

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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- 4 Blessing of the Animals Service 11:00AM at St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 16th & Harlan
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The Would Eye Sports Bar & Grill celebrates re-grand opening under new ownership

By Amber Holle

Excitement filled Stone Street on Saturday, September 13, as The Would Eye Sports Bar & Grill celebrated its official grand opening and ribbon cutting. Though the popular hangout has already been serving guests for several weeks under new ownership, the celebration marked the start of a new era for the longtime Falls City favorite at 1821 Stone Street.

The sports bar and grill was recently purchased by Brandon Brown, who grew up in York, Nebraska, before moving to Falls City in 2017 to serve as maintenance director at Falls City Foods. For Brown, the decision to step into restaurant ownership came from a simple passion. "I've always loved making people happy with good food, so I thought what a fun place for great food and libations," he shared.

Since taking ownership, Brown has been hard at work giving The Would Eye a refreshed look and expanded offerings. Updates include new paint, additional TVs for sports fans, and a kitchen upgrade to improve both quality and speed of service. He is also introducing a kid's menu, aiming

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Discussions ongoing regarding Sheriff's Dept. responses on tribal land

The Richardson County Commissioners gathered on Wednesday morning, September 24, 2025, at the Richardson County Courthouse in Falls City. Commissioners Caverzagie, Karas and Campbell answered the roll call.

The Board met with Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. to discuss maintenance on county roads. Darveau reported that, "the roads that were great, are good;

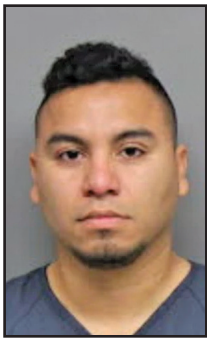
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Court filings allege abuse by former local officer

A former FCPD officer and Wahoo Police Department Officer is the subject of a domestic abuse protection order and criminal charges, according to court records.

A petition for a domestic abuse protection order was filed in a Nebraska County District Court. The petition requested relief under Nebraska's Protection from Domestic Abuse Act against Juan J. Ramirez. According to the petition,

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Accepting the 150-Year Heritage Farm Award were Dick and Jennifer James, Don Ballue, Charlotte James Wallace, Elizabeth Wallace and Sharon Hamilton. (Photo by Sandy Stalder)



The 100-Year Pioneer Farm Family Award award was accepted by Fred and Laurie Thiltges. (Photo by Sandy Stalder)

Ak-Sar-Ben Farm Family Awards presented at Richardson County Fair

The Richardson County Fair honored long-standing farm families Thursday, Sept. 11, with the presentation of Ak-Sar-Ben Farm Family Awards. The ceremony was held at 7:30 p.m., prior to the free acts on the midway.

Richardson County Farm Bureau President Andy Dunn opened the program by highlighting the role organizations like Farm Bureau play in supporting agriculture. He noted that while the number of farmers continues to decline and the average age of producers increases, advocacy groups are working to ensure agriculture remains strong for future generations.

He said membership also provides farmers with practical benefits that go beyond advocacy, including savings on equipment and services. Dunn explained that the Richardson County Farm Bureau holds four meetings a year and annual membership dues are \$61. In addition to supporting advocacy efforts in Lincoln and Washington, D.C., members also receive several benefits and discounts.

Dunn said the Ak-Sar-Ben awards are a reminder of the importance of keeping farm traditions alive. The honors, presented in partnership with Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, recognize Nebraska families who have maintained ownership of the same farmland for generations. The Pioneer Farm Family Award is given for 100 years of family ownership, and the Heritage Farm Family Award is given for 150 years. Since the 1960s, nearly 10,000 families across the state have been recognized.

Following his remarks, Dunn and Richardson County Agricultural Society President Joe Standerford presented this year's awards.

The 100-Year Pioneer Farm Family Award was presented to the Frederick J. Thiltges Revocable Trust. The Watton farm, located six miles north of Falls City, was originally purchased by Joseph Anthony Watton in 1877. He acquired the 160 acres from his parents' estate for \$2,550. The last descendant to live on the farm was Lillie Watton, who remained there until the 1970s. The farm has always been operated by family members and is now cared for by Fred and Laurie Thiltges, with help from Ken, Jacob and Stephen Thiltges. The award was accepted by Fred and Laurie Thiltges. The family said they hope there will be many more future generations who will care for the land.

Agriculture remains the backbone of southeast Nebraska's economy and community life. Generations of farm families have provided stability, food production and local leadership, making farming one of our region's most vital traditions and industries.

The 150-Year Heritage Farm Award was presented to the Truman Brownson Farm. Accepting the award were Dick and Jennifer

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75 Years Ago, September 31, 1950 to October 7, 1950

The Merchants Committee of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce set the annual Christmas window opening date as Wednesday, November 29.

Four men were injured, one seriously, when strong winds in Wilber blew down a partially constructed building.

Falls City bulged Saturday as hundreds of shoppers descended on the business district. The fact that a tremendous corn crop was harvested, combined with the recent wet weather, helped account for the flood of visitors. Parking was hard to find as far east as Lane Street and as far north as 21st and Harlan.

Mrs. Mary Rieger was reelected as district secretary for the ninth consecutive year of the Mid-West District Conference of Brethren Churches.

For Sale—Delicious and Jonathan apples. Bring containers. John Stevens, Rulo.

Otto Ketter, manager of the Hested Store in Falls City, was named the new manager of a store in Benson.

The lease of the shoe department of Rudy’s Store at 1611 Stone Street had expired, and that department was closed. The department had been in operation for three years and was owned by Morris Hertz of St. Joseph.

Richardson County producers delivered and sold more than 80,000 barrels of crude oil from about 50 wells during September. At \$1.90 per barrel, that added up to over \$150,000 per month.

The annual membership drive of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post was underway with Stanley Sailors as chairman of the Campaign.

The Sowers Club of Lincoln made a stop in Humboldt, presenting a program from the platform in the city park.

The first group of Richardson County draftees was on a bus and headed for an Omaha recruiting station. The six included George Snider, Virgil Strecker, Leo Andrews, Levi Sinnett, Donald Masonbrink and Carl McGinnis.

The Department of Defense said that 20,756 American casualties had been reported in the Korean War through the end of September.

“Where the Sidewalk Ends,” starring Gene Tierney and Dana Andrews, was showing at the Rivoli Theater.

Gary Adams, a *Falls City Journal* carrier, was a guest of Governor Val Peterson at a luncheon in the executive mansion at Lincoln. Newspaper carriers from all over Nebraska were invited to the event, which celebrated Newspaper Boy Week.

Ten new members were initiated into the Elks Lodge, including Floyd Strate, Alvin Headley, Clyde Kaseman, Jack Bryson, and Al Wergin. Rev Msgr. L.F. Obrist, Charles Smith, Eugene Dorste, Ervin Dorste and Willard Morris.

M/Sgt. William Finner, 25, of near Reserve, was killed in action in Korea on September 22, according to an official notification from the Department of Defense.

Fremont defeated Falls City 26-0 on the football field. Virgil Steinhauer, Dick Wickisser and Verdon Honea shone on the defense for the Tigers.

50 Years Ago, September 31, 1975 to October 7, 1975

Three cases of typhoid fever had been found among residents of the Beatrice State Home.

Robert Redford starred in “The Great Waldo Pepper” at the Rivoli Theater. Also showing was “The Prisoner of Second Avenue,” featuring Jack Lemmon and Anne Bancroft.

Two Falls City National Guardsmen and a former Falls Cityan were among 18 members of the Army and Air Force National Guard honored at an awards ceremony in Omaha. Those included Spec. 4 Lawrence Fischer, S-Sgt. Gene Tracey and Spec. 5 Donald Lippold.

Teri O’Grady was elected president of the Ladies’ Golf Association at the officers’ meeting at the Country Club. Linda Jones was named vice president, and Margaret McInteer was named secretary.

Dan Anderson passed for three touchdowns as the Southeast Junior High defeated Sacred Heart 48-14. Mike Finck scored on an 80-yard run, and Terry Horner had a 60-yard TD for SH.

The beloved comic book character Charlie Brown turned 25 years old.

A bridal shower for Karen Hutfles was given at the community room of the Falls City Federal Savings and Loan Association. Twenty-two guests were in attendance.

Pony Creek Café was having a closing-out sale. Auctioneers for the sale were Witt and Fleskoski.

Tracey Milke and Jan Handley were crowned king and queen during homecoming ceremonies at Southeast Consolidated High School.

James Hefner was named co-manager of the Gibson’s Discount Store in Falls City.

The Auburn Bulldogs defeated the Tigers 14-6 to win the Southern Division of the Twin Rivers Conference. Bill Jahn had the lone score for FC, while Steve Cole led Auburn.

Sacred Heart shut out Johnson-Brock 38-0 to move to the top of the Galaxy Conference. Bob Aitken completed 8/13 passes for 119 yards, while Matt Froeschl ran for 114 yards and Dan Hill added 105.

Punt, Pass and Kick winners included Jim Davidson, Tom Olberding, Matt Sailors, Billy Miller, Steve Hoy and Jim Parrish. Also pictured from the Falls City Elks Lodge were Lowell Lewis and Charlie Smith.

Disabled veterans in the area were provided with a unique service when a mobile field service unit, sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), was in town. The fleet of units provided wartime disabled veterans and their dependents with free services, including claims for federal and state benefits to which they were entitled.

25 Years Ago, September 31, 2000 to October 7, 2000

A group of 10 from the Good News Assembly of God embarked on a two-week mission to East Africa. The group included Norm and Joyce Elliott, Janet Wilson, Lydia Arnold, Sandra Bachman, Mid Bauer, Stephen Wilson, Wayne Arnold, and Steven and Denna Long.

Nearly 250 locals stood quietly on Harlan Street to protest against abortion. The Life Chain stretched from 12th Street to 24th Street and involved the participation of 22 area churches.

A full day of entertainment was planned for the first annual Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest celebration. Bands were scheduled for everyone from the ages of 21 to 101.

Erin Flynn and Troy Taft were crowned Sacred Heart Homecoming Royalty after Friday night’s football game at Jug Brown Stadium.

The Tiger football team scored 18 first-quarter points as they cruised to their second straight win by defeating Omaha Central Christian 32-18. Adam Deckinger ran for a school record 99-yard touchdown and finished with 129 yards on the ground and two scores.

Brenda Guilliams received a desk pen/plaque for her second-place performance in the Association of Transportation Providers Rodeo in Kearney.

Humboldt High School’s king was Bryce Fankhauser, and the queen was Chelsea Hunzeker. For Table Rock-Steinauer, the queen was Stef Cumro and the king was John Barnett.

Approximately 120,000 bushels of corn made up a gigantic pile on the Falls City Grain Company property at 5th and Morton.

Mercy Chapter #306, Order of the Eastern Star at Stella, honored a 50-year member. Thelma Russel was presented the 50-year pin and certificate by Worthy Matron Joan Wheeler and Worthy Patron Edgar Bredemeier.

Bob Curfman of Humboldt retained the Richardson County Horseshoe Traveling Trophy by winning the county tournament at Dallas Jones Park.

Andrea Weaver and the College of St. Mary Flames defeated Janelle Findlay and the Peru State Bobcats in five sets. Weaver had 13 digs while Findlay led her team with 19 kills and 28 digs.

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(Continued from Page 1) to make the restaurant a family-friendly destination for dining and watching games.

While families will enjoy the welcoming atmosphere during the day, the venue will shift to an adult-focused entertainment space after 9 p.m. Brown’s vision also includes live entertainment every weekend, featuring karaoke nights and

performances by live bands. Guests can also expect to catch all the big games broadcast across the restaurant’s many screens.

Looking ahead, The Would Eye plans to host special events for major holidays such as Halloween and New Year’s Eve. Catering services will also be available for those wanting to bring the flavor of The Would Eye to their own celebrations.

Community members can stay up to date on upcoming events, menus, and entertainment by following the bar and grill’s new Facebook page, Would Eye Sports Bar & Grill.

With its refreshed atmosphere, expanded menu, and lively entertainment lineup, The Would Eye Sports Bar & Grill is ready to become a go-to spot in Falls City once again.

Court filings allege abuse by former local officer

(Continued from Page 1) tion, the victim asked their information to be kept confidential and the court to prohibit Ramirez from harassment, threats, assault, contact, communication or firearm possession. The filing also requested, sole possession of household pets and Ramirez’s removal from her residence.

The affidavit section of the petition describes an alleged incident on Sept. 19, 2025. According to the filing, the victim reported physical aggression and threats.

On Sept. 22, 2025, the judge renewed the protection order based only on the petitioner’s filing, before a hearing could be held. The order found that the victim was in immediate danger. Court records state the order prohibits Ramirez from contacting or disturbing the victim, removes him from her residence and requires him to stay away from their workplace. The order also grants, sole possession of household pets and prohibits Ramirez from possessing firearms. The order includes federal warnings that it is enforceable nationwide and violations could result in federal penalties.

Also on Sept. 22, a two-count criminal complaint was filed against Ramirez, court documents show. Count I charged strangulation, a Class IIIA felony, Count II charged third-degree domestic assault causing bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

An affidavit of probable cause supporting the com-

plaint was filed by a County Sheriff’s Sergeant, according to court records.

The affidavit states that on Sept. 21, 2025, the Sergeant was dispatched to the hospital where the victim was taken. There the victim reported that Ramirez had choked them at their residence on Sept. 19. The Sergeant stated he observed bruising and red marks around the victim’s neck on both sides consistent with being choked. The affidavit describes bruising on the chest, arms, wrist, legs and shoulders, and swelling on the neck, and stated the injuries were photographed.

On Sept. 24, 2025, an amended complaint was filed in Court, according to court filings. The amended complaint added a third charge. Ramirez now faces three counts: Count I: Strangulation, Class IIIA felony, alleging he impeded the breathing or blood circulation of the victim. Count II: Third-degree domestic assault, Class I misdemeanor, alleging he caused bodily injury to the victim. Count III: First-degree sexual assault, Class II felony, alleging he subjected the victim to sexual penetration without consent.

An arrest warrant for Ramirez Jr. was signed last week and executed the same day.

According to the *10/11 news*, Wahoo Police Chief Joe Baulder, stated that Ramirez Jr. has served with the police department for about five months and remains a probational hire. Police Chief Baulder told *10/11* last week that

Ramirez Jr. had done an “excellent job and he follows instructions very well, seems eager to please,” and Chief Baulder had “no complaints.” He added that his “goal is to have officers made up of honor and integrity that public can count on to protect and keep them safe.”

Chief Baulder stated the department will take appropriate action in accordance with their policies when they have a “complete understanding of all the facts.”

As of last week, an internal investigation had been opened at the Wahoo Police Department into Ramirez Jr.’s alleged actions.

Police Chief Baulder also stated to *10/11* that if there was anything else out there that they were not aware of they would encourage the public to come forward and give them the information and they could work with outside agencies as well.

Juan Ramirez Jr. started working with the Falls City Police Department in September 2020 and was with the FCPD for four and a half years.

In court documents the victim stated on December 24, 2024, police were called to their house “for a domestic,” but added the statement was recanted in January 2025.

All charges remain allegations and Ramirez had not been convicted, according to the court records. At the time this publication went to print Ramirez had been held in the Lancaster County Jail, awaiting extradition.

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SATURDAY
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October 4

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FRIDAYS
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Bloodmobile makes goal

By Linda Frederick F.C. Coordinator

Once again the American Red Cross Blood Drive held at Prichard Auditorium on September 18th and 19th started out a little rocky. The air conditioning at the Auditorium quit. It was getting warm and humid and if it gets too warm the staff cannot collect the blood from donors. A quick call to Briar Burr had Briar, Blake Buckminister and Bob Howard trying to find out what was going on. With help from Bobby Lock we had several fans going to at least be able to continue the blood drive. Then the air came back on and continued to work the rest of the drive. A huge Thank You to these four guys!

Another plus was we just made goal. Our goal was 83 units for both days and that is exactly what we collected. Thank you to our faithful donors who make these drives possible.

They are; Kathy Andrew, Austin Babb, Jacob Babb, Jeff Barker, Mary Barker, Mike Beer, Kent Bieker, June Bowers, Ava Bowman, Emily Campbell, Bob Carpenter, Chris Caudle, Audra Cave, Monty Coleman, Stacy Coupe, Gracie Deckinger, Karen Dunlap, Adam Eickhoff, Breean Eickhoff, Dwight Elliott, Eugene Ernst, Linda Frederick, Nathan Froeschl, Phil Froeschl, Barb Goltz, Charles Gruber, Delmer Gruber, Raymond Gruber, Tiffany Gruber, Brenda Guiliams, Ira Hall, Costas Haralabidis, Bob Howard, Jerry Howard, Carla Hunzeker, Derek Huppert, Macie Huppert, Jennifer James, Richard James, Aliison Johnson, Deena Kafer, Sharon Kerl, Katy Klinger, Woody Klinger, Dick Kohen, Glen-da Kohen, John Koso, Roger Lampe, Beck Littrel, Bob-by Lock, Lonnie Ludwig, Liz Luna, Shaylee Mackey, Betty Malcolm, Felicia Martin, Mary Martineau, Nancy McKim, Charlie McNeely, Brian Miller, Adam Morris, Teresa Olberding, Angie Phroeper, Julie Proper, Gina Polanek, Kaydence Rego, Melanie Rieger, Roy Rieger, Pat Rieschick, Mary Rowell, Judy Schlosser, Neil Schatz, Crystal Scrivens, Neil Scrivens, Debra Shefford, Kevin Simmons, Ben Simpson, Tami Simpson, Tony Sly, Karl Steele, Nick Strauss, Norma Thompson, Janet Toomsen, Lucas Vollmer, Andrea Wamsley, Holly Westengaard, Alisa Wickham, Diana Yoesel, and Chris Young.

These drives wouldn’t be possible without these people and businesses; Roger and Dixie Lampe put up posters, Allison Johnson and her FFA students, set up tables and chairs, and Bob Olberding, put them away. Lunchmeat and cheese was furnished by F&M Bank and Frontier Bank, buns and condiments, by Bierman Farms, paper products by Falls City Care Center and Ice by the First Christian Church. The canteen was setup by Teresa Olberding and staffed by St. Paul Lutheran Church, who also furnished the cookies. Judy Schlosser helped at the registration table.

The next two drives will be hosted by; Falls City Sacred Heart in November and Falls City High School in January.



50th
Wedding Anniversary celebration of
Wayne & Phyllis Kreutzer
Please join them in celebrating this special
event on **October 12 at 1:30 pm**
at **Pro Outfitters in Rulo, NE.**

IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE
October 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
16th & Harlan (across from the Post Office) in
Katherine Lindquist and Edward Wittingham Thomas
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Rain or Shine • Pictures of Pets are welcome too



*A collection will be taken to support
The Humane Society of Richardson
County, Inc. as they care for many
animals that need a forever home.*

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Sarah is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with over 20 years of healthcare experience. She began her career at Falls City Community Medical Center in 2006 after receiving her Associate Degree in Nursing from Cloud County College in Concordia, Kansas. She went on to earn her Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Walden University in 2023. Since that time, she has been serving patients in both emergency medicine and primary care.

Sarah lives in Falls City with her husband, Kyle, who works on his family farm, and their four boys—Austin, Emmett, Elliott, and Dawson. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, being outdoors, reading, and spending time with her family.

Sarah has proudly served the Falls City area throughout her career and is passionate about providing high-quality, compassionate care to individuals and families in her community. She is excited to join Falls City Family Practice to continue caring for the patients and community she loves.



To schedule an appointment with Sarah, call (402) 245-3232

Where Nebraska speeding ticket money goes with these fine increases

When drivers in Nebraska are ticketed for going seven miles per hour over the speed limit, the fine they pay does more than punish the violation. It helps fund schools, courts, retirement programs, and even mediation services across the state.

According to the Nebraska Judicial Branch, a ticket for driving seven mph over results in \$50.25 in combined fines and costs. That amount is distributed to a variety of programs as directed by the Legislature.

The largest share, \$25, is sent directly to the school district in the county where the violation occurred.

Another \$15 supports the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System, specifically for judges’ retirement.

The state’s General Fund, which covers government operations, receives \$11.

Civil and criminal legal services account for \$10.25 of

RICHARDSON CO. SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

According to Richardson County Sheriff’s Department accident reports, on September 9, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at 7th Street near Central Avenue, Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska , The Richardson County Sheriff’s Office investigated a two-vehicle crash.

According to the crash reports, a 2010 Chrysler Town and Country driven by Rex C. Kappel, 66, of Humboldt, was traveling east on 7th Street when it collided with a parked vehicle.

A 2012 Ford F-150 owned by Wyatt Anderson, 21, of Humboldt, was parked on the south side of 7th Street facing east at the time of the crash.

The Chrysler sustained disabling damage with an estimated loss of \$15,000. The Ford sustained functional damage with an estimated loss of \$5,000.

According to Richardson County Sheriff’s Department accident reports, on September 11, 2025 at 11:39 a.m. at Highway 75, 0.5 miles south of Dawson, the Richardson County Sheriff’s Office investigated a crash involving a pickup and farm tractor.

According to the crash

report, a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Nathan Lee Johnson, 47, of Ruthton, Minnesota, was traveling north on Highway 75 when a tractor operating on the shoulder caused debris to strike his vehicle.

A 2020 John Deere 6140 farm tractor owned and operated by Samuel R. Crow, 34, of Plattsmouth, was mowing grass on the southbound shoulder while pulling a mower. The mower struck a large piece of metal, which was thrown into the roadway and hit the windshield of the Silverado.

The impact shattered the windshield on the passenger side and caused injury to Johnson’s right shoulder. He transported himself to a hospital in Falls City for treatment.

Damage to the Silverado was estimated at \$1,000. The tractor was not damaged.

Falls City Police Dept. warns of counterfeit bills

The Falls City Police Department is alerting local businesses after reports of counterfeit bills being passed in the community.

Police are urging business owners and employees to carefully examine all currency during transactions to help prevent the circulation of fake money.

Anyone who receives or suspects counterfeit currency is asked to contact the FCPD immediately.

Sheriff’s Dept. executes search warrant in Humboldt

The Richardson County Sheriff’s Office executed a search warrant at 602 Central Avenue in Humboldt, on September 18 in connection with a felon in possession of a firearm investigation. During the search, deputies recovered two rifles and a shotgun.

As a result, Matthew Hillyard 43, of Humboldt, was arrested for unlawful possession of firearms by a prohibited person (felon). Further investigation confirmed that the firearms recovered had been reported stolen out of Pawnee County.

This case remains under active investigation, and additional arrests and charges are anticipated.

the ticket revenue. Of that, \$6.25 goes to the Commission on Public Advocacy to pass through to entities that provide legal help to low-income residents. Another \$3 covers the commission’s operations, and \$1 goes to Legal Aid of Nebraska.

The judicial branch itself receives \$9, with \$8 designated for computer and information systems and \$1 for judge and employee training.

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center receives \$2, while \$1 is allocated for state data analysis projects. Another 75 cents helps fund regional mediation centers.

State officials say the system ensures that fines support both local services and statewide programs. For example, schools directly benefit, while public advocacy, legal aid, and law enforcement training also receive support.

Nebraska is one of several states where court fines are divided among a variety of programs instead of going into a single account. The Legislature sets the allocation for each portion, and the Judicial Branch oversees how the money is distributed.

For drivers, the breakdown shows that a simple speeding ticket funds more than the penalty—it helps support classrooms, retirement funds, courts, and community services across Nebraska.



The Brownville Concert Series presents: Jonathan Karrant sings “The Great American Songbook”

The Brownville Concert Series is thrilled to welcome Jonathan Karrant to Brownville. Acclaimed singer Jonathan Karrant performs some of the most beloved songs from The Great American Songbook. With a repertoire that spans classic jazz standards and contemporary interpretations, Karrant brings a modern elegance to the timeless genre of jazz. It’s sure to be one you won’t want to miss.

The shows will be in cabaret on Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th at 7:30pm, and in concert on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00pm. John and Mary Lauber and Larry and Kim Kruger help to sponsor these shows.

Jonathan Karrant was born in the heart of America at the foothills of the Ozarks in the old western town of Fort Smith, Arkansas east of the Arkansas River. The joyous home in which Jonathan grew up was filled with art, music, and dance. His mother says Jonathan began singing from the time he was born.

Audiences and critics have characterized Jonathan as a great interpreter of song, a storyteller, a singer who brings music and lyric alive. Some refer to Jonathan as an amazing song-stylist who sings from the American songbook, an entertainer of star quality.

Jonathan has studied at the William Esper Performing Arts School in NYC and at the Seth Riggs Voice School in LA. Jonathan has also worked under the direction of Marilyn Maye and Kurt Eling. Jonathan has toured the states as well as Europe performing in jazz clubs, theaters and performing arts centers. He has performed with musical artists such as, Grammy winner Diane Schurr, Grammy nominated Karrin Allison and Sacha Boutros, Tony Middleton, John B. Williams and Roy McCurdy.

Jonathan’s album, “On and On” peaked at number four on the Billboard jazz charts. His first album, “Introducing Jonathan Karrant” was directed by one of Frank Sinatra’s pianists and musical directors, Vincent Falcone. Jonathan received the New York City Cabaret Honors and was voted Best Singer by Bravo California. Downbeat named Jonathan one of the top 12 rising jazz artists. Jonathan has also received acclaimed reviews by Jazz Corner, All About Jazz, Downbeat, Cabaret Scenes, NYC Jazz Record, Hot House and many others.

Jonathan has performed in several productions at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City including Aida with Luciano Pavarotti. He has had major parts in Broadway plays such as The Man Who Came to Dinner, Annie, The Pajama Game and The Wizard of Oz. Currently Jonathan lives in Las Vegas where he headlines in some of Vegas’ major music venues in casinos. He also continues to tour for performances and record new music.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$16 for Students. Purchase them online at www.brownvilleconcertseries.org, on Facebook or call 402-825-3331.

The Nebraska Arts Council (www.nebraskaartscouncil.org), a state agency, supports this program through a matching grant funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

Discussions ongoing regarding Sheriff’s Dept. responses on tribal land

(Continued from Page 1) the ones that were good are okay; the ones that were bad, are worse,” after receiving over an inch of rain early in the week.

Darveau stated that if the rain had stopped on Tuesday morning, everything would have been fine. The slow drizzle that fell on Tuesday afternoon caused problems with the roads.

The Highway Superintendent also advised the Board that the new loader was set to be delivered on Thursday. He also reported that he had contacted a firm in Kansas about inspecting the shop roof in Falls City. Darveau hopes the roof can be sprayed and sealed to stop the ongoing leaking issues.

A discussion was also held about starting the process of replacing the county building in Verdon. Darveau said the job would likely be put out for bid sometime between now and Christmas. He also discussed obtaining pricing for resurfacing the dustless highway once new oil prices were established.

“We’re going to try to get something on it before it completely goes to crap on us,” said Darveau.

With the weather looking more conducive over the next eight to ten days, Darveau said he hopes to get the road graders back out soon.

He mentioned that four of the semi-trucks had been down for repairs, along with a grader that had the rear end torn out of it. The work on the grader is under warranty. Darveau said the problem has persisted since the machine had approximately 400 hours of use.

A discussion was also had on buying a new grader outright versus utilizing a trade-in. Darveau told the Board that the used market is down, and now would be the time to keep the grader if another route is going to be utilized.

The County currently has eight graders in use and is hoping to add a ninth route to help alleviate some of the issues.

With a used grader in the future, the County won’t know what it is getting into, as opposed to keeping a current unit and knowing exactly what kind of shape it is in.

The Sheriff met with the Board, informing them that the jail was currently housing 20 inmates. Sheriff Hardesty also reported that the patrol truck that was ordered in August should arrive by the first or second week of November.

Government and Community Relations Strategist and Public Affairs representative for OPPD, Chris Meeks, met with the Board, updating them on projects that OPPD is currently working on.

The Board again met with County Attorney Samantha Scheitel regarding how the Richardson County Sheriff’s Department should handle emergency calls that occur on the Sac and Fox Nation of Kansas and Nebraska and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. The Commissioners have requested a meeting with the tribes’ legal counsel to develop a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the guidelines for the Sheriff’s Department when responding to calls on tribal land within Richardson County. The issues in question regard the Sheriff Department’s jurisdiction when responding to calls.

The current issue involves a buffalo that belongs to the tribe, which continually escapes from its enclosure and is on a citizen’s land. The landowner claims the buffalo had been on his property 105 times.

County Attorney Scheitel said that for now, the Sheriff’s Department should respond to calls, but should also coordinate with tribal law enforcement before responding.

“I’m not stepping on their toes unless they are okay with it,” said Scheitel.

Commissioner Campbell said he understands the dilemma, but “my goal is to protect Richardson County. That’s why I keep bringing this up.”

Karas made a motion to approve the annual funding of \$10,000 for the Richardson County Historical Society, \$5,000 for the Quad-County Historical Society and \$5,000 for the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska.

Claims were approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

NDOT highlights importance of child passenger safety

On Sept. 27, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) Highway Safety Office celebrated National Seat Check Saturday.

The event coincided with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) Child Passenger Safety Week aimed at bringing heightened awareness to keeping children safe in vehicles through properly secured child safety seats. Recent data suggests car seat use for newborns to 12 months of age has declined, according to NHTSA. Correctly installed child passenger seats reduce the risk of fatality for infants by 71% and for toddlers by 54%. NDOT’s Highway Safety Office has partners in several locations statewide that offer no-cost car seat checks and demonstrations. Learn more at safekidsnebraska.org/safety-tips.

“Keeping kids safe is a pri-

ority for the Pillen administration,” Lt. Gov. Joe Kelly said.

Highway Safety Office Administrator Ryley Egger added: “At NDOT, safety is always our top priority. That begins with the most vulnerable passengers – our children. NDOT has granted more than \$55,000 to recipients across the state for child passenger safety training over the past year.”

Statewide, Nebraska has multiple seat check stations in 56 different counties with more than 300 certified technicians to teach parents and caregivers how to correctly install and use child safety seats.

To find inspection stations in Nebraska, visit safekidsnebraska.org/safety-tips. Learn more about child passenger safety from the NDOT Highway Safety Office at dot.nebraska.gov/safety/cps.



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.

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 1am. 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 GHOST and 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.

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BIRTHDAY MONTH

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

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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 17 through September 18, 2025 calls: four ambulance/EMS calls, one call referred to another agency, one nuisance call, one animal call, three information-only calls, three warnings (one improper/defective vehicle lighting, one fail to yield ROW, one traffic control violation), and seven 911 calls.

September 18 through September 19, 2025 calls: one suspicious person/vehicle call, two HHS intake/referral calls, one burn permit, five animal calls, one accident, two fire calls (one Falls City Fire, one Humboldt Fire), three information-only calls, one call referred to another agency, one ambulance/EMS call, and two miscellaneous calls, two warnings for invalid registration, one citation for invalid registration, and two 911 calls.

September 19 through September 20, 2025 calls: one disturbance call, one call referred to another agency, one records check, one investigation, one burn permit, one nuisance call, two 911 hang up or misdial calls, one motorist assist, two animal calls, one law enforcement assist, two ambulance or EMS calls, four welfare checks, two citations for dog at large, one citation for speeding, one warning for plates not clear and visible, four warnings for improper or defective vehicle lighting, two warnings for improper turn, one warning for a traffic control violation, and four 911 calls.

September 20 through September 21, 2025 calls: one miscellaneous call, one burn permit, one phone or mail scam, one traffic or driving complaint, two citations (reckless driving, speeding), five warnings (improper turn), five warnings (improper or defective vehicle lighting), two warnings (speeding), one warning (plates not clear and visible), one warning (traffic control violation), one warning (invalid registration), and four 911 calls.

September 21 through September 22, 2025 calls: three 911 hang up/misdial calls, one animal call, two fire calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, two calls referred to another agency, two traffic/driving complaints, three miscellaneous calls, one welfare check, one citation for reckless driving, one warning for speeding, one warning for invalid registration, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and one warning for plates not clear and visible, and three 911 calls.

September 22 through September 23, 2025 calls: one nuisance call, two ambulance/EMS calls, two miscellaneous calls, one HHS intake/referral, one alarm, one warning for invalid registration, two warnings for plates not clear and visible, one citation for invalid registration, one citation for screeching tires, and three 911 calls.

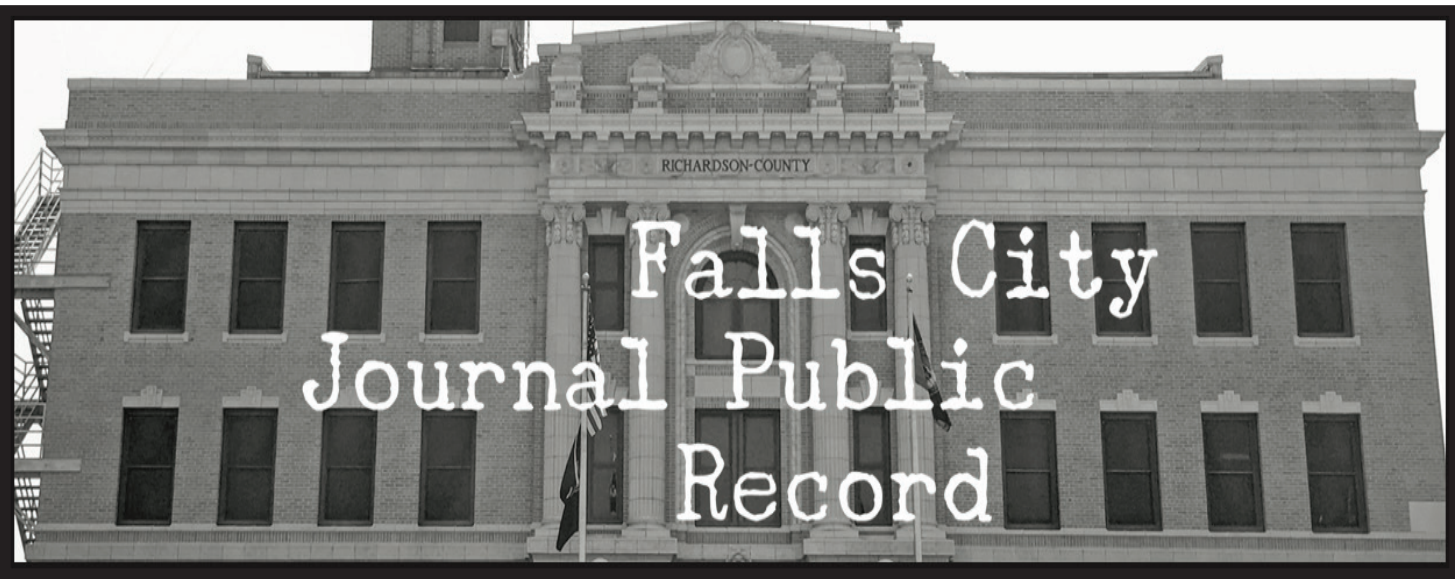
September 23 through September 24, 2025 calls: one assault call, one nuisance call, one parking complaint, one gun permit, one miscellaneous call, one information-only call, one animal call, one warning for invalid registration, one citation for invalid registration, one citation for operating an ATV/UTV after dark, one citation for unregistered ATV/UTV, one citation for driving during revocation, and zero 911 calls.

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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.
Robert W. Davis, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 22, 2025.
Tyrone J. Flint, count one, drive during revocation/impound-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. Sentence includes fine of \$150, license revoked for term of one year; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.
La Fons Smith, count one, drive under susp/ before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty; count two, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for October 22, 2025.

CITATIONS
Joshua Packett of Syracuse, NE, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Bredemeier)
Chevy Imel of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)
Tommynique Valentine of Rowlett, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Bredemeier)
Wendell Yoder of Peru, NE, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Franks)
Belinda Ledford of Du Bois, NE, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)
Tristan Vitale of Falls City, count one, traffic control violation, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Keller)
Brandon Black of Fate, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Anderson)
John Ramer of Shubert, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Geyer)
Laura Craft of Winter Park, FL, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Anderson)
Debra Lannigan of

ing 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)
Paul Keller of Rulo, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Daniels)
Nancy Meinzer of Verdon, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Franks)
Brody Severin of Sabetha, KS, count one, screeching tires, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)
Brody Severin of Sabetha, KS, count one, traffic control violation, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Keller)
Jose Munoz of McAllen, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)
Jerry Waddel of Kearney, NE, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Daniels)
Tiffany Nielson of Athens, IL, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)
Laura Harmon of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)
Qismat Khan of Houston, TX, count one, disobey lane direction signal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$15; count two, drive left of center, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, wrong way on one way, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count four, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Novak)
Joshua Garcia of Brownsville, TX, count one drive left of center, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

(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

Work has started on N-8 near Salem

Weather permitting, a mill and chip seal project started on Sept. 26, on Nebraska Highway 8 (N-8), from reference post 135.5 to reference post 141.5, west of Salem to US-75, according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation.
Cold milling is a process of removing deteriorated asphalt in preparation of placing a chip seal to improve the roadway surface and drivability. Chip seal is an application of an asphalt binder to a roadway surface followed by an aggregate.
Dustrol, Inc. will perform the milling operation and state maintenance forces will perform the chip seal.
The work is expected to take 10 days. Traffic will be maintained with a pilot car and flaggers.
Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously in and near work zones, to buckle up, and put phones down.

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Dorothy Crouse hammers home a kill versus Southern on Tuesday night at the RAC.

Irish girls wrap up busy week

The Falls City Sacred Heart Lady Irish volleyball team wound up a successful stint last week. The Irish saw their winning streak reach eight games but fell to Johnson-Brock on Saturday in the Axtell, Kansas, tournament. The Irish began the week with a triangular at Sacred Heart School, winning both contests. SH defeated Southern in straight sets, 25-17 and 25-14, then defeated Pawnee City 25-9, 27-29 and 25-16. Thursday night, Sacred Heart traveled to Lewiston to

take on the Tigers. The Lady Irish again emerged victorious, winning 25-20, 25-15 and 25-19. On Saturday, the Irish competed in the Axtell, KS, Tournament. In the first match of the day, Sacred Heart defeated Diller-Odell 25-23 and 25-18. No other results from the tourney or stats for the week were available. The Irish played at Freeman on Tuesday and will be at Sterling on Thursday, October 2, 2025.



Running Jayton Wilkerson follows the blocks of Jacoby Bangert and Chase Simpson (74) for a gain in Friday night's loss against Nebraska City.

Tiger mistakes too costly in homecoming loss to Pioneers

The Falls City Tigers had opportunities on Friday night, however a handful of mistakes led to Falls City's fourth straight loss and the first win of the season for Nebraska City. Both teams enjoyed good field position in the early goings, but each had difficulty capitalizing. On the third offensive play for Nebraska City, Falls City's Orion Cattrell secured an interception, giving the Orange and Black the ball at midfield. However, four plays later the Tigers turned the ball over on downs, failing to take advantage of the field position. Late in the first period, Nebraska City put together a successful drive. However, Falls City had an opportunity to get the defense off the field. On fourth and 11 the Pioneer pass fell incomplete, only to be overturned by a pass interference call on FC. On the first play of the second quarter, Tyrese Gardner carried the ball up the middle for a two-yard score to make it 7-0 with 11:54 to go in the half. The TD ended an 11-play,

63-yard drive by Nebraska City. After trading punts, FC drove deep inside Nebraska City territory. A reverse to Cattrell picked up big yards, but a fumble by Tiger running back Jayton Wilkerson gave the Pioneers the ball at their 19. The Bengal defense was up to the challenge and forced a quick three-and-out. Again, FC had something cooking on offense. QB Blakely Sells found Wilkerson down the sideline for a 43-yard gain. A big mistake cost FC another chance to tie the game. Facing a third and two at the three, the snap sailed over the head of Sells and FC was faced with a 4th and 17. The Tigers seemingly overcame the mistake as Sells found Jacoby Bangert in the back of the endzone for the score, but the officials ruled him out of bounds, turning the ball over to the visitors. The first half would end with Falls City trailing Nebraska City 7-0. The Tigers got the first break in the second half. Gavin Bauer pounced on

a Pioneer fumble, giving FC the ball at their 29. Two straight sacks derailed the Tiger drive and FC was forced to punt. The teams combined for four consecutive punts at one point in the half. With only 3:33 remaining in the contest, Sells threw a costly pick. Added to that Falls City was called for a personal foul, giving Nebraska City the ball at the FC six-yard line. On first and goal the Pioneers PAT the ball on the turf and Caleb Offner recovered it, giving life back to the Tigers. However, the Tigers offense failed to gain traction, eventually turning the ball over on downs at their six-yard line with just under two minutes to play. Was there any magic left in the Falls City defense? Gardner sealed the win 46 seconds later, breaking multiple tackles as he ran for the eight-yard score. FC didn't hang their heads. Instead, the offense rallied. Wilkerson took a screen pass 50 yards to the Pioneer 31. With only six seconds to play, Sells connected with Bauer for a 31-

yard TD strike to cut the lead to 14-7. Needing just a little more magic, FC's on-side kick failed, and the Tigers dropped a hard-fought home contest, 14-7. FC out passed Nebraska City 212-210, but the Pioneers held a 50 to 24 rushing advantage. Each team threw one interception and each team fumbled twice. FC lost one fumble, NC lost both. **FC Stats** Passing: Sells 13/25 185, 1TD, 1 Int; Bangert 3/3 27. Rushing: Wilkerson 20-30; Cattrell 2-29; Sells 2-11; Bauer 2-6. Receiving: Wilkerson 5-108; Bauer 4-47, 1 TD; Cattrell 3-23; Kobza 2-17. Defensively, Bauer had 11 stops with 1.5 tackles for loss. Cade Caudle added eight stops and one big pass broken up. Elijah Leyden and Vaden Leyden each had five stops, with Vaden adding a tackle for loss. The 1-4 Tigers will take on the 1-4 Auburn Bulldogs on Friday, October 3, 2025, at 6:00 at Auburn High School. Falls City hasn't defeated Auburn since a 52-7 win in 2015.

Tiger VB hands WW a loss

The Falls City Tiger volleyball squad split a triangular on Tuesday night at Falls City High School. The Tigers defeated Weeping Water in straight sets, 25-17 and 25-14, then fell in two sets to the Class C-2 eighth-ranked Freeman Falcons, 11-25 and 12-25. In the first match against Weeping Water, Falls City hit at a .145 clip, finishing with 17 kills on 55 attempts with only nine errors. Ashlyn Alexander led the team with six kills on 12 attempts, while Liv Buckminster and Bella Johansen each added three. The pair of Johansen and Buckminster also led the team with five and four ace serves, respectively. At the net, Buckminster added two blocks, while Gabi Young added a team-best nine digs. Tessa Gossman led the squad in game one with nine assists. In the match against the Falcons, Freeman held Falls City to a -.047 hitting percentage. The Tigers finished with only 11 kills on 64 tries with 14 errors. Buckminster, Carlea Dunkhas and Johansen all had three kills. Again, it was Gabi Young who led the team with 14 digs, while Leah Goff led the team with seven assists. On Thursday night, the Lady Tigers traveled to Nebraska City to take on the Lourdes Central Knights and the Syracuse Rockets. The home team defeated the Tigers in straight sets, 25-14 and 28-26, while FC took the Rockets to three sets, falling 20-25, 25-22 and 19-25. In the night's first match, FC hit at a .134 clip, finishing with 19 kills and ten

errors on 67 attempts. Buckminster and Johansen each finished with five kills while Ella Glathar added four. Gabi Young was easily the top Tiger with 19 digs, while Goff led the team with nine assists. The Tigers battled in the second set, working to send it to a deciding third. Midway through the set, Falls City had two chances to tie the match, but each time, Nebraska City thwarted the Tiger attempts. Late in the set, FC trailed by three, 19-16, but began a rally that saw them tie the game and eventually take a 21-20 lead. FC expanded their lead to 23-21 with consecutive kills by Buckminster. With the home team on the ropes, FC surrendered three straight points to allow the Knights back into the contest. Again, FC battled, taking a 25-24 advantage, only to see Nebraska City retake the lead at 26-25. A Lourdes hitting error tied the game, but two straight points allowed Lourdes to eke out the win. The Tigers battled the Rockets in the second match, eventually falling in three sets. Falls City finished the match with 27 kills and 16 errors on 93 tries. Gossman led the team with eight kills, while Buckminster and Glathar each chipped in five. G. Young again led the squad with 23 digs, while Gossman (11) and Goff (8) led the team in assists. The three losses this week dropped Falls City to 8-8 for the year. Falls City played at Brownell Talbot on Monday, September 29, 2025.

Titans return to win column

The HTRS Lady Titans improved to 10-5 for the season, winning their sixth game in seven outings by defeating the Sterling Jets on Tuesday night, 25-13, 25-10, and 25-12. The Titans ended the match with 26 kills on 64 attempts, while committing 17 errors. Jazi Frey was the offensive leader with nine kills on 16 attempts. Elie Bstandig added six kills, and Lillian Bowen finished with four. HTRS finished with a whopping 28 ace serves, with PJ Howe (6) and Bowen (5) leading the charge. Howe also led the squad with five digs, while Maddie Bredemeier finished with a team-leading 10 assists. The loss dropped the struggling Jets to 0-11 for the year. On Thursday night, the Titans traveled to Omaha for a triangular meet with Brownell-Talbot and Cornerstone Christian. In the opener, HTRS fell to the Raiders 25-27 and 16-25.

The first set was a back-and-forth battle to the end. The Raiders went on an early 7-0 run to stake a 10-4 lead. However, HTRS fought, cutting the lead to 12-9. Another run by Talbot saw the home team go ahead 16-9, and things looked bleak. Again, HTRS rebounded and closed the gap to 16-14. Eventually, HTRS took what looked like a commanding 23-19 lead, but four straight points by the Raiders knotted the game at 23. A kill by Frey made it 24-23, and another kill by Bowen kept the match tied at 25. The home team rattled off the final two points to win the set 27-25. In the finale against Cornerstone, HTRS held on for a first-set win 25-23, before earning the match win with a 25-18 victory in set two. The win improved the Titans' record to 11-6 for the season. The Lady Titans played at Fairbury on Tuesday, September 30 and will play at the JCC Invite on Saturday, October 4.

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Second baseman Addi Miller squeezes a pop fly Saturday morning against Freeman.

First inning dooms Tigers in loss to Lafayette

The Falls City softball team surrendered ten runs in the top of the first inning and was unable to rebound against the fighting Irish, falling 4-15, in action at Hartman Field on Thursday, September 25.

The visitors took advantage of two Tiger errors and three walks as they raced to a 10-0 lead before the Tigers even entered the batter’s box.

In the bottom of the first, Addi Miller drove the eighth pitch of her at bat past the third baseman for a single. Unfortunately, FC could not take advantage as the following batters popped out, ground out and flew out to end the inning.

Back-to-back errors in the top of the second led to another big inning for Lafayette. The visitors tacked on four insurance runs to make it 14-0 after 1 ½ innings of action.

FC again put the leadoff runner on base as a pitch plunked Taytum Maddox. With two and Maddox on third base, Kenley Alexander was hit, putting runners at the corners with two down. An RBI single by Katylin Rhodd made it 14-1, and a two-run double by Miller cut the lead to 14-3.

Down by 11 in the third, Bristol Titus reached on a one-out single to right field. Later in the inning, with two down, Alexis Schawang singled home Maddox to make it a ten-run game, 14-4. The visitors added one last run in the fourth to earn the 15-4 win.

FC was outthit 9-5, but six errors were too costly to overcome as they led to ten unearned runs. Miller went 2-3 for FC with a double and two RBI. Titus, Schawang and Rhodd all added singles. Strecker went three innings for FC, allowing nine hits and 14 runs, just four of them earned.

The Tigers hosted the 2025 ECNC Triangular on Saturday morning at Hartman Field. Falls City faced a pair of formidable foes on Saturday, falling to Freeman in the opener, 14-3, and then to Auburn, 9-0.

In the day’s first contest, Freeman plated two in the first and nine in the second to lead 11-0 after two innings. In the third, Alexander reached on a one-out single to begin a rally. Next, Miller and Maddox were hit by pitches, loading the bases for Brylee Liberty. On the second pitch of the at-bat, Liberty stroked a double to the right field fence, driving in all three base runners to make it 11-3.

The Falcons added three insurance runs in the bottom of the third as they pulled away for the 14-3 win.

Liberty was 1-2 with a double and three RBI, while Kuker and Alexander added base hits.

FC fell to Auburn in game two, 9-0. Jazzy Strecker retired the Bulldogs in order in the bottom of the first. Meanwhile, in the top of the second, Rhodd led off the inning with a single to left, but the Tigers were unable to advance her, and the game remained tied at zero entering the bottom of the second.

The Bulldogs got a single by Stanley and doubles by Hamann and Paschal to make it 2-0 after two. Auburn increased its lead to 4-0 in the third with an RBI double by Darnell and an RBI by Wehenkel. Leading 5-0 entering the fifth, Auburn ended the game with four runs to make the final 9-0.

The only baserunner of the contest for FC came from the second-inning single by Kaytlin Rhodd.

The 1-18 Tigers wrapped up the regular season at 5-19 Syracuse on Monday, September 29.

Lady Tigers win home invite

With a top-ten weather day presenting itself, the Falls City cross country team hosted the 2025 Falls City Invite at the Falls City Golf Course on Thursday, September 25. The Lady Tigers took home the top honors on Thursday, finishing 24 points ahead of

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Cole Taft (9) looks to get past the Titan’s Jack Hilgenfeld (2) in action at Humboldt High School on Friday night.

Irish play spoilers at HTRS homecoming

In a battle of winless teams, someone had to come out victorious on Friday night in Humboldt. The Sacred Heart Irish and Titans entered the HTRS homecoming game with identical 0-4 records. For one team, a win could jumpstart a late-season push; for the other, it could continue to spiral downwards.

The contest was tight through the first period, but a huge second 12 minutes catapulted the Irish to the win.

A one-yard TD run by Elijah Canonico on the first drive of the game gave SH an early 6-0 lead. The Irish looked to build upon that lead on the next possession, but a fumble into the endzone turned the ball over to the Titans.

The Irish scored quickly in the second quarter, extending their lead to 20-0 halfway through the period.

Noah Howard caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from Brenden Lemerond with 7:05 to play in the half to extend the Irish lead. The PAT pass from Lem to Kyler Sipple pushed the score to 14-0.

On the ensuing Titan drive, Alex Dewberry caught a shovel pass behind the line of scrimmage, but was stripped by Canonico, who secured the ball and scored from three yards out to extend the Irish lead to 20-0 with 6:09 left in the half.

The Irish drove inside the red zone two more times in the half; however, the Titan defense stood firm and kept them out of the endzone.

With 41 seconds remaining, Lemerond hooked up with Cole Taft for a 17-yard score, and it looked as though the Irish would lead 26-0 at the break.

However, the Irish defense had other ideas in mind. Facing a 4th and 7 from their 18, an incomplete Titan pass gave the Irish great field position to end the half. Irish kicker JJ Lancaster calmly put a 34-yard field goal through the uprights as time expired to make it 29-0 at intermission.

HTRS took the opening possession of the third and drove down to the Irish 10-yard line before being turned away on downs.

After a three-and-out by the SH offense, HTRS was ready to make some noise. The Titans delivered their best drive of the contest, covering 58 yards in seven plays and ended with a Dewberry three-yard TD run, cutting the lead to 29-6 with 3:29 to play in the third.

The Irish needed two and a half minutes to respond, effectively sealing the win. Canonico scored his second of three touchdowns when he broke free for a nine-yard score with 53 seconds to play in the third. The PAT pass failed, but the Irish led 35-6.

The Titans didn’t waste any time responding. Dewberry scored for the second time just 52 seconds into the fourth period when he crossed the goal line from three yards out. The two-point run by Dewberry made it 35-14 with 11:08 on the clock.

The final score of the

contest came from Irish running back Canonico. A three-yard run capped off a five-play, 34-yard drive to make the final 41-14.

The Irish held a 354 to 238 advantage in total yards and a 23 to 14 edge in first downs.

SH Stats
Rushing: Canonico 12-51, 3 TDs; Clow 1-0; Howard 12-57, 1 fumble; Lemerond 5-20; C. Witt 4-19.

Passing: Lemerond 16/27 207 yards, 2 TDs.

Receiving: Canonico 2-13; Howard 2-41, 1 TD; Sipple 5-76; Taft 7-77, 1 TD.

HTRS Stats
Rushing: Dettmann 2-3; Dewberry 13-44, 2 TDs; Bowen 5-42.

Passing: Bowen 19/31 191 yards, 1 Int.

Receiving: Dettmann 7-78; Hilgenfeld 1-8; Dewberry 11-105

Emmett Glathar led the Titan defense with 11 stops, Dewberry added 10, and Dettmann had nine.

For the Irish, Taft had nine tackles, while Canonico, Howard and Charlie Rottinghaus all had eight stops.

The Irish will set their sights on Elmwood-Murdock next. The Knights come to Falls City on Friday, October 3, 2025, sporting a 4-1 record with wins over BDS, Osceola, HTRS and Johnson-Brock. The contest will kick off at 7:00 at Jug Brown Stadium.

Meanwhile, the Titans will look to get into the win column when they travel to Cedar Bluffs High School to take on the 2-3 Wildcats.

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Robert “Tom” Wentz



Robert Thomas “Tom” Wentz, 72, passed away on Thursday, September 18, 2027 at Freeman West Hospital in Joplin, Missouri following a brave battle with lung cancer.

Tom was born on May 27, 1953 in Sabetha, Kansas, the son of Robert E. Wentz and Doris Diane (Strahm) Wentz. Tom attended Falls City High School where he participated in football, wrestling and choir, following his graduation in 1971 he attended a Topeka Trade School completing a course in automotive, graduating in 1973, then he attended Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska

in Building construction graduating in 1975. He married Judy Stanford in 1976, they had a son, Eric Robert Wentz, they later divorced. Tom married Cindy Hawkins in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1997. He got two bonus kids, Amee Walters and Jimmy Walters, two bonus grandkids, Martin and Natalee Munoz.

Tom was a skilled carpenter and worked in that trade for many years, but was a farmer at heart and enjoyed raising cattle and a few chickens with Cindy on their family farm in Goodman, Missouri. He could sit for hours and watch his cows. He loved his trips to Colorado, he also loved Eureka Springs, Arkansas and Branson, Missouri. Last year he took Martin and Natalee on a trip to Colorado and it was beautiful.

Tom is survived by his wife, Cindy of the home, his son, Eric Wentz (Shauna), his bonus daughter, Amie Walters and grandkids he loved dearly, Odyssey Mae Wentz, bonus grandkids, Martin Munoz, Natalee Munoz and Jazzy Walters; two sisters, Sara Wentz (Aileen Ball) and Susan Wentz.

He was preceded in death by his parents and bonus son, Jimmy Joe Walters.

He has been taken for cremation, entrusted to the Ozark funeral Home in Anderson, Missouri and a graveside service will be held at a later date in the Peace Valley Cemetery in Anderson, Missouri.

Roger McMann

Roger Lee McMann, the only child of Woodrow “Jake” and Margaret Jeanette (Lotter) McMann, was born May 16, 1947, in a farmhouse south of Auburn, Nebraska. He attended Howe School through the 8th grade and then went to Auburn High School.

On August 18, 1967, Roger married Linda Volkman. They were blessed with three sons Terry, Eric, and Dustin. Roger and Linda would later divorce. Roger farmed and drove a truck for nearly 50 years hauling everything from livestock to jet fuel. There are few places he hasn’t been in a truck. Many lessons passed on and memories made with his three sons while farming and going down the road in the Kenworth.

Roger had recently moved to Lincoln, Nebraska so that he was closer to his sons Eric and Dustin. On Sunday, September 21, 2025, Roger passed away peacefully at Tabitha Journey House in Lincoln.

His parents and son Terry preceded him in death.

Remembering Roger with love are his sons and daughters-in-law Eric and Kirsten of Bennet, Dustin and Cara of Firth, Natalie McMann of Potosi, MO; grandchildren Kailyn and Carter, Leyton and Callie, and Bryson; other relatives and friends.

A graveside funeral and committal service, officiated by Rev. Jackie Gfeller, was Friday, September 26, 2025, in Bedford Cemetery at Howe. Roger’s grandchildren Kailyn McMann, Carter McMann, Leyton McMann, Callie McMann, and Bryson McMann. Burial followed the service.

Services were entrusted to Hemmingsen Funeral Home.

Patricia A. McCloud



Patricia A. McCloud, a longtime resident of Seattle/Lake Forest Park, passed away at the age of 94 on August 27, 2025, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer’s disease. Born Patricia Hampel on June 21, 1931, in Denver, CO, it was not long before she would move to the family farm in Nebraska with her mother, Lucille Hampel, and sister Jean. The farm, which had been in the family since the 1880s, would be home from her earliest school years through college graduation. After marrying William D. McCloud, she moved to Omaha, NE, to begin married life together. A job transfer in 1958 led to a significant upheaval, relocating across the country to Seattle, WA, something uncommon for the time. Nonetheless, Patricia fell in love with Seattle, making it her permanent home.

Family was Patricia’s number one priority, especially raising her three children. She had a special knack for making a “house a home,”

regardless of everything else happening in her life. A woman with unending energy, Patricia also chose to stay active outside the home as long as she could maintain a favorable work-life balance. Her part-time work for the “Welcome Wagon” led to a position as Secretary of the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce. Her membership in P.E.O. International was an activity she treasured.

Patricia, a devout Christian, served as a church Elder, church Secretary, among other church responsibilities at Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church. Singing was a true love of Patricia, beginning as a young girl and eventually leading to a music scholarship from Doane College, and a 40+ year “career” as a member of her church choir.

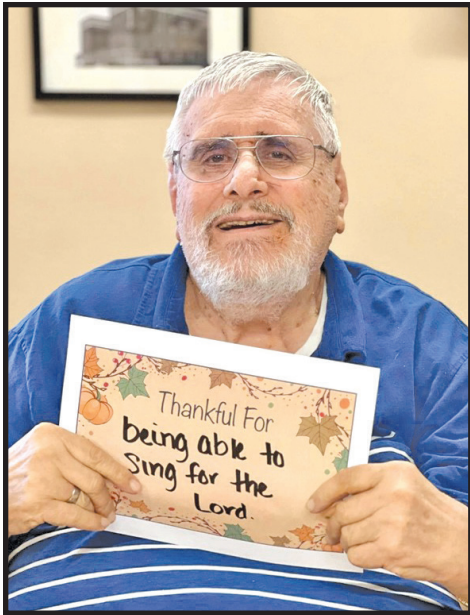
Patricia is preceded in death by her husband William D. McCloud, mother Lucille Hampel, father Paul Hampel, sister Jean Eiguren, and her uncle Herbert Chism.

Patricia is survived by her three children: Scott (Elizabeth) McCloud, Dan McCloud, and Sally (Randy) Routh, seven grandchildren: Chris (Audrey) McCloud, Danielle (Tim) Gardner, Joshua and Tyler McCloud, Samantha (Chad) Ro, Ryan and Stephanie Routh, and three great-grandchildren: Mikayla McCloud, Emma, and Ryan Gardner. Three nieces and one nephew also survive Patricia: Debi Marts, Yo Curtis, Barbara (Stuart) Coffey, and James Oliver.

Family and friends were invited to attend a Memorial Service for Patricia on Tuesday, September 30th at 2:00 PM. The service will be held at Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church, located at 17440 Brookside Boulevard NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Patricia’s honor to Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church, P.E.O. International’s Cottey College, or the Alzheimer’s Association.

Pastor Ronald “Ron” Russell



Pastor Ronald “Ron” Melvin Russell, 82, of Humboldt, Nebraska was born July 4, 1943, in Marysville, California, to David N. and Dorothy (Goering) Russell. Ron grew up in Yuba City, graduating from Yuba City High in 1961. After graduation, Ron was mentored by Brother David “Archie” Webb and served as associate pastor at Emmanuel Faith Tabernacle Church in Linda, California. Ron also served as a youth evangelist in California and Oregon, before heading to southeast Nebraska—the area where his parents had grown up. Ron continued to pursue his God-given calling of ministry, serving as a youth pastor in Nebraska City.

After some time, he moved to Lincoln. During the week he worked at a music store, and on weekends he would preach wherever

he was needed. In 1968, Ron met a young lady who was working at the Back to the Bible Broadcast headquarters in Lincoln. He asked her out, and the rest is history. Ron and Elnora Ann Warkentin were married in July of 1968 at the Lincoln Berean Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. They were blessed with two sons, Eldon and Bruce. In August of 1973, Ron and Elnora and Eldon moved to Humboldt, Nebraska. Ron ministered in southeast Nebraska for over four decades, retiring in 2018 due to health challenges. He served as pastor at the Humboldt Berean Church, Verdon Congregational Church, and Four-Mile Congregational Church. Ron also worked part-time for the Humboldt Standard newspaper and Wherry Mortuary.

Ron was active in his community. In 1976, Ron, along with Herbert Young, helped start the Humboldt Community Choir, a choir that is still active to this day. He also served as a board member of various organizations, including the Humboldt Community Foundation (as one of the founding members); Humboldt Housing Authority; Southeast Nebraska Crisis Pregnancy Center; SENCA Board; and the Humboldt Ministerial Group. Ron’s wife Elnora passed away March 17, 2004. In the summer of 2007, Ron met a schoolteacher from Minnesota. Caroline’s love for the Lord, as well as for music, quickly won him over. (However, Ron would often tease Caroline by saying she simply married him to escape the Minnesnow-ta weather.) He and Caroline Boender were married October 17, 2008, in Caroline’s home church in Hospers, Iowa.

Ron passed away on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt, Nebraska having reached the earthly age of eighty-two years, two months, and nineteen days.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Elnora, sister LaDonna (Frank) Munar, parents-in-law: George and Anna Warkentin and Henry and Anna Boender.

Ron is survived by his wife Caroline Russell of Humboldt, NE; sons: Eldon Russell (Kristin Loring) of Humboldt, NE; Bruce Russell and wife Deena of Independence, MO; Ron’s grandchildren: Julia (and Curt) Thornton, Kaylee Russell, and David Russell; Ron’s great-grandchildren: Kinsley Marie Russell and Isaiah James Thornton; former brother-in-law Harvey (Sue Ann) Warkentin; four nieces and one nephew; and many friends.

A Celebration of Ron’s Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2025, at Grace Bible Fellowship Church one mile east of Stella, Nebraska with Pastor David Lockard officiating.

Visitation was held from noon-8 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at the Wherry Mortuary, 207 N. Nemaha Street in Humboldt. Family greeted friends from 6-7 p.m. at the mortuary.

Interment was held privately at the Four-Mile Cemetery in rural Humboldt, Nebraska.

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Dick and Jennifer James celebrate the Truman Brownson Farm.

Ak-Sar-Ben Farm Family Awards presented at Richardson County Fair

(Continued from Page 1) James, Don Ballue, Charlotte James Wallace, Elizabeth Wallace and Sharon Hamilton.

The following was submitted by Jennifer James

On September 11th, Dick and Jennifer James, Verdon, received the Ak-Sar-Ben Heritage Farm award at the Richardson County Fair. The Truman Brownson Farm has been in their family for 150 years. Andy Dunn, president of Richardson County Farm Bureau and Joe Standerford, president of the Richardson County Ag Society, presented the award. Family members joining them in accepting the award were Don Ballue, Charlotte James Wallace, Elizabeth Wallace, and Sharron Hamilton.

Daniel Brownson was born November 26, 1813 in St. Lawrence County, New York. His parents were John Lewis Brownson and Polly (Wood) Brownson. Some records list his birthplace as northern Vermont. In 1839, Daniel married Asenath Tyler, daughter of Joseph Tyler and Mehitabel (Ladd) Tyler. They lived on a small farm at North Lawrence, St. Lawrence County, New York, about fifteen miles from Canada.

In 1846, Daniel, Asenath, and their children, Truman (6), Freeman (3) and Almeda (6 months) moved to northeast Iowa. Family tradition said that when they finally reached the Mississippi with the promised land on the far bank, they had no money with which to pay for the crossing. They had to part with some of their more desirable possessions to overcome this last barrier. After Daniel's family

settled in Iowa, his parents and youngest brother moved to Iowa in 1848.

Family stories say Daniel worked as a woodsman in Wisconsin's white pine forests to earn money for land. In 1848 he purchased 40 acres at \$1.25 per acre. He had already picked out an unclaimed site in Clayton County near Farmersburg, which was about fifty-five miles north of Dubuque. Daniel learned that a land speculator wanted the same property and was on his way to the U.S. Land Office in Dubuque by riverboat. Daniel walked to Dubuque and was sitting on the steps of the Land Office when it opened, beating the speculator. In 1849, Daniel purchased an adjoining 40 acres and put it in Asenath's name. Daniel and Asenath began constructing a new home in 1861 after several years of living in a log cabin. The new brick home was mainly built by two northerners who escaped from the South and fled up the Mississippi. Daniel learned that they were bricklayers and carpenters and hired them. The house had a quarried limestone cellar.

Daniel noted that he needed a better farm draft animal. Indian ponies, horses and oxen had their place, but he wanted a better breed of horse. In 1867, Daniel went to France to buy Norman or Percheron stock. He had been raised near the Quebec border and had a knowledge of the French language. His nickname was "Frenchy" but it is unknown if he gained the nickname before or after his trip to France. He purchased Norman or Percheron stock during

his trip and became well-known for his breeding of fine Norman horses.

Daniel's oldest son Truman Murray Brownson was born September 4, 1840. Truman enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Infantry and was mustered into service at Dubuque on August 8, 1862. The regiment had its first active duty in Minnesota and eventually had engagements in Arkansas on the Red River. They traveled to Mobile Bay where they helped capture the city. The regiment disbanded after traveling over 12,000 miles. He mustered out on August 10, 1865 at St. Louis, Missouri. Truman's Civil War service led to health problems, and he finally received a pension from the Army in 1915 at \$30 per month. In 1865, Truman paid \$1000 to purchase 120 acres in Clayton County from his parents.

On August 28, 1874, Truman married Amelia Marie Jones, a local girl. The following month they moved to Richardson County, Nebraska. In the spring, they moved to the 160-acre family farm north of Verdon. Originally the land was received by patent from President James Buchanan on June 1, 1860. Dick and Jennifer James have the original patent. It transferred title to "John G. Falsken, Assignee of Sandford T. Burk, Captain, Farley's Company, First Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. Authority Act of Congress, February 11, 1847. SW Quarter, Section 23, in Township 3 North of Range 15 East in the District of Sanas, subject to sale at Brownville, Nebraska."

In 1871, Falsken sold the land for \$3200 to William Forney. The following year William Forney transferred the south half title to Daniel Kroh, and the north half title to Jesse Schick. On March 23, 1875, Daniel Kroh and Jesse Schick transferred both halves of the farm to Truman. On December 12, 1875, Truman and Amelia welcomed their first son Arthur.

Truman and Amelia's farm operation included horses from his father. The 1883 National Register of Norman Horses listed a dapple gray stallion named DECIDE, imported in 1880 by Daniel Brownson and Son, Natonal, Iowa, and owned by Truman Brownson, Verdon, Nebraska. Following Arthur, sons Glen, Carey, Edward, and Hollis Lee were born. Truman and Amelia also lost a daughter in infancy. They built the original two-story white farmhouse and a large red barn, which was built with wooden pegs instead of nails. Amelia passed away May 16, 1913, and Truman continued to reside with his son Carey on the family farm. Truman passed away on January 8, 1923. On March 5, 1924, Carey purchased his brothers' shares of the farm for \$170 per acre.

Carey L. Brownson was born November 27, 1882 on the family farm. On March 26, 1911, he married Daisy Dell Arnold in Verdon. Daisy was the daughter of two unrelated Arnolds, father Marion Arnold and mother Ella May Arnold. Carey and Daisy had a daughter Ruth Esther born May 20, 1912 and a son Robert Edward, born March 6,

1914. Carey had a closing-out sale in December, 1945, and he passed away on February 26, 1947. Daisy rented the farm to the Spitzer family.

Robert (Bob) Brownson married Doris Laurine Buell on July 17, 1939. Bob had a distinguished career as an accountant for the US Bureau of Prisons. They welcomed children Rollin Carey, Terry Robert, and Rebecca Kay. On December 3, 1949, Ruth married Ardelle Francis James. He was a widower with two very young children, Laurence Charles and Elizabeth Lorene (Betty). They first farmed near Franklin, Nebraska, before moving to the Verdon farm in March, 1952. Ruth and Ardelle rented the family farm from Daisy. Realizing that the dairy was the most profitable part of the farm, they began milking on a greater scale. On August 15, 1953, Ruth and Ardelle welcomed their son Richard (Dick) Carey. In 1957, they built a milking parlor on the side of the large red barn.

When Daisy passed away in 1965, Bob Brownson inherited the north half of the farm and cash rented it to Ruth and Ardelle. Ruth inherited the south half which was where she and Ardelle lived. Ruth died March 25, 1968. At that time Ardelle and Dick inherited Ruth's land. They continued to farm with Larry James and to increase the milking herd. Ardelle later gave his half of the land to Larry. Ardelle married Jeneveia Hall Ballue in 1969, Dick married Jennifer Sue Giles in 1980, and Larry married Juanita Ann Vollmers in 1981. The three families lived

on the farm and operated the dairy. Ardelle died in 1991. Dick and Jennifer purchased Larry's share of the farm in 1993. In addition to milking cows, they raised corn, soybeans, wheat, sunflowers, triticale and alfalfa. In 2004, the cows moved to Prairieland Dairy, Firth, Nebraska and Dick began managing part of the larger dairy. In 2016, Bob and Doris Brownson's sons sold their late parents' north half of the farm to Dick and Jennifer. In 2021, Goff Farms began farming the ground.

Current owners of the Truman Brownson Farm are Dick and Jennifer James, who also live there. Their children are Rev. Sarah Elizabeth James, Papillion, and Matthew and Bridgette James, Lincoln. Other family members include Rollin and Mary Ann Brownson, and Terry and Patti Brownson; Juanita James and her children Christina James, Charlotte and Ryann Wallace, and Staff Sgt. John and Robin James; the late Betty James Wilson's husband Tom, and their children Zach and Janie Wilson and Aaron and Adriane Brandenburg; and Ardelle James's stepchildren Marie Henry, Tom Ballue and Don Ballue. Carey Brownson's brother Edward also was a long-time Richardson County resident. Ed and Jesse farmed between Falls City and Salem. Their son Loyd and his wife Marcella also farmed in the county. Their children are Mike Brownson and the late Debbie Brownson.

Dick, Jennifer, Sarah, Matthew and Bridgette James hosted a party on August 2nd to celebrate the farm's birthday. A display included the original farm patent, a 1924 county atlas, a brief history of the farm, an advertisement of machinery sold by a Brownson cousin, a Nebraska Farmer article about the farm, and small farm tools used by past generations. Guests were welcomed with a new sign at the farm entrance, a gift to Dick and Jennifer from their children.

Everyone enjoyed a pulled pork and chicken dinner and a beautiful evening in the James backyard. Dick James enjoyed a large number of silly 72 gifts to celebrate his birthday. The gifts were very creative and he received 72 pennies, nickels, dimes, M&M's, cow mints, cow straws, peppermints, chocolate kisses, marbles, fencing staples and much more!

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Left Kinsie Riggs (front) and Madalynn Hawley have their eyes fixed on the finish line. Right. Peyton Weddle leads the group through the final stages of the race at the Falls City Golf Course on Thursday.

Lady Tigers win home cross country invite

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Weeping Water for the title. The Lady Tigers combined for 20 points, finishing 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

The top runner on the 5,000-meter course for FC was freshman Audrey Scrivens. Scrivens ran the course in 22:44.9 to earn third place. Following close behind was junior Jennifer Sweeney. Sweeney completed the course in 22:51.2 to place fourth. The next Bengal to finish in the top ten was Peyton Weddle. Weddle, battling through injuries, placed sixth in 25:28.4. Two more Tigers were right behind with Kinsie Riggs placing seventh in 25:48.4 and Madalynn Hawley running a 25:58.7 for eighth. Norah Watkins of Rock Port won the race in 21:35.1.

On the boy’s side, Falls City scored 80 points and

placed fourth. JCC took home the team championship with 22 points, Weeping Water was second with 43, and North Andrew was third with 55.

The top runners of the day were Trevin Huskey of JCC, placing first in 18:00.6, Benjamin Roller of North Andrew was second in 18:38.9, and Darrian Gilliland of Craig was third in 19:11.2.

The top Tiger runner on Thursday was junior Lathan Richey. Richey completed the course in 22:05.6 and finished 17th. Right behind Richey was senior Ryker McCullough. Ryker finished 18th in 22:06.7. Emmett Daake ran a season-fastest 22:39.8 to finish 22nd, and Zade Bents was 23rd in 23:57.9.

The middle school also competed on Thursday at the golf course. Ben Furnas ran a 7:50.7 on the

2,100-meter course to place third, and Barrett Johansen was fifth in 8:35.2. Cameran Whetsel of Craig won the race in 7:24.5.

Falls City competed at the UNK High School Invitational on Monday, September 29, running the same course that will

be used for the state meet later this fall. FC will also compete at Syracuse on Friday, October 3, at the Syracuse Country Club.

VILLAGE OF RULO

**Village of Rulo
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Advanced notice of meeting
posted by 2PM on Saturday,
September 6, 2025 at Rulo
Library, Wild Bill’s and
Swinging Doors**

Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00PM in the Rulo Library

Board Chairperson, Rebecca Simmonds, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Roll call – Present: Rebecca Simmonds, Regina Barber, Todd Thompson, Mike Keller, Clerk-Rachel Jean – Absent: Kraig Coonce

Board discussed purchase of dump truck with snow plow attached. Thompson made a motion that was seconded by Barber to appoint Keller as an authorized representative to bid on the item on behalf of the Village of Rulo with an allowed expenditure of up to \$7800.00 plus any additional fees such as buyer’s premiums and sales tax. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Thompson made another motion that was seconded by Barber to grant Clerk, Rachel Jean, all necessary signatory authority to complete bank transfers, title paperwork, insurance changes and any other necessary requirements if purchase is successful. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 6:35PM. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Thompson, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

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

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

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

St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan) Sunday Worship, 10:30am (Holy Eucharist)

Northridge (1820 Morton St.) Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10am. *www.northridgenetwork.org/Falls-City. 402-245-2167*

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

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

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

BARADA

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

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

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

RULO

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

DAWSON

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

SHUBERT

St. Anne’s (Shubert) Sun. Mass: 10:30AM; confessions before Mass. *Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor. 855-3595 or 245-4151*

Shubert Christian Church Worship, 9:30AM;

Fellowship, 10:30AM; Sunday School, 10:30AM. Thursday Fellowship, 5:00PM. *Pulpit Supply*

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

STELLA

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

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

HUMBOLDT

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

ARAGO

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

VERDON

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

WHITE CLOUD, KS

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

BIG LAKE, MO

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

FOREST CITY, MO

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

Harvest tips for 2025

By Ritika Lamichhane-rlamichhane3@unl.edu

Extension Educator in Nemaha County, 402-274-4755

This year’s harvest may be more complicated than usual. Unusual growing conditions and higher disease pressure in 2025 have affected many fields across Nebraska. Farmers should be aware of potential problems and take steps to protect yield and grain quality.

Many corn stalks are weaker this year due to stress and diseases like stalk rot. Weak stalks are more likely to fall over in wind or rain. Tamra Jackson-Ziems, UNL Extension Plant Pathologist has suggested using the “push or pinch” tests to check stalk strength. The push test consists of pushing at least 100 corn plants to arm’s length, about 30 degrees from vertical. If they bend below the ear and do not snap back, they have a greater chance of lodging at, or prior to, harvest. If more than 10% of plants fail the test, you may consider harvesting early.

Foliar diseases like southern rust and tar spot have reduced photosynthesis. This leads to smaller kernels and lower test weights. Kernels may be brittle and prone to breaking during harvest. Grow-ers should adjust combine settings to reduce losses. Grain with ear rot or mold should not be mixed with high-quality grain. Drying affected grain

can slow fungal growth, and lower-quality grain should be used or sold first.

In terms of soybeans, the goal is to harvest as close to 13% moisture as possible to ensure maximum profit. Even if it means slower harvest speeds and paying some dockage at the elevator. Beans often dry down faster than expected, even when stems or leaves still appear green, so testing moisture earlier than assumed is important.

If the grower was to sell beans at 13.8% moisture, they could be docked ~2.5% (the percentage differs by Coops) of the selling price of \$9.60/bu, reducing the actual price to \$9.36 per bushel. Harvesting beans at 13.8% and paying the 2.5% dock at the elevator, is much more profitable than harvesting at 9% moisture. In this scenario, harvesting at the higher moisture will improve net returns by more than \$13/acre in beans yielding 75 bushels/acre. You can read more about this in an article written by York County Extension Educator Jenny Brhel at <https://jennresources.com/2025/09/07/harvest-soybean-moisture/>.

With these challenges in mind, I hope everyone has a safe harvest season. Be sure to keep fire extinguishers handy, take breaks when needed and remember to look at your mental, emotional and physical well-being.

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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

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

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

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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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You are hereby notified that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on November 16, 2012, in Book 250, Page 357 and a Modification of Deed of Trust recorded on January 11, 2016, in Book 264, Page 181, in the Office of the Richardson County Register of Deeds will be selling the following-described property at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 14th day of November, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The property is legally described as follows:

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VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Special meeting, ONE AND SIX YEAR ROAD AND STREET PLAN, September 22, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Notice of the special One and Six Year Road and Street plan meeting was posted in the Falls City Journal September 10, 2025 and 3 places in town.

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Kyle Gossman
 Absent: none
 Guest: Julie Bauman, Kristy Fischer

The special meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken. Chairman Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act.

The One and Six Year Road and Street plan, prepared by JEO Consulting group was presented with no new street projects and normal maintenance. Motion made by Ramer with a second by Donahoe to approve the plan. All present voted yea.

Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Hall to adjourn the special One and six year road and street plan meeting at 6:49 p.m. All voted yea.

Jana Wheeler, Village Clerk
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CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of the limited liability company: Robinson Roots, LLC. Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 2121 Crook St., Falls City, NE 68355. Name of the initial agent for service of process: Jeremy Robinson. Street, mailing address and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 2121 Crook St., Falls City, NE 68355. Effective date if other than the date filed: 9/12/25

/s/ Jeremy Robinson
 Name of Organizer
 1-8-15
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 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.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campvbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

PLEDGE SECURITY RECEIPTS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the following pledge security receipt replacements from F&M Bank: Richardson County Clerk, receipt #JC94843B to replace receipt #JC93069B; Richardson County Treasurer, receipt #JC94842D to replace receipt #JC93069A. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. An update was provided on the project NW of Dawson located on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road with plans anticipated to be received from the engineer by next week.

Tyler Bek from School Dist. #56 bus barn delivered an updated map to the Board and Mr. Darveau of the district's school bus routes. While Mr. Bek was at the meeting, a review of the map was held. Mr. Darveau reported that the other school districts within the County have submitted to the Road Department, updated maps of their bus routes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that there are 17 inmates currently being held in the Jail. An interview for a deputy to fill a vacancy will be held next week with a Nebraska Certified candidate. He also reported on the patrol done at the County Fair last week.

Discussion was held on the need to either repair or replace an engine in the 2021 Ford Explorer unit. The Sheriff will be working this next week to get this matter resolved.

ADOPT FY2025-2026 BUDGET

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the FY25-26 budget document as presented at the public budget hearing held Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-8. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 67)

PUBLIC HEARING TO CHANGE TAX LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR

At 10:02 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication for a public hearing to receive support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

No comments from the public were received.

Chairman Caverzagie closed the public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

SET 2025 TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-9 to set the 2025 tax levy for the County of Richardson at .300327. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 68)

The 2025 tax levy set at .300327 is an 8.19% decrease from the 2024 tax levy which was set at .327132.

PUBLIC HEARING

Liquor License for Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, LLC

At 10:37 a.m. Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Campbell to make a recommendation to the NE Liquor Control Commission to approve the issuance of a Class I liquor license for Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, LLC located at Crome's Smoke BBQ & Catering, 65627 713 Rd, Suite 1, Falls City, NE. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-nay. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director requested to meet with the Board to review and have discussion on the opportunity of a buy-out program for property owners within a floodway provided by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources grant.

The purpose of the grant is to reduce flood damage and loss of life by removing structures from high flood risk areas and to restore natural floodplain functions. This grant is available to communities to reduce their flood risk by helping homeowners move to a safer place out of the floodplain. The grant would cover most or all, of the cost of purchasing your home or relocating the home to a non-flood zone area. The price offered would be based on established appraisal standards.

Motion by Karas that a letter shall be sent to homeowners within the floodway areas of Richardson County to receive responses of interest from those homeowners in this program. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kirkendall also presented to the Board a revised ordinance/ resolution for floodway and flood fringe districts for review, discussion and future consideration.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was also in attendance for review and discussion on these items.

JERAD REIMERS, CONGRESSMAN SMITH REP

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congress Adrian Smith provided an update to the Board on the current legislation and work that is being done within Congress. He also reported that Congressman Smith has a Nebraska City District Office located at 202 South 8th Street, Suite A, Nebraska City, NE 68410, that is available for citizens within the 3rd Congressional District to contact, with questions or items that need to be addressed with other federal agencies. The phone number for that office is (402) 874-6050.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to go into an executive session at 11:27 a.m. with special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley, County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:53 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Immediately following the executive session, the following action was taken.

Motion was made by Karas to send a settlement offer for a contract to the NAPE/AFSCME Local #61 who is the representative of employees employed by the County of Richardson Roads/Highway Department. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Settlement Offer and summary of the proposed contract changes can be reviewed on the Richardson County website, www.richardsoncountynegov.gov.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

4-County Juvenile Services

Motion was made by Karas to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for FY 2025-2026 for the Four County Juvenile Diversion program with Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 69)

Correspondence from Trileaf, Telecommunications Tower

The Board received correspondence inviting comments on the site for the installation of a telecommunications tower described as Trileaf Project #770697, The Towers, LLC-Rulo/Project #US-NE-5185—707 Rd & 660 Ave, Rulo. The County will not provide comment on this project as there is no objection to the project.

Law Enforcement Center Roof

Commissioner Campbell reported that he has been in contact with several different contractors but has not yet received any quotes or estimates for the repair and/or replacement on the original building area roof of the Law Enforcement Center that received damage from a past hailstorm.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Caverzagie to deny the following claims submitted for reimbursement of

purchases made for candy to hand out for the Cobblestone parade: 1) Rick Hardesty for \$126.50 and 2) to Ashley Fischer for \$52.98. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv.....127.00
 Amazon, supp2750.00
 Charmtex, supp67.80
 Consolidated Management Company, supp.....11044.25
 Culligan, serv174.80
 DAS State Accounting, serv.....357.50
 Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb142.80
 Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodg.539.80
 Falls City Mercantile, supp...64.91
 Farm & City Supply, supp9.95
 Fields, Odis, reimb705.36
 First Concord, fees510.00
 Froeschl Concrete Construction, serv800.00
 Hy-Vee, supp92.23
 Kawres, supp535.00
 KexRx, supp1782.28
 Koch's Auto Service, serv...192.75
 KS Haug Communications, serv8845.26
 Lincoln Nation Life Ins., life ins1431.22
 Malcolm, Terry, serv420.00
 Medica, ins55777.66
 Merz Ink, serv870.00
 Nemaha County Sheriff Office, serv18.50
 Nestor & Mercure, serv9166.66
 O'Reilly Automotive, supp...11.99
 ODP Business Solutions, supp60.76
 Olowolafe Law Firm, serv...2403.50
 OPDD, serv33.11
 Paper Tiger Shredding, serv...80.00
 Petersen Reporting, serv60.00
 Quill, supp.....75.23
 Radiology Associates, serv...52.00
 Ram Exterminators, serv.....48.00
 Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb838.58
 Richardson County Vendor, FICA/ retire/etc26949.29
 Schendel Pest Control, serv...69.88
 Secretary of State, training...145.00
 SNC, serv875.84
 Weaver & Merz Law Office, reimb40.43
 Payroll Expense119648.85
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$247,818.19

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv50.76
 Falls City Auto Supply, supp593.70
 Farm & City Supply, supp...294.88
 Harmon's, supp37.50
 Hullman's, supp357.27
 Jim Hill's, serv1600.00
 Martin Marietta Materials, rock26034.31
 Midwest Engineering, serv...3936.50
 NPPD, serv32.63
 Norris Quarries, rock7963.50
 Operation & Expense Account, reimb141.71
 O'Reilly Automotive, supp...135.89
 Primrose Oil Company, supp3875.12
 Unifirst, serv30.48
 Payroll Expense36068.00
 TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$81,152.25

DRUG COURT FUND

Seth Hawkins, serv1300.00
 Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv1300.00
 TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND.....\$2,600.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS

Charmtex, supp51.36
 CPC, serv1909.95
 SNC, serv167.00
 SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUNDS2,128.31

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
 Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Falls City, Nebraska, is requesting sealed proposals for RFP #2025-001 – SCADA System Material Procurement (Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories [SEL] Materials).

Qualified vendors are invited to submit proposals to furnish SEL protective relays, RTAC equipment, and associated materials as listed in the RFP documents. No substitutions will be accepted.

Sealed proposals must be clearly marked "ATTN: Trevor Campbell – SEL Material, RFP #2025-001" and delivered to:

Falls City Clerk's Office
 2307 Barada Street
 Falls City, NE 68355

Deadline: 1:00 PM (CST), Tuesday, October 14th, 2025. Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted. All questions must be submitted in writing by 1:00 PM, Friday, October 9th, 2025, to Trevor Campbell, Public Works Director, at t.campbell@fallscityne.us.

For additional information, go to <https://www.fallscitynebraska.org/bid-postings> or call the Utility Department at 402.245.2851.

For project scope or technical specification questions, contact David Hunter, PE, Farris Engineering, at dhunter@farris-usa.com.

The City of Falls City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities.

Published: 10.1.25 & 10.8.25

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VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Special Budget hearing and Budget Summary, September 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Notice of the Special Budget hearing and Budget summary was published in the Falls City Journal on September 17, 2025 and posted in three places in the Village of Stella.

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Kyle Gossman
 Absent: none
 Guest: Julie Bauman, Kristy Fischer

The special meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken.

Bauman handed out copies of the budget and went over figures on the budget statement. Bauman answered questions concerning the budget. Motion made by Hall and seconded by Ramer to adjourn the budget hearing. All voted yea.

Jana Wheeler, Village Clerk
 ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Special meeting, APPOINTMENT FOR STREET SUPERINTENDENT AND ENGINEER, September 22, 2025 at 6.50 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Notice of the special meeting to appoint a street superintendent and engineer was posted 3 places in town.

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Kyle Gossman

Absent: none
 Guest: Julie Bauman, Kristy Fischer

The special meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken.

Motion made by Hall and seconded by Gossman to appoint Evan Wickersham to street superintendent for the Village of Stella. All voted yea.

Motion made by Hall and seconded by Donahoe to adjourn the special meeting at 6:54 p.m. All voted yea.

Jana Wheeler, Village Clerk
 ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Special meeting, AUDIT WAIVER, September 22, 2025 at 6.55 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Notice of the special audit waiver meeting was posted 3 places in town.

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Kyle Gossman

Absent: none
 Guest: Julie Bauman, Kristy Fischer

The special meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken.

Motion by Ramer and seconded by Hall to approve the audit waiver. All voted yea.

Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Gossman to adjourn the special audit waiver meeting at 6:59 p.m.. All voted yea.

Jana Wheeler, Village Clerk
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**Southeast District
Health Department**

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HELP WANTED

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

Hours 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday - Thursday. Paid health, dental, vision, and short-term disability benefits. PTO and paid federal holidays.

Native American preference does apply.

Application form and full job description can be accessed by emailing tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com or visit www.sacandfoxks.com.

Submit the application form, cover letter, and resume, outlining your skills, background, and interest in the position to employment@sacandfoxks.com or submit a paper copy of the application form, cover letter, and resume, to Tammy Epple, 305 N. Main, Reserve, KS 66434 or fax to (785) 742- 3785.

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ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN
SAC AND FOX NATION
OF MISSOURI IN KANSAS & NEBRASKA

Position located in Reserve Kansas. Duties include/ but not limited to: Networking with environmental officials. Assistance with department functions such as filing, water/biological sampling, and solid waste operations. Conduct community outreach. Performs other duties as assigned by the Environmental Department Director or Tribal Council.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Education or directly related experience is preferred. However, applicants with an interest in becoming an Environmental Technician and having the ability to learn and perform the duties of the position may apply.

Must have the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Must be able to work in weather extremes. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must have valid driver’s license.

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VILLAGE OF
RULO

**Village of Rulo
Board Special Meeting Minutes
Advance notice of meeting
posted by 2PM on Sunday,
September 7, 2025 at Rulo
Library, Swingin’ Doors and
Wild Bill’s**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, immediately following annual Budget meetings at Rulo Library

Board Chairperson, Rebecca Simmonds, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm, upon the conclusion of the 2025 Budget Hearing. Roll call – Present: Rebecca Simmonds, Kraig Coonce, Regina Barber, Todd Thompson, Mike Keller, Clerk-Rachel Jean, Guest-Bob Aitken

A motion was made by Coonce and seconded by Barber to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Roll call – AYE: Coonce, Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Coonce to request an audit waiver from the State Auditor’s office for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Coonce, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Coonce moved for the adoption of Resolution 092025-01 to set the property tax request for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Seconded by Keller. Roll call – AYE: Coonce, Thompson, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Resolution 092025-01 adopted.

A motion was made by Coonce and seconded by Barber to enter into an interlocal agreement to remain a member of the Mutual Finance Organization for the next 3 years. Roll call – AYE: Coonce, Keller, Barber, Thompson, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Barber to approve the Special August and the regular August meeting minutes. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Barber, Thompson, Coonce, Simmonds. Motion carried.

The Board discussed snow removal options for the 2025-2026 winter season. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Coonce to make a post in the Falls City Journal to request quotes on snow removal. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Coonce, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Coonce moved for the adoption of Resolution 092025-02 for the 2025 Annual Certification of Program Compliance with NDOT. Seconded by Barber. Roll call – AYE: Coonce, Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Resolution 092025-02 adopted.

The Board discussed the installation of a piece of playground equipment at the Campground. Clerk, Rachel Jean, advised that the campground has generated just under \$5000 in revenue this fiscal year and that the change in insurance will be minimal. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Coonce to approve installation of the equipment. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Coonce, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Coonce made a request for reimbursement for radio equipment to be made to the Rulo Volunteer Fire Department. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Thompson to approve the reimbursement. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Abstain: Coonce. Motion carried.

Clerk, Rachel Jean, requested a change to the Water Fund bank account to remove the possibility of unexpected bank transaction fees. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Keller to approve the change. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Keller, Coonce, Thompson, Simmonds. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a starting list of projects to work on with Iowa Tribe. No action taken.

The Board reviewed two quotes for limb removal as discussed in August meeting. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Thompson to accept the quote from Pine Grove for \$9,000. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Thompson – NAY: Keller, Simmonds, Abstain: Keller. Motion failed.

The Board discussed various nuisance and junk removal issues, UTV/ATV Ordinance changes, utility access issues and highway light repair without any action taken.

A quote from Johansen Drainage and Tile was received for the installation of a drainage culvert at 1st and Dupuis. A motion was made by Barber to accept the quote of \$2,500.00 if the project is completed within 1 week of the drainage tube being available and to bill for payment in next meeting. The motion was seconded by Keller. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Keller, Thompson, Simmonds. Abstain – Coonce. Motion carried.

Clerk, Rachel Jean, presented the September water utility report, July Keno report and September claims list. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Keller to approve the claims as presented. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Keller, Coonce, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

GENERAL – Grey Snow Sanitation \$55.00 (svcs), OPPD \$1027.46 (utility), SNC \$51.08 (phone/internet), Falls City Journal \$97.28 (svcs), Miller Monroe \$175.00 (bond), payroll \$2658.17

ROADS – Farmer’s Repair & Machine Shop \$330.00 (svcs), Farm & City Supply \$60.10 (supplies), Grandview Oil \$200.00 (fuel), Servaes Enterprises \$1002.40 (rock), Falls City Auto Supply \$89.33 (supplies), Foley Equipment \$260.65 (parts), Bletscher Trucking \$1198.55 (svcs)

WATER – NE Dept of Revenue \$36.87 (sales tax), NE Public Health Env Lab \$15.00 (svcs), City of Falls City \$3028.23 (svcs), payroll \$323.22

FIRE – Rulo Volunteer Fire Department \$947.41 (equipment) **CEMETERY** – Pine Grove \$2600.00 (svcs)

A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:36PM. Roll call – AYE: Keller, Thompson, Barber, Coonce, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6PM, at the Rulo Library.

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VILLAGE OF
STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Special Meeting, Adopting the Budget, September 22, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Notice of the Special budget meeting was posted in three places in the Village of Stella.

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Kyle Gossman

Absent: none
Guest: Julie Bauman, Kristy Fischer

The special meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken.

Motion made by Gossman and seconded by Donahoe to adopt the budget for 2025-2026 setting the property tax at \$20,217.45 as read by Bauman. All voted yea.

Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Donahoe to adjourn the budget meeting at 7:40 p.m. All voted yea.

Jana Wheeler, Village Clerk
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VILLAGE OF
STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request, September 22, 2025 at 7:10 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Notice of the Special Tax Hearing was published in the Falls City Journal on September 17, 2025 and posted in three places in the Village of Stella.

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Jim Donahoe, Heath Stanley, Kyle Gossman

Absent: none
Guest: Julie Bauman, Kristy Fischer

The special meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken.

Bauman went over the figures comparing this years request to last years request setting the property tax request for the 2025-2026 at \$20,217.45

Motion made by Hall and seconded by Ramer to adjourn the tax hearing at 7:29 p.m. All voted yea.

Jana Wheeler, Village Clerk
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VILLAGE OF
RULO

**Village of Rulo
Special Hearing for Final Tax Request**

Notice of meeting provided to the public in the Falls City Journal on September 3, 2025

TUESDAY, September 09, 2025 at 6:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Becky Simmonds, at 6:01 pm. Roll: Present – Rebecca Simmonds, Kraig Coonce, Regina Barber, Todd Thompson, Rachel Jean, Robert Aitken; Absent – Mike Keller

The board reviewed the final tax request as published in the Falls City Journal on September 3, 2025. A copy of the final tax request is available from the Clerk by request. The board was available to hear comments from general public regarding the final tax request.

Motion was made by Coonce to close the special hearing for the final tax request at 6:13pm. Motion was seconded by Thompson with all present voting in favor to approve the motion to close the special hearing.

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VILLAGE OF
RULO

**Village of Rulo Budget Hearing
Notice of meeting provided to the public in the Falls City Journal on September 3, 2025
TUESDAY, September 09, 2025 at 6:15 pm**

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Becky Simmonds, at 6:15 pm. Roll: Present – Rebecca Simmonds, Kraig Coonce, Regina Barber, Todd Thompson, Rachel Jean, Robert Aitken; Absent – Mike Keller

The board reviewed the budget as published in the Falls City Journal on September 3, 2025. A copy of the proposed budget is available from the Clerk by request.

Board member, Mike Keller, joined the meeting at 6:22pm.

The board was available for members of the general public to ask questions about the proposed budget.

Upon review of the proposed budget, Coonce made a motion to close the budget hearing at 6:31pm. The motion was seconded by Thompson with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

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HOMECOMING WEEK AT FCPS & HTRS



2025 FCPS HOMECOMING COURT, L-R: Blakely Sells, Addy Sayer, Queen Carlea Dunkhas and King Brock Niedfeldt, Gavin Bauer and Evie Rue.



HTRS CROWNS 2025 HOMECOMING ROYALTY, L-R: (Freshman) Lexus Tichy and Preston Mezger, (Sophomore) Emerson Bredemeier and Brayden Bowen, (Senior) Madison Bredemeier and Bennet Arth, (Queen) Lillian Bowen and (King) Emmett Glathar, (Senior) Elizabeth Bstandig and Jonathan Koch, (Junior) Shyla Clark and Darius Bohling. (Photo by Sandy Stalder)

FCPS crowns 2025 Homecoming royalty

Carlea Dunkhas and Brock Niedfeldt were crowned the 2025 Homecoming Queen and King at Falls City High School on Friday night.

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A Homecoming parade was held on Stone Street Friday afternoon and continued to Prichard Auditorium. Students, staff, alumni and community members lined the route to cheer for floats, students and athletic teams.

Other members of the Homecoming court included Blakely Sells, Addy Sayer, Gavin Bauer and Evie Rue.

A pep rally was held at Prichard Auditorium following the parade. Students and faculty filled the auditorium to show school spirit and support the Tigers ahead of the Homecoming football game.

SUNDAY FUN DAY!

OCTOBER 5TH - NOON TO 4PM

Shop special store hours & have fun playing "Shop Local Bingo"! Find cards & more details at the below locations!

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