebner was steady, shooting a 39/39 for the win. Blair Riggs of Seward placed second with a 91, and Morgan Nielsen of Beatrice was third with a 93.

HTRS's Freeman carded a 78 on the front nine holes, followed by a 63 coming back into the clubhouse.

Titans fall to tough Elmwood Murdock squad

Dating back to last season, the HTRS Titan football squad had dropped six consecutive contests after falling at Elmwood-Murdock on Friday night, 6-68. The Knights improved to 3-1 for the year, with their only loss coming to Lourdes Central, while HTRS dropped to 0-4.

The Knights attempted an onside kick to begin Friday night's contest, but HTRS was ready and pounced on the ball at their 32. However, three plays later, the Titans had gained just two yards and were forced to punt the ball away.

On the second play from scrimmage for Elmwood-Murdock, the running back went up the middle for a 59-yard TD run. The PAT pass made it 8-0 with 9:52 to play in the first.

It didn't take the Titans long to respond, and when they did, it was with an exclamation point on it. Facing a third and fourteen at their 11, QB Bradyn Bowen dropped back and found receiver Jack Hilgenfeld, who caught the ball over the outstretched hands of the defender, then made a second Knight miss, as he raced for a 69-yard TD to make it 6-8 with 8:54 to play in the first. The two-point attempt was stopped short, but HTRS had responded nicely.

The Knights averted disaster on the following kickoff, as a fumble found its way back into the hands of an Elmwood-Murdock player. Six plays and forty yards later, the Knights scored their second TD of the game and moved to a 16-6 lead with 6:52 to go in the first.

The game began to slip away for the Titans after that. On third and long on the ensuing drive, Bowen's pass was intercepted by the Knights, giving them possession on their 18. Two plays later, the QB ran 60 yards for the score. The PAT attempt was unsuccessful, but HTRS trailed 22-6 with 5:08 remaining on the clock.

A fumble by the Titans on the first play of the ensuing drive handed Elwood-Murdock amazing field position at the HTRS 17. Facing a third and goal at the four, the Knights punched in their fourth TD of the game. The two-point try made it 30-6 with 3:24 still to go in the first.

An intentional grounding in the endzone by HTRS gave the Knights two more points, making it 32-6 with 2:21 remaining. Elmwood returned the following kickoff for a TD, but a holding penalty negated the score. Four plays later, the Knight QB found his receiver for a 32-yard strike to make it 38-6 with :49 to go in the first.

The Knight defense opened the second with another takeaway through the air, giving the home team the ball at their 22. Two plays later, Jake Davis pounced on a loose ball, giving the Titans the ball back at the 34 of Elmwood.

Bowen found Hilgenfeld again, this time for 18 yards, and down to the Knight 11-yard line. Facing a fourth and six at the seven, the designed QB run came up short, resulting in a turnover at the five.

Six plays later, the Knights QB scored on a 42-yard scamper to put the lead to 44-6 with 3:34 on the clock in the half.

After losing yards on the following possession, HTRS attempted a punt; however, a bad snap led to the second safety of the contest, making it 46-6. The ensuing kick was fielded at the Knight 30 and returned 50 yards for the score. The PAT try made it 54-6 with 1:20 remaining in the second quarter.

It took the Knights one play in the second half to add to their lead. The TD made it 60-6 with 11:49 to go in the third.

The home team added one more score with just over four minutes to play in the third to make it 68-6, which is where the game would end.

The Titans ended the game with 96 yards of offense, while the Knights finished with 574, including 468 on the ground.

HTRS Stats

Passing: Bowen 3/19 95 yards, 1 TD, 3 Ints.

Rushing: A. Sikora 1-6; Dewberry 11-15; Bowen 6- -23; Wamsley 2-3.

Receiving: Hilgenfeld 2-91, 1 TD; Dewberry 1-4. Colt Leech led the team with 12 stops, while Axton Wamsley added 10.

Lady Titans place second at MUDECAS

The Lady Titans volleyball team was on cruise control for the first two rounds of the MUDECAS Volleyball Tournament in Beatrice last week. The top seed in the B Division raced past Parkview Christian on Monday, 25-11 and 25-7. Tuesday's game was against a different opponent, but the outcome was the same. The Titans wasted no time in sending the Pawnee City Indians home 25-18 and 25-16.

In Monday's contest the Lady Titans ended with a .116 hitting percentage, completing 15 of 43 kill attempts. Elie Bstandig led the charge with seven kills on 12 tries. Harlee Hardesty was on fire in the service department, finishing with a team-best 11 aces and 23 points. Hardesty also led the squad with six digs, while PJ Howe added six assists.

In second-round action on Tuesday against Pawnee City, HTRS hit .145 with 22 kills on 62 attempts. Again, Bstandig paved the way with 14 kills. Eden Duryea led the squad with seven digs, while teammates Bstandig and Maddie Bredemeier each had five. Bredemeier chipped in a team-high ten assists, and Howe was close behind with eight.

The Titans ran into an Irish team on Thursday that had a full head of steam. Previously this season, HTRS had won four of five sets played against Sacred Heart. Thursday night's B Division Championship at MUDECAS was another story. The Irish used big scoring runs to dominate the Lady Titans 25-16 and 25-12 in the title match. The loss dropped HTRS to 9-5 for the year and ended a five-match winning streak. Stats from Thursday night's contest were not available in time for print.

The Lady Titans will look to get back into the win column on Tuesday night when they host the 0-9 Sterling Jets. On Thursday, September 25, the Titans will travel to Omaha for a triangular matchup against 8-7 Cornerstone Christian and the 6-4 Omaha Brownell Talbot Raiders.

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Dying Blind: We don't know the real number of Nebraskans dying from drugs. It's costing us.

Deck: Every year, Nebraska undercounts overdoses, say state officials, public health experts, on-the-ground treatment workers and a new Flatwater Free Press analysis. Laws and money are impacted. And lives hang in the balance.

By Destiny Herbers
Flatwater Free Press

Derrek Cocchiarella died slowly, lying in his mother's bed on a warm afternoon in late June, in a house full of family.

He was napping, they thought, sound asleep. Over the course of four hours, they checked on him often. They didn't recognize his breath gurgling. They didn't see the bits of foam forming around his mouth.

Then one of Derrek's younger sisters tried to wake him for a slice of cake, and found him cold to the touch.

In the moments and days after his death, Linette Cocchiarella, Derrek's mom, struggled to understand. Derrek had freshly returned from rehab. He was finally doing better.

How could he just suddenly die?

She called the county attorney's office, which in Nebraska doubles as the coroner's office, to ask about an autopsy.

No, she was told, your son's cause of death has already been determined: Natural causes.

"And I'm like, 'No,'" said his mother. "'That's not even possible. He's 23.'"

In 2021, the year Derrek died, the state reported 234 deaths from drug-related causes. Nebraska boasted the lowest drug death rate in the country — fewer than 12 deaths per 100,000 people. That's less than half the national average, continuing Nebraska's decade-long run as one of the best states in the country at preventing drug overdose deaths.

It's a point of pride among state leaders, cited by Gov. Jim Pillen when he vetoed a safe syringe bill in 2024. It's a rationale for inaction, cited by state senators as they debate drug-related bills.

It's likely costing us tens of millions of federal dollars, too. Nebraska receives the lowest dollar amount per person of any state in the country from federal substance abuse treatment funding.

Just one problem: Our lowest-in-the-nation drug death rate is likely false.

The state has long undercounted drug deaths, say state officials, public health researchers, treatment workers and a new *Flatwater Free Press* analysis of Centers for Disease Control data showing that Nebraska's overdose rate and its death rate simply don't match up.

Consider: Emergency departments in Nebraska, Montana and Texas all reported the same rate of nonfatal overdoses in 2023, about 85 per every 100,000 residents. But data show Montanans and Texans died of overdoses at double the rate of Nebraskans.

Those missed cases add up. If Nebraskans died at the same rate as Montanans, 338 would have died of overdoses in 2023 alone. The state reported 187.

"It's clear that there's underreporting based on our existing systems, and that's unfortunate because everything we do depends on understanding what's going on in the community. … If you don't, it's like driving a car without headlights," said Dr. Ali Khan, dean of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Public Health.

There's a potentially simple explanation, experts say: Both Montana and Texas have medical examiners who determine causes of death.

In Nebraska, that job falls to county attorneys. Many haven't reported a drug death in years, even decades.

That's in part because their main responsibility is prosecuting crimes. The county attorney responsible for investigating Derrek's death told the *Flatwater Free Press* he doesn't order autopsies for overdose deaths because, he said, "an overdose is not a criminal act. An overdose is an accident."

Nebraska's low overdose rate sets the tone of legislative debate. In recent years, the Legislature has cut $15 million from the state's behavioral health budget, failed to legalize syringe exchange programs and stalled efforts to enhance penalties for drug-involved deaths.

Along the way, public officials have repeatedly warned that they think deaths are being missed. At a Health and Human Services Committee hearing last year, Assistant Attorney General Mike Guinan told lawmakers he has heard many times that "we are woefully underreporting overdoses in this state."

That hearing was focused on mandating an overdose mapping program — an attempt to better understand Nebraska's drug problem in real time.

State Sen. Ben Hansen, a Republican from Blair and chair of the committee, pushed back on the need to more closely track overdoses in rural areas, saying he "wouldn't imagine they have that many out there."

Nathaniel Cacy, a public health analyst for the state, cut him off.

"You would be surprised, sir."

Gone and Uncounted

Paul Weishapl began counting on the day his old friend called, sobbing as he shared the news: My girlfriend died.

Weishapl knew why. The friend did, too. He'd recently had to leave a recovery group meeting that Weishapl was leading to revive his girlfriend with Narcan. She'd overdosed on opioids on his kitchen floor. The police knew, too, he said — everyone knew of her drug use, her previous overdoses.

Through tears, his friend then said something that caught Weishapl's attention: "I just don't understand why her death certificate says heart problems."

Weishapl, now working as a harm reduction instructor at UNMC, knew that wasn't right. He started paying closer attention at the almost monthly funerals he attended, counting the people he knew were involved with drugs.

Weishapl long ago grew used to morbid tallies, counting up friends he'd buried. That includes his closest friend in prison, who overdosed and died the day he was released. Weishapl had barely escaped the same fate himself, "on a death march" of overdoses and prison stays until he got sober after a two-decade opioid addiction.

But now he started asking more questions about what, exactly, had ended up on each person's death certificate.

After four years of counting, Weishapl tallied 96 Nebraskans he believes died of overdoses.

Only 25 had an overdose listed on their death certificate.

"Seems like there's a hell of a lot of people under 30 dying of heart attacks here," Weishapl said.

His counting led him to Dr. Erin Linde, one of Douglas County's four contracted forensic pathologists. That team performs almost all of the state's autopsies.

Nebraska autopsied only 12.5% of deaths that happened outside a medical setting such as a hospital. That ranks among the bottom half of states, according to a FFP analysis of CDC data.

Hall County Attorney Martin Klein, who was responsible for handling Derrek's death, said he orders an autopsy only when he believes the cause of death is a criminal act and may need it as evidence to prosecute.

He does not order autopsies for suspected overdoses.

When asked how he would know if someone dies of an overdose, Klein said, "We wouldn't necessarily be able to. We don't always have a specific cause of death for every person that we encounter."

Linde tracks the disparity in reported overdoses from her lab. She knows which deaths are sent in to be autopsied and which aren't.

Some regions of Nebraska report relatively high numbers of nonfatal drug overdoses — people who overdose and show up in emergency rooms. Yet many counties in those regions have never sent a single suspected drug-involved death to be autopsied.

Nebraska's low overdose rate doesn't mean there are few overdoses, Linde said. It just means we're completing fewer autopsies.

"The bottom line is that we have absolutely no idea of what's actually going on."

Unlikely Zeroes

Eleven rural Nebraska counties haven't reported a single drug-involved death over the past 20 years. In county after county, the reported numbers don't align with expected outcomes.

Hamilton County, home to Aurora and near Grand Island, has nearly 10,000 residents. The health district there reports nonfatal overdose rates similar to the statewide average. Even at the state's undercounted overdose rate, that would have led to around five deaths from 2019 to 2023.

Instead, Hamilton County reported zero.

The same is true for Butler County, which would have reported about five deaths. And Richardson, which would have another five. Both reported none.

From 2019 to 2023, 25 different counties reported zero drug-related deaths. If those counties were actually at the statewide rate, 43 more people would have died of overdoses over that time. Those counties alone would have eliminated Nebraska's best-in-the-country overdose rate in 2021, the year Derrek died.

"Either they're really, really good at preventing (fatal) overdoses, or they're just not ordering autopsies," Linde said.

The inconsistencies also exist in our cities. Between 2019 and 2023, Nebraska's metro counties reported lower overdose fatality ratios — the portion of overdoses resulting in death — than similar counties, according to an FFP analysis of data collected by the CDC.

In Lancaster County, roughly 13 out of every 100 overdoses were fatal. That's fewer deaths than peer counties Fayette County, Kentucky, and Escambia County, Florida, which both had about 20 deaths per 100 overdoses.

Douglas County, too, was lower than its peers, reporting about 15 deaths per 100 overdoses.

A 2019 University of Nebraska at Omaha survey of Nebraska county coroners found that many "do not believe they have adequate knowledge, information, resources, and financial means to accurately and thoroughly complete drug-involved death investigations."

Brittany Willmore, one of the researchers on the study, called county attorneys around the state and found that they didn't see drug overdoses as a serious problem in their counties.

"I remember being struck by … this kind of 'that doesn't happen here' sort of perception that they had," Willmore said. "I thought, 'What a disservice that probably is to our public health efforts.'"

Willmore's own mother died of an overdose in Douglas County in 2013. As a 22-year-old, she had no idea how to navigate the death investigation system. She feels lucky that the coroner ordered an autopsy.

"I think it would have always been in the back of my mind, like, 'Was this a heart attack? Was this a genetic issue?'" Willmore said. "But to then learn that it was in fact a drug overdose gave me closure."

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Struggling for Answers

In the week after Derrek died, his mother Linette, who lives north of Hastings in Hall County, repeatedly called that county attorney's office. She says she was bounced between the county attorney and others in the office as she tried and failed to find someone who would help.

She grew frustrated. Derrek couldn't possibly have died naturally, she thought. He was young. He'd been sober, living at a treatment center.

But he'd been in and out of the emergency room. He'd been struggling to breathe. Doctors told him it was panic attacks. Maybe something was wrong with his lungs, his mother thought.

Initially, Hall County authorities said no to an autopsy. They told her that, if the family wanted further answers, they would have to pay for a private autopsy. The cost: $4,500.

Klein confirmed he does not order autopsies, even on young people, unless law enforcement suspects a crime — even when loved ones plead for one.

"Families have been frustrated with me in the past," Klein said.

In Derrek's case, after Linette said she spent a week making frustrating phone calls and "jumping through hoops," the county attorney's office changed its tune. He would order an autopsy.

Klein said he doesn't recall why Derrek was ultimately autopsied.

But the grieving family's frustration was just beginning.

The county attorney's office told Linette she couldn't have a copy of the toxicology report. She'd need to get the results through Derrek's primary care physician.

Klein said his policy is to never release these reports, even to family members, because he orders them only as part of a criminal investigation. He does allow families to bring in a doctor to review reports and explain them from a medical perspective.

Derrek's mother viewed this refusal as a callous dismissal of Derrek's death and believes the county attorney's office "just discounted him as another drug addict."

"It was rough … I always thought their job was to advocate for the dead person," Linette said. "And I didn't feel like Derrek was being advocated for at all."

County attorneys, doubling as coroners, can generally set their own rules. They can also be influenced by social pressures, especially when they know the family, said Ryan Carruthers, chief clinical officer at CenterPointe, a treatment center in Lincoln and Omaha. They can view leaving overdoses and other stigmatized causes of death off of death certificates as a kindness.

But Derrek's family wanted to know the truth about his death, even if it involved drugs. They didn't want to keep secrets. They wanted his death certificate to be factual.

"I want the toxicology reports," Linette said. "But I was never able to get them … I've had to jump through all these hoops and still don't have anything."

Why the Uncounted Matter

There's a way to understand how Nebraska's undercounting could matter, calculated in potentially lost cash.

In the past decade, Nebraska has received a total of roughly $63 per person — lowest in the country — from SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. The national average over that time was about $93 per person.

It's impossible to know exactly how much Nebraska costs itself by failing to accurately tally drug deaths. But if Nebraska had received even the average amount, the additional funding flowing from D.C. to treat substance abuse would have been $50 million.

This is just one potential impact from the state flying blind on its true number of drug deaths, advocates and experts say.

Less information generally leads to both different public policy decisions and less funding, which is often tied to proving the problem exists, Carruthers said. Less money and less effective laws widen the gap between the resources a community needs and what it actually gets. And that, in turn, leads to more people at risk of dying.

From 2010 to 2022, the drug-involved death rate in Nebraska increased by 73%, said Khan, from UNMC. That worries him, especially because it's cloaked by the state's likely undercounting of deaths. Carruthers thinks overdoses are rising, too. CenterPointe, he said, has seen a dramatic jump in opioid overdoses in the past few years.

In 2024, the Nebraska Legislature attempted a solution, passing a bill 30-7 to legalize syringe service programs, which harm reduction workers say reduce fatal overdoses by introducing resources like Narcan and clean needles. Pillen vetoed the bill and the Legislature's attempt to override his veto failed.

Sen. Jana Hughes, a Republican from Seward, wrote in her weekly newsletter that Pillen cited Nebraska having the lowest opioid overdose rate nationwide in his veto statements.

"While that is good news for Nebraska relative to other states, that is a bit like saying you are the last person to jump out of the plane without a parachute," Hughes wrote.

In the Legislature, Nebraska's low overdose ranking has been called "fortunate" and "exciting" by lawmakers. It has also been repeatedly called into question by testifying experts.

"Do we actually need this program if we are one of the lowest ones in the nation currently with overdose death rates …?" Hansen, the senator from Blair, asked during floor debate for the syringe bill.

Hansen said in an interview that he has seen no indication that Nebraska is undercounting overdose deaths.

"Any kind of undercounting of health statistics … I'm surprised by that," Hansen said. "And it's something that would need to be addressed."

Hansen was chair during the committee hearing for the overdose mapping bill, where both Cacy and Guinan testified that the overdose rate may not be accurate. He cannot remember the exchange, Hansen said, but it "would probably lend credibility for the need of (the) bill."

Derrek's Truth

Summer turned into fall, then winter, as Derrek's family waited for the toxicology results. His mom Linette reached out to his pediatrician, the only doctor he had regularly seen before he died, who agreed to review the results.

He called to tell Linette what they found: Derrek's lungs were in perfect condition. He hadn't died of natural causes.

He had died of a fentanyl overdose.

The news hurt because Derrek was a "momma's boy through and through," his mother says, a boy who'd grown into a young man whose "honesty was overwhelming" and who had never held back telling her the truth.

But he had not told her that he was using again. He'd participated in a treatment program in Norfolk just months before his death. And he seemed to be doing better.

"I thought, 'Man, he's finally doing it,'" his sister Lyndsey Lyons said.

The knowledge that he'd died of an overdose didn't shake his family. They wanted to know more. Lyons said they wanted to openly discuss Derrek's substance use history, which already wasn't a secret.

They wanted his death certificate to be as factual as possible.

And they wanted to remember Derrek as he was: witty, caring and smart, Linette said. He had a talent for doing quick math in his head. He loved sneakers. His family is still finding pairs tucked away, years later.

But Derrek also struggled with his mental health. He felt alone, his loved ones say, even in a room full of people. He was baptized three times.

"He just never found peace. He just wasn't OK being OK," Linette said. "He was just looking for something or anything to make him fill whatever void was missing."

In the Hastings area, Derrek, a kid that he'd gotten in trouble with growing up and the person who had sold Derrek the pills that killed him all died within a six-month period in 2021, Lyons said.

Fewer than nine drug-involved deaths were reported in Hall County that year. Derrek was one of the first known fentanyl overdoses, Lyons said.

The paramedics who rushed to the home that day didn't use Narcan to try to revive Derrek, his mother says. Instead, she saw them — three times — administer an EpiPen, a common emergency treatment for cardiac arrest and allergic reactions.

When Derrek died, the family surrounding him did not know what the blue tint around his lips and fingertips meant. They did not know about the pinpoint eyes or the danger signaled by the gurgling sound he made.

They, and most Hastings residents, did not know what an opioid overdose looked or sounded like, family members said. No one had Narcan.

"If I would have, I think Derrek would be alive today," Linette said.

Derrek's mom and sister started a foundation in Derrek's memory. They have taught area residents how to recognize the signs of an overdose and advocated for Narcan to be widely available. Hastings came a long way fast, Linette said.

Not long after Linette took the phone call from her son's pediatrician, telling her the truth about why he'd died, she got another call.

A friend told her that a couple of young girls had overdosed at Derrek's old friend's house.

This time, the people around them knew what to look for. This time, they had Narcan and gave it to the girls.

This time, they survived.

City Council

September 3, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 3rd day of September 2025, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Buckminster. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

STANDING REPORTS

Standing reports from the Mayor, City Administrator, Chief of Police, and the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank were presented. No formal action was required.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 18, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ruiz to approve the minutes for August 18, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

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

CONSIDER RESOLTUION ESTABLISHING PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURES, INSPECTION PROTOCOL AND RELATED ADMNISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE KEEPING OF CHICKEN HENS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2025-106

A Resolution Establishing Permit Application Procedures, Inspection Protocol, and Related Administrative Procedures for the Keeping of Chicken Hens pursuant to Ordinance No. 2025-106 was presented to the Mayor and City Council. The resolution establishes permit application requirements, inspection standards, and compliance procedures for residents keeping hens within the city limits. Following review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE WOULD EYE SPORTS BAR AND GRILL AT 1821 STONE STREET

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:13 P.M. Mayor Harkendorff then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor or opposition. There was no public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:14 P.M. Clerk Nussbaum presented the application information. A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the application for the Class 1 Liquor License as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF QUENTIN COATNEY AND KATIE DRELICHARZ TO THE HOUSING BOARD

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 FINAL ALLOCATION OF LEVY AUTHORITY FOR THE FALLS CITY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

A resolution setting the final allocation of levy authority for the Falls City Airport Authority was presented. Following review, a motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EVERGY KANSAS CENTRAL, INC FOR THE ENERGY FORWARD TRANSMISSION PROJECT

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was presented for review. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to authorize execution of the agreement. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNICATIONS LEASE AGREEEMNT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR CELL TOWER 419465V AT 1820 TOWLE STREET

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ALIVER FOUNDATION FOR THE DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF AN AED AT GRANDVIEW PARK

A resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was presented. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT AT 606 MOREHEAD COURT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSING BOARD

A Rural Workforce Housing Funds (RWHF) Developer Loan Application was submitted for review as recommended by the Housing Board. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING WAIVER/FINE SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATIONS OF FALLS CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AS RECOMMNDED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

A resolution presenting a revised waiver/fee schedule was presented. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Kaster to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE & STAFFING STRATEGY

City Administrator Nussbaum presented a report regarding management structure and staffing strategy. He discussed recent Board of Public Works actions, upcoming staff attrition, and the opportunity to realign City Hall administrative roles. Recommendations included creating Deputy City Clerk/Human Resources and Deputy Treasurer/Utility Billing Manager positions, with the possibility of unmerging the Clerk and Treasurer offices from the City Administrator. Draft job descriptions for the City Administrator, Deputy City Clerk/Human Resources and Deputy Treasurer/Utility Billing Manager positions was offered for review. Deputy City Administrator Ferris provided input during the discussion. Public Works Director Campbell also provided input. Following discussion, a motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person Kaster to enter into closed session regarding personnel matters. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried. The closed session began at 6:53 P.M. A motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ferguson to end the closed session and resume the regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

The closed session ended, and the regular meeting resumed at 8:04 P.M. Upon resuming the regular meeting, a motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to adopt the Deputy City Clerk/Human Resources, Deputy Treasurer/Utility Billing Manager and City Administrator job descriptions but maintain the current merged offices as written by city ordinance for the City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:06 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on September 3, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

City Clerk
Mayor
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Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
The Salem Village Board met September 9, 2025 in the Community Building.

Chairperson Kenneth Strauch opened the meeting and the One and Six Year Street Hearing. Kean, and Wessel answered roll. Vogele was absent. The open meeting poster was acknowledged. Strauch move to appoint Virginia Helmick to the Salem Village Board. Helmick will replace Lindie Catlin who moved from Salem. Motion seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, and Wessel voting yes. Vogle absent.

Helmick signed and dated the oath of office.

The Board reviewed the Salem One and Six Year Street plan. Strauch moved to adopt Resolution 2025-1, Salem One and Six Year Street Plan, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean Strauch, Wessel and Helmick voting yes. Vogele absent.

Resolution 2025-2, Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance was introduced. Strauch moved to pass Resolution 2025-2, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Helmick and Wessel voting yes. Vogele absenst.

Wessel moved to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented, seconded by Helmick.

Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Helmick, and Wessel voting yes, Vogel absent.

Kean moved to request an audit wavier from the State Auditor's office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Helmick and Wessel voting yes, Vogle absent.

Wessel moved to adopt Resolution 2025-3 setting the tax request for the fiscal year 2025-2026 at $14000.00, seconded by Strauch. Motion carried, Strauch, Kean, Wessel and Helmick voting yes. Vogele absent.

Helmick moved that the Village of Salem remain a member to the Richardson County Mutual Finance Organization for the next three years, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel and Helmick voting yes. Vogele absest.

Wessel updated the board on the Community Building. Wessel will be the contact person for the Community Budilding rentals and use. She also reported on the grant process.

Claims were presented for payment. Strauch moved to pay the claims, seconded by Kean, Motion carried, Kean, Wessel, Helmick, and Strauch voting yes. Vogele absent.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 9:06, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Helmick and Wessel, voting yes. Vogele absent.

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

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF SALEM CLAIMS SEPTEMBER 2025

Mary's Appliance 743.00 (refridgerator) combl
OPPD 510.20 (utility) combl 70.33
FRHL 34.99 general 66.00 338.88 street
Robert McHenry 700.00 (water operator) water
Rural Water #2 1711.96 (water purchased for sale) water
NE Public Health Lab 15.00 (water testing) water
Village of Salem/Water Fund 400.00 (tranfer) general
Schendel Pest Control 30.00 (service) comb!
Falls City Journal 156.94 (publication) general
Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (salary) street 200.00 general 200.00 water 100.00
Jodie Schuetz 430.00 (mowing street work) street
Eijah Canonico 110.00(mowing) street

Cemetery Claims

Bosselman Pump and Pantry 106.00 fuel
Barb Brown 220.00 trimming
Dennis Rowland 75.00 trimming

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City of Falls City Claims

Claims Report - 9.16.2025
City of Falls City, NE By Fund
Payment Dates
9/5/2025 - 9/16/2025
Vendor Name Description (Item)
Amount

FUND: 100 - GENERAL

Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage 168.31
Aflac AFLAC 12.23
Aflac AFLAC 337.20
Aflac AFLAC 30.00
CWA Dues CWA Union Dues.77.72
Medica Ins Group Health ..18,303.99
IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW Union Dues 133.82
InterNatl Union of Operat IUOE Union Dues 197.52
Dearborn Life Ins Com Life Ins ..255.08
Nebraska Dept of Revenue Garnishment 250.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax...30.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a... 371.16
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 595.26
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 229.16
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 260.44
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 214.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 229.16
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 336.62
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Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 371.88
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 418.66
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Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 293.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 177.22
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 299.82
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 169.60
Ameritas Retirement 501a... 326.22
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 286.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 202.56
American Natl Bank HSA ... 100.00
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American Natl Bank HSA ... 100.00
American Natl Bank HSA 50.00
American Natl Bank HSA 20.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 398.48
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 406.90
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 600.36
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 393.18
Nebraska Dept of Reve State W/H Tax 3,664.43
Dept of the Treasury Federal W/H 8,508.28
Dept of the Treasury Medicare Tax 2,793.54
Dept of the Treasury Social Security Tax 11,944.60
Pest Control Services of SE NE City Hall-Pest Control Services ..50.00
Amazon Capital Services Shark Upright Vacuum 151.99
Amazon Capital Services Desk Calendar 2025-2026 .....4.99
Amazon Capital Services Monthly Planner 2025.2026 .....7.49
P.F. Pettibone & Co Minute book covers 375.00
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P.F. Pettibone & Co Gold Stamping Set-up Charger 5.00
Golden Shovel Hosting, maint, &tech support 1,360.00
Falls City Merc Toilet Tissue 2-ply 79.32
Falls City Merc Toilet Paper Dispenser Standa 50.15
Pro Serv Sav/IM C3000 ..... 273.50
UCI Testing annuall fees 195.00
Quill Corportation supplies 18.43
Quill Corportation Supplies.... 28.98
Verizon service 52.99
US Signal Co LLC service 81.00
Utility Dept Old City Hall Lease Property-GS 33.00
Utility Dept Old City Hall Lease Property 39.90
Utility Dept City Offices-GS...79.52
Utility Dept City Offices-WA/SW 93.96
Utility Dept City Offices-EL 1,392.12
SNC, Service 611.20
FC Journal Legal Ads 1,771.29
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Service 1,920.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Service 100.00
Fund 100 - General Total: ..66,128.00

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Dash Medical Gloves Medical Gloves..... 124.90
Das State Accounting - Center July 2025 ..... 924.00
Das State Accounting - Center Aug 2025 network serv.cha..537.60
Pro Serv SAV/P 311M Micr 55.00
Pro Serv SAV/IM C4500 ..... 273.50
Pro Serv SAV/P 311M Micr 55.00
Truck Vault storage system for Ford PIU 3,897.00
Richardson Co Court court costs .17.00
Richardson Co Court court costs .17.00
Verizon service 599.15
Harmon's OK Tire Flat repair .20.00
US Signal Co LLC service 112.50
Police Dept Petty Cash Car wash 36.00
Police Dept Petty Cash Postage ...15.60
SNC Service 258.18
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 1,587.28
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Service 2,060.00
Fund 110 - Police Total:... 10,589.71

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL

Farm & City Supply 5pt 22% Dog Food 50lb 26.99
Falls City Merc Merit Hardwound Brown Tow 58.45
Falls City Merc Toilet Paper Dispenser Standa.....50.15
Verizon service 39.91
US Signal Co LLC service 12.50
Utility Dept Animal Control....15.38
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 65.31
Fund 115 - Animal Control Total: 268.69

FUND: 120 - FIRE

CFS Inspections Tower 1 E-one 95hp inspection 1,550.00
CFS Inspections Heat Sensors ...45.00
US Signal Co LLC service 12.50
Utility Dept Fire Station Hyd.-WA/SW 71.23
Utility Dept Fire Station Hyd.-EL 41.25
Utility Dept Fire Station-GS....60.50
Utility Dept Fire Station-EL . 194.67
Utility Dept Fire Station/Hydrants 4,071.78
Utility Dept Ambulance Bldg-GS 33.00
Utility Dept Ambulance Bldg-EL 67.94
SNC Service 127.53
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 162.06
Fund 120 - Fire Total: 6,437.46

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Verizon service 39.91
US Signal Co LLC service 12.50
Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total:.....52.41

FUND: 150 - PARKS

Farm & City Supply Acid Muriatic gal 39.96
Farm & City Supply Ace Better Brush Ang. 1" 6.99
Farm & City Supply Screws 0.32
Farm & City Supply Grade 5 bolts, nuts, washers 0.17
Farm & City Supply Ben Int Sat Prl 1x 1g 53.99
Farm & City Supply Ace Best RLR M 9x3/8 3pk 11.99
Farm & City Supply Catch Draw LK 3-1/2zn-Credit .....-8.99
Farm & City Supply Screws 1.44
Farm & City Supply Screws 1.44
Farm & City Supply Hasp fxd stpl 4-1/2" zn 6.59
Farm & City Supply Keykrafter #66 Brass Key 11.98
Farm & City Supply Flush Valve w/ flapprer 8.5 .....11.99
Farm & City Supply Hasp fxd stpl 4-1/2" zn 6.59
Farm & City Supply Screws 2.88
Farm & City Supply Autocut 27-2 HD 68.00
Farm & City Supply Corn Knife 23.99
Farm & City Supply 1lb BX PP Interior 9x3 .....7.79
Farm & City Supply Air freshnr black ice 1.59
Farm & City Supply Hand trowel wd hndl ace 9.59
Farm & City Supply Slip Joint Plrs Blk/Rd 8" 11.99
Farm & City Supply Screws 2.64
Farm & City Supply Ex Cord 3 outletrd 25'.....35.99
Farm & City Supply CM Filter red push on 26.99
Farm & City Supply Sump Pump 239.99
Farm & City Supply Wearables/ Clothing 28.99
Farm & City Supply Cleaner all purpose 4oz 9.99
Farm & City Supply Clamp 1.5" -2.5" Marine 3.58
Farm & City Supply Pipe s 40 pvc1-1/2"x10' 1.55
Farm & City Supply Couple 1.5" sxs sch40 .....3.98
Farm & City Supply Cement PVC 4oz 6.99
Farm & City Supply Screws 3.00
Farm & City Supply Screws 1.80
Farm & City Supply Drillbit Titanium 3/16" 7.99
Farm & City Supply T1 3/16" HS Steel Bit 2.99
Farm & City Supply Screws 2.67
Farm & City Supply Screws 1.05
Farm & City Supply Screws 1.19
Farm & City Supply Screws 0.50
Farm & City Supply Screws 1.39
Farm & City Supply T1 9/32" Hs Steel Bit.....4.99
Farm & City Supply RV/Marine Antifreeze 1g 104.70
Farm & City Supply Raid Wasp & Hornet 8.99
Farm & City Supply 6.4oz HP Ultra Synthetic 1/6 P 30.00
Farm & City Supply WD40 smart straw 8oz.....7.99
Farm & City Supply Wire Connector org jar100.....2.07
Farm & City Supply Wire wng connector ylw 100.....0.90
Farm & City Supply Screws 1.59
Farm & City Supply Screws 1.59
Farm & City Supply Screws 9.54
Farm & City Supply Screws-Credit Return ..... -6.36
Farm & City Supply Bolts, Nuts, Washers GR2..... 5.06
Farm & City Supply SD Spade Bit 3/8" x 6" 6.99
Farm & City Supply Screws 2.40
Farm & City Supply Hook Ladder Screwpin Bulk..... 13.98
Farm & City Supply Great Stuff Big Gap 20oz 11.99
Scheitel Feed & Seed Grass seed- 5 way fescu 375.00
Scheitel Feed & Seed grass seed- 5 way fescu..... 375.00
Scheitel Feed & Seed fertilizer 120.00
Corrin Sudweeks Rental AddOn Payment for Ca 50.00
Doug Butrick Rental AddOn Payment for Ca 50.00
Blake Marion Rental AddOn Payment for Ca 50.00
Michael Loper Rental AddOn Payment for Ca 50.00
Noah Vice Rental AddOn Payment for Ca 50.00
Brenda Schwartz Rental AddOn Payment for Ca 50.00
Peggy Hanesworth Rental AddOn Payment for Ca 40.00
Peggy Hanesworth Rental AddOn Payment for Ca 10.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE Cabin-Pest Control Services.....50.00
Roderick Advertising Co Aluminim Sign & Graphics 1,280.00
Roderick Advertising Co Entrance Sign - Dallas Jones Pa.... 4,225.00
Scholl Lawn & Landscape Fertilizer 325.00
Falls City Merc Bounty Paper Towels 34.05
Falls City Merc Toilet Paper Dispenser Standa..... 100.28
Home Lumber Co Bag U-mix ..5.69
Home Lumber Co 2x10x16' #1SYP Ecolife Treated 15.25
Verizon service 79.82
Harmon's OK Tire Labor 10.00
Harmon's OK Tire Stem 1.25
Dutton-Lainson Co Sloan A-42-A 274.93
Dutton-Lainson Co Sloan A-36-A 205.63
Jim Hill's Corbin CL3355 NZD 626 Finish 630.00
US Signal Co LLC service 37.50
Utility Dept Legion Park 68.63
Utility Dept Morehead Field/ Irrigation 154.93
Utility Dept Grandview Park-WA/SW 44.41
Utility Dept Grandview Park-EL 87.49
Utility Dept Hartman Field..... 40.56
Utility Dept F&M Bank Field .40.56
Utility Dept SNC Field 40.56
Utility Dept 4-H Barn 40.56
Utility Dept Riding Club Site/City Usage-W.....47.11
Utility Dept Riding Club Site/City Usage-EL 40.56
Utility Dept Parks Dept New Shop-WA/SW.....39.90
Utility Dept Parks Dept New Shop-EL 160.14
Utility Dept Stanton Lake Camper Sites/Ca 102.97
Utility Dept Stanton Lake Camper Sites/Ca..... 193.99
Utility Dept Stanton Lake VB .58.45
Utility Dept Stanton Lake Cabin 66.57
Utility Dept Stanton Lake South Camper 113.08
Utility Dept Stanton Lake North Camper 130.01
Utility Dept Aquatic Center-GS 444.77
Utility Dept Aquatic Center-WA/SW 2,147.00
Utility Dept Aquatic Center-EL 2,101.81
Utility Dept Dallas Jones Tennis Court 48.67
Utility Dept Dallas Jones PArk-Irr Meter 3,421.32
Utility Dept Dallas Jones PArk-Irr Meter-EL 43.17
Utility Dept Snack Shack-New-WA/ SW 371.27
Utility Dept Snack Shack-New-EL 194.81
Utility Dept Snackshack Irr 66.19
SNC Service-Pool-CR .....-57.01
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 840.88
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Service 20.00
Fund 150 - Parks Total:.... 20,467.74

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM

Farm & City Supply Brush Art 5pc Utility 5.99
Farm & City Supply Catch Draw LK 3-1/2zn 8.99
Farm & City Supply Ace Better Brush Ang. 1.5 .....15.98
Farm & City Supply Linzer Pro Edger 5"..... 6.59
Farm & City Supply Ace Better Brush Angle 1" 6.99
Farm & City Supply Ace Steel Ext Pole 19.99
Farm & City Supply Mini Trimmer Pad 6.25" 5.99
Farm & City Supply Ben Int sat prl 1x 1g 107.98
Farm & City Supply Screws 3.18
Pest Control Services of SE NE Auditorium pest control 50.00
Unifirst Corportation mops, towels 96.00
Amazon Capital Services Bietrun Wireless Microphone.....28.49
FC Merc Foaming soap 77.85
Quill Corportation chairmat ...62.74
US Signal Co LLC service 37.50
Utility Dept Prichard Auditorium -GS 320.58
Utility Dept Prichard Auditorium-WA/SW 328.70
Utility Dept Prichard Auditorium-EL 3,499.28
SNC …Service 100.12
Fund 151 - Auditorim Total:.....4,782.94

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY

Middle Georgia Regional Libra Lost Inter-Library Loan Book 19.95
Amazon Capital Services 1-2-3 Build it robot factory.....14.89
Amazon Capital Services Duracell Batteries, AAA 32pk 18.98
Amazon Capital Services Large Canvas Tote, 3pk 131.94
Amazon Capital Services Duracell Coppertop AA Batteri 44.96
Amazon Capital Services Science Lab Activity Set 26.01
Amazon Capital Services Kids Microscope 20.99
Amazon Capital Services Solar System Puzzle Globe 19.49
Amazon Capital Services Coding & Robotics Beginner T 19.31
Amazon Capital Services Headu Easy Coding Game 18.99
Amazon Capital Services STEM Explorers Pixel Art Chall.....11.49
Amazon Capital Services Lite--brite touch 27.99
Amazon Capital Services spangler energy stick.....11.45
Amazon Capital Services magnet wands.....12.05
Amazon Capital Services snap circuits beginner.....22.61
Amazon Capital Services Activity cube/sorter 24.99
Amazon Capital Services snap circuits green energy 43.99
Amazon Capital Services hydropower science 44.66
Amazon Capital Services botley coding robot 49.57
Amazon Capital Services Montesson busy cube 8.95
Amazon Capital Services city engineering & design 29.99
Amazon Capital Services slpha tracing board 21.99
Amazon Capital Services switcheroo coding crew 52.19
Amazon Capital Services robotics kit 37.99
Amazon Capital Services keva bot maze 39.85
Amazon Capital Services circuit exploration 39.99
Amazon Capital Services shape sorter 27.83
Amazon Capital Services simple machine activity set 23.39
Amazon Capital Services math island game 20.89
Amazon Capital Services engi no-stem construction..... 34.99
Amazon Capital Services playground engineering 29.97
Amazon Capital Services coding critters 31.49
Amazon Capital Services tumble trax magnet 27.99
Amazon Capital Services pretend play cash register 34.99
Amazon Capital Services machine makers 25.99
Amazon Capital Services snap circuits bric 34.99
Amazon Capital Services cooper - stem robot 48.99
Amazon Capital Services Magnet match rings 13.99
Amazon Capital Services magnet movers 10.99
Amazon Capital Services snap circuits classic 48.99
Amazon Capital Services keva marble run 47.45
Amazon Capital Services simple macines book..... 7.19
Amazon Capital Services Binoculars 7.11
Amazon Capital Services 9 in 1 sensory toys 44.99
Amazon Capital Services botley hard case 17.99
Amazon Capital Services motioneering 17.99
Amazon Capital Services geomag roller coaster 44.97
Amazon Capital Services science exp kit w/ coat 23.97
Amazon Capital Services domino action 16.71
Amazon Capital Services bralnometry 14.99
Amazon Capital Services Magnetic tiles 17.98
Amazon Capital Services number tracing board 20.89
Amazon Capital Services magnetic blocks 1.65" 20.79
Amazon Capital Services electronics exploration 43.99
Amazon Capital Services squishy circuits 34.99
Amazon Capital Services pocket microscope 27.51
Amazon Capital Services keva brain builders 18.38
Amazon Capital Services botley accessory set 19.99
Amazon Capital Services busy board w/ light 19.99
Amazon Capital Services magnet tablet toy 14.98
Amazon Capital Services Musical mat 19.54
Amazon Capital Services Crayola Activity Board 28.92
Amazon Capital Services Color Mixing lenses 7.99
Amazon Capital Services Spirograph 16.06
Amazon Capital Services Magnetic dots board 26.99
Amazon Capital Services Crayola Light Board 15.19
Falls City Merc Clorox Disinfecting Wipes 44.14
Falls City Merc Paper towel kitchen roll 44.96
Meyer Home Center 1" Oetiker Clamp 0.40
Meyer Home Center Finance Fee-Late Charge 1.00
Meyer Home Center Labor 85.00
DEMCO Demco Cover One Book Repair 1,799.00
DEMCO Library Quiet Single-side Cart 754.76
Ingram Books 177.40
Ingram Books 83.08
Ingram Books 17.24
Ingram Books 19.82
Ingram Books 261.89
Ingram Books 190.46
Ingram Books 25.53
Ingram Books 37.49
Ingram Books 131.86
Ingram Books 258.57
Ingram Credit-Sisters 1st .....-10.82
Ingram Books 147.87
Ingram Books..... 377.22
Ingram Books 59.85
Ingram Books..... 39.04
Ingram Books 51.85
US Signal Co LLC service 37.50
Utility Dept Library & Arts Center-GS 60.04
Utility Dept Library & Arts Center-WA/SW 664.70
Utility Dept Library & Arts Center-EL 2,561.39
Richard Gilkerson August 2025 ..... 232.50
Library Petty Cash Postage . 203.40
Library Petty Cash Supplies ...18.75
SNC, Service 224.66
AIRADVICE INC M5000 ..... 1yr Subscription Rene 600.00
Fund 170 - Library Total:...11,028.83

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY

Harmon's OK Tire Stem..... 1.25
Harmon's OK Tire Mss-11-10 Turfmaster 122.00
US Signal Co LLC service 12.50
Utility Dept Cemetery 144.11
SNC Service 99.08
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 324.60
Fund 180 - Cemetery Total:. 703.54

FUND: 190 - STREETS

Farm & City Supply Masking Tape 1.88x60yd gp 34.93
Farm & City Supply Click N Flame Lighter 6.00
Farm & City Supply Ace Carpenter's Pencil 13.90
Home Lumber Company 1x4x8' #2 WP 34.14
Home Lumber Co 1/4"x12"x16' Bender board 39.98
UCI Testing annual fees 375.00
Olsson Associates Project 020-33120 .....115.50
Verizon service 39.91
Harmon's OK Tire Tire repair .50.00
Falls City Auto Supply Diesel EX Fluid 12.99
US Signal Co LLC service 25.00
Utility Dept Dist. 56 SS Stop Sign 40.56
Utility Dept Dist. 56 Stop Sign ..40.70
Utility Dept Street Dept-GS ... 60.04
Utility Dept Street Dept-WA/SW 78.65
Utility Dept Street Dept-EL . 259.35
Utility Dept Street Lights . 7,277.62
SNC Service 51.18
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 2,622.76
Fund 190 - Streets Total:.. 11,178.21

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP

Farm & City Supply Hand Guard Kit (066) 40.55
Amazon Capital Services 6gal Galvanized Oily Waste Can .80.45
Altec Industries, Inc. Switch; Rocker;DPDT;On-Off 94.46
Altec Industries, Inc. Placard; Electric/hydraulic con 2.36
Altec Industries, Inc. Placard; start/ stop dc pump 4.50
Altec Industries, Inc. Switch; rocker; dpdt 67.66
Altec Industries, Inc. Placard; electric control box 14.85
Altec Industries, Inc. Hose Assembly 171.93
Amazon Capital Services Wireless LED Mag Trailer Light 69.99
Moridge Mfg. Inc. Spindle Deflector Cone 49.92
Moridge Mfg. Inc. Fiber Washer 10.80
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repa 1/2" Hydraulic hose per inch 5.....24.50
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repa 13-16 Female Straight Face Sw..53.48
O'Reilly Automotive Inc Cabin Filter 11.15
O'Reilly Auto Inc Air filter.....13.87
Harmon's OK Tire Tire Repair .15.00
FC Auto Supply Filter 14.99
FC Auto Supply Filter 8.20
FCAuto Supply Gates 99.89
FC Auto Supply AT Belt 25.71
FC Auto Supply Stant 15.99
FC Auto Supply Long life 23.98
FC Auto Supply Sunsong 27.78
FC Auto Supply Sunsong 27.78
FC Auto Supply Kendsbg14 Grease 76.80
FC Auto Supply Oil chg 7.04
FC Auto Supply Freon 21.98
FC Auto Supply Filter 27.03
FC Auto Supply Filter 12.25
FC Auto Supply Filter 7.96
FCAuto Supply Filter 23.63
FC Auto Supply Blackjack 32.97
FC Auto Supply Fuse..... 3.70
Falls City Auto Supply Filter 7.96
FC Auto Supply Bussmann 3.65
Bobcat of Omaha 4B 6689564 O-Ring 4.11
Bobcat of Omaha 4B 6692397 Seal 43.34
Bobcat of Omaha 4B 7222701 Shaft 516.52
SNC Service 9.81
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total: 1,768.54

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

SNC Service 709.49
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:709.49

FUND: 245 - RURAL WORK-FORCE HOUSING FUND

SENDD SENND contract for 1612 Fult 107,126.10
Fund 245 - Rural Workforce Housing Fund Total: ... 107,126.10

FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT/DEMOLITION PROGRAM

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Service 1,280.00
Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total: ..1,280.00

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage 79.03
Aflac AFLAC 32.72
Aflac AFLAC 43.14
CWA Dues CWA Union Dues.. 175.43
Medica Ins Group Health ...16,118.04
IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW Union Dues 334.76
Dearborn Life Ins Com Life Ins 174.31
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 592.31
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 300.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax 68.26
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax ...150.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax ...600.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax . 300.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 463.86
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 341.74
Ameritas Retirement 501a... 281.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 466.40
Ameritas Retirement 501a... 316.12
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 422.36
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 365.18
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 274.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 270.34
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 350.14
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 307.42
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 296.30
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 213.22
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 266.44
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 441.32
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 229.16
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 260.62
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 421.64
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 230.54
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 355.92
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 338.16
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 299.48
Ameritas Retirement 501a ... 171.94
Ameritas Retirement 501a... 208.22
American Natl Bank HSA ... 215.00
American Natl Bank HSA 88.46
American Natl Bank HSA 65.00
American Natl Bank HSA ... 200.00
American Natl Bank HSA 50.00
Dept of the Treasury Medicare Tax 2,054.34
Dept of the Treasury Social Security Tax 8,784.24
Nebraska Dept of Reve…State W/H Tax 2,609.46
Dept of the Treasury Federal W/H 5,670.00
Joy's Machine Shop 3 1/2" tubing for pole rack 1,032.50
Farm & City Supply Tube Braid 1/4ID x 1/2OD 8.55
Farm & City Supply Bottle Brush & Straw Set 9.23
Farm & City Supply Clamp Hose 1/4" to 5/8" SS 1.39
Farm & City Supply Ball VLV 600IPS FIP 1/4" 13.96
Farm & City Supply 90 DEG Elbow 1/4"x1/4" 8.16
Farm & City Supply Nipple 1/4" x 2" MPT 4.93
Farm & City Supply Plastic Pail 5 gl cmn 5.38
Farm & City Supply Wirebrush Mini Nylon 3pk..... 4.93
Farm & City Supply Battery Alkln AAA 20pk 24.71
Farm & City Supply Plier Snap Ring External 19.34
Farm & City Supply Screws ..16.71
Farm & City Supply LAG Screws 4.48
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.25" x 2" 4.93
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.25" x 2.5 .....4.93
Farm & City Supply Elbow 90 Black 1.25 Street 10.74
Farm & City Supply MI RDTEE 1-1/4" FX 1-1/4" 13.96
Farm & City Supply MI RDTEE 1-1/4" FX 1-1/4" 13.98
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.25"x2.5" 4.93
Farm & City Supply Ball Valve BRS FIP 1.25" 42.99
Farm & City Supply Bushing Black 1.25x1/2" 15.03
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.25"x2" 4.93
Farm & City Supply Ball Valve BRS FIP 1.25" .....-39.99
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.25"x 2.5" .....-4.59
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.25" x 2" .....-4.59
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.25"x2" ..... -4.59
Farm & City Supply Bushing Black 1.25"x1/2" .....-6.99
Farm & City Supply MI RDTEE 1-1/4" FX 1-1/4" .....-14.70
Farm & City Supply Bushing Black 1.25 x 1/2" ..... -6.99
Farm & City Supply Elbow 90 Black 1.25 Street .....-9.99
Farm & City Supply MI RDTEE 1-1/4" FX 1-1/4" ..... -12.99
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1/4" x close 2.39
Farm & City Supply Pipe Tee 1/4"x1/4" FPT 11.99
Farm & City Supply Comprsn Conn 1/4"x1/4" 15.98
Farm & City Supply Ball Valve BRS FIP 1" 28.99
Farm & City Supply Tube Copper Ref 1/4"x50' 21.51
Farm & City Supply Foam Wasp & Hornet 17.5oz 6.01
Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1/4" x Close 2.57
Farm & City Supply Couple Black STL 1/4" 4.29
Farm & City Supply Adjustabl Wrnch Slv 6" 13.96
Farm & City Supply Hex Key Set Met & Sae 16pc 21.49
Farm & City Supply Knife Sharpener 2 Step 7.51
Farm & City Supply Emery Cloth 1"x10 yd 320 Grit 7.52
Farm & City Supply DW MFIT DRVR BIT SET 30P 16.11
Farm & City Supply Knockout Seal 1/2" 100pk 30.09
Farm & City Supply Fuse Puller 20.41
Farm & City Supply Hard Wire Nut Assortment Kit 18.26
Farm & City Supply Sun-piston....5.60
Farm & City Supply Solo Viton Collar 425/435 .....21.49
Farm & City Supply SG20 Manual Backpack Spraye 161.25
Farm & City Supply Shoe Handle Brush SS 8.59
Farm & City Supply Small Cleaning brush brass..... 2.47
Farm & City Supply Compact Utility Knife 4" 9.23
Quill Corp supplies 81.18
Sacred Heart School trash bags 600.00
Farabee Mechanical Sf-16#72 Gasket, Copper..... 235.79
Atlas Copco Compressors Reapir Labor - Regular Time 443.44
Atlas Copco Compressors Travel Time 886.88
Atlas Copco Compressors Mileage 580.49
Brown Co Transfer Trash O/C 368.08
Brown County Transfer Trash O/C 441.18
Brown County Transfer Trash O/C 260.58
Jeo Consulting Group Inc On-Call GIS Services..... 755.00
Dollar General Store handsoap refill (X203) 20.16
Dollar General Store Pinesol (X208) 25.80
Dollar General Store Paper Towels-Reg Merc#2 .....6.40
Dollar General Store Individual Hand Soap (X20.....6.99
Dollar General Store Disinfectant Spray (X213) 27.40
Dollar General Store Clorox Wipes (X205) 13.98
Dollar General Store Dawn Dish Soap (X211) 25.15
Golden Shovel Hosting, maint., & tech suppor 340.00
Omaha Pneumatic Equipment labor 640.00
Omaha Pneumatic Equipment fan axial 2E300 (2453.88 less. 1,831.07
Omaha Pneumatic Equipment portal to portal 370.61
Omaha Pneumatic Equipment… drive time 500.00
Home Lumber Co 1x2"x18" Wood Steak 109.65
Home Lumber Co 1x2"x24" Wood Steak 73.10
Home Lumber Company 2x4x16' Hem-Fir Sel Strut.....11.71
Home Lumber Company 2x4x8' COM Select Structure 20.60
UCI Testing annual fees 735.00
Quill Corp notebooks 47.99
Cintas Corp No 2 uniforms .. 204.38
Cintas Corp No 2 Uniforms 208.02
Cintas Corp No 2 Uniforms 208.02
Cintas Corp No 2 Uniforms 208.02
Quill Corp Brother tn7602Pk hyblk tnr 2pk 183.99
Quill Corp Supplies 7.26
Quill Corp Supplies 7.24
McMaster-Carr Fast-acting pressure relief val 252.64
McMaster-Carr Low pressure 304 satinless ste 19.18
McMaster-Carr Economy Metal tube and con..... 42.60
McMaster-Carr Compact Extreme-pressure st 14.16
McMaster-Carr 316 Stainless steel threaded p 10.19
McMaster-Carr Crimp-on hose adapter 18.32
McMaster-Carr Hydraulic hose 64.84
McMaster-Carr Yor-lock fitting 213.01
Verizon service 9.97
Verizon service 159.84
Verizon service 7.98
Verizon service 119.73
Wesco Distribution CLEVIS - MPS J1300 (E1130) 443.44
Wesco Distribution 3M cold shrink #8453 .....35.48
Wesco Distribution Jack Jumper 15KV US10-001-S 481.60
Wesco Distribution 3M cold shrink #8453 ..... 674.03
Wesco Distribution SMU-20 fuse part #712080 ..... 2,257.50
Husker Electric Supply 3" SCH 40 PVC conduit (E1215) 203.18
Husker Electric Supply Strap, 3"-2 Hole (E105) 14.19
Dollar Fresh Bottled Water (E150) 252.00
Border States PAS-8694 Lmphldr inc mog 15 .....58.41
US Signal Co LLC Service .. 106.00
US Signal Co LLC Service 25.00
Utility Dept Inventory Building-gas 64.54
Utility Dept Inventory Building-WA/ SW 186.09
Utility Dept Inventory Building-EL 428.63
Utility Dept Power Plant Water Dept-EL 4,228.38
Utility Dept Power Plant Water Dept-EL 280.27
Utility Dept Power Plant-GS 168.52
Utility Dept Power Plant-EL 866.04
Utility Dept Station Power-EL 2,750.54
Utility Dept Station Power-EL 1,996.15
Utility Dept Plant Water High/ Low 294.91
Utility Dept Power Plant-GS ... 511.60
Utility Dept Power Plant Unit #9-GS 537.00
Utility Dept Power Plant Unit #9-EL 4, ... 629.12
SNC, Service 571.65
SNC, Service 66.06
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DIST System Imp, G ..566,155.10
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 938.56
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 209.84
Falls City Journal Legal Ads ...93.64
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Service 580.00
True Ag & Turf, LLC Freight ...9.19
OPPD August 2025..... 14,744.59
OPPD Serv-Aug 2025 ..... 98,495.36
Core & Main LP Fm 9S (8S, 10S) CL20, 120-480 ..... 5,743.51
Fund 600 - Electric Total:768,416.92

FUND: 610 - WATER

Farm & City Supply 1G Horz Dup cvr gry 7.08
Farm & City Supply Mask Sanding 20pk 3M 37.61
Farm & City Supply Receptacle LT Almond 20A 4.94
Farm & City Supply Plastic Pail 5gl cmn 26.88
Municipal Supply, Inc of Oma 3/4" Female Flare x Barb (PTC .. 47.38
Municipal Supply, Inc of Oma 6" x 18" Anchor Coupling (W1 . 450.22
Municipal Supply, Inc of Oma 1" female flare x barb (PTC-2.....142.12
Municipal Supply, Inc of Oma 6" x 12" Mueller fire hydrant e .. 598.37
Golden Shovel Hosting, maint., & tech suppor 340.00
Sojka's Plumbing mini excavator, labor 450.00
One Call Concepts, Inc Locate fees 218.30
McMaster-Carr Safety Container for Oil Waste 122.91
McMaster-Carr Cardstock Tags w/ wire holder.....10.10
Verizon service 7.98
Verizon service 9.98
Verizon service 39.91
Verizon service 79.92
Grainger Lockout Station, 0.1875" D, 11 .....115.17
US Signal Co LLC Service 12.50
Utility Dept Water Tower-EL 81.32
Utility Dept Rulo Water-Collector Well-EL 9,917.45
Utility Dept Rulo Water Plant North Well-EL 156.31
SNC Service 367.22
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 314.85
Falls City Journal Legal Ads ..93.64
Fund 610 - Water Total: .. 13,652.16

FUND: 620 - GAS

Farm & City Supply Plug SQ Head 1/4" Galv 9.00
Farm & City Supply Plumbing Toilot Seat 21.49
Farm & City Supply DWV Couple Flex 4"x4" 25.78
Industrial Sales Company Inc 1 1/4" IPS poly tee PE4710 PE 110.58
Industrial Sales Company Inc Riser 1 1/4" x 1 1/4" Perfect 246.01
Amazon Capital Services 3pk Screen protector 8.86
Amazon Capital Services iPhone 15 case 21.99
Clayton Energy Corp August 2025 Commodity Invoi..... 63,771.36
Golden Shovel Hosting, maint., & tech suppor 340.00
UCI Testing annual fees..... 555.00
PEFA, INC August 2025 PEFA Commodity..... 29,894.26
Quill Corportation Supplies.....7.24
Wolfes Printing Service order pads 36.77
Verizon service 159.94
Verizon service 7.98
Verizon service 9.98
Border States Nipple 1 1/4" x 9" Blk (G4057) 44.56
US Signal Co LLC Service 62.50
NMC Inc Equipment Rental 6,600.00
Utility Dept Gas N Mclean St.-EL 75.56
Utility Dept Gas S Fulton-EL 48.60
Utility Dept Gas Dept Office-GS 35.48
Utility Dept Gas Dept Office-WA/ SW 62.11
Utility Dept Gas Dept Office-EL 258.97
Utility Dept Gas Pipe Bldg-EL ...58.99
Utility Dept Gas W 21st-EL 74.15
Utility Dept Gas S Fulton St-EL 76.18
Utility Dept Gas W 14th St.....69.65
SNC Service 61.65
NPL Construction Co 2025 Natural Gas Improvemn..... 302,280.99
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 1,008.79
Falls City Journal Legal Ads ..93.64
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Service 20.00
Fund 620 - Gas Total: ...406,158.06

FUND: 630 - WASTEWATER

Farm & City Supply Dropcloth 9'x12' 1mil 6.59
Farm & City Supply Dropcloth 9'x12' .5mil 3.99
Farm & City Supply Instant Credit Savings Return ..... -1.00
Farm & City Supply Towels Shop Blue 6.99
Farm & City Supply Drop Cloth 9'x12' 1mil 11.97
Farm & City Supply Ball VLV 600IPS FIP 1/2" 14.99
Farm & City Supply Tube Copper Ref 5/8" x 50' 4.99
Farm & City Supply Adaptr Male 1/2 Copr 10pk 3.78
Farm & City Supply Union C to C 1/2" Copper 19.98
Farm & City Supply Nipple Galv 1/2" x Close..... 2.39
Farm & City Supply Screws 4.95
Farm & City Supply 5x1/16x7/8 cut off wheel 23.45
Brown Co Transfer Service .. 225.00
Golden Shovel Hosting, maint., & tech suppor 340.00
Miller & Associates Sanitary Sewer Rehab Phase 2 ..... 4,392.13
Quill Corportation Supplies.....7.24
Verizon service 7.99
Verizon service 39.91
Verizon service 9.98
US Signal Co LLC Service 50.00
Helena Chemical Co Five Way Fescue 3.76
Helena Chemical Co Weedmaster 61.25
Utility Dept Lift Station-WA ..12.46
Utility Dept Lift Station-EL 69.21
Utility Dept Waste Water Treatment Plant 112.71
Utility Dept Waste Water Treatment Plant 499.38
Utility Dept Waste Water Treatment Plant 11,998.37
SNC Service 110.89
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel 331.45
Falls City Journal Legal Ad.....93.66
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Service 480.00
True Ag & Turf, LLC Parts-Freight 15.93
True Ag & Turf, LLC Parts-Freight 38.98
True Ag & Turf, LLC Freight....8.49
Fund 630 - Wastewater Total: 19,011.86

FUND: 998 - UTILITIES - POOLED CASH
F&M BANK

F&M Bank, Utility PC 2025.08.26.. ..... 2,871.48
Payroll - Utility Fund, Payroll 9.5.2025 ..... 50,713.47
Pooled Cash Fund 998 - Utilities - Pooled Cash Total: 53,584.95

FUND: 999 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Visa, Aug 2025 General PC...611.35
Payroll General Fund, Payroll 9.5.2025 ..... 70,482.57
Fund 999 - General Government - Pooled Cash Total: 71,453.92
Grand Total:..... 1,574,439.53

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County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 10, 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 Caverzagie to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2025, meeting 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. The Board relayed to Mr. Darveau some places on county roads that residents have called them about that are needing to be looked at, etc. Other items of discussion were the possibility of stock-piling rock, the development of another motor-grader route in the west part of the County and the replacement of the County garage at Verdon.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this week. He reported there are currently 24 inmates being held at the Jail which includes inmates being held from other counties.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was included in the discussion with the Sheriff and the Board on when and if services should or could be provided and to what extent within the boundaries of the tribal reservation areas of the "Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska" and the "Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska". The County Attorney will be contacting the legal counsel for these tribes to review and requesting to schedule a meeting with the Sheriff and the County Board to possibly develop a Memorandum of Understanding between Richardson County and with each tribe.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Law Enforcement Center Roof

The Board reviewed the situation with the roof on the area of the Law Enforcement Center that existed prior to the addition being added and are collecting quotes/estimates from contractors for review. This matter will continue at next week's meeting.

A check was received from the insurance company for $57,872.83 for hail damages.

Medica Master Group Contract

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Chairman to sign the Master Group Contract with MEDICA health insurance for the County employee insurance coverage. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Ameriflex, fee 70.00
Ankrom, Jami, reimb 569.80
Bahr, Dennis, serv 720.00
Bruna Brothers, serv 705.36
BuckIT, serv 15937.74
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv 585.00
Douglas County Court, serv....3.00
Falls City Journal, adv 1489.64
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin.....2750.00 CR25-43 M. Luna
Farm & City Supply, supp 88.01
Frontier Bank, supp.....126.97
Government Forms & Supplies, supp 338.72
Handley Law Office, serv .3670.50 CR24-33 D. Dodge, CR25-57 D. Werner, CR24-122 D. Werner, CR25-142 R. Paxson
Jones Air Conditioning, serv .85.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv 30.00
Miller Monroe, ins 40.00
MIS, serv 110.00
NACO, reg 55.00
NE State Fire Marshal, serv 120.00
Otoe County Sheriff, serv 46.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv 177.00
Quill, supp.....108.96
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb 31.75
Richardson, Kristy, reimb ...103.60
SNC, serv 1060.54
SumnerOne, serv.....119.00
Tichy Land Survey, serv ...3900.00
US Signal, serv.....945.00
Visual Edge, serv 5.25
Weaver & Merz, reimb.....1318.26
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....$35,310.10

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv 95.04
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp 276.18
Operation & Expense Account, reimb 105.00
Powerplan, supp.....3747.37
Salem, Village of, serv 22.00
Sapp Bros., fuel.....6542.03
SNC, serv 103.91
Tifco Industries, supp.....63.12
Truck Center Companies, supp 1116.40
Unifirst, supp.....41.25
Verdon, Village of, serv.....36.16
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....$12,148.46

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Budget Hearing and again on Wednesday, September 17, 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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Village of Dawson

VILLAGE OF DAWSON
MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025
7:05 P.M.
DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

A Budget Hearing was held to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Brian Burns, Stephanie Ingraham, Larry Koch, and Chairperson Bill Koch Clerk was present to record minutes.

Absent: None.

Guests: Mitch Flynn, Britinna Burns, Jamie Gresham, and Bob Stuckemeyer.

Chairperson Bill Koch called the Special Hearing to order at 7:05 P.M.

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

Business on Hand:

1) Review proposed budget document and discussion.

There was no input or discussion from the public.

Motion made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns to adjourn the Special Hearing at 7:10 P.M. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns -aye; S Ingraham – aye; T Burns – aye; motion carried.

Tiffany Jorn, Village Clerk
ZNEZ

Village of Shubert

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT
PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET
September 8, 2025

Chairman Donna Lockard called the Public Hearing of the 2025-2026 Budget of the Shubert Village Board to order at 7:00 PM, on September 8, 2025, in the Shubert Library. Other board members present were Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Advance notice of this hearing was published in the Falls City Journal and posted in three locations. Clerk Jennifer Buchner attended to record minutes. Jamie Aue was present to review prepared Budget. The governing body gathered to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2025-2026 budget, prepared by Jamie Aue. The Village Board reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Hay made a Motion to approve 2025-2026 Budget. Second was made by Ramer. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion passed to accept. Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to adjourn public hearing. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion passed to adjourn meeting at 7:16 p.m. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk
ZNEZ

Village of Shubert

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 8, 2025
Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on September 8, 2025 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:18 PM with the following board members present: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No Visitors. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Lockard) to approve the August 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Hays/Borrego) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Motion and Second (Lockard/Hays) to transfer $5000 from General to W/S/G account. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. General: Hays gave update on the grant process.

Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Third and Final reading of Ordinance #2025-4&5 Utility Rates- Motion and Second (Patchen/Ramer) to increase sewer rates by $7.00 for a flat rate of $22.00 per household and to increase the cost of water usage (per 1000 gallons) by $2.50 for a new fee of $6.00 per 1000 gallons. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Wood & Brush pile: Discussion of the road to the brush pile. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. The mural has been hung up. Shelves have been added to the closets on the stage. Park: Discussion about the play equipment that needs to be installed. Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours. Streets: Potholes and street repairs were discussed. Discussion about where in town to store surplus rock and sand. Fire: None

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Hays/Borrego) to adjourn meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk

Name	Memo	Amount
NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn		-$32.63
Jennifer Buchner, Payroll		-$676.01
League of NE Municipalities, 2026 Membership		-$250.00
Davis PHE, CB AC		-$91.25
Berwick Co-Op Oil Co, CB & Library Summer Fill		-$697.50
Home Lumber Company.CB Shelf Brackets		-$62.38
Aue & Co, Monthly Fee		-$225.00
FC Journal, Minutes x2		-$83.43
Schendel Pest Control, Bug Control		-$80.00
United States Treasury, Tax Deposit		-$238.22
Kawres Super Store, Printer		-$225.00
Borrego, Tom, Mowing		-$750.00
NPPD - Community Building, Community Building		-$65.63
NPPD - Library, Library		-$150.56
Berwick Co-Op Oil Co, Summer Fill		-$116.25
Charlie Mack, Sand		-$175.00
NPPD - 8th & Elm, 8TH & ELM		-$13.72
NPPD -Streets, Streetlights		-$310.51
Aaron Davis, Payroll		-$253.96
Tracy Milke, Payroll		-$507.92
Tracy Milke, Expenses August 2025		-$157.17
Aaron Davis, Mileage Aug		-$50.00
Midwest Labs, Testing		-$323.57
Paul Platter, Sludge Haul		-$200.00
Davis PHE, Oak St Water Line		-$4,656.76
Southeast Telephone Co, Well Phone		-$107.41
State of Nebraska PHEL, Water Testing		-$505.00
NPPD - Sewer, Sewer		-$319.80
NPPD - Wells, Wells		-$165.24
USPS Office, 100 Postcard stamps		-$61.00
League of NE Municipalities - Utilities, Utilities Membership		-$414.00
Village of Shubert - USDA Account, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account		-$906.00
Village of Shubert - Water Tower .. Transfer to Water Tower acct.		-$1,000.00
FC Sanitation Service, Trash service		-$1,300.00

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Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
BUDGET HEARING

Chairperson Kenneth Strauch opened the 2025 2026 Budget Hearing at 7:40 p.m. in the Community Building. Kean and Wessel answered roll. Vogele was absent. Robert Aitken and Virginia Helmick were also present. Three copies of the budget document were available for the public.

The budget document was reviewed by the Board. Provisions of the proposed budget and the prior year's budget were compared and discussed.

Kean moved to close the hearing at 8:02, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Wessel, Strauch, and Kean voting yes. Vogele absent.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk
ZNEZ

Village of Dawson

VILLAGE OF DAWSON
MINUTES OF SPECIAL HEARING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025
7:00 P.M.
DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

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

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Brian Burns, Stephanie Ingraham, and Chairperson Bill Koch. Larry Koch arrived at 7:01 P.M. Clerk was present to record minutes.

Absent: None.

Guests: Mitch Flynn, Britinna Burns, Jamie Gresham, and Bob Stuckemeyer.

Chairperson Bill Koch called the Special Hearing to order at 7:02 P.M.

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

Business on Hand:

1) Chairperson and Board of Trustees reviewed the final tax request as published in the Falls City Journal on September 3rd, 2025.

There was no input or discussion from the public.

Motion made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns to adjourn the Special Hearing at 7:04 P.M. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns -aye; S Ingraham – aye; T Burns – aye; motion carried.

Tiffany Jorn, Village Clerk
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Village of Dawson

VILLAGE OF DAWSON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025
DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

A Regular Meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees was held immediately at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing.

Chairperson Bill Koch called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. with the Clerk present to record minutes. Roll Call was answered by Larry Koch, Tom Burns, Brian Burns, Stephanie Ingraham, and Chairperson Bill Koch.

Absent: None.

Guests: Mitch Flynn, Britinna Burns, Jamie Gresham, and Bob Stuckemeyer.

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

The September 9th, 2025, meeting agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; B Koch – aye; motion carried.

The minutes of the August 12th, 2025, regular meeting were approved as unread with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; B Koch – aye; motion carried.

September claims were presented and approved for payment with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; B Koch – aye; motion carried.

Unfinished business: Sidewalk maintenance was completed by KMW Construction LLC. Tree trimming: Board recommending for outside company to complete. Street maintenance: Hein Construction has started and will be completing the armor coating on the north/south streets in the coming weeks. Dog Licenses: all those who received letters from Village attorney have provided their dog's rabies vaccination certificate and have been charged for license fee accordingly. PeopleService: contract was reviewed; will expire at the end of calendar year. Properties: residents in violation of adopted State ordinances including but not limited to weeds above 12 inches will receive notices in the mail.

New Business:

1) A motion to approve the allowable percentage increase in restricted funds authority by an additional 1% was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; B Koch – aye; motion carried.

2) A motion to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Brian Burns. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; B Koch – aye; motion carried.

3) A motion to request an audit waiver from the State Auditor's office for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 2025, was by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; B Koch – aye; motion carried.

4) Resolution No. 2025-030 Setting the Property Tax Request:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Dawson 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 concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Dawson resolved that:

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

General Fund: $15,119.17
Bond Fund: $0.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 14.76 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 0.233033 per $100.00 of assessed value.

4. The Village of Dawson proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.268337 per $100.00 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Dawson will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by -27.66 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 Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to adopt Resolution 2025-030 Setting the Property Tax Request. ROLL CALL: L Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; B Koch – aye; motion carried.

Village received notice from Seneca Sanitation their residential rates for garbage collection will increase to $21.00 per month effective November 1st. Clerk will revise garbage collection ordinance for October meeting.

Communication was received from Richardson County Emergency Management requesting proof of insurance of Dawson's warning siren. Warning siren is indeed already covered under current policy and proof will be provided as requested.

Nebraska Dept of Water, Energy, and Environment Drinking Water Division Public Water System Security Sub-grant opportunity. Board would like to pursue funds for new well-house doors including handles, casings, and locks. Clerk will complete application by September 30th deadline.

Questions and concerns were raised by guests in attendance.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch seconded by Tom Burns to adjourn the September regular meeting at 8:01 P.M. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – aye; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried.

Tiffany Jorn, Village Clerk

Vendor Name, Memo, Amount	
American National Bank, account analysis	$48.28
Dana F Cole & Co, accounting & tax services	$175.00
Falls City Journal, mins publications	$85.59
IRS, payroll tax	$169.84
Jake Davis, 15 hrs mowing	$225.00
KMW Construction LLC, sidewalk repair	$2,400.00
Midwest Laboratories Inc, lagoon testing	$698.08
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, water testing	$83.00
NPPD, fire department	$48.42
116 Bluff St	$156.63
Streetlights inside	$515.01
120 Ridge St	$32.63
Streetlights outside	$15.06
PeopleService Inc, Sept water/ wastewater serv	$1,770.00
Gauge & Tape	$34.09
Postage-shipping-samples	$23.81
Hose & clamp	$88.22
Cost of labor	$245.00
Cost of labor after hours	$367.50
Davis PHE	$1,349.19
Cost of labor	$1,120.00
Quickbooks, invoicing software	$75.00
Seneca Sanitation, garbage collection	$1,134.00
Tiffany Jorn, clerical payroll	$773.14
reimb. Postage	$21.25
USA Bluebook, sample rod and case	$475.09
Vicki Manning, meter read	$100.00
Village of Dawson, equipment	$500.00

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Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

Chairman Kenneth Strauch called to order the Special Hearing to set final tax request at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building . It was noted that the hearing was opened late due to late arrivals.

Board members, Kean, and Wessel answered roll. Vogele was absent. Robert Aitken and Virginia Helmick were also present.

The Board reviewed the information published in the September 3, 2025 edition of the Falls City Journal, as it pertains to the final tax request and comparisons to the prior year's budget information.

The Board reviewed the tax request information.

Strauch moved to close the hearing at 7:38, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Strauch, Kean and Wessel voting yes. Vogele absent.

Carolyn Glathar
Village 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 Trustors, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Beneficiary, as nominee for West Gate Bank, its successors and assigns, and West Gate Bank as Trustee. The Trust Deed was filed for record on December 6, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019-01790-11, in Book 280, at Page 127. The trust property affected is legally described as follows. Lots 19 and 20, Block 10, Crook and Towle Addition, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska. TAX # 740067141. Purportedly known as 2212 Crook St, Falls City, NE 68355 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address). West Gate Bank is the current Beneficiary of the Trust Deed. Record owner of the property as of the recording of the Notice of Default is reported to be Michael J. Dunn. The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, or the attorney for the Trustee, a $5,000.00 deposit in the form of a bank or credit union cashier's check or a bank official check, payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. The successful bidder must tender the deposit at the sale and the balance of the purchase price by 12:00 noon the following business day. The balance must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. A bank or credit union cashier's check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is a cashier's check. A bank official check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is an official check. Any party who wants to bid at the Trustee's Sale must display the check described above prior to submitting a bid. The requirement is waived when the Beneficiary is the highest bidder. Successor Trustee disclaims liability for any error in the street address shown herein. Successor Trustee may void sale due to any unknown facts at time of sale that would cause the cancellation of the sale. If sale is voided, Successor Trustee shall return funds to bidder, and the Successor Trustee and Beneficiary shall not be liable to bidder for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Beneficiary, Trustor, Successor Trustee, or the Successor Trustee's attorney. This is an attempt to foreclose a security instrument and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 13 day of August, 2025.

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

Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Shubert, Nebraska as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec. 39-2119 et seq. R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 6th day of October, 2025, beginning at 7:00 P.M., at the Shubert Library, at which time objection to or recommendations for said Plan will be heard.

Jennifer Buchner
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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
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/s/ Nick Campbell
Name of Organizer
17-24-1
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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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NOTICE

In accordance with Section 72-205.01 of the Nebraska Statutes, NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Educational Lands and Funds has adopted a new rental schedule according to classification and a new schedule of valuations for all school and any other lands managed by the Board in Richardson County; and that such new schedules, together with a tabulation of the valuation and the amount of semiannual rental of each lease, has been filed in the office of the county treasurer of such county and shall become effective January 1, 2026.

BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL LANDS AND FUNDS
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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
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – Regular Meeting

Monday, October 13th, 2025
at 7:00PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Board meeting of the Falls City Board of Education for District No. 74 – 0056 will be held immediately following the Tax Request Hearing on Monday, September 8th, 2025, at 7:02 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. This meeting is open to the public.

An Agenda for this meeting is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during regular District business hours. The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate and may be modified at said meeting. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

Dr. Andrew Offner
Superintendent Falls City Public Schools
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NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, Case CI 25-123, CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, Plaintiff, vs. Katherine E. Olson, JOHN DOE, MARY DOE; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein,

To: Katherine E. Olson, John Doe, Mary Doe; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in: A TRACT OF LAND IN HUMBOLDT, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF EDWARD STREET EXTENDED, SAID POINT BEING THE CENTER OF 10TH STREET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID 10TH STREET A DISTANCE OF 64.5 FEET, THENCE NORTH 155.55 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO AND 155.55 FEET FROM THE SAID CENTERLINE OF 10TH STREET A DISTANCE OF 84.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO AND 20 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF EDWARD STREET EXTENDED A DISTANCE OF 155.55 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF 10TH STREET; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF 10TH STREET 20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

You have been sued by CONTINENTAL RESOURCES. The object of the plaintiff's Complaint is to foreclose on Tax Sale Certificate No. 2022033 for the delinquent taxes on the real estate described above. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2020 through 2023 taxes plus interest at the rate of 14% per annum. The Complaint asks the Court to find that the taxes are a lien against the real estate, as provided by law, and that upon establishment of such lien, the real estate, which may remain unredeemed, be sold at public sale to satisfy the decree so entered, together with interest and costs, including attorney's fees as provided for and by Nebraska Revised Statute §77-1909, as amended, and that the defendants be forever barred of all claims upon, interest in, right or title to, lien upon or equity of redemption in the real estate upon confirmation of the sale. To defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, 1700 Stone Street Suite 301 Falls City, NE 68355, within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. If you fail to respond, the Court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

CONTINENTAL RESOURCES,

Anthony R. Medina, #21515
405 N. 115th Street, Suite 100
Omaha, Nebraska 68154
(402 399-9049, ex. 103
anthony@usassets.net
Attorney for the Plaintiff

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Village of Shubert

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FINAL READING OF BUDGET
September 8, 2025

Chairman Donna Lockard called the Final Public Hearing of the 2025-2026 Budget of the Shubert Village Board to order at 7:17 PM, on September 8, 2025 in the Shubert Library. Other Board Members present were Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk Jennifer Buchner attended to record minutes. Jamie Aue was present to review prepared Budget. Motion and Second (Hays/Borrego) Resolution 2025-05 to set final tax request at a different amount than last year. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion passed. Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to adjourn public hearing. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion passed to adjourn meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk
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County Commissioners

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

The meeting for the public budget hearing of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws are posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda and the public budget hearing notice was published in the Falls City Journal, posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby, on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor, the Falls City Journal and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for the hearing that was advertised within the Falls City Journal and the Humboldt Standard and declared that the public budget hearing be opened at 6:04 p.m.
Three persons from the public were in attendance for the hearing. Kristy Fisher of rural Stella and Dick James of rural Verdon requested to speak at the hearing.

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public budget hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again for the regular meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 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 Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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Federal Universal Service Charge Notice

For the 4th Quarter of 2025, beginning October 1, the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) Contribution factor will increase from 36% to 38.1%. This will result in an increase of the FUSC charge that appears on your monthly telephone bill. The factor is applied to services designated as interstate by the FCC and changes from time-to-time based on the needs of the Federal Universal Service Fund. The Federal Universal Service Fund was established and is maintained to ensure that all consumers, regardless of locations, have access to essentially the same telecommunications services at affordable prices. The Fund also assists schools, libraries, low-income consumers and rural health care consumers with assistance in obtaining telecommunications services.

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YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS ON YOUR PROPERTY

THE NOXIOUS WEEDS ARE: Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Knapweed (spotted and diffuse), Purple Loosestrife, Saltcedar (Tamaricaceae), Phragmites (Common Reed), Knotweed (Japanese and Giant) and Sericea Lespedeza.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025, Notice is hereby given this 1st day of September, 2025, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, section 2-955, subsection 1(a), to every person who owns or controls land in Richardson County, Nebraska, that noxious weeds being grown, or growing on, such land shall be controlled at such frequency as to prevent establishment, provide eradication, or reduce further propagation or dissemination of such weeds.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed superintendent is required to:

1. Proceed pursuant to the law and issue legal notice to the landowner of property infested with noxious weeds and giving such landowner 15 days to control the noxious weed infestation. Conviction for noncompliance may result in a $100.00 per day fine to the landowner with a maximum fine of $1500.00; or

2. Should more immediate control be required, proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds controlled by such method as he/she finds necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means as provided by law.

Also, the public is notified that noxious weed seed and propagative parts may be disseminated through the movement of machinery and equipment, trucks, grain and seed, hay, straw, nursery stock, fencing materials, sod, manure, and soil as well as articles of similar nature. Methods of treatment have been prescribed by the Director of Agriculture and may be obtained from the County Weed Control office.

BY ORDER OF RICHARDSON COUNTY WEED CONTROL

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City of Falls City, NE
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 29 day of September 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M., at 2307 Barada Street for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	20,336,673.42
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	21,792,675.12
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	31,285,134.58
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	31,582,350.06
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$	62,867,484.64
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	814,060.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	63,960.66

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	814,060.00
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 29 day of September 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M., at 2307 Barada Street 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	27,970,622.69	31,285,134.58	12%
Property Tax Request	$ 782,750.00	$ 814,060.00	4%
Valuation	193,672,997	210,094,061	8%
Tax Rate	0.404161	0.387474	-4%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.372571		

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NURSE-DAY SHIFT: Part-Time hours working 5am-5pm with every 3rd weekend required. Current KS RN or LPN licensure required. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit. Weekend Diff $3.00/hr.

NURSE-NIGHT SHIFT: Full-Time or Part-Time hours working 5pm-5am with every 3rd weekend required. Current KS RN licensure required. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit. Night Shift differential RN $8.00/hr with Weekend Diff $3.00/hr.

HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE NURSE: Part-Time or PRN hours available with some On-Call required. Current KS RN licensure required. Responsible for providing nursing care to individuals who qualify for home care. Along with coordination of services among various disciplines.

SURGERY NURSE: Part-Time position working 3 days a week with 6-8 nights On-Call per month. Current KS LPN or RN license is required. Responsible for scrub, pre- and post-op (and circulating if RN) duties.

RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST: Full-Time or Part-Time hours with approximately 6 nights On-Call per month. Responsible for performing radiology exams as directed by practitioners to provide data for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease. Must have a Kansas LRT.

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Southeast District Health Department

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To request the RFP packet, or to submit questions in writing, email Kevin Burnison, Executive Director, kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com. The RFP can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 N. Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500. Responses can be either hand delivered, emailed, sent via UPS/FedEx, or US mailed, received at the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, 305 North Main Reserve, KS 66434 no later than 2 PM Thursday, October 16, 2025. Emailed submittals will be accepted at: kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com Native American preference is given. 39

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Tigers miss on late opportunities, fall to Mustangs

On Friday night, the Falls City football team traveled to Omaha to play Concordia High School. Concordia entered the game on a three-game winning streak, while FC was headed in the opposite direction, having lost two straight.

The Mustangs opened the game with a demoralizing drive, eating up 13 plays and 68 yards. The drive ended with a two-yard TD run up the middle to make it 6-0. The PAT kick was successful, and FC trailed 7-0 after the first drive.

On the following drive, facing a third-and-long at their 37, Blakely Sells scrambled for a significant gain, which was aided by a personal foul penalty on the defense. A quick out to Jayton Wilkerson went for a 24-yard score, and FC was back in the fight. FC needed just four plays to cover the 64 yards. The PAT kick was no good, and FC trailed 7-6.

The Mustangs again controlled the ball, driving 74 yards in 13 plays for their second score of the game. Concordia ran the ball nine times on the drive and went 3/4 passing, including a 12-yard TD pass to make it 13-6. The PAT kick was successful, and FC trailed by eight, 6-14.

After a three-and-out on offense, the Tiger defense was back on the field. Possibly worn down by the previous two drives, it took the Mustangs just four plays to go 60 yards for the TD. With 9:53 on the clock in the first half, FC trailed 21-6.

Now it was Falls City's turn to eat some yardage and clock. The Tigers manhandled the Mustangs, driving 71 yards in 11 plays for the score. FC attempted just two passes on the drive, both complete, including a two-yard pass from Sells to Wilkerson for a score. The two-point pass was completed to Jacoby Bangert to make it 21-14.

However, the home team struck quickly again. Four plays and 63 yards later, FC trailed by double digits again. On second and three at the Tiger 45, the Concordia QB lofted a pass over two FC defenders for the score. The extra point kick made it 28-14.

The Tigers didn't bury their heads in the wet field; they responded. The ensuing drive ate up 11 plays and 80 yards and ended with a four-yard TD pass to Wilkerson. The drive featured ten passes and just one carry. The PAT was successful and FC was down 28-21with seconds remaining in the half.

On the first play out of the gate to open the second half, Sells found Bangert on a play action coming across the field. Bangert outraced the defense for the 67-yard score, cutting the lead to one at 28-27.

Falls City's Orion Cattrell came up big on the next drive. On third and eight at the 49, he reached out and snagged a one-handed interception to give FC great field position. The Tigers drove deep into Mustang territory, getting down to the four-yard line, but a sack put FC in a tough spot. On fourth and 25, the defense blew up the play, and the Tigers turned the ball over on downs at the Concordia 39. The Tigers had a couple of opportunities to get into the endzone on the drive, but just missed out.

The Mustangs moved the ball well, eating up the rest of the third quarter and part of the fourth as they scored on a nine-play, 61-yard drive. The PAT made it 35-27 with 9:59 to go in the game.

After three-and-outs by both teams, FC had the ball at their 45 to begin the next drive. The Tigers drove to the Mustang 13, but a sack and penalty pushed them the wrong direction, eventually punting from the Concordia 47.

The Mustangs sealed the win with a five-play, 67-yard TD drive, which ended with a 29-yard TD run with 1:52 to go.

The Tigers were outgained by Concordia 457 to 358. The Tigers passed for 267 yards and ran for 91. Meanwhile, the Mustangs ran the ball for 298 yards and passed for an additional 159.

Falls City hosts 0-4 Nebraska City on Friday, September 26, 2025, for homecoming. The Pioneers have been outscored 7-169 this season. Last fall, the Tigers defeated Nebraska City 22-14.

Elijah Canonico celebrates after scoring a touchdown against Weeping Water on Friday night in Falls City.

Irish fall in extra period to Weeping Water

The Sacred Heart Irish remained winless after dropping a heartbreaking loss to the Weeping Water Indians, 64-72, in overtime on Friday night at Jug Brown Stadium. The win for the Indians was their third consecutive, while the loss for Sacred Heart was their fourth straight.

Both teams were up for the battle on Friday. On the second offensive play of the game, Sacred Heart's Kayden Groth rambled 47 yards to the Weeping Water 19. Five plays later, Groth scored on a six-yard dash to put the Irish in front 6-0 with 9:50 to play in the first.

A three-and-out by the Irish defense led to a two-play, 41-yard drive that ended with a 35-yard TD strike from Brenden Lemerond to Elijah Canonico to put the Irish up by two scores, 14-0, with 6:52 to go.

The Irish defense had Weeping Water in a tough spot on the next drive. Facing a third and 17 at the Irish 24, the Indian QB found his receiver for the score to make it 14-6, which is where the first quarter would end.

Sacred Heart drove to the Indian 24 on the following drive, but an incomplete pass and two sacks gave Weeping Water the ball at the Irish 37. The momentum had swung in Weeping Water's favor. Three plays later, Jace McGill ran 24 yards for the score. The PAT was good, and with 6:59 to play in the half, the game was knotted up at 14-14.

The track meet continued as the Irish marched 55 yards in eight plays, ending with a 32-yard TD pass from Lemerond to Noah Howard to put the Irish back in front, 20-14.

After forcing a three-and-out, the Irish offense was back on the field. Facing a fourth and one at the Indian seven, Groth carried the ball to the edge and scored, putting the Irish in front 28-14.

On fourth and one at the Irish two, Weeping Water scored with twenty-six seconds remaining in the half, capping off an eight-play, 65-yard drive. The two-point conversion made it 28-22 at the break.

The scoring explosion continued in the second half. The Indians marched 65 yards in ten plays, capped by a 10-yard TD run by McGill to tie the game with 6:06 to play in the third.

Just as the tide seemed to be turning, SH drove the field, retaking the lead on a 12-yard run by Lemerond. The conversion attempt by Lemerond was good, and SH was ahead again, 36-28.

Facing a second and 20 at their 20-yard line, Weeping Water gave the ball to Tucker Bickford, who sprinted 60 yards for the score with 1:22 to go in the third. The conversion was unsuccessful, and the Irish clung to a 36-34 lead.

SH continued to have success on the ground as they marched down the field; however, it was a 14-yard pass from Lemerond to Howard that extended the Irish lead. The PAT made it 44-34 with 9:53 on the clock.

Two plays later, Luke Harms went 65 yards to suck the wind out of the stadium. The PAT made it 44-42.

The combo of Lem to Howard teamed up again, this time from 29 yards out. With 8:33 to play, SH led 50-42.

On the ensuing drive, the Irish defense had Weeping Water right where they wanted them: third and 19 at their 17-yard line. The QB scrambled, and the receiver got behind the Irish defense for a 63-yard TD. The PAT tied the game at 50-50.

Again, SH struck back. Lemerond found Cole Taft for a 12-yard score, capping off a six-play, 41-yard drive. The PAT was unsuccessful, and the Irish led 56-50 with 4:05 to play.

On the first play of the following drive, Luke Harms scored again, this time from 65 yards. The conversion gave Weeping Water its first lead of the game, 58-56, with 3:52 to go.

SH didn't go away; four plays later, Lem hit Howard for another score, this time from 24 yards. The PAT run by Groth made it 64-58 with only 2:44 left in the game.

Weeping Water didn't need all 2:44 as they scored with :56 ticks remaining, tying the game at 64-64 and sending the game to overtime.

The fourth quarter saw the two schools combine for eight touchdowns.

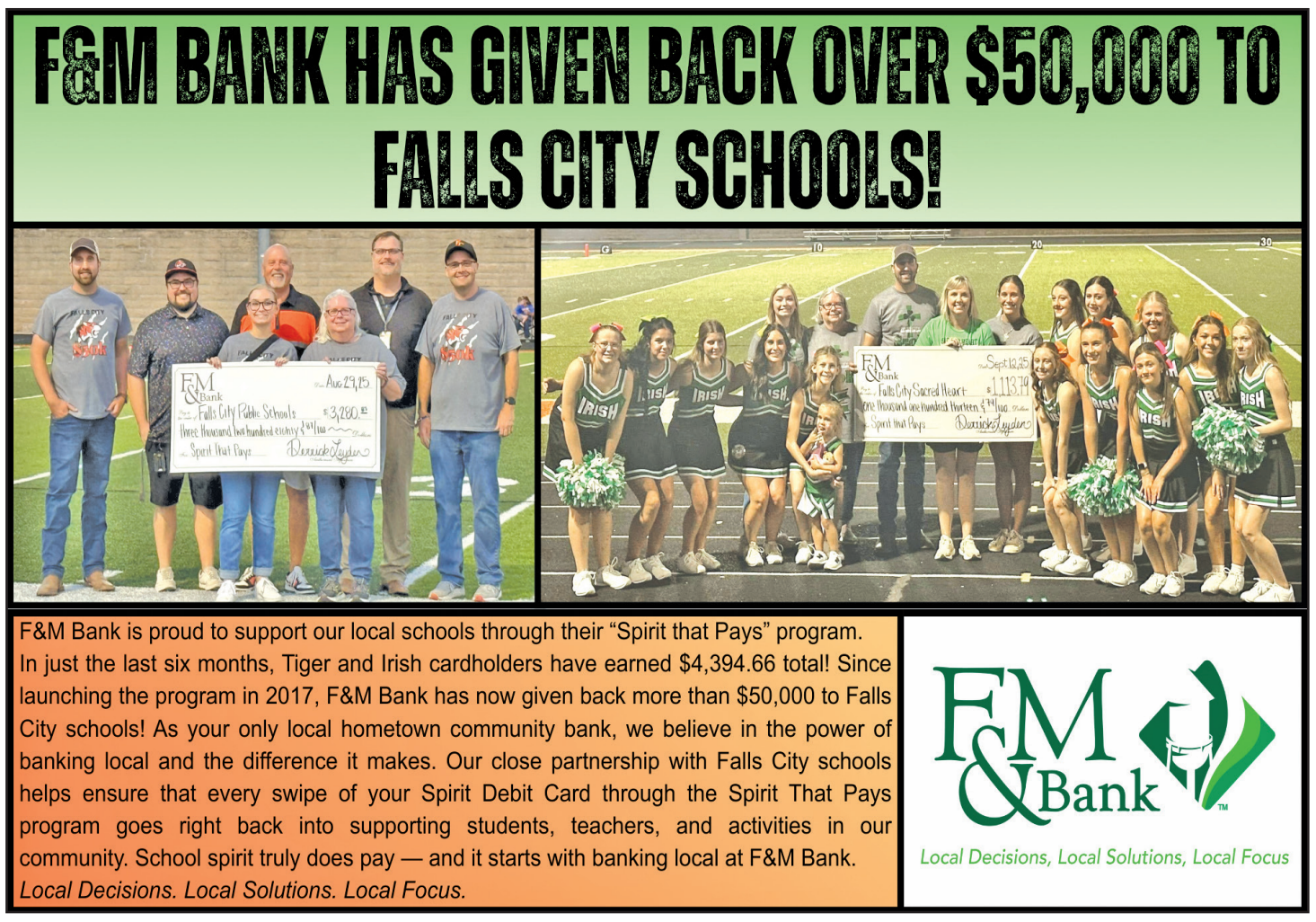
In overtime, Weeping Water scored on third and five to take the lead, 72-64. Trailing by eight, Lemerond threw an interception on second down, and the Indians escaped with the win.

The teams combined for 1,051 yards and 136 points.

SH ran for 148 yards and passed for 296.

Irish stats: Rushing: Canonico 10-26; Groth 13-88, 2 TDs; Lemerond 16-34, 1 TD.

Passing: Lemerond 20/30 296, 6 TDs, 1 Int.

Receiving: Canonico 2-36, 1 TD; Groth 1-11; Howard 8-152, 4 TDs; Taft 9-97, 1 TD.

The 0-4 Irish will travel to Humboldt to take on the 0-4 Titans this week.