

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
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 job.

(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 in 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?

I’ve seen this over and 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.

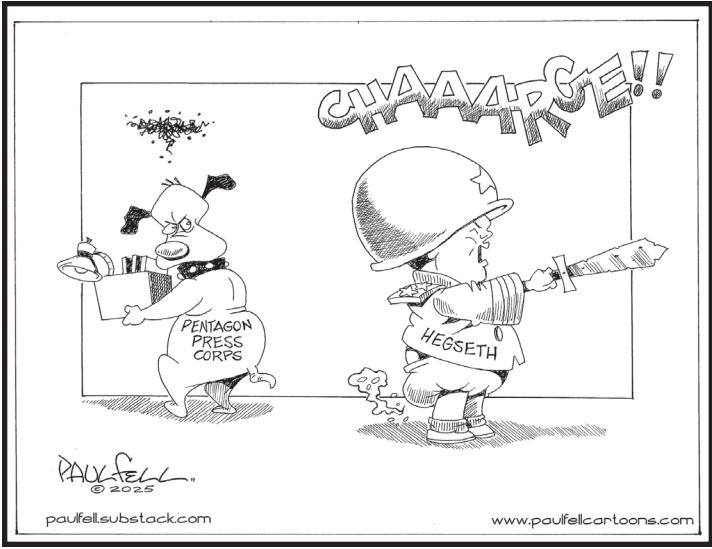
It’s not the job of a reporter to take down everything a governor or president says and decide that it must be true. “Trust but verify” was Ronald Reagan’s famous warning.

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 pass muster.

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

The last thing we need 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 and writing about the state.



STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
THEME: SCARY MOVIES

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- 1. Awestruck
- 5. Paid player
- 8. Precedes pedia
- 12. Oxen connector
- 13. Sonic sound
- 14. ____ Dondarrion, “Game of Thrones” Lord of Blackhaven
- 15. Biographical abbr. (2 words)
- 16. *2025 Pete Davidson horror flick, “The ____”
- 17. Wear away
- 18. *Movie director of “Knock at the Cabin” fame
- 20. Manage without help
- 21. Subway coin
- 22. Boar’s mate
- 23. *Jordan Peele’s directorial debut (2017, 2 words)
- 26. Richard Gere in 1980 movie, pl.
- 30. Bit of binary code
- 31. A way to steal gas
- 34. *”It’s ____” (1974)
- 35. Estrogen producer
- 37. Have a bug
- 38. Glue on, e.g.
- 39. Comme ci, comme Ça
- 40. Nice to look at
- 42. Opposite of WSW
- 43. Opposite of #40 Across
- 45. Cordwood units
- 47. The night before
- 48. Warm down-slope wind
- 50. Blood component
- 52. *Trip to Sweden gone wrong (2019)
- 56. Like certain radiant energy
- 57. Pakistani tongue
- 58. “Ill at ____”
- 59. Not together
- 60. Ooze
- 61. Bulgarian, e.g.
- 62. Like certain grape beverage
- 63. Get it wrong
- 64. Shakira’s don’t lie?

DOWN

- 1. Roll call answers
- 2. Visi____ or Ostro ____
- 3. Thumbs-up
- 4. Italian frozen dessert
- 5. Southern England’s coastal town
- 6. *____ Polanski, director of “Rosemary’s Baby”
- 7. *The story of Damien Thorn, with The (1976)
- 8. *Americans’ attacker in London (1981)
- 9. Pump it!
- 10. Pirate Captain ____
- 11. Frozen H2O
- 13. Devotional worship, in Hinduism
- 14. Haze over
- 19. Timid
- 22. Envy, biblically-speaking
- 23. Duck follower
- 24. Diplomat on a mission
- 25. Badger or bug
- 26. Happy Gilmore’s game
- 27. Forever prisoner
- 28. Sheep-like
- 29. Movie “Battle of the ____”
- 32. Pay as you earn, acr.
- 33. Step on it
- 36. *Mia Farrow in Roman Polanski’s movie (1967)
- 38. Poetic although
- 40. Before of yore
- 41. Depletes (2 words)
- 44. Manifest
- 46. Catch in a net
- 48. Firearm shooter
- 49. More eccentric
- 50. Shoshonean people
- 51. Panache
- 52. Dante’s Beatrice, e.g.
- 53. Mauritania’s Eastern neighbor
- 54. Hurry up, acronym
- 55. RPMs
- 56. *James Wan’s directorial debut (2004)

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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, Le-land, 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 DeJonge, 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 new 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 Lacey 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 meeting. 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-help and suicide prevention. Fall Roundup was a fun and informative meeting with 23 in attendance.

Linda Patchen shared that she attended Ruth Hietbrink’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 Lacey Noa set up. Amber Last, Tana 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 closing prayer Co-President Vicki Beilke declared the meeting adjourned.

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Cardiology Tonya Stallbaumer, APRN: November 7 Swapna Mamidipally, MD: November 3, 10 Kevin Bernd, DO: November 4	Nuclear Stress Tests November 13	Surgery Aaron Brown, MD: November 10, 12, 24, 26 Samuel Bruna, MD: November 3, 5, 17, 19
Dermatology Tiffany Engelken, APRN: November 5, 12, 19	OB/GYN Jamesina Dickson, MD: November 5	Urology Kris Carlson, MD: November 11, 18, 25
Diabetes Support Group November 18 th @3pm	Oncology Robin McKay, APRN: November 21 Manidhar Lekkala, MD: November 24	Wound Clinic Susie Lueger, APRN: November 3, 10, 17, 24
Dizziness & Balance Gary McKnight, AuD: November 20	Ophthalmology Surgery William Burr, MD: November 10	
Ear, Nose, & Throat Jason Lepse, MD: November 14	Orthopedics Adam Streit, DO: November 6, 20 Maria VanDyke, PA-C: November 11, 25 Michael McCoy, MD: November 6, 20	
Endocrinology Kelli Bradbury, APRN: November 25	Pain Management Karl Haake, MD: November 4, 11, 18	
Nephrology Haley Wingerson, APRN: November 10 Lakshmi Duvvur, MD: November 21 Keelyn Ericson, MD: November 17	Podiatry Robert Shemwell, DPM: November 12, 25	

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Nolan Schafer 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 Statute § 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 License.

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.

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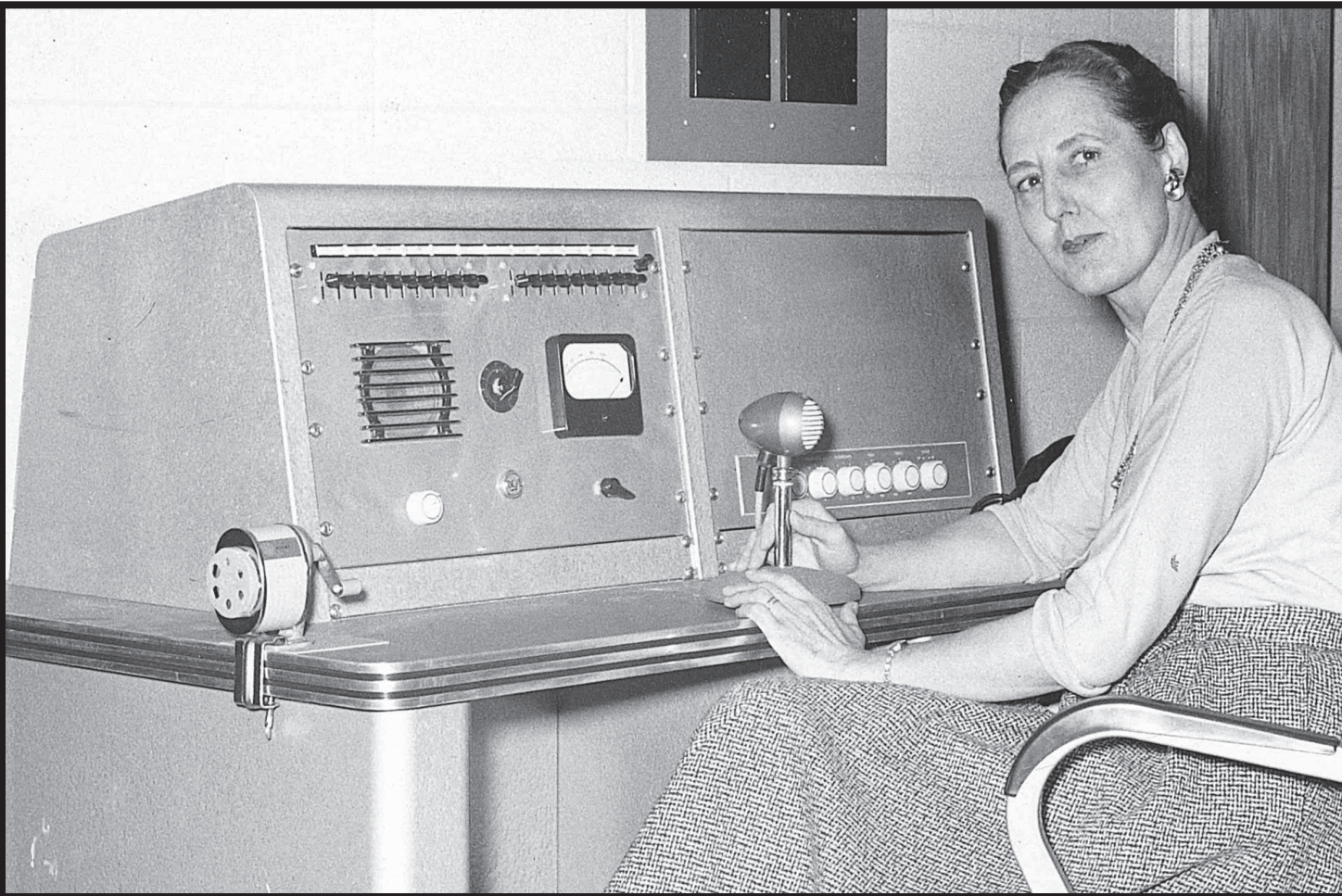
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Elliott Thomas Curley and FC Police Chief Jamie Baker. Photo by Barb Curley Fail.

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 setting.

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.

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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.

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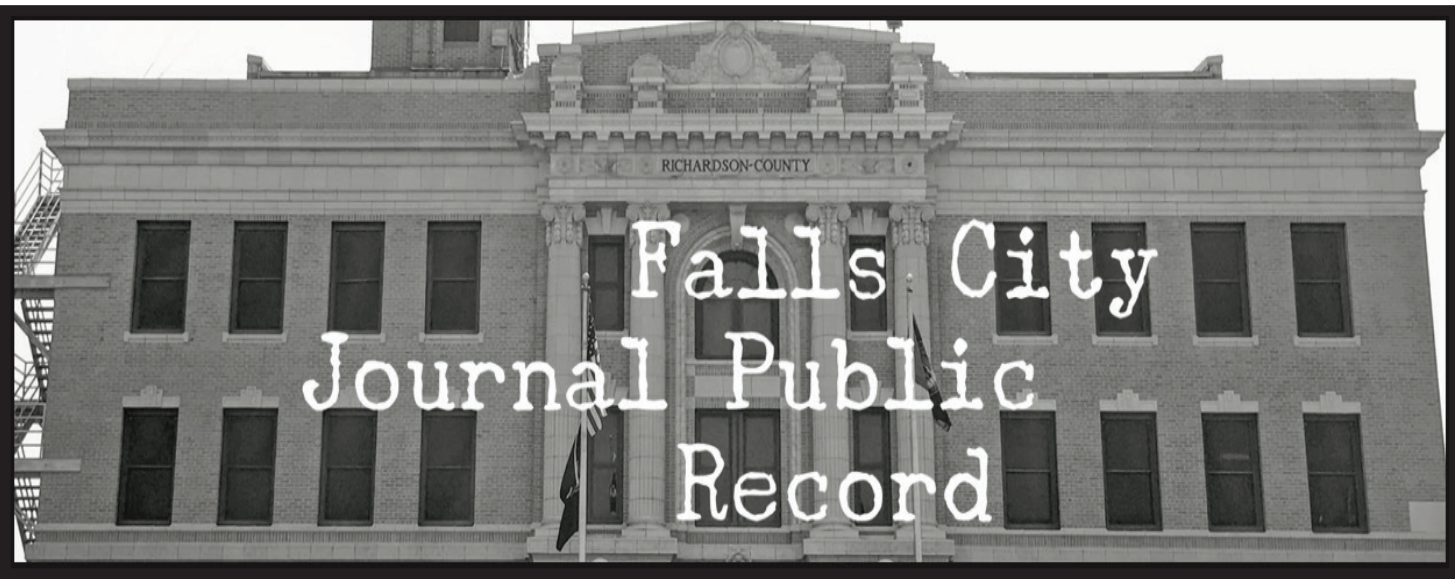
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COUNTY COURT
Crystal J. Thompson, counts 1-3 amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of seven days, credit for seven days served.

Ida M. Rowland, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for November 19, 2025.

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/dismissed.

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 contrl 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 Kansas 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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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, back-to-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 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

a 22-20 advantage. Jazi 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 contest.

The defense on both sides of the ball controlled the first 12 minutes of action. The Tiger defense was stingy, allowing 11 yards 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-and-short 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 two-yard 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, 65-yard 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 yards 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 Lions in home VB finale

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 14.

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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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 reported.

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



Detectives continue search for missing child, Melodee Buzzard

Did you see Melodee or her mother in a white Chevy Malibu between October 7-14?

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 Melodee.

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

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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 mums.

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 of 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>

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Local Non-Profit Trust formed to save weekly newspaper

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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: sunrisepublicationsjournalism@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 security replacement. 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 Bob 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 Court.

“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 expect.”

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 Campbell.

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.”

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 Karas.

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 Strohm, 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 Park Funeral Home.

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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valleyavenue.org
Church Of Christ (2701 Barada St.) Worship, 10:30am; Bible Study (All Ages), 9:30am. Wednesday Bible Study, 6:00pm. *Josh Maxwell, Preacher – 402-245-7148*
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St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan) Sunday Worship, 10:30am (Holy Eucharist) <https://stthomasepisc.com>
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St. Paul’s Lutheran Church LCMS. (6 Mi. North of Falls City on US 73) Sunday School

and Bible study, 9:30 AM (September-May). Divine Service, 10:30 AM. Communion on 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. fallsctylcms.blogspot.com
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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 (½ mile N of Preston Corner) Worship, 11:00AM; Sunday School, 10:00AM; Wednesday Choir, 7:30PM. *Pastor Mike Hader – 402-245-4584.*
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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*
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VERDON
Verdon Christian Church Disciples of Christ (400 Walnut St.) Sun: Worship, Summer: 7PM, Winter: 6PM. Find us on Facebook at Verdon Christian Church. verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com. *Rev. Daniel Spencer. Call or text: 402-801-0374.*

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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, Pastor*

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

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

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

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

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

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, straight-line 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.














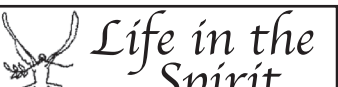









Catherine R. Sanders has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.



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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 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	320.17
Quill Corp, Vis-Vis wet erase fine 8pk.....	19.99
Quill Corp, Clip paper stl giant .045... 1.89	
Amazon Capital Services, Desk file organizer, metal mesh.....	20.59
Amazon Capital Services, Mail Organizer for desk.....	8.49
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Susan branch large desk pad monthly cal.....	22.99
Amazon Capital Services, 12pk Lined Sticky Notes 4x6in.....	8.95
Amazon Capital Services, 9 Tier paper organizer.....	24.69
Pest Control Services of SE NE, Pest control services-City Hall.....	50.00
Farm & City Supply, C-K int sat uwv qt.....	22.99
Quill Corp, Electronis duster 4pk.....	17.00
Quill Corp, stpls stan view bndr 2in orange.....	8.80
Quill Corp, stpls hd view binder periwinkle.....	8.80
Quill Corp, stp sd 2in dr vw bndr green.....	8.30
Quill Corp, 1-1/2 round ring view binder wht.....	20.01
Quill Corp, Qb 1 round ring view binder blk.....	20.01
Quill Corp, stpls hd view binder 2in red.....	9.40
FC Journal, Ads Expense 09.03.2025 to 10.14.2025.....	1,489.58
Megan Stamper Travel Expense- Meals & Miles.....	379.60
Ameritas Billing,457 Pre Tax Percentage.....	180.31
CWA Dues, CWA Union Dues.....	77.72
Medica Ins, Group Health.....	17,479.93
IBEW Local Union #1536, IBEW Union Dues.....	133.82
InterNatl, Union of Operating Engineers IUOE Union Dues.....	197.52
Dearborn Life Insurance Company, Life Insurance.....	264.42
Nebraska Dept of Revenue, Garnishment.....	250.00
Ameritas, Pension 457 Pre-Tax.....	30.00
Ameritas, Retirement 501a.....	8,923.10
American Natl Bank, HSA.....	20.00
Nebraska Department of RevenueState W/H Tax.....	3,074.26
Department of the Treasury, Federal W/H.....	6,798.65
Department of the Treasury, Medicare Tax.....	2,418.56
Department of the Treasury, Social Security Tax.....	10,341.46
General Petty Cash, RCAP (Training)-Meal Expense.....	15.00
Fund 100 - General Total:.....	52,667.00
FUND: 110 - POLICE	
Armbruster Motor Co, Wrecker Service.....	241.88
UCI Testing, Non DOT Random Drug Testing.....	60.00
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025.....	1,480.11
Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	320.17
FC Journal, Ads Expense.....	12.67
General Petty Cash.....	
Travel-Dispatch NCIC Training.....	177.00
Fund 110 - Police Total:.....	2,291.83
FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL	
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025.....	67.26
Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:.....	67.26
FUND: 120 - FIRE	
BUCKIT, LLC, Battery Back up w/ surge protection.....	120.00
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025.....	122.00
FC Volunteer Fire Dept, Reimbursement-Spectrum cable box charges 1yr.....	135.00
Fund 120 - Fire Total:.....	377.00
FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT	
Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	320.17
General Petty Cash, Postage-Leins.....	12.45
General Petty Cash.....	RC
DEEDS-Release of Lien-Davis.....	10.00
General Petty Cash, RC Deeds-Release of Lien.....	10.00
Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total:.....	352.62
FUND: 150 - PARKS	
Douglas Wheeler, Drain line video inspection.....	300.00
Douglas Wheeler, High pressure jetting.....	120.00
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 brushes.....	4.98
Jim Hill's, 3" Chip Brushes.....	7.45
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025.....	360.71
Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	320.17
FC Sanitation Service, September 2025.....	130.00
Scheitel Feed & Seed, 5 way Fescue.....	75.00
Farm & City Supply, Sponge daddy 4pk.....	6.59
Farm & City Supply, Dawn Ultra dsh soap 18oz.....	9.98
Farm & City Supply Kickdown door hold 4" sn.....	15.98
Pest Control Services of SE NE, Pest control services-Stantons cabin.....	50.00
Farm & City Supply 1/2" set screw conn.....	3.18
Farm & City SupplyWire 12/2-nmwg 5'.....	69.99
Farm & City Supply1/2" 90D EMT comp conn.....	15.96
Farm & City Supply, 1/2" comp coupling.....	14.31
Farm & City Supply, #0 conduit hanger.....	13.90
Farm & City Supply Electrical box glvzsd stl 4".....	4.99
Farm & City Supply, Cover 4 sq box 2dpix.....	3.99
Farm & City Supply.....rcptcl outlet duplex 15a.....	3.58
Farm & City Supply.....1/2" rtc comp	

coupling.....	12.72
Farm & City Supply...#0 Conduit hanger.....	13.90
Farm & City SupplyCharge-1/2" emt 1H Strao 3pk.....	7.95
Farm & City Supply, 1/2" 90D emt comp conn.....	15.96
Farm & City Supply, Charge- 1/2" Set screw coupling.....	13.90
Farm & City Supply, CR- 1/2" set screw coupling.....	1.39
Farm & City Supply Wallplate 1g decora ss.....	4.59
Farm & City Supply, CR-1/2" set screw coupling.....	1.39
Farm & City Supply, CR-1/2" Set screw coupling.....	1.39
Farm & City Supply, CR-1/2" emt 1H strap 3pk.....	1.59
Farm & City Supply, GFI RCPT R&B Butn wht15a.....	23.99
Farm & City Supply, Electrical Box stl rtngl 4".....	5.99
Farm & City Supply, CR-1/2" set screw coupling.....	1.39
Farm & City Supply, CR- 1/2" set screw coupling.....	1.39
Farm & City Supply, Electrical Box stl rtngl 4".....	5.99
Farm & City Supply Wallplate 1g decora ss.....	4.59
Farm & City Supply, GFI RCPT R&B Butn wht15a.....	23.99
Farm & City Supply, Smartflo max 25ft hose.....	31.99
Farm & City SupplyBlue Spray indicator 1qt.....	29.99
Farm & City Supply, Marking wand pro.....	38.99
TAMARA Acton, Rental Payment for Candlelight Cabin Half-Day.....	50.00
Heather Sailors, Rental Payment for Candlelight Cabin Full-Day.....	50.00
Kathie Vice, Rental AddOn Payment for Candlelight Cabin Rental.....	50.00
Fund 150 - Parks Total:.....	1,815.91

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM	
FC Merc, Folgers Regular Coffee Packets.....	183.59
FC Merc, Paper towel kitchen roll.....	45.00
FC Merc, Aerosol Stainless Steel Cleaner.....	31.69
FC Sanitation service, Sept 2025.....	130.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE, ...Pest control services-Prichard.....	50.00
Trane U.S. INC, Trip Charge.....	75.00
Trane U.S. INC, Service call-AHU not cooling.....	2,640.00
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 Conway.....	19.00
Jim Hill's, Once'N Done Floor Cleaner gallon.....	34.95
THE Magnolia JournalMagnolia Journal Renewal- 2yrs.....	25.00
FC Journal, Dipay Ad-Earth Day.....	77.50
FC Journal, ABC Back to School.....	30.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	320.17
Electronic Contracting Company, Alarm Monitoring Services 10.1.25 to 12.31.25.....	81.00
FC Sanitation Service, Sept 2025.....	65.00
Amazon Capital Services..set of 3 large 300pc jigsaw puzzles.....	24.49
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 Dues.....	320.17
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 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	320.16
FC Sanitation Service,Sept 2025.....	65.00
FC Merc, Windex glass cleaner.....	52.68
BOK Financial, Go Paving 2022 Interest Due to Holders.....	14,741.25
BOK Financial, Called bonds due to holders.....	75,000.00
BOK Financial, Go Paving 2022 semi-annual 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 2025.....	84.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	320.16
Bobcat of Omaha4B 7398752 Alarm BA.....	117.08
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).....	54.82
Ditch Witch Under Con, Paddle Latch.....	98.26
Ditch Witch Under ConProspector Lanc Disp5.....	237.50
Ditch Witch Under Con, Striker.....	5.32
Moridge Mfg. Inc., Tube.....	15.20
Moridge Mfg. Inc., Carriage Bolt.....	11.45
Moridge Mfg. Inc., Wheel-anti-scalp center hub.....	77.02
Moridge Mfg. Inc., Nut-Whiz.....	8.30
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:.....	1,205.95

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING	
Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5- 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	320.16
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:.....	320.16
FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT/DEMOLITION PROGRAM	
Harmon's OK Tire, Farm Tire Disposl.....	25.00
Harmon's OK Tire, Car Tire Disposl.....	16.00
Harmon's OK Tire, Old Tire Disposl.....	8.00
Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total:.....	49.00

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC	
Hach Chemical Co, Ferover, 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, Extra flexible extreme temp ss hose.....	201.28
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 floor, lamp.....	133.03
Meyer Home Center, Service Call-1921 Stone St.....	255.00
Farm & City Supply, Screws.....	2.37
Farm & City Supply, Screws.....	42.99
Blackburn Manufacturing Co., red marking paint solvent based inverted tip (E1669).....	72.31
Farm & City Supply, Union Black Grnd Jnt 1".....	18.26
Farm & City Supply, 3/8 DR 5/8 UNV Spark Plug Socket.....	9.66
Farm & City Supply, 3/8 DR Universal J oint.....	8.92
Farm & City Supply, Ultra Black Gaskets 3.35oz.....	21.48
Farm & City Supply, 6" Magnetic Tray-Ace.....	10.74
Dollar General Store, Battery AA Alkaline (E1655).....	18.49
Dollar General Store, C cell batteries (E1653).....	21.39
Dollar General Store, D cell batteries (E1651).....	42.79
Dollar General Store, 409 Cleaner (X209).....	9.14
Dollar General Store..Dawn Dish Soap (X211).....	12.58
Dollar Gen Store, Pinesol (X208).....	12.90
Dollar General Store, 9 volt batteries (E1654).....	21.82
FC Merc, Brown Multi Fold Paper Towel.....	91.43
Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/Safety Equip.....	77.83
Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/Safety.....	204.38
Border States, APC WJ-640 5-gal Wintergreen Lubricant WJ.....	152.33
Farm & City Supply, Elbow 90 2" sxs sch40.....	6.44
Farm & City Supply, Adaptr s ch40pvc2"SL2"MPT.....	3.00
Farm & City Supply, Elbow 90 PVC DWV2" Street.....	4.29
Farm & City SupplyRescue Tape 1"x12" Blk.....	38.67
Dollar General Store, 409 Cleaner (x209).....	9.14
Dollar General Store, D Cell Batteries (E1651).....	42.79
Dollar General Store, Dawn Dish Soap.....	12.58
Dollar General Store, 9 Volt Batteries (E1654).....	21.82
Dollar General Store, C cell batteries (E1653).....	21.39
Dollar General Store, Pinesol (X209).....	12.90
Dollar General StoreBattery AA Alkaline (E1655).....	18.49
NE 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 1".....	36.53
Altec Industries, Inc., Formula 5 Clean and Glaze, 1qt sqz blf.....	70.06
UCI Testing, DOT Pre-Employment Test.....	80.00
UCI Testing, DOT Annual Employee.....	60.00
UCI Testing, Non DOT Pre-Employment Test.....	80.00
Quill Corp Everettte 18x18 magnetic mo.....	6.78
Quill Corp Everettte 18x18 magnetic mo.....	6.78
One Call Concepts, Inc, September Locates.....	79.88
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025.....	421.94
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025.....	17.00
Farm & City SupplyUnion Black grnd jnt 1".....	18.27
Farm & City Supply, Dual Tip mirror chrome p marker.....	13.96
Farm & City Supply, Pink Liquid paint marker.....	6.44
Farm & City Supply, Union grnd jnt 1" galv.....	40.83
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 Dues.....	864.45
Home Lumber Company 1x6x12 #2syp cca treated.....	12.35
Wesco Distribution.....Bolt #10H Copper Split (E779).....	155.88
Wesco DistributionTape-3M Super 88 2" Wide Black (E240).....	193.50
FC Sanitation Service September 2025.....	65.00
FC Sanitation Service September 2025.....	130.00
Farm & City Supply, Elbow 45 2" sxs sch40.....	5.36
159 Lumber & Rentals, 2x12x16 lumber.....	37.58
American Test Center, Inc., inspect 70' bucket truck.....	475.00
American Test Center, Inc., inspect 45' bucket truck.....	950.00
American Test Center, Inc., inspect digger derrick truck.....	950.00
American Test Center, Inc., inspect hot line tools.....	435.00
American Test Center, Inc., inspect harnesses.....	450.00
American Test Center, Inc., inspect overhead hoist.....	198.00
Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/Safety.....	77.83
Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/Safety.....	204.38
Wesco Distribution, Hast 10-178 Brsh/ Cnsctor Clnr.....	204.25
Municipal Energy Agency of NE.....Utility Training (10/01) 2 attendees.....	300.00
Harmon's OK Tire, Flat Repair.....	20.00
Border States, Pull Tape-Duraline #20000077 (3000'-2500#) (E790).....	355.49
Border States, Cutout 100 AMP- S4B 1P1A*** (E456).....	1,524.94
Border States, Fuse Link, 15 AMP-S&C 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 knife 48-22-1525 (E1656).....	32.57
Border States Connector Compression, WR-159*** (E270).....	18.82
Wesco Distribution, Photo ControlLED DTL #DLL 127F 1.5 (E993).....	408.50
Amazon Capital Services, Lever hoist 1/2 ton.....	465.46
Amazon Capital Services lever hoist 1/4 ton.....	319.25
Quill Corp. stpls hd view binder 2 in red.....	5.64
Quill Corp, 1 1/2 round ring view binder wht.....	12.01
Quill Corp, qb 1 round ring view binder blk.....	12.01

Quill Corp. stpls stan view bndr 2 in orange.....	5.29
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 periwinkle.....	5.29
Quill Corp, Quill Duster.....	10.20
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.....	79.03
CWA Dues, CWA Union Dues.....	175.43
Medica Ins,Group Health.....	16,118.04
IBEW Local Union #1536, IBEW Union Dues.....	314.49
Dearborn Life Insurance Co.....Life Insurance.....	192.64
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 Tax.....	2,079.08
Department of the Treasury, Social Security Tax.....	8,890.04
Nebraska Dept of Revenue, State W/H Tax.....	2,641.78
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.....	11.60
General Fund Pilot September 2025-EL.....	47,895.26
Fund 600 - Electric Total:.....	540,989.77

FUND: 610 - WATER	
Edwards Chemicals, Fuel Surcharge.....	9.00
Edwards Chemicals, Alum.....	168.25
Edwards Chemicals, 150# cylinder of chlorine.....	600.00
Edwards Chemicals, FSC Fuel Surcharge.....	57.00
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) Fluoride rgt. accuvac, 25/pk.....	403.49
ATCO InterNatl., Buckaroo (a/15) (F).....	107.00
Jeo Consulting Group Inc, On-call GIS services Project 231725.00.....	41.80
Mississippi Lime Co, tons 1/2 inch Pebble Lime.....	9,397.62
Mississippi Lime Co, Flat Charge.....	748.56
Mississippi Lime Co, Fuel Surcharge.....	284.45
Hach Chemical Co, Pocket Pro+ PH, Tester.....	351.53
Hach Chemical Co, Pocket Pro+ PH, Replacement Sensor.....	165.64
Hach Chemical Co, KTO: PH Buffer Solution KIT 500ml.....	42.99
USA Bluebook, Clarion Food Grade 2 Grease 13oz.....	107.02
Johansen Drainage & Tile, hydrovac main, gas lines, etc.....	3,750.00
Johansen Drainage & Tile, hydrovac stop box.....	450.00
Blackburn Manufacturing Co., blue marking paint Inverted solvent based (W825).....	144.64
US Signal Company LLC, Service.....	6.25
US Signal Company LLC, Service.....	6.25
Tyler Technologies Inc, Subscription-Utility Billing Notifications SMS.....	1.98
Tyler Technologies Inc, Subscription-Utility Billing Notification Calls.....	6.26
Farm & City Supply, 1" RGD 2H Strap.....	13.44
Farm & City Supply CAP 1" Slip SCH40.....	8.55
Quill Corp.....Everette 18x18 magnetic mo.....	0.90
Quill Corp.....Everette 18x18 magnetic mo.....	0.90
One Call Concepts, Inc, September Locates.....	69.38
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc, Fuel September 2025.....	204.25
Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	115.26
Kansas Municipal Utilities, KMU Level 1 Training-Group 5 2025 Quarterly Dues.....	115.26
Edwards Chemicals, Gas Chlorine Cylinder Refund.....	200.00
Edwards Chemicals, ED-WC012 Gas Chlorine Cylinder, 150#.....	400.00
Edwards Chemicals, FSC Fuel Surcharge.....	57.00
Edwards Chemicals, WC001L Low Iron Aluminum Sulfate 50#bag.....	96.20
Edwards Chemicals, Gas Chlorine Cylinder Deposit.....	200.00
Core & Main LP, 2" Cordelon 10 LL meter.....	2,579.31
Quill Corp. stpls stan view bndr 2 in orange.....	0.70
Quill Corp. stpls hd view binder 2 in periwinkle.....	0.70

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. "NAY" None. "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 held.

STANDING REPORTS

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

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR 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" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" None. Motion carried.

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. Motion carried.

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

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. Motion carried.

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. Motion carried.

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 proposed 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 P.M. 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 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 RECOMMENDED 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" Buckminster, 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/MACHINERY 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 carried.

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 held.

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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, Nebraska.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

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

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES – None

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 Publication
- 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 Policy, Employee Boundaries and Multicultural Policy

2.0 Informational Items/Reports:

- 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 construction
 - e. Upcoming board retreat

- f. Sparq meetings
- g. Staffing
- i. One additional paraprofessional was hired
- ii. Elementary Art is also still open
- 2.3 Board Committee/Member Reports:
- 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
 - 3.5 Other

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

- 1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (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 TREASURER'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. 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.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

2.2 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Discussion was had on a variety of topics.

- 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 happen 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 Sparq 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 Involvement; 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. Motion carried.

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.

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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 call 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," Motion 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 7:47 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

Name	Memo	Amount
Dearborne Group, Firemans Insurance.....		\$20.64
NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn.....		\$32.63
Jennifer Buchner, Payroll.....		\$676.01
Berwick Co-Op Oil Co, Library Tank Rent.....		\$50.00
Animal Health Center, Yearly Contract.....		\$30.00
United States Treasury, Tax Deposit		\$238.22
Borrego, Tom, Mowing.....		\$750.00
Aue & Co, Monthly Fee		\$225.00
Falls City Journal, Minutes, Budget,		\$198.26
Kawres Super Store, Toner ...		\$110.19
NPPD - Community Building, Community Building.....		\$53.22
NPPD - Library, Library.....		\$90.59
NPPD - 8th & Elm, 8TH & ELM.....		\$13.72
NPPD -Streets, Streetlights....		\$310.51
Aaron Davis, Payroll		\$253.96
Tracy Milke, Payroll		\$507.92
Tracy Milke, Expenses September 2025.....		\$137.09
Aaron Davis, Mileage Sept.....		\$50.00
One Call Concepts, Locates.....		\$4.06
FC Sanitation Service, Trash service.....		\$1,336.00
State of Nebraska PHEL, Water Testing		\$269.00
Southeast Telephone Company, Well Phone		\$107.61
NPPD - Sewer, Sewer		\$301.25
NPPD - Wells, Wells		\$165.24
Village of Shubert - USDA Account, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account.....		\$906.00
Village of Shubert - Water Tower, Transfer to Water Tower acct.....		\$1,000.00
United States Treasury, Sales Tax		\$0.00
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PAIR OF TIGER RUNNERS DO FALLS CITY PROUD

Junior Jennifer Sweeney and freshman Audrey Scrivens 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



in a personal best time of 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 behind 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 7:13 for her second, averaging 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."

Scout Bell, a sophomore from Gothenburg, won the

Class C individual title in 19:16.4. Auburn's Liston Crotty was the top local finisher, placing 10th in 19:55.8.

Chase County was 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 Hawley. "The competition across all the classes is increasing in difficulty every year. The times these athletes are running the last few years are putting Nebraska 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



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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 Journal boasted the Hiawatha Halloween Parade saying that the "roads were book and the train would return before dark," for those interested in attending.

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 advertised.

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 parades 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 Journal 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 years 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, according 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.

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