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- 15** Verdon's Soup Cook Off Verdon Community Building, 406 Main St., 4-8PM

ZCBJ Hall DuBois, Greg's Good Time Polka Band, 7PM

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- 26** **Early deadline for the 12/3 edition of the Falls City Journal-10:00AM Office Closed early.**

December

- 5** NioCorp Town Hall Meeting at Elk Creek Community Center. 12 PM and 5PM
- 9** Land Auction, FC Elks Club, 11AM

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Downtown underground electric project enters next phase

Falls City's project to move downtown electric utilities underground is advancing with cutovers now underway, according to a public update released Nov. 3 by the City of Falls City.

Watts Electric, the contractor on the job, has started transferring individual properties from overhead electric lines to the recently installed underground system. The company is reaching out to each affected customer to schedule temporary power outages as the cutover work progresses. The update states that outages will vary based on the complexity of a service connection and are typically expected to last between one and five hours.

The work is organized in four phases, based on alley locations within the downtown area. Properties adjacent to alleys inside these zones will be part of the transition. A project map shows the designated areas and the planned order of work.

Phase One cutovers began the week of Oct. 27 and are expected to continue for about three weeks. Phase Two is scheduled to begin after Phase One and continue into early December. Cutover schedules for Phases Three and Four have not yet been set.

Once Phases One and Two are completed, the city plans to

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City council votes against proposed pay raises for non-union employees

A large contingent of Falls City citizens filled City Hall on Monday, November 3, 2025, for the regularly scheduled city council meeting. Approximately 23 local taxpayers were present for the meeting, which included an agenda item to approve non-union wage scales and benefits for 2026, 2027, and 2028.

City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum presented the Board updates, noting the hiring of Storm De La Cruz as a power plant operator, Laney Craine as an accounts clerk, Terry Howard as a public works/utility technician, Megan Stamper as Deputy City Treasurer, Sierra Flint as Deputy City Clerk and John Watlington as public works/utility foreman. Nussbaum also noted the hiring of

a water plant technician on Monday to backfill a position and made an offer to a police officer.

Nussbaum noted the City had initiated an Economic Development Grant, in conjunction with EDGE and SENDD, to pursue up to \$5 million in federal money for the new electrical substation project.

He also reported that the wastewater force main project was nearing completion. The Downtown Electric Project is also moving forward, with Phase 1 of the customer cutovers starting in October and continuing with coordination among property owners and customers. Demolition of the existing overhead structures will begin in January 2026.

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VETERANS DAY SECTION SUPPORTED BY COUNTY BUSINESSES RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL VETERANS: Assistant County Veterans Service Officer James Kirkendall accepts a check from Falls City Journal Advertising Director, Alex McKim. Five hundred and twenty-five dollars was donated to the Richardson County Veterans Aid Fund. The fund is utilized by veterans and their dependents in times of need due to unforeseen emergencies. To be eligible, a veterans must have served on active duty, received an honorable discharge and meet specific residency and income requirements. The assistance can cover food, shelter, fuel, clothing, medical, dental and surgical items. The support is intended for temporary emergency assistance. The aid can be dispersed to utility companies, funeral homes, landlords or through vouchers. Assistant County Veterans Service Officer James Kirkendall said the need for the fund will increase, especially with the rising costs of goods and services. The donation was made possible by local businesses that purchased advertising in the Journal's Veterans Day section

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FIRE DAMAGES SHOP ON SOUTH FULTON STREET WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON: Firefighters from multiple departments responded to a shop fire at 402 South Fulton St. around 3:30 p.m. last Wednesday. Heavy black smoke was visible as crews from Falls City Fire Department, Falls City Rural Fire, Falls City Ambulance and Richardson County Emergency Management arrived on scene.

According to Falls City Fire Department Public Information Officer Jon McQueen, the fire appears to have started when sparks from a grinder ignited nearby combustibles. The building, owned by Easm Hollens, contained a 2011 Ford F-250 at the time. Preliminary damage estimates for the truck, contents, and structure are around \$100,000.

Falls City Fire responded with two engines, while Falls City Rural Fire assisted by refilling booster tanks. In total, 23 firefighters were on scene. A hydrant located west of the property was inspected but not used. Six firefighters remained at the location for about two hours to extinguish hot spots. One person was transported to Community Medical Center for possible smoke inhalation. No further information on their condition was immediately available. *(Photo by Alex McKim)*



Douglas "Hoot" Gibson passes away at 90

Douglas John Gibson (Hoot), 90, of Newport Beach, California, passed away on October 14, 2025 leaving behind a legacy of strength, laughter and a beautiful family.

Born in Columbus, Nebraska on April 6, 1935, Hoot was the oldest of 10 children; five boys and five girls. He was raised in Falls City, Nebraska and grew up with a competitive spirit and an athletic drive that couldn't be matched. Whether on the field, court or track, or in everyday life, he brought passion, discipline, creativity and comical antics to

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Prairie Doc

Listen to your gut

By Jill Kruse, DO

People often talk about having a “gut feeling” or are told to “listen to their gut” when making a decision. Do you know what your gut is trying to tell you? There are multiple things that your digestive system can do to get your attention. Do you know what your body is trying to tell you? Here are some of the things your gut could be trying to say.

Pain just below the breastbone that occurs soon after eating could be a sign of a stomach ulcer. Pain that improves with eating, but then comes back 2-3 hours after eating could be a sign of an ulcer in the small intestine right past the stomach. The pain from ulcers is often described as a burning pain. This pain improves with acid blocking medication like a PPI (Proton Pump Inhibitor) or antacids.

The gallbladder can also cause significant pain in the right upper part of the abdomen, especially after eating fatty foods. Often this pain will radiate to the right shoulder or between the shoulder blades. It can lead to significant nausea and diarrhea. This pain usually will come and go. It can become very severe if a small gallstone gets stuck in the bile duct between the gallbladder and the small intestine. Infections of the gallbladder can cause fevers and chills as well.

Issues with the small intestine can also cause serious pain. The condition of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) causes abdominal pain, bloating and changes in bowel movements. IBS can cause severe diarrhea, severe constipation or both. IBS is considered a diagnosis of exclusion since these symptoms can be caused by many other conditions like Microscopic Colitis, Celiac Disease, Crohn’s Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, Small Intestine Bacterial Overgrowth, and even Colon Cancer.

However, it is important to note that not all pain in the stomach area is from the digestive system. Heart attacks can also give symptoms of indigestion, nausea, vomiting, and stomach pain. These subtle signs happen more frequently in women and can lead to delay in diagnosis. Aortic dissections or ruptured aortic aneurisms can also cause severe, tearing pain in the abdomen that can radiate to the back or shoulders.

If you notice your gut trying to tell you something, listen and get it checked out by a doctor. Many of these issues have similar or overlapping symptoms. Finding a physician who can order and interpret the right tests to find the answer is key. Your gut knows when something is wrong, and you should trust it. Listen to your gut and stay healthy out there.

Dr. Jill Kruse is a hospitalist at the Brookings Health System in Brookings, SD. She serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc@ at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).

All things Nebraska

Political musical chairs has a resignation, an appointment, and a campaign suspended

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

There’s a game of musical chairs going on at the State Capitol, and who gets a chair is in question.

Last week, former State Sen. Tom Briese of Albion announced his resignation as State Treasurer.

It’s not often that someone gives up such a politically safe constitutional office to go back to the farm; usually, it’s to take a better job.

I think back to 2001 when then-State Treasurer Dave Heineman gave up that job to be appointed lieutenant governor under then Gov. Mike Johanns after Johann’s second-in-command, Dave Maurstad, left to take a post in Washington.

There was also former Lt. Gov. Maxine Moul who gave up that mostly ceremonial post in 1993 to be appointed head of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

Moul always said she gave up the cushy lieutenant governor’s post because of her interest in rural economic development. But there was always speculation that there were other reasons.

Briese’s resignation comes as the current occupant of his old legislative seat, State Sen. Dan McKeon of Amherst, is under fire for being too touchy-feely with a female legislative staffer at a post-2025 session gathering at the Lincoln Country Club.

Pillen called for McKeon to resign after the freshman state senator was cited for misdemeanor public indecency by the State Patrol. McKeon, though, has said he’s not quitting.

Briese’s exit was also announced a couple hours after a former state senator, Julie Slama, made known her candidacy for State Treasurer.

Cue the musical chairs tunes.

Briese, who is 66 and was a champion of property tax relief during his seven years in the Unicameral, has insisted that he is quitting to return to his farm and his family, who lived in the vicinity, and that he has no desire to return to the Legislature.

He left the Unicameral in 2023 to be appointed State Treasurer when John Murante decided to resign to take a higher-paying job as head of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System (Murante has since quit that post to become a lobbyist).

Meanwhile, Pillen quickly appointed Fremont Mayor Joey Spellerberg to replace Briese and become the next State Treasurer. Because Spellerberg was appointed more than two years prior to the end of the Treasurer’s term, he qualifies to be re-elected twice prior to being term limited, meaning he could serve 10 years.

That has led to some speculation within the “Hall of Hot Winds” (the Capitol) that Briese scheduled his resignation so that Pillen could appoint someone who could conceivably serve more than two, four-year terms. Gotta say, the rumor mill at the Capitol never runs short of grist.

Anyway, Slama had been rumored prior to last week to be interested in running for State Treasurer. But two days after saying

she was a candidate (and had \$150,000 in campaign funds to do it) she “suspended” her campaign and, after talking to Spellerberg, endorsed him.

Interesting how politics works. Three years ago, Slama was probably the reason Pillen became governor instead of Charles Herbster.

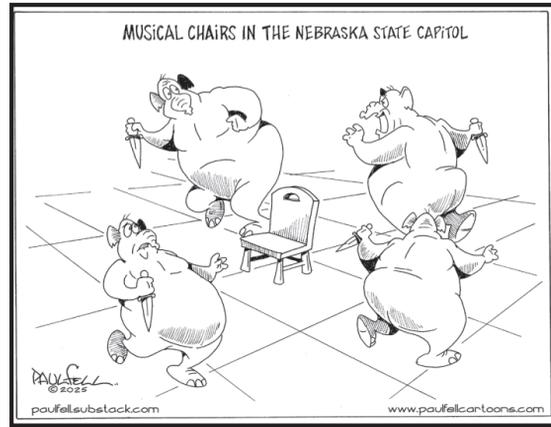
Slama, unlike at least seven other women who claimed that Herbster had once groped them, was willing to be named in an article, which led to some mighty bad publicity for the Falls City businessman just prior to the 2022 GOP primary (which Pillen won by just over 10,000 votes). Herbster, by the way, denied he groped anyone.

But since then, Pillen has reportedly cooled on Slama, who opposed some of his property tax relief proposals. Makes you wonder where Slama would find more financial backing.

This all comes as Herbster, who is tight with President Donald Trump, is rumored to be gearing up for a last-second run against Pillen for the GOP nomination for governor next spring.

So get ready for some more musical chairs with Herbster, reportedly, seeking to replace Pillen at the Governor’s Residence.

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: IN THE WOODS

ACROSS

- 1. Flows’ partners
- 5. “When Harry ____ Sally...”
- 8. Sound of laughter
- 12. *”Hide” behind the bush
- 13. BÈBÈ’s mother
- 14. *Age units in the woods
- 15. Rum cake
- 16. Placido Domingo’s solo, e.g.
- 17. Concluded
- 18. *”Into the Woods” star Anna
- 20. Come clean, with up
- 21. Terra ____
- 22. Urge Spot to attack
- 23. One of seven gnomes
- 26. Prior to the present (3 words)
- 30. FEMA provisions, e.g.
- 31. Erratum, pl.
- 34. Int. org. in Brussels
- 35. Merge
- 37. Time frame
- 38. Right-hand page
- 39. 1920s art style
- 40. Cause of wheezing
- 42. Like The Hot Chili Peppers
- 43. ____ God we ____,” on U.S. currency
- 45. Some vipers
- 47. Clairvoyant’s gift
- 48. Source of chocolate
- 50. Form of payment
- 52. *Edible fungus
- 55. Multi-layered cake
- 56. MÈlange
- 57. Utah’s national park
- 59. Bake an egg
- 60. Plural of #22 Down
- 61. *”____ the Woods” play and movie
- 62. Prefix for multiple
- 63. Japanese honorific
- 64. Barely got by

DOWN

- 1. Singular of #1 Across
- 2. *Woodpecker’s pecker
- 3. *One lost in the woods
- 4. Posture
- 5. Boy Scout’s badge
- 6. “Fear of Flying” author ____ Jong
- 7. *Furniture wood
- 8. *Conifer’s dropping
- 9. Peters out
- 10. Def Leppard’s “Rock of ____”
- 11. Psychedelic drug, acr.
- 13. St. Valentine, e.g.
- 14. Equip again
- 19. One of Seven Dwarfs
- 22. Rejuvenating spot
- 23. ____ Arabia
- 24. Wrinkle-prone fabric
- 25. Declaration of Independence, e.g.
- 26. 2002 Winter Olympics state
- 27. Mother-of-pearl
- 28. Weasel’s cousin
- 29. *Golf’s great
- 32. Catch one’s breath
- 33. A in MOMA
- 36. *Scientific study in woodlands
- 38. Meteorologist’s tool
- 40. Nile reptile
- 41. Masculine one and proud of it, pl.
- 44. Theater greeter
- 46. Something extraordinary
- 48. “Mea ____,” or “my fault”
- 49. Hailing from the East
- 50. Type of salmon
- 51. *Seed covering
- 52. *Trunk growth
- 53. Sty cry
- 54. Speck
- 55. Recipe amt.
- 58. Go-ahead

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75 Years Ago, November 12, 1950 to November 18, 1950

About 143 Richardson County students from 11 high schools took over the courthouse as part of a program sponsored by the American Legion. The program allowed students to see how county government operated.

Tibet pleaded directly with the United Nations to intervene against the Chinese Communist invasion of their country.

A total of 217 parents visited the Falls City elementary schools during the American Education Week.

William Goodin, a Humboldt druggist, was named the new president of the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce for 1951. Ivan Johnson was named vice president, and Neal Jenkins was chosen as secretary-treasurer.

Fifteen members of the Rainbow Blue Birds met at the Presbyterian Church with their guardians, Mrs. Earl Tubach and Mrs. Kenneth Gaither.

After a tentative experiment with a \$1 price for haircuts and 75-cent shaves, some Falls City barbers went back to the 75-cent haircuts. At the same time, a beer price boost also fizzled out. Beer dealers dropped the price of premium beers from 25 cents to 22 and 20 cents a bottle.

Doris Day and Gordon MacRae starred in "Tea for Two" at the Rivoli Theater.

The Honey Creek school held its annual party and dance with Mrs. Garfield Luse and Henry Bruhn furnishing the music.

In Dawson news, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fischer and Allen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Wert and family at Humboldt.

Approximately 55 men from Shubert, Nemaha and the McCandless and Boatman School Districts were on hand to help pick and haul corn for an ill Norman Kennedy. As many as 17 women were on hand serving dinner in relays to the workers.

Falls City's newest grocery store and meat market, "The Food Basket," owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleskoski, was set to open. Free ice cream, apples, cookies and milk were served at the grand opening.

Ingram Yoder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Yoder, arrived in Iquique, Chile, and took over his duties in the Methodist Church missionary field as a teacher at the Iquique English School for a three-year term.

Hinky Dink celebrated its 25th anniversary with a sale that included Armour's Quality Smoked Hams for 89 cents per pound for center slices.

A fire destroyed the Jim Boan Cream and Produce Station in Stella. Mr. Boan and his family, who occupied one apartment and Eugene and Erin Bourke, who lived in another apartment in the building, escaped uninjured. The two-story building was originally a hotel built in 1905 by James Overman.

Bob Hope filed a \$2 million libel suit against Life Magazine, charging that the periodical implied that he stole jokes.

Groucho, Chico and Harpo Marx starred in "A Night at the Opera," which was shown at the Oil City Theater in Falls City.

50 Years Ago, November 12, 1975 to November 18, 1975

The Chevrolet dealership in Humboldt was under new ownership. The business, located at 828 Third Street, was now the Kean-Albin Chevrolet, Inc. The company was formerly Taylor Chevrolet. The new owners were Joe Albin and Eugene Kean.

The Bicentennial Flag presentation, the observance of Veterans Day, and the opening of a time capsule buried 50 years ago were held in the City Park in Humboldt.

A 240-acre tract of land south of Stella was sold at auction at the Community Building in Stella to Gordon Gossman of Lincoln for approximately \$415 per acre.

A beefburger basket and a small drink were 78 cents at Dairy Dip at 14th and Lane Street.

Tim Kean, 14, received a highly superior rating in the Baldwin Piano auditions at Westbrook Music Building in Lincoln.

For Sale—1968 Dodge Polara, new battery and rubber, \$200.

Three Falls City High Chorus students were selected as members of the Nebraska All-State Chorus. The list included JoEllen Groothuis, Patty Zinn and Doug Appleoff.

Liquid fertilizer loading Terminal No. 306 of the Williams Brothers Pipeline Co. became operational when 4,200 gallons of liquid fertilizer were loaded into the tank of a bulk carrier. The facility included two large tanks, one holding 90,000 barrels of fertilizer and the other about 35,000 barrels for a total of approximately 5,250,000 gallons.

The Rulo Green Thumb crew, consisting of Morgan Snyder, Tom Grehse, Emil De-liuse, Bill Johnson and Orville Honea, was working on the gable-type roof of the new shelter house in the Rulo City Park. The group had also been busy at the Rulo Auditorium.

Pizza Hut in Falls City advertised a sandwich-and-salad lunch special for \$1.57.

The junior class at Dawson-Verdon High School presented a three-act play, "So This Is Bliss." Steve Lyons, Debbie Heineman, Dudley Baker, Barb Auxier, and Toni DeRo-in played prominent roles.

Falls City High School athletes Bill Jahn, Tim Wilson, Jim Farmer and Harry Kirken-dall were named to the Twin Rivers Conference All-Star Team.

Bill Bruhn and Jim Balke led the 7-3 DV Jets and were named All-Conference. Bruhn finished the season with 1,743 yards rushing and 33 total touchdowns, while Balke anchored the offensive line and caused four fumbles on defense.

The Falls City Department Store advertised fountain specials every evening and slop-joe sandwiches for 33 cents from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

25 Years Ago, November 12, 2000 to November 18, 2000

The 43rd Army Band of the Nebraska National Guard entertained guests at Prichard Auditorium in conjunction with Veterans Day activities. Approximately 80 present and former members of Company B, Falls City's National Guard Unit, and their spouses also attended a luncheon at the auditorium.

Dan Wenz, Falls City, was selected as "Student of the Quarter" for the Ford ASSET program at Southeast Community College in Milford.

Pat and Ken Vonderschmidt, of rural Salem, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Senior Citizens Center.

Jacob Lee Craig, son of Robbie and Wendy Craig, was baptized and celebrated his first birthday. A dinner and Winnie-the-Pooh birthday party were held at the Senior Citizens Center.

Howells ended Sacred Heart's football season with a 42-6 victory in the Class D1 semifinals. Sacred Heart's season ended at 11-1, and Coach Doug Goltz's record sat at 151-14 after 14 years of coaching.

Shannon Stemple, Amanda Ruiz, Carla Hunzeker and Jill Simpson all received Class B All-State Honorable Mention for softball. The Tigers finished with a school-best 18-9 final record. Ruiz was fourth in Class B with 32 RBI, while ranking third with five home runs. Simpson's nine doubles were also third.

Howard's Tavern in Shubert advertised catfish dinners for \$6.75 and chicken dinners for \$5.75.

SunMart advertised 2-liter Pepsi products for 79 cents and 64-oz containers of Minute Maid Orange Juice, 2/\$3.

Mark Bippes was named the Jaycees' Outstanding Young Farmer at the Farmer-Customer Appreciation Banquet at Prichard Auditorium.

Workers from the Richardson County Roads Department called for more county board involvement in contract negotiations that had become stalled after an arbitrator's decision over the summer.

The first team Pioneer All-Conference football team included John Barnett (H-TR), Anthony Weaver and Brondon Bonk (SH), and Brent Shubert (SE), while first-teamers on the volleyball team included Allison Weaver and Katie O'Grady of SH and Dani Busboom of Freeman.



City council votes against proposed pay raises for non-union employees

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Nussbaum noted that the City will be putting the audit services out for re-bid, as only one bid came in for those services. He also noted the airport is coordinating with NDOT Aeronautics for funding options for a future hangar project.

In old business, the September 2025 Treasurer's Report was approved.

Falls City citizen Bing Bindrum met with the Council for the second time in two months to request action to restrict parking in the 900 block of Morton Street. Bindrum claims his neighbors continuously park across from one of his driveways, making it nearly impossible to hook up to his trailers parked in that driveway.

"All week there had been a vehicle parked directly across from the drive where I can't back in and get by trailers," said Bindrum.

Bindrum claimed the neighbors in question have plenty of room to park in front of their own house or even across the street. He requests that they not park opposite his driveway.

Councilperson Frank Killingsworth asked whether the City could paint the curbing behind his driveway yellow to prevent future parking.

After a discussion, Killingsworth made a motion to put a no-parking sign along the street on the south half of the east side of the 900 block of Morton. The motion carried 7-1, with councilperson Leyden voting nay.

The Board passed a resolution declaring certain city property surplus and authorizing its sale.

The Board passed a resolution to accept the donation of the properties at 1511 and 1515 Stone Street from Dorothy Towle. The parties agreed that the property has a fair market value of \$27,500, and each side will pay half of the 2025 real estate taxes.

The Board passed a resolution to authorize the Deputy City Clerk/Human Resources Coordinator and the Deputy City Treasurer/Utility Billing Manager to sign, attest and certify municipal documents, records and instruments on behalf of the City Clerk and City Treasurer.

A discussion was held regarding an amendment to Article 10, Pensions, for the Labor Agreement between the City and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 571. The Council voted to increase both the employee and employer retirement contributions from 6

to 7 percent to align with the recently ratified IBEW and CWA agreements. Councilperson Fouraker asked whether the 7% was the only change, to which Nussbaum responded, "Yep, all the other terms are the exact same."

The Council also passed a resolution allowing the City Administrator to negotiate for the purchase or option agreement of land for the new 115kV Electric Substation and to coordinate with SENDD and Falls City EDGE on grant funding applications for the Energy Forward Transmission Project. Nussbaum said that, ideally, the land should be acquired, or at least the right to purchase, before applying for the grant.

"We've identified a few lots around our power plant area," said Nussbaum.

At that time, Rodney Joy spoke from the crowd, stating that last week an individual from SENDD was on his property without permission, scouting land options for the substation.

According to Joy, "He said, well, didn't anybody contact you?"

Joy said they had crossed his property to get to a "little triangle" of UP's down in the Roy's addition.

Joy advised the Council that there is no access to the property in question, to which Nussbaum said he agreed.

"I would prefer you don't put that in there," said Joy. "Because we're not going to grant you access."

The final item on the agenda was a resolution approving non-union wage scales and benefits for the fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028. The City Council Negotiating Committee provided the proposed wage figures. The floor was opened for questions and discussion, but there were none. Council member Ferguson made a motion to approve the resolution. There were no additional comments. The Council voted against the resolution 5-3. Council members Leyden, Ferguson and Buckminster voted yea, while F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Kaster, Ruiz and Fouraker voted nay.

The proposal would have raised the City Administrator's salary to roughly \$156,000 per year in 2026. The City Administrator was hired in 2022 at \$85,000 per year and currently makes \$95,604.60. The hourly wage would be \$75 in 2026, \$78 in 2027, and \$80.34 in 2028.

The proposed Public Works Director salary would increase from

\$91,341.44 per year to \$145,600 per year in the first year under the submitted resolution. The hourly equivalent is \$70 in 2026, \$72.80 in 2027, and \$74.98 in 2028. The Board of Public Works discussed the wage increase with the City Administrator and Public Works Director at the October 7, 2025, Board of Public Works meeting. The Board recommended that the City pay the Director \$70 per hour, voting yea where Froeschl, Joy and Koopman. Voting nay was Rieger. Johansen was absent.

Each would also receive a \$250 per month stipend. The wage estimates are based on a 40-hour work week at the proposed increases.

Other proposed raises include the Deputy City Clerk/HR Coordinator, who would make \$32.90 per year in 2026, \$34.22 in 2027, and \$35.24 in 2028, with a \$150 monthly stipend.

The Deputy Treasurer/Utility Billing Manager would have earned \$34.71 in 2026, \$36.10 in 2027, and \$37.18 in 2028, with a \$150 monthly stipend.

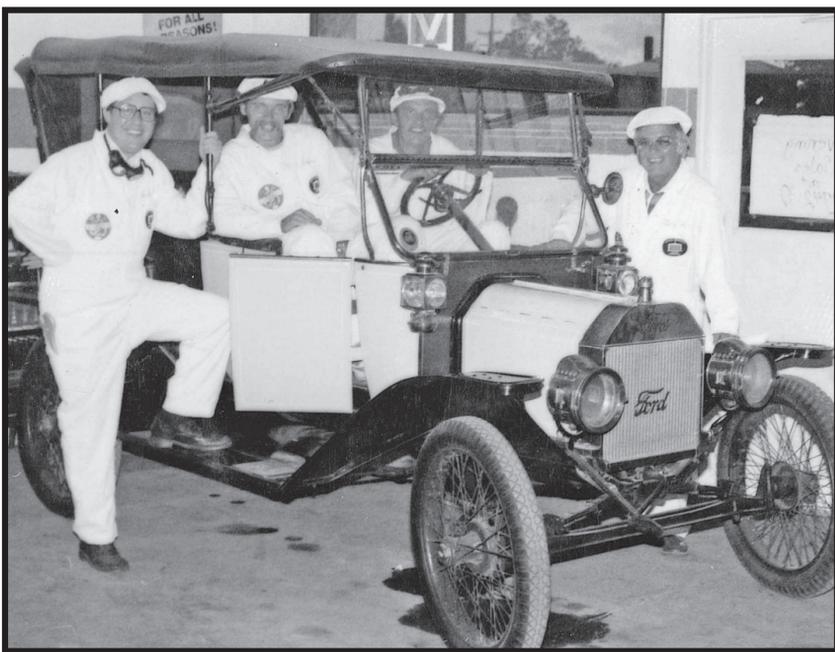
The Chief of Police wages would be \$53.85 per hour in 2026, \$56.00 in 2027 and \$57.68 in 2028. The salary of the Chief is currently \$86,847.56. The Assistant Chief would have made \$43.50 per hour in 2026, \$45.24 in 2027 and \$46.60 in 2028. The Parks and Rec Director would have made \$35.50 per hour in 2026, \$36.92 in 2027 and \$38.03 in 2028 with a \$150 monthly stipend. The Parks and Rec Director's current salary is \$62,004.80.

The proposal also requested that management staff be fully vested in the pension plan immediately, while other full-time employees would be 20 percent vested after one year, 40 percent after two years, 60 percent after three years, 80 percent after four years, and 100 percent after five years of employment.

The resolution also asked that, since the City Administrator and Police Chief serve at the pleasure of the mayor and could lose their jobs anytime the mayor's position is changed, they receive a severance package equal to up to 12 months of the employee's base salary if they are terminated without just cause. The severance package would be paid in a lump sum within 30 days of termination.

With no further action on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



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

Richardson County Veterans Donation

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to honor area veterans. The Journal would like to thank the businesses who advertised in the section and contributed to this generous donation.

Life in the Spirit, who's address is 1208 Stone. We apologize for listing the incorrect address; Southeast Community College, Falls City Auto Supply, The American Legion Post 102, Chaotic Coffee, Mary's Appliance, Home Lumber, Sew Relaxing, Home in Bloom, Wolfes Printing, Salem Slice, W7

Design, Stateline Ag Enterprises, Falls City Public Schools, Frosty Queen, Humboldt Community Thrift Store, Chaney Furniture, El Canelo, Browns Shoe Fit, Sacred Heart School, Kobza Dental, Milam's Greenhouse, Corner Liquor, Hotel Barber Shop, Robert Aitken CPA, Lichty Tubach Sikora Insurance, Falls City Travel, Creative Collectible Quilts and Crafts, Penny & Plaid Clothing Boutique, The Den, North Fork One Stop, Keller Bakery, Jerry & Nancy McKim, 159 Lum-

ber, Julie Bauman CPA, PC, Terry Malcolm, DDS, A&G Steakhouse & Pizza, Miller-Monore Company, Kelly's Cafe, Paladin Firearms and Gun-smithing LLC, Mary L Eickhoff and Farm and City/Ace Hardware.

Thanks to the overwhelming support, the *Falls City Journal* hopes to make this an annual event to support our local Veterans.

Most importantly thank you to all of our Veterans local and around the Country for all you have done and continue to do.

EDGE reviews development projects, utility study and highway plans

Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise reported on multiple ongoing development efforts in its third quarter update

covering July through September 2025.

Midwest Engineering Inc. completed utility and street plan concepts for the North Highway 73 property. The 30 percent engineering plans define municipal infrastructure locations for electrical, water, gas and wastewater and include estimated installation costs. Public utility easements along the future Lane Street right of way were noted in a property dedication dated July 11, 1986. The business district is zoned C-3 Highway Commercial and the engineering study is being used as a sales tool to attract developers. Installation of infrastructure is not planned until a development partnership is established.

Falls City Utilities is exploring power generation opportunities. The Board of Public Works on Sept. 4 approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Nebraska Rural Generation LLC. Discussions are exploratory and do not include solar, wind or coal. The MOU does not include financial obligations from the city at this time.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation outlined several planned projects in Richardson County. Bridge replacements are planned on Highway 8 at Salem and on West 21st Street by the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. Reconstruction of Harlan Street pavement on Highway 73 from 20th Street south to 7th Street is planned with an anticipated letting date in August 2028. Highway work from Falls City to Rulo includes mill and resurface, widening to 28 feet and culvert and bridge repair from mile marker 4.84 to mile marker 13.31. NDOT officials said it could be beneficial to stagger projects to avoid simultaneous closure of major routes.

EDGE reported the building at 1516 Stone St., which previously housed Portillos

Mexican Grill, has a Richardson County Court judgment and may be difficult to bring back to productive use. The judgment amount was listed as \$95,505.75 in the quarterly newsletter and \$98,505.75 in the October financial update.

EDGE is working with local and regional partners on housing and business development, including marketing the North Commercial Corridor and industrial park properties to developers. Proposals have been requested from engineering firms to evaluate dual rail access at the Mid-America Rail Campus and other sites. The organization is reviewing proposals to implement a new three-year strategic plan and is applying for grant opportunities including federal support through the EDA-DISASTER-2025 program. Falls City qualifies under the 4822 disaster declaration from straight line winds on Oct. 30, 2024.

EDGE hosted an open house Sept. 17 for the Rural Workforce Housing Fund project at 1612 Fulton St., a four-bedroom, two-bathroom home listed at \$345,000. Local subcontractors submitted bids and provided materials for the project.

The Southeast Nebraska Land Bank is working to relocate a vacant trailer at 1024 Barada St. and is marketing five residential lots for development.

EDGE staff and local officials attended economic development conferences and meetings including the Governor's Summit in Kearney, the Bio Innovations Midwest conference in Omaha and the Nebraska Chamber's Economic Development Summit in Ashland. Workforce and higher education partnership discussions are underway with the University of Nebraska and Peru State College.

Dr. Andrew Offner joined the EDGE board as an ex-officio member representing Falls City Public Schools.

Salvation Army seeking bell ringers in Richardson County

SENCA is requesting volunteers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign in Falls City and surrounding communities. The campaign begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving and supports local assistance programs. Ninety percent of the funds collected stay in Richardson County to help individuals and families in need.

Bell ringer shifts are available Saturdays Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Family Fare Supermarket and Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh. Weekday shifts run Dec. 1 through Dec. 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the same locations.

Groups that need to ring during different hours may coordinate alternate times depending on availability.

Anyone under age 14 must have an adult present while ringing bells.

Volunteers encourage donations that remain in the community and support neighbors through local Salvation Army programs. Services funded include food housing youth development material assistance behavioral health older adult support and anti-human trafficking efforts.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign has been a seasonal tradition since 1891.

To volunteer contact Sherry at SENCA at 402-245-5284. If there is no answer callers are asked to leave a name and phone number.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH – HAPPY VETERANS DAY!!

All Military personnel will get \$20 in free play with valid Military ID. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12am. If you are a Veteran and win a Hot Seat, you will get an extra \$25 in free play! (Must have valid Military ID) (Excludes VFW card membership)

GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE!!

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION – THURS., NOV. 27TH

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$250 in free play or CASH every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play or CASH every ½ hour from 6pm-12am.

Mahaska Restaurant will be serving Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing, Green Bean Casserole, Pumpkin Bars for \$16.00. We will serve from 11am-2pm and 5pm-8pm.

“SPIN THE WHEEL, GOBBLE UP YOUR FORTUNE”

CASH GIVEAWAY!! FRI. & SAT., NOV. 7TH & 8TH

Spin the Pumpkin to reveal your prize!! Hot Seat Drawing every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm to win up to \$200 in free play. Hot Seat Drawing every ½ hour from 6pm-12:30am to win up to \$500 in free play (Excludes the 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm and 12am drawings). Registration CASH Drawing to win up to \$1,000 CASH every hour from 8pm-12am and \$1,500 in CASH at 1am!

FRIDAY, NOV. 28TH & SATURDAY, NOV. 29TH

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$250 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every hour from 6:30pm-12:30am. Registration CASH Drawings every hour from 6pm-12am to win up to \$1,500 in CASH and \$2,500 CASH Drawing at 1am.

NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH CASH DRAWING RULES

Registration for CASH Drawings will begin at 4pm. You may enter once daily at the Player's Club; all tickets will be put into the large barrel. Barrel will be dumped after each drawing on November 28th & 29th. All registration drawing winners will have 2 minutes to report to the Player's Club desk to claim your prize. Registration tickets are non-transferable. One entry per person and you must be present in the casino to qualify for the CASH drawings. You may only win one CASH drawing per night.

DAILY PROMOS

SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

Hot Seat Drawings to win \$75 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm
Hot Seat Drawings to win \$100 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12am
All Hot Seat winners will get an extra entry into the CASH drawing on Nov. 28th and 29th.

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Hot Seat Drawings to win \$50 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm.
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$75 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12am. (Excludes Tuesday, Nov. 11th & Thursday, Nov. 27th)

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm.
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-1am. (Excludes Fridays, Nov. 7th & 28th & Saturdays, Nov. 8th, & 29th)

DAILY SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAYS

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

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS – SENIOR DAY

Everyone 55 years plus will get \$20 in free play for all day! If your free play is not on your card, stop by the Player's Club Desk and they can assist you. Senior Day Discount (55+) in Restaurant for 10% off is on Tuesdays only. (Excludes Tuesday, November 11th)

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

Come in between 10am - 10pm and if you earn 50 points, you will get \$50 in free play. This promotion is good for once daily per person. (Excludes Thursday, November 27th)

FRIDAYS – FREE PLAY FOR IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA TRIBAL MEMBERS

If you are an Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Member, show us your tribal card between 10am-10pm at the Player's Club desk and get \$20 in free play for coming to support your tribal Casino.

SATURDAYS – FREE PLAY FOR IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA TRIBAL MEMBERS

If you are an Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Member, show us your tribal card between 10am-10pm at the Player's Club desk and get \$20 in free play for coming to support your tribal Casino.

BINGO PROMOTIONS

DAILY DRAWINGS

Initial buy-in drawings daily!!

SENIOR SUNDAY

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

BIRTHDAY BINGO

Bingo in your birthday month and get \$10 off their bingo buy-in!! (Must have valid ID with birth date)

NOVEMBER BINGO CASH GIVEAWAY

On each day you buy in for bingo in the month of November, you will get an entry into CASH drawings on Saturdays, November 8th & 22nd. A winner will be drawn to win \$500 in CASH each night. **Rules:** Buy bingo papers daily in the month of November and you will qualify. You will be given a registration ticket at the window, and it will be your responsibility to fill out the registration ticket and place it in the barrel. The drawings will happen as soon as the bingo session is completed on Saturdays, November 8th & 22nd. Two winners will win \$500 in CASH. Registration tickets will remain in the barrel until the last CASH drawing on November 22nd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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Sacred Heart announces first quarter honor roll

Falls City Sacred Heart has announced their first quarter Green and White honor roll. Below are the students who have earned a spot on the list.

First Quarter • Green (94-100 percent) Honor Roll
Seventh grade: Ashlyn Ahern, Kyla Bletscher, Marion Bristol, Jack Delaney, Hadlee Georges, Mia Lemerond, Don Martineau, Olivia Santo, Gavin Shubert, Bryn Taft, McKenzie Tedman.

Eighth grade: Michael Coetzee, Creighton Crofford, Chase Dishong, Halleigh Fritz, Raelynn Gruber, Peyton Hoffman, Kinlee Jackson, Kendall Johansen, Bernice Karire, Aven Kearney, Aliza Keller, Rhett Kimmi, Addy Kopf, Kaylie Lewis, Treyden Marx, Wyatt Nussbaum, JT Stice, Nataley Witt.

Ninth grade: Carlee Bailey, Rachel Bauman, Ava Bletscher, Josie Bletscher, Lena Delaney, Jenna Geisendorf, Payten Georges, Kinley Lechtenberg, Bailey Lemerond, Kemper Sipple, Macy Taft, CeeJay Tisdell, Andrea Vollmer, Stella Waller, Kamrie Wilson, Cash Witt.

Tenth grade: Milayna Crofford, Mya Dougherty, Jackson Lancaster, Jade Romo, Ryann Westengaard.

Eleventh grade: Toby Baxter, Hayden Clow, Emersyn Courtney, Renee Drummond, Willa Fritz, Kayden Groth, Alex Nelson, Isabelle Nussbaum, Alise Reschke, Charlie Rottinghaus, Ellery Vonderschmidt, Allarie Wilson.

Twelfth grade: Eli Geisendorf, Mason Goltz, Parker Hoffman, Copper Knobbe, Alex Madsen, Avery Santo, Cole Taft, Daycee Witt.

First Quarter • White (91-93%) Honor Roll

Seventh grade: John Casey, Fischer Courtney, Ben Geisendorf, Anthony Martineau, Reid Reschke, Cassidy Tisdell.

Eighth grade: Blaize Greever, Owen Howard, Keira Lendermon, Reese Miller.

Ninth grade: Brooklyn Fletcher, Noah Howard, Brynlie Jones, Aiden Scheitel, Treydon Witt.

Tenth grade: Reid Wustrack.

Eleventh grade: Dorothy Crouse, Bo Fletcher, Hudson Hutfler, Hallie Jones, Flavia Kanyange, Kenzee Ralston, Justice Smith, Emily Tubbs.

Twelfth grade: Brookelyn Bebermeyer, Elijah Canonic, Brenden Lemerond, Kyler Sipple.



The Stella Research Club and the Village of Stella held their annual Costume Contest Halloween evening with over 50 contestants and parents and grandparents attending. Prizes were awarded to 5 different age categories and treats were given to all. This year the largest category was the 11 and older group which had 11 adults in costume. A good time was had by all. (Submitted)

Peru Theatre Company hosts second annual Bobcat One Act Competition at Peru State College

Peru Theatre Company will host the Second Annual Peru State College Bobcat One Act Competition on Friday, November 14 in the Performing Arts Center. The event will feature eight high school one act teams from across Southeast Nebraska, competing for the top awards while also celebrating student theatre and storytelling.

Performance Schedule: Johnson-Brock: 9:00 am; Conestoga: 10:00 am; Pawnee City: 11:00 am; Falls City Sacred Heart: 12:00 pm; Freeman: 1:30 pm; Elmwood-Murdock: 2:30 pm; Malcolm: 3:30 pm; Elkhorn North: 4:30 pm.

Admission is free for Peru State College students, faculty and staff, with a \$5 general admission for the public. Audience members are encouraged to attend and support the talented high school theatre programs of Southeast Nebraska.

“This competition is an amazing opportunity for students to share their work and experience the joy of live theatre in a collegiate setting,” said Lucas Hrabik, Competition Director/Coordinator and Peru Theatre Company President. “Last year’s event was a tremendous success, and we are thrilled to welcome eight more schools to campus this November.”

The Bobcat One Act Competition is student-founded and student-led. Hrabik, who began the project as a Peru State student in 2023, developed the event after conversations with Associate Professor of Theatre Laura Gold, who had long envisioned a regional one-act competition at Peru State College. Drawing on his experience as a four-year one-act and speech competitor and a registered NSAA play production and speech judge, Hrabik built the competition from the ground up — now entering its second successful year.

This event is made possible thanks to the support of 17 local business sponsors across Southeast Nebraska and the metro areas.

Gold Sponsors: Arbor Day Farm / Lied Lodge – Nebraska City; Delmich Office Cleaning – Omaha; Loft Community Theatre – Manley; Mrs. T’s Dari Creme – Louisville; Simple Wellness Massage – Lincoln.

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The Peru State College Bobcat One Act Competition continues to grow as a competition and celebration of student theatre, community collaboration, and creative storytelling in Nebraska.

For more information, contact Peru Theatre Company at PeruTheatreCompany@peru.edu or visit @psctheatre-company on Instagram.

Local drop-off locations opening soon for Operation Christmas Child

Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 17 – 24. Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open across the country in November, and shoebox packers can find their local drop-off locations in Nebraska.

Shoebox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God’s love to children in need. Participants can donate \$10 per

shoebox gift online through “Follow Your Box” and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, seeks to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

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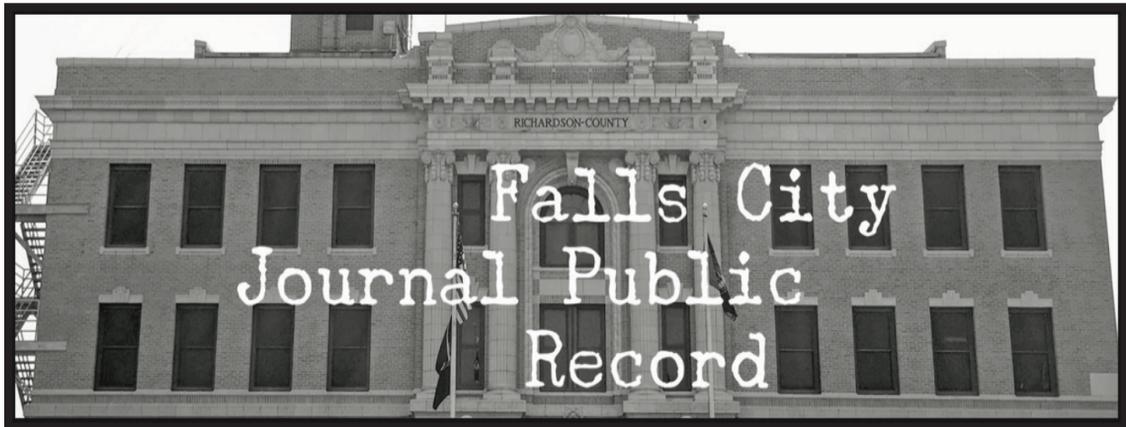
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COUNTY COURT
Haley Loyd, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for November 19, 2025.
Lauren C. Ford, count one, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for December 3, 2025.
Robert W. Davis, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for December 3, 2025.

Joseph A. Gloria, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for December 3, 2025.
Nolan S. Stafford, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for December 10, 2025.
Elijah A. Williams,

count one, identity fraud-first, pled guilty, found guilty; count two, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 14, 2026.
Kiffen A. Hunzeker, count one, criminal mischief <\$500, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence included fine of \$150.
Brandt T. Chapple, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, probation for term of 18 months, drug testing fee of \$90, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$450; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, criminal mischief \$501-1,499, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months; counts 4-6 amended to dropped/dismissed.

to dropped/dismissed; count two, false reporting-misdemeanor, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$1,000.
Mary V. Clancy, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for December 9, 2025.
William Beddow, Jr., count one, assault by strangulation or suffocation, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for December 23, 2025.
William Beddow, Jr., count one, sexual assault-first degree, amended to sexual assault-third degree, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for December 23, 2025.

PSC approves agreement to reinstate Hansen-Mueller Grain dealer license

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has reached an agreement reinstating Hansen-Mueller Co.'s grain dealer license and requiring the company to resolve its debts with Nebraska farmers. The Commission voted Tuesday to approve the agreement protecting Nebraska's grain community.

Hansen-Mueller was suspended from doing business as a grain dealer in Nebraska on Oct. 24, following a PSC Grain Department investigation into complaints that the company failed to pay multiple farmers. Since that action, the company has worked closely with PSC staff to address the financial concerns and provide safeguards for Nebraska grain producers and sellers.

"Our decision today balances the public interest with the opportunity for Hansen-Mueller to correct previous concerns," said Commission Chair Tim Schram, District 3. "Our top priority was making sure these debts were paid during this crucial time in the harvest season, and we're pleased that the company has already begun issuing the outstanding funds."

- Under terms of the agreement, Hansen-Mueller must:
- Immediately fulfill all outstanding payment obligations to Nebraska grain producers;
 - Fulfill all outstanding payment obligations to Nebraska grain dealers and warehouses by Feb. 27, 2026; and
 - Remain in compliance with all standard requirements for a Nebraska grain dealer license.

The agreement means the PSC will dismiss its October complaint and will not assess civil penalties against the company.

"This is a positive outcome and provides the oversight necessary to ensure Nebraska's grain community is protected," said Commission Vice Chair Kevin Stocker, District 5. "The Commission will continue to demand accountability and monitor the company's compliance with this agreement."

Hansen-Mueller began issuing some outstanding payments electronically and via mailed checks the week of Oct. 27. The PSC encourages any producers who have not received their expected payment from Hansen-Mueller within the next two weeks to contact the Grain Department at (402) 471-0222 or psc.grain@nebraska.gov.

Note: The agreement does not apply to some producers and sellers, such as those who negotiated deferred payment or "price later" contracts with Hansen-Mueller. However, anyone who has done business with Hansen-Mueller, whether before or during the suspension period, may contact the Grain Department for guidance, or to report concerns.

The PSC encourages producers and sellers to always be vigilant in business dealings and to work with Nebraska-licensed grain dealers and warehouses.

For more information, including the list of licensed grain dealers in Nebraska, visit the PSC Grain Department website.

Truck strikes deer near Stella, no injuries reported

A pickup truck struck a deer on State Highway 62 near Stella on Oct. 26, according to Richardson County Sheriff's office accident reports. The RCSO was notified through OnStar at 8:56 p.m. about a vehicle that hit a deer on 718 Road near 644 Avenue. Deputy Novak located the 2022 GMC Sierra 3500 at 9:15 p.m. parked off the roadway at a residence on 718 Road in rural Stella.

The driver, David K. Wheeler of Stella, told the deputy he was traveling west when a deer entered the roadway from the north ditch. He attempted to slow down but struck the deer with the driver's side front bumper. The deer was found dead in the south ditch.

Damage to the truck was estimated at 4,000 dollars. Wheeler drove the vehicle from the scene.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

October 24 through October 25, 2025 calls: two miscellaneous calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one animal call, and one HHS intake/referral. Two warnings for driving without headlights, and one 911 call.

October 25 through October 26, 2025 calls: three ambulance/EMS calls, two referred other agency calls, one animal call, and one miscellaneous call. One warning for animal at large, two citations for clearance light required and misuse of learner's permit, and two 911 calls.

October 26 through October 27, 2025 calls: two fire calls (Rulo Fire and Falls City Rural Fire), three ambulance/EMS calls, one suspicious person/vehicle, one records check, two referred other agency calls, three miscellaneous calls, and one warrant arrest. One citation for fugitive from justice, and four 911 calls.

October 27 through October 28, 2025 calls: one animal call, four ambulance/EMS calls, three miscellaneous calls, one nuisance, one gun permit, and one referred other agency call. One warning for improper or defective vehicle lighting, and five 911 calls.

October 28 through October 29, 2025 calls: three 911 hang up/misdials, two animal calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one check welfare, two information-only reports, one motorist assist, one miscellaneous call, one nuisance, one parking complaint, one referred other agency call, three records checks, and three traffic/driving complaints. One citation for careless driving, two warnings for registration/plates, one warning for improper or defective vehicle lighting, one warning for plates not clear and visible, one warning for no license on person, and seven 911 calls.

October 29 through October 30, 2025 calls: five miscellaneous calls, one referred other agency, one ambulance/EMS call, one nuisance, one suspicious person or vehicle, one HHS intake/referral, one check welfare, and one accident. Three 911 calls total. One warning for speeding.

October 30 through October 31, 2025 calls: two ambulance/EMS calls, one information only, one alarm, one burn permit, one nuisance, three miscellaneous calls, one possible death, one check welfare, and one warrant arrest. One 911 call total. One citation for fugitive from justice.

October 31 through November 1, 2025 calls: one motorist assist, one investigation, two animal calls, two alarms, two miscellaneous calls, two traffic/driving complaints, one HHS intake/referral, and one warrant arrest. Six 911 calls total. One citation for fugitive from justice. Three warnings for improper or defective vehicle lighting, one warning for following too closely, one warning for illegal U-turn, one warning for speeding, and one warning for plates not clear and visible.

November 1 through November 2, 2025 calls: three ambulance/EMS calls, one law enforcement assist, one accident, one burn permit, one gas leak, and one fire call. One 911 call total. One fire call for Falls City Rural Fire. One warning for improper or defective vehicle lighting and one warning for a muffler violation.

November 2 through November 3, 2025 calls: four referred to other agencies, one miscellaneous call, one domestic disturbance, and one ambulance/EMS call. Five 911 calls total. One warning for speeding, one warning for no registration in vehicle, and one warning for no splash aprons.

DISTRICT COURT

Ethan D. King, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for January 13, 2026.
Katrina M. Dettmann, count one, amended

to dropped/dismissed; count two, false reporting-misdemeanor, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$1,000.

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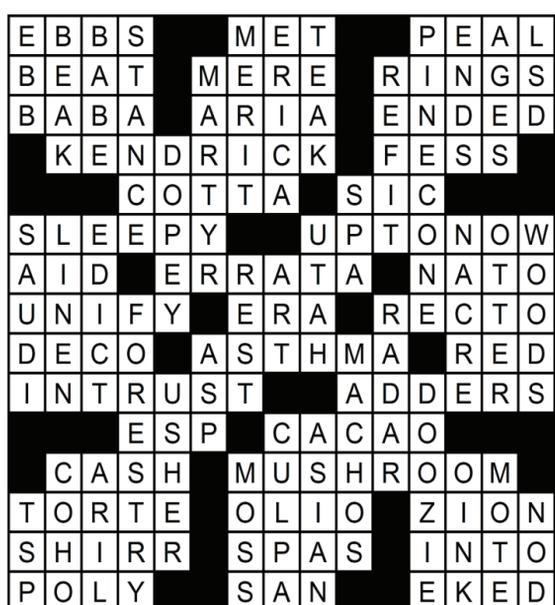
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(Editor's Note - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).

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

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

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

Injuries doom Tiger's hopes

The Falls City Tiger football squad entered the fall with high expectations. Those prospects were quickly tempered as Tiger athletes dropped like flies at the start of the season. Still, FC battled, week in and week out. The Orange and Black may have finished with a 1-8 mark, but even with the attrition and lack of numbers, they were truly only not competitive in two contests. Four of Falls City's losses were one-score efforts, while two additional losses were one-score contests heading into the final two minutes of action. Even the loss to Auburn on October 3 was closer than the score would show. Falls City was without multiple starters that Friday night in Auburn and just wore down, allowing the Bulldogs to pull away for the 41-6 win.

"Obviously, our season did not go the way we wanted or expected it to," said Head Coach Jack Bangert. "The team we had in the summer at Concordia Camp never played a single snap together during the season due to injuries, eligibility issues, absences, etc. We had really worked hard and saw this season as the pinnacle of all that hard work."

Bangert said even with the losses, he was impressed with the work the team put in.

"We were 1-4 in one-score games, and both of our two losses were close well into the fourth quarter. The two games where we were not competitive had under 20 guys eligible/able to play. Our effort was excellent; all the things we could control were great."

It won't get any easier for Falls City moving forward. The Tigers will lose 12 seniors, all of whom contributed significantly in the past few seasons.

"Roster size is our biggest issue," according to Bangert. "We saw this coming in my first year. We finished my first year with only 13 guys on our middle school team."

He went on to say that, among the seventh- and eighth-grade classes that year, only seven still opted to play football, and of those, only two were linemen.

"That means next year we will rely on freshmen and sophomores to make up a good portion of our line," expressed Bangert. "This is a group that did not have a JV season this year due to numbers. Basically, we will have an entire freshman line trying to play Class C1 football."

Coach Bangert stressed the importance of building numbers back up, noting that there were days this fall when three or four members of the coaching staff were forced to play scout team offense or defense due to low participation.

Bangert hinted at a few avenues the

program could take in the upcoming seasons. "We have proposed some short-term solutions because my worry is if we continue with the status quo, kids will get injured or quit because they are getting beat up, putting the future of Falls City football in jeopardy."

Coach Bangert suggested that filling the line of scrimmage will be of utmost importance.

"Lines win football games at every level, period, full stop," exclaimed Bangert. "When I was at (Omaha) South, we had a current NFL player, an FBS player and a couple of D2 caliber players. We only won four games. The reason? Not a single one was a lineman, and our line was extremely undersized across the board. You need five of them to be successful."

The Tigers were outscored 240-122. Outside of a 41-6 loss to Auburn and a 40-0 loss to Syracuse, Falls City had an opportunity to win every other game of the season. The Tigers' only win came in week one when they defeated Palmyra 22-21.

The Tigers passed for 1403 yards and ran for 785.

QB Blakely Sells led the passing game, completing 66/126 passes for 907 yards, nine touchdowns and four interceptions.

Jayten Wilkerson led the rushers with 305 yards on 101 carries.

Orion Cattrell led the receivers with 34 grabs for 370 yards and six scores, while Gavin Bauer caught 26 passes for 360 yards and three scores.

Passing Stats:

Sells 66/126, 907 yards, 9 TDs, 4 Ints. Bangert 36/73, 442 yards, 5 TDs, 6 Ints.

Rushing Stats:

Bangert 16-24, 1 TD; Bauer 53-225, 1 TD; Sells 29-118, 2 TD; Wilkerson 101-305; Jackson 23-42; B. Collier 15-52.

Receiving Stats:

Bangert 15-316, 2 TDs; Cattrell 34-370, 6 TDs; Kobza 5-43; Bauer 26-360, 3 TDs; Jones 3-32; Wilkerson 22-256, 3 TDs; Caudle 2-14.

Defensive Leaders:

Bauer 65 tackles, 5.5 TFLs; Kobza 51 tackles, 7.5 TFLs; Jones 49 tackles, E. Leyden 43 tackles, 3 TFLs; Wilkerson 36 tackles; Cattrell 35 tackles, 4 TFLs; Martin 32 tackles, 3.5 TFLs; Niedfeldt 31 tackles, 5.5 TFLs; Simpson 28 tackles, 10 TFLs; Offner 26 tackles, 5 TFLs; V. Leyden 26 tackles, 5.5 TFLs.

Cattrell led the team with three interceptions, while Wilkerson added two.

The Tigers will have many new faces on the field next fall, and there will definitely be a learning curve. However, hard work and perseverance will be what it takes to keep the program moving in the right direction.

"Teaching the game I love is fun and it is really fun when you have kids who want to learn it and enjoy the game," said Bangert. "With a really young group, there will be a lot of teaching and a lot of growing pains."

Vonderschmidt lighting up the nets for Peru St.

The Peru St. Lady Bobcats are off to a 2-2 start to the year, thanks in part to Sacred Heart graduate Eri Vonderschmidt. Through the first four contests of the season, Vonderschmidt has scored 90 points, averaging 22.5 points per game. The forward is shooting 64 percent from the floor and has made 6/10 from beyond the arc. The former Irish standout has also grabbed 31 rebounds, dished out five assists and swatted five shots. Her best effort of the season to date was a 26-point effort against Waldorf on October 25, 2025.

All-Star VB contest announced

The Annual 4-State and Northeast Kansas High School Volleyball All-Star game has been announced and will take place on the Highland Community College Campus on Sunday, November 16, 2025. The 4-State contest will begin at 2:00 p.m., while the NEK All-Star match will take place at 4:00. Both contests will be held at the Allen Field House in Highland.

In the 4-State contest, the area will be represented by HTRS standout Elie Bstandig and Auburn setter Emma Hyde. Former Titan coach and current Bulldog Head Coach Kara Engles will head the Gold Team.

The Navy Team will include Falls City Sacred Heart setter Daycee Witt and will be coached by Sacred Heart Coach Emma Ebel and assisted by Paige Vitosh and Abby Shubert.

In the NEK All-Star game, Brooklyn Wiltz of Sabetha and Kara Coversup of Horton will be on the Gold Team, while the Navy Team will include Addison Williams and Claire Twombly of Hiawatha.

Admission for the event will be \$5.00 per person,

Despite record, FC softball team showed vast improvement

The Tiger softball season may not have gone quite as new coach Brooks Ivey would have envisioned; however, strides were made to ensure future improvement. The team, although finishing just 1-20, kept their heads held high all season.

"From a result perspective, we did not meet our level of expectations that we hoped to accomplish," said Coach Ivey. "With that being said, I think we exceeded expectations with individual and team growth. The girls grew both physically and mentally throughout the entire season."

Ivey acknowledged the group was far different than the one that began the season against Nebraska City on August 21.

The team used five pitchers this year, with two predominantly eating up innings. Jazzy Streckler tossed 59 innings, and Alexis Schawang threw 23 2/3 innings in the circle. As a team, FC pitched 87 innings, allowing 227 hits, 257 runs, 171 earned runs, walked 67 batters and struck out 37. The team ERA was 13.76.

"One off-season improvement that we have discussed to achieve better results next fall is our pitching," stated Ivey. "The individual time and work put in during the off-season from our pitching staff can make us a completely different team. We made several strides this season, but need to keep moving in the right direction."

Streckler finished her junior season with a 1-14 mark, allowing 160 hits, 109 earned runs, walking 34 and striking out 27 opponents.

Falls City finished the season with a .287 batting average, finishing with 110 hits, 82 of which were singles. The Tiger batters finished with 61 RBI, 132 strikeouts and 32 walks. As a team, FC scored 73 runs. Nearly all

and fans are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to help stock the Highland Community College food pantry.

of those numbers were an improvement over the season prior. In 2024, FC batted .283, with 40 RBI, 49 runs scored and 29 walks.

Streckler led the squad with a .407 batting average, securing 11 hits and driving in seven runs.

Malori Kuker batted .378 with 17 hits, including five doubles and a home run. Kuker drove in 11 runs and walked four times.

Brylee Liberty was close behind with a .362 average. Liberty finished the season with 17 hits, ten RBI and scored eight runs.

Kaytlin Rhodd batted .318, Kaydence Rego hit .306, and Bristol Titus batted .302 with nine RBI and one home run.

Kenley Alexander, Addi Miller and Liberty all added three stolen bases.

Alexander caught the majority of the innings behind home plate, throwing out five would-be stolen base attempts.

Despite the lone win, Coach Ivey said the season was, overall, a step in the right direction.

"This season was an enjoyable experience to see the growth from every girl on our roster," said Ivey. "Being able to field a JV team for the first time in at least four years helped us build for the future. Even the girls that have never played softball before showed vast improvement from August to October."

The Orange and Black will retain much of the current roster, losing only three players to graduation. It will take some work in the off-season, but FC should show marked improvement on the diamond next fall.

Coach Ivey also wanted to note the addition of his two assistant coaches, Kaitlyn Schawang and Natalie Keller.

"I can't thank my two assistant coaches enough for their support this year," mentioned Ivey. "They joined my staff and made an immediate impact on our team. The two of them had a positive impression on both myself and the girls."



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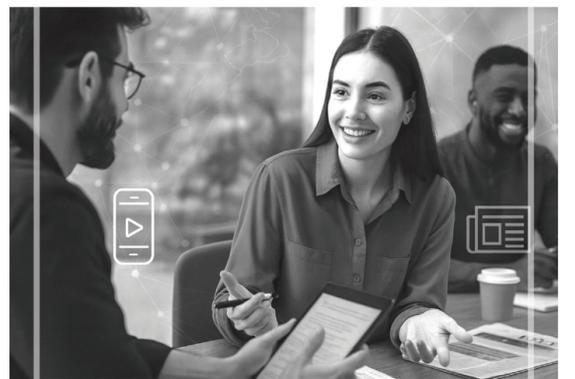
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State's proposal to let some inmates out early stirs bipartisan pushback — and memories of past scandal

By Sara Gentzler, Flatwater Free Press

A decade ago, Nebraska's corrections department allowed hundreds of inmates to leave prison early through a program that few — including judges, lawmakers and the public — knew existed.

Corrections leaders eventually scrapped the early-release scheme shortly after probing lawmakers revealed it.

Now, as the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services continues to grapple with overcrowding and converts one prison into an immigration detention center, it is trying to create a similar program.

It's already prompting pushback, including from lawmakers in both political parties.

"What you're saying is, 'OK, we don't really think the judges knew what they were doing, or this Legislature (knew what they were doing) when they said what factors to consider. We just think, internally, NDCS can make those ultimate determinations.' And I, respectfully, disagree with that," said State Sen. Carolyn Bosn, a former prosecutor who chairs the Judiciary Committee.

Bosn, a Republican from Lincoln, and State Sen. Terrell McKinney, a Democrat from Omaha, both said a program like this could have merit.

But, echoing a criticism of

the controversial program from the past, both said it should be created by the Legislature — not the department itself. They and others, including the state's watchdog for corrections, also knocked for the current proposal for its lack of details.

"I'm not opposed to it, it's just about the implementation and how it's going to work," McKinney said.

Unlike with the previous initiative, the department is following a public process this time around.

Corrections filed a notice on its proposal — dubbed PATH, or the Program for At-home Transition Housing — with the secretary of state's office three weeks after Gov. Jim Pillen unveiled plans to turn the McCook Work Ethic Camp into a federal immigration detention center.

Spokesperson Dayne Urbanovsky said the PATH proposal was driven by the department's "commitment to efficient and meaningful population management strategies, while improving reentry opportunities" for inmates. She didn't mention overcrowding or McCook.

Nebraska's prisons have long been some of the most overcrowded in the country. The system entered an overcrowding emergency in 2020 when its overall population exceeded 140% of its design capacity.

It remains in that emergency, according to a recent re-

port from the state's inspector general for corrections, Doug Koebnick. The same report found that, depending on the metric used, Nebraska has either the most or second-most overcrowded prison system in the U.S.

Overcrowding concerns fueled questions from McKinney and others about Pillen's push to take the roughly 200 beds at the McCook center offline so that the prison could be used to detain up to 300 immigrants.

In a letter to McKinney, the administration disputed the notion that the move would trigger an "overcrowding emergency."

"The addition of 300 criminal illegal aliens to the system will not put NDCS facilities anywhere near the 140% occupational capacity threshold needed to trigger an emergency declaration," wrote Kenny Zoeller, director of the governor's Policy Research Office.

The state has since relocated the roughly 180 inmates previously housed in McCook, according to Urbanovsky. Last week, Pillen's office announced that ICE inspectors had OK'd the center to start operating.

McKinney said he sees a connection.

"Taking away that which was a facility for people who were transitioning, they need something to try to backfill that," McKinney said. "And that's probably this program."

PATH bears some broad

similarities to the program Corrections created in 2008.

That program started small, with only eight inmates furloughed in fiscal year 2008, according to Koebnick. Initially, certain violent and repeat offenders were excluded.

But that changed in 2010, the same year an internal policy directive allowed for violent offenders to be eligible. In fiscal year 2010, 58 inmates were furloughed through the program. That number ballooned to 435 in 2011.

The program largely flew under the radar until a 2014 investigation by the Omaha World-Herald prompted an investigation by a special legislative committee, which uncovered the so-called "Reentry Furlough Program."

Among those furloughed in 2011, about 120 had been convicted of violent offenses, including assault, robbery, assault of an officer and manslaughter, according to The World-Herald. Three had been convicted of murder.

The revelations perturbed several judges who were unaware the program existed and who felt Corrections had overstepped, the newspaper reported.

The legislative committee found the corrections department had developed the furlough program "outside of the law" and blurred lines between Corrections and the Parole Board, which is meant to serve independently.

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Don Shafer, Moderator - 402-245-5209

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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS (23rd & Barada) Sunday: Divine Service, 9 AM Sunday School and Bible study, 10:15 AM (September-May). Communion every Sunday. fallscitylcms.blogspot.com

Rev. Ken Humphrey, Pastor - 402-245-3324

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS. (6 Mi. North of Falls City 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. fallscitylcms.blogspot.com

Rev. Ken Humphrey, Pastor - 402-245-4643

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

Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor 402-245-3002.

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

RULO

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Riverside Fellowship 117 S 3rd St., Rulo, NE. Sun. Worship 9AM. Fellowship, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 10AM Following Worship. *David Showalter, Pastor*

BARADA

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

Bethel Global Methodist Church (70656 656 Ave (1/2 mile N of Preston Corner)) Worship, 11:00AM; Sunday School, 10:00AM; Wednesday Choir, 7:30PM. *Pastor Mike Hader - 402-245-4584.*

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

SHUBERT

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

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

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

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

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The committee recommended abolishing the program, adding that such an effort "should be created legislatively."

The department discontinued the program in 2015, according to Urbanovsky, and has not had a similar program since.

For PATH, the department is following a formal rule-making process that provides a heads-up to lawmakers and allows some public feedback.

At a hearing, many testifiers had questions. The draft contains few answers.

Inmates in PATH would be responsible for their own housing and daily living costs, according to the draft, and for their own health care coverage. They would live in "approved private residences" and keep full-time jobs or attend approved programming.

Oversight by NDCS staff, such as a parole officer, would include reporting, curfews and employment verification. Participants could leave their residence only for "approved activities" and could be monitored electronically. No weapons, illegal drugs or alcohol allowed.

As to who would qualify, the draft defines a participant only as "an individual nearing the end of their sentence, or with limited time to serve following commitment."

Title 71-Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Chapter 2- Program for At-home Transition Housing (PATH)
001. Purpose and Scope
001.01 These rules establish procedures for the administration and supervision of PATH (Program for At-home Transition Housing), operated by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS).

001.02 These rules govern program operations, participant expectations, and NDCS responsibilities. Specific eligibility and selection criteria for program placement, as well as detailed supervision procedures, shall be established in NDCS policy and are not governed by these rules.

002. Definitions

002.01 PATH is a community-based, structured transition program operated by NDCS for individuals determined eligible through agency policy prior to parole or discharge. PATH participants are responsible for their own housing and living expenses while residing in approved private residences rather than correctional facilities, allowing them to reintegrate into the community while remaining under NDCS supervision. The program promotes stability, access to employment and services, and a smoother transition into the community.

002.02 Participant means an individual nearing the end of their sentence, or with limited time to serve following commitment, who has been placed in the PATH program. Participants reside at a private, non-correctional address; are financially responsible for their own housing and daily living expenses; and are subject to NDCS monitoring and oversight. Participants are not confined in a public institution.

002.03 Supervising Authority is an NDCS team member (e.g., parole officer, community corrections staff) responsible for participant accountability through structured oversight, including reporting, curfews, employment verification, and compliance checks.

002.04 Approved Residence is a Nebraska-based residence verified by NDCS as suitable for PATH placement.

003. Program Administration
003.01 PATH shall be administered by NDCS through designated supervision staff.

003.02 All placements must be authorized by the NDCS Director/designee utilizing the custody classification process.

003.03 PATH placements shall be restricted to the state of Nebraska and shall not constitute parole or early release.

003.04 Participants remain under the jurisdiction of NDCS and subject to all applicable rules, policies, and procedures.

004. Conditions of Participation

004.01 Residence

004.01(A) Participants must reside at an NDCS-approved residence with a functioning phone.

004.01(B) NDCS may conduct inspections and unannounced visits.

004.01(C) The presence of weapons, illegal substances, or alcohol is prohibited.

004.02 Employment and Programming
Participants must maintain full-time employment and/or attend NDCS-approved programming consistent with their individualized success plan. Exceptions may be granted for participants who are receiving disability benefits or are otherwise verified as unable to work.

004.03 Healthcare
004.03(A) Participants are responsible for obtaining and maintaining their own healthcare coverage, including prescribed medications.

004.03(B) Participants are expected to obtain coverage through their employer, Medicaid, or the Healthcare Exchange.

004.04 Public Benefits Eligibility
For purposes of public benefits eligibility (e.g., Medicaid), PATH participants are not considered "inmates of a public institution" under 42 CFR § 435.1010, as they are not confined in a correctional facility and are finan-

cially responsible for their housing and daily living expenses.

004.05 Movement and Curfew
Participants must adhere to curfews and may only leave their residence for approved activities.

004.06 Supervision and Monitoring
Participants may be subject to electronic monitoring, GPS tracking, drug and alcohol testing, and regular in-person or telephonic check-ins.

004.07 Transportation
Participants may drive a personal or work vehicle only with prior approval and upon proof of valid license, registration, and insurance.

004.08 Financial Responsibility
Participants are responsible for their own housing, meals, transportation, and other subsistence costs as outlined in NDCS policy.

005. Program Oversight and Compliance

005.01 Supervising authorities shall maintain regular contact with participants to verify compliance with itinerary, employment, programming, and curfew requirements.

005.02 Participants must immediately report any law enforcement contact or significant change in circumstances to their supervising authority.

005.03 NDCS staff will document participation and compliance in the Nebraska Inmate Case Management System (NICaMS).

006. Violations and Removal
006.01 Violations of program rules or NDCS policy will be addressed using the Community Supervision violations and sanctions matrix. Possible responses include, but are not limited to:

006.01(A) Verbal or written warnings;

006.01(B) Increased supervision, including use of electronic monitoring;

006.01(C) Temporary return to a correctional facility;

006.01(D) Immediate termination from PATH.

006.02 The supervising authority may authorize temporary program removal based on safety, risk, or rule violations. Permanent termination from PATH shall be determined through the NDCS custody classification process.

007. Duration of Participation
007.01 The duration of PATH placement shall be determined by NDCS based on release planning and participant progress.

007.02 PATH placement is not guaranteed and may be modified or terminated at NDCS discretion.

Jasmine Harris, director of public policy at the reentry nonprofit RISE, said the organization is always looking for ways for people to have successful reentry after incarceration.

But this proposal needs "more meat on the bone," she said.

"This is a different pathway that they're taking with this program, and we don't know much about it, so just want to ensure that it's a thoughtful process, that they are learning from any past mistakes and ensuring that it's something that's set up for folks as they're coming home to actually succeed," Harris said.

Bosn laid out several ways such a program could benefit the state and individual prisoners. It could be an incentive for people to work on programming or follow rules while incarcerated, she said. And it could help the state's workforce and save taxpayer money.

"There's a whole bunch of different ways that you can market something like this," Bosn said, "but I do think you want to make sure, if and when you put that ultimately forward, that you've really considered it from every single perspective."

Regulations must undergo a review by the Attorney General's Office before the head to the governor for approval.

At least one critic of the old program is withholding judgment about the new proposal.

In 2012, then-Lancaster County Attorney Joe Kelly had privately expressed his own concerns with the program to the then-director of corrections, The World-Herald reported. He encouraged the state to "seek specific legislative authority" for furlough.

Kelly went on to serve as the U.S. attorney for Nebraska and is now the state's lieutenant governor. He did not respond directly to an interview request but issued a statement:

"The current proposed rule is going through the (Administrative Procedure Act) process and is not yet at the Administration's desk. Once the rule reaches Gov. Pillen's desk, he will then have an opportunity to approve or deny the change based on the merits."

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Anita Inez (Miller) DeLong



Anita Inez (Miller) DeLong, known by all those who knew and loved her as “Neen” 68, of Falls City, Nebraska passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at her home. She was born on May 29, 1957, in Falls City, Nebraska to Melvin and Celia (Hellwig) Miller. Neen was raised in Rulo, Nebraska, attending grade school there before graduating from Falls City High School in 1975. Neen was united in marriage to Edward DeLong on April 20, 1979, in Falls City, Nebraska. Together Neen and Ed raised three children, later reaping the rewards of their hard work by gaining a total of eight grandchildren.

A devoted wife, mom, sister and “Nanny Neenie”, Neen dedicated much of her life caring for others. Neen worked various jobs, some of the most notable being a waitress at Cross Town, a nursing assistant at Community Medical Center, a nighttime stocker at Wal Mart, and a custodian at Falls City High School before retiring to stay home and be a caretaker to her husband.

Neen often loved to leave her kids and grandkids with a final “love you more” before they had the chance to say it last. They would like to take this time to leave Neen with a “love you more” until they are able to meet again.

Neen is survived her daughters, Shawna Bindle (Brian) and Desir’ee Heaton, Falls City, NE, grandchildren: Bailey Cromer (Brady), Brownville, NE and Brody Bindle, Omaha, NE; Kayden DeLong and Jenson DeLong, Rulo NE; Corey Murphy, Tristan Vitale, Nick Heaton and Isaac Heaton, Falls City, NE; sisters: Connie Elrod (Scott), White Cloud, KS and Toni (Wayne) Allen, Salem, NE. She was preceded in death by her parents; son Kyle DeLong and brothers Duane Rhodd and Rick Rhodd.

Graveside Inurnment Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025 at the Rulo Cemetery in Rulo, Nebraska with Pastor Tim Boatright officiating. Visitation will be held from 1-8 p.m. Friday, November 7, 2025 at Hall Funeral Home, 2403 Harlan Street in Falls City. Family will greet friends from 5-7 p.m.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the family’s choice with a later designation.

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Updated CPR guidelines tackle choking response, opioid related emergencies and a revised Chain of Survival

Guideline Highlights:

- New guidance on choking in conscious children and adults recommends alternating five back blows followed by five abdominal thrusts, until the object is expelled or the person becomes unresponsive.
- Guidance for choking in infants has been updated to alternate between five back blows and five chest thrusts using the heel of one hand, until the foreign object is expelled or the infant becomes unresponsive.
- The guidelines provide a new algorithm for treating individuals with suspected opioid overdose, including public access guidance on naloxone use.
- The systems of care volunteer writing group elected to revert to a single chain of survival for all forms of cardiac arrest, whether adult or pediatric, in- or out-of-hospital.
- Evidence shows that children 12 years old or older can be taught effective CPR and defibrillation.
- To improve lay-rescuer response to out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, the guidelines recommend support for media campaigns, instructor-led training and community training.

The “2025 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC),” published today in the Association’s flagship journal, *Circulation*, marks the first full revision of lifesaving resuscitation guidance since 2020. Among the updates are expanded recommendations for managing choking and suspected opioid overdose, in addition to other lifesaving interventions.

Each year, approximately 350,000 people in the U.S. experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest – when the heart suddenly stops beating – which results in death 90% of the time, according to the Association’s statistics. The 2025 CPR guidelines provide an extensive review of the latest science, translating it into clear, lifesaving recommendations that empower people to act when every second counts.

Out-of-hospital cardiac arrests caused by respiratory emergencies or asphyxia occur in more than 9% of adults and 39% of children in the U.S.[2] New guidance on choking recommends alternating five back blows followed by five abdominal thrusts for conscious children and adults, until the foreign object is expelled or the person becomes unresponsive. Choking guidance for adults was not included in the previous guidelines, and earli-

er guidance for children called for performing abdominal thrusts only. For infants, rescuers should alternate between five back blows and five chest thrusts using the heel of one hand, until the foreign object is expelled or the infant becomes unresponsive. Abdominal thrusts are not recommended for infants, due to the risk of injury.

The guidelines also provide updated recommendations for treating people experiencing a suspected opioid overdose, which is the cause of 80% of all drug overdose deaths worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), opioid use can lead to death because opioids affect the part of the brain that regulates breathing. Signs of an opioid overdose include: Slow, shallow or no breathing. Choking or gurgling sounds. Drowsiness or loss of consciousness. Small, constricted pupils. Blue or grey coloring of the skin, lips or nail beds.

For the first time, the guidelines provide public access instruction on when to use naloxone, a medication used to reverse or reduce the effects of opioids.

“The American Heart Association’s 2025 CPR guidelines represent gold standard science. It reflects a rigorous examination of the most up-to-date evidence that guides how resuscitation is provided for critically ill patients,” said Ashish Panchal, M.D., Ph.D., volunteer chair of the American Heart Association Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science Committee, physician and professor of emergency medicine at The Ohio State University. “As the science continues to evolve, it’s important that we continue to review new research specific to the scientific questions considered of greatest clinical significance that affect how we deliver life-saving care.”

Together with the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association co-developed the pediatric and neonatal guidelines that help protect the youngest and most vulnerable lives. These chapters were co-led by volunteer experts from both organizations, with writing groups evenly balanced between their members, resulting in a unified set of recommendations that reflect the shared expertise, dedication and vision of both organizations.

Alongside major changes to choking recommendations for infants, the neonatal guidelines provide further direction for treating newborns. For most term and preterm infants not needing immediate resuscita-

tion, delaying umbilical cord clamping for at least 60 seconds – up from the previously recommended 30 seconds – has been shown to improve a newborn’s blood health and iron levels.

“We’re proud that these guidelines will be jointly published in the American Heart Association journal *Circulation* and the American Academy of Pediatrics journal *Pediatrics*. This action underscores our joint commitment to advancing pediatric and neonatal resuscitation – together,” said Javier Lasa, MD, FAHA, FAAP, American Heart Association and American Academy of Pediatrics volunteer and co-chair of the 2025 Pediatric Advanced Life Support Writing Group and associate professor in critical care and cardiology at Children’s Health in Dallas.

Further updates offer suggestions for increasing lay rescuer intervention in a cardiac emergency, noting that only approximately 41% of adults experiencing cardiac arrest outside of the hospital receive CPR before emergency medical services arrive. Early CPR could double or triple a person’s chance of survival. New recommendations include: Consolidating the chain of survival into one chain, which highlights the importance of doing compressions and breaths, especially in children and infants. Previously, there were separate chains of survival for adults, infants and children experiencing a cardiac emergency, and for cases of in-hospital and out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Aligning with new scientific evidence that suggests children 12 years old or older can be taught effective CPR and defibrillation.

Further improving lay rescuer response to out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, by recommending the use of media awareness and education campaigns, increased instructor-led training and expanded community training.

The American Heart Association updates and publishes CPR guidelines periodically, as it has since issuing the first CPR guideline in 1966.

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Douglas John Gibson (Hoot)

everything he did.

An accomplished athlete, Hoot was known as a three-sport standout at Falls City high school in Nebraska in the early 1950s. He lettered four years in basketball, three years in football and three years in track and field. Hoot was named All-Conference in football and basketball in both junior and senior years, and garnered an All-State mention in both sports as well. In track, he excelled and set multiple school records in both high and low hurdles. He closed his high school career taking home two 1st place medals at the Nebraska State track meet. Hoot went on to be named 1st Team Southeastern Conference and then won the prestigious Bob Gritz Memorial Trophy for Outstanding High School Student Athlete.

Hoot received an athletic scholarship to play football at University of Nebraska. He ended up, however, playing basketball and running the low and high hurdles plus throwing the javelin. While a Cornhusker, he had the honor of playing basketball against Wilt Chamberlain when they played the Kansas Jayhawks.

Hoot was offered another full scholarship to play all three-sports at Peru State in Nebraska and left U of N. He excelled and was a two-time Associated Press College honorable mention All-American as a quarterback and half-back, was twice named National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Honorable Mention All American, and set multiple school and conference track records in the low and high hurdles.

In 1957, Hoot was awarded the coveted Omaha World-Herald State College “Athlete of the Year.”

Hoot earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1958 from Peru State, and went on to earn a Masters of Science degree in Physical Education in 1960 from the Graduate College of the University of Illinois.

In 2000, Hoot was honored by being inducted into the Peru State College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Beyond these impressive athletic and scholastic stats, it was his charm, wit, confidence, grit, and hilarious escapades that left an indelible mark on our hearts.

Hoot met his wife Coranne “Corky” Kolb at University of Nebraska in 1955. Their first date was taking a walk and sharing a single ice cream cone. In the summer of 1958, after visiting Corky and her parents in California, he took a bus home to Nebraska and immediately upon arrival, called her from a pay-phone to propose! They were married on September 20, 1958 in a Catholic ceremony in Falls City, Nebraska. Hoot and Corky had just celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary shortly before his passing.

Hoot got his first job coaching high school basketball in Humphrey, Nebraska in 1958. A couple years later he was offered a high school basketball coaching position in sunny Southern California where he moved and lived for the rest of his life.

He was introduced to Jostens Printing and Publishing and left coaching for what became a very successful 35-year career as a sales representative and accomplished entrepreneur. Hoot sold yearbooks, high school class rings and graduation caps & gowns and ran a delivery/shipping business for the remainder of his career.

Hoot and Corky were passionate about traveling and for decades they traveled the world together with family and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his family, was a great dad and was always around to attend his children’s various activities. He loved raising his children in Yorba Linda and spending summers with his family in Newport Beach. His favorite drink was a gin & tonic, his favorite food was any kind of leftovers, and his favorite games were poker and cribbage. He loved walking to the beach to watch the sun go down. He liked nature shows, old movies and musicals, making-up crazy bets, and watching all sports; he played tennis and golf throughout his adult years. Everyone who knew him has a story to tell and he’ll always be remembered as an absolute “one-of-a-kind” character.

Hoot is survived by his wife Coranne “Corky” Kolb Gibson, his children Renee (Bill), Kolby (Kate), and Heidi (Dave); his siblings, Mike (Jan), Lamar (Mary), Butch (Lynn), Connie, Karen, Marybeth and sister-in-law Karolyn; and is preceded in death by his brother Bob, sisters Yvonne and Susie, and parents Otto and Geraldine Gibson. He also leaves behind a legacy of nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday January 7, 2026, 11:00am at Our Lady Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Newport Beach.

Barbara Ann (Keller) Prater



Barbara Ann (Keller) Prater, 73, of Rulo, Nebraska passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at her home in Rulo. She was born on August 19, 1952, in Falls City, Nebraska to Charles A. and Cora Belle (Ogden) Keller. Barbara was raised in Rulo and went to grade school there and high school in Falls City. On February 13, 1970, Barbara was united in marriage to James “Jim” Prater in Falls City, Nebraska. To this union three children, Coreena, Melissa, and Jace were born.

Barbara worked for many years at the Iowa Tribe Bingo, and the meal site, and was also a receptionist. She also worked at Frosty Queen in Falls City. Barbara loved her family and friends dearly. She loved to shop in St. Joseph, Missouri and later in life, she enjoyed playing card and dice games with her family and friends.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 55 years Jim Prater of Rulo, children: Coreena Adkins and Toby Teel of Hiawatha, KS; Melissa Counce and husband Jimmy of

Rulo, NE; Jace Prater and Bobbie Popejoy of White Cloud, KS; grandchildren: Cody Guthals of Falls City, Kraig Counce of Rulo, Jami Counce of Rulo, Jesse Counce of Rulo, Peyton Prater of White Cloud, KS; Wrenley Prater of White Cloud, KS; great-grandchildren: Watson Guthals of Falls City, Iris Counce of Rulo, Jude Purcell of Falls City, and Larissa Counce of Rulo, her sister Marcia Simmonds and husband Donnie of Falls City, and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Charlie (Sandy) Keller and John Keller, and niece Christina Simmonds.

Graveside Inurnment Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Rulo Cemetery in Rulo, Nebraska. Pastor Jerry Yount officiated. A Celebration of Barbara’s Life followed at noon on Saturday, November 1, at the Falls City Legion Club in Falls City.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the family’s choice with a later designation.

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The Richardson County Board of Commissioners convened on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey submitted the annual distress warrant list for unpaid personal property taxes from 2024. The lone warrant included Cogent Communications, Inc. The list was turned over to Sheriff Rick Hardesty for collection.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. presented updates on road and bridge maintenance throughout the County.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty advised the Board that the Jail Facility was currently housing 11 inmates. He also reported that during October, his department fielded 849 calls, 349 of

which were traffic stops. His department made 25 arrests during the month. Year-to-date numbers show the jail has housed 349 inmates, with 138 of those being incarcerated for felonies.

The Sheriff reported that Deputy Nick Atiken was resigning effective November 18, 2025. Aitken will be joining the Falls City Police Department.

Hardesty also noted Deputy Dutcher would be attending a taser instructor training school in Maryville, Missouri.

He also advised the Board that the purchase of the new data master equipment had been made for \$2,190.25. The purchase was made through funds in the STOP fund and was approved by County Attorney Saman-

tha Scheitel and Falls City Police Chief Jamie Baker.

After a discussion with Bill Huey of Prochaska & Associates, the Board approved a quote from Airstream Heating and Cooling for \$10,567.00 to replace a lavatory/toilet combination unit and master components at the jail facility.

Jill Garcia of Project Response was in attendance and presented the Commissioners with a quarterly report.

Veterans Service Officer Odis Fields met with the Board and presented the Annual Veterans Aid Report and an MOU involving the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and Richardson County. The MOU allows the County to view and add specific information to the web-based database "VetraSpec" regarding assistance for veterans and eligible dependents to which they are entitled. A motion was made by Caverzagie, seconded by Campbell and passed.

Community Services Director for the Southeast Community Action Partnership, Inc., Kay Wissman, met with the Commissioners and discussed funding for the Richardson County Transit Pro-

gram. Wissman stated that federal and state aid have been cut, forcing the transit program to reduce hours. The Wednesday service will be eliminated, while the other days will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The final agenda item was a discussion with EMA Director Brian Kirkendall regarding the outdoor warning sirens in the County. A survey of the Villages and the City of Humboldt determined that insurance coverage

has been maintained and is currently maintained by them. The Board discussed developing an interlocal agreement to present to the villages, cities and also the Boy Scout Camp south of Humboldt. The contract will state that the cities, villages, and Boy Scout Camp will pay for the insurance on the emergency sirens, while the County will provide maintenance and operations of the outdoor sirens. Caverzagie made a motion to prepare the

agreement, seconded by Karas, and it was passed.

Karas made a motion to issue a letter of support for grant funding for the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri to renovate the community building into a daycare facility and to build a new community building. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed.

Reports for fees collected in October were passed, claims were paid, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Monuments to veterans across the US

Veterans Day honors the millions of men and women who have sacrificed much to serve in the United States military. Veterans Day is commemorated each year on November 11 because it was that day in 1918 when an armistice was reached between combatants in World War I, which estimates suggest claimed the lives of as many as 22 million people.

There are many ways for Americans to celebrate veterans on Veterans Day. Visiting war memorials can instill a greater sense of appreciation for the men and women who have served in the United States military. The following are some notable war memorials honoring veterans across the United States.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an iconic memorial located in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Cemetery officials note New York Congressman and World War I veteran Hamilton Fish, Jr., played an integral role in establishing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by proposing legislation that provided for the internment of one unknown American soldier killed during WWI. Guards are now present at the tomb 24/7, and visitors, including U.S. presidents and foreign dignitaries, typically lay a wreath at the tomb to honor the sacrifices of all U.S. veterans.

Korean War Veterans Memorial

The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. honors the roughly 1.5 million American veterans who fought alongside forces from the United Nations in a conflict that lasted from 1950 to 1953. Nineteen sculptures depicting U.S.

servicemen on patrol during the conflict are among the many notable components of this moving memorial, which also features a wall and pool of remembrance that display the names of the more than 36,000 Americans killed during the Korean War.

Liberty Memorial

The Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, was built in 1926 to honor the brave American service members who lost their lives in World War I. The Liberty Memorial, which is now known as the National World War I Museum and Memorial, is an iconic landmark in Kansas City that features the Liberty Memorial Tower, which rises 217 feet about Memorial Courtyard and 268 feet above the North Lawn. The top of the tower emits a flame at night to create a stunning visual. Memory Hall on the east side of the Liberty Memorial Tower containing a portion of the Panthéon de la Guerre, an iconic French painting that depicts the Allied nations of World War I.

USS Arizona Memorial

The USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii, is dedicated to preserving the memories of the sacrifices of servicemen who fought in the Pacific theater throughout World War II. The memorial marks the resting place of more than 1,100 sailors during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, an event that led to U.S. involvement in World War II. The memorial is accessible exclusively by boat and the sunken remains of the battleship USS Arizona straddle the site.

These are just four of the many notable landmarks that commemorate the sacrifice and service of U.S. military members over the course of the nation's history.

These states are home to the greatest percentage of U.S. veterans

By the end of 2023, the United States was home to more than 18 million individuals who had served in the country's military. That figure, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Department of Veterans Affairs and surveys conducted by the Pew Research Center, represents individuals from all walks of life.

Veterans come from diverse personal backgrounds, and they also call a wide range of states home. The USCB reports that some state populations feature a greater percentage of veterans than others. The share of the adult population that has served in the U.S. military is highest in these 10 states.

1. Alaska: More than 10 percent of Alaska's 533,000 adult residents have served in the military.

2. Wyoming: The 2020 U.S. Census indicated Wyoming is the least populated state in the country. Despite that, the Equality State is home to a veteran population of just over 42,000, which accounts for roughly 9.4 percent of the state's adult population.

3. Virginia: Perhaps not surprising given its proximity to the nation's capital, Virginia is home to a sizable veteran population that accounts for 9.2 percent of its roughly 6.68 million adults.

4. Maine: Though it's another state like Wyoming that does not boast an especially large adult population (a little more than 1.1 million individuals), Maine is home to more than 101,000 veterans.

5. Montana: The Treasure State features an adult population of just under 884,000, and 8.9 percent of those individuals (roughly 79,000 people) served in the U.S. military.

6. South Carolina: The Palmetto State is home to more than 344,600 veterans, and those individuals make up just under 8.5 percent of the state's adult population.

7. Nevada: Among the roughly 2.5 million adults who call Nevada home, nearly 206,000 (roughly 8.3 percent) are veterans.

8. New Mexico: More than 136,000 veterans live in The Land of Enchantment, accounting for 8.3 percent of the state's adult population.

9. South Dakota: Like Alaska, Wyoming and Montana, South Dakota does not boast a particularly large adult population (roughly 685,000). However, more than 8.2 percent of adults who live in The Mount Rushmore State are U.S. military veterans.

10. Hawaii: The Aloha State rounds out the top 10, as the island state in the Pacific Ocean is home to nearly 90,000 U.S. military veterans, which accounts for 8.2 percent of its total adult population.

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Claims Report - 11.04.2025
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Payment Dates
10/22/2025 - 11/4/2025

Vendor Name Description (Item)
Amount

FUND: 100 - GENERAL

American National Bank, HSA.....	20.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC, Legal Services.....	2690.00
Principal Life Insurance Company, Dental Ins.....	635.96
Principal Life Insurance Company, Vision Ins.....	130.49
Nationwide, Surety Bond Renewal BD 7900675616.....	217.00
Pro Serv, SAV/IM C4500.....	273.50
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	53.41
Principal Life Insurance Company, Dental Ins.....	635.96
Principal Life Insurance Company, Vision Ins.....	130.49
Quill Corportation HM cpl 8.5x11 20 92 10Rm wht.....	79.99
Meyer Home Center, 3 amp Fuse 0.95 AC Issue.....	85.00
TASC, HRA Fees Oct. 2025.....	125.00
Amazon Capital Services, Heavy Duty 3-hole punch.....	22.50
Amazon Capital ServicesPrinter Paper Order Fall 2025.....	409.50
Utility Department, Utility Services-Old City Hall Lease Property.....	33.00
Utility Department, Utility Services-City Offices.....	79.52
Utility Department, Utility Services-FC Rural Housing.....	20.43
Utility Department, Utility Services-City Offices.....	93.96
Utility Department, Utility Services-Old City Hall Lease Property.....	39.90
Utility Department, Utility Services-FC Rural Housing.....	30.83
Utility Department, Utility Services-FC Rural Housing.....	33.95
Utility Department, Utility Services-City Offices.....	1202.64
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	81.00
Ameritas Billing, 457 Pre Tax Percentage.....	194.06
Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance.....	260.51
Nebraska Dept of Revenue, Garnishment.....	250.00
Ameritas, Pension 457 Pre-Tax.....	30.00
Ameritas, Retirement 501a.....	11029.58
Nebraska Department of Revenue, State W/H Tax.....	3167.13
Department of the Treasury, Federal W/H.....	6984.72
Department of the Treasury, Medicare Tax.....	2598.44
Department of the Treasury, Social Security Tax.....	11110.08
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service-Admin.....	629.24
Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprises, CY 2024 Mo Contribution (MOU-7.5.2023).....	10825.25
Falls City Main Street, Inc., Monthly Contribution (MOU 7.17.2023).....	2500.00
Fund 100 - General Total:.....	56703.99

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC, Legal Services.....	1650.00
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Desk Calendars 21.75"x17".....	27.60
Amazon Capital Services, Promos/Discounts.....	2.56
Pro Serv, Sav/IM C3000.....	273.50
Axon Enterprise, Inc, 2021 Taser 7 Certification Bundle.....	6120.33
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	53.41
Nebraska Generator Service LLC, Oil Filter-1060.....	20.26
Nebraska Generator Service LLC, Lubricating Engine Oil.....	53.11
Nebraska Generator Service LLC Misc Service Supplies.....	80.63
Nebraska Generator Service LLC, Travel to and from site.....	135.99
Nebraska Generator Service LLC, Full Service.....	512.77
Das State Accounting - Central Finance, Network Serv. Charges 10/2025.....	537.60
Amazon Capital ServicesPrinter Paper Order Fall 2025.....	204.75
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	112.50
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service-Police.....	265.92
Fund 110 - Police Total:.....	10045.81

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC, Legal Services.....	1070.00
OPPD, Electric Service.....	42.03
Utility Department, Utility Services-Animal Control.....	14.33
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	12.50
115 - Animal Control Total:.....	1138.86

FUND: 120 - FIRE FUND

Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Monthly Desk Calendar 21.75x17".....	5.99
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	53.41
Utility Department, Utility Service-Fire Station.....	46.75
Utility Department, Utility Service-Ambulance Bldg.....	33.00
Utility Department, Utility Service-Fire Station/Hydrants.....	4071.78
Utility Department, Utility Service-Fire Station/Hyd.....	71.23
Utility Department, Utility Service-Ambulance Bldg.....	62.48
Utility Department, Utility Service-Fire Station/Hyd.....	40.56
Utility Department, Utility Service-Fire Station.....	163.63
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	12.50
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service-Fire.....	127.79
Fund 120 - Fire Total:.....	4689.12

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC, Legal Services.....	1160.00
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	12.50
Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total:.....	1172.50

FUND: 150 - PARKS

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Morigde Mfg. Inc., Discharge Control Kit M1.....	310.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC, Legal Services.....	440.00
El Camino Electric...Mechanical Timer.....	407.05
El Camino Electric, Labor 8/1/2025.....	190.00
El Camino Electric, CH 2-50 breaker.....	39.95
El Camino Electric, Labor 8/6/2025.....	190.00
Farm & City Supply, Screws.....	19.27
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Desk Calendars 21.75"x17".....	5.52
Farm & City Supply, Wallplate 1g blank ss.....	3.59
Farm & City Supply, Screws.....	26.99
Scheitel Feed & Seed, 5-Way Fescue.....	150.00
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	160.23
Farm & City Supply, RV/Marine Antifreeze 1g.....	39.00
Farm & City Supply, Smartflo Max 50ft Hose.....	44.99
Farm & City Supply, Bolt Snap Bronze 1" 90#.....	41.94
Farm & City Supply, Filler/Glue Cold Weld 1oz.....	9.59
Utility Department, Utility Services-Aquatic Center.....	28.07
Utility Department, Utility Services-Grandview Park.....	46.20
Utility Department, Utility Services-Stanton Lake Camper Sites/Caretak.....	93.96
Utility Department, Utility Services-Parks Dept New Shop.....	40.80
Utility Department, Utility Services-Riding Club Site.....	40.80
Utility Department, Utility Services-Snackshack-New.....	389.29
Utility Department, Utility Services-Snackshack-Irr.....	66.19
Utility Department, Utility Services-Dallas Jones Park-IRR Mtr.....	2387.76
Utility Department, Utility Services-Morehead Field/Irrigation.....	452.47
Utility Department, Utility Services-SNC Field.....	40.56
Utility Department, Utility Services-Snack Shack-Old EL only.....	40.35
Utility Department, Utility Services-Parks Dept New Shop.....	119.41
Utility Department, Utility Services-Dallas Jones Park-IRR Mtr.....	42.74
Utility Department, Utility Services-Riding Club Site.....	40.56
Utility Department..... Utility Services-Stanton Lake Volleyball.....	61.46
Utility Department, Utility Services-Legion Park.....	60.56
Utility Department, Utility Services-Stanton Lake North Camper.....	59.66
Utility Department..... Utility Services-Stanton Lake Cabin.....	57.10
Utility Department, Utility Services-Hartman Field.....	54.02
Utility Department, Utility Services-4-H Barn.....	40.56
Utility Department, Utility Services-Snackshack-New.....	105.95
Utility Department, Utility Services-Stanton Lake Camper Sites/Caretak.....	96.58
Utility Department, Utility Services-Stanton Lake South Camper.....	83.51
Utility Department, Utility Services-Grandview Park.....	82.87
Utility Department, Utility Services-Aquatic Center.....	173.89
Utility Department, Utility Services-Dallas Jones Tennis Court.....	49.66
Utility Department, Utility Services-F&M Bank Field.....	40.56
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	37.50
Corrin Sudweeks, Rental AddOn Payment for Candlelight Cabin Rental.....	50.00
Doug Butrick, Rental AddOn Payment for Candlelight Cabin Rental.....	50.00
Blake Marion, Rental AddOn Payment for Candlelight Cabin Rental.....	50.00
Michael Loper, Rental AddOn Payment for Candlelight Cabin Rental.....	50.00
Fund 150 - Parks Total:.....	7111.16

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIUM

J.F. Ahern Company, Sprinkler Inspections.....	397.00
Unifirst Corporation, Mops.....	96.00
Towels.....Epson 812XL Black Ink Cartridge.....	102.00
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	53.41
Trane U.S. INC, RAUJ South Condenser.....	2241.00
Farm & City Supply, Perform Straight Scissor 8".....	6.99
Farm & City Supply, Dropcloth 9'x12', 1mil.....	6.59
Farm & City Supply, Ace Better Brush Angle 1.5.....	23.97
Utility Department, Utility Services-Prichard Auditorium.....	3784.70
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	37.50
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service-Auditorium.....	100.38
Humane Society, Rental AddOn Payment for Auditorium Rental Deposit.....	250.00
Fund 151 - Auditorium Total:.....	7099.54

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY

J.F. Ahern Company, Sprinkler Inspections.....	397.00
Ingram, Books.....	893.80
Ingram, Books, Periodicals.....	1120.01
Easy Squeezeeg Window Cleaning, Outside Window Cleaning.....	220.00
Uline, GOJO Antibacterial Foam Soap.....	90.00
Uline, Wypall x80 Jumbo rl wht wiper.....	142.37
Falls City Mercantile, White Multifold Paper Towel.....	50.30
Falls City MercantileMerit Toilet Tissue 2-ply.....	79.35
Security Equipment Inc. Security Alarm Monitoring 11/01/2025 - 10/31/2026.....	510.48
Farm & City Supply, Bolt Snap Nickel 100#.....	14.36
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	56.95
Amazon Capital ServicesPrinter Paper Order Fall 2025.....	204.75
Utility Department, Utility Services-Library & Arts Center.....	2691.80
Library Petty Cash, Postage.....	264.32
Library Petty Cash, Dollar General-Supplies.....	24.00
Richard Gilkerson, Oct. 2025.....	240.00
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	37.50
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service-Library.....	231.80

Fund 170 - Library Total:.....	7268.79
FUND: 180 - CEMETERY	
Amazon Capital Services...2026 Desk Calendars 21.75"x17".....	5.52
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	53.41
Utility Department, Utility Services-Cemetery.....	136.40
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	12.50
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service-Cemetery.....	99.34
Fund 180 - Cemetery Total:.....	307.17

FUND: 190 - STREETS

Keller Supply Company, cold patch.....	1012.80
Concrete Industries, Inc, Concrete.....	203.75
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Desk Calendars 21.75"x17".....	5.52
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	53.41
Farm & City SupplyPintle Mount 3POS 2.5inx11in.....	109.99
Farm & City Supply, Pintle Hitch w/2-5/16in ball.....	149.99
Farm & City Supply, Ring.....	1.00
Farm & City Supply, Saw Chain 36rs-66.....	37.00
Farm & City Supply Repl Sprocket Rim 375"-7 tooth.....	6.00
Farm & City Supply, 18" Bar .063".....	375.00
Utility DepartmentUtility Service-Street Dept.....	324.40
Utility Department, Utility Service-Dist 56 SS Stop Sign.....	44.15
Utility Department, Utility Service-Dist 56 Stop Sign.....	43.64
Utility Department, Utility Service-Street Lights.....	6572.37
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	25.00
SNC, Inc. Internet/Telephone Service-Street.....	54.51
Fund 190 - Streets Total:.....	8721.53

Fund: 195 - Mechanic Shop

True Ag & Turf, LLC, END.....	47.30
True Ag & Turf, LLC, Hydraulic Hose-E.....	31.32
Altec Industries, Inc., Synthetic Rope Assembly; 1 in dia, 115 ft l.....	730.92
Falls City Auto Supply, Filter.....	68.10
Falls City Auto Supply, Baldwin.....	29.61
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Desk Calendars 21.75"x17".....	5.52
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair, 1/4" HHydraulic Hose 6500 PSI per inch.....	54.40
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair, Nylon Protection Hose Sleeve 1/4 x 3/8" hose per".....	17.00
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair.....	9/16
Female JIC for 1/4" Hose.....	49.36
Bobcat of Omaha4B 7246796 Coupler.....	56.57
Bobcat of Omaha4B 7246782 Coupler.....	89.68
MacQueen Equipment, A-25 Wtr Hs.....	386.01
MacQueen Equipment, Account Credit.....	63.08
Farm & City Supply, Bolts, Nuts, Washers gr 2.....	2.69
Farm & City Supply, O-Rings.....	8.28
Falls City Auto Supply...Battery-MTP65 38 MO.....	247.44
Amazon Capital Services...MSDS Wall Station-3in 3ring SDS Binder w/wire rack.....	53.36
Morigde Mfg. Inc., Clutch Spot Brake.....	400.90
Morigde Mfg. Inc., Center Roller Assembly.....	38.92
Morigde Mfg. Inc., Cable Assembly -Pigtail.....	14.25
Falls City Auto SupplyDOT 3 gal-Break Cleaner Fluid.....	28.62
Morigde Mfg. Inc., Isolator - Rear Belt Shield.....	2.60
Morigde Mfg. Inc., Swell Latch Assembly.....	37.92
MacQueen EquipmentDirt Shoe Runner 101c-mod long.....	111.36
MacQueen Equipment, Mod. Dirt Shoe- 100d.....	143.56
Ditch Witch Under Con, Seal Kit.....	130.02
Farm & City Supply, Carburetor.....	44.27
Ditch Witch Under Con, Spring.....	66.98
Ditch Witch Under Con, Klip Ring.4.59.....	4.59
Ditch Witch Under Con, Brake Shoe.....	101.68
Farm & City Supply, 2-1/2" to 2" Adapter.....	26.99
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc., Air Deflector.....	171.85
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc., Engine Shield.....	67.03
Falls City Auto Supply, Eraser-Decal Remover.....	61.75
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service-Mechanic Shop.....	4.64
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:.....	3272.41

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service-911 Dispatch.....	710.27
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:.....	710.27

FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT/DEMOLITION PROGRAM

Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC, Legal Services.....	1370.00
Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total:.....	1370.00

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

American National Bank, HSA.....	668.46
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC, Legal Services.....	736.00
Dollar General Store, Dawn Dish Soap (X211).....	12.58
Dollar General Store, Pinesol (X208).....	12.90
Dollar General Store, 409 Cleaner (X209).....	9.14
Dollar General Store, D cell batteries (E1651).....	42.79
Dollar General Store, 9 volt batteries (E1654).....	21.82
Dollar General Store, C cell batteries (E1653).....	21.39
Dollar General Store, Battery AA Alkaline (E1655).....	18.49
Wolfes Printing, Box of 0.09 Pencils.....	31.01
Dollar General Store, 409 Cleaner (x209).....	9.14
Dollar General Store, Dawn Dish Soap (E1653).....	12.58
Dollar General Store, C cell batteries (E1653).....	21.39
Dollar General Store, Battery AA Alkaline (E1655).....	18.49
Dollar General Store...D Cell Batteries (E1651).....	42.79
Dollar General Store, 9 Volt Batteries (E1654).....	21.82
ATCO InternationalPlanet Green-Floor	

Stripper.....	175.05
ATCO InternationalPlanet Green-Floor Wax.....	199.02
Principal Life Insurance Company, Dental Ins.....	354.67
Principal Life Insurance Company, Vision Ins.....	56.53
Nebraska DEEWater Operator License Renewal-McHenry.....	115.00
Nebraska DEE, Grade IV Water Operator License Renewal.....	115.00
Farm & City Supply, Keykrafter #97 Brass.....	6.44
Farm & City Supply \$5 Instant Savings.....	5.00
Farm & City Supply Libman Nitty Gritty Refil.....	9.66
Farm & City Supply Libman Nitty Gritty Mop.....	19.34
FC Mercantile, Multifold Towel Dispenser blk.....	46.06
Credit Management, L. Birdsley, ACCT#10506.....	3.91
El Camino Electric, Brewer Farms- Deep unistrut.....	55.00
El Camino Electric... Brewer Farms- 2" unistrut.....	56.40
El Camino Electric, 2 1/2" PVC conn.4.05.....	4.05
El Camino Electric, 2 1/2" PVC Coupl.24.80.....	24.80
El Camino Electric, 2 1/2" PVC 90 Degree long sweep.....	325.00
El Camino Electric, 2 1/2" PVC.585.00.....	585.00
El Camino Electric, 2 1/2" PVC expansion coupl.....	66.05
Farm & City Supply, Lag Screws. 5.31.....	5.31
Farm & City Supply, Elnow 90 2" sxs sch40.....	6.44
Kawres, Brother, LC406XL Black ink cartridge.....	83.31
Kawres, Brother LC406XL Yellow Ink Cartridge.....	92.19
Cintas Corporation No 2, Supplies/Uniforms.....	282.21
Farm & City Supply, Tordon RTU 1qt.....	25.79
Amazon Capital Services2026 Monthly Desk Calendar 21.75"x17".....	5.99
Percival Culligan Water, 50lb Salt Special Rate.....	149.96
Amazon Capital Services, Printer Paper Order Fall 2025.....	491.40
Farm & City Supply, Chain 63 Ps3 50.....	27.95
Farm & City Supply, Ace Sunny grass seed 3#.....	20.41
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station w/ 3" SDS Binder & Wire Rack.....	108.20
Amazon Capital Services, Staples Small Stackable Wire Mesh Holder.....	2.22
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 21.75"x 17" desk calendar.....	11.04
Amazon Capital Services, 2pack lg cable management boxes.....	7.68
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 21.75"x 17" desk calendar.....	11.04
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Wall Calendars 24"x36", extra large.....	19.78
Amazon Capital Services, Staples Small Stackable Wire Mesh Holder.....	2.23
Amazon Capital Services, 2pack lg cable management boxes.....	7.68
Farm & City Supply, Keykrafter #95 Brass.....	19.32
Farm & City Supply, Fuse Plug Fusetrn25a 4pk.....	21.49
Farm & City Supply, WD40 Smart Straw 12oz.....	21.48
Farm & City Supply, Fuse Plg med dry 20a Bx4.....	16.11
Amazon Capital Services5-pound Duct Seal Compound, grey.....	39.44
Amazon Capital Services, National Electrical Safety Code Handbook.....	64.32
RESCO.....Elastimold K656DR 600A cap.....	3634.80
Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms.....	77.83
Cintas Corp No 2, Uniforms/Safety.....	204.38
Martin Marietta, 1 1/2" crushed rock.....	666.39
Husker Electric Supply, quizite box 12x12x12 AP121212P22P-EL (E1762).....	994.38
Border States, Milwaukee folding skinning knife 48-22-1525 (E1656).....	32.58
Border States, Cooper LPC215 200A cap.....	2349.31
Municipal Energy Agency of NE, Sept 2025 Serv Schedule.....	65605.93
Municipal Energy Agency of NE, Sept 2025 WAPA.....	37543.95
H-O-H Water Technology, Inc., Gly-Kool 38.....	4280.01
Principal Life Insurance Company, Dental Ins.....	354.67
Principal Life Insurance Co, Vision Ins.....	56.53
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Large Desk Calendar.....	8.09
Farm & City Supply, Hard Wire Nut Assortment Kit.....	18.26
Farm & City Supply, Disc FML FINS16-14G250TB.....	18.27
Farm & City Supply, Disc FML FINS12-10G250TB.....	16.11
Amazon Capital Services, Desktop File Organizer Vertical 4 slot, black.....	36.23
Meyer Home Center, PMJ161 161-193 MFD 110V Start Capacitor.....	16.13
Bavco Backflow Apparatus & Valve, Watts 009M1 1/4-2" #1 CK Assembly.....	227.00
Bavco Backflow Apparatus & Valve, Watts 009M1 1/4-2" RBR RPR KT.....	179.00
Sunbelt Solomon Services LLC75 KVA 2400/4160 x 7970/1380 120/240 pole (E2030).....	4783.75
Quill Corporation, HM cpl 8.5x11 20 92 10Rm wht.....	47.99
Farm & City Supply, Battery Alkaline AA 16pk.....	21.49
TASC, HRA Fees October 2025.....	75.00
RJP Environmental Services, LLC, Lab Analysis.....	17.60
RJP Environmental Services, LLC, Asbestos Inspection of garage at 1004 S Crook St.....	300.00
Farm & City Supply, Female Coupler 3/4" fpt.....	10.74
Farm & City Supply, Torch Head WT2301.....	30.09
Farm & City Supply, Plier Flush Cut Full 5".....	15.04
Farm & City Supply, Tube Heat Shrink 1/4" CD/6.....	14.81
Farm & City Supply, Knife Hobby #1 W/ Bld Ace.....	7.08
Farm & City Supply, Tube Heat Shrink 1/2" CD	

CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS

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Farm & City Supply, Hnd&srvc scrbn twl 72cmt.....	19.99
Amazon Capital Services, MSDS Wall Station w/ 3" SDS Binder & Wire Rack.....	54.10
Amazon Capital Services, 2pack lg cable management boxes.....	2.05
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 21.75"x 17" desk calendar.....	27.60
Amazon Capital Services, Staples Small Stackable Wire Mesh Holder.....	0.60
FC Auto Supply, Antigel.....	81.52
FC Auto Supply, Dexcool.....	12.40
Amazon Capital Services, 2026 Large Desk Calendar.....	1.08
Amazon Capital Services, Desktop File Organizer Vertical 4 slot, black.....	4.83
Quill Corporation, HM cpl 8.5x11 20 92 10Rm wht.....	6.40
TASC, HRA Fees October 2025.....	10.00
Nebraska DEE, WW Treatment Facility Operator Certification.....	150.00
Nebraska Generator Service LLC, WWTF Standby Generator Full Service.....	1403.02
Utility Department, Utility Service -Waste Water Treatment Plant.....	3212.40
Utility Department, Utility Service-Lift Station.....	73.85
US Signal Company LLC, Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	50.00
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service -Waste Water.....	108.84
Fund 630 - Wastewater Total.....	5637.15

FUND: 998 - UTILITIES - POOLED CASH

Payroll- Utility Fund Payroll 10.31.2025.....	62169.38
Fund 998 - Utilities - Pooled Cash Total.....	62169.38

FUND: 999 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT - POOLED CASH

Payroll- General Fund, Payroll 10.31.2025.....	66560.44
Fund 999 - General Government Pooled Cash Total.....	66560.44
Grand Total.....	595420.48

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 29, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025, Board of Equalization minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. An application for the County Bridge Match funds

through the Nebraska Department of Transportation has been submitted for a replacement of a structure on 634 Blvd south of 712 Road. He also reported that crews are preparing equipment for the winter weather.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. He reported that 11 inmates are currently being held in the Jail. An application has been submitted to the NE Department of Transportation for the grant funding available, Click It or Tick- et, which reimburses the County for overtime paid to deputies for the period November 26 through November 30. A discussion was held on the vehicles within the department and those that have been deemed to be surplus. A listing will be compiled from the Sheriff's Office and the Road Department to be presented to the Board at a later date, and to be approved to offer for sale at a public auction.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that an application is being completed to seek grant funding for safety vests for the deputies.

A visit was also made to the Falls City Middle School for a presentation given to the students for Red Ribbon Week on drug awareness.

Commissioner Campbell updated the Board on the roof project at the Law Enforcement Center and that the contractor has reported that the project should be completed this Saturday, November 1. There was a delay in the completion of the project due to the weather the past week.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the purchase of weapons and ammunition and to allow the trade-in of current equipment for a total purchase amount of \$7,390.20 from GT Distributors of Pflugerville, TX. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to approve the appointment of Dexter Holiday as Chief Deputy Sheriff, effective November 3, 2025, after the resignation of Jeremiah Franks whose last day is November 2, 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

SE NE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS, INC.

Katelin Gildersleeve, Family & Community Partnership Coordinator and Shannon DePrey, Family Service Advocate of the SE NE Community Action Partners, Inc. presented the Annual Report of the Headstart program in Richardson County.

A report was also presented to the Board from the Falls City SENCA Outreach Office for October 24-September 2025.

MISSY CAMPBELL

Missy Campbell of Rulo met with the Board to discuss the adoption and enactment of the zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance/resolution that was approved by the County Board on September 14, 2021, and became effective October 7, 2021.

She requested that the County Board repeal this ordinance/resolution. No action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Sub-division Resolution 2025-2026-14

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Janet Warrick McMullen, Trustee of the Janet Warrick McMullen Trust located in S16, T3, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-14. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 74)

Transfer of Funds Resolution 2025-2026-13

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-13 with regards to a transfer of funds from the Federal Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$238,841.22 and to close this fund as it has been deemed to be no longer needed. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. (Resolution Book 28, Page 73)

Transfer of Funds Resolution 2025-2026-12

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-12 with regards to a transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$250,000 as per FY25-26 budget document. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Cav-

erzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 72)

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv.....	300.00
Amazon, supp.....	179.09
BuckIT, serv.....	1400.00
Clapper, Katie, reimb.....	79.38
Comfort Inn, lodg.....	440.00
DAS State Accounting, serv.....	1009.30
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv.....	3183.57
Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, serv.....	525.00
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. #2, serv.....	334.66
El Camino Electric, serv.....	68377.70
F&M Bank, supp.....	52.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....	111.81
Farm & City Supply, supp.....	24.95
Johnson County Sheriff, serv.....	116.00
Karas, Rick, reimb.....	408.80
Merz Ink, serv.....	49.00
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv.....	337.50
MIPS, supp.....	1.86
Petersen Reporting, serv.....	757.60
Quill, supp.....	422.54
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc.....	24095.78
Road & Bridge Fund, levy tax.....	128954.57
Sapp Bros., fuel.....	5473.44
Spartan Nash, supp.....	15.27
SummerOne, serv.....	49.64
Tichy, Rob, serv.....	4800.00
Tyler Technologies, serv.....	951.88
Verizon, serv.....	239.92
Visual Edge IT, serv.....	230.65
Weaver & Merz, reimb.....	18.39
Wolfe's Printing, supp.....	18.75
Payroll Expense.....	127512.95
TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$370,472.00	

FEDERAL MATCHING FUND

Road & Bridge Fund, transfer.....	238841.22
TOTAL FEDERAL MATCHING FUND.....	\$238,841.22

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Utility Holdings, serv.....	50.81
Capital Business Systems, supp.....	590.19
Custom Products Corporation, supp.....	95.94
Haug Communications, serv.....	240.15
Lemkau Service Solutions, serv.....	246.45
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock.....	37648.03
NPPD, serv.....	44.83
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....	31.99
Rulo, Village of, serv.....	30.00
Schendel Pest Control, serv.....	250.00
Turbo Technologies, supp.....	84.84
Unifirst, supp.....	22.78
Payroll Expense.....	35439.77
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$74,775.78

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

County Treasurer, transfer.....	250000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND.....	\$250,000.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv.....	2234.62
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.....	\$2,234.62

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of October 2025, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Council President Leyden called the meeting to order, and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Harkendorff was absent from the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. 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 City Administrator and Chief of Police were presented. No formal action was required.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 20, 2025

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 6, 2025

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the minutes for October 6, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER 21, 2025

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the claims for October 21, 2025, as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Nussbaum informed the governing body that the Treasurers report was not yet finalized due to time constraints and short staffing. A request was made to table the item until the next regular meeting, however the report would be completed before the end of the week and submitted to council members for review. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ruiz to table the September 2025 Treasurers Report to the next regular meeting contingent upon council receiving the finalized report by the end of the week. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO UTILIZE 1506 STONE STREET PROPERTY ON NOVEMBER 28, 2025, AND FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STONE STREET FROM 15TH TO 18TH STREET ON THE SAME DAY FROM 5 TO 8 PM FOR THE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE EVENT

A written request was provided by Falls City Chamber & main Street. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO UNION PACIFIC FOR THE UNION PACIFIC AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN MERGER

A written request for a letter of support was provided by David Black of Union Pacific. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ruiz to authorize providing a letter of support as requested. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY EDGE QUARTERLY REPORT FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2025

Falls City EDGE Director, Lucas Froeschl, presented the Falls City EDGE quarterly report for 2025. No

formal action was required.

CONSIDER AN INDUSTRIAL PARK LISTING AGREEMENT

Falls City EDGE Director, Lucas Froeschl, presented a listing agreement to formally list the city owned industrial lots with local relators. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the listing agreement as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET FOR FUND 120 (FIRE DEPARTMENT) TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TURN OUT GEAR

Assistant Fire Chief, Jon McQueen presented purchase requisition for 5 sets of turnout gear from Veridian. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to approve the purchase and increase the capital equipment budget line for Fund 120 by the purchase amount. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION FOR THE SIGNING OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE TO NEBRASKA PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATION AND STANDARDS

The Board of Public Works (BOPW) provided recommendation to authorize execution of the resolution. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Kaster to authorize execution of the resolution. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH FARRIS ENGINEERING TOTALING \$95,000 FOR THE GRID RESILIENCY PROJECT

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

CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH OLSSON TOTALING \$1,507,421.00 FOR PHASE 10, 20 AND 30 FOR THE ENERGY FORWARD TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. TOTALING \$98,605.00 FOR THE POWER PLANT CONTROLS UPGRADE PROJECT

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

CONSIDER A LOAN AGREEMENT ADDENDUM FOR THE 1612 FULTON STREET HOUSING PROJECT

City administrator Nussbaum presented a loan agreement addendum providing an extension to the existing loan agreement with the Southeast Nebraska Affordable Housing Council. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to authorize execution of the agreement as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, K. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:34 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 Council on October 20, 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.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
Mark Harkendorff, Mayor
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE

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

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

/s/ Randy L. Handley
Randy L. Handley, Petitioner
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Falls City, NE 68355

Dylan L. Handley (24152)
Handley Law Office
217 E 18th Street
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF FREDERICK STORAGE LLC

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

Steven Frederick, Manager

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

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF FREDERICK SIX FARMS LLC

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

Steven Frederick, Manager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Falls City, pursuant to Nebraska Statute 17-503.02, will sell and dispose of certain personal property belonging to the City that is no longer of use to the municipality. Said property will be sold at public auction conducted online through www.municipibid.com, beginning Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6:00 a.m. CST, and closing Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 7:00 a.m. CST, or as otherwise posted on the auction site.

The items to be sold include, but are not limited to: Chevy Pickup, Ford Dump Truck, Ferris Mower, GMC Dump Truck, Case Loader, Ram Trailer Jack, Grasshopper Mower, Bicycles, International Mower, Trailer Dump Box, Chairs, Script Talk Station, Vacuum, Computer, Computer Accessories, Soap Dispensers, Tables, Truck Tool Boxes, Mower Blades, Drill, Dispenser, Barrel Pumps, Tables with Benches, Poulan Riding Mower, Scanners, Pool Float, Chevrolet Truck, Tire Chains, Sign Posts, Cub Cadet Mower, John Deere Sprayer, and I-Beams.

All bids shall be submitted electronically through www.municipibid.com

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will meet in regular session at 1:00pm November 17, 2025 in person and via virtual ZOOM meeting per Executive Order 20-03 which issues a limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Board of Equalization. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd or log onto the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging website www.braaa.org. ZOOM meeting instructions will be provided upon request. The agenda may be modified to include items of an emergency nature only.

Tracie Fossler
Administrative Assistant
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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

October 16th, 2025
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 16th day of October 2025 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman. Absent: Johansen, Rieger. Also present was Vernon Coy, Falls City Line Foreman. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. 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 Board Chairperson and all members of the Board 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 Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson 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.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Trevor Campbell gave the Public Works Report. No action was required.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the

minutes from the October 7th, 2025, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for October 16th, 2025, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for October 16th, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried. **RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SCADA SYSTEM EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,605.00 TO SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. FOR THE POWER PLANT CONTROLS UPGRADE PROJECT.**

Bids were reviewed from Technology International and SEL Engineering Services. SEL Engineering had the lowest responsible bid. A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the recommendation to City Council to purchase SCADA System Equipment from SEL Engineering Services in amount of \$98,605. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen, Rieger. Motion carried. **CONSIDER PURCHASE OF NEW TWO MAN BUCKET TRUCK.**

Vernon presented a case outlining the necessity of purchasing a two man bucket truck with a jib crane. He noted the improved safety and training ability of apprentice lineman as well as the ability to do more work with less equipment such as using the jib crane for various use cases. He noted that new bucket trucks currently have a two- to three-year lead time, depending on up-fitting specifications. Therefore, if a new truck is deemed necessary, placing an order sooner rather than later would be important. The Board discussed the matter and requested additional comparable data before making a decision. No motion was made, and the item was tabled for future discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 PM

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 the Chairperson and Board on October 16th, 2025, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members 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 members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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Southeast District Health Department is taking applications for below full-time positions. For more information or to apply go to https://www.sedhd.org/about-us/careers.html
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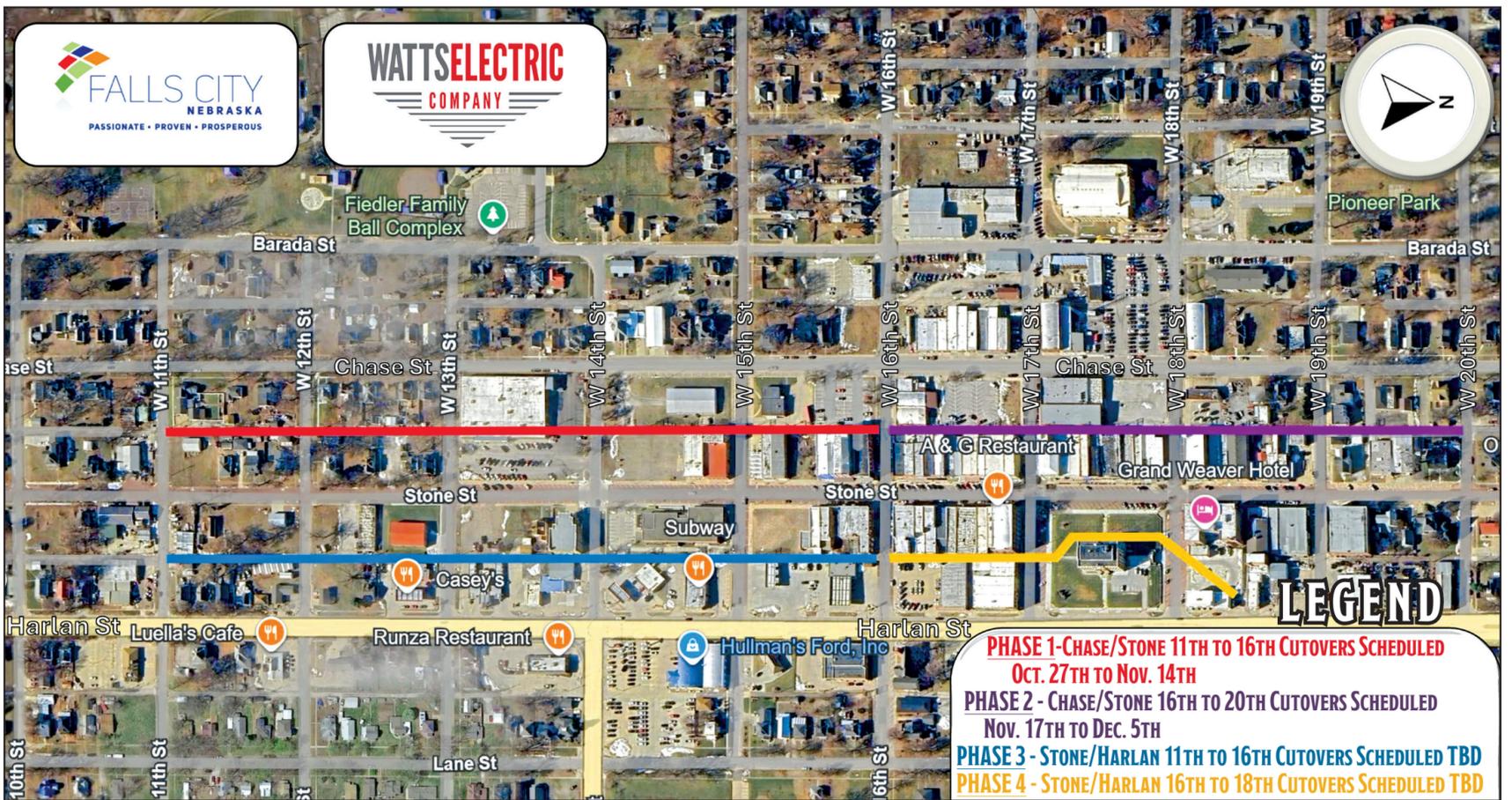
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Downtown underground electric project enters next phase

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 remove electric poles and overhead wires in those areas. That work is dependent on weather but could begin as early as January 2026. Removal for Phases Three and Four will follow their respective transitions.

The city noted that Spectrum cable lines will not be removed by Watts Electric and will instead be handled separately by Spectrum contractors, who will coordinate directly with customers. The project is anticipated to be finished in Spring 2026.



FCHS Marching Band awarded Division 1 Superior rating at the NSBA State Marching Competition

The Falls City High School band under the direction of Ms. Ally Phillips along with leadership team Drum Major, Miyuna Kong, Color Guard Captain, Harley Sutton, and Drumline Captain, Avery Wendtlandt have brought home the second NSBA State Marching Band Division 1 Superior rating in the FCHS Band program history. The Falls City High School band has attended the NSBA State contest a total of 25 times over the last 42 years.

The Nebraska State Band Master's Association hosts all bands in the state of Nebraska to compete and receive feedback for their field marching competition. Bands are rated from 1-4 with one being the best. The Falls City High School band has received a majority of Division 2, Excellent, ratings with a few Division 3, Good, ratings in the program's history. To receive a Division 1, Superior rating, the 34 members FCFS Band demonstrated exceptional performance abilities with their marching skills and their musical expression with their marching show.

The 2025 Field Marching Show is inspired by the story and music of fictional boxer, Rocky Balboa, portrayed by Sylvester Stallone. The band marched to the marching band arrangements of "Gonna Fly Now", "The Winner Takes it All", and "Eye of the Tiger."

The FCFS band would like to thank the Falls City administrators, music boosters, band parents, transportation staff, student leadership, and assistant directors who made the success we had this year possible. We are proud to surpass 40 years of excellence to attain our second "Superior" in program history.



Elk Creek Project Town Hall Meetings

Elk Creek Community Center
 383 Ash St., Elk Creek, NE 68348
Friday, December 5, 2025

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 ② Dinner Session **5 p.m.**

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This year has been one of incredible progress, momentum, and collaboration where a long-term vision began taking shape in ways that will define our community's economic future for decades to come. None of this would be possible without investors, partners, and citizens who believe in Falls City's potential and share in a commitment to growth. Securing \$15 million from the State of Nebraska for a new electrical transmission line is a testament to strong partnerships and strategic value of local infrastructure investments. Every milestone achieved this year reflects the commitment of investors and local leadership who believe in this community and its future. Your financial support and advocacy empower EDGE to take on ambitious projects that promise to strengthen our economy, create high-quality careers, and improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Falls City home. Thank you for your support.

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