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County Road Workers to host community forum this Thursday

The Richardson County Commissioners convened on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the Richardson County Courthouse.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr., met with the board, saying his crew was repairing a guardrail on a bridge that was damaged over the weekend, while also making minor repairs to snow-

Darveau told the Board that rock hauling has stopped due to the cold weather. He informed the Commissioners that the county spent nearly one million dollars on rock from November 2024 to November 2025.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty informed the Board that the jail was holding 12 inmates.

He also said he has not yet received any update on the awarding of the "Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over" grant that starts on December 12.

Hardesty reported that a pump in the grease pit is malfunctioning and will need replacement. Airstream will handle the installation once the part arrives. The part, which is two weeks away, is covered by warranty.

He also informed the Board that he had met with a city employee, and the water meter at the Law Enforcement Center will be replaced at the end of the month. Hardesty expressed concern about the replacement due to the rust on the pipes and the current meter.

Hardesty also noted that the new roof on the Law Enforcement Center was holding up well, with no leaks detected since it was

Chad Buhl from Georgia Poultry Equipment Company addressed the Board, expressing his company's plan to build a poultry production facility west of Dawson.

Mr. Buhl said his company aims to be transparent with the County about its plans to build the facility.

"We like to make sure everybody knows what's going on," said Buhl. "Keep everybody informed and make sure everything is kosher, make sure there is nothing missing or need to do."

The site will be situated west of Dawson. Trucks from the facility will likely travel north on 638 Avenue to 712 Road and then east to Highway 75.

Neal Kanel addressed the Board, speaking on behalf of concerned citizens in the County. He told the Board to consider delaying any raises for elected officials, especially since Road Department employees still hadn't received raises.

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FC forms partnership with NE Rural Generation to study new power facility

The City of Falls City has entered a formal partnership with Nebraska Rural Generation to explore the possible development of a new power generation facility that would use emerging technologies, according to a press release issued Tuesday.

The project remains in the early exploration phase. The release states the facility would not use wind, solar or coal technologies. The plant's size, total investment and final site location within the city's electrical jurisdiction have not been determined.

City officials described the partnership as part of Falls City's long-term energy strategy that includes participation in the Southwest Power Pool. According to the release, the project would create new revenue streams for the city through both power generation sales and transmission income within the SPP region.

Under the structure being evaluated, the City of Falls City would own the power plant and the underlying land would be locally owned. The partnership also includes an analysis of how private equity investment fits within Nebraska's public power system.

The Board of Public Works unanimously recommended on Nov. 20 that the city pursue a Development Agreement with Nebraska Rural Generation. The agreement would guarantee reimbursement to the city for all exploration expenses incurred during evaluation phases.

On Dec. 1, the City Council unanimously approved the BPW recommendation and passed a resolution authorizing a Community Benefits Agreement with NRG. The agreement outlines commitments intended to ensure any future project provides long-term benefits to Falls City and Richardson County.

The Community Benefits Agreement proposes five key provisions: at least 40 percent of construction labor hours performed by residents of Falls City and Richardson County, at least 25 percent of operational staff positions filled by local residents within three years of operation, at least 20 percent of all construction and operational contracts awarded to qualified businesses in the 68355 ZIP code, an annual \$50,000 community scholarship fund and at least one public community meeting each year.

"We appreciate the opportunity to continue working with Nebraska Rural Generation as we evaluate this project's potential role in Falls City's economic and energy future," City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum said in the release. "Through the Community Benefits Agreement, we're making sure our community's interests stay at the forefront throughout

The release states that NRG leaders view Falls City's rail access, leadership vision and focus on community impact as strengths as the company studies next-generation technologies.

Both parties will now begin detailed feasibility studies, engineering reviews, legal and regulatory assessments and continued community engagement as part of the evaluation process.

Nebraska Rural Generation is described as a Midwest-based energy development organization focused on innovative, grid-connected power generation solutions intended to support rural community growth, economic development and long-term energy resilience.

City Council redoes wage vote to fix confusion from Nov. 19 meeting

By Nikki McKim

The Falls City Council met on December 1 to fix a wage vote incorrectly made at the November 19 special meeting. At that first meeting on November 19, the motion spoken out loud said to approve the November 3 wage proposal. The council voted yes and confirmed that decision before the meeting ended, which meant the higher wages from November 3 were legally adopted. After the meeting, several council members said they believed they had voted on the wage plan discussed at the November 17 meeting instead. Because Nebraska law requires the vote to match the motion stated aloud, the council had to return to the issue to correct the mistake.

Falls City uses Robert's Rules of Order to guide how council meetings are run. These rules are meant to keep meetings fair and clear. They say only one motion can be discussed at a time, everyone has the right to know what motion is being voted on and once a motion is made and seconded it must be voted on before anything else happens. If a council wants to "take back" a vote, it must use a motion called reconsideration. These principles came into play when the council worked to correct the confusion.

At the November 19 meeting, the motion made said to "go back to the November 3 proposal." The vote passed on a four to three vote. That plan included higher wages. A different wage plan had been discussed at the November 17 meeting, which featured lower wages and fewer added benefits.

The two proposals show clear differences in several positions. Under the November 3 plan, the city administrator's hourly salary for 2026 was listed as \$75 going up \$80.34 by 2028, while the November 17 plan set that same wage at \$65 going up to \$79 by 2028. The public works director would have earned \$70 under the November 3 schedule landing on \$74.98, compared with \$62.50 in the November 17 version ending at \$77.00.

The deputy city clerk and deputy treasurer positions begin at the same 2026 rates in both proposals \$34.71, both plans show growth over the next two years to \$37.18. The chief of police starts at \$53.85 and grows to \$57.68. The assistant chief starts at \$43.50 and grows to \$46.60 under both plans.

The parks and recreation di-

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Local Businesses share the spirit of Christmas

Local businesses are keeping the cheer right here at home this Christmas. Each business featured on Page 14 of today's Falls City Journal purchased that space to ensure that one thousand dollars in gift cards to Falls City businesses, Chamber Bucks, and donations to SENCA or the Humane Society will help local families this holiday season.

The Falls City Journal thanks these businesses for supporting neighbors in need and spreading Christmas cheer close to home.

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Change in deadlines due to the holidays and office closures

The Falls City Journal will have a change to its deadline schedule in the upcoming weeks due to the holidays.

The deadline for the Dec. 24, paper will normal, Friday, December 19 by noon. However we will be printing early so we will be unable to accept any late submis-

We will deliver as scheduled. The office will be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25.

The deadline for the Dec. 31, paper will be Friday, December 26 by 10:00 a.m. We will again be going to print early and unable to accept any late submissions.

The office will be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Thank you for your continued support of the Falls City Journal.

Falls City woman dies in accident south of Auburn

A Falls City woman died Wednesday afternoon in a two vehicle crash south of Auburn according to a release from the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies said they received a 911 call at 3:57 p.m. December 3 regarding a collision near the intersection of Highway 75 and 726 Road, just south of Auburn in rural Nemaha County.

According to the sheriff's office a northbound Lincoln MKC driven by Shawna Harkendorff, 41 of Falls City crossed into the southbound lane of Highway 75 and collided with a southbound Freightliner semi truck driven by Andrey Shagaliyev of Winkler Manitoba. Harkendorff was pronounced dead at the scene. Shagaliyev was taken to Nemaha County Hospital for treatment of possible injuries. Deputies said seatbelts were in use by both drivers.

Auburn Fire and Rescue the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office Nebraska Game and Parks the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the Nebraska State Patrol responded.

The crash remains under investigation by the sheriff's office with assistance from the Nebraska State Patrol.





Prairie Doc: Virtual Reality, a new

By: Carissa Regnerus, RDH, MA, FADHA, Regan Luken, RN, MSN, and Betty Hulse, PA-C, MSPAS

frontier in mental health care

The USD School of Health Sciences Complementary and Alternative Medicine research team, in partnership with the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), has introduced virtual reality (VR) as a groundbreaking tool in inpatient mental health care.

A pilot study, funded by the South Dakota Community Foundation, was implemented by the research team that reviewed the utilization of virtual reality as an additional tool for inpatient mental health care. Liminal VR software, designed to increase relaxation and reduce stress and anxiety, was selected and viewed through VR headsets for an immersive experience. The participants attended VR sessions three days per week over the course of four weeks. Baseline measurements related to stress, anxiety and mood were taken prior to starting the course and after finishing each day of VR sessions. Quantitative and qualitative data were collected at the end of the four-week course. Data was also collected from staff who were involved with the participants.

One of the most compelling aspects of the study was its impact on engagement. Individuals who had previously disengaged from programming found joy and purpose in VR sessions. Notably, a typically reserved patient experienced emotional insight through immersive therapy, highlighting VR's ability to foster self-awareness. Offering tailored experiences such as calm, awe and relief, the technology empowered patients to select sessions best suited to their needs.

With overwhelmingly positive feedback from both patients and staff, this initiative has demonstrated VR's potential to enhance therapeutic outcomes—leading to improved mood and relaxation, and reduction in stress and anxiety.

The success of VR within HSC has inspired life skills staff to explore additional digital interventions, including YouTube-guided visual meditation. Recognizing VR's potential beyond inpatient care, the research team is considering student-focused mental health applications and seeking funding to expand services into health care and educational settings.

Community Impact and Future Considerations: The study bridged service gaps and sparked discussion on alternative mental health approaches. Observing patients eagerly anticipating their sessions reinforced the power of brief interventions in shaping mood. The study encouraged staff to value every patient interaction, however brief, as a meaningful step toward healing.

South Dakota's rural landscape can limit access to traditional mental health services. VR can bridge this gap by providing accessible, personalized mental health support in various settings, reaching more South Dakota residents. Mental health challenges are a growing concern in South Dakota. According to NAMI, 112,000 adults in the state live with mental health conditions and 448,334 South Dakotans reside in communities lacking sufficient mental health professionals. With VR's ability to deepen engagement and enhance therapy, could this technology alleviate provider workloads and shorten hospital stays? Additionally, the use of VR may prove beneficial in addressing substance use disorders, offering new insights into patient behaviors and motivations. Further research into community collaboration and stakeholder feedback could provide valuable data on treatment satisfaction, service quality and long-

As mental health care evolves, integrating VR offers a path toward innovation, healing and accessibility—helping individuals not just manage their conditions, but actively reclaim joy in their daily lives. State MH fact sheet https://www.nami.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/SouthDakotaStateFactSheet.pdf SD

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All things Nebraska

'The American Revolution' inspires hope that we can work out our differences

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

If you're like me, you probably have tuned in the latest, excellent documentary by Ken Burns, "The American Revolution."

If there was only one reason to donate to public television, it would be to help Burns produce more historical documentaries like "The American Revolution," and those on the Civil War, baseball and country music.

There is nothing more interesting on TV, if you ask me.

Personally, on PBS, I'm also a big fan of "Frontline" and the excellent reporting it provides. Plus, I'm a junkie when it comes to watching the state tournament games broadcast by Nebraska Public Media. Wow, that Wynot team was something!

But I digress.

What really struck me about the American Revolution series was not how disorganized the patriots were, or how brutal the battles became, but how the Americans were fighting— in many cases against fellow Amer-

There were the patriots, those who objected to "taxation without representation" and wanted some independence from the King of England and his Red Coats.

But there were also many loyalists who were still loyal to the king, and couldn't fathom how 13 colonies, who disagreed on several issues, could somehow work together. Some joined the revo-

lution and fought against the Crown; others joined the Red Coats and fought for the King. It was brother against brother in many battles. In local communities, patriots burned and ransacked homes of lovalists, and vice versa.

The New England colonies were very different from the southern ones, in their choice of religion, their national origin, and their local economies.

While it took only 17 days to draft the Declaration of Independence (which we celebrate on July 4th), it took years - because of the differences of the colonies – to draft and ratify the young nation's first Constitution because of their disagreements.

Different regions of the country had different views on how they should be governed, who should vote, how much power should be granted to the states (and not the central government), and how taxes should be levied and distributed. Differences about slavery were just about to emerge.

It was the urban North against the rural South on many issues.

Does any of this sound familiar?

It did to me. The harsh divisions we now see between Americans and their political views seem like a national tra-

about the 1960s, and the demonstrations for Civil Rights and against the Vietnam War. Talk about divisions - neighborhoods burned (like Omaha's north side), university buildings were bombed, the National Guard was called out to

It was interesting that back in the revolutionary days, democracy was viewed with suspicion as "messy." There were fears that a loud-voiced demagogue would steer the populace down the wrong path. Over there years, we've seen that in the U.S., and democracy, indeed, gets messy at

But I came away from "The American Revolution" with a sense of

If our fledgling country could work out its disagreements, and band together to defeat the superpower of that era, the British, and form a new nation, I had to think that we can work out our differences in today's world.

Let's hope so.

Paul Hammel has covered the

dition after viewing "The American Revolution"

I couldn't help thinking truly restore order.

times.

hope.

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 traveľing and writing about the state.



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75 Years Ago, December 10, 1950 to December 16, 1950

Fred "Chick" Stotts, who was born and raised near Shubert, saw himself in the movie, "The Devil's Doorway,' which was shown at the Rivoli Theater. Stotts owned a ranch in Colorado close to the site where the movie was filmed. Not only did Stotts appear as an extra, but he also supplied 20 horses to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for the film.

An ice jam above the Rulo bridge was causing trouble downstream. The river's depth

was reported at 4.2 feet at the bridge.

Members of the Harold Weinert family escaped tragedy when the crying of two-yearold Charles awoke the family, alerting them of odorless furnace fumes. The fumes caused Mr. Weinert to collapse, leading to him calling the doctor.

After an 11-hour drought, Falls City had water service once again. City employees repaired two major breaks in the 14-inch line that ran between Falls City and Rulo.

Falls City defeated Hiawatha 51-33 on the basketball court. Tom Percell scored 16 points in the season-opening win for FC while Richard O'Grady led Hiawatha with

Kenny Harmon netted 12 points to lead Honey Creek past Sacred Heart 31-20. John Knobbe scored 11 for the Irish.

Chaney's advertised a Lane Cedar Hope Chest for only \$49.95 the massive American, Walnut trimmed with striking New Guinea Wood, included a self-rising tray and free

Montgomery Ward advertised a color-matched three-piece set including a shirt, tie and tie-clip for one low price of \$3.25 and a Lone Ranger personal radio for \$16.95.

Gibbs Hatchery in Humboldt hosted a grand opening on Saturday, December 16 with free coffee and donuts.

Willard Lewis Jr. was elected as the Worshipful Master of Falls City Masonic Chapter A.F. and A.M. No. 9, succeeding Kenneth Gaither.

A crowd estimated at 75 or more couples attended a benefit dance in the Tiehen Gym. The event was sponsored by the Sacred Heart alumni and music was furnished by Sammy Newton's orchestra.

Falls City Hardware at 1609 Stone Street held a Pre-Inventory Sale with savings up to 50 percent.

County Commissioner-elect Ed Poteet was set to receive a yearly salary of \$1,950. Due to the Nebraska constitution, the other two commissioners could not receive a raise as the salary of a sitting officer could not be raise.

Humboldt edged Table Rock 44-39 in basketball action. Dick Lafferty and Ron Richards each scored 13 for Humboldt, while Karas led Table Rock with 13.

50 Years Ago, December 10, 1975 to December 16, 1975

Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State of Nebraska creating the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool. The initial pool was made up of 20 Nebraska municipalities including Falls City. Membership in the pool was limited to incorporated municipalities who owned their own electric distribution and or generation facilities.

Falls City fell to Hiawatha 77-63 in action at Prichard Auditorium. Skip Lewis and Gary Kratz led FC with 16 points, while Doug Fortmeyer had 14 and Gene Kidwell and Mark Mueller each had 13 for Hiawatha.

Gret Morris had 21 points and Garland Shafer added 16 as Southeast downed Weeping Water 62-34.

The areas first technical foul under the new rule enforcing the basketball coaches to remain seated went to Sacred Heart coach Bill Jenkins.

Bill Lyons of DV scored 13 points as the Jets defeated the Sacred Heart junior high

team 30-23. Terry Horner had a game-high nine for the Irish. The Leech Department Store in Humboldt opened with Mr. and Mrs. Myron Leech,

Van Leech and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leech as incorporators. The store was located in the Kent Building on the south side of the square.

Three Falls City residents were listed among the 122 who graduated from Southeast Community College in Milford. The list included Donald Ankrom, Thomas Horn and William Heiser.

A malfunction in the plant's power generator system shut down Cooper Nuclear at Brownville. The station was estimated to be down for four or five days.

A photo, loaned to The Journal by Myron Whitten, showed the first hotel in Salem. The structure was built in 1859 and stood until it was destroyed by a fire in 1878. The establishment was owned by D.A. Tisdell.

Bill Bruhn poured in 35 points in a losing effort as DV fell to Table Rock 87-71. Rick Willet led the Tigers with 25 points.

A violent windstorm, with rain, hail, thunder and lightning, struck Richardson County just before midnight on Saturday, December 13. In Humboldt, the athletic field sustained considerable damage. Parts of the grandstand was blown away and one of the light poles was blown over. Trees were also toppled in the park near the field.

The Falls City wrestling team placed second at the Crete Invite. Individual champs included Ed Kirkendall, Tom Burton, Tim Wilson and Carl Messner.

Steve Pokorny scored 24 points and Bob Aitken added 22 as Sacred Heart remained perfect by defeating Bern 73-68. Mike Lockhart scored 24 for the visitors.

The Lady Tigers fell to Southeast 29-28. The game featured a total of 58 fouls called. Diane Kirby led FC with 12 points, while Sondra Stanley scored 12 for the Mustangs. Leona Marlene McKim and Harry Hamilton were united in Marriage on Friday, December 5, 1975. The Rev. Paul Weinert officiated the marriage.

25 Years Ago, December 10, 2000 to December 16, 2000

The price to mail a letter at the post office was rising from 33 to 34 cents on January 7. District 56 School Board members voted unanimously to purchase a new bus at a cost of \$88,950.

Six tracts of land, totaling 936 acres, was auctioned off at The Oasis in Falls City. The auction was handled by Farmers National Company with Kevin Gutshall as the local agent. The property was sold for a total of \$1,465,940.

John and Nancy Fischer of Robinson, Kansas celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Fisher Center in Hiawatha. The couple were married on December 20, 1975, at Forest City, Missouri.

Jim Langan sank a free throw with two seconds remaining in overtime to push FC past Auburn 54-53. Mitch Sailors scored a career-high 13 to lead the Tigers. Andrew Hopp also had 13 points and added a team-high 10 rebounds.

Casino White Cloud celebrated its second anniversary by giving out free gifts to the first 500 people through the door on December 15.

Heath Christiansen scored four points and dished out two assists as DV defeated Nemaha Valley 46-42.

Southeast blasted Fairfax 75-48 thanks to 26 points from Brent Shubert. The senior went 13-of-19 from the floor while Kurt Lockard added 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Falls City Mercantile advertised Boyle's Famous Precooked Prime Rib, Green Shrimp and Cedar Hollow and Mickelberry Hams for Christmas.

Falls City Attorney Richard Halbert was appointed to the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees by Governor Mike Johanns. Halbert had been a lawyer in Falls City since 1970 and the corporate counsel for Community Medical Center since 1986.

Shelby Jordan netted 34 points to lead the Irish to a 90-81 win over Lewison. The

sophomore added 11 rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots.

The "Joker" band was playing at Bantz's Chances R Bar in Salem. Katie O'Grady scored 16 points and Sally Witt added 14 as the top-ranked Lady Irish

improved to 4-0 with a 63-44 win over Lewison.

City Council redoes wage vote to fix confusion from Nov. 19 meeting

(Continued from Page 1) rector position follows the same pattern starting at \$35.50, beginning at the same 2026 wage rising to \$38.03 under both plans. Overall, the November 17 plan adopted by the council contains smaller increases and lower long-term wages than the November 3 proposal for some.

Because the two proposals were not the same, City Attorney Michael Dunn reviewed the November 19 meeting and issued a written opinion on November 21. Dunn stated that the November 3 plan was the one adopted because that was the plan referenced in the motion stated out loud and approved in public. He explained that to correct this, two council members who had voted ves on November 19 needed to bring the issue back using a motion to reconsider. Dunn also explained that once reconsidered, the council would have several options. It could adopt the November 17 plan, propose a different plan, postpone the decision, send the matter back to committee or take no action, which would leave the November 3 wages in place.

During the December 1 meeting, Council Members Ferguson and Derrick Leyden, who both voted yes on November 19, made the motion to reconsider. The council voted eight to zero to reopen the issue. This did not change the wages. It only allowed the council to discuss the matter again.

reconsideration passed, the council could have taken up any permitted motion. They could have made a motion to send the wage issue back to committee for further negotiations, postpone the vote for discussion or public input, table the matter or introduce a revised proposal. A new motion was made to rescind the November 19 action and adopt the November 17 wage plan. Because this motion was made and seconded immediately the council had to vote on that motion before doing anything else.

The motion passed six to two. Voting yes were Leyden, Fouraker, Ferguson, Ruiz, Buckminster and Kenny Killingsworth. Voting no were Frank Killingsworth and Kaster. With that vote, the November 17 wage plan became the official plan for non-union employees for fiscal years 2026 through 2028.

Frank Killingsworth and Kenny Killingsworth questioned City Attorney Mike Dunn prior to the vote to get some clarity trying to understand the vote, asking whether a no vote would return the city to the November 3 wages or keep them on the November 17 plan and whether only certain members were allowed to bring the issue back.

When Frank Killingsworth asked whether someone from the majority had to bring the issue back, Dunn explained that the time to object to the earlier vote had been at the November 19 meeting, but because the reconsideration motion passed on December 1 the issue was legally back on the table. When Kenny Killingsworth asked what a no vote meant, Dunn explained that if the motion failed and no new motion was made, the city would be left with the November 3 wages.

The mayor repeated that explanation, saying that if the motion did not pass, "you're at the third."

Dunn also said that if the motion passed, the city would be at the November 17 wages, which he believed many people had assumed they were voting on at the November 19 meeting. Fouraker also asked for clarification on whether the November 3 plan could be brought back again in the future, and Dunn explained that the procedure would follow the same rules under Robert's Rules.

With the December 1 vote, the confusion from the November 19 meeting was resolved and the November 17 wage plan was adopted.

Council votes to rescind parking ban

The Falls City Council convened at City Hall on Monday, December 1, 2025, for its regular meeting.

Under old business, a group of concerned citizens addressed the board, requesting a vote to rescind the parking ban on the 900 block of Morton Street, which was previously approved at a council meeting in November. After an extended discussion, Councilperson Buckminster made a motion to rescind the parking restriction.

"Please try to work it out," commented Buckminster. "We don't want the signs; we never wanted the signs. Same goes for any other neighborhood in Falls City."

The motion passed 7-1, with Councilmember Frank Killingsworth voting against it.

The Council also approved an agreement with SEL Engineering Services, Inc. for a total of \$174,600.00 to upgrade the Power Plant SCADA Control system.

The Board approved the purchase of a remote methane leak detector for \$16,957.00. They also approved the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado 3500HD with a Stahl Utility Bed, as recommended by the Board of Public Works. The unit from Armbruster Motor Company will cost \$58,300.00. Additionally, the Board considered a Dodge 3500 Tradesman Crew Cab for \$53,994 and a Ford F-350 for \$66,612, before ultimately recommending the higher-priced Chevy.

The Board also approved renewing Maintenance Agreement No. 10 with the Nebraska Department of Transporta-

A memorandum of understanding with Falls City Special Olympics to use Prichard Auditorium was approved. The group will utilize the auditorium for practice and potential events they could host at no cost.

The Council also approved the execution of a Community Benefits Agreement with Nebraska Rural Generation. The purpose of the agreement is to establish the framework for collaboration between NRG and Falls City Utilities.

The group entered a closed meeting at 6:49 p.m. to discuss information regarding the NRG Industrial Development Project, which is covered by a non-disclosure agreement and not appropriate for public release at this stage.



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Welcome to the world little one



JOHANSEN- Andrew and Kelsey Johansen of Rulo are proud to announce the birth of their son, Heath Andrew. He was born at Mosaic Life Care in Saint Joseph, MO on August 7, 2025 at 4:22 p.m. Heath weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by his sisters, Madison, Peyton, Harper and Lainey. Grandparents are Mark and Jean Hodge, of Falls City and Steve and Rita Johansen, of Rulo. Great-grandparents are Carlota and the late Archie Hodge, the late Ray and Bev Koopman, the late Elias and Marguerite Bachman and the late Keith and Irene Johansen.



Former public school teacher Glenda Nelson is pictured giving a history lesson to Falls City Sacred Heart third and fourth graders at the Mini Park in Falls City. The park opened in 1984 but recently a fourth mural was added to the walls of Bill's Pawn Shop. For years, Mary Whitehouse instructed the children as to the history of the murals. Nelson has led countless classes through the history of Falls City, assuming the role the White-

house held for years. The murals tell the history of Falls City from the 1800s up to the present day.

Students of Glenda von Behren featured in recitals

Students from the music studio of Glenda von Behren were featured in recitals on Sunday, November 16, at Christ Lutheran Church. Performers were as follows: Piano-Cole Anderson, Kyler Anderson, Reese Andrew, Emersyn Ankrom, Lynnley Ankrom, Evi Bangert, Liv Buckminster, Gus Clemmons, Berklie Davis, Harlow Eickhoff, Hudson Eickhoff, Marlo Harkentek, Gary Jorn, Jayce Kearney, Liliana Lowe, Addy Martin, Auroara Martin, Charlie Merz, Elise Miller, Levi Miller, Hayden Mullins, Lillian Riley, Kase Schawang, Willow Strecker, Theo Sullivan; Voice-Reese Andrew, Lynnley Ankrom, Berklie Davis, Liliana Lowe and Willow Strecker; Vocal Theatre-Ryder Hullman; Percussion-Justin Drummond.

Christmas bird count at Indian Cave State Park

Get the family outdoors and help contribute to science by participating in the Christmas Bird Count at Indian Cave State Park from 9 a m. to noon, Dec. 18.

Those participating will meet at the park office at 9 a.m. Bird lovers of all ages and skills are encouraged to participate. Binoculars and bird I.D. books can be borrowed from the park. At noon you can help tally the results so they can be shared with the annual Audubon's Christmas Bird Count Project. This information helps inform researchers about the status of bird populations. A free soup lunch will be served at noon.

For further information call Indian Cave State Park at 402-883-2575.



The Brownville Concert Series is thrilled to bring the 2025 season to a close with its beloved tradition of the annual Christmas Gala. The concerts feature Carole J Bufford and Friends as they sing songs of the season in "A Christmas Spectacular." Carole will be joined by Kellie Rabke, Campbell Walker Fields, and John Fischer. It's sure to be a show you won't want to miss! They will be in cabaret on Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13 at 7:30 pm, and in concert on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00pm. We give special thanks to Auburn State Bank, Laura French, Ruth Keene, and F&M Bank of Falls City for helping to sponsor these shows.

Carole J. Bufford is one of the most sought-after performers on the American vintage pop and cabaret scene. Her shows, including "speak easy." (featuring the Grammy Award-winning Vince Giordano and The Nighthawks), "Come Together," and "You Don't Own Me," earned her rave reviews from The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and The Times (UK). She currently tours with her solo shows as well as with symphonies all over the country. Carole is also the recipient of BroadwayWorld's Vocalist of the Year and the recent Gold Medal winner of the American Traditions Vocal Competition.

Kelli Rabke was handpicked by Andrew Lloyd Webber to make her Broadway debut as the Narrator in the revival of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, followed by Eponine in the Broadway company of Les Misérables. She has performed in regional theatres throughout the country, most notably as Yonah in the American Premiere of Stephen Schwartz's Children of Eden at the Paper Mill Playhouse, the theatre where she had also gotten her "big break" as Dorothy in their landmark production of The Wizard of Oz.

After leaving the bright lights of the stage to start a family, Kelli is now a staple in the NYC cabaret world. Her first solo show debuted to a sold-out crowd at Feinstein's/54 Below and since then, she's been featured in everything from Sondheim to Streisand to Bernstein, in addition to creating her own shows.

Campbell Walker Fields is versatile singer and keyboardist with equal comfort on concert, musical theatre and arena stages. His professional career began when cast at the age of nine as Artful Dodger in Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma's 2011 production of 'Oliver!'. Soon after he played JoJo in 'Seussical the Musical' at the University of Oklahoma, and Foo (Lost Boy) in the seven-week run of the world-premiere Dallas Theatre Center production of the musical 'FLY'.

In the summer of 2016, he was seen competing on Season 11 of NBC's America's Got Talent, making it to the middle judge cuts round, and he took part in Grammy Camp Nashville, a music industry program for young artists interested in the music business. He has performed as soloist with symphony orchestras including Abilene Philharmonic, The Signature Symphony and the OKC Philharmonic where he was featured artist in 'The Christmas Show' and its Independence Day concerts 'Red White & Boom' and he has performed at Cast Party/Birdland in

John Fischer has been a music director and pianist in NYC for over 20 years. He has decades of experience working with top Broadway and cabaret artists. He music directed Broadway's Rising Stars at The Town Hall for 14 seasons, where he also worked on numerous Broadway Originals concerts.

In recent years, John has joined the symphony world as a guest artist, debuting a new Bacharach show with the Plymouth Symphony, Blockbuster Broadway for the Omaha Symphony, a Bernstein/Robbins celebration with the Signature Symphony, and Music of the Knights with the Santa Ana Symphony Orchestra. In NYC, he is a regular fixture at 54 Below, music directing everything from Sinatra to Streisand and as the MD for the long-running series, Sondheim Unplugged. Recent highlights include Ali Stroker's sold out American Songbook concert at Lincoln Center, Alice & Emily's Unattached at 54 Below, and the 25th Anniversary Concert of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, part of the award winning 54 Sings series for which he also music directed Applause, Mack and Mabel, and Kiss Of The Spiderwoman.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$16 for Students. Purchase them online at www.brownvilleconcertseries.org, on Facebook or call 402-825-3331. The Nebraska Arts Council (www.nebraskaartscouncil.org), a state agency, supports this program through a matching grant funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

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Single vehicle rollover on **Business Parkway**

A Falls City man was taken to a trauma center after a single vehicle rollover crash on Business Parkway, according to a Falls City Police Department crash report. Officers were dispatched to the scene after a 1961 Ford Falcon left the roadway and rolled. The report states the vehicle was traveling north exceeding the posted speed limit on Business Parkway when it swerved to avoid a deer and went off the east edge of the road. The driver over-corrected, which caused the vehicle to spin clockwise, leave the west side of the roadway and roll.

The report states the driver was ejected from the vehicle. He was found twenty feet away from the vehicle. Falls City EMS arrived and transported him by ground ambulance to Community Medical Center before he was airlifted to a trauma facility.

The driver was identified as Jacob Christopher Gill of Falls City. No other vehicles were involved.

Turnovers sink Tigers in season opener at Syracuse

The Syracuse Rockets walked off the court Friday night with a 70-12 victory over the Falls City Tiger basketball team. The Tigers struggled throughout, ending with 26 turnovers and only 14 shot attempts in the game. The Rockets dominated nearly every aspect of the game. Syracuse shot 24-for-45, scored 20 points in transition, and turned 26 turnovers into 36 points on the other end.

The final stats from HUDL are slightly off because the game recording didn't start until the Rockets led 12-3 with just over four minutes remaining in the first quarter. Syracuse led at quarter breaks with scores of 23-4, 42-9, and 61-11. The Tigers were out-scored 28-3 in the second half.

For the contest, FC shot 3-of-14, grabbed ten rebounds, turned the ball over 26 times, and dished out three as-

Jacoby Bangert led the Tiger offense with three points, sinking a deep three from the wing just before the buzzer sounded to end the first half. Bangert and Elijah Leyden each grabbed three rebounds, while Bowdy Jones, Leyden, and Bangert all contributed an assist.

Jake Janssen led Syracuse with 12 points.

FC Scoring: Armbruster 1, Leyden 2, Morris 2, Bangert 3, Caudle 1.

Syracuse Scoring: W. Janssen 7, Cavanaugh 5, Schroeder 2, J. Janssen 12, Wemhoff 11, Gartner 4, Liesemeyer 2, Stark 9, Parde 6.

Falls City was back on the floor Tuesday night when they hosted Nodaway Valley. On Friday night, FC travels to Johnson for a matchup against the Eagles and then will play Freeman on Saturday, December 13.

County Road Workers to host community forum this Thursday

She continued, asking

how she (Scheitel) thinks

the Road Department em-

ployees feel, having their

Commissioner Caverza-

gie told Glathar that the

county has been trying to

work with the employees

"That's not the whole

story," replied Glathar.

"What you're saying in

that chair is not the whole

story, and that's what

we'd like the paper to

print because it isn't the

whole story. There is a

whole other side to it, that

you are electing to forget

the real fine details here."

for nearly three years.

salaries frozen.

(Continued from Page 1) why you spoke up and said

"I just think it would be that," said Carol Glathar. in our best interest, as a county, as commissioners, to show a step of good faith, until that is settled," said Kanel.

The Road Department and the County are scheduled to meet in CIR on January 8, 2026, for a trial to resolve the contract dispute between the county and its employees.

The Richardson County Road Workers will hold a community forum on Thursday, December 11, 2025, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Prichard Auditorium in Falls City.

Commissioner Caverzagie informed Kanel that the Board must, by state law, set the salaries for elected officials. These salaries will start in January 2027 and continue

through January 2031. Clerk Mary Eickhoff explained that, according to the Nebraska Constitution, the wages must be set by January 15, 2026, and cannot be changed until January 2031.

Kanel also asked the Board to reconsider meeting times. Kanel stated that it's difficult for county citizens to take time off work to attend the meetings. He wondered if it would be possible to move the meetings to the evenings.

Wages are determined based on comparable counties with similar populations.

A citizen in attendance observed that County Attorney Samanatha Scheitel was offended by the discussion of the wage

freeze. "It bothered you, that's

FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



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Boil notice to remain in place until today, after that depends on water samples

The boil water notice for Humboldt will remain in place until Wednesday Dec. 10, 2025 according to city

City staff reported that the city had continued chlorinating and collecting required samples on Monday and Tuesday.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services requires five passing samples each day for two consecutive days. One sample from the second round of tests last week did not come back negative. As a result the city must repeat two full

Glathar continued, saying that she just wanted to comment that it hurts when people are not treated fairly with wages.

"And that is how our Roads Department feels," said Glathar.

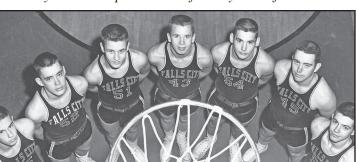
Commissioner Campbell initially stated he couldn't support the wage increases but later reversed his stance, saying he would support a future increase only if the commissioners' salaries were frozen.

Resolution 2025-2026-16, which transfers funds from Inheritance Tax Funds to the General Fund, was approved, along with Resolution 2025-2026-17 to cancel a check issued in rounds of five samples.

The laboratory is not open on weekends so sampling resumed Monday.

Officials thanked residents for their cooperation as work continues to restore safe drinking water.

Community members with questions can contact Mike Adair at 402-677-3781.



IDENTIFIED! There were several calls, walk-in's and emails about the photo published on November 19, 2025. Nancy (Kelly) Lanphier, from the FCHS Class of 1960 emailed us and identified everyone in order. L-R: Bob Brown Class of 1960; Tom McGuire Class of 1960; Ron Harris Class of 1960; Bob Gibson Class of 1958; David Wiltse Class of 1958; Jim Poage Class of 1958.; Tom Brown Class of 1958. Thank-you to everyone who reached out with names. We appreciate it so much.



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November 26 through November 27, 2025 calls: four miscellaneous calls, one alarm call, one nuisance call, one referred other agency call, one gun permit call, one assault, one ambulance/EMS call, one noise disturbance, one motorist assist, one fire call, and one accident, three 911 calls, and one fire call (Falls City

CALLS AND STATISTICS

November 27 through November 28, 2025 calls: two 911 hang-up/misdial calls, one check welfare call, one referred other agency call, and two miscellaneous calls, and two 911 calls.

November 28 through November 29, 2025 calls: four ambulance/EMS calls, one HHS intake/referral call, one referred other agency call, one noise disturbance call, and one alarm call, four 911 calls, one citation for speeding and one citation for dogs and cats – nuisance, one warning for stop sign violation, one warning for invalid registration, one warning for speeding, one warning for plates not clear and visible, two warnings for failure to renew registration, and one warning for no license on person.

November 29 through November 30, 2025 calls: four ambulance/EMS calls, four 911 hang-ups/misdials, one information-only call, three referred other agency calls, one law-enforcement assist, and three animal calls. Ten 911 calls total. Two warnings for invalid registration, one warning for improper or defective vehicle lighting, one for speeding, one for failing to display the proper number of plates, one for violating driver's license regulations, and one for excess window tint.

November 30 through December 1, 2025 calls: two referred other agency calls, five ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, and one noise disturbance. Three 911 calls in total. One warning for improper or defective vehicle lighting and one citation for invalid registration.

December 1 through December 2, 2025 calls: four burn permits, one gun permit, five miscellaneous calls, one fire call, two accidents, one check welfare, two assaults, one ambulance/EMS call, and one referred other agency call. Two 911 calls and one fire call (Humboldt Fire). One warning for a traffic control violation.

December 2 through December 3, 2025 calls: two welfare checks, four ambulance/EMS calls, two animal calls, one accident, three referred-other-agency calls, two gun permits, one traffic/driving complaint, one parking complaint, one disturbance, one alarm, and two miscellaneous calls. Five 911 calls. Two citations for speeding, one citation for invalid registration, and two warnings for speeding.

December 3 through December 4, 2025 calls: not received.

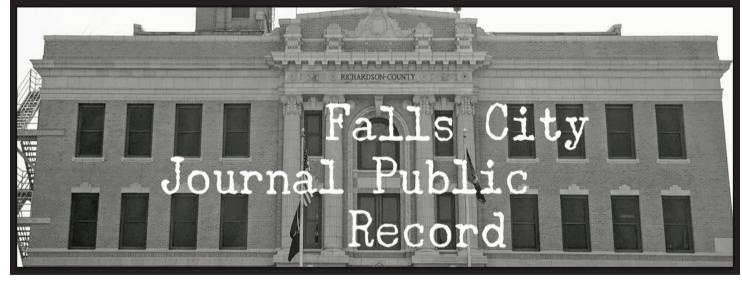
December 4 through December 5, 2025 calls: two referred-other-agency calls, four ambulance/EMS calls, one alarm, one nuisance, two law enforcement assists, one animal call, two motorist assists, one found/lost property call, one house watch, one burn permit, two miscellaneous calls, and one traffic/driving complaint. Two 911 calls. One citation for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one citation for driving during revocation, one citation for speeding, and one citation for invalid registration.

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COUNTY COURT

Wynne Wang, count one, nonresident violate susp/ rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for December 10, 2025.

La Fons Smith, count one, drive under susp/ before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Joseph A. Gloria, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Lauren C. Ford, count one, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Robert G. Winsea, count one, DUI-.15+, pled no guilty. contest, found Sentence includes fine of \$500, jail for term of two days beginning December 19,2025, credit for one day served, probation for term of 12 months, drug testing fee of \$60, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee regular of \$300, license revoked for term of one year, interlock device; count two amended to dropped/dismissed.

Robert K. Gilkerson, count one, leave accident-fail to furnish in-

fo-first, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$500; count two, minor in possession, amended to possess/consume open alcohol container, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$50.

James W. McFadden, count one, false reporting-misdemeanor, not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 14, 2026. James W. McFadden, count one, drive without ignition interlock, pled not guilty; count two, no brake lights/turn signals, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Robert W. Davis, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Cole T. Davis, count one, assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Amber D. Barr, count one, assault-threaten/ menacing manner, pled not guilty; count two, intimidation-phone electronic comm, pled not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Maribel Moreno, count one, nonresident violate

rev/impd order-MSD 2, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$250 and license revoked for term of one year; count two, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined

DISTRICT COURT

Tonya M. Beccard, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, criminal mischief \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count three, unauth use propelled vehicle, pled not guilty; count four, willful reckless driving-first, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for December 23, 2025.

Kaelin M. Criqui, count one, amended to dropped/ dismissed; count two, possess machine gun/short rifle/shotgun, pled guilty, found guilty; count three, possess marijuana 1 oz or less, pled guilty, found guilty; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for December 9, 2025.

Zackery W. Creamer, count one, terroristic threats, amended to disturbing the peace, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$500; count two, terroristic threats, amended to disturbing the peace, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$500.

Shayne C. Songer, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 13, 2026.

Christopher Dodson, 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 20, 2026.

Leonardo Bahamonde Mestre, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; counts three and four amended to dropped/dismissed; count five, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count six amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for January 5, 2026.

CITATIONS

Puhalla Beverly of Pawnee City, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Arcadio Zarate Ayala of Bellevue, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Tracy Moore of Omaha, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Holliday)

Maren Louis-Ferdinand, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Eric Bohling of Auburn, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Kaydence Rego of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Adams)

Earnestine Wilson of Topeka, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

(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.

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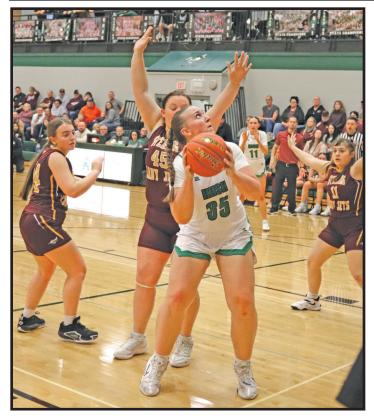




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Hallie Jones is poised to score a bucket in the first half on Friday night.

Lady Irish zoom past Jets in season opener

Behind a game-high 26 points from Hallie Jones, the Sacred Heart Lady Irish cruised past the Sterling Jets, 69-28. Although the Jets are consolidating girls' basketball for the next two seasons with the Lewiston Tigers, Sacred Heart had no trouble racing past the visitors.

The preseason No. 1 team in Class D2 and defending state champion started strong with a quick 18-7 lead and increased their advantage to 34-18 by halftime. The Lady Irish dominated the second half, outscoring the Jets 35-10 as they pulled away for a 41-point victory.

Junior Hallie Jones erupted in the second half, outscoring Sterling 18-10 on her own.

It was a fantastic start for the junior, who Coach Luke Santo said should average a double-double this season. Jones went 10-for-18 from the field, 6-for-9 from the free throw line, and grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds.

As a team, Sacred Heart shot 26 for 73 from the floor and 12 for 20 from the foul line. The Irish out-rebounded the Jets 47 to 29, including a 23 to 10 edge on the offensive glass. The renowned Irish defense also forced 22 turnovers, while commit-

ting just eight in the season opener, and dished out 19 assists in the win.

Sacred Heart spread the wealth on offense with four players reaching double figures. Avery Santo, Ryann Westengaard, and Daycee Witt each scored 10 points. Santo and Witt got off to quick starts, with Santo scoring eight points in the first quarter and Witt adding six. Santo sank a pair of triples in the first eight minutes to lead the Irish. Dorothy Crouse contributed five assists and seven rebounds. Kynli Portwood led Sterling with 15 points.

Scoring for SH: Georges 2, Santo 10, Crouse 3, Westengaard 10, Witt 10, Reschke 1, Lemerond 3, Taft 3, Sipple 1, Jones 26. Scoring for Sterling: Portwood 15, Truscott 3, Houghton 7, Crouse 3.

Sacred Heart also won a three-quarter JV game 51-8. Westengaard led with nine points, while Payten Georges and Kinley Lechtenberg each scored eight.

The Lady Irish (1-0) traveled to Nebraska City on Tuesday, December 9, to face the Lourdes Central Knights (1-0). Sacred Heart will host Exeter-Milligan/Friend on Friday, December 12, at the Roh Activity Center.



Brenden Lemerond launches a three in the first period against the Jets on Friday evening.

First quarter sets the tone for Irish boys

The Sacred Heart Irish boys basketball team needed just eight minutes to put the game out of reach to open the 2025-26 season. The Irish hosted the Sterling Jets on Friday night and dominated with a 35-point first period to seal the win. Coach Doug Goltz's quintet used a pressure defense to race to a 35-3 lead after the first period. Sacred Heart continued to pull away, cruising into the break with a 49-11 advantage. The Irish padded its lead in the third, outscoring Sterling 16-6 to lead 65-17 with only eight minutes remaining. The final period was quiet, but Sacred Heart earned the convincing 68-19 season-opening win. This marks the 14th straight season-opening win over the Jets for Sacred Heart. The last time the Irish opened the year with a loss was a 24-35

loss to Sterling in 2011. The Irish shot the ball exceptionally well, making 11 of 29 two-point attempts and 15 of 29 from beyond the arc. Meanwhile, the Irish defense forced the Jets into 27 turnovers and held them to 7-for-35 shooting. The Irish offense committed

just four turnovers and dished out 17 assists overall.

The Irish offense came from all angles, with Cole Taft leading the charge with 15 points. Bo Fletcher added 14, and Hayden Clow went 3-for-4 from deep for 11 points. Toby Baxter contributed a team-high seven rebounds and four steals, while Brenden Lemerond finished with six boards, four steals, and eight assists. Kade Horstman led Sterling with nine points.

SH Scoring: Taft 15, Fletcher 14, Sipple 3, Lemerond 8, Clow 11, Baxter 4, Howard 7, Kirkendall 2, Knobbe 4.

Sterling Scoring: B. Horstman 6, K. Horstman 9, Little 2, Uher 2.

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The JV teams played two quarters on Friday night with the Irish coming out on top 30-9. Hayden Clow and Owen Santo each netted nine points, while JJ Lancaster finished with eight.

The Irish will hit the hardwood again when they host Exeter-Milligan/Friend on Friday, December 12, and will play at Tri County on Tuesday, December 16.

Lady Tigers stumble at Syracuse

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The Falls City Lady Tigers struggled out of the gate to begin the 2025-26 basketball season. Falls City went on the road and dropped a season-opening contest at Syracuse 49-10. The Rocket rims were unkind to the Tigers as FC found themselves in the hole 38-2 at intermission. FC struggled to put the ball through the net, finishing 3 of 17 from the field. Two of the Tigers' buckets came on the block, with the last make being a three-pointer.

The Rocket defense caused problems early for FC as they allowed Falls City to take only three shots in the first period and one in the second.

Turnovers proved costly for the Lady Tigers, who committed 27 mistakes compared to their opponents' 10. The Tigers were also outrebounded 30-14 and finished with just two assists. The 27 Falls City turnovers resulted in 33 Syracuse points.

The Tigers trailed 13-0 before Bella Johansen scored on an inbounds play with 2:25 remaining in the first quarter. That was the only point FC scored in the first half.

Tessa Gossman hit a three from the left wing in the third quarter to make it 43-5, and the final field goal was a drive by Brynna Glathar with just over a minute remaining, pushing the score to 47-10. Glathar also went 2-for-2 at the free-throw line, and Bristol Titus contributed a free throw as well.

Glathar scored four points for the Tigers, shooting 1-for-5 from the field. Johansen contributed four rebounds, and Carlea Dunkhas had two assists and a steal. Bridget Donovan led Syracuse with 20 points.

FC Scoring

Gossman 3, Johansen 2, Glathar 4, Titus 1.

Syracuse Scoring

Parde 2, Johnson 4, Sprague 7, Donovan 20, Kreifels 2, Wemhoff 7, Tuxhorn 5, K. Donovan 2.

Falls City hoped to end a five-game streak without a win, which has been going since last season, when they hosted North Nodaway on Tuesday. FC will play at Johnson-Brock on Friday and Freeman on Saturday, December 13, 2025.

Lady Tigers hit mats at Doane

The Falls City Lady Tiger wrestlers began the season at the Doane Tiger Women's High School Kickoff Tournament on Friday. The Tigers scored 83 points against strong competition and finished ninth. Southeast Polk took first place with 216 points, Wayne was runner-up with 130, and Millard West placed third with 120.5.

Three Tiger wrestlers earned hardware, with Keylee Olberding taking third place, Gabi Young finishing fourth, and Taytum Maddox achieving the best result of the day by earning the silver medal.

Maddox finished her day at 155 pounds with a 3-1 record and scored 21.5 points. She pinned her first opponent in 3:13, then won by a tech fall over Kennedy Songer (Lincoln Northeast) (18-0). In the semifinals, Maddox pinned Espino (Conestoga) at 1:57, advancing to the championship match. Maddox lost to Skylar Slade of Southeast Polk by fall at 0:23.

At 100, Keylee Olberding went 3-1 and scored 16 points. Olberding defeated Kochheiser (Wood River) by fall in 0:47 during the first match of the day. She then lost to Hoegemeyer (Millard West) by fall at 1:25. In the consolation round, Olberding earned a win by pin over Anton (Millard West) at 2:46 and defeated Moses (Southeast Polk) by pin at 0:47 to secure third place.

Gabi Young finished 4-2 at 145 pounds and scored 14 points. Young lost by a major decision (18-8) to Seymor (Millard West) in the first round. However, Young bounced back with four straight wins to reach the third-place match. Young pinned Corrick (Conestoga) at 0:11, then secured a 17-10 decision over Robbins (Omaha Marian). In the following match, Young pinned Slonecker (Blue River) at 0:32 and later won by fall over Seymour (Millard West) at 3:55. In the final match of the day, Young lost to Naeve (Wayne) by fall at 1:42.

At 105, Audrey Scrivens went 0-2. Hallie Young finished 3-2 at 115, while Indea Holman was 0-2 at 120. Also at 120, Abagail Spinner went 0-2. Ashlyn Alexander went 2-1 at 125, Peyton Weddle was 2-2 at 130, Shia Wisneski was 1-2 at 155-B, Emma Gilkerson was 0-2 at 170, Jalin Deprey was 0-2 at 190, and Gabbi Griffin went 2-2 at 235.

Tigers place fourth at Omaha North

The Tiger boys' wrestlers had a slow start on Thursday when they traveled to Syracuse for a dual against the Rockets, losing 71-3. The only win of the night came at 215 pounds, where Jayden Mirelez earned a tough 9-8 decision over Marcos Barron. Tristan Randall, Cade Caudle, Caden Collier, Brantly Sells, and Dayton Snethen all lost by fall. Orion Cattrell fell by a 6-3 decision, and Ryder Hullman lost by technical fall, 21-6. In JV matches, Zane Elms won a 7-5 decision, while Brandon Feighner and Nolan Nicholson each lost their bouts.

Falls City traveled to Omaha on Saturday to compete in the 80th Annual Vern Ekfelt Invitational at Omaha North High School. The Tigers scored 146 points and finished in fourth place. Omaha Bryan took first with 245.5 points, Omaha North was second at 184.5, and Crete finished third with 167.

Falls City's Chase Simpson had the best finish of the day, earning gold at 285. Simpson went 5-0 for the day with four wins by fall. In the finals, Simpson secured a 4-2 decision over Ahmir Hyche of Omaha Bryan.

Brantly Sells was right behind, finishing 4-0 and winning the gold at 190. Sells won all four matches by fall. In the finals, Sells earned a win at 1:57 over Alex Segura of Crete.

At 215, Jayden Mirelez finished 3-2 and took third at 120. Caden Collier placed fifth at 144, finishing place. Mirelez won his first two matches by fall, then lost At 157, Brandon Collier went 2-3 and placed sixth.

to Mattox of Crete by fall at 5:14. After losing by fall to Curiel of South Sioux City, Mirelez bounced back to pin Javier Rosillo Roman of Omaha South in 1:37 to secure third place.

Ashton Martin finished his day with a 4-1 record, placing third. Martin won his first match by medical forfeit, then secured a decision, before pinning Blanco from Crete to move to 3-0. In the fourth round, Martin lost a 7-2 decision to Townsend from Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson. However, Martin bounced back with a 13-9 decision over Aidan Rogriquez from Omaha Westview to finish third.

At 150, Orion Cattrell went 3-1 and placed third. Cattrell won his first match by fall, then medical forfeit. In the next round, Cattrell lost by tech fall 19-4. In the third-place match, Cattrell pinned George Whitbeck of Omaha Burke in 2:13 to place third.

Cade Caudle finished 3-2 at 138 and took third place. Caudle lost his first match but then fought back to win his next two by fall. In the championship bracket, Caudle was defeated by Pfirrman of Omaha Westview by technical fall, 21-3, but earned a win by fall over Lue Jay of Omaha Bryan in the third-place match.

At 113, Dayton Snethen went 2-2 and scored four points. Ryder Hullman went 2-3 and scored three points at 120. Caden Collier placed fifth at 144, finishing 3-2. At 157, Brandon Collier went 2-3 and placed sixth.

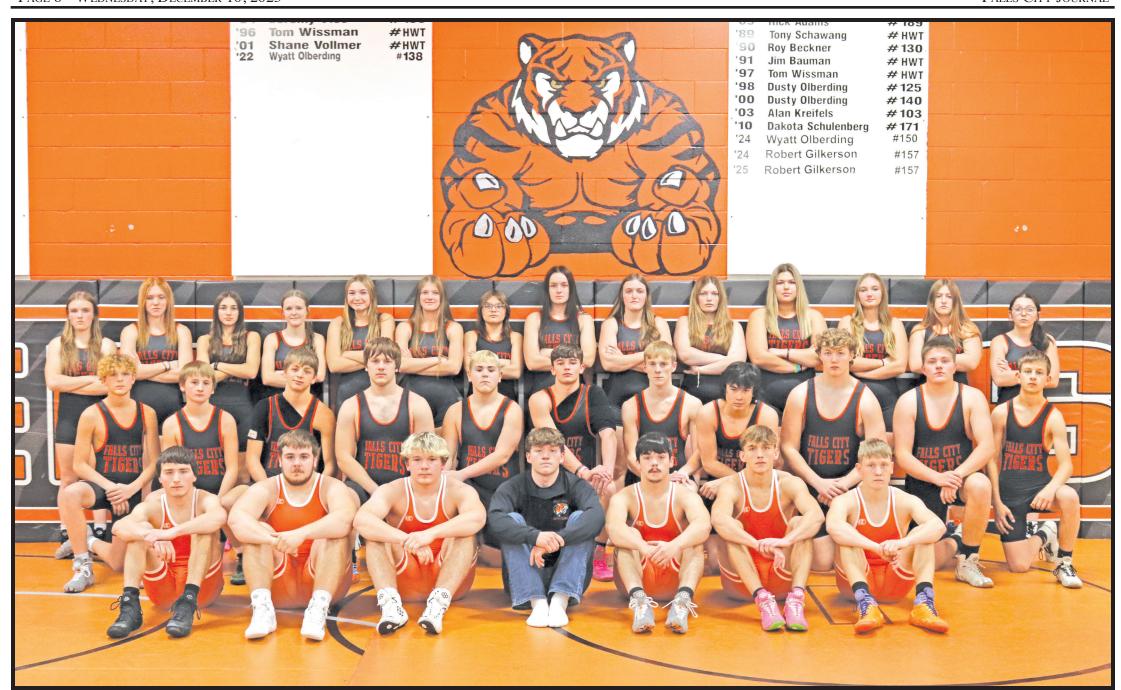




ARMBRUSTER'S All-Star Performance

Congratulations to the High School Girls Wrestling team who finished 9th of 22, behind 7 Class A & 1 Class B school at the Doane College Invite.





2025-2026 TIGER WRESTLING: Front row Seniors, L-R: Caden Collier, Chase Simpson, Jayden Mirelez, Mason Collier, Ashton Martin, Orion Cattrell, Cade Caudle. Middle row: Ryder Hullman, Ryan Hall, Tristan Randall, Brantly Sells, Wesley Vitale, Brandon Collier, Tanner Jackson, Zane Elms, Brandon Feighner, Nolan Nicholson, Dayton Snethen. Back Row: Hallie Young, Peyton Weddle, Audrey Scrivens, Keylee Olberding, Leah Goff, Ashlyn Alexander, Indea Holman, Taytum Maddox, Gabi Young, Emma Gilkerson, Gabi Griffin, Jalen Deprey, Shia Wisneski, Abagail Spinner.

Thirty-four grapplers hitting the mats for the Tigers this winter

A testament to the success of the Falls City wrestling ECNC conference champs and returns four all-conprogram and coaches, FC welcomes 34 athletes to the wrestling team this winter.

Co-Head Coaches Nick Kraft (13 years) and Quentin Coatney (6 years) were excited to state that this is one of the largest groups to come through Falls City wrestling in the last 10-15 years.

"It is going to be a fun and exciting year for these athletes, and we as coaches know that they are ready for the challenge," stated the coaches.

The pair will be assisted this winter by Tayten Keller (2nd year), Troy Nelson (23 years), Keith Gilkerson (7 years), Jakob Babb (1st year) and Jacob Cochran (1st year).

The boys' team enters the year as the reigning 4-time

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ference grapplers. The girls' team will return a pair of all-conference wrestlers this season.

The coaching staff made it clear they are constantly working on new ways for the athletes to attack on their feet and to work in the top position, putting the wrestlers in the best situation to earn points and wins.

"One of our big goals last year that we will continue to improve on with the boys and girls is winning the pinning category," stated the coaches. "We want our opponents to know if they get on their back against us, we are going to finish, and we want to improve getting beat by points instead of getting pinned defensively."

FC will also work on improving their defense, both on their feet and in the top position.

"We must continue to work on defending these moves and even countering them at times to score more points," said the coaching staff. "In order to have a good offense, we must have a great defense, so minimizing the number of pins we give up and getting escapes faster and quicker will be a big goal this year."

Returning for the boys will be Dayton Snethen, Wyatt Coonce, Cade Caudle, Caden Collier, Orion Cattrell, Zane Elms, Ryker Jones, Ashton Martin, Jayden Mirelez, Brandon Feighner and Chase Simpson. Past state qualifiers Mason Collier and Blakely Sells will be sidelined this winter after sustaining knee injuries during the football season. For the girls, state qualifiers Gabi Young and Taytum Maddox both return.

The boys lost a great group of leaders to graduation. Two-time state qualifier Bailey Thimmes, Caleb Zimmerman and four-time qualifier Robert Gilkerson all exhausted their high school eligibility.

"Needless to say, our guys this season have some big shoes to fill, but we know they are up to the task," said the coaches.

For the Lady Tigers, Paige Young was the only senior on the squad last winter.

"She is a big loss to our program and was really the only upperclassman leader we have had in our girls' wrestling program," the coaches mentioned. "It is hard

to replace her on the mats and in the wrestling room as a 30+ winner, two-time all-conference winner and was just one match short from making it to state last year."

Youth will be a factor for the program as seven freshmen boys and nine first-year girls will be on the roster.

FC will host a boy/girl triangular with Auburn and Platteview on Tuesday, January 6, at the Auditorium and on Thursday, January 22, with Pawnee City and JCC.

"We know success won't be easy for our freshmen/ sophomore groups stepping into varsity roles, but we know they will respond accordingly, giving it everything they have," said the coaches.













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Tigers to compete no matter who they come up against

The Falls City boys' basketball squad didn't fare the way Coach Jaxson Balm had hoped in the 2024-25 season. The Tigers suffered through a winless 0-23. Balm now enters his second season as the head coach and fourth overall as a coach for Falls City. Assisting Balm on the hardwood come December will be second-year assistant Brooks Ivey and former Lady Tiger Head Coach Andy Armbruster.

To say the Tigers struggled last season would be incorrect. FC was outscored 739 to 1466, falling by an average score of 32-64. The Orange and Black shot 29 percent from the floor last season and snagged 492 rebounds. One significant aspect of the game that will require improvement is the assist-to-turnover ratio. Falls City committed 466 turnovers (20 per game) and dished out just 146 assists (6.3 per contest).

Returners for the Tigers include Paxton Armbruster, Jacoby Bangert, Ethan Morris, Brock Caudle and Elijah Leyden.

Despite missing a chunk of the season, Armbruster was second on the squad with 98 points (7.5 per game), dished out 23 assists and connected on ten deep balls.

Bangert added points, averaging 3.8 per contest. He hit 13 triples and corralled 70 rebounds.

Morris scored 53 points in competition last winter, fought for 35 boards and finished with 18 assists.

Caudle averaged 1.6 points per game, battled for 49 rebounds and finished with four blocked shots.

Leyden came on last winter and supplied Coach Balm with some crucial minutes. Leyden only scored nine points, but he grabbed 52 rebounds and added eight steals.

According to Coach







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TIGER BOYS BASKETBALL 2025-2026: Back row, L-R: Carter Scholl, Austin Stewart, Brock Caudle, Elijah Leyden, Ethan Morris, Zade Bents, Jacoby Bangert, Kam Huppert, Kacen Davis. Middle row: Taylor Donahoo, Conner Anderson, Nick Johnson, Collin Roberts, Grant Kobza, Karson Simpson, Martin Irrizary, Avery Wendtlandt. Front row: Callen Furnas, Colton Stewart, Paxton Armbruster, Bowdy Jones, Knox Davis.

Balm, FC will look to work the ball and find open shots; playing unselfishly will be key to the team's success.

"We don't have a go-to scorer, which is a good thing for us," stated Balm. 'Our offense will be balanced in scoring. Our main focus is limiting turnovers this season."

On the opposite end of the floor, FC will dig in and pressure the opponents, no matter who they are facing.

"We will play solid, fundamental defense," Balm quipped. "Defense is all about communication, attitude and effort. If we do these things, we will have success."

The Class C1 Tigers will look to end a 25game skid that dates back to the final two contests of the 2023-24 season. The season kicks off on Friday, December 5, when the Tigers travel to Syracuse to take on the



TIGER LADIES BASKETBALL 2025-2026: Back Row, L-R: Jacqueline Kahbeah, Kaytlin Rhodd, Caroline Powell, Carlea Dunkhas, Maddie Johansen, Taiylah Moore, Bristol Titus. Front Row: Josslyn Bangert, Tessa Gossman, Bella Johansen, Brynna Glathar, Farrah Wissler, Destiny Pierce.

Lady Tigers hoping for better start to 2025 season

The Lady Tiger basketball team fell behind the 8-ball early last winter, beginning the year at 1-6. Coach Don Hogue's team continued to improve as the season progressed, finishing 7-17.

"We played better in the second half on the defensive end in the month of January," said Hogue. "We improved shooting-wise and strung some wins together."

Four of the Tigers' wins came in January and included victories over Mead, South Holt, St. Joseph Christian and Auburn.

Unfortunately for Falls City, the Tigers went 0-4 down the stretch and ended the season with a 47-32 setback to Ashland-Greenwood in subdistrict action.

Coach Hogue enters just his second season as the girls' head coach, but enters his 25th year of head coaching experience, having spent the bulk of his time in charge of the Tiger boys. He has accumulated a career mark of 303 wins against 272 losses. Assisting Hogue this winter will be Gale Dunkhas.

The Lady Tigers will look slightly different this season as they lost six players to graduation and another who transferred out of the district. Gone

are Jayme Ewers, Kate-turning senior. The 5'8 the season. Falls City's lynn Titus, Isabelle Armbruster, Trinity Pierce, Delaney Godemann, Kaitlyn Kirkendall and Joah Anderson.

The Tigers will need to improve their shooting percentage if they are going to make a move in the right direction. Last season, FC shot just 25.4 percent from the field, including 19.1 percent from beyond the arc. The Lady Tigers also faltered at the charity stripe, converting just 41.1 percent of their opportunities.

Armbruster led Falls City with 197 points last season. Godemann was next with 119 points, and Carlea Dunkhas was right behind with 118. Dunkhas and Ewers led the team with 101 rebounds, while Armbruster added 89.

Defense will be crucial for the Lady Tigers this season.

"We will emphasize playing strong defense," remarked Hogue. "We will want to be patient on offense, but also be efficient using the shot clock. Our young players will be learning a lot early to get them ready for the physicality of HS basketball."

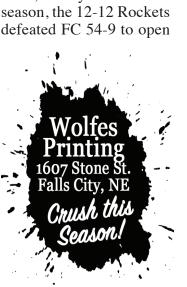
The Tigers will need some youngsters to step up and fill vital roles this season. Senior Carlea Dunkhas is the lone re-

forward is a "good shooter" who can also handle the ball when called upon.

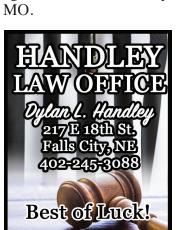
Other key contributors include Bella Johansen, Bristol Titus and Destiny Pierce.

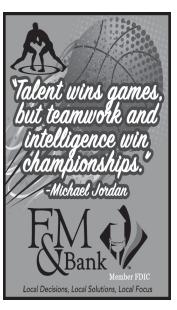
According to Coach Hogue, the offense will likely run through Johansen or Tessa Gossman, while Dunkhas can shoot, but will also need to work the post area.

The Lady Tigers tip off the 2025-26 season on Friday, December 5, 2025, at Syracuse. Last season, the 12-12 Rockets



first home contest was Tuesday, December 9, against North Nodaway,

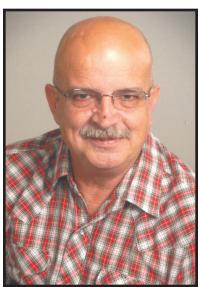






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Andrew Lee Trent



Andrew Lee Trent, 70, of Hiawatha, with family by his side, left this earthly life for his heavenly life, Friday, December 5, 2025, at University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, KS.

Andy is what he like to be called, was born at Russellville, Kentucky, January 29, 1955, one of three children born to Herbert and Mary Frances McCormick Trent. His parents both died at a young age and he was raised in a Christian home, which is where Andy received his education, graduating in 1973.

He enjoyed being a handyman: helping people out when they most needed it....wanted to be of service to them. In later years, he was BCDS's 'go to guy', whatever needed to be done, he did. He liked to joke around and to make people feel at ease. He was a friend to many with a soft spot for dogs. Andy was

very patriotic and had served in the military a few months

Andy enjoyed fishing, hunting, taking care of animals, flowers, bird watching, and DJ-ing for different celebrations and dances in the area. To say that he liked John Wayne...was a vast understatement!

Andy was a member of Zion Lutheran Church at Hiawatha.

He married Debra Windle, September 1, 1979 in Topeka, KS. They lived in Kansas City, MO several years before moving to Hiawatha in 1981. They enjoyed taking vacations together all across the United States. She survives.

Other survivors include his sister Judy Trent. Since Andy's family passed away at an young age, he was close to Debbie's family. His father in law Don Windle,

siblings: Roger Windle (Susan), Tanya Ziegler (Rusty), Kim Feighner (Jeff), Scott Windle (Rosa), with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ron-

nie Trent, mother in law Georgia Windle, sister in law

Sandra Kistner, and nephew Barry Windle. A Celebration of Andy's eternal life is planned for 2:30 Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha, with Pastor Brian Holle officiating. Inurnment at a later date at the Albany Cemetery, north of Sabetha.

Friends may sign the register book Thursday and Friday at the funeral home from 10-until 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Boys Town, or BDCS which may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

Please leave a message or note of remembrance at www.chapelaoksfuneralhome.com

Grimes picks up where she left off

Ava Grimes didn't miss a beat as she competed in the 2025 Conestoga Cougar Classic Invite on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Grimes, a NSAA State Meet qualifier last season, placed second at 235, finishing 4-1 on the day. Grimes won her first four matches by fall. Her first match against Inzauro of Conestoga lasted 1:28. She won her second match against Valencia of Millard North in 1:46 and her third against Molina of Omaha South in 1:14. In the fourth round, Grimes pinned Meyer of Logan View at 2:37, pushing her into the finals. Grimes lost by fall to Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich of Palmyra in 2:30 in the championship match.

At 135, Lorene Pagnano placed fourth and went 1-3. In round two, Pagnano pinned Aubree Fulton of Weeping Water in 3:19. Pagnano then lost her next two matches by fall.

At 145, Shawnna Richey went 1-4 and scored two points. After dropping her first two matches, Richey defeated Sarah Corrick of Conestoga by fall at 0:31. Richey then lost her final two matches of the day.

For the boys, Alexander Dewberry had the most success, finishing 2-2 at 165. In the consolation round one, Dewberry pinned Ayden Armell of Winnebago at 0:41. Dewberry won his second straight with a pin of Jacob Lincoln of Winnebago at 1:15. In the consolation third round, Dewberry lost by medical forfeit.

At 138, Wesley Pagnano went 0-2, losing both of his matches by fall. At 190, Tristin Pagnano also ended his day at 0-2, dropping both of his matches by pin.

Titan boys split on opening weekend

The HTRS Titan basketball team split two games over the weekend. First, HTRS lost to Diller-Odell on Friday night, 46-29. However, the Titans bounced back with a strong 61-39 victory on the road against Weeping Water on Saturday afternoon.

On Friday night in Humboldt, HTRS's Kameon Dettmann made a driving bucket at the buzzer to give the Titans a 12-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Titans scored the first six points of the second quarter, leading 18-10. However, the Griffins stormed back to take a 29-21 halftime lead.

HTRS struggled in the third quarter, being outscored 6-1, and entered the fourth quarter facing a 35-22 deficit. The Titans were outscored 11-7 in the final period, resulting in a 17-point home loss to start the season.

Dettmann and Emmett Glathar each scored nine points to lead the Titans.

HTRS shot 12-for-42 from the field and finished with 21 rebounds. Cole Hunzeker led the team with six rebounds. HTRS Scoring: Bohling 5, Dettmann 9, Duryea 2, Glathar 9, Hunzeker 1, Hilgenfeld 3.

The game on Saturday went much better for HTRS. The Titans shot 25-of-51 from the field, grabbed 40 rebounds, and dished out 18 assists.

Glathar had a monster game for Head Coach Jamie Stice. Glathar went 14-of-21 from the field and finished with a team-best 29 points and 12 rebounds. Dettmann was the top playmaker for HTRS with seven assists and led the squad with four steals. The win improved HTRS to 1-1 for the season.

HTRS Scoring: Bohling 6, Dettmann 6, Duryea 6,

Glathar 29, Hunzeker 3, Hilgenfeld 9.

HTRS will host the 0-1 Lewiston Tigers on Tuesday and will travel to Nebraska City on Friday to play Lourdes Central.

Shawna Harkendorff

Shawna Harkendorff, 41, of Falls City, NE, passed away December 3, 2025 near Auburn, NE. She was born April 13, 1984 at Little Rock, AR to Larry and Brenda (Casteel) Green.

She married Bill Harkendorf on May 1, 2004 at Falls City and they later divorced

Shawna was raised in Little Rock and graduated from Bryant High School in 2002 and then graduated from Peru State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, later attaining her Masters in Criminal Justice from the University of Phoenix. She worked as a dispatcher at Falls City Police Department and then as a case worker at the Tecumseh State Prison. She was currently employed at Apace in Auburn as a caregiver for special needs children and adults. Her true love was being a mother to Ace whom she adored and advocated for all his life. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Shawna is survived by her son, Ace of Falls City, parents, Larry and Brenda Green of Benton, AR, brother, Larry "Bub" Green, Jr. of Benton, sister, Amy Green of Jonesboro, AR, grandfather, Pastor Howard Casteel of Annapolis, MO, Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews and Cousins, best friend, Emily Thompson of Falls City.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ruth Casteel, Ima Jo Trammel and L. C. Green.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, December 12, 2025 at 11:00 AM at First Church of the Nazarene with Pastor David Showalter officiating. Interment will be held on Saturday at Annapolis Cemetery at Annapolis, MO.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.



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nistry 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

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munion, first Sun. of each month. www.facebook. com/fallscitycooperativeministry. Pastor, Grant Speece 402-980-5960 cell 245-2398 office **RULO**

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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 9:15AM (1st, 3rd); Worship at Barada Global Methodist (2nd & 4th Sundays); Check our Facebook page for worship schedule. Fellowship & Sunday School following worship. Pastor Mike Hader - 402-245-4584

SHUBERT

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

Shubert Christian Church Worship, 9:30AM; Fellowship, 10:30AM; Sunday School, 10:30AM. Thursday Fellowship, 5:00PM. Pulpit Supply

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

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

DAWSON St. Mary's (Dawson) Weekend Mass: Sat.,

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

ARAGO

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

STELLA

Stella Community Church Sun: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30AM; adults Sunday School, 10:30AM. John States, Pastor Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of

Stella) Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM. Website: www.gbfchurch.com. Dave Lockard, Pastor. Office: 402-883-2110

HUMBOLDT The Four Mile Church (South of Humboldt)

Sunday: Church services, 9:00AM.

Howard Blecha, Pastor WHITE CLOUD, KS Lighthouse Church of God (2202 330th, White

Cloud, KS) Sunday School, 9:30AM; Church Ser-

vice, 10:30AM. Rev. Charles J. Haney, Pastor. 785-862-1107 BIG LAKE, MO Big Lake Baptist Church (213 Lake Shore Drive)

Sun: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45AM; Sunday School, 9:30AM; Service, 10:30AM. Mon: Prayer & Share Monday, 8:30AM. Wed: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7PM. Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor

FOREST CITY, MO

River of Hope Fellowship 27765 Hwy 159, PO Box 176, Forest City, MO 64451. Sun. Worship:

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CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS

CITY OF FALLS CITY, NE **CLAIMS REPORT** PAYMENT DATES 11/19/2025 - 12/2/2025 VENDOR NAME DESCRIPTION (ITEM) AMOUNT **FUND: 100 - GENERAL**

American National Bank, HSA\$200.00 Quill Corportation, QB Hanging Folder 1/5 Letter\$35.99 Quill Corportation Correction Tape 18ct box.....\$17.34 Quill CorportationDab n Seal 50ml 4pk 2025 - General/PD.....\$750.00 Principal Life Insurance Company..... Dental Ins\$566.90 Principal Life Insurance Company....

Vison Ins.....\$108.06 Miller Monroe, Treasurer Bond\$125.00 TASC, Service Nov. 2025 \$125.00 General Petty Cash, RC Clerk-Replat. Pro Serv, Service SAV/IM C3000

Richardson County Treasurer,

Pictometry Year 1 2025 \$656.62 Utility Department Utility Service-Rural Housing\$50.57
Utility Department, Utility Service- City Offices\$125.70
Utility Department, Utility Service- Old Utility Department, Utility Service- Old City Holl Loace Prop. \$35.00 City Hall Lease Prop.....\$35.00 Utility Department Utility Service-Rural Housing\$43.64 Utility Department ..Utility Service- City Offices\$89.01 Utility Department .. Utility Service- Old City Hall Lease Prop.....\$41.65 Utility Department Utility Service-Rural Housing\$31.46 Utility Department .. Utility Service- City

Offices\$854.75

Ameritas Billing, 457 After Tax %..........\$71.21

Ameritas Billing, 457 Pre Tax
Percentage\$206.06

CWA Dues, CWA Union Dues ..\$77.72

Engineers, IUOE Union Dues \$197.52 Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance \$222.76
Nebraska Dept of Revenue,
Garnishment \$250.00

Principal Life Insurance Company.... Vison Ins.....\$108.06 Ameritas, Pension 457 Pre-Tax \$95.00 Ameritas, Retirement 501a \$11,856.94 American National Bank, HSA\$320.00 Nebraska Department of Revenue State W/H Tax.....\$3,427.33 Department of the Treasury, Federal W/H......\$7,893.60 Department of the Treasury.. Medicare Tax.....\$2,754.68

Department of the Treasury, Social Security Tax\$11,778.16 SNC, Inc., Internet/Phone Service...... Growth Enterprises, CY 2024 Monthly

Contribution MOU-7.5.2023..... \$10,825.25 Falls City Main Street, Inc., Monthly Contribution MOU 7.17.2023...... \$2,500.00 Fund 100 - General Total:..\$75,424.60

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Brad Griffin Consulting, Service April 2025 - General/PD.....\$750.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June 2025 - General/PD.....\$750.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May 2025 - General/PD.....\$750.00 Haug Communications, KMC-70M Black Speaker Microphone...\$149.00 Pro Serv, Service SAV/IM C4500 \$273.50 SNC, Inc., Internet/Phone Service......

Fund 110 - Police Total: \$2,929.66

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL OPPD, Electric Service.....\$42.04 Utility Department, Utility Service-Animal Control\$15.62 Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:\$57.66

FUND: 120 - FIRE Utility Department, Utility Service Ambulance Bldg......\$62.04
Utility Department, Utility Service-Fire Station\$48.75 Utility Department, Utility Service - Fire Station/Hydrants\$4,426.34 Utility Department, Utility Service- Fire Fire Station/Hyd......\$42.24 Utility Department, Utility Service-Fire Station\$282.29 SNC, Inc., Internet/Phone Service......

\$127.79 Fund 120 - Fire Total:\$5,153.33 **FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE**

ENFORCEMENT Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June 2025 - General/PD.....\$125.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May 2025 - General/PD.....\$125.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service April 2025 - General/PD.....\$125.00 Richardson Co Treasurer, Pictometry Year 1 2025\$656.61 Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total: .. \$1,031.61

FUND: 150 - PARKS Farm & City Supply....Sealer Concrete
Gry 10.1oz\$9.99
Farm & City Supply.....Odor Absorber 2025 - General/PD.....\$250.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June

2025 - General/PD.....\$375.00

Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May

2025 - General/PD.....\$375.00 Utility Department, Utility Service -Stanton Lake Camper Sites/Careta.

\$117.41
Utility Department, Utility Service Grandview Park\$44.51
Utility Department, Utility Service -Parks Dept. New Shop\$41.65 Utility Department, Utility Service -Bank Field.....\$42.24 Utility Department, Utility Service -

Stanton Lake Camper Sites/Careta.

Parks Dept. New Shop\$166.57 Utility Department, Utility Service -Stanton Lake South Camper \$143.47 Stanton Lake South Camper \$143.47
Utility Department, Utility Service Snack Shack-New\$54.23
Utility Department, Utility Service Legion Park\$62.33
Utility Department, Utility Service -Dallas Jones Tennis Court.....\$52.42

Utility Department, Utility Service -Riding Club Site/City Usage ... \$47.46 Utility Department, Utility Service -Snackshack -Old EL only\$62.72 Utility Department, Utility Service Stanton Lake Cabin\$81.51
Utility Department, Utility Service -Grandview Park\$95.59
Utility Department, Utility Service -Dallas Jones Park IRR Mtr \$43.54 Utility Department, Utility Service -

Stanton Lake North Camper..\$44.20 Utility Department, Utility Service Stanton Lake Volleyball\$59.07
Utility Department Utility Service - SNC
Field\$42.24
Kathleen Vice Rental AddOn Payent for Candlelight Cabin Rental..\$50.00 SNC, Inc., Internet/Phone Service......

Fund 150 - Parks Total \$4,917.41

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM Payment for Auditorium Rental Deposit\$250.00 Deanna Cochran, Rental AddOn Payment for Auditorium Rental

Deposit\$250.00 Fund 151 - Auditorim Total:..\$3,745.08 FUND: 170 - LIBRARY ACCO Brands USA LLC . Ultima 65 EZ 1.5mil 27in x 500ft\$140.14 Jayme Coonce, Read Aloud

Conference-Seward, NE-Travel
Expense......\$187.60
Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June
2025 - General/PD......\$625.00
Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May 2025 - General/PD......\$625.00 Brad Griffin Consulting Service April 2025 - General/PD......\$500.00 Junior Library Guild, CBE Category -

Character Building Elementary \$236.64
Library Petty Cash11.21.2025 Postage \$31.18 Library Petty Cash11.10.2025 Postage Library Petty Cash11.14.2025 Postage \$52.43 Library Petty Cash, 10.31.2025 Postage\$64.87 Library Petty Cash, 10.27.2025 Postage\$70.80 Richard Gilkerson, November 2025\$240.00 Utility Department, Utility Service-Library......\$2,146.71 SNC, Inc., Internet/Phone Service........\$228.56 Fund 170 - Library Total:.....\$7,115.30

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY Farm & City Supply. S-933 Tire Gauge Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May 2025 - General/PD.....\$125.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service April 2025 - General/PD......\$125.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June 2025 - General/PD......\$125.00 Farm & City SupplyChain 61 PMM3 50 Utility Department, Utility Service-Cemetery.......\$136.85 SNC, Inc., Internet/Phone Service......

\$99.34 Fund 180 - Cemetery Total:\$668.18 FUND: 190 - STREETS LED Lighting Solutions, Flashing beacon CFLBC08-Y-MH with timer & hardware.....\$745.98 Concrete Industries, Inc, Finance Charge - 0202502 D; September 30, 2025......\$21.23
Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June 2025 - General/PD......\$250.00
Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May 2025 - General/PD.....\$250.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service April 2025 - General/PD.....\$125.00

Husker Electric Supply, Liftmaster 02103 Open/Close/Stop Push Button\$41.93
Harmon's OK Tire, Used Tire...\$75.00
Harmon's OK Tire, Stem.....\$5.00
Harmon's OK Tire, Change Tire\$50.00 Harmon's OK Tire, Old Tire Disposal...

Richardson Co Treasurer, Pictometry Year 1 2025\$656.81 Utility Department, Utility Service -Street Dept\$380.00
Utility Department.Utility Service - Dist 56 S S Stop Sign\$45.90 Utility Department. Utility Service - Dist

 56 Stop Sign
 \$45.10

 Utility Department
 Utility

 Service - Street Lights
 \$6,076.28

 SNC, Inc., Internet/Phone Service......

Fund 190 - Streets Total: \$8,829.45

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP Burr Farms Machinery Inc, TSI/GN 10904gT Switch......\$88.12 Michael Todd Industrial Supply, 12-24vdc Mini Light Bar Perm & Mag Mount.....\$231.68 Falls City Auto Supply, KENDSBG14 GREASE.....\$76.80 Farm & City Supply, 6.4oz HP Ultra Synthetic.....\$36.00 Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, S Oxygen Cylinder Refill 150cf. \$45.41 Moridge Mfg. Inc., Air Dam Kit 72..... Falls City Auto Supply, Carb Clnr \$15.78 Falls City Auto Supply, Filter..... \$7.58 General Petty Cash, Bobby Lock-O'Reilly Auto Parts \$8.53 Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:......\$702.26

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING Haug Communications, Service Call 1 Man-KS Mileage\$160.00 Haug Communications, Labor .. \$71.25 SNC, Inc., Internet/Phone Service...... \$710.27 Fund 205 - Dispatching Total: \$941.52

FUND: 245 - RURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING FUND Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC, Lot Purchase: 606 Morehead Court

\$34,925.56 Fund 245 - Rural Workforce Housing Fund Total:.....\$34,925.56

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC McMaster-Carr...Tubular Gauge Glass w/ easy-view red line 3/4" OD.\$74.88 McMaster-CarrTFE Gasket for 3/4" OD Tubular Gauge Glass.......\$54.39 Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, 3" Schedule #40 Tested Pipe...\$207.43 H-O-H Water Technology, Inc., GlyKool 38.....\$1,910.88
Wesco Distribution, CTX 5140048 UL
Adapt F ct\$6.77
Nebraska City Utilities, DR Containers - 1/2 cost of 40' high cube storage

%2,426.50 Nebraska City UtilitiesNNCU 1/2 Cost of Materials, Labor & Trenching Nebraska City Utilities, Arbor Industries-1/2 Cost-Custom HD Pallets.....\$203.62 Nebraska City Utilities, Harold K Scholz - 1/2 Cost- Heaters ... \$321.00 Cintas Corporation No 2, Supplies/

Uniforms\$536.49 RS Electric Utility Services .Equipment RS Electric Utility Services, Labor......\$16,069.75 RS Electric Utility Services, Per Diem . Omaha Public Power District NC2, Service October 2025......\$82,302.72 Omaha Public Power District NC2, October 2025.....\$14,733.25 Husker Electric Supply, #4 SD bare

solid CU ground wire 200' E1301. Husker Electric Supply, line pliers Klein D2000-9NE E1662 \$74.09
Husker Electric Supply, CU ground rod 5/8" x 8' E1206\$181.78 Husker Electric Supply, 200 AMP-

Mil.#U7040 XL-TG Meter Socket E576\$212.42 Husker Electric Supply2" SCH 40 PVC coupling E1292\$12.26 Husker Electric Supply Box-BWF B-5V 3 Hole 1/2" E44.5......\$4.96 Farm & City Supply, Sprng Snp Znc 0.63" 280#\$35.94 Farm & City Supply, 24.9" XHD UV

security\$322.50 Wolfes Printing #10 Presort Envelopes security/window.....\$387.00 Wesco Distribution insulated down guy rod GCC15-54R Hughs CF692-5 E1 Farm & City Supply. Ace Slimplug 16/3 6' Blk.....\$13.99 Farm & City Supply. MI HX BSH 1-1/4" MX1" F.....\$15.03 Farm & City Supply. Elbow 45 Black 1"\$16.31 Farm & City Supply..Union Black Grnd

Jnt 1".....\$36.53 Farm & City Supply....Bushing Hex Blk HP/850/100-277V/EX39 \$158.79

Border States, U89551-RXL socket..... \$1,790.91 Nebraska Department of Revenue, NE Local Sales Tax Return October 2025\$31,566.89 Nebraska Department of Revenue.NE Local Use Tax Return Oct 2025\$4.32 Farm & City SupplyNipple 1/2" x Close

FIP 1/2".....\$16.12 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service April 2025-Utility.....\$625.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May 2025 - Utility.....\$750.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June

13800/7970 240/120 1PH PAD E2500 \$21,995.53 Dutton-Lainson Co, 100 KVA 13800/7970 240/120 1PH PAD E2400\$30,427.49 North American Electric Reliability Corp, MRO Region Assessment

.....\$662.41 North American Electric Reliabilty Corp, NERC Assesment......\$320.49 Sunbelt Solomon Services LLC, 25

KVA 13800/7970x4160x2400 240/120 PAD E2013.7\$3,004.63 Husker Electric Supply, Milbank U2594-X\$608.72 Husker Electric Supply2" close nipples Husker Electric Supply, rigid threaded couplings\$23.16 Husker Electric Supply, 2" Myers hub... \$39.73
Husker Electric Supply, 1 1/4"Myers
hub..........\$8.04
Husker Electric Supply, 1 1/4" close nipples\$17.09 Husker Electric Supply Weatherhead 1 1/2" E4\$18.55 Husker Electric Supply Weatherhead 2 1gl.....\$9.99 Farm & City Supply, LADDR 20' EXT Glass 300# WER\$365.49

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E3050\$1,844.70 Husker Electric Supply320A disconnect DH325URK....\$1,644.75 TASC, Service November 2025 \$75.00 Farm & City Supply, Cord Extn 16/3 SJTW 50".....\$23.64
Farm & City Supply, Screws\$11.57
Farm & City Supply, Big Job Kitchen

Brush\$7.51 Farm & City Supply... Scrub Brush Iron Handle\$9.66 Farm & City Supply Wire Brush w/Scrp 11"L.....\$7.53 Milbank U7588-XL E575......\$476.48 Border States, 2" locknuts \$36.01

Border States, 2" insulated bushing\$31.18 Border States, 2" PVC male adapters. Husker Electric Supply .. 250 MCM CU
THHN\$4,347.30
Utility Department Petty Cash,
11.13.2025 Postage - Stamps\$280.80 Utility Department Petty Cash, 11.09.2025 Travel Expense .. \$204.00

Quill Corportation, Dab n Seal....\$2.24 Quill Corportation... QB Hanging folder 1/5 letter....\$10.80 Quill Corportation, Dab n Seal...\$2.25 RC Treasurer, Pictometry Year 1 2025\$656.69 SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service -

SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service -EL Prod......\$68.48 Utility Department, Utility Service -Inventory Bldg-61\$513.43
Utility Department, Utility Service -Power Plant -62\$4,037.48 Utility Department, Utility Service -Power Plant Unit #9-62.....\$6,977.65 Utility DepartmentUtility Service - Plant Water/Hi-Low-62.....\$348.94
Utility Department, Utility Service -Power Plant Water Dept - 62 \$258.23 Utility Department, Utility Service -Power Plant-WA Dept -62..\$3,514.07

Utility Department, Utility Service -Percentage\$82.87 CWA Dues, CWA Union Dues \$175.43 Principal Life Insurance Co, Dental Ins

Dues\$314.49
Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life American National Bank, HSA\$668.46 Department of the Treasury, Medicare Tax\$2,670.42 Department of the Treasury, Social Security Tax\$11,418.34

Nebraska Department of Revenue State W/H Tax.....\$3,513.19
Department of the Treasury, Federal
W/H....\$7,748.14
Fund 600 - Electric Total:.\$321,593.65 FUND: 610 - WATER

Railroad Management Company III, LLC, License Fees 12/08/2025 to 12/07/2026.....\$1,188.54 Grainger..FG Extension Ladder Safety Labels \$7.78
Grainger, Duty Rating Safety Labels,
300lb \$12.36
Grainger FC Step Ladder Safety Labels\$35.35 McMaster-Carr, LLP Brass Threaded Pipe Fitting, R Angle Reducer\$85.49 McMaster-Carr, LP Brass Threaded Pipe Fitting, 90 Degree Elbow\$32.54 McMaster-Carr, Standard-Wall Brass

Pipe Nipple, Threaded both end..... \$16.26

McMaster-Carr...................\$16.26

Valve w/ Lever Handle\$34.89 Utility Service Co Inc .. Quarterly Water Tower Maint. Payment \$7,699.92

Insulation Board......\$78.63 Home Lumber Company4x8x3/4" CCX Plywood\$203.14 Farm & City Supply, DUR BATT LTHM 2032 2pk......\$9.67

Farm & City Supply...... Grade 5 Bolts, Nuts, Washers\$4.77 Wolfes Printing #10 Presort Envelopes security/window\$51.60 Wolfes Printing, #9 Return Envelopes security\$43.00 Wolfes Printing .. #9 Return Envelopes security\$43.00 Wolfes Printing #10 Presort Envelopes security/window\$51.60 Nebraska Publc Health Environmental Lab, Coliform by Colilert Quantitray...\$34.00 Nebraska Publc Health Environmental

Lab, Coliform by Colilert \$75.00 Nebraska Publc Health Environmental Lab, Fluoride.....\$18.00 FC Auto Supply, Long Life \$11.81 Nebraska Department of Revenue, NE Local Sales Tax Return October 2025.....\$1,662.04
Nebraska Department of Revenue.NE Local Use Tax Return October 2025,

Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June 2025 - Utility.....\$500.00 Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May Edwards Chemicals, ED-FSC Fuel

Surcharge\$9.00 Edwards Chemicals. ED-WC001L Low Iron Aluminum Sulfate 50# bag\$96.20
Edwards Chemicals, ED-CLCD Gas
Chlorine Cylinder Deposit.....\$200.00
Edwards Chemicals, ED-WC012 Gas

Chlorine Cylinder, 150#\$448.00 Lincoln Winwater Works Co .Aqua Tap drill rod AT-R18-H\$483.75 Lincoln Winwater Works Co . Aqua Tap bit kit AT-BK-18.....\$338.63 Farm & City Supply, 14pc Combo

Wrench Set\$96.74 Farm & City Supply, Blowoff Duster 152A 8oz.....\$10.74 Farm & City Supply, White Lithium Grease 8oz.....\$10.74 TASC, Service November 2025 \$10.00

Utility Department Petty Cash, 11.13.2025 Postage - Stamps \$37.44 Utility Department Petty Cash, 11.04.2025 Postage.....\$33.80 Utility Department Petty Cash, 11.19.2025 Postage.....\$33.80 Quill Corportation... QB Hanging folder 1/5 letter..... \$1.44 Quill Corportation Correction Tape 18ct Quill Corportation, Dab n Seal....\$0.30 Quill Corportation... QB Hanging folder

Quill Corportation Correction Tape 18ct Quill Corportation, Dab n Seal....\$0.30 Core & Main LP, 2" Cordonel meter..... Core & Main LP, 2" CI flange set

1/5 letter.....\$1.44

\$68.59 RC Treasurer, Pictometry Year 1 2025 \$656.69 SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service - WA.....\$182.88 SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service - WA.....\$182.88
Utility Department, Utility Service Water Tower.....\$87.21
Utility Department Utility Service - Rulo

Water Plant North Well\$292.33 Utility Department Utility Service - Rulo Water-Collector Well.......\$8,280.21 Fund 610 - Water Total:\$27,134.77

FUND: 620 - GAS

Border States.....Nipple 1" x Close Blk Border StatesNipple 1" x 7" Blk G4038 \$32.40 Border States nipple 1" x 2" Blk G4029 Border StatesNipple 1" x 6" Blk G4037 879.77 Border StatesNipple 1" x 3" Blk G4031 \$11.40 Border States. Nipple 1" x 2 1/2" BLk G4030......\$11.40 Border States. Nipple 1" x 5 1/2" Blk G4036.....\$19.93 PEFA, INC. October 2025 PEFA Wolfes Printing #10 Presort Envelopes

security/window\$309.60 Wolfes Printing, #9 Return Envelopes security\$258.00 Border StatesLeak Detex WPC-LT-G-6 Gal G4562\$54.18 Nebraska Department of Revenue.NE Local Sales Tax Return October

Local Sales Tax Return October
2025, \$5,172.29

Brad Griffin Consulting, Service April
2025-Utility.....\$500.00

Brad Griffin Consulting, Service May
2025 - Utility.....\$500.00

Brad Griffin Consulting, Service June
2025 - Utility...\$500.00 2025 - Utility.....\$500.00 TASC, Service November 2025\$30.00 Utility Department Petty Cash,

11.13.2025 Postage - Stamps Quill Corportation, Dab n Seal....\$1.2.32 Quill Corportation Correction Tape 18ct box......\$4.16
Quill Corportation... QB Hanging folder
1/5 letter.....\$8.64
RC Treasurer, Pictometry Year 1 2025 SC Treasurer, Pictometry Year 12025
SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone ServiceGas......\$58.84
Utility Department Utility Service - Gas
Dept Office.......\$297.81
Utility Department Utility Service - Gas
W 21st\$73.99
Utility Department Utility Service - Gas
Pipe Bldg\$70.82 Pipe Bldg \$70.82 Utility Department Utility Service - Gas S Fulton St.....\$70.54 Utility Department Utility Service - Gas W# 14th St..... \$68.89 Utility Department Utility Service - Gas S Fulton\$51.58
Utility Department Utility Service - Gas
N Mclean\$74.33
Fund 620 - Gas Total:\$24,320.41

FUND: 630 - WASTEWATER USA BluebookHoneywell Chart Paper;

Black 3200 psi\$297.40 Midwest Laboratories, Inc, Shipping Charges\$19.35 Midwest Laboratories, IncMonthly WW Oct-Apr\$103.07

Midwest Laboratories, Inc, Supply
Order 10.01.2025\$11.02

Midwest Laboratories, Inc, Monthly
WW- May to Sep\$133.07 Midwest Laboratories, Inc. UPS Labels\$15.00 Percival Culligan Water, DI Bottled Water Delivery\$19.50 Jason Hartley, M&IE total, Meals, Incidentals, F&L trvl Per diem \$170.00 Jason Hartley, Mileage\$310.80 security\$86.00 Wolfes Printing #10 Presort Envelopes

security/window\$103.20 Kawres, CCTV computer rebuild Nebraska Department of Revenue. NE Local Use Tax Return October 2025 ... \$0.71

Nebraska Department of Revenue. NE Local Sales Tax Return October 2025.

SENDD, #21A General Administation Invoices 8-10\$1,876.00 TASC, Service November 2025 \$10.00 True Ág & Turf, LLC, Freight.....\$43.43

Utility Department Petty Cash, 11.13.2025 Postage - Stamps\$37.44
Quill Corportation... QB Hanging folder 1/5 letter.....\$2.88 Quill Corportation, Dab n Seal....\$0.60 Quill Corportation Correction Tape 18ct box.....\$1.39 Miller & Associates, Construction

Engineer\$4,830.00 Miller & AssociatesSenior Design Tech Miller & Associates Licensed Surveyor Miller & Associates, Support Staff Miller & Associates, Mileage \$1,171,10 Miller & Associates .. Per Diem @ Cost\$266.00 Miller & Associates Grant Administrator RC Treasurer, Pictometry Year 1 2025 SNC, Inc., Internet/Telephone Service -

Lift Station......\$80.11 Fund 630 - Wastewater Total:...... \$37,454.10 **FUND: 998 - UTILITIES - POOLED**

CASH

Total:\$65,874.61 FUND: 999 - GENERAL **GOVERNMENT - POOLED CASH**

Total:\$69,417.16 TOTAL\$692,236.32

NOTICE TO ALL

RICHARDSON COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Richardson County Assessor's Office is notifying all Richardson County Residents that have built or are planning on building on their property, have torn down any buildings, or if the conditions of buildings have changed to please report it to the Assessor's Office.

The reporting period to make adjustments to the following year property tax is between January 1st and March 15th.

If you have any questions please contact the Richardson County Assessor at (402)245-4012.

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

ZNEZ

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF SEGWAY ORGANICS INC.

Notice is hereby given of the incorporation of Segway Organics Inc. as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The corporation is a public benefit corporation organized for charitable religious educational and scientific purposes, making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The address of the registered office is 71317 639 Ave Dawson NE 68337 Richardson County Nebraska. The name of the registered agent at that address is A. J. Leatherman.

The corporation shall not have

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows: A. J. Leatherman,

71317 639 Ave Dawson NE 68337. The corporation was incorporated on October 13 2025 and its duration is

Organizer name: A. J. Leatherman.

ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that TDF AUTOMOTIVE, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 1703 McLean Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The initial agent for service of process for the Company is Tyler Frank, 1703 McLean Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. This Company is member managed, pursuant to its Operating Agreement. The nature of the Company is to engage in general business and operation, control, and oversight of automotive and diesel maintenance, inspection, diagnostic, repair, customization, restoration, performance upgrades, specialized services, interior and exterior cleaning and detailing, and related services and consulting. The Company commenced existence as of November 24, 2025, the date of filing with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

10-17-24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Falls City, Nebraska proposes to hold a public hearing on December 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Local Time at the City Council Chambers located in City Hall at 2307 Barada Street to consider the adoption of a long-range plan for a one-year and six-year street improvement program for the City of Falls City, Nebraska. Any interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and to present pertinent information, data or views or to request additional information or background regarding said street improvements plans. The purpose of the hearing is to afford full and complete public knowledge and discussion of said street improvements plans prior to adoption according to law and as provided in Legislative Bill No. 1302 passed by the 1969 Nebraska State Legislature and approved by the Governor.

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NOTICE OF STRATEGIC **PLANNING RETREAT**

Wednesday, December 17th, 2025, at

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Strategic Planning Retreat of the Board of Education of the

Falls City Public Schools, District No.

74 – 0056, will be held on Wednesday, December 17th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the E Sports room at Falls City Middle

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

Dr. Andrew Offner Superintendent, Falls City Public 10 7NF7

NOTICE In the County Court of

Richardson Ćounty, Nebraska Estate of Barry L. Handley, Deceased Estate Number: PR25-52

Notice is hereby given that on November 19, 2025 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Randy L. Handley, whose address is 71716 653 Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate musts file their claims with this Court on or before February 2, 2026, or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann Clerk Magistrate County Court of Richardson County 1700 Stone Street, Room 205 Falls City, NE 68355 Dylan L. Handley 24152

Handley Law Office 217 E 18th Street Falls City, NE 68355 Phone: 402 245-3088 Fax: 402 245-2664 Email: dylanlhandley@hotmail.com

3-10-17 ZNEZ

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Humboldt Auditorium Renovation Phase 4

Sealed BIDS will be received at the City Office, on behalf of the City of Humboldt, at 330 East Square. Humboldt Nebraska 68376 on January 21, 2026 until 1:00pm local time, and then such BIDS shall be publicly opened and read aloud at the Humboldt Auditorium. The BIDS are for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials and appurtenances required for the additional restoration/rehabilitation of the Historic Humboldt Auditorium.

1. Exterior work includes: nonhistoric window replacements at the North elevation, existing window restoration/refinishing, repairing refinishing historic concrete and cleaning/sealing limestone.

2. Interior work includes: electrical revisions at Stage 107b, window treatments at new windows, refinishing wood floor and base at Auditorium 107, refinishing historic wood doors in Auditorium 107, refinishing historic ticket booth surround in Lobby 100.
3. Alternate No. 1 work includes:

refinishing wood floor and base at Stage 107b. Reference 012300 -Alternates

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and to waive irregularities or informalities to accept the BID it deems most beneficial. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The owner will accept only those sealed bids, either hand delivered or received via U.S. Mail or other commercial carrier. Items transmitted by facsimile or electronically will not be accepted.

The contract documents may be examined at the following locations: Humboldt City Office, 330 East Square, Humboldt Nebraska 68376 TreanorHL, 719 SW Van Buren Street, Suite 200, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3740

Online Procurement and Contracting Documents will be hosted in the "Planroom" of Drexel Technologies, 913 371-7128. Physical documents will then be available for purchase from Drexel Technologies. Only complete

sets of documents will be issued. Each BIDDER will be required to submit with his proposal a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable, without condition, to the City of Humboldt in an amount equal to five percent 5% of the proposal.

Attention of BIDDERS is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. BIDDERS are to be registered with SAM.gov. All qualified parties, including minority-owned, women-owned, and low-incomeowned entities are encouraged to

submit a bid for this project. The owner is an equal opportunity employer and requires all contractors and consultants to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. The Owner, in accordance with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21 Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability/handicap in consideration for an award.

CITY OF HUMBOLDT **OWNER**

Attest City Clerk, Darla Hulsebus

Mayor Jan Wilhelm

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF SBL MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., a

Nebraska Corporation Pursuant to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act, SBL Management & Consulting Services, Inc., a Nebraska Corporation, does hereby publish notice of its voluntary dissolution effective November 30, 2025, and Lacey S. Karpinski is the person to wind up and liquidate the assets and liabilities of the corporation in her official capacity as President, and at the time of dissolution, said corporation will have no assets to distribute nor any liabilities.

Lacey S. Karpinski, President

WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz #12807 1719 Stone Street, P.O. Box 569 Falls City, NE 68355 (402)245 3015 10-17-24

NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE

TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANITA I. DeLONG, Deceased. Estate No. PR25-57

Notice is hereby given that on November 19, 2025, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Shawna N. Bindle, whose address is 2221 Abbott Street, Falls City, Nebraska, has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 26, 2026, or be forever barred. Bethany K. Godemann

Ćlerk Magistrate County Court of Richardson County 1700 Stone Street, Room 205 Falls City, NE 68355

Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Tracy A. Burns, #25398 Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 44 7 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: 402 245-4486

26-3-10

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 17, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 17th day of November 2025, at 6:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being

STANDING REPORTS

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

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR **NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

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

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Buckminster to approve the minutes for November 3, 2025. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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

TREASURERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING NON-UNION WAGE SCALES AND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 12, 2025**

Council person Buckminster spoke on behalf of the Non-Union/Management Negotiation Committee consisting of himself and Council persons Leyden, Kaster and Ruiz. City Administrator Nussbaum submitted a written report and presented the resolution for consideration as recommended by the Non-Union/Management Negotiation Committee. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to amend the presented resolution by reducing the FY2026 hourly equivalent wages of the City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer (General Manager of Operations) from \$65.00 to \$55.29, the Chief of Police from \$53.85 to \$51.92, the Public Works Director/ Utility Superintendent from \$62.50 to \$53.85; and striking the FY2027 and FY2028 wage schedule for all listed positions. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth "NAY" Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden, Ruiz. Mayor Harkendorff elected to not cast a vote to break the tie. Motion failed. Upon failure of that motion, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to adopt the resolution presented by the Non-Union/ Management Negotiation Committee. Roll was called on this motion and

the Council persons voted as follows: Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden "NAY" Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Motion failed. No further action was taken.

CONSIDER APPLICATION TO USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE **AMOUNT OF \$48,452.22 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FULLY EQUIPPED** 2026 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT AWD POLICE CRUISER

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:48 P.M. Chief Baker presented the proposed grant application. Mayor Harkendorff then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor or opposition. There was no public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:49 P.M. A motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Kaster to adopt the resolution as presented Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS **AITKEN AS A POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

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

2026 ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A letter detailing officer elections officers was provided by the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department. Upon review, A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ruiz to approve the appointment of Matt Beer as Fire Chief, Jon McQueen as First Assistant Chief and Tim Daniels as Second Assistant Chief. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried. AGREEMENT FOR ENGAGEMENT

OF PREPARATION OF ADJUSTING JOURNAL ENTRIES

Administrator Nussbaum submitted a written report in addition to an agreement for services. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Ruiz to authorize execution of the agreement. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden. Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION FOR THE SIGNING**

OF THE 2025 YEAR END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT

A resolution was presented to be executed as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to adopt the resolution and authorize execution of the year-end certification. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: $Y \vdash A$ Buckminster. Ferguson. Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN\ FRIEDRICHSEN, CLASS A SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSE S-1704 & ENGINEER'S LICENSE 17653. AS THE CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FOR **CALENDAR YEAR 2026 BY** MUNICIPAL CONTRACT

A recommendation of appointment and cost of services agreement was submitted by the Board of Public Works. A motion was made by Council person Kaster and seconded by Council person Buckminster to appoint Brian Friedrichsen, Class A Superintendent's License S-1704 & Engineer's License 17653, as the City Street Superintendent for Calendar Year 2026 by municipal contract. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY"

None. Motion carried **CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH** SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. **TOTALING \$98,605.00 FOR THE** POWER PLANT SCADA CONTROLS

UPGRADE PROJECT An agreement for services was provided for review and approval as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Upon réview, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to authorize execution of the agreement. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER **BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS**

ADJOURNED AT 6:56 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 November 17, 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

City Clerk, Anthony Nussbaum Mark Harkendorff, Mayor

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 26, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

regular meeting of dson County Board Richardson County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 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

19, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbellaye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. A motion was made by Karas to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.

approve the minutes of the November

richardsoncountyne.gov. AMANDA BARTEK-RAMSEY

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the replacement of pledge securities from F&M Bank and State Bank of Table Rock: F&M Bank receipt JC94843E to replace receipts #JC93033 and #JC93011C and the replacement of the Irrevocable Letter of Credit #90428 from State Bank of Table Rock expired on November 21, 2025 with an Irrevocable Letter of Credit #97366 which will expire November Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karasaye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. He reported that equipment is being prepared for the winter snow, new employees are also working to receive their commercial driver's licenses and that applications for another round of funding through County Bridge Match program for bridge projects has been submitted to the NE Department of

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 9 inmates currently being held in the Jail.

Items discussed were repairs that are needing to be done at the jail, the new generator installation and hook-up for the Law Enforcement Center and problems that occurred this last week with the radio system which have been corrected with Motorola.

BETHANY GODEMANN

Bethany Godemann met with the Board to provide more information on the possibility of installing Christmas lighting and/or decorations within and around the Courthouse. With the information provided to the Board and the costs that were involved, it was suggested that the group form a fundraising event to accomplish this project. The Board also stressed that with the recent improvements to the roof and upper area of the Courthouse that any permanent attachment of decorations would need further consideration.

> BRIAN KIRKENDALL, **EMA DIRECTOR**

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an interlocal agreement with the cities and villages within Richardson County for outdoor warning siren insurance and maintenance. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karaś-aye, Campbellaye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion caried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 78) This agreement has been sent to the cities and villages within Richardson County for their acceptance.

Motion was made by Karas to approve an agreement with Cornhusker Boy Scout Camp for outdoor warning siren insurance and maintenance. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbellaye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 79) CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Motion was made by Karas to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification statement for the cost allocation plan for fiscal year end, June 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karasaye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion 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 Amazon, supp..... DAS State Accounting, serv 150.00

incom National Life ins., life	
ins	.1467.58
lestor & Mercure, serv	.9166.66
Richardson County Vendor, F	ICA/
retire/etc2	28189.70
Schendel Pest Control, serv	

Wolfe's Printing, supp	33.63	
Payroll Expense	137803.14	
TOTAL GÉNERAL FUND	\$176,899.68	
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		

Diversified Drug Testing, serv...240.00 Harmon's, supp60.00 Midwest Engineering, serv ...54547.50 NPPD, serv......43.29 Operation & Expense Account, .338.82 reimb..... Rulo, Village of, serv..... TreviPay, supp..... Unifirst, supp..... .56.31 Woods & Aitken, serv 2591.50 Payroll Expense35648.53

Payroll Expense
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE \$93,893.95 FUND.. DRUG COURT FUND TOTAL DRUG COURT .\$2,829.88 FUND.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbellaye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 3, 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

John Caverzagie, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees regular meeting, December 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Rick Ramer, Jim Donahoe, Kyle Gossman, Ira Hall, Heath Stanley Absent: None

Guest: Kristy Fischer

Motion

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by Chairman Stanley and roll call was taken. Chairman Stanley noted the posting of the open meeting act and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

seconded by Gossman to approve the agenda. All voted yea. Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Donahoe to approve the

made by Ramer and

minutes from the previous meeting. All voted vea. Motion made by Hall and seconded by Gossman to approve the treasurer's

report. All voted yea. Motion made by Donahoe and seconded by Hall to approve the claims

and payroll. All voted yea.
Communications: Santa Claus will be in town December 6. Report of Committees: Streets - ok,

Street lights - ok, Park - a lot of sticks are at the main park, Library - coffee still on Wednesdays morning, Maintenance ok, Water and sewer – written report, planning – ok, community building – winterize the basement.

OLD BUSINESS: The Richardson County Humane Society is still help trap stray cats and taking them to Hearts United to get fixed and returning them back to the area where they were trapped. Sewer plant updates, the village purchased the sludge tank from latter for future use Denny wipes found in the sewer plant has decreased.

NEW BUSINESS: rezoning of the business. A zoning committee will be organized for a special request of a business possibly becoming a residential zone as requested by Kristy Fischer. Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Donahoe to approve Noha Vice for snow removal at a price of \$80 per hour. All voted yea. Elections of offices were held. Motion

made by Ramer and seconded by Donahoe to approve Jana Wheeler as clerk. All voted yea. Motion made by Ramer and seconded by Gossman to approve Heath Stanley as chairperson of the board. All voted yea with Stanley abstaining. Motion made by Donahoe with a second by Hall to approve Ramer as vice chair. All voted yea with Ramer abstaining. Water shut offs were signed.

Motion by Hall and seconded by Gossman to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. All voted yea. Next meeting will be January 5, 2026

at 7:00 p.m. at the Stella Community Building. Jana Wheeler, clerk

Claims and payroll for December 1.

2025 Village of Stella Board Meeting Tracy Milke, water/sewer operator.... 450.00
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Paul D. Platter, tank, sludge ... 4480.00 NE Public Health Environmental Lab

American Recycling & Sanitation, Inc. trash.....

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 19th day of November 2025, at 7:00 o' clock P.M. Council met in special session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: Kaster. 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. Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 17, 2025 was made available for public inspection at the meeting. 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

RESOLUTION CONSIDERING NON-UNION WAGE SCALES AND BEN-**EFIT ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL**

YEAR 2026, 2027 AND 2028 City Administrator Nussbaum provided a verbal report. During the report, two wage scale options were presented for the City Council's review. The first option was for the Council to reconsider the wage resolution recommended by the Non-Union/Management Negotiation Committee, which had previously been submitted for consideration at the regular City Council meeting held on November 17, 2025. The second option presented was to consider the wage scale proposal offered by Councilperson Fouraker at the November 17, 2025 meeting, with the

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Upon discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Ferguson and seconded by Councilperson Leyden to adopt the resolution considered at the November 3rd meeting. Although a resolution with a similar title had been considered on November 3rd, the intent of the motion, as reflected in the materials provided and discussed, was to act upon the resolution submitted at the November 17th meeting titled "Approving Non-Union Wage Scales and Benefit Adjustments Effective October 12, 2025." Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth. "Absent" Käster. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER **BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS** ADJOUŔNED AT 7:33 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Harkendorff and Council on November 19, 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 (3) copies of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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