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Campbell asks Board members to consider negotiations with Road Department Employees

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners gathered at the courthouse on Wednesday, October 22, for its regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners Karas, Caverzagie and Campbell answered the roll call.

The meeting opened with a quarterly update by EDGE Executive Director Lucas Froeschl. See the Falls City Council meeting story for more details on the update.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the Board and discussed bids for a road grader and pickup for the Road Department.

Darveau stated that traffic on gravel roads has not slowed, saying that 20- and 30-year employees have recently complained about the speed of some farmers hauling grain from the fields.

After discussion, the Board voted to approve the purchase

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Local Non-Profit Trust formed to save weekly newspaper

The Pawnee Republican, the oldest continuously operating weekly newspaper in Nebraska, has been a cornerstone of Pawnee County for over 157 years. However, the paper now faces the threat of closure, reflecting a broader trend of struggling community newspapers across the state. Since 2023, several Nebraska newspapers have shut down or merged, leaving nine counties without a local publication. Pawnee County residents are determined to avoid this fate.

To preserve their newspaper, the community has established the Sunrise Publications Journalism Trust, a non-profit organization dedicated to financially supporting the paper. Under this initiative, ownership of the *Pawnee Republican* will transfer to the trust, ensuring its survival. The trust plans to sustain the publication through tax-deductible donations and sponsorships, leveraging local and regional philanthropy.

Ron and Bev Puhalla, who owned the paper from 1990 until selling it in 2019, came out of retirement in October 2023 to prevent its closure. Now eager to return to retirement, they are working with the trust to secure the paper's future. The trust is currently seeking a director to manage the newspaper and its two staff members—an assistant editor and an office manager.

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Council approves agreement with Olsson for \$1.5 million on Energy Forward Transmission Improvement project

The Falls City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025, at City Hall. Mayor Harkendorff, Kenny Killingsworth and Joe Buckminster were all absent from the proceedings. Council President Derrick Leyden served as acting mayor.

Under routine business, the Treasurer's report for September 2025 was not included. City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum requested that the item be tabled, as he had not had sufficient time to complete the report before the meeting.

Nussbaum advised the Board of a power outage scheduled to occur between 2:00 and 4:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. The outage was necessary to address some safety issues associated with the downtown electrical project.

During the regular business session of the meeting, permission was granted for the temporary closure from the 1500 block to 1800 Stone Street

on November 28, 2025, for the lighted Christmas Parade. The request from the Falls City Chamber and Main Street Executive Director Amber Holle asked for no parking in the 1500-1700 blocks of Stone Street for safety reasons and to improve the visibility of the parade. The request was approved 6-0.

The Council also voted to send a letter in support of the Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Merger.

Falls City EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl presented a quarterly report to the Board. Froeschl noted that work had been done regarding the possible purchase of the Portillo's Mexican Grill building, which was lost in a fire. However, he said a settlement to return the area to beneficial use was unlikely.

Froeschl also advised the members of several NDOT projects that will be occurring in the future in Falls City. He stated that the planned replace-

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Tour group converges on Falter Museum

Late this summer a bus carrying twenty visitors from the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation in Lincoln arrived in Falls City. The tour, led by Peru State College history professor Sara Cook, made stops at the Stalder Gallery and the Falter Museum in Falls City.

The museum is also on the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation's travel adventure program, WanderNebraska this year. Leslie Fattig is the Executive Director the State Historical Society.

The group arrived at the Falter Museum around 4:30 on Wednesday afternoon and was greeted by seven docents from the museum. They were then

treated to a short history lesson on the artist by Dobey Falter Haws and a 30-minute film produced by NET from 1980.

Haws told the tourists that she is related to the artist because he and her dad were double cousins. Their mothers were sisters and their fathers were brothers, making them double cousins.

Haws pointed out that John Falter was born in Plattsmouth, NE, but was raised in Falls City and graduated from Falls City High School in 1928.

The Falter Museum opened in 2015, inspired by an exhibit at the State Historical Society Museum from 2012 to 2014 that featured the work of John Falter.

The centerpiece of the exhibit wrapping per at A spending wrapping wrapping per at A spending wrapping wrappin

was the painting titled "Christmas in Falls City," which was featured on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post on December 21, 1946. In 25 years, Falter produced over 120 covers for the publication.

"Anyway, we've been here ten years now and we're just really pleased," said Haws.

Falter passed away in Philadelphia on May 20, 1982, at the age of 72

The group made their way to the Den for a social hour before wrapping up the night with supper at A&G restaurant. After spending the night at the Grand Weaver Hotel, the group boarded the bus and headed back to Lincoln

Hallowe'en creeps into Nebraska in the mid 1880's

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Halloween in Falls City has changed quite a bit since the first mentions appeared in local newspapers nearly 150 years ago. The city's earliest papers recorded the night as one of mischief and superstition, long before costumes and candy on Lane

Street.
One of the first references to Halloween in Nebraska I could find appeared on October 31, 1867, in The *Omaha Herald*. The paper reminded readers that October 31 marked "the old feast of Hallowe'en," a night when "disembodied spirits walked around in times gone by and kicked up pranks wherever they

The *Herald* described how Irish and Scottish families celebrated with feasting and games:

went."

"Fairies, little villains, fantastically dressed, red predominating, go round the orchards and render fruits and berries uneatable henceforth. The people enjoy feasting to their heart's content." The tradition described in the *Omaha World Herald* resembled Thanksgiving. Traditional foods included "turkeys, fat geese, bacon, colcannon and furmety." Children passed the time "cracking nuts, diving for apples, melting lead and various other pastimes." The article noted that "several families in Omaha" planned their own gatherings that night.

That early report shows Halloween had already

Halloween in Falls City has changed quite a bit since reached Nebraska settlers barely two years after state-hood.

Among Falls City's first documented references I could find came on March 14, 1878, in the *Falls City Daily News*. The item, printed among short

notes, reflected Ireland's long association with Halloween fortunetelling:

"Whoever on Hallowe'en shall place a cabbage over the door shall marry the first young man that enters the door afterward."

The following year a grateful *Grand Island Times* of November 13, 1879, reported: "Our boys did not celebrate Hallowe'en."

That line suggests that in some communities, the custom

was still unfamiliar. By contrast, Falls City's mention a year earlier shows the name and idea of Halloween had already circulated locally through print.

By the 1890s, Falls City had fully adopted the holiday and the mischief we now know associated with it. On November 4, 1892, the *Falls City Daily News* ran a warning about the prior Monday night:

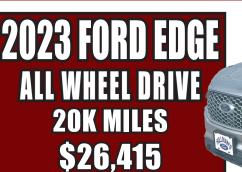
"Hallowe'en was observed on Monday night with the usual exhibitions of juvenile depravity. Things were upset and disturbed as they always are at such times, and as usual, signs were changed, gates taken off the hinges

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Prairie Doc

The key to boosting immunity

By Kelly Evans Hullinger, MD FACP

It's hard to look at your television or social media and not see a headline about some "superfood," supplement, or other product promising to "boost immunity." And who doesn't want to boost immunity, especially in a year in which measles outbreaks are becoming routine? Genuinely, there is one entity available to us that, more than any other fad, will help our immunity and protect us against infection: vaccines.

Vaccines are one of the great miracles in the history of science serving humanity. Whereas in centuries before, seeing children and young people die of infectious diseases was a universal experience, vaccines have truly changed the world in that regard. Diseases like smallpox and polio have been wiped out after being something parents feared throughout human existence.

With the huge successes of vaccines, in some ways we as a society have forgotten their wonderful impact. Measles, up until the 1960's a disease that was commonplace and resulted in unfortunate deaths of infants and children, was rarely seen after widespread vaccination in the late 20th century and early 2000's. Unfortunately, because of declining rates of childhood vaccination, that is no longer true. Various misinformation campaigns and, probably, a general sense of insignificance (no new parents remember anyone having measles), are to blame.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that statistically requires about 95% vaccination rate in a population to achieve herd immunity. Herd immunity status gives protection to vulnerable individuals including those too young to vaccinate (infants under one year of age). We have seen large outbreaks of measles in numerous states this year, generally in communities where that herd immunity is not being achieved. And because measles is so highly contagious, kids who have not been vaccinated may have to miss school for weeks to stay safe. Most sadly, we have seen deaths this year in the US from a disease which was considered eliminated as recently as 2020. Let's hope this isn't a sign of other preventable infectious diseases making a comeback.

So, if you're looking to boost your immunity this season, of course I recommend a healthy diet, regular exercise, and adequate sleep. But if you want to make the biggest impact, talk to your doctor about vaccines and get caught up with evidence-based recommendations. Your immune system will thank you.

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All things Nebraska

OPINIONS AND EDITORIALS

Shutting out the media, denying them access, leads to bad results

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

There's an old saying about government – "what is said isn't so, it's what is so isn't said."

So that means that someone – maybe a state auditor, maybe a whistleblower, but often a news reporter needs to dig in and find out what is really happening with our tax dollars.

That's why it was so disgusting to read recently about our "Secretary of War's" crackdown on access by reporters to the Pentagon.

Pete Hegseth, a former Fox News weekend host, is the U.S. Secretary of Defense. And it's his opinion that reporting by a free press - a right guaranteed in the Bill of Rights - is somehow disruptive to his

(President Trump wants to change the title to Secretary of War for some reason, but he can't do that without an act of Congress, so I'm sticking with the legal title.)

So Hegseth wants reporters to sign what amounts to a loyalty oath, pledging that they will refrain from reporting about things his agency - one of the largest and biggest spenders in federal government – has not authorized to be revealed.

Reporters have long self-restrained from reporting on troop movements and ongoing military exercises that would endanger soldiers. But give me a break, has anyone ever heard about the Pentagon Papers?

That 1967 document, long held in secret by the Pentagon, revealed that our country's military leaders and presidents had concluded for years that a war in Vietnam was unwinnable. Yet our leaders kept sending troops, spending money and telling us we could win until a costly war, in terms of lives and expenditures, ended 1975.

That was a document that the Pentagon did not authorize for release. It took a whistleblower and reporters and editors with the New York Times in 1971 to tell us the truth. I could cite more examples.

Let's be honest, reporters and editors aren't very popular these days. Trump labels them often as "enemies of the people" and denigrates reporters who write things he doesn't like. He's also sued several news organizations over petty grievances -news organizations that he doesn't like.

Government officials, when they screw up, would rather not read about it on the front page of a paper or a website. Hegseth, I gotta believe, wasn't too happy when the media revealed that he'd accidentally, and carelessly, shared details of a secret air strike with a magazine editor.

But consider this – do you want government officials to hand pick what we know and shouldn't know? You trust them to always tell you what's going on, even when that's bad news?

Would you have rather not heard what our governor leaders really thought about the Vietnam War?

over when covering Nebraska state government. And while I believe that the vast majority of folks who work in government are honest and want to serve the public, there's those who figure it's a chance to cut corners, enrich themselves, and make their agency look good. We need reporters, as well as inspector generals and auditors, to provide an essential double check.

mous warning.

pass muster.

turned in their Pentagon press passes in response to the awful new rules proposed by Hegseth. And rightly so.

is some agency chief spoon-feeding us what he believes we should, and shouldn't know about how our dollars are being spent. Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling

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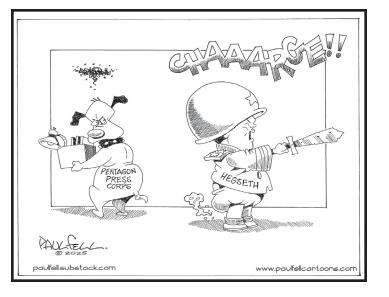
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It's not the job of a reporter to take down everything a governor or president says and decide that it must be true. "Trust but verify" was Ronald Reagan's fa-

We spend more than \$900 billion on defense. That's dollars you and I pay as taxes. We deserve to know, exactly, how our money is being spent, and that it's not being spent on \$300 toilet lids or billion dollar warships or jets that don't

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75 Years Ago, October 29, 1950 to November 4, 1950

The Herbster oil lease, where Skelly Oil first discovered oil in the Barada field, had yielded somewhere near \$384,000 in cash since the first well was drilled in 1941.

Prichard Auditorium was to host a Halloween party for grade school youngsters. Over 100 prizes had been donated by local Falls City businesses.

It was reported that haircuts in eight Falls City barber shops increased to \$1. Norm Forney claimed the dubious honor of having been the first man in Falls City history to pay \$1 for a trim. The establishments included Nicholson's, Birdsley's, Hotel Barber Shop, Uptown Barber Shop, Elin's Barber Shop, Wagner's, Jones Barber Shop and Prater's.

Walter Grimes, 44, of Hiawatha, was sworn in as a new member of the Falls City Police Department.

Barbara Arendt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Arendt of Falls City, was chosen as the queen of the 36th annual Halloween festival at Hiawatha. An estimated 15,000 people attended the event.

White House guards shot two men armed with German Luger pistols as they tried to force their way into Blair House, President Truman's home.

The Vogue Anniversary Sale featured nylons for \$0.89 and blouses for \$1.09.

For the second time in slightly more than a year, the safe at Falls City Truck and Implement Co. was robbed by thieves who escaped with nearly \$150.00.

The Stop-and-Go traffic lights at the 15th and 16th Street intersections, near Stone Street, were installed and ready to go.

A twin daughter, born prematurely to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dorste, passed away at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital.

Henry's Bar, on the west side of Main Street in Rulo, advertised Bar-B-Q ribs for

85 cents a plate.

The Irish football team walked away with a 62-28 triumph over St. Joseph's in Beatrice. Chico Marx scored the first TD of the game on a 10-yard ramble. He scored again on a 79-yard run later in the contest. Johnny Knobbe got in on the action, scooping up a fumble and rambling for a TD, then he closed a long drive with a 10-yard TD run.

Humboldt took down Table Rock 26-13 at Humboldt Field. Clayton Workman had two touchdowns, while Arthur Trimmer and Lee Ogle each added one for the Cardi-

"Have you tried our home-made chili, vegetable soup, and pies?" read an advertisement for Wittrock's Drive In at 11th and Harlan.

50 Years Ago, October 29, 1975 to November 4, 1975

Following a public hearing, the County Board of Commissioners awarded a public inn license to Betty Frederick and James McPheeters for Pony Creek Inn, south of town on Highway 73.

Randall Rinquest, agency legal counsel for the Nebraska State Patrol, told members of the faculty and administrators in the public school system that there was a 1,300

percent increase in Nebraska's drug problem from 1968 to the present. Dale Georges was pictured with a six-point buck he shot with a bow and arrow. The deer dressed out at 240 pounds, meaning it weighed over 300 pounds, making it one

of the largest nabbed in the area. A 26-six oz. bottle of Del Mone catsup was on sale for 69 cents at Jack & Jill Food

The law firm of Weaver, Beekman, and Merz relocated from 116 West 19th Street to its new, attractive office at 1719 Stone Street. The building had previously been the location of the Sears Catalog Store.

The marriage of Phyllis Butrick and Wayne Kreutzer was announced in The Journal. The couple wed on October 12 at the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Richard Dinsdale performed the double-ring ceremony.

Leslie Tisdel, Angela Wolfe and David and Phillip Abbott were Class I winners in the annual Halloween costume contest. Over 400 youngsters marched in the parade. Class 2 winners included Delyn Bogle, Angie Gerweck and Kristi Olberding.

Woody Allen and Diane Keaton starred in "Love and Death" at the Rivoli Theater. An ad in the paper read: Notice, Harmon's O.K. Tire Store will close on Saturdays at noon starting November 1, 1975.

The Tiger football squad defeated Boys Town 14-0. QB Gary Kratz scored the first TD of the game on a 25-yard run, while Jim Farmer scored on the second-half kickoff. The play began with Bill Jahn fielding the kick at the FC 15. He then lateraled the ball

to Farmer on the opposite side of the field and scored the game's final TD. Mrs. John Steinman announced that she had purchased the Pandora's Box gift store at 1607 Stone Street from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palmer.

The Falls City High School marching band received an excellent rating at the Nebraska State Marching Band Festival at Pershing Auditorium.

The Immaculate Conception Church in Rulo was the setting for the wedding of

Marcella Scholl and Allan Bauman. Father Daniel Pohl officiated the nuptials. Gibson's Discount Center held a first anniversary sale. A 23-channel CB radio was on sale for \$97.95, and Mrs. Alison Cookies for four packs for one dollar.

The Galaxy Conference announced all-conference football teams. From Sacred Heart, Jim Hoy, Matt Froeschl, Jon Kopetzky, Bob Aitken, Mike Sells, and Steve Pokorny made the squad. From Southeast, John Hill, Garland Shafer, Frank Biaggi and Al DeJone received recognition. Les Drake, Paul Heim and Jeff Fankhauser earned the nod from Humboldt.

25 Years Ago, October 29, 2000, to November 4, 2000

Sarah Baker and Dana Dill were named the Falls City High School homecoming Queen and King at halftime of the Tigers' game against Lincoln Lutheran.

Jeanette Chamberlain won first prize in the Community Medical Center Halloween costume contest, while Mary Lunsford was second, and Kathy Young was third.

The District 56 School Board voted to proceed with a two-room addition and upgrade to the electrical system at North School. The cost of the project was \$221,657, and AHRS hoped to have the work completed before the start of the 2001 school year.

The 10-0 Irish football team moved into the playoffs with a 41-32 win over the No. 7-ranked Johnson-Brock Eagles.

Lincoln Lutheran scored with 40 seconds to play to get the comeback win against the Tigers, 11-8. The loss ended Falls City's season at 2-7, while the Warriors improved to 7-2.

A wounded SE Consolidated football team pounded Nemaha Valley 36-14 to end the season. Brent Shubert led SE with 148 yards rushing on just 14 carries.

The Humboldt Show Choir took home the top honors at the 29th annual Peru State College Show Choir Festival. Reggie Johansen was pictured on the front page in his Godzilla Halloween costume.

Phil and Sandy Chaffee celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas.

Shane Vollmer from Falls City High School and A.J. Ahern of Sacred Heart were The Journal Athletes of the Week.

Falls City juniors Craig West and Shannon Windle won the top prizes in the senior division of the River City Round-Up Art Contest. Winners of the Southeast Nebraska Telephone Co. Halloween Contest were Jacob

Bahr, Madison Huppert, Samanth Brooke Shafer and Regan Deckinger.

Dan Farley was welcomed as the new pastor of the Faith Baptist Church.

Council approves agreement with Olsson for \$1.5 million on Energy Forward Transmission Improvement project

ment of the viaduct bridge on Highway 8, west of town, and the Salem bridge, is in the design phase and could occur

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within the next two to three years. He also informed the Board that a complete replacement of Highway 73 (Harlan Street) is planned, from 20th or 21st Street south, and also at 14th Street, from Harlan Street to Highway 159.

"There is conversations again of the three lane, four lane," said Froeschl.

He recalled the conversations that occurred years earlier regarding the change, stating local support favored keeping the road at four lanes.

"Now, there is a conversation going on here about if the Falls City residents wish for this to be four lane, then there could potentially be a cost share that is required out of the city," said Froeschl.

Council person Ferguson explained to the members that Falls City missed out on having the road replaced at no cost the last time.

"It would have been three lanes, then all your curbs, gutters, light fixtures and traffic signals," said Ferguson. "And all that would have been part of it."

Froeschl told the Board that the stretch of road will be repaired in 2029.

He stated that a grant has been identified through the Economic Development Administration that could help with some of the costs associated with the transmission line project.

"We are applying for \$5 million for a substation," said Froeschl.

He proceeded to inform those in attendance that Falls City qualified for the grant due to the straightline event that occurred in the area on October 30 of the previous year.

Talks have been ongoing with Nebraska Rural Generation to explore power plant opportunities in Falls City. "Just trying to look and see what options are available for us," said Froeschl. "There's some private capital that's interested in potentially investing in Falls City, but we're trying to figure out if it's legal in our public power state."

Froeschl met with OPPD President Javier Fernandez at a leadership dinner. "He fully understands what we are going through," said Froeschl. "They're going through the same thing."

Froeschl explained that OPPD is experiencing generation issues itself, finding it challenging to meet all the electrical demands.

The Council voted unanimously to approve a request by the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department to amend the budget to allow for the purchase of five additional sets of turnout gear. The Council had previously approved the purchase of seven sets of gear in July of 2025. The cost per unit is \$3,550.00, totaling \$17,750.00 through Feld Fire in Carroll, Iowa.

Jon McQueen advised the Council that NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) guidelines recommend replacing the gear every ten years; the utilizes is 18 years old.

The Council voted to authorize adding \$17,750 to the existing \$5,000 capital equipment budget for the fire department.

The Board passed a resolution for the signing of the 2025 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads' Classifications and Standards. By signing the resolution, the Council certifies that the city met the conditions for the Highway Allocation Program and the Street Superintendent Program.

The Council authorized an agreement with Farris Engineering for \$95,000.00 for the GRID Resiliency Project. Farris will assist Falls City in evaluating viable options for reinforcing the existing wooden structure used in the 5kV substation at the power plant.

The Board also authorized an agreement with Olsson for \$1,507,421.00 for Phases 10, 20 and 30 of the Energy Forward Transmission Improvement Project. The award includes the design of the 115kV transmission line connecting Falls City to an Evergy substation in Kansas, 18 miles south of town. The scope of work that 6:33 p.m.

current gear the department Olsson will entail includes surveying, land acquisition support, line routing, detailed engineering, bid process support and construction support scopes. Phase 10 involves project management and coordination, Phase 20 encompasses planning, regulatory, and agency coordination, while Phase 30 focuses on routing and preliminary design support. Phase 10 is budgeted for \$514,900; Phase 20 will cost approximately \$248,502, and Phase 30 is

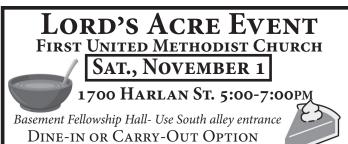
> A SCADA system for the Power Plant Controls Upgrade Project, totaling \$98,605, was approved for SEL Engineering. SEL will supply equipment for the PDC, control room, Wärtsilä switchgear, and U9 Wärtsilä.

estimated at \$744,019.

The final items involved the authorization of a loan agreement addendum for the 1612 Fulton Street Rural Workforce Housing Project.

Once the project was finalized, the city had a 12-month agreement to sell the property, which has not been fulfilled. The city requested and has been granted a six-month extension on the loan.

With no further action remaining on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at



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Back row from left: Enoch Petersen, Karsen Simpson, Ben Simpson, Brett Huebner, Kellen Huebner, Larry Strecker, Joel Ristvedt, Ethan Utecht. Middle row from left: Kristin Petersen, Stephanie Simpson, Connie Rowland, Judy Carlson, Kyle Embretson, Angie Embretson, Michelle Strecker, Karlene Ristvedt, Gwendolyn Ristvedt, Justina Utecht, Emryn Utecht, Kaysen Utecht, Ryland Utecht. Front row from left: Finley Simpson, Baker Simpson, Elena Strecker, Noah Strecker, Jan Huebner, Ingrid Ristvedt, Ray Huebner, Finn Ristvedt.

Sunset Farms Celebrates one-hundred years

The 100th year of the original purchase of land included in the property of HCS Sunset Farms is marked in the current year of 2025. William Huebner Sr. purchased 160 acres in 1925. His son, Harold, rented the land from his father upon his marriage in 1940 to Irene Fritz, and in 1945, they purchased the land from William Sr. In 1975, a corporation was created in which all four of their children owned shares. At this time, their eldest son, Raymond, moved onto the farm with his family while co-farming with his father. In 2009, Raymond's eldest daughter, Angela, and her husband, Kyle Embretson, bought the shares belonging to the siblings of Raymond. They moved into the house on the farm with their two daughters in 2010, and Kyle has been co-farming with his

father-in-law, Ray, since that time.

During Memorial Day weekend of this year, the descendants of Harold and Irene Huebner came together for Saturday evening fun, Sunday worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (6 miles north), and for brunch and a tour of Sunset Farms. The children of Harold and Irene: Ray, Judy Carlson, Leland, and Connie Rowland had fun sharing their memories of their time growing up on the farm.

The children of Ray and Jan Huebner: Angie Embretson, Michelle Strecker, and Brett, shared their memories as well. Later in July, the children of Ray and Jan Huebner and their families gathered together to celebrate again with swimming and a BBQ, as not all were present earlier in May.





SOCIETY

DISTRICT 13 FALL ROUND-UP

Doris DeJonge, Secretary Crab Orchard ALA Unit #336 was host to the ALA District 13 Fall Round-up in their Community Building. Units from the District were: Crab Orchard, Cook, Burchard, Pawnee City, Humboldt and Shubert. President Bobbi Albers called the meeting to order. Chaplain Linda Patchen offered prayer before the group enjoyed a delicious salad/meat/dessert luncheon provided by the Units in attendance. The History report was read by Jean Burns while the ladies finished up with their meal.

President Bobbi introduced our Special Guest, Hope Mahoney from Tecumseh. Hope is a mental health nurse (RN) case manager at the Lincoln VA Clinic which is an Intensive Community Mental Health Recovery Services Program for our Veterans with severe mental illness. This RANGE (Rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement) service reaches out to veterans struggling with: Anger, Depression, Feelings of being overwhelmed, Financial hardship, Chron-

ic pain, Homelessness, PTSD, Family issues and Suicide Prevention. The RANGE team meets with Veterans in their homes and in the community to help meet recovery goals established by the Veteran and the team.

Seated at the head table were Bobbi's Vice President, Tana Brown; Secretary/Treasurer, Doris De-Jonge, and Chaplin Linda Patchen. The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the National Anthem with Shari Karjala at piano, the reading of Resolution 288 by Tana as Linda draped the POW/MIA cover over a chair and all reciting the Auxiliary Preamble.

Ethel Richardson of the Crab Orchard Unit welcomed everyone to Fall Round-Up followed by a response from Tana Brown. Bobbi introduced two of our District's Past Department Presidents, Barb and Amanda Washburn from the Cook Unit. Roll Call of Units present was performed by Doris DeJonge. There were 19 senior members, two juniors and our two guests, Hope Mahoney and Ann Wickett from the Nemaha Valley Observer newspaper. Motion was made and seconded to dispense with

the reading of last fall's minutes and the current treasurer's report.

A dollar(s) march was held for Auxiliary programs VA&R and the Little Red Schoolhouse plus raffle ticket events for the Shubert unit's fundraiser (a beautiful quilt); Department President Ruth Hietbrink's AEF fundraiser (two cutting boards); District 13 President Bobbi's Veteran Suicide Prevention; and, Humboldt unit's (\$200 beef/pork bundle fundraiser).

All unit members received a sack of items that challenges and reminds everyone that we are all Membership Chairmen. "Stirring up Members" is Department President Ruth Hietbrink's theme this year so get out there and RETAIN your current members, REJOIN: ask old members who have let their membership lapse, and RECRUIT: we need members! Currently, District 13 is in second place for membership in the State as of September 30, 2025.

Announcements: Units: get your District dues paid and send them to Treasurer Doris DeJonge. Update your unit's Constitution and By Laws and send them up to the Department.

Great granddaughters are no longer able to become Auxiliary members so if you have applications that list them, please destroy those applications. Contact Bobbi Albers on how to resolve this. Department Treasurer, Jacki O'Neill has retired so send all correspondence to Department Secretary Roxanne Hiatt until a new treasurer has been hired.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendars: Annual report forms are due to President Bobbi by November 15, 2025. Please provide a narrative of your activities. District 13

Convention will be held in Falls City on March 7, 2026. Fall Round-Up will be held in Johnson, NE Unit #330, on October 3, 2026.

There being no further business a closing prayer was given by Linda Patchen and the meeting was adjourned.

SOCIETY News

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

By Tana J Brown Secretary The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met October 14, 2025 at the home of Vicki Beilke. Co-president Vicki Beilke called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence. In the absence of Chaplain Lacee Noa, Dona Hall offered the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the 1st verse of "America the Beautiful" was sung, and the ALA Preamble was recited Roll call was answered by 11 members.

Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meet-

Treasurer Judy Schlosser shared the treasurer's report.

For Communications: Judy Schlosser shared about the RANGE presentation at Fall Roundup. The speaker was very informative about this program to help with Veteran self-harm and suicide prevention. Fall Roundup was a fun and informative meeting with 23 in attendance.

Linda Patchen shared that she attended Ruth Heitbrink's Homecoming celebration to commemorate her term as Department President. An idea she brought from the celebration was to set a table for the Military Child at the March meeting

Committee Reports were given: Tana Brown shared info on the ALA Scholarships. Plans for the VA program on November 11 are in progress. Committee chairs for Americanism, Community Service and VA & R need to complete their reports to forward to District President Bobbi Albers by November 15.

Judy Schlosser reported on the quilt raffle. It's doing well. Events have been the Richardson County Fair, a blood mobile, Fall Roundup and along with some other purchases. It's being promoted on our new Facebook page that Lacee Noa set up.

Amber Last, Brown, Keri Wilhelm, Jana Wheeler and juniors Charlie Williams, Evelyn Williams and their cousin, Weston Hardison participated in the Richardson County Fair parade on Saturday, September 13

Linda Patchen and Dona Hall reported plans are coming together for Linda Hopper's sale on Sat. Most everything needed for the concession stand has been donated.

The Department Assessments and Donations to the Jr Presidents Project, AEF, Veteran Dollars Days, Creative Arts and Women Veterans were discussed and dollars will be forwarded to department.

The next meeting will be held on November 4, 2025 at 6:30 at the home of Elizabeth Ketner. The date was moved one week early because of Veterans Day.

Dona Hall gave the clos-

ing prayer Co-President Vicki Beilke declared the meeting adjourned.

Sabetha Community Hospital Outpatient Calendar---November 2025

Botox

Levi Grimm, APRN: November 6, 13, 20

Cardiology

Tonya Stallbaumer, APRN: November 7 Swapna Mamidipally, MD: November 3, 10 Kevin Bernd, DO: November 4

Dermatology

Tiffany Engelken, APRN: November 5, 12, 19

Diabetes Support Group

November 18th @3pm

Dizziness & Balance

Gary McKnight, AuD: November 20

Ear, Nose, & Throat

Jason Lepse, MD: November 14

Endocrinology Kelli Bradbury, APRN: November 25

Nephrology Haley Wingerson, APRN: November 10 Lakshmi Duvvur, MD: November 21 Keelyn Ericson, MD: November 17

Neurology

Abra Woolard, APRN: November 6, 20

Nuclear Stress Tests

November 13

OB/GYN Jamesina Dickson, MD: November 5

Oncology

Robin McKay, APRN: November 21 Manidhar Lekkala, MD: November 24

Ophthalmology Surgery

William Burr, MD: November 10

Orthopedics

Adam Streit, DO: November 6, 20 Maria VanDyke, PA-C: November 11, 25 Michael McCoy, MD: November 6, 20

Pain Management

Karl Haake, MD: November 4, 11, 18

Podiatry

Robert Shemwell, DPM: November 12, 25

Pulmonology

Michelle Warren, APRN: November 19

Surgery

Aaron Brown, MD: November 10, 12, 24, 26 Samuel Bruna, MD: November 3, 5, 17, 19

Urology

Kris Carlson, MD: November 11, 18, 25

Wound Clinic

Susie Lueger, APRN: November 3, 10, 17, 24

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FALLS CITY JOURNAL

Schafer sworn in as a licensed attorney in the State of Nebraska

Nolan fer has officially been sworn in as a licensed attorney in the State of Nebraska.

Schafer grew up on his family's farm near **DuBois** and graduated from Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer (HTRS) High



School. He went on to Nebraska Wesleyan University, where he played football while earning his degree in accounting with minors in human resources and finance, graduating with high distinction.

After college, Schafer passed the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exams and worked as a tax associate for two years at Forvis Mazars (formerly BKD) in Lincoln. He later attended the University of Nebraska College of Law, graduating with distinction and completing concentrations in wealth management and tax law. During law school, he studied abroad at Cambridge University in England and earned second place in the American Bar Association's national Law Student Tax Challenge, competing against teams from 74 law schools across the country.

Schafer has now joined Smith Schafer Davis LLC in Beatrice, where his practice will focus on business and estate planning, corporate law, probate and trust administration, real estate law and taxation. As one of the few professionals in Nebraska licensed as both an attorney and a CPA, Schafer brings a unique combination of expertise to better serve clients that need creative solutions for complex problems. He looks forward to using that experience and insight to guide families owning business, farm and ranch interests across Nebraska with effective tax strategies, tax preparation while also serving their estate, business, and real estate needs.

PSC orders Axtell company to cease & desist

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has opened an investigation and ordered Roberts Seed, Inc., of Axtell to immediately cease and desist all operations as a Grain Dealer and Grain Warehouse in Nebraska.

The PSC Grain Department was recently informed that the company had purchased grain from a producer. An Oct. 20 inspection by the PSC Grain Department found that the company is purchasing various amounts of commodities from Nebraska producers and is also storing commodities at its facility in Axtell without proper license.

"It is imperative that our producers/sellers who are in the thick of harvest season are aware that this company does not hold a license to conduct grain dealer or grain warehouse activity in the state of Nebraska," said Commission Chair Tim Schram.

The PSC is investigating Roberts Seed, Inc., for performing actions as a grain dealer in the state of Nebraska without a valid Grain Dealer License issued by the Commission, in violation of Nebraska Revised Statue § 75-903 and 291 Nebraska Administrative Code § 8-003.01; and as a grain warehouse, without a valid Grain Warehouse License, in violation of Nebraska Revised Statute §88-527, and 291 Nebraska Administrative Code § 08-002.01.

In 2018, Roberts Seed, Inc., was fined by the Commission and was prohibited from engaging in grain dealer activities without obtaining a Grain Dealer Li-

Commission Vice-Chair Kevin Stocker said, "This company's apparent blatant disregard for state law leaves us with no option but to order them to immediately cease and desist all activity."

The PSC will begin the process of filing a formal complaint against Roberts Seed, Inc. Once the company receives the complaint, it will be required to show why it should not be assessed civil penalties for operating as both a grain dealer and a grain warehouse without proper license.

LAND AUCTION

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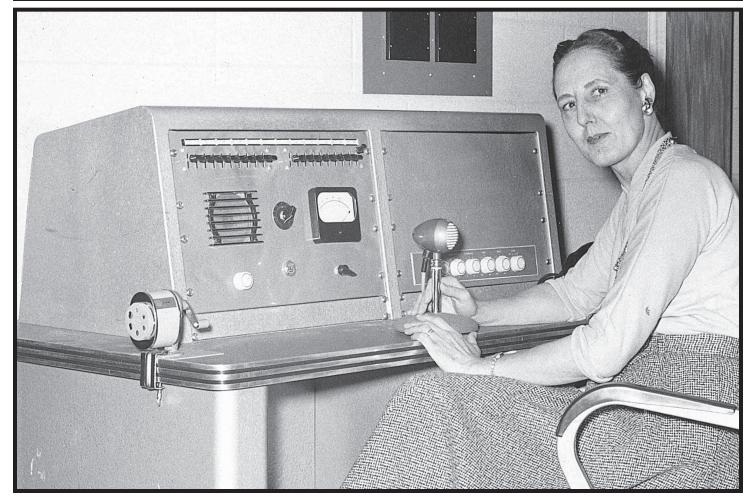
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Who's in this week's photo? We're asking for your help in solving the mystery each week of our thousands of photos. If you know who is pictured, please email us at brian@fcjournal.net or nikki@fcjournal.net and look in an upcoming issue or our Facebook page for answers.



Elliott Thomas Curley and FC Police Chief Jamie Baker. Photo by Barb Curley Fail.

Falls City Police Coffee with a Cop event hosted at Kwik Shop

The Falls City Police Department participated in National Coffee with a Cop Day on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Kwik Shop.

The nationwide event gives residents the opportunity to meet local officers, enjoy a cup of coffee, and talk about what is happening in their community in a relaxed, informal

Coffee with a Cop was first created in 2011 by the Hawthorne, California, Police Department. The department wanted to improve communication with residents and strengthen community relationships beyond traditional calls for service.

The program's goal is to break down barriers that can sometimes exist between police officers and the public. It encourages open discussion about neighborhood concerns, public safety, and the shared goals of those who live and work in the same community.

Unlike formal meetings or public hearings, Coffee with a Cop gatherings are designed to be casual and personal. Officers and residents can speak one-on-one in a comfortable environment without speeches, agendas, or time limits.

National Coffee with a Cop Day was launched in 2016 as part of National Community Policing Week. It is now observed annually on the first Wednesday in October to continue building trust and cooperation between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

LIVE ONLINE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 AT 10:00 AMCT

and is generally located approximately 3 miles south and west of Mound City, MO on Hwy 118 to Route P, then south approximately 2 miles. The land is

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Jeffrey Bentley, 2716 Siding, McLean St.; \$5,009.23.

Marty Eickhoff, 1524 Fair Ave.; Carport \$3,000.00.

Les Baker, 2019 Schoenheit St.; Roof \$5,500.00.

PUBLIC FARM AUCTION **Sat., November 8 - 10:00 A.M.** 63912 703 Trail Rd. Dawson, NE

From Dawson, NE: 7.5 mi. S on Hwy 75, turn ½ W on 703 Tr. Rd., ¼ N, ½ W to auction

From Jct. Hwy 75 & 8: 2 mi. S, then W to auction

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Tract #1: 166.68± Acres

The E 1/2 SE 1/4 of SEC 36, T-6N, R-13E, containing 80± acres, the NW 1/4 SW 1/4, LT 7 of SEC 31, T-6N, R-14E, containing 85.68± acres, and the LT 6 IN SW ¼ SW ¼ of SEC 31, T-6N, R-14E, containing 1 acre, all in Nemaha County, NE.



▶ Tract #2: 151.09± Acres

The W ½ SW ¼, NE ¼ SW ¼, LT 4 of SEC 6, T-5N, R-14E, Nemaha County, NE, containing 151.09± acres.

▶ Tract #3: 156.35± Acres

The E ½ SE ¼ of SEC 1, T-5N, R-13E, containing 80± acres and the W ½ SE ¼ EX COMM @ SE CORN NW'LY ALG S LINE 1749.23' TO POB, NW'LY ALG S LINE 412.29' NW'LY 174.95' NE'LY 368.93' SE'LY 196.14' SW'LY 102.03' SE'LY 130.08' SW'LY 256.41' TO POB of SEC 1, T-5N, R-13E, containing 76.35± acres, all in Nemaha County, NE.

▶ Tract #4: 128.4± Acres

The SEC 1-5-13 128.40 AC - SW ¼ EX 29.60 AC COMM @ NW CORN OF SE 1/4 S1303.13' E714.55' NWLY 403.26' SELY 527.61' NWLY 877.04' W1130.90' POB & EX 2 AC E229' OF W1423' OF N381' OF S 1/2 SW 1/4 containing 128.4± acres in Nemaha County, NE.

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October 18 through October 19, 2025 calls: four 911 hang ups/misdials, three ambulance/EMS calls, two miscellaneous calls, two referred other agency calls, and two suspicious person/vehicle calls. One citation for improper or defective vehicle lighting, one citation for nonresident violating a suspended/ revoked order, two warnings for improper or defective vehicle lighting, one warning for failure to use turn signal, one warning for speeding, and eight 911 calls.

October 19 through October 20, 2025 calls: one disturbance, one 911 hang up/misdial, one noise disturbance, one miscellaneous call, one traffic or driving complaint, one referred other agency call, and one ambulance/EMS call. Two warnings for improper or defective vehicle lighting, one warning for a traffic control violation, one warning for a muffler violation, one citation for criminal mischief \$501-\$1499, and two 911 calls.

October 20 through October 21, 2025 calls: one alarm, five ambulance/EMS calls, one nuisance, one investigation, four miscellaneous calls, two animal calls, two records checks, one disturbance, one juvenile issue, and one motorist assist. One citation for tobacco/electronic nicotine use under 21, and eight 911 calls.

October 21 through October 22, 2025 calls: one alarm, three fire calls (Stella Fire, Verdon Fire, and Falls City Rural Fire), one ambulance/EMS call, two animal calls, one noise disturbance, one traffic/driving complaint, one found or lost property, one motorist assist, one miscellaneous call, one referred other agency call, and one information-only report. Two warnings for improper or defective vehicle lighting, and one 911 call.

October 22 through October 23, 2025 calls: two animal calls, three ambulance/EMS calls, one parking complaint, two burn permits, one nuisance, one accident, two referred other agency calls, one runaway, one miscellaneous call, one information-only report, and one traffic/driving complaint. One citation for failure to yield to pedestrian/cause injury, one warning for speeding, two warnings for improper or defective vehicle lighting, one warning for failure to maintain lane, and two 911 calls.



SAUNDERS COUNTY ACREAGE AUCTIOI **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 • 11 A.M.**

Auction Location: Colon Fire Hall – 422 Spruce St., Colon, NE 68018 Property Location: 1454 County Road R, Colon, NE 68018

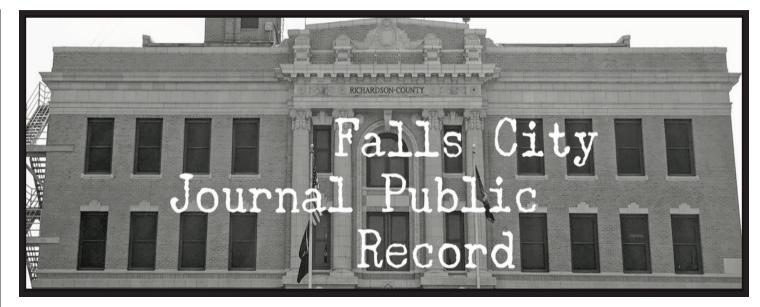
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COUNTY COURT

Crystal J. Thompson, counts 1-3 amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of seven days, credit for seven days served.

Ida M. Rowland, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 19,

Chelsea M. Raney, count one, animals running at large-2nd offense, amended to animal running at large, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two amended to dropped/ dismissed.

Adam D. Bek, count one, assault-cause bodily injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 19, 2025.

James R. Mullin, count one, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$25.

Clinton R. Brown, count one, DUI-.08 breath-first, amended to willful reckless driving-first, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$200, probation for term of six months, reimburse county of \$17; counts 2-4 amended to dropped/dis-

Gabrianna R. Martin, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-second, amended to possess marijuana 1 oz or less-third, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$500.

Chelsea M. Raney, count one, animal running at large, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, unlicensed animal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, unlicensed animal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

DISTRICT COURT

Kyle H. Wissler, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos contrl subs-sch 1,2,3, pled not guilty; count two, del/ dsp/dst/man/pos subs-sch 1,2,3, pled not guilty; count three, possess money while violate 28-416(1), pled not guilty; count four, possess money while violate 28-416(1), pled not guilty; count five, habitual criminal, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 4, 2025.

Donald E. Murphy Jr., count one, fail to report every three months/prior, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 4, 2025.

Lee M. Adkins, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, amended to unauth use propelled vehicle-first, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, criminal mis-

chief-\$5,000+, amended to criminal mischief-\$1,500-4,999, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 3-4, amended to dropped/dismissed; count five, criminal trespass-2nd degree, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 6-7 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for December 23, 2025.

Marcus E. Henninger, count one, possess defaced firearm, amended to attempt of a class 3 or 3A felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for December 23, 2025.

Richard A. Kirkendall, count one, terroristic threats, pled not guilty; count two, intimidation-phone call/electronic comm, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 25, 2025.

Kevin W. Osborne, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, identity fraud-first, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 3-7 amended to dropped/ dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for December 9, 2025.

CITATIONS

Chase Harms of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Isaias Sarrameda Rosario of Bellevue, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Aiden Scheitel, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Carolyn Akin of Cleveland, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Luis Oliva Ramirez of Fargo, ND, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Jiminez Geber of Omaha, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Sara Simon of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Aitken)

Linda Dacio of Auburn, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

Israel Lara Sanchez of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday) Daniel Ryan of San Antonio, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Ceu Thang of Kan-

sas City, KS, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Geyer)

Sujataben Patel of Grand Island, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Aitken)

Gungsar Yungtang of Omaha, count one, speeding 1-5, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Holliday)

Cody Moreland of Manhattan, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Bredemeier)

Lily Harrah of Auburn, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Angela Elam of Council Bluffs, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 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).

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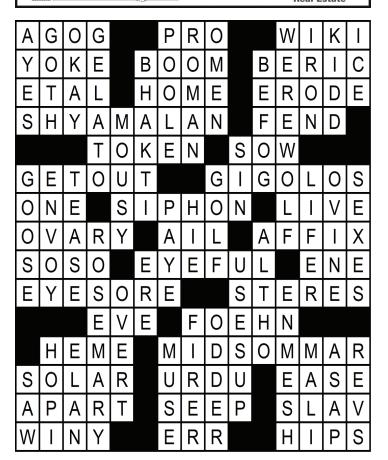
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Lady Irish survive furious Titan comeback

The Sacred Heart Irish volleyball team traveled to Johnson on Tuesday night to take on the Eagles and the HTRS Titans in a triangular.

The home team made quick work of the Lady Irish in the opener, winning 25-13 and 25-8. Johnson-Brock ended the match with a .284 hitting percentage, finishing with 26 kills on 67 attempts with only seven errors. The Eagles recorded four aces in the win. Sacred Heart stats were not available.

In the second match of the evening, Sacred Heart took on HTRS for the fifth time this season. HTRS won the first two contests, while the Irish had won the last two in the series. The rubber match proved to be exciting, coming down to the final points of the third set. The Lady Irish took the first set 25-20. HTRS led early, 3-0, but the Irish responded, tying the set at 8-8 after a Titan hitting error. Moments later, backto-back kills by Daycee Witt gave SH its first lead at 10-9. Trailing by three, Eden Duryea added a kill for HTRS to pull the score back to 13-11. Sacred Heart began to pull away, leading 19-13, but kills by Elie Bstandig, Duryea, and two ace serves by Lillian Bowen made it 19-17. However, kills by Isabelle Nussbaum and Witt down the stretch propelled the Irish to the win.



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Set two was tight a 22-20 advantage. Jazi throughout as SH took its first lead, 7-6, on a kill by Witt. HTRS then took over, building a 14-9 lead over the Irish. A furious comeback by SH saw them tie the game at 15 on a kill by Hallie Jones, and they took the lead on an ace serve by Dorothy Crouse. HTRS stayed the course, ending the set with a kill from Bstandig to win 25-20.

The final set seemed as if it were over before it ever began, that is, until HTRS nearly pulled off an improbable comeback.

SH looked as though they were in total control, leading 20-6 after an ace serve by Emersyn Courtney. The Lady Titans then caught fire. The rally began with a kill from PJ Howe, followed by an ace serve from Bstandig. Before the Irish knew what was happening, HTRS had cut the advantage to 21-16. Kills by Bowen and Howe made it 21-20, but a service error gave the Irish the point and

Frey responded with a kill, followed by a game-tying ace served from Howe to make it 22-22. It was back-and-forth from there. Crouse gave SH the lead 23-22 with a kill, but Bowen kept HTRS close with a kill of her own. A service error by the Titans and a hitting error provided the Irish with the final two points of the game and a 25-23 win.

Stats were not provided by either team.

The Irish hosted the Class D2-1 subdistrict in Falls City. Sacred Heart played Sterling in the first round on Monday night and, with a win, will play the winner of Diller-Odell and Lewiston on Tuesday at 7:00 at the RAC.

HTRS is the No. 2 seed and faced Pawnee City on Monday night at Lourdes Central High School. With a win, HTRS would play the winner of Lourdes and Weeping Water at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Nebraska City.

Tigers fall to Fairbury Jeffs in season finale

The depleted Falls City Tiger football squad fell to the winless Jeffs on Friday night in Fairbury, 21-7. Falls City, as they have done for the better part of the season, suited up just 21 players.

Falls City was hoping to put a seven-game losing streak to rest on Friday, while Fairbury was searching for its first win of the season. While the game turned out to be a two-score final, the result wasn't solidified until Fairbury scored the game-clinching touchdown with less than one minute to play in the con-

The defense on both sides of the ball controlled the first 12 minutes of action. The Tiger defense was stingy, allowing 11 vards of total offense in the first period. The Jeff defense was also up to the challenge, forcing three punts and an interception by Falls City. The Tigers did record the only first down of the quarter.

Finally, on their fifth possession of the contest, Fairbury gained not one, but two first downs. However, the Tiger defense showed grit, stopping the Jeffs on a fourth-andshort and taking over possession at their 37 with just under 9 minutes to play in the half.

The Tigers put together their best drive of the evening up to that point, but ultimately turned the ball over on downs at the

Fairbury 19-yard line.

Again, FC was up to the challenge. Fairbury faced a fourth and long deep in their own territory, a band snap on a punt attempt led to a turnover on downs, giving FC the ball at the Fairbury 10-yard line with 2:15 to play before intermission.

Two straight carries by running back Jayton Wilkerson and a one-yard "tush push" sneak by quarterback Jacoby Bangert put FC in front 7-0 with 1:13 left in the half.

The Jeffs' offense responded in a big way. Fairbury scored on a twoyard sweep left with less than three seconds to play in the half to tie the game at 7-7 heading into intermission. The 6-play, 65yard drive was aided by a roughing the passer call against the Tigers.

The next score didn't come until there were fewer than 11 minutes to play in regulation. With 10:50 on the clock in the fourth, Fairbury's Nic Smith carried the ball up the middle and cut down the sideline for a 42-yard TD run. The PAT put FC behind 7-14 with less than a quarter remaining in the season.

With three and a half minutes to play, Fairbury scored what looked to be the game-clinching score. However, a holding call negated the 30-yard score. The Tiger defense did all it could to give the offense one last chance. However, facing a fourth

and ten at the Tiger 23 with 1:02 to play, Fairbury elected to go for it. The Jeffs receiver made a great play on the ball, snagging a touchdown reception right at the goal line, effectively ending any chance Falls City had at a comeback.

The Tiger defense gave a solid effort, keeping FC in the contest for much of the night. The Jeffs ran for 123 yards on the night, while passing for 85. However, the Orange and Black struggled on offense, mustering only 87 yards of total offense on 47 snaps.

Wilkerson led the ground attack with 43 yards on 18 attempts, while Bangert went 7/21 for 70 vards through the air. Orion Cattrell was the leading Tiger receiver with three grabs for 41 yards.

FC Stats

Rushing: Wilkerson 18-43; Cattrell 1- -4; Bauer 1--1; Bangert 4--5. Passing: Bangert 7/21

70 yards, 2 Ints. Receiving: Cattrell

3-41; Wilkerson 2-20; Bauer 2-9. Punting: Elijah Leyden

8- 246, long of 45 yards.

Tackles: Kobza 13, 2.5 tackles for loss; Martin 12, 1 tackle for loss; Bauer 11, 1 tackle for loss; E. Lyden 9, 1 tackle for loss; Jones 8, .5 tackles for loss.

Falls City ended the season at 1-8 with the loss, while Fairbury improved to 1-8 with the

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Tigers nearly upset _10ns in home

The Falls City volleyball team took the Louisville Lions to the wire on Monday night, falling in five sets, 25-20, 18-25, 23-25, 25-23 and 7-15.

The match was the final home match for three seniors. Playing in front of the home crowd for the final time were Ella Glathar, Martina Frau and Carlea Dunkhas.

The Tigers gave the Lions all they could handle,

coming up just shy in the end. The win improved Louisville to 18-11 for the year, while FC fell to 15-14.

FC kept pace with the Lions, partly due to a .113 hitting percentage, including 50 kills on 186 attempts. The Tigers were led by Bella Johansen, who pounded 14 kills on 38 swings. Tessa Gossman was next with nine kills, Liv Buckminster added eight, while Dunkhas finished with seven, and Glathar added six.

On the opposite side of the net, Louisville finished with 48 kills on 184 attempts with 23 errors.

Hallie Young led Falls City at the service line with 12 points. Gabi Young served ten points (one ace), while Gossman finished with six points and two aces.

Defensively, Dunkhas finished with a team-high two blocks, while Buckminster added one. Gabi Young had a team-high 32 digs, while Gossman added 17 and Johanson finished with 13.

The ball handling duties were split with Leah Goff leading the Bengals with 25 assists, while Gossman was next with

The Tigers were the No. 5 seed in the Class C1-1 volleyball subdistrict, announced on Thursday, October 23, 2025. The Tigers battled the No. 4 seed Fort Calhoun (17-12) at Concordia High School at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025.

The winner faced the top seed, Omaha Concordia (26-8), at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. On the opposite side of the bracket, No. 3 Conestoga (19-10) faced No. 2 Louisville (18-11). The subdistrict final was Tuesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Concordia High School in Omaha.

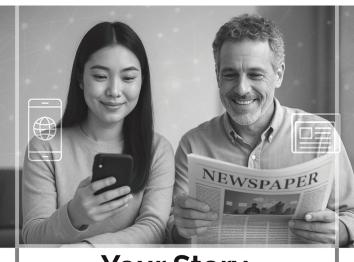




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The Good of the Hive mural now being painted in Auburn, NE by world-renowned muralist Matthew Willey. Matt has been in Auburn for about three weeks, and the first bees are taking shape on the wall! The mural is coming to life and drawing visitors daily. You can learn more about the global project at www.thegoodofthehive.com and find local updates at facebook.com/AuburnCreativeDistrict.

No injuries in single vehicle accident

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office investigated a single-vehicle crash involving a deer on Highway 73 near Falls City on Oct. 21.

According to the Nebraska Department of Transportation crash report, a 2023 GMC Acadia driven by Kelsey Ann Buchholz, 35, of Falls City, was traveling south on Highway 73 when a deer entered the roadway. The driver was distracted by the first deer and did not see a second deer that ran into the roadway. The vehicle struck the second deer at the 11 o'clock position on the front end. The Acadia sustained functional damage estimated at \$6,000. It was towed from the scene due to disabling damage.

No injuries were report-

The crash was investigated at the scene by Richardson County Sheriff's Deputies.

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Detectives continue search for missing child, Melodee Buzzard

Did you see Melodee or her mother in a white Chevy Malibu between October

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the FBI and local law enforcement agencies, is continuing the search for Melodee Buzzard, 9, who was last verified to be seen on October 7, 2025 with her mother Ashlee Buzzard. Investigators determined that between October 7 and October 14, Ashlee may have traveled with Melodee in a white Chevrolet Malibu anywhere between Lompoc, CA and the state of Nebraska. Investigators believe Melodee's mother returned from that road trip without Melo-

Key Details: Name: Melodee Buzzard. Age: 9 years old. Dates of Investigative Focus: October 7-14, 2025. Mother's Name: Ashlee Buzzard. Rental Vehicle for Road Trip: White Chevrolet Malibu. Current Status: Missing and believed to be anywhere between Lompoc, CA and the state of Nebraska.

The most recent verified photo of Melodee is approximately two years old. Investigators note that her appearance may have changed since the time the photo was taken. The Sheriff's Office encourages anyone who has information on Melodee Buzzard's possible whereabouts to contact detectives immediately via the following means: Detectives Line: (805) 681-4150. Anonymous

Tip Line: (805) 681-4171 Online Tips: SBSheriff.org www.sbsheriff.org/detectives-continue-search-for-missing-child-melodee-buzzard

Pumpkins Apples and Mums

It's the end of October now, which is prime time for fall weather, fall activities, and of course all the Halloween preparations. There are some great Horticulture fall decorations including my favorites, pumpkins, apples, and

Pumpkins: Pumpkins can be used for so many things including carving, decoration, and many delicious desserts. If planted later in the summer growing season, your pumpkins should have matured within the last couple of weeks. Pumpkins are mature when the rind is hard and can resist penetration from a fingernail.

Pumpkins need to be harvested prior to a hard frost. They will survive light frost, but a hard frost or freeze will damage the pumpkin including storage potential and rot. When removing pumpkins from the vine, cut them off but not too close to the pumpkin which can lead to decay.

When purchasing pumpkins, first inspect it for damage that can lead to reduced shelf-life. Look for a good rind with no puncture wounds, one with stem still attached and choose the correct pumpkin for the intended use. Pie pumpkins are best for baking while jack-o-lantern types will work better for carving and for decorations.

Apples: Apples can be purchased in stores and many other fall attraction sites, or they can be grown at home. It is best to plant apples in spring. When selecting your tree, choose trees resistant to cedar-apple rust and apple scab, the two most problematic diseases for apple trees in Nebraska. Some good apple choices include Liberty, Enterprise, and Freedom which all have good disease resistance. Enterprise is self-unfruitful and therefore does require a pollinator tree be planted nearby. Honeycrisp is a delicious apple, but is susceptible to many diseases and has weak growth leading to more storm damage.

Harvest apples when mature, which can differ among the many varieties. To determine the harvest time for the apple, identification helps but that is difficult due to the wide range of varieties available now. So, if you don't know the variety, you can look at the color, flavor, and texture of the apple. For mature apples, look at the "ground color", which is the color of an apple's skin disregarding any areas of red. For red-fruited cultivars, observe the portion of the apple that faces the interior of the tree. When the ground color turns from leaf green to yellowish green or creamy yellow, the apples are ready to harvest. In yellow cultivars the ground color will become a golden color when they are ready to harvest.

Mums: Mums are common fall decorations. Garden mums grow to 18 inches tall and 30 inches wide and grow in a clump. The flowers are 2-3 inches across and can be found in many colors including white, yellow, orange, pink, purple, coral, and deep burgundy red depending on the variety. Mums need to be pinched back in the early summer to help keep the plants to a compact size and shape and to help flowering. Pinching should be done 2-3 times in June. It should begin when the plants are 5-6 inches high and it should be discontinued around the 4th of July. If not pinched back, mums may bloom in late summer rather than the fall.

Many gardeners struggle with maintaining their mum plants over the winter due to repeated freezing and thawing cycles through the growing season as well as wet, heavy soil or lack or snow cover. Longevity of the plants can be enhanced by planting them in a location that is more protected from north winds, discontinuing fertilization by the end of July to reduce new growth at the end of the season, adding several inches of mulch to the soil around the plants through the winter months, and cutting the plants back in the spring rather than in the fall.

If you have any further questions please contact Nicole Stoner at (402) 223-1384, nstoner2@unl.edu, visit the Gage County Extension website at www.gage.unl.edu, or like my facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/ NicoleStonerHorticulture

Local Non-Profit Trust formed to save weekly newspaper

(Continued from Page 1) The financial struggles of newspapers, particularly in rural areas, stem from their

reliance on advertising revenue, which is no longer sufficient to support operations. While national outlets often overlook small communities, local newspapers like the Pawnee Republican play a vital role in preserving unique

narratives and traditions. Pawnee City School Superintendent Ted Evans recently emphasized the importance of maintaining traditions, stating, "We must stay engaged in order to carry these traditions forward... We are responsible for staying vigilant to ensure that strong traditions survive for the next generation." Though his remarks pertained to educational traditions, they resonate with the broader imperative to protect local journalism as an essential part of community life.

The Sunrise Publications Journalism Trust, led by a board of dedicated community members, is committed to upholding Pawnee County's strong journalistic tradition. For more information, email: sunrisepublications journalism@gmail.com. To see a sample issue of the Pawnee Republican visit www.pawneerepublican.com.





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Campbell asks Board members to consider negotiations with Road Department Employees

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of a John Deere from Murphy Tractor. The 2026 672P 6WD drive unit will cost the County \$368,500 without a trade-in, but it will include a \$3,000 parts credit. The credit can be applied to any John Deere unit owned by the County.

The Board also discussed purchasing a new truck for the Highway Superintendent. Darveau informed the Board that after visiting with Armbruster Motor Company, the dealership dropped its bid by \$1,000 to \$55,900 for a 2026 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD 4WD Crew Cab pickup.

Darveau stated that the Chevy was just over \$1,000 more than the Ford bid from Hullman's; however, the County had recently purchased several vehicles from Hullman's, and he hoped to give some business to Armbruster's.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey met with the Board to discuss a \$155,000 pledge replacement. security The Board approved the replacement.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty met with the Board and informed them that the jail was currently housing 13 inmates. Hardesty informed the Commissioners that Deputy Sean Nolte would be retiring on November 10, and Chief Deputy Jeremiah Franks is also leaving the Department. Frank's last day will be November 2, 2025, according to Hardesty. According to the Sheriff, Franks is leaving to assume the position of Director of Security at a casino in Carter Lake.

Hardesty informed the Board that Deputy Dexter Holliday will fill the Chief Deputy position.

Hardesty said the transition will be rough, but hopefully it can be done smoothly.

The Board approved

the rehire of an ex-employee to serve as a dispatcher at the Law Enforcement Center.

Clerk of District Court Pam Scott presented an amendment to the grant agreement for the child support enforcement costs associated with the Clerk of District Court.

Commissioner Campbell asked whether there was any interest in bringing the Union back to the Board to negotiate.

Commissioner Caverzagie explained that he felt the Board should let the issue go to the CIR (Commission of Industrial Relations) date to let it play out.

"That way it's done," said Caverzagie. "I wish they had approached us a year ago or so."

The findings from the CIR can be appealed to the Nebraska Supreme

"If this goes to CIR, I mean, they know all the state and federal guidelines and wage comparabilities. We've all agreed on the counties. I don't see a problem for us. I don't know what they ex-

Campbell spoke up, stating that whenever he reviews the County's attorney fees, he gets upset that the issue hasn't been resolved.

"I saw that this morning (the attorney fees) and thought, why can't we just try?" said Camp-

Caverzagie stated that the Board has always wished to negotiate the issue, "But they wouldn't talk with us."

Campbell acknowledged that the union representatives would need to be present on all matters, but declared that he feels meeting with the employees now could yield a different outcome.

"I've got to get it off my chest," said Campbell. "I just can't sit here, just, that's why."

President Donald J. Trump approves Major Disaster Declaration for Nebraska

FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance is available to the state of Nebraska to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straightline winds and flooding from August 8-10, 2025.

Public Assistance federal funding is available to the state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, straight-line winds and flooding in Burt, Douglas, Fillmore, Lancaster, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, Washington and Webster counties.

Catherine R. Sanders has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.



Campbell mentioned he felt the wage and back pay issues could be resolved by sitting down with the Union and employees to discuss the

matter.

"If that stuff was resolved and the previous contract had been signed once or twice, what's in there that would stop us from not agreeing with what's currently in that?" asked Campbell.

County Clerk Mary Eickhoff advised the Board that after CIR, the County can request that the Union reimburse its attorney fees.

"Maybe this will eliminate some of the crap going to CIR if they have to pay for it, instead of people in the County," said

A motion to pay the claims was made, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Charles (Chuck) Reynolds

Charles (Chuck) Reynolds of Falls City was born to Diana Coffman (Goetsch) and Charles David Walz on January 25, 1972. He passed away in the early morning hours of Monday, October 20, 2025. Chuck was married to his wife, Kandi (Gibson) Reynolds of Falls City, NE, on August 4, 2001, in a ceremony held on the banks of the Missouri River in Rulo, NE.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Kandi Reynolds, of the home; sons, Charlie Goodman and Austin Stroh, both of Lincoln, NE; mother, Diana Coffman of Horton, KS; brothers Scott Reynolds, Sabetha, KS, Chad Reynolds, Horton, KS; sisters Julie Ann, Camblin, KS, Sarah Jean Cormier, Wetmore KS; cousin Holly Lang of Pawnee County, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his dog Daisy.

He is preceded in death by his father, Charles David Walz; father-in-law, Robert Gibson; brother-in-law, Jeff Gibson; nephew, Billy Gibson; and aunt, Kim Kerr of Hiawatha, KS.

Chuck was an outdoors type who loved to fish and camp. His back porch was the social hub for him and his friends and family who stopped by.

There will be a celebration of life service and potluck at Stanton Lake cabin on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 4:00 pm. All of his friends and family are welcome to attend. Memorials can be addressed to Kandi Reynolds, 1114 Harlan Street, Falls City, NE.

Thomas D. Castle Sr.

Thomas D. Castle Sr, 82, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away Thursday, October 9, 2025, at West Ridge Care Center. A private service will be held at Cedar Memorial

Thomas was born February 12, 1943, to Perry and Leora (McKinney) Castle in Omaha, Nebraska. He married the love of his life Janice Maze on September 1, 1961, in Falls City, Nebraska. He earned his doctoral degree from Drake University in 1986. Thomas was a proud educator and earned the National High School Debate Coach of the Year while he taught at West Des Moines Valley High School. He then went on to earn the High School Principal of the Year while he was at Bettendorf High School. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, and spending time with his family. Especially his grandchildren and his great grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janice Castle; children, Tom (Jenny) Castle, and Cheri (Scott) Barr; grandchildren, Tommy, Ben, Tyler, Makayla, Kurtis, Willis, Bryan, and Ethan; twelve great grandchildren; brothers, Mike (Jean) Castle, and Pat (Cheryle) Castle; along with many nieces and nephews.

Thomas is preceded in death by his parents, Perry and Leora Castle, and his son, Tod Castle. A private family memorial service was held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 in Cedar Rapids, IA.

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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

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Zion United Church of Christ (65763 709 Rd, FC) Sunday: Worship service, 9:00AM; Com-

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<u>RULO</u>

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

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 (1/2 mile N of Preston Corner) Worship, 11:00AM; Sunday School, 10:00AM; Wednesday Choir, 7:30PM. Pastor Mike Hader - 402-245-

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 **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)

Christian Church. verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com. Rev. Daniel Spencer. Call or text: 402-801-0374.

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

ARAGO

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

STELLA

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

Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of Stella) Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM. Website: www.gbfchurch.com.

Dave Lockard, Pastor. Office: 402-883-2110

HUMBOLDT

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

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-

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.

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CITY OF FALLS **CITY CLAIMS**

CITY OF FALLS CITY, NE CLAIMS REPORT - 10.21.2025 Payment Dates 10/8/2025 - 10/21/2025 **Vendor Name Description (Item)** Amount

FUND: 100 - GENERAL Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level

8pk......19.99 Quill Corp, Clip paper stl giant .045... 1.89 Amazon Capital Services, Desk file organizer, metal mesh.... Amazon Capital Services, Mail Organizer for desk8.49

Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Susan branch large desk pad monthly

organizer24.6
Pest Control Services of SE NE, Pest control services-City Hall50.00 Farm & City Supply, C+K int sat uwb qt......22.99 Quill Corp, Electronis duster 4pk...17.00 Quill Corp, stpls stan view bndr 2in

orangeQuill Corp, stpls hd view binder8.80 neriwinkle Quill Corp, stp sd 2in dr vw bndr ..8.30

wht......20.02 Quill Corp, Qb 1 round ring view binder Quill Corp, stpls hd view binder 2in

IUOE Union Dues197.52 Dearborn Life Insurance Company, Life Insurance Nebraska Dept of Revenue,

Ameritas, Retirement 501a..... 8,923.10 American Natl Bank, HSA......20.00 Nebraska Department of RevenueState Department of the Treasury, Federal

.... 6.798.65 ... 2,418.56

Department of the Treasury, Social ... 10,341.46 Security Tax..... General Petty Cash, RCAP (Training)-Meal Expense..... Fund 100 - General Total: 52,667.00

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Armbruster Motor Co, Wrecker . 241.88 General Petty Cash..... Travel-Dispatch NCIC Training.

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 202567.26 Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:...67.26

FUND: 120 - FIRE BUCKIT, LLC. Battery Back up w/ surge Reimbursment-Spectrum cable box

> **FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE** ENFORCEMENT

Kansas Municipal Utilities .KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues320.17 General Petty Cash, Postage-Leins .. 12.45 General Petty Cash......RC DEEDS-Release of Lien-Davis.....10.00 Enforcement Total: 352.62

FUND: 150 - PARKS Douglas Wheeler, Drain line video

Jim Hill's, VS T&E Enamel 467 MF Red gal......31.50 Jim Hill's, VS T&E Enamel 466 ford blue gal.....31.95 Jim Hill's, 4" Chip brushes4.98 September 2025 360.71 Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 2025 Scheitel Feed & Seed, 5 way 4" sn15.98 Pest Control Services of SE NE, Pest control services-Stantons cabin..50.00 Farm & City Supply 1/2" set screw conn Farm & City SupplyWire 12/2-nmwg 50 Farm & City Supply1/2" 90D EMT comp

Farm & City Supply, #0 conduit hanger

Farm & City Supply Electrical box glvzd

15a3.58 Farm & City Supply1/2" rtc comp

Farm & City Supply .#0 Conduit hanger Farm & City SupplyCharge-1/2" emt 1H Farm & City Supply, 1/2" 90D emt comp Farm & City Supply, Charge- 1/2" Set screw coupling Farm & City Supply, CR- 1/2" set screw Farm & City Supply Wallplate 1g decora Farm & City Supply, CR-1/2" set screw Farm & City Supply, CR-1/2" Set screw Farm & City Supply, CR-1/2" emt 1H Farm & City Supply, GFI RCPT R&B

Butn wht15a23.99 Farm & City Supply, Electrical Box stl Farm & City Supply, CR-1/2" set screw Farm & City Supply, CR- 1/2" set screw Farm & City Supply, Electrical Box stl Farm & City Supply Wallplate 1g decora Farm & City Supply, GFI RCPT R&B Butn wht15a-23.99 Farm & City Supply, Smartflo max 25ft Farm & City SupplyBlue Spray indicator Farm & City Supply, Marking wand pro. TAMARA Acton, Rental Payment for Candlelight Cabin Half-Day50.00 Heather Sailors, Rental Payment for Candlelight Cabin Full-Day50.00 Kathie Vice, Rental AddOn Payment for

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM FC Merc, Folgers Regular Coffee FC Merc, Aerosol Stainless Steel

Candlelight Cabin Rental.....50.00

Fund 150 - Parks Total:.......... 1,815.91

FC Sanitation service, Sept 2025....130.00 Pest Control Services of SE NE, ... Pest control services-Prichard50.00 Trane U.S. INC, Trip Charge75.00 Trane U.S. INC, Service call-AHU not2,640.00 Trane U.S. INCNo Airflow in bathrooms: Serviced bathroom unit........... 880.00 Fund 151 - Auditorim Total: 4,035.28

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY Blair Public Library & Technology Center, Cost to replace What's So Funny? by Tim Conway19.00 Jim Hill's, Once'N Done Floor Cleaner THE Magnolia JournalMagnolia Journal Renewal- 2yrs25.00 FC Journal, Diplay Ad-Earth Day.77.50 FC Journal, ABC Back to School.30.00 Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly

Alarm Monitoring Services 10.1.25 to FC Sanitation Service, Sept 2025.. 65.00 Amazon Capital Services, Homemory 24 pc Flickering flameless candle. 9.99 Fund 170 - Library Total: 687.10

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025 327.39 Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Fund 180 - Cemetery Total: 647.56

FUND: 190 - STREETS Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025 1,793.80 Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 FC Merc, Windex glass cleaner....52.68 BOK Financial, Called bonds due to

semi-anual paying agent fee.... 200.00

Fund 190 - Streets Total:..... 92,172.89 **FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP** Amazon Capital Services.. Wash n' wax 2n1 1gal 161.85 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 202584.00 Kansas Municipal Utilities .KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues320.16 Bobcat of Omaha4B 7398752 Alarm BA Farm & City Supply, Throttle Trigger ..9.00 Farm & City Supply Sprypnt Ace gls chc brwn......5.99 Ditch Witch Under Con 48" Lance w/(2)

Ditch Witch Under Con, Paddle Latch... Ditch Witch Under ConProspector Lanc Disp5237.50 Ditch Witch Under Con, Striker......5.32 Moridge Mfg. Inc., Tube15.20 Moridge Mfg. Inc., Carriage Bolt...11.45 Moridge Mfg. Inc., Wheel-anti-scalp center hub77.02 Moridge Mfg. Inc., Nut-Whiz8.30 Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:... 1,205.95

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING Kansas Municipal Utilities .KMU Level 1

FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT/ DEMOLITION PROGRAM Harmon's OK Tire, Farm Tire Disposal...

Harmon's OK Tire, Car Tire Disposal Harmon's OK Tire, Old Tire Disposal Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total:49.00

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

Hach Chemical Co, Ferrover, Iron Reagent pk/100...... 138.84 ATCO InterNatl, Cherry Explosion ... 199.02 Helena Chemical Co, Gly Star 5 Extra (2x2.5gal)(gal)......68.75 McMaster-Carr, Compression Fitting, straight adptr, 28mm tube 221.17 Jeo Consulting Group Inc, On-call GIS services Project 231725.00 313.50 Husker Electric Supply, Keystone 1x4 flat panel power select 386.73

Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/PPE .77.83 Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/PPE.. 204.38 Husker Electric Supply, Keystone 54W 4ft T5 High output fluor, lamp.... 133.03 Meyer Home Center, Service Call-1921 Farm & City Supply, Screws42.99 Blackburn Manufacturing Co., red marking paint solvent based inverted Farm & City Supply, Union Black Grnd Farm & City Supply, 3/8 DR 5/8 UNV Spark Plug Socket9.66 Farm & City Supply, 3/8 DR Universal J Farm & City Supply, Ultra Black Gaskets 3.35oz..... Farm & City Supply, 6" Magnetic Tray-Ace..... Dollar General Store, Battery AA Alkaline (E1655)......18.49 Dollar General Store, C cell batteries Dollar Géneral Store, D cell batteries Dollar Géneral Store, 409 Cleaner Dòllar General Store .. Dawn Dish Soap Dollar Gen Store, Pinesol (X208) .12.90 Dollar General Store, 9 volt batteries FC Merc, Brown Multi Fold Paper Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/Safety Equip...../ Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/Safety

Farm & City Supply, Elbow 90 2" sxs Farm & City Supply, Adaptr s ch40pvc2"SL2"MPT..... Farm & City Supply, Elbow 90 PVC DWV2" Street Farm & City Supply Rescue Tape 1"x12" Dollar General Store, 409 Cleaner Dòllar General Store, D Cell Batteries . -42.79 Dollar General Store, Dawn Dish Soap. Dollar General Store, 9 Volt Batteries Dollar General Store, C cell batteries (E1653)-21.39 Dollar General Store, Pinesol

Border States, APC WJ-640 5-gal

Wintergreen Lubricant WJ

(X209)..... Dollar General StoreBattery AA Alkaline NÈ City Utilities, Fee to test meter 25.00 Nebraska City Utilities UPS Shipping charges to return meter......22.57 US Signal Co LLC, Service...... 106.00 US Signal Co LLC, Service......25.00 Tyler Technologies Inc, Subscription-Utility Billing Notification Calls.....46.99 Tyler Technologies Inc, Subscription-Utility Billing Notifications SMS ... 14.89 Farm & City SupplyUnion black grnd jnt

Altec Industries, Inc., Formula 5 Clean and Glaze, 1qt sqz btl70.06 UCI Testing. DOT Pre-Employment Test UCI Testing, DOT Annual Employee.

UCI Testing. Non DOT Pre-Employment Quill Corp Everette 18x18 magnetic mo Quill Corp Everette 18x18 magnetic mo

One Call Concepts, Inc, September Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025 421.94 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 202517.00 Farm & City SupplyUnion Black grnd int

Kansas Municipal Utilities .KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5 2025 Quarterly Dues......864.45 Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 1

Training-Group 5 2025 Quarterly cca treated12.35
Wesco Distribution ...Bolt #10H Copper Split (E779) 155.88

FC Sanitation Service September 2025

American Test Center, Inc., inspect 70' American Test Center, Inc., inspect 45'

bucket truck.......950.00 American Test Center, Inc., inspect line tools 435.00 American Test Center, Inc., inspect harnesses.......450.00

Wesco Distribution, Hast 10-178 Brsh/ Harmon's OK Tiré, Flat Repair.....20.00

Border States, Pull Tape-Duraline

#20000077 (3000'-2500#) (E790) Border States, Cutout 100 AMP- S4B 64015*** (E398)......213.12 Border States, #4 SD bare solid CU ground wire (E1301) 197.60 Border States, Fuse Link, 5 AMP-S&C 64005 (E400)39.83 Border States, Milwaukee folding

skinning knive 48-22-1525 (E1656) Border States Connector Compression, WR-159*** (E270)......18.82 Wesco Distribution, Photo Control-LED DTL #DLL127F 1.5 (E993) 408.50 Amazon Capital Services, Lever hoist

wht......12.01 Quill Corp, qb 1 round ring view binder

Quill Corp, stpls stan view bndr 2 in_ orange Quill Corp, 2in steel fastener 2pc....8.15 Quill Corp, stp sd 2in dr vw bndr green.. 4.99 Quill Corp, stpls hd view binder 2 in periwinkle5.29

Quill Corp, Quill Duster10.20 Border States Transformer Mount-MPS J6865 (E) (E455)......894.20 Border States .. Deadend-Straight Thru, Reliable 41 LD (6str-4sol) 104.60 Border States . Fuse Link, 40 AMP-S&C 64040*** (E393)......224.68 Border States . Fuse Link, 65 AMP-S&C 64065*** (E388) 347.49 Border States . Fuse Link, 50 AMP-S&C 64050*** (E391)97.40 Border States, 2" Duraline Shur-Lock coupler #20000123 (E1296) ... 248.48 Omaha Public Power District (NC2), September 2025 14,730.79

Omaha Public Power District (NC2), Service-Sept. 2025 87,769.97 FC Journal, Publications 09.03.2025 through 10.14.2025...... 243.33 BOK Financial, Curr Series 2022 Interest Payment Due 39,656.25

BOK Financial, Muni Impr 2023 . 62,560.00 BOK Financial, Curr Series 2022 Principal payment to holders... 185,000.00 BOK Financial, Curr Series 2022 semi-annual agent fee 200.00 BOK Financial, Muni Impr 2023 semi-annual agent fee 200.00 FC Post Office, Q1 Postage-Billing Oct

2025-Jan 2026 3,000.00

Ameritas Billing457 Pre Tax Percentage CWA Dues, CWA Union Dues ... 175.43 Medica Ins, Group Health 16,118.04 IBEW Local Union #1536, IBEW Union Dearborn Life Insurance Co.....Life

Insurance Ameritas, Pension 457 Pre-Tax.. 2,010.57 Ameritas, Retirement 501a..... 7,831.80 American Natl Bank, HSA....... 668.46 Dept of the Treasury, Medicare

Department of the Treasury, Social Department of the Treasury, Federal

W/H 5,888.35 Nebraska Dept of Revenue, NE Local Sales Tax Return Sept 2025...36,188.35 Nebraska Dept of Revenue, NE Local Use Tax Return Sept 2025......71.12 Utility Dept Petty Cash, Postage for Stamps 140.40 Utility Dept Petty Cash, Postage for

Stamps 140.40 Utility Department Petty Cash, Postage-Power Plant General Fund Pilot September 2025-EL Fund 600 - Electric Total: 540,989.77

FUND: 610 - WATER

Edwards Chemicals, Fuel Surcharge..... Edwards Chemicals, Alum....... 168.25 Edwards Chemicals, 150# cylinder of chlorine..... Edwards Chemicals, FSC Fuel Surcharge.....

Edwards Chemicals, WC001L Low Iron Aluminum Sulfate 50# bag......96.20 Edwards Chemicals, ED-WC012 Gas Chlorine Cylinder, 150#...... 400.00 Hach Chemical Co, Spadns2 (Arsenic free) Fluride rgt. accuvac, 25/pk .. 403.49 ATCÓ InterNatľ, Buckaroo (a/15)

Jeo Consulting Group Inc, On-call GIS services Project 231725.0041.80 Mississippi Lime Co, tons 1/2 inch Pebble Lime 9,397.62 Mississippi Lime Co, Flat Charge.. 748.56 Mississippi Lime Co, Fuel Surcharge...

USA Bluebook, Clarion Food Grade 2

Tyler Technologies Inc, Subscription-

Utility Billing Notifications SMS1.98 Tyler Technologies Inc, Subscription-Utility Billing Notification Farm & City Supply CAP 1" Slip SCH40 Quill Corp Everette 18x18 magnetic

Training-Group 5 2025 Quarterly Kansas Municipal Utilities .KMU Level 1

Edwards Chemicals, FSC Fuel Sur_ charge57.00 Edwards Chemicals . WC001L Low Iron

Quill Corpstpls hd view binder 2 in red0.75
Quill Corp ..1 1/2 round ring view binder wht......1.60 Quill Corp, 2in steel fastener 2pc....1.09

FC Journal, Publications 09.03.2025 through 10.14.2025......32.45 FC Post Office, Q1 Postage-Billing Oct 2025-Jan 2026 400.00 Nebraska Dept of Revenue, NE Local

Nebraska Department of Revenue, NE

Local Use Tax Return September

Utility Department Petty Cash, Postage-Water Sample-Rulo Utility Department Petty Cash, Postage for Stamps.....

Utility Department Petty Cash, Postage-2 Water Samples-Rulo General Fund, Excise September 2025 .. 4,038.00 Fund 610 - Water Total:...... 28,047.16

FUND: 620 - GAS

Meyer Home Center, 4" 22 1/2 PVC Elbow..... Koons Gas Measurement (KGM), Spring 1813c Red-Red 42" W.C. -2psi ... 201.87 Jeo Consulting Group Inc, On-call GIS services Project 231725.00 125.40 Harmon's OK Tire, 19.5 Repair30.00 Utility Safety & Design Inc, Construction Phase Services - T&M plus Expenses

2450 1pk Home Lumber Company, 4x8x3/4" ccx plywood......67.71 Blackburn Manufacturing Co., paint yellow inverted solvent based (G4558)......289.25 US Signal Company LLC, Serv....62.50

Tyler Technologies Inc, Subscription-Utility Billing Notification Tyler Technologies Inc,

Subscription- Utility Billing Notifications Industrial Sales Company Inc. 120v2x400w ctrg htr w/term kit bad element low amp...... 199.47 Industrial Sales Company Inc, RTD w/

conn x 10" RTD wires pulled out of Industrial Sales Company Inc, Repair Quill Corp Everette 18x18 magnetic

One Call Concepts, Inc, September Locates......69.38 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025 460.29 Kansas Municipal Utilities .KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5 2025 Quarterly

Farm & City Supply Rake Bow Fiber 16t Scheitel Feed & Seed, 5 Way Fescue.. Clayton Energy Corp, September 2025

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Industrial Sales Company IncTee 1 1/4" Blk (G4024)57.88 Quill Corp, Quill Duster4.08 Quill Corp, 2in steel fastener 2pc....3.26 Quill Corp, stpls hd view binder 2 in periwinkle

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CTS poly PE4710 PERF107265 22.47 FC Journal, Publications 09.03.2025 through 10.14.2025......97.34 FC Post Office..Q1 Postage-Billing Oct 2025-Jan 2026 1,200.00

Nebraska Department of Revenue. NE Local SalesTax Return September Nebraska Department of Revenue, NE

FUND: 630 - WASTEWATER Home Lumber Company 2x6x10'

com. sel. struct......9.99 Midwest Laboratories, Inc, Monthly WW- May to Sept rcvd 6.12.25 .. 133.07 Midwest Laboratories, Inc, Supplies...

services Project 231725.0041.80

FC Merc ..Brown Multifold Paper Towel Allied Systems, Inc., Vaughan Model

Trojan Technologies Group ULC, Surcharge......2.24 Farm & City Supply .. Coupling 3/8" FPT

BRS......7.99 Farm & City Supply, 3/8 m npt quick

Brown County Transfer, Service.... 225.00 US Signal Company LLC, Service.. 50.00 Durkin Equipment Company,

Utility Billing Notification Calls...... Tyler Technologies Inc, Subscription-

Utility Billing Notifications SMS1.98
Farm & City Supply Bitting inset rpInt 6oz......10.99 Quill Corp..... Everette 18x18 magnetic

Locates......4.84 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel Training-Group 5 2025 Quarterly Dues Quill Corp, Pentel energel rtx. .7mm, Nebraska DEE .. WW Treatment Facility Operator Cert. Renewal...... 150.00 FC Sanitation Service September 2025135.00

Midwest Laboratories, Inc, Supplies Order 9.02.25.....30.37 FC Auto Supply, Diesel EX Fluid .12.99 Trojan Technologies Group ULC, UV-PDC Termination Board.. 1,691.08 Quill Corp, stp sd 2in dr vw bndr green.

Quill Corp, 2in steel fastener 2pc....1.09

Quill Corp, 1 1/2 round ring view binder Quill Corp, stpls stan view bndr 2 in Quill Corp, stpls hd view binder 2 in

Quill Corp, stpls hd view binder 2 in periwinkle FC Journal, Publications 09.03.2025 through 10.14.2025.....32.45 FC Post Office..Q1 Postage-Billing Oct 2025-Jan 2026 400.00 Nebraska Department of Revenue, NE

Local Use Tax Return September Nebraska Department of Revenue, NE Local SalesTax Return September Utility Department Petty Cash, Postage for Stamps......37.44 Fund 630 - Wastewater Total:37,884.31

FUND: 998 - UTILITIES - POOLED CASH Elan Financial Services, Sept. 2025

Purchase Card Statement 1,653.19 Payroll- Utility Fund, Payroll 10.17.202551,151.11 Fund 998 - Utilities - Pooled Cash Total:

Fund: 999 - General Government -Pooled Cash Visa, September 2025 Purchase Card Statement 1,102.39
Payroll- General Fund Payroll

10.17.2025 61,772.87 Fund 999 - General Government -Pooled Cash Total:..... 62,875.26

FCPS DISTRICT #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the September 8, 2025 **School Board Meeting** The Falls City Board of Education

met at 7:01 PM on September 8, 2025 in the Central Office at the Falls City Middle School. 1. Call the Tax Hearing to order

2. Patrons who wish to address the board (3 minutes per person) None. 3. Setting the Property Tax Request for 2025 – 2026 School Year President Goff declared the hearing

open at 7:02 pm. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:03 pm by President Goff. 4. Tax Request Hearing Adjournment

VILLAGE OF SALEM

VILLAGE OF SALEM OCTOBER 2025

The Salem Village Board met October 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairperson Kenneth Strauch called

the meeting to order. The open meeting poster was acknowledged. Board members, Kean, Wessel, and Helmick were present. Vogele was ab-

Clerk reported that a bid request for the 2025-2026 snow removal would be published in the Falls City Journal. Bids will reviewed at the November 4, 2025

Kean reported that several property owners need to be contacted for ordinance violations. The properties need to be mowed and cleaned up.

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

a Hunters Breakfast on November 15 and 16 and the following weekend November 22 and 23. Donation from the breakfast will go to the Community Building fund.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel and Helmick voting yes. The next meeting will be November

4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Carolyn Glathar

Village Clerk **VILLAGE OF SALEM**

CLAIMS OCTOBER 2025 OPPD 513.84 (utility) General 66.00 Combl 73.66 FRHL 35.11 Street 339.07 Robert McHenery 700.00 (water oper-

ator) water Richardson County RWD#2 1679.64 (water purchased for sale) water Village of Salem/Water Fund 400.00 (transfer) general

NE Health Lab (water testing) 30.00 Stateline Propane (propane) 321.83

combl Animal Health center 30.00 (animal control contract) general Schendel Pest Control 30.00 (service)

Bosselman Pump and Pantry 17.00 (diesel fuel) street Falls City Journal 184.05 (publication) general

Nebraska Department of Revenue 422.96 (sales tax quarter 3) water
US Treasury 229.00 (withholding quarter 3) general Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (salary) street

200.00 general 200.00 water 100.00 USPS 14.60 (postage0 general Jodie Schuetz 340.00 (labor) street Cemetery Claims

Bosselman Pump and Pantry 90.00 Barb Brown 200.00 trimming Dennis Rowland 200.00 trimming

NASB ALICAP, Worker's Comp &

National Art & School Supplies, HS

Nebraska Central Equip, Bus

Liability Insurance......\$221,696.00

Supplies.....\$245.18

FCPS DISTRICT #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the August 11, 2025 **School Board Meeting**

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on August 11, 2025 in the Central Office at the Falls City Middle School.

1. Business Items:

1.1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance

President Goff announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

1.2. Approval of Absences The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 1.3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Roger Windle to approve the agenda. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

1.4. Approval of Previous Minutes It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Anthony Johansen to approve the previous minutes. Motion

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0 1.5. Public Comment

None.

1.6. Approval of Treasurer's Report It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0 It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kevin Scheitel approve the claims as presented. Motion

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes yes: 6, no: 0

1.7. Approval of Claims

Various items were discussed with the board.

It was moved by Gabe Ramsey and seconded by Teresa Olberding approve the claims as presented. Motion

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes yes: 6, no: 0

2. Informational Items/Reports:

2.1. Staff/Student/Organization Report: Sixpence and CCP Programs presented by Susan Johnson

Susan Johnson gave a yearly report on Quality Improvement on Sixpence and CCP. All areas of context were met during the yearly examination.

2.2. Principal's Reports:

2.2.a. Mrs. Leyden - North Elementary School Principal

Mrs. Leyden submitted a written report. She reviewed her report with the board. Working with the city to make sure North School has gas and hot water by Thursday.

2.2.b. Mr. Gibson - South Elementary School Principal

Mr. Gibson submitted a written report and discussed items with the board. 2.2.c. Mrs. Robeson - Middle School

Mrs. Robeson submitted a written report and had discussion with the board. 2.2.d. Mr. Sullivan - High School Principal

Principal

Mr. Sullivan submitted a written report and discussed items with the board. The bleachers have been installed at the stadium today.

2.3. Board President's Report:

None. 2.4. Superintendent's Report:

2.4.a. Dr. Offner - Superintendent Discussed District Map. Looking to update map for the district. Negotiations will be starting in the next few months. Building and Grounds, the bathrooms are finished. Track resurfacing is scheduled for October 20th. Summer 2026 summer projects need to be looked at to make a schedule. The meeting with BVH went very well. BVH will come back and go into a more detailed report. Talked to different roofing groups, getting us some bids on repairs and maintenance. Reviewed the list of new hires for this fall.

2.5. Board Committee/Member Reports:

3. Old/New Action Items:

3.1. Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 2111 Open Meetings, 6112 Evaluation of Certificated Employees, 8213 Media Center

It was moved by Roger Windle and seconded by Kevin Scheitel approved the final reading on policies 2111, 6112 and 8213. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

ves: 6. no: 0 3.2. Discuss and take action on Engineered Controls Inc. fixing the Middle school Building management system for a total of \$69,995

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Roger Windle to approve fixing the Middle School Building control system for \$69,995. Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Tere-

sa Olberding: yes yes: 6, no: 0

3.3. Discuss and take action on approving Kaitlin Rumbaugh as the 25 -26 Middle and Elementary School art Instructor.

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Gabe Ramsey to approve the contract of Kaitlin Rumbaugh 2025-2026 Middle School and Elementary Art Instructor. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes yes: 6, no: 0

4. Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Anthony Johansen to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Motion

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes ves: 6. no: 0

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Anthony Johansen to leave closed session at 9:00 P.M. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

5. Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for September 8th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

It was moved by Anthony Johansen and seconded by Roger Windle to adjourn at 9:01 P.M.

Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes yes: 6, no: 0

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FCPS DISTRICT #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the August 25, 2025 **School Board Meeting**

The Falls City Board of Education met at 5:00 PM on August 25, 2025 in the E sports room in the Middle School

1. Business Items:

1.1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance

President Bowers announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to approve the open meetings act, pledge of allegiance and roll call. Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger

Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes yes: 6, no: 0

1.2. Approval of Absences

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 1.3. Approval of Agenda

2. Informational Items/Reports: 2.1. Marcia Herring from NASB to facilitate a goal-setting presentation

Marcia Herring from NASB discussed facilitating goal-setting for the new Superintendent.

Discussion was had and was based upon 5 points. Budget and Finance Leadership, Facilities Leadership, Staff Leadership, Student Achievement and Learning Leadership and Community and General Leadership.

2.2. Superintendent's Report:

2.2.a. Dr. Offner - Superintendent

3. Old/New Action Items: Budget Planning Session

4. Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per

5. Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for September 8th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office at Falls City Middle

School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board

Committee meetings TBD. It was moved by Roger Windle and

seconded by Anthony Johansen to adjourn the August 25, 2025 meeting. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes yes: 6, no: 0

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS **AUGUST 2025 CLAIMS** ABK Fire & Safety, Annual Inspection

AGC Education....CTE Grant Equipment\$6,350.00 Amazon Capital Services.... SS Supplies\$174.86 Amazon Capital Services.... HS, MS, NS & SS Supplies.....\$1,860.35

Amazon Capital Services... CO, Nurse & Technology Supplies\$1,161.22 Amazon Capital Services... Maintenance & Grounds Supplies\$287.56 Amazon Capital Services, C4K,

Sixpence & CCP Supplies \$1,685.44 American Time, Maintenance \$204.25 Apple, CO, HS & Tech Supplies. \$1,486.00 Armbruster Motor, SPED Van Purchase.

Bosselman Pump & Pantry, Fuel.. \$61.30 Bytespeed,CO Laptops......\$1,998.00 Carolina Biological Supply,HS Science Supplies\$168.85 Central Office, Mileage and Workshop

Expenses\$1,994.76 Central Office, Bus Permit-Mileage-Supplies-Cell Phones.....\$272.19 Central Office, Miscellaneous Expenses\$1,874.99 Central Office, Payables with Due Dates.....\$559.36

Cintas, Uniform, Mop & Rag Services..... \$442.78 Comfort Inn, Principal Travel..... \$143.22 Cornhusker International, Bus . \$90.67

Das State Accounting - Central, Network Nebraska\$292.87 Decker, Maintenance \$73.95 Diocese of Lincoln, Equipment.. \$625.00 EBSCO, MS Library \$610.58 ESUCC, PowerSchool\$19,762.62 ESU #4 Co-op, Registrations &

SRS.....\$1,612.50 ESU #6, Technology Hosted Services & Registration..... ESU #7, Software Renewal \$88.00 Falls City Auto Supply, Bus & Maintenance Parts\$1,742.50

Falls City Chamber & Main Street, Sixpence \$520.80 Falls City High School Supply and Travel Reimbursements\$2,607.22 Falls City Journal, Advertising.... \$165.71 Falls City North School, Supply

Reimbursement..... .. \$50.00 Falls City Sanitation, District & Sixpence Waste Removal \$944.00 Falls City School Lunch, July Lunch Support\$7,768.95 Falls City Truck & Trailer, Bus Parts & Repairs.....\$1,672.40

Falls City Utilities, District Wide Utilities.....\$25,536.05 Farm & City Supply, Maintenance, Grounds & Bus Parts\$917.23 Follett Software, SS Library

Supplies \$365.98 Grainger, Maintenance.....\$424.41 Harmon's OK Tire, Tire Repairs....\$1,855.00 Hampton Inn - Kearney, Admin Travel\$3,218.85 HD Supply, Maintenance & Custodial

Supplies\$771.14 Herrick Bruxellas Properties, Building Rental & Utilities \$560.00 Home Lumber NS Music Room Supplies\$2,673.29 Hope Squad, Registration......\$600.00 Hudl, Software Renewal \$12,400.00 HyVee, Maintenance Supplies... \$164.91 Innovative Office Solutions HS, MS, CO,

Lunch & Nurse Supplies \$2,325.97 Jones AC, Maintenance.....\$79.50 JourneyEd, Software Renewal.. \$500.00 Malcolm, Mary, SPED Contracted Services\$2,409.80 NACIA, Membership Dues \$40.00 NE Air Filter, Maintenance \$1,110.40

Nebraska Central Equipment, Bus Parts.....\$1,171.92 NCS Pearson, SPED Curriculum

Supplies\$5,455.00 NCSA, Membership Dues & Admin Days Registrations.....\$1,412.00 NCSA Region 1, Membership

......\$150.00 Dues..... Nodaway Valley Bank, Copier Lease\$3,985.00 O'Reilly Auto Parts, Bus Parts...\$354.02 Pest Control Services, Pest Control

Services\$150.00 Pitney Bowes, Postage Machine Lease. Purchase Power, Postage \$200.00 Prime Secured, Software

....\$2,849.62 Renewal..... Primrose Oil, Bus Parts.....\$222.64 RehabVisions, SPED Contracted Services\$2,035.55 Sapp Bros, Fuel.....\$179.24

School Specialty, NS Equip .. \$10,814.00 Sickel, Kaitlyn, Tuition Reimb..... \$976.50 Sioux City Truck Sales, Bus Repairs.....\$491.42 Sixpence, Childcare Scholarships\$2,304.23 Software Unlimited, Software

Renewal.....\$1,145.00 SNC, Telephone Service........\$1,888.59 Sparg Data, Board Meeting

Time Management Systems, Software Renewal.....\$1,960.00 Title IIa, Title IIa......\$6,657.30 Towle Realty, Sixpence Building .. \$525.00

Rental..... Trane, Maintenance Repairs .. \$1,435.00 Truck Center, Bus Parts\$221.91 UNK, Registration.....\$525.00 US Bank, Travel & Registrations\$162.96 US Bank, Supplies & Equipment\$160.94

US Bank, Sixpence\$79.90 Voyager Sopris Learning, SPED Curriculum\$5,577.00 Water Engineering, Maintenance

Agreement\$249.18 Wolfes Printing, HS Supplies..... \$969.74 TOTAL....\$214,358.48

Payroll - August 2025\$882,794.18 GRAND TOTAL\$1,097,152.66

DEPRECIATION FUND

Amazon, PCC Grant Supplies..... \$97.58 Amplify, Elem Curriculum......\$2,201.00 IXL Learning, K-12 Math Curriculum\$14,906.25 Next Generation Recreation, PCC Grant Supplies\$44,085.00 Savvas, Elementary Curriculum.....\$780.30 US Bank, PCC Grant Supplies .. \$9,615.70\$71,685.83

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

Bronwn Remodeling, NS Music Room\$6,776.71 Decker, Stadium Bathrooms. \$14,311.55 Home Lumber, Stadium Bathrooms\$554.25 US Bank, Stadium Bathrooms ... \$401.46 Wyn-Mill Garage door Service, Bus Barn Garage Door.....\$1,760.00 ..\$23,803.97

STUDENT FEE FUND

Falls City High School, Band Uniform Cleaning.....\$288.00

FCPS DISTRICT #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the September 8, 2025

School Board Meeting The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:02 PM on September 8, 2025 in the Central Office at the Falls City Middle School.

1. Business Items: Cassondra Goff: Present Anthony Johansen: Present Teresa Olberding: Absent Gabe Ramsey: Present Kevin Scheitel: Present Roger Windle: Present 1.1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Act No-

tice, and Pledge of Allegiance

the wall of this meeting room. 1.2. Approval of Absences The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Gabe Ramsey to approve the absence of Teresa Olberding. Mo-

President Goff announced that the

open meetings act notice is posted on

tion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

1.3. Approval of Agenda It was moved by Anthony Johansen

and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to approve the agenda. Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra

Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes yes: 6, no: 0

1.4. Approval of Previous Minutes It was moved by Anthony Johansen

and seconded by Gabe Ramsey to approve the previous minutes. Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra

Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Ab-

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1 1.5. Public Comment

sent

Clint and Cathie Sailors addressed the Board on Code of Conduct. Hoping changes will be made to the student handbook.

1.6. Approval of Treasurer's Report Dr. Offner discussed items in the Treasurer's Report.

It was moved by Anthony Johansen and seconded by Gabe Ramsey to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra

Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin

Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

1.7. Approval of Claims Several claims were discussed by the Board and Superintendent.

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Anthony Johansen approve the claims as presented. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent

ves: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1 2. Informational Items/Reports:

2.1. Staff/Student/Organization Report: None. 2.2. Principal's Reports: 2.2.a. Mrs. Leyden - North Elementa-

ry School Principal Mrs. Leyden submitted and written report and reviewed with the Board. 2.2.b. Mr. Gibson - South Elementary

School Principal Mr. Gibson submitted a written report and reviewed with the Board. 2.2.c. Mrs. Robeson - Middle School

Principal Mrs. Robeson submitted a written report. She reviewed that report with the

2.2.d. Mr. Sullivan - High School Prin-Mr. Sullivan submitted a written report

and reviewed with the board. 2.3. Board President's Report:

2.4. Superintendent's Report: 2.4.a. Dr. Offner - Superintendent Helm Company is coming for a second opinion on High School heat pumps. Middle school fire panel is being looked at. BVH submitted a proposal to do more in-depth study on the structure of facilities. Staff vacancies have all been filled. The area membership meeting is Wednesday, September 10th. All registrations have been completed. Registration will be

September 10th. The code of conduct will be discussed tomorrow during the Admin meeting. 2.5. Board Committee/Member Re-

opening for the state conference on

ports: 3. Old/New Action Items: 3.1. Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions 3110 Fundraising, 4225

Grievance Procedure, 5420 School Meal Program It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Gabe Ramsey to approve

policies 4225 and 5420. Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra

Title IX Policy &

Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

3.2. Discussion and take action on approving the 2025 - 2026 Budget and the 2025 - 2026 Tax Request. It was moved by Roger Windle and

seconded by Kevin Scheitel to approve

the 2025-2026 Budget and the 2025-2026 Tax Request. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1 3.3. Recognize the FCEA as the exclusive Bargaining Agent for all non-su-

pervisory Certificated Teacher staff for the 2026 - 2027 School year.

It was moved by Anthony Johansen and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to approve FCEA as the exclusive bargaining agent for all non-supervisory Certified Staff. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent ves: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

3.4. Discuss and take action on roofing issues at the high school (gym roof) and at North School (gym/lunchroom). Garland roofing showed two areas that failed testing on High School Roof. Received several bids for different ar-

3.5. Discussion and take action on BVH doing a more in-depth facility study for the cost of \$45,000.

3.6. Discussion and take action to continue offering the tutoring services as presented It was moved by Roger Windle and

seconded by Kevin Scheitel to continue offering the tutoring services as presented. Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin

Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1 3.7. Discussion on our CLSD grant and take action to approve the DMG

contract for \$100,000. It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Roger Windle to approve the DMG contract for \$100,000 Grant.

Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent

ves: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1 4. Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute

It was moved by Cassondra Goff and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion Passed Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra

Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

5. Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings

It was moved by Cassondra Goff and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to adjourn at 9:37 pm. Motion

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra

Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: Absent

yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

Passed

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS -**SEPTEMBER 2025 CLAIMS** AGiRepair, Technology... Amazon Capital Services, HS, MS, NS & SS Supplies......\$3,855.32 Amazon Capital Services CO, Nurse & Technology Supplies......\$1,567.19 Amazon Capital Services Maintenance & Custodial Supplies \$3,060.70 Armbruster Motor, Van Repairs ... \$519.00 Berwick Co-op Oil, Fuel...... \$1,211.00 buckIT, Tech Repairs\$4,335.00 Central Office, Mileage and Workshop Expenses.....\$698.84

Central Office, Miscellaneous Expenses.....\$4,734.65 Cintas, Uniform, Mop & Rag Services. CRSSA-C4K, Stipends......\$902.20 Das State Accounting - Central Network Nebraska\$292.87

Demco, NS Library Supplies .. \$349.17

EBSCO, HS Library Subs......\$791.74

ESU #4 Co-op DVLG Annual Renewal

Mileage-Supplies-Cell Phones\$277.73

Central Office, Bus Permit-

& Registrations\$14,561.76 ESU #6, Tech Hosted Services\$230.95 Falls City Auto Supply, Bus & Maintenance Parts.....\$224.77 Falls City High School, Supply and Travel Reimbursements......\$894.02 Falls City Journal, Advertising \$206.20

Falls City North School, Supply Reimbursement\$115.00 Falls City Sanitation, District & Sixpence Waste Removal.....\$944.00 Falls City School Lunch . August Lunch Support.....\$11,691.65 Falls City Utilities District Wide Utilities\$28,410.80

Family Medicine, Drug Testing \$200.00 Farm & City Supply, Maintenance, Grounds & Bus Parts......\$1,156.74 Fiber Platform, Internet Service.....\$1,253.75

Follett Content Solutions, NS & SS Library Supplies......\$1,795.74 Grainger, Maintenance \$476.21 Herrick Bruxellas Properties, Building Rental & Utilities\$560.00 Holmes, Krystal, Tuition

Reimbursement\$1,464.75 Home Lumber, Maintenance Parts\$18.48 Hometown Floral, Memorial.....\$55.00 HyVee, Maintenance Supplies \$186.24 ImPACT, Software Renewal ... \$550.00

KawreS, Bus Barn Supplies ... \$290.79 Malcolm, Mary, SPED Contracted Services......\$4,569.20 Mechanical Sales, Equip\$2,862.00 Merz Ink, Maintenance\$40.00 Meyer Home Center, Maintenance Repairs\$1,677.73 Midwest Bus Parts, Bus

Repairs\$484.81

Dues\$150.00

NASB, Membership Dues......\$130.00

NAEA District 1, Membership

Parts\$271.15 NCSA, Membership Dues & Admin Days Registrations\$750.00 Nebraska Štate Fire Marshal.. Elevator Inspections\$240.00 Nelson, Tabitha, Tuition Reimbursement\$1,790.25 Nodaway Valley Bank, Copier Lease.....\$3,985.00 NWEA, MAP Testing Curriculum\$1,982.50 OnToCollege, ACT Prep Course\$3,540.00 O'Reilly Auto Parts, Bus Parts..\$49.96 Parent-Child Center, Meal Reimbursement\$250.63 PGH&G,District Legal Services..... Pest Control Services, Pest Control Services.....\$150.00 Purchase Power, Postage \$401.00 Pyramid School Products HS Supplies

\$411.14 RehabVisions, SPED Contracted Services.....\$2,539.65 Renaissance Learning, Software Renewal.....\$563.00 School Datebooks, SS Supplies..... School Specialty, NS Equip \$101.19 Sioux City Truck Sales, Bus Repairs\$194.60 Sixpence, Childcare Scholarships......\$835.00

Software Unlimited .Software Renewal

.....\$1,233.00

SNC, Telephone Service\$1,289.61 Sysco, MS FACS Supplies\$103.58 Teaching Strategies, PCC Curriculum.\$1,343.00 Time Management Systems, Absence Management Software \$5,331.75

Towle Realty Sixpence Building Rental Trade Well Pallet, Playground Truck Center, Bus Parts......\$1,320.84

Twotrees Technologies, Technology Supplies......\$611.42 UNK, Registration.....\$250.00 US Bank, Travel & Registrations.....\$488.69 US Bank, Supplies & Water Engineering, Maintenance Agreement\$249.18 Wiltse Electric, Maintenance ..\$150.00 Wolfes Printing, Bus and Nurse

Curriculum\$1,048.35 TOTAL\$359,485.70 Payroll - September 2025...\$1,068,026.27

World Book, HS Library

Supplies.....\$407.50

Amazon, PCC Grant Supplies \$648.99 Amplify, Curriculum.....\$1,701.01 ILX LEarning, K-12 Math Curriculum... \$7,453.13

Savvas, Curriculum\$534.60

Grand Total \$1,427,511.97

DEPRECIATION FUND

.....\$10,337.73 **SPECIAL BUILDING FUND** BuckIT, District Camera Installation,

STUDENT FEE FUND Falls City High School, Student Fee Reimbursements,\$95.00 \$95.00

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SHUBERT VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

PUBLIC STREET MEETING

VILLAGE OF

October 6, 2025 The public meeting for the one and six year street plan was called to order by Chairman Donna Lockard on October 6, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. Board members present were: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk was present to record meeting. Lockard announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. No visitors were present. Board reviewed One and Six year plan as presented. Motion and Second (Patchen/Lockard) to adopt the one and six year street plan. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion Carried. Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye." Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

FCPS DISTRICT #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the September 8, 2025 **School Board Meeting** The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on September 8, 2025

in the Central Office at the Falls City Middle School. 1. Call Hearing to order Public Hearing declared open by President Goff at 7:03 pm.

2. Public who wish to address the board (3 minutes per person) 3. Conduct a public hearing on the Budget Summary Statement for the 2025 - 2026 school fiscal year as per advanced notice and details to be provided by the school's administration.

Discussion was had by the Superintendent and the board regarding the 2025-2026 Budget.

The public hearing was declared closed by President Goff at 7:04 pm.

4. Budget Hearing Adjournment

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

FREDERICK STORAGE LLC

Notice is hereby given that Frederick Storage LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on December 18, 2024 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Steven Frederick.

Steven Frederick, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz #12807 Samantha K. Scheitel #26389 1719 Stone Street Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3015

29-5-12 ZNEZ

Richardson County Board of Equalization Notice of Hearing **Consider Real Estate Tax Exemption**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat.§77-202.03(5) that on the 12th day of November, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. the Richardson County Board of Equalization will hold a hearing to review a current real estate tax exemption on the following described property:

First Presbyterian Church Falls City, NE

Lots 13, 14, 15 & 16 of Block 5, Original Town, City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska

Information regarding this current real estate tax exemption (2025) can be reviewed at the Office of the Richardson County Assessor located in the Courthouse, Room 102, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2025.

John Caverzagie, Chairman Richardson County Board of Equalization

Mary L. Eickhoff Richardson County Clerk

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REMINDER

ERE IS NO CHARGE TO RUN BABY NG ENGAGEMEN ENTS-SOCIETY

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF FREDERICK AUCTION LLC

Notice is hereby given that Frederick Auction LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on December 12, 2024 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Steven Frederick.

Steven Frederick, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz #12807 Samantha K. Scheitel #26389 1719 Stone Street Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3015

15-22-29 **ZNEZ**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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:

SOUTH 12 ½ FEET OF LOT 7 AND ALL OF LOTS 8, 9, 10, AND 11, BLOCK 3, ROULEAU AND BEDARD'S ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF RULO, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

DATED: September 24, 2025

Samantha K. Scheitel, #26389 Weaver & Merz Law Office Attorney for Frontier Bank

1-8-15-22-29 **ZNEZ**

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA Fetate of Albert I. Lippold

Estate of Albert L. Lippold, Deceased. Estate No. PR25-51

Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Lori A Hall, whose address is 1824 Fair Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 15, 2025 or be forever barred.

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

Tracy A. Burns, #25398 Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486

15-22-29 **ZNEZ**

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

FREDERICK SIX FARMS LLC

Notice is hereby given that Frederick Six Farms LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on December 2, 2022 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Steven Frederick.

Steven Frederick, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz #12807 Samantha K. Scheitel #26389 1719 Stone Street Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3015

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Falls City intends to file an application to USDA Rural Development for financial assistance in the amount of \$48.452.22 for the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD that is fully equipped with all police equip-

A meeting will be held on 11/17/2025 at 6:00 p.m. at 2307 Barada Street regarding the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public com-

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

Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Gene Naber, whose address is 71064 635 Blvd, Humboldt, Nebraska 68376, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 15, 2025, or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann **Ćlerk Magistrate** County Court of Richardson County 1700 Stone Street, Rm 205 Falls City, NE 68355

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING -**Regular Meeting**

Monday, November 10th at 7:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Board meeting of the Falls City Board of Education for District No. 74 0056 will be held on Monday, November 10th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. This meeting is open to the public.

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

> Dr. Andrew Offner Superintendent, Falls City Public Schools

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Angela M. Minahan, Attorney at Law of Reinsch, Slattery, Bear, Minahan, & Prickett, P.C., L.L.O., 545 Main Street/ P.O. Box 489, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 (402) 296-6996, does hereby provide the following notice related to an Adoption proceeding pending in Richardson County, Nebraska:

Seth Ryan B.: Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of September 2025 Machia K. f/k/a Machia M. filed a Petition in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska with intention to execute a Stepparent Adoption of Garrett R.J. K., a minor child, by her current spouse, Matthew K. The matter is set for Abandonment Hearing and Final Hearing on the Petition for Stepparent Adoption on November 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. before the Honorable Richard R. Smith in the Richardson County Courtroom, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nedraska 66355. It you have questions, you must contact Angela M. Minahan at the above address and phone number.

15-22-29

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY, LLC

Notice is hereby given that PART-NERS IN COMMUNITY, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on June 18, 2025 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Richard Martin.

Richard Martin, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz #12807 Samantha K. Scheitel #26389 1719 Stone Street Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3015

15-22-29 **ZNEZ**

NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska Estate of Barry L. Handley, Deceased Estate Number: PR25-52

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy of said Decedent, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of a Personal Representative has been filed herein and is set for hearing in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, located at 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska on November 19, 2025 at or after 9:15 a.m

> /s/ Randy L. Handley Randy L. Handley, Petitioner 71716 653 Ave Falls City, NE 68355

Dylan L. Handley (24152) Handley Law Office 217 E 18th Street Falls City, NE 68355 Phone: (402) 245-3088 Email: dylanlhandley@hotmail.com

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF **COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 15, 2025** CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Karas at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Campbell. Chairman Caverzagie was absent. The Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Vice-Chairman Karas announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Motion Caverzagie-absent.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Five new employees have passed their CDL written testing and will start the driver training. Mr. Darveau reported that the crews

are cleaning ditches, hauling rock and the motor graders are going. An area on the "Pony Creek Road" was discussed and whether or not the planned improvements should begin at this time of year or wait until after winter weather. It was determined that waiting until after the winter weather to

start this project would be in the best

interest of those who travel this road. The structure on 637 Avenue between 712 and 713 Road located NW of Dawson was discussed and contact has been made with local contractors to assist with this improvement. Mr. Darveau presented to the Board the quotes received from Murphy Tractor and NE Machinery Company for the purchase of a new motor grader through the Sourcewell government contract awards. The Board will be reviewing these quotes further at next

week's meeting. Quotes were also presented to the Board for the purchase of a new 2026 pickup for the Road Department. Quotes were received from the following: Anderson Ford for a 2025 F250 pickup for \$54,365 with state bid contract #16214 OC; Hullman's Ford for a 2026 Ford F250 at \$54,900; Armbruster Motor Co. for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado for \$56,950; Sid Dillon for a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado with state bid contract #16215 OC for \$51,943.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week due to commitments with court hearings.

A report was received from the Nebraska Jail Standards that the Richardson County jail facility was found to be in full compliance after the annual inspection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion was made by Karas to go into

an executive session at 10:00 a.m. with EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion

seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:30 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today.

Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion

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

GENERAL FUND Amazon, supp...... 13.78

Ankrom, Jami, reimb...... 291.20

hours.)

serv....

ATOT	700.05
AT&T, serv	
Clerk of District Court, fees	258.00
Consolidated Management	t.
serv	
Culligan, serv	
DAS State Accounting, ser	
Douglas County Sheriff, se	
Holiday Inn, lodg	
Humboldt Standard, adv	
Jensen, Marianne, reimb	
LA Police Gear, supp	628.17
Malcolm, Terry, serv	420.00
Maximus US Services, ser	
Midwest Process Service,	
MIPS, supp	
NACO, fee	
NE Dept. of Health & Huma	
serv	
NE Commission on Law Er	
NE COMMISSION ON EAW EN	HOLOGINEIN,

Physicians Laboratory, serv... 5750.00 Pro Serv Business Systems, . 328.83 supp..... Richardson County Vendor, FICA/

Nestor & Mercure, serv....... 9166.66

Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodg... 550.00

retire/etc......25480.47 Scheitel, Samantha, reimb154.00 Schendel Pest Control, serv 69.88 SNC, serv 2019.22 US Signal Company, supp...... 945.00 Payroll Expense...... 120531.79 TOTAL GENERAL FUND .. \$183,408.80

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND Cornhusker International Trucks,

supp	429.74
Dept. of Correctional Service	es,
supp	250.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	
Farmer's Repair, supp	189.36
Martin Marietta Materials,	
rock	. 36426.56
NMC, supp	38.36
Norris Quarries, rock	
Operation & Expense Accou	unt,
reimb	15.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp	195.64
Road Builders Machinery	& Supply,
supp	45.57
Sapp Bros., supp	645.40
2.72	

SNC, serv 104.73 Winter Equipment Company, Payroll Expense 36136.12

TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....

.... \$83,063.50 DRUG COURT FUND Hawkins, Seth, serv...... 1300.00 Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge,

.. 1300.00 serv..... TOTAL DRUG COURT

FUND..... \$2.600.00 SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND SNC, serv 167.00 TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY

FUND......\$167.00 **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, October 22, 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.

Rick Karas, Vice-Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD **OF EQUALIZATION OCTOBER 15, 2025 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Vice-Chairman Karas at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas and Campbell, Assessor Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff. Commissioner Caverzagie was absent. Vice-Chairman Karas announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-11 to set the 2025 tax levies for all taxing entities within Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-absent. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 71)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Rick Karas, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

New Listing

For Sale

Saunders County Farmland | 64.72 +/- Acres | \$815,000

2 Miles SW of Wahoo

Class II & III Soils

Ethan Sorensen

Owner/Agent, Lincoln, NE

(402) 380-0432 (cell) nextagrealestate.com **(III)**

ethan@nextagrealestate.com

■ 38,000 Bu. Grain Bin

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

Educational Service Unit 4, Auburn, NE 2024-2025 School Year

This report is not intended to be an all-inclusive document. Additional information on any phase of this report can be obtained by contacting the Office of Educational Service Unit 4, P.O. Box 310, Auburn, NE 68305 or by calling 402-274-4354. The office is located at 2301 Dahlke Ave. in Auburn. ESU 4's website can be found at http://www.esu4.org.

Activities:

During the 2024-2025 school year, Educational Service Unit 4 (ESU 4) provided core services as established by the Nebraska Department of Education and requested by member districts as being necessary services (per Rule 84).

ESU 4 also contracts with the State of Nebraska to provide services at the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI). NCECBVI is in Nebraska City, NE and can be found online at http://www.ncecbvi.org.

ESU 4 works with area districts to offer a Life Skills program at the ESU 4 Learning Center. The ESU 4 Learning Center is located at 1109 R Street in Auburn, NE.

The vision of ESU 4 is "Courageously and compassionately leading in education." The mission: "Impacting student learning through communication, accountability, and leadership." ESU 4 believes that: honest and accurate communication enables quality services, effective professionals are accountable, and leadership provides vision.

Area Served:

ESU 4 provides supplemental educational services to the public and parochial schools in Johnson. Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties. These five counties are in the southeast corner of Nebraska, encompassing a geographical area of 2,477 square miles. During the school year, the student population in these counties was approximately 7000; the number of staff members totaled approximately

Board of Educational Service Unit 4:

The ESU 4 Board consists of nine members from the five counties served. Term of office is four years. The Board meets in regular session on the second Monday of each month, except July, at the ESU 4 Office, 2301 Dahlke Ave., Auburn, NE. Meeting notices are printed in the local newspapers and online at http://www.esu4.org. The meetings are open to the public.

Advisory Committee of ESU 4:

Vision and Mission Statements:

ESU 4 is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. ESU 4 is served by an advisory committee composed of school superintendents, other administrators, and representatives from Peru State College. This group meets at least four times per year.

Financial:

During the 2024-2025 school year, the total expenses for ESU 4 was approximately \$7,429,122.00 and the total receipts was approximately \$8,255,361.00.

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CLASSIFIEDS/PUBLIC NOTICES

FC CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 6th day of October 2025, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being

STANDING REPORTS

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

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR **OCTOBER 6, 2025**

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR **SEPTEMBER 29, 2025**

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the minutes for September 29, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 7, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the claims for October 7, 2025. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Mo-

REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR (SDL) LICENSE FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2025,

AT PRICHARD AUDITORIÚM An SDL application from Successful Ventures LLC, was submitted to the City Clerk for local governing body review. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Mo-

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN SAMPLE TO THE FALLS CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR

HARKENDORFF A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to appoint John Sample to the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Mo-

REQUEST TO BLOCK OF LANE STREET FROM 19TH TO 26TH STREET ON OCTOBER 31, 2025 FROM 5 TO 9 PM FOR TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT

Holly Westengaard of 2421 Lane Street provided a street closure request for consideration. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the street closure as requested. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

REVIEW BUDGET COMMITTEE ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Council President Leyden proposed a quarterly meeting schedule for the budget committee to review current budget and begin planning for next fiscal budget. City Administrator Nussbaum stated that defining roles and responsibilities was part of the management statement for the fiscal year 2023-2024 audit finding response and request the budget committee develop roles/responsibilities for clarity. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth for the budget committee to meet quarterly beginning November 12, 2025 at 4 PM. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Mo-

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AND THE COMMUNICATIONS **WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA)** AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CWA

NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE A CWA ratified agreement was pre-

sented for review. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ruiz to authorize execution of the agreement. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY

None. "Absent" None. Motion carried. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LABOR AGREEMENT** BETWEEN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL **BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IBEW) LOCAL 1536** AS RECOMMÈNDED BY THE IBEW

NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE An IBEW ratified agreement was presented for review. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to authorize execution of the agreement. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buck-. minster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF INSURANCE WITH MILLER-FARRELL FOR ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS AND BOILER/MA-**CHINERY FOR FISCAL** YEAR 2025/2026

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER **BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS** ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on October 6, 2025; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least three copies of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was

FCPS DISTRICT #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the July 14, 2025 School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2025 in the Superintendent's office at the Middle School in Falls City, Nebras-

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS 1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEET-INGS ACT NOTICE - School Board members present were: Roger Windle, Teresa Olberding, Anthony Johansen, Cassandra Goff, Gabe Ramsey and Kevin Scheitel. Absent: None. President Cassondra Goff presided at the meeting. President Goff announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION - It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded that it is hereby determined that this public meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and are hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Goff, yes; Johansen, yes; Windle, yes; Olberding, yes; Ramsey, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said meeting in

open session 1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded to approve the agenda. The voting was as follows: Scheitel, yes; Goff, yes; Windle, yes; Olberding, yes; Johansen, yes; Ramsey, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

1.0 Business Items:

1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance 1.2 Approval of Absences

1.3 Verification of Advanced Publica-

1.4 Approval of Agenda 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes

1.6 Approval of Claims 1.7 Public Comment

1.8 Approval of Treasurer's Report 1.9 Required annual hearings on Student Fees policy, Parental Involvement Policy, Bullying Policy, Attendance Poli-

cy, Employee Boundaries and Multicul-

2.0 Informational Items/Reports:

tural Policy

2.1 Board President's Report: 2.2 Superintendent's Report:

a. Welcome, and thank you for this opportunity

b. Budget Update

c. Summer Project update d. BVH and update on possible con-

e. Upcoming board retreat

g. Staffing One additional paraprofessional

was hired ii. Elementary Art is also still open 2.3 Board Committee/Member Re-

2.4 Board Member Reports:

3.0 Old/New Action Items: 3.1 Final Readings on Policy Reviews and Revisions 3.2 Purchase special education van

for \$42,500 from Armbruster Motor 3.3 Set date for Budget Workshop 3.4 Set Budget and Property Tax Hearing for September 8, 2025

4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MIN-UTES (regular and/or special meeting)-It was moved by Roger Windle and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 regular Board Meeting; the voting was as follows: Scheitel, yes; Ramsey, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Windle, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

1.6 PUBLIC COMMENT - None 1.7 APPROVAL OF THE TREA-SURER'S REPORT - It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded to approve the June 30, 2025 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$4,662,737.78 in the Student Fee Fund of \$14,080.00; in the Depreciation Fund of \$112,540.20; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$1,958,552.08. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried. The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, an Elementary Activity Account Report and a School

Lunch Account Report.

1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS - It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/RE-

2.1 BOARD PRESIDENT'S RE-PORT: None 2.2 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Discussion was had on a variety of Building and Grounds update. The bathrooms at the stadium are coming along and wrapping up. Bleachers are

being completed and installed today. The wall being built on the stage at North School is being completed. The expense is going to be a little more than previously quoted. Track refinishing will take place in October. Starting to think about next year and what needs to be addressed. CTE addition. Looking at what is going to happening with BVH and get a good understanding on the direction we will be going.

• The City of Falls City has made

the decision to make the area around North School no parking. This change will be effective immediately.

· Will be getting together to have a discussion on budget numbers. Would like more time to look into what we are doing to move forward in our district. Board and Budget retreat both coming up in August.

Looking into Sparg Meetings. This will allow us to utilize online board meetings and publish information to

our website in real time. · We have lost a paraeducator and hired a paraeducator. We may need to hire two additional paras before the beginning of the school year. Spoke with Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Robeson about a potential Art Teacher replacement

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Final Readings on Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1) 7500 Student Fees; 2) 8310 Parental Ínvolvement; 3) 7142 Bullying; 4) 7111 Attendance; 5) 6319 Professional Boundaries; 6) 8212 Multicultural Education; 7) 6215 Bus Driver Supervision; 8) 6214 Drug testing Drivers; 9) 6310 Chronic Infectious Diseases; 10) 6311 Bloodborne Pathogens; 11) 6312 School Safety and Security; 12) 6313 Drug Free Workplace; 13) 6314 Sales Rep; 14) 6315 Personnel Files. It was moved by Roger Windle and seconded to approve the final readings on Policy Reviews and Revisions. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Purchase a Special Education Van: It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded to purchase a Special Education Van for \$42,500 from Armbruster Motor. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Set Budget Workshop and Board Retreat: It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and second to set the date for the Budget Workshop and Board Retreat for August 25, 2025 at 5 p.m. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

3.4 Set the Budget and Property Tax Hearing: It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded to set the Budget and Property Tax Hearing for September 8, 2025. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Scheitel, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Ramsey, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the protection of public interest, at 7:33 P.M. Teresa Olberding made a motion and was seconded to go into executive session at 7:33 P.M. Closed session clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest in a strategy session regarding personnel. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Ramsey, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Johansen, yes; Scheitel, yes. Mo-

It was declared to leave closed session by President Goff at 8:15 P.M.

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded to re-enter open session at 8:15 P.M. The closed session was clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest in a strategy session regarding personnel. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Ramsey, yes; Olberding, yes; Johansen, yes; Goff, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Roger Windle and seconded to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. with no further business. The voting was as follows: Windle, yes; Ramsey, yes; Olberding, yes; Goff, yes; Scheitel, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

Village of Shubert Regular Monthly Meeting October 6, 2025 **Shubert Library**

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on October 6, 2025 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:03 PM with the following board members present: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No Visitors. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Hays/Borrego) to approve the September 8. 2025 Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

There was a motion and second (Hays/Borrego) to approve the September 8, 2025 Final Hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Hays/Patchen) to approve the September 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Lockard) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

General: Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to approve the request for Audit waiver. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Lockard reviewed a letter from the Department of Transportation in regards to the speed limit on Highway 62. Motion and Second (Patchen/Borrego) to have clerk type new ordinance. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Hays gave update on the grant process.

Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Board reviewed bid from Central Tank to clean and paint water tower. Motion and Second (Lockard/Patchen) to accept bid. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Wood & Brush pile: Ramer has been shredding and keeping the brush piled up. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Possible location for the new bathroom has been marked. Park: Bathrooms will be winterized towards the end of October. Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours. Streets: Discussion of purchasing a truck with a snow blade. Motion and Second (Hays/ Lockard) to purchase truck. Roll cal vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Discussion about snow removal. Motion and Second (Hays/Lockard) to accept bid from Cody Meyerkorth for snow removal using the town truck. Roll call vote all "Aye". Except Patchen who abstained from the vote. Motion carried. Potholes and street repairs were discussed. Discussion about where in town to store surplus rock and sand. Motion and Second (Hays/Borrego) to purchase one load of rock for the well road. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Mo-

tion carried. Fire: None The next regular board meeting will be Monday, November 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to adjourn meeting at

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

Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

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PAIR OF TIGER RUNNERS DO FALLS CITY PROUD

Junior Jennifer Sweeney and freshman Audrey Srivens competed at the NSAA State Cross Country Championships on Friday afternoon at the Kearney Country Club. The girls had the advantage of running the course at the end of September in the UNK Meet as well as running in nearly ideal conditions of 50-degree weather with little to no wind.

Scrivens had the top finish for Falls City, placing 57th out of 119 runners. Scrivens ran the 3.1-mile course

21:48.7, two seconds ahead of her district time and fifty seconds faster than her time on the course in September. Scrivens ran her first mile in 6:42, her second in 7:13 and averaged 7:02 per mile throughout the race. Sweeney was close be-

in a personal best time of

hind Scrivens, placing 65th in 21:53.1, nearly a personal best. Sweeney ran her best time at districts, finishing in 21:51.2, but cut one minute and two seconds off her time on the course from the September race in Kearney. Sweeney clocked in at 6:42 for her first mile and

ing 7:03 per mile during the competition. "I felt the girls had a great shot to be a contender to make it as a team when

the district teams were announced at the beginning of the season, even without having our number two and third runner not being out this year," said Coach Cody Hawley. "We knew our freshmen were going to fill in and pick up where the other two had left off."

7:13 for her second, averag-

Scout Bell, a sophomore from Gothenburg, won the Class C individual title in few years are putting Ne-19:16.4. Auburn's Liston Crotty was the top local finisher, placing 10th in 19:55.8.

Chase County crowned the team champion with 67 points, as defending Class C champ Auburn finished fourth with 93 points.

"The state meet is an incredible event," said Haw-"The competition across all the classes is increasing in difficulty every year. The times these athletes are running the last braska distance runners on the map."

Coach Hawley said the team's success as a whole improved throughout the season, culminating in the girls' team's fourth-place district finish. The girls were two points shy of qualifying the entire team for the first time since 1984.

"Anytime we can get qualifiers to compete at the state meet, that is a good indicator of positive success for the team," stated Coach

Hawley.

Hallowe'en creeps into Nebraska in the mid 1880's



(Continued from Page 1) and other similar depredations committed," the editor continued, "those who have suffered with these depredations are heartily wishing that the boys would cease to celebrate this night."

In those years, Halloween meant overturned wagons, missing gates and barrels in the street. Pranks that seem minor by today's standards, but quite disruptive for the 1890's.

Nearing the end of the century, on November 5, 1897, Halloween had finally become common enough that The Falls City Journal ran a front-page illustration titled "A Hallowe'en Snap Shot." The drawing depicted a scared man discovering

pranksters hiding near a fence and a barrel, lantern in hand.

In the late 1910's the *Jour*nal boasted the Hiawatha Halloween Parade saying that the "roads were book and the train would return before dark," for those interested in

By the 1920s, Falls City joined a national shift toward organized Halloween events. On October 31, 1925, the Falls City Daily News featured "Halloween Parties as Reported to Us."

The story listed "a number of most pleasing parties," hosted across town and in surrounding neighborhoods. Instead of tricks, the focus was on decorations, music, refreshments and costumes.

The 1920s marked the beginning of Halloween as a social holiday rather than an unruly one. The Journal's coverage showed how families and churches worked to turn what had once been a night of mischief into a safe celebration for children.

By the 1930s, the transformation was complete. The Falls City Daily News of October 21, 1930, carried several references to the upcoming holiday.

Household columns offered recipes for autumn treats and decorating advice, while community notes mentioned school activities and costume contests. Halloween was no longer limited to pranks it had become a town-wide observance marked by family parties and public events.

Even during the Great Depression, Falls City's papers show that Halloween remained an affordable celebration: homemade masks, paper decorations and neighborhood gatherings replaced the earlier chaos of gate-lifting and sign-switching. Fewer pranks were reported and more Church gatherings and Society dances were adver-

The Journal of October 29, 1940, appeared during tense global times. The front page was dominated by war coverage and national headlines about the military draft, yet the community pages still mentioned Halloween rades and youth events.

Despite rationing and uncertainty, Falls City families found ways to mark the day. The paper carried small advertisements for Halloween candies and supplies. Hinky Dinky advertised "If you're planning a party for Hallowe'en, you'll want to get your share of these treats." Apple Cider 79 cents for a gallon jug, Apricot Preserves 19 cents for a 16 ounce jar and homemade fancy Chow Chow for a 16 ounce jar.

Halloween coverage reflected both civic organization and restraint. On October 20, 1948, the . nal published the headline "Hallowe'en Party Won't Be Staged."

The article reported that "there will be no city-wide Hallowe'en party for the youngsters this year." Two vears earlier, the now-defunct Falls City Recreation Organization had "staged a highly successful Hallowe'en party for kids at Prichard Auditorium."

"The Chamber of Commerce looked into the project." the story continued. "but the fact that Hallowe'en falls on Sunday this year is considered a bar."

A citywide celebration would have conflicted with church services. The article noted that the event's main goal had been "to keep youngsters out of mischief on Hallowe'en night, itself."

But the old pranks were not forgotten. The Falls City Journal of November 5, 1949, said: "Several Falls City parking signs turned up mysteriously in Salem around Hallowe'en, accord-

ing to reports." It was a brief item, buried on page two, but reminiscent of the mischief first reported more than fifty years prior.

Through the decades, Halloween reflects the times. Whether it was cabbage charms, barrel jokes, costume parades or missing parking signs, Falls City's newspapers have captured each era and kept it alive for the next.







The kick-off of the 4th year for the Tiger and Irish branches of Frontier Bank is highlighted in these photos. Students gathered for a fun rally and presentation of the 5th grade tellers. The In School Savings Program is sponsored by the Nebraska Council of Economics Educations and Frontier Bank promoting financial literacy for grades 3-5.

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