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### Highway Department employees host discussion

Approximately 65-70 concerned citizens and county employees ascended on Prichard Auditorium on Thursday evening on December 11, for a community discussion hosted by NAPE/AFSCME Local 61. The event was held regarding the ongoing contract dispute involving the Richardson County Highway Department and the County.

NAPE/AFSCME Executive Director Justin Hubly began the session with a timeline of events, explaining the county employees' side, before ending the 30-minute gathering with a question-and-answer session.

Hubly offered that the union is "just a group of employees who unite together to negotiate their contracts collectively."

He explained that over the previous 30 years, the contract has remained largely unchanged, except for wage negotiations, which are the heart of the current dispute.

Hubly pointed out that the timeline illustrates how matters have reached the current point from the union's perspective, while remaining factual.

He pointed out that the employees are currently working under an expired agreement with the county, having expired on June 30, 2023. The timeline provided stated that in June 2022, Commissioner David Sickel advised union steward Jimmy Coonce that the county wished to provide a raise to the road workers, and the union should request the increase. Hubly then stated that when Coonce approached the Commissioners, Mr.

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### Rotary Club hosts former employee of the Defense Department, Rob Simmon

The Falls City Rotary Club welcomed guest speaker, Rotary Area Governor and former employee of the Defense Department, Rob Simmon, at the John Philip Falter Museum.

Simmon's presentation on November 13, centered around activities on September 11, 2001, including being in the Command Center when President George W. Bush arrived at USSTRATCOM.

Simmon served 36 years in the Department of Defense, beginning and ending his long career in Omaha. When he retired, Simmon had achieved the position of the National Security Agency Senior Executive in the Defense Intelligence Service.

"A lot of almost everything I did is classified," said Simmon. "This is not."

Simmon stated that while working for the National Security Agency, most of what he did was kept secret.

"Even my wife doesn't know much about what I did and at the level I was at," he said. "I finished at a three-star general level. When this took place (9/11), I was at a one-star level."

He explained that the NSA is all about gathering information, even likening it to journalism, but using a different set of sources to put together intelligence.

"You want to protect those (sources) so that you don't lose that access," said Simmon.

He continued, saying that the NSA is charged with providing intelligence to our service members so they can be aware of the adversary's intent and know what the other side is thinking and intending to do.

He explained that on 9/11, STRATCOM was in the middle of conducting its annual exercises, testing the system and command and control. Soon after the attacks, the exercises in the Omaha area were halted.

On the morning of the attacks, President Bush

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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 submissions.

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*.

### County considers partnering with CHI Health for Comeback ERA Program

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners gathered for a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the courthouse. All Board members answered the roll call.

The meeting began with County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey presenting the Board with a pledge to secure receipt replacements.

Linda Volker, the Nemaha County Grant Administrator, was to present the Board with a memorandum of understanding with Pawnee, Johnson and Nemaha counties, but she was unable to attend.

Resolution 2025-2026-18 to approve a subdivision for Robert L. Beckett and Sandra K. Beckett, located in S11, T3N, R14E, .66 acres, was approved.

The Board discussed and passed a motion to accept a proposal from Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. for repairs to the masonry on the upper floor of the Courthouse. The bid proposal entails the 4th floor north elevation and 3' around the corner on the east and west elevations. The bid price for the job was \$42,455.00, and the project is slated to start and be completed in 2026. The company will fix all joints and remove six sets of window bars, cutting the metal brackets embedded in the brickwork flush. Once all the bars are removed, the remaining exposed metal in the brick will be primed and painted.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the Board, updating them on road and bridge maintenance and discussed price increases from Martin-Marietta. Rock prices will rise by 7 percent, effective January 1, 2026. The Weeping Water plant will charge \$24.05 per ton for crusher runs and \$33.30 per ton for clean stone. The plant at DuBois will charge \$24.05 for 1 ½ crusher run

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# Senator Bob Hallstrom Weekly Newsletter

I am often asked whether things slow down once the Legislature has adjourned for the year. While the daily routine of meetings with constituents and interest groups, attending committee hearings and participating in floor debate goes away, there are plenty of duties associated with my representation of the 1st Legislative District that keep me and my staff occupied. Set forth below is a listing of the events and activities that I have attended throughout the District since the Legislature adjourned for the year in early June.



Otoe County- Nebraska City High School meeting; Taylor’s Tiny Friends/ Syracuse (Reading to Pre-School Children); Nebraska City Rotary meeting; Nebraska City Economic Development Committee meeting; First Five NE (Child Care Providers); Daughters of the American Revolution; Lewis and Clark Center Ribbon Cutting; AppleJack Festival; AppleJack Jamboree; Hispanic Heritage; Otoe County Commissioners meeting; GermanFest Parade; Nebraska City Town Hall meeting; Otoe

Johnson County- Sterling Property Tax Valuation meeting; Farm Bureau Southeast NE Member Reception/ Dinner; Cook Days; Cook Melodrama; Tour of Tecumseh State Correctional Institution; Johnson County Hospital Foundation Event; Johnson County Fair Parade; Johnson County Farm Bureau Annual meeting; Game and Parks Commission meeting; Johnson County Commissioners meeting; Tecumseh Health Clinic Grand Opening; NioCorp Public meeting; Elk Creek Fire Hall Ribbon Cutting

Nemaha County- Next Generation- Small Nuclear Reactor meeting; Brownville Parade; Johnson Parade; Nemaha County Fair; Bethel Church Social; Meeting at United Methodist Church, Johnson; Auburn Chamber/ State Chamber meeting; ESU 4 meeting; Peru State College Martin Luther King Student Contest; Adult Drug Court Graduation; Peru State College Tour

Pawnee County- Pawnee County Fair Parade; Pawnee County Commissioners meeting; Lewiston Senior Class Visit; Pawnee City High School Junior Class Passion Projects

Richardson County- Community Medical Center Foundation Event; Richardson County Commissioners meeting; Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility Tour; Cobblestone Days Parade; Falls City Chamber/ State Chamber meeting; Richardson County Fair Parade

General Events- Presentation at Boys State; Lower Platte South NRD Platte River Tour; Rural Health Conference (awarded Rural Health Distinctive Advocate of the Year); Nebraska Department of Transportation- Unadilla Highway 2 issues; Legislative District 1 Schools Superintendents meeting; Governor’s Summit; Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging meeting

I would welcome the opportunity to visit any community in the District for events, activities or Town Hall meetings. Feel free to alert me to any activities at Senator Bob Hallstrom, District 1 State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509; Telephone (402) 471-2733; or email me at bhallstrom@leg.ne.gov

I appreciate your input on issues of interest and importance to you. I encourage you to follow along on my Facebook page designated as Senator Bob Hallstrom, for updates on legislation and District 1 activities.

## All things Nebraska Trade war again pinches farmers leading to \$12 billion bailout

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

So much for cutting federal spending.

Just recently, President Trump announced a new \$12 billion payout to American farmers.

It’s not a reward for great work – farmers produced another record crop this year.

No, it’s a bailout for a failed tariff war with China, that largest customer for our agricultural crops.

President Trump loves tariffs, no doubt about that, despite the fact that when you place an additional tax on foreign goods, it gets passed on eventually to us at the cash register.

But his attempts to get China to buy more American goods, especially soybeans and corn, have backfired, now twice.

Back in 2019, during Trump’s first term, he picked a trade fight with China. China responded by buying their soybeans elsewhere, like Brazil. It’s a pattern that’s continued.

Trump’s response back then was to cover his mistake by a bail out to farmers. The payout totaled \$22 billion in 2019.

His latest trade deal with China requires that country to buy 12 million metric tons in the last couple months of this year. That brought some relief to our farmers, but it results in a 33 percent drop in soybean purchases this year by China compared to last year, before Trump’s latest tariff war.

Some deal.

Going forward, the deal requires China to buy 25 million metric tons of soybeans a year, but that’s still less (1.4 to 14.2 million metric tons a year less) than the Far East giant had purchased in each of the last five years, according to figures compiled by the University of Illinois.

That China is again buying our agricultural goods – they quit entirely earlier during the tariff war – is good news for Nebraska farmers. So is the \$12 billion bailout.

Corn and soybean farmers, especially young farmers, are struggling with high input costs and low prices for their crops. So hopefully more money in their pockets will help them hang on until trade policies get rational again, and prices rebound. It should also help rural towns, because more money usually translates into more spending.

To be sure, Trump had to do something – rural Nebraska voters are the reason he won, overall, in the state. Losing their support, well, wouldn’t be so great.

But writing extra checks to make farmers whole, as well as sending \$20 billion to Argentina (a competitor for soybean as well as beef exports), doesn’t exactly square with the President’s goal of cutting government

spending.

Remember DOGE, the Department of Government Efficiency? There’s a lot of disagreement over how much money DOGE actually saved taxpayers. That now-defunct agency claimed it saved over \$200 billion – far short of the \$2 trillion in savings pledged by its chainsaw-wielding chief, Elon Musk – but other analyses have concluded that number is wildly inflated, by tens of billions of dollars.

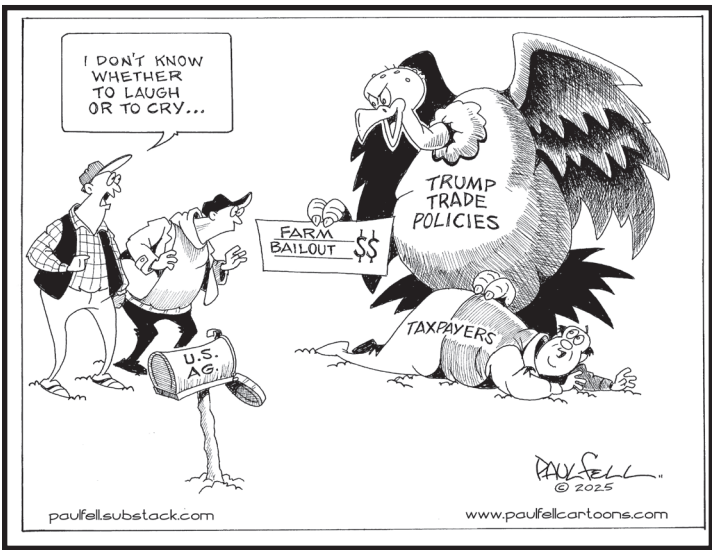
So spending an extra \$32 billion doesn’t exactly work to reduce spending by the feds. Even I can do that math.

If you ask farmers and farm groups, they’d rather see “trade” and not “aid.” That means stabilizing trade with countries like China, and resuming healthy purchases of American agricultural goods.

Picking a trade fight with them didn’t work back in 2019, and didn’t work again now.

Trump pledged to make American “great again,” but let’s face it, his tariff policies haven’t exactly done that, particularly for our farmers.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.



## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### ACROSS

- 1 Shapeless form
5. Hot springs resort
8. Not square
11. Private theater box
12. Relating to ear
13. Rome’s Colosseum, e.g.
15. I \_\_\_\_ you so!
16. \*The opposite of a store the day before Christmas?
17. \*”Auld Lang Syne” poet
18. \*Partridge’s perch (2 words)
20. Vegas numbers
21. New Zealand’s indigenous people
22. Fuss
23. Tabby’s favorite herb
26. More so than swell
30. Big-headedness
31. Resembling an ape
34. John Wayne Gacy’s \_\_\_\_ the Clown
35. Photographer Dorothea of “Migrant Mother” fame
37. Type or kind
38. Like a sheep after a haircut
39. D’Artagnan’s weapon of choice
40. Superlative of #33 Down
42. U.S. central bank
43. Wilma and Fred’s hometown
45. \*Latke’s main ingredient
47. Word of possibility
48. Turning token taker
50. Exclamation of sorrow
52. \* \_\_\_\_ Odbody of “It’s a Wonderful Life”
55. Raspberry drupelets
56. Sainly glow
57. Letter opener
59. Hunts for food
60. Banana leftover
61. Guesstimate phrase
62. \*Color on a Kwanzaa flag
63. Not divisible by two
64. Scholarship criterion

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2. Chicago’s central district, with The
3. Gawk at
4. Wish harm upon, arch.
5. One of The Beatles
6. Pileus, pl.
7. “The Road Runner” corporation
8. Group of cows
9. Bed-and-breakfast alternative, pl.
10. \*”The Nutcracker” step
12. Certain cephalopod, pl.
13. It’s sometimes humble
14. \*Chuck Berry’s “Run, \_\_\_\_, Run”
19. Reason to strike
22. Grass bristle
23. Famous one, slangily
24. Open-mouthed
25. Like a well-defined muscle
26. Hot alcoholic beverage
27. Washing sponge
28. Type of heron
29. Rondeau, alt. sp.
32. \*Santa’s beverage of choice
33. Not well
36. \*Original home of Christmas tannenbaum
38. Fur shawl
40. Extremely unfriendly
41. Plane trick
44. Reprieve in a desert
46. Muscle to bone connector
48. Skidded
49. Weighed
50. 4,840 square yards
51. Told an untruth
52. Head of family
53. Wrap in waxy cloth
54. Comfort
55. Financing acronym
58. Stewart of “Maggie May” fame

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75 Years Ago, December 17, 1950 to December 23, 1950

Approximately 900 sacks of candy were distributed to kids in the community as Santa visited First National Bank.

A crowd of 200 was present at the Evangelical United Brethren Church to attend a concert given by Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sweezy of Fremont.

Representative of the Duncan Meter Company of Chicago and the city council entered an agreement to install 360 parking meters in the downtown area on a six-month trial basis.

A short circuit in the lights on a Christmas tree resulted in a fire at the home of V.M. Krondak at 2410 Harlan Street.

C.R. “Bob” James of the Falls City Creamery Company said the mad-house Christmas shipping rush in the turkey department of the local firm had been completed. James said 68 trucks filled with the birds had been shipped east.

Five hundred pounds of candy and countless oranges had been obtained by the American Legion Post for a big Christmas party for kids 12 years old and younger. Bert King, Jr., was in charge of the event.

According to chairman Fred Zorn, the Falls City Elks Lodge was distributing 50 food baskets to families in need over the holidays. Each basket contained a fowl, potatoes, beans and corn, tomatoes, peaches, bread, butter, nuts, celery, apples, cookies, jello and fruit cocktail.

Dawson defeated Verdon 49-37 in action on the hardwood. Dale Suchsland led Dawson with 13 points, while Bob Holder paces Verdon with nine.

Appleoff Appliance advertised a Speed Queen washing machine for \$119.95.

The Rev. J. Ernest Messer accepted a call to become the pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church located at 20th and Towle Street.

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco listed its 118th known suicide as a woman jumped to her demise from the bridge.

According to Sheriff Vern Atkins, 321 prisoners were booked into jail in the past 12 months. Included in those figures were 285 men and 36 women.

“Gunga Din,” starring Cary Grant was shown at the Rivoli Theater.

The most requested Christmas gifts for 1950 included dolls for little girls, and cowboy suits and guns for little boys, according to a survey by the Community Chests and Councils of America.

A fire in Mound City caused an estimated \$75,000 to \$100,000 in damage in the business district. Most of the damage was confined to a large warehouse building of the Pettijohn and Crawford Furniture Co.

Bob Holder and Bob Goolsby each scored eight points to lead Verdon past Sacred Heart 26-25. John Knobbe scored eight to lead the Irish.

50 Years Ago, December 17, 1975 to December 23, 1975

State Senator Irving F. Wiltse filed for election to his third term in the Unicameral in the First District. The Falls City resident was a member of the Committee on Committees. The Legislative Council, the Banking, Insurance and Commerce Committee and vice chairman of the Public Works Committee.

Don A. Runyan completed the examination and was licensed by the state as a city street superintendent.

The cost of mailing a letter would remain at 10 cents indefinitely under a court ruling that could mark the end of Saturday mail service. The decision was the latest blow to the U.S. Postal Service, which was expected to lose about \$1.4 billion in the current fiscal year.

For Sale—1969 Opel Station Wagon, 29 miles per gal. Price reduced to \$895. Inquire at 818 Lane.

Gibson’s advertised a Coleco Power Jet Air Hockey table for \$39.00 and an a GE Two-Slice toaster for \$14.97.

Construction was progressing on the facility for the Salem Fertilizer Service located next to Salem Grain.

State Director of Banking William Riley approved a detached auxiliary teller facility for the Home State Bank & Trust Co. in Humboldt. The new site was located at 4th and Central Avenue, the former location of the Park Hotel.

Heavyweight Paul Ivey earned in pin in the final match to assure the Falls City Tigers the win in a wrestling dual against Nebraska City.

The Falls City freshmen basketball team fell to Hiawatha 55-42. Lovelady led Hiawatha with 22 points, while Greg Gose (12) and Kevin Scheitel (11) led FC.

A picture in The Journal showed the Leyda Cigar Factory. The industry began in 1898 by eight-term mayor W.S. Leyda and was in the 1400 block on Stone Street near where the library now sits.

Patrick Hoy was one of 12 cadets and midshipmen from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln ROTC units receiving commissions as U.S. military officers.

Santa Claus was a visitor at the Pooh Corner Christmas Party. Pictured with Santa were Monica Castle and Julie and Angie Kiekhaefer. Santa had an uncanny similar look as Kearney State College football player Bill Simon.

Sacred Heart held on for a 66-55 win over Dawson-Verdon. Steve Pokorny scored 21 and Dan Hill added 20 and 13 rebounds for the Irish, while Bill Bruhn led the Jets with 27 points.

Five new members were elected to the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce. The list included Bill Milam, Homer Henke, Mike Kleinweber, Marvin Pethoud and Mary Tauchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stanley announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Janet, to Tony Ahern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ahern. A June 1976 wedding was planned.

25 Years Ago, December 17, 2000 to December 23, 2000

The city council approved the appointment of Jim Hall as the City Fire Chief. Bob Kirkenall was named First Assistant Chief and Terri Sawyer was Second Assistant Chief.

Dale and Helen Koso were to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 23. The pair were married at the First Christian Church in Falls City in 1950.

The Tigers defeated Nebraska City 46-30 to move to 2-2, which put FC at .500 for the first time since December 1996. Falls City was led by Mitch Sailors and Dan Ferguson with nine points apiece.

Winners of the local Elks Club Hoop Shoot included Kelsey Beckner, Clayton Vonder-schmidt, Haley Milam, Joe Santo, Samantha Hunzeker and Lee Hullman.

Former Tiger standout wrestler Tom Wissman was ranked eighth in the NAIA issue of Amateur Wrestling News. Wissman, wrestled for Dana College at 197 pounds.

Cliff and Clay Finck were pictured with a snow sculpture created by their father Mike at their home at 2421 Lane Street.

The Chamber of Commerce “Atti-Dude” award went to City Water and Light Department foreman Augie Strecker. The presentation was made by Charlen Schuetz and was given to Strecker for his volunteer efforts towards the city’s Christmas decorations for years on end. Strecker had been a city employee since 1959 and a Volunteer Fire Department member since 1969.

Betty Slagle was honored as the 2000 Drove #56 Doe of the Year. The presentation was made by Kenna Nixon who had won the award the year prior.

The Falls City Cheerleading squad placed first in its division and won the All-American Award at the Regional Americheer competition at Bellevue East High School. Members of the team were Melissa Buckminster, Crystal Wissman, Sarah Langan, Emily Jorden-ing, Sharona Ernst, Kellie Hinrichs, Stephanie Castle, Kathy Lock, Ashley Cudney, Heather Simon, Wendy Weddle, Laura Young, Dearra Johnson, and Jacque Hernandez.

# County considers partnering with CHI Health for Comeback ERA Program

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and \$33.30 for 1” clean.

Darveau said his department is currently hauling rock while temperatures allow, and the road graders are running when they can. He said he had gotten the holes on 21st Street fixed, and he had bladed 14th Street.

Darveau said currently, his crew is primarily hauling rock to areas where they receive calls and bus routes.

“My priority in my head is bus routes,” said Darveau.

Commissioner Campbell presented the Board with Ziplock baggies containing different rocks the county is currently purchasing.

The differences in the rock were visible to the untrained eye. The ¾ clean rock from Weeping Water looked the best. The crusher run bags contained an abundance of filler, unlike the clean ones. He also presented a bag that had been in the drive lane of the road. The remnants of the rock amounted essen-

tially to dust, which turns to “slime” when combined with moisture.

Darveau said there is a time and place for both the clean and crusher run.

The Board next met with Sheriff Rick Hardesty to discuss business at the Law Enforcement Center. Hardesty advised the Commissioners that the jail was currently boarding 12 inmates. He also notified the Board that his department applied for and was approved for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” grant that runs from December 12 to January 1, 2026.

Hardesty also noted he and Police Chief Jamie Baker had met with Chief Benjamin Murry from Nebraska City to discuss possibly implementing the Comeback ERA (Enhancing Recovery and Access) program in the area. The program is a substance use treatment initiative run by CHI Health St. Mary’s and launched with federal funding to combat substance use issues. Local law enforcement would

act as an intermediary, introducing individuals in need of help to a support specialist.

“Mental health and substance abuse go hand in hand,” said Hardesty.

The Board approved a Letter of Agreement with Cooper Nuclear Station to receive funding for maintaining a radiological response plan and procedures. The letter of agreement with the Nuclear Plant has been the same since 1996.

The Board also considered a wage increase for EMA Specialists I (Storm Spotters) from \$13.50 and hour to \$15.50 per hour and EMA Specialists II (EOC Trng/Radiological/Tornado) from \$14.00 to \$17.00 per hour. Caverzagie made a motion to allow the raise, Karas seconded, and the motion passed.

Claims were paid, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE**



Prairie Union  
Baptist Church  
64571 719 Rd.  
Stella, NE

**Dec. 24  
6:30 pm**

## Rotary Club hosts former employee of the Defense Department, Rob Simmon

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was in Florida, preparing to read a book to school children. Once notified of the transgressions, the President flew to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana to obtain more information. Simmon stated that after circling in the Gulf of Mexico, Air Force One arrived at 10:45 a.m. in Louisiana, only to find out that the base contained 60 nuclear-armed B-52s.

“They said, this isn’t a good thing, you have the President and all of these nuclear weapons in the same place,” said Simmons.

He continued, saying the B-52s were scrambled shortly after the arrival of the President. Soon after, Offutt was contacted, saying the President would be on his way.

Ultimately, Simmon said the President came to Omaha to obtain secure information. At the time of the attacks, Air Force One wasn’t properly funded or equipped to transmit or receive secure information.


Shortly before 2:00 p.m., the afternoon of the attacks, President Bush arrived in Omaha and quickly disappeared through a fire exit, leading to the underground command center to receive the latest briefings. Once in the secure location, President Bush was provided with intelligence from Spacecom, NORAD, and many other commanders who were involved in conference calls. Additional calls came from the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, and the Vice President, Dick Cheney.


Later that afternoon, President Bush left Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha and returned to Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D.C.

“It took seven or eight years to get Air Force One up to speed,” said Simmon, referring to the President’s plane being a secure spot to send or receive classified information.

Simmon ended his presentation by fielding questions from the attendees.




*The Richardson County Courthouse  
will be closing early at  
noon on Christmas eve and  
remain closed on Christmas Day.*

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Members of the Richardson County Sheriff’s Department collected donations during the department’s Stuff the Cruiser event. The department thanked community members for their support and also thanked host partners Humboldt Dollar General, Falls City Dollar General, Falls City Dollar Fresh and Falls City Farm and City for helping make the event possible. Pictured above at the Dollar Fresh location, Chief Deputy Dexter Holliday and Cheyenne Brown.

Christmas Tea at the Richardson Co. Historical Museum

At 2:00 o’clock on Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2025, the Richardson County Historical Museum hosted a Christmas Tea. June Bowers played background music on the piano while the guests enjoyed tea and Christmas goodies of savories, scones, and sweets. Norma Thompson welcomed the guests and introduced the guest singers and numbers on the program “Vintage Christmas Carols.” Wes Karst told the story of and sang the old French Carol “O Holy Night” accompanied by June Bowers on the piano. Mid Bauer sang “Silver Bells,” the song made famous by Bing Crosby. Beverly Barnhart played two carols on the accordion and told the humorous story of her musical career. Norma Thompson prepared a slide show featuring all the museum’s musical instruments and their histories. Music was played on the player piano, a hand wound music box, and a Victrola. Jan Deckinger played “Silent Night” on the chord organ the museum recently received from the Prichard Auditorium. The program closed with singing of “Let There Be Peace on Earth” accompanied by June Bowers on the piano. The committee in charge of the event was: June Bowers, Norma Thompson and Jan Deckinger.

PSC statement on Hansen-Mueller bankruptcy filing

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) is aware that Hansen-Mueller Co. has filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy as part of a financial restructuring plan. Previously, and in response to complaints received, the PSC this year: opened a formal complaint on Oct. 24; suspended the company’s grain dealer license; required proof of a line of credit sufficient to cover obligations, which was submitted by the company on Oct. 30; and through a stipulated agreement approved Nov. 4, required Hansen-Mueller to make payment to Nebraska producers. The PSC is actively evaluating the bankruptcy filing and its potential impact. The PSC is not commenting on the matter beyond the following official statement: “Our top priority is safeguarding Nebraska grain farmers. We will closely monitor this development to ensure transparency, compliance and continued protection for all affected parties, as allowed by law.” Omaha-based Hansen-Mueller entered the filing Nov. 17 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nebraska. The company’s announcement of the decision is available here. Media inquiries about the filing should be directed to the company’s chief restructuring officer, Michael Compton at [cro@hansenmueller.com](mailto:cro@hansenmueller.com) or (402) 819-2566. The PSC offers the following guidance to members of Nebraska’s grain industry: Bankruptcy case information, including court filings and claims information, can be found on the Hansen-Mueller restructuring website at <https://dm.epiq11.com/HansenMueller> or by calling toll-free (877) 717-1702. Contact the PSC Grain Department at [psc.grain@nebraska.gov](mailto:psc.grain@nebraska.gov) or (402) 471-0223 to report concerns.

SOCIETY

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 Secretary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met November 4, 2025 at the home of Elizabeth Ketner. Co-president Jana Wheeler called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence. Chaplain Lacey Noa offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The poem “The Breaking Waves Dashed High” was read in remembrance of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth on November 11, 1620. The ALA Preamble was recited. Roll call was answered by 10 members. Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting. In the absence of treasurer Judy Schlosser copies of the treasurer’s report was passed around. Lacey Noa will be delivering treats to the nursing homes for November. For the tour of homes, Judy Schlosser will be at Christy Berglund’s house handling the tour tickets and quilt raffle tickets. Linda Patchen will be

at Dot Kelsay’s and Lacey Noa will help Jana Wheeler. Quilt raffle ticket will be for sale at the Stella Christmas on Main Street. Kristy Dettmann has them for sale at the Stella Vault. The Veteran’s Day program at HTRS on November 11, starts at 9 and all are welcome. County Government Day starts at 9 at the courthouse on November 13. Education week is November 17-21. Several members volunteered to make goodies. Linda Patchen and Dona Hall explained in more detail how some of the donations we sent to department are utilized to help Veterans. There was discussion on the need for food items for SENCA. Some brought items to this November meeting. Items will be collected at the December meeting also. All will be taken to SENCA in Falls City. The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2025 at 6:30 at the home of Vicki Beilke. Chaplain Lacey Noa gave the closing prayer. Co-President Jana Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned.

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Now Christ, came at Christmas;  
as the Prophets foretold.  
"I can hardly believe it," said Jolly St. Nick,  
as he pondered God's message,  
it cut to the quick.  
"I thought I was Christmas!"  
I made presents each fall.  
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## Highway Department employees host discussion

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Sickel remarked that the previous conversation about the raise never happened.

In August, it was alleged that Commissioner Karas spoke with union president Bryan Dettmann, asking the union to send a letter to the commissioners requesting a raise. Shortly after, the union filed a prohibited practice charge with the CIR (Commission of Industrial Relations), alleging that the Commissioners violated the Nebraska Industrial Relations Act. He also inferred that remarks had been made stating that if the employees dissolved the union, they would get the raise immediately.

He went on to say that in October of 2023, the two sides exchanged contract proposals, but that the county wished to hold off on any further bargaining until the prohibited practice case had been resolved.

In November of 2023, the CIR released a finding stating that although it found the county's actions troubling, it did not reach the level of a prohibited practice. The CIR advised that the union could have just sent the letter to the commissioners as requested.

“They were critical of just about everybody,” said Hubly. “And that’s why I say it’s a communication breakdown and we’ll take some responsibility for that. The CIR was very critical of Mr. Karas, Mr. Darveau, and very critical of me.”

The union declined to appeal the findings and advised the county that they were ready to resume bargaining.

On February 7, 2024, a negotiation session is held without reaching an agreement. One week later, a second session was held, resulting in a final offer from the county. On February 21, NAPE offered to continue working toward an agreement. According to the timeline provided, Richardson County refused to negotiate any further in March of 2024. In April, the two sides agreed to enter federal mediation to resolve the issue, but after a June 18th session, the mediator informed the union that the county no longer wished to negotiate or continue the mediation. Three days later, NAPE filed an impasse petition at the Nebraska CIR.

Hubly stated that he has been negotiating contracts for 21 years and "I've never seen anything like this." He continued saying, "I don't think at this point it's a communication problem; it seems pretty personal."

In January 2025, the CIR ordered the trial to be held in two parts. The first part will determine comparable counties to be used, while the second part will set the wages. The CIR selected Saline, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Butler, Colfax and York counties for the comparable study.

Once the comparable counties were set, Hubly said Richardson County proposed a settlement offer much like the original. He stated NAPE countered with leaving the expired contract in place and settling for a \$2 per hour raise effective July 1, 2023, a \$2 per hour raise effective July 1, 2024, and a \$2 per hour raise effective July 1, 2025. The county rejected the offer.

Hubly continued, saying that NAPE's attorney contacted the county at the end of September or early October and questioned if they would like to continue bargaining. He stated they have never received a response from the county or it's. attorney.

All this leads to a CIR trial date of January 8 and January 9, 2026.

“Our goal has always been to settle this,” said Hubly. “There’s not a need to keep this going.”

Hubly stated that, according to a Flatwater Free Press article in March of 2025, the county had spent \$140,000 at that point and another \$80,000 since.

Hubly continued, stating that the union pays for its own lawyers and is nowhere near \$220,000.

An individual in the crowd questioned if the issue could be resolved at any time or if it had to proceed to CIR? Hubly's response was that it could be settled at any point.

Another citizen asked if back pay was a significant factor in the dispute. Hubly responded that they are not considered back wages since the contract in question expired in 2023. So, any changes would be retroactive to that date.

A citizen also questioned whether the county could ask the union to reimburse legal fees if they were to win. Hubby stated, "There is no mechanism to do that." He continued, "Both parties pay their own legal fees in an impasse case."

The trial dates for the CIR proceedings in Lincoln are scheduled for January 8 and 9, 2026, unless an agreement can be reached beforehand.

# BUILDING PERMITS

Joanie Stice, light re-modeling permit, 2103 Crook St.: \$13,348.00.

Jason and Rebecca Wissman, light remodeling permit, 903 Stone St.; \$12,000.00.

Amos Reckard, light remodeling permit, 906 Lane St.: \$2,100.00.

## FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



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# Local donations of bottled water help Humboldt residents during advisory

Bottled water donations were distributed to City of Humboldt residents following a positive E. coli test in the city's water system late last month.

According to Richardson County Emergency Management, the City of Humboldt tested positive for E. coli on Nov. 26, 2025. A boil water advisory remained in effect until Dec. 10, 2025, while additional testing and treatment were completed.

During that period, Falls City Dollar Fresh Store Manager Clint Sailors and Hy Vee Disaster Relief provided bottled water for residents affected by the advisory. Officials said approximately 10 pallets of bottled water were donated and distributed to the community.

Richardson County Emergency Management, the Richardson County Commissioners and the City of Humboldt coordinated distribution efforts throughout the advisory period.

The bottled water was made available to ensure residents had access to safe drinking water while the city worked to restore and verify water quality.

Emergency Management thanked Dollar Fresh Hy-Vee and Manager Clint Sailors stating, "Having Hy-Vee and Store Managers like Clint Sailors in our community reminds us every day how small towns come together to help those in need."

## Little Lambs Christian Preschool holds Christmas program

Students from Little Lambs Christian Preschool presented their Christmas Nativity Play/Program, "JESUS is His Name" on Sunday, December 7, at Christ Lutheran Church.

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**December 5 through December 6, 2025 calls:** two ambulance/EMS calls, one suspicious person/vehicle, one referred-other-agency call, one found or lost property call, one information-only report, one gun permit, one theft, two miscellaneous calls, one house watch, three accidents, three 911 hang-ups/misdials, three records checks, and one alarm. Four 911 calls. One warning for unlawful or fictitious display of plate/renewal tab.

**December 6 through December 7, 2025 calls:** two animal calls, one miscellaneous call, five ambulance/EMS calls, one information-only call, two 911 hang-up/misdial calls, one noise disturbance, one referred other agency call, and one traffic/driving complaint. Four 911 calls. Three citations for disturbing the peace.

**December 7 through December 8, 2025 calls:** two referred other agency calls, five ambulance/EMS calls, one motorist assist, one disturbance, one miscellaneous call, and three information-only calls. Two 911 calls.

**December 7 through December 8, 2025 calls:** one miscellaneous call, eight 911 hang-up/misdial calls, one HHS intake/referral, two disturbance calls, and two ambulance/EMS calls. Four 911 calls. Two warnings for speeding, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for plates not clear and visible, and one warning for no operator’s license.

**December 9 through December 10, 2025 calls:** one domestic disturbance, one motorist assist, three animal calls, one information-only call, three ambulance/EMS calls, one burn permit, one nuisance, one miscellaneous call, one disturbance, one parking complaint, one traffic/driving complaint, and one referred-to-other-agency call. Three 911 calls. Three warnings for speeding, one citation for unregistered wrecked or junked vehicles, and one citation for litter.

**December 10 through December 11, 2025 calls:** one miscellaneous call, two ambulance/EMS calls, three animal calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one possible death, one information-only call, two traffic/driving complaints, and one referred-to-other-agency call. Two 911 calls.

**December 11 through December 12, 2025 calls:** four miscellaneous calls, one burn permit, one motorist assist, one records check, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one found or lost property call, two information-only calls, one accident, and one alarm. Four 911 calls.

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**COUNTY COURT**

Wynne Wang, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Aaliyah M. Parker, count one, drive during revocation/impd-first, pled not guilty; count two, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty; count three, speeding 11-15 mph, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Kyle A. Hague, count one, criminal trespass-2nd degree/defy orders, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Kyle A. Hague, count one, disturbing the peace, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Kyle A. Hague, count one, criminal mischief-\$501-1499, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for January 14, 2026.

Terry T. Wilson, count one, no proof of insurance, pled guilty, found guilty; count two, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty; count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled guilty, found guilty; count four, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty; count five, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, pled guilty, found guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for January 28, 2026.

Abe L. Kirkendall, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, fail to use child passenger restraint, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Kaelin M. Criqui, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, possess machine gun/short rifle/shotgun, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation for term of three years, jail for term of 45 days beginning December 9, 2025, credit for six days served, jail for term of 15 days beginning November 10, 2026, jail for term of 15 days beginning October 10, 2027, jail for term of 15 days beginning September 10, 2028; count three, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count four, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Kevin W. Osborne, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, identity fraud, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 3-7 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for January 6, 2026.

Mary V. Clancy, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 13, 2026.

River J. McNeely, count one, assault by strangulation or suffocation, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 13, 2026.

River J. McNeely, count one, tamper with witness/informant/juror, pled not guilty; Pretrial scheduled for January 13, 2026.

Tiannie D. Mackey, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 13, 2026.

Otis C. Mann, counts 1-3, possess firearm by prohibited person-first, pled not guilty; count four, burglary, pled not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, pled not guilty; count six, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999 pled not guilty; count seven, criminal trespass-first degree, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for January 6, 2026.

**CITATIONS**

Brock Wergin of Lincoln, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Geyer)

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

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

Tyelaihya Vazquez of Piedmont, OK, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

Nickole Dumais of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Devon Harris of Crystal City, TX, count one, no operator’s license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Fernando Rodriguez of Carrollton, TX, count one, improper/defective

vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no brake lights, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, no operator’s license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Corbin Stoner of Humboldt, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Dylan Larue of Mulvane, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Christopher Wertz of Bedford, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Fred Brunn of Akron, CO, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Stone Freeman of Auburn, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Aitken)

Amber Gooden of Oklahoma City, OK, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Aitken)

Carla Bachman of Bentonville, AR, count one, speeding 11-15 mph municipal school, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and court costs. (Cheek)

Kelly Klepper of Rulo, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Adams)

Mary Jones of Falls City, count one, stop sign violation, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Adams)

Kaitlynn Koenig of Hiawatha, count one, speeding 11-15 municipal school, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$250 and court costs. (Cheek)

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

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Carlea Dunkhas fires a three-pointer in FC’s close loss to West Nodaway last week.

## Late three pushes Thunder past Lady Tigers

The Falls City Tigers were clinging to a two-point lead last Tuesday night, 39-37, as West Nodaway attempted a pair of free throws with 8.1 seconds remaining in the game. The Thunder shooter missed both attempts, but a tie-up led to a jump ball, giving the visitors the ball with 6.1 seconds remaining. The inbounds pass went to the top of the key, and Annalee Livengood drove to the lane, dishing to Haylee Dawson, who sank the game-winning three as the clock expired, giving the Thunder the 40-39 road win.

The Tigers fell behind early, trailing 8-3 after the first period and 23-13 at the half. The Tigers got some life in the second half, outscoring the Thunder 26-17, but ultimately came up just short of the win.

The Lady Tigers shot better, hitting 32 percent of their attempts, going 14-of-44, while the Thunder connected on 37 percent of their tries, including 6/18 from deep.

FC cut way down on turnovers, committing 12 while forcing 18. The Tigers also held a 20-18 advantage in points in the paint.

Carlea Dunkhas had a strong game, scoring a team-high 15 points and securing seven rebounds. Bristol Titus added seven rebounds, and Brynna Glathar had three steals.

Annalee Livengood led the Thunder with 17 points.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 15, Gossman 7, Johansen 3, Glathar 5, Titus 2, Rhodd 7.

Thunder Scoring: Hailey 2, Dawson 13, Livengood 17, Larabee 6, Jenkins 2.

On Friday night, Falls City traveled to Johnson to take on the 1-2 Ea-

gles. Johnson-Brock took a 19-7 lead after the first period and extended the advantage to 37-7 at intermission. The Eagles continued to pull away in the second half, outscoring FC 38-17 to earn a 75-24 win.

The Tigers shot 28 percent (7/25) from the floor, while the Eagles hit 47 percent (29/62) of their tries. FC turned the ball over 25 times, while Johnson-Brock committed just five miscues. The 25 turnovers led to 34 points for the Eagles on the other end of the floor.

Dunkhas again provided the bulk of the offense, finishing with a team-best 14 points. Kaytlin Rhodd led FC with four rebounds and one steal.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 14, Johansen 4, Glathar 6.

On Saturday, FC hit the road again, this time to Adams to play the Freeman Falcons. Freeman raced out quickly and never looked back, earning a 55-13 win. The Falcons held quarter leads of 23-3, 41-7, 49-13 and finally 55-13.

The Lady Tigers struggled to get shots up (24 attempts) and to make them (4/24). FC went 1/13 from two-point range and 3/11 from beyond the arc. Turnovers again were a concern as FC finished with 18, while Freeman had just four.

Destiny Pierce led FC with five points, while Johansen and Rhodd each had three rebounds.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 4, Pierce 5, Glathar 3, Rhodd 1.

Freeman Scoring: Riha 2, Harms 6, Johansen 7, Mencl 4, Wallman 7, Schaaf 5, Borrenpohl 7, Rinne 6, Mahler 11.

Falls City hosted Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday and Palmyra on Friday.



Jacoby Bangert sends an attempt towards the hoop in the first half last week.

## Tigers working hard to get into win column

Turnovers and a low shooting percentage doomed the Tiger boys’ basketball team when they hosted West Nodaway on Tuesday night. Falls City connected on just 10-of-40 shot attempts and turned the ball over 20 times in the 65-27 loss to the Thunder. The 20 Tiger turnovers led to 27 points on the opposite end of the court, making it hard for FC to compete.

Trailing 3-0, Jacoby Bangert hit a bucket off the glass to make it 3-2 with 5:41 to play in the first. It was as close as FC would get the rest of the way. Nodaway scored the final 15 points of the quarter to make it 17-2 after the first. The Tiger offense came alive in the second quarter, scoring 10 points, but it wasn’t enough as the visitors led 35-12 at the half. The offensive struggles continued in the final

two periods as FC was outscored 30-15 and fell to 0-2 for the year.

Bangert led FC with nine points, connecting on 3-of-12 attempts. Elijah Leyden led the team with five rebounds, while Ethan Morris dished out a team-best three assists.

The visitors played a clean game, turning the ball over just 5 times. Tyler Gray was the Nodaway leading scorer with 18 points, going 9-of-10 from the field.

FC Scoring: Jones 1, Furnas 1, Leyden 2, Morris 5, Bangert 9, Simpson 3, Caudle 4, Davis 2.

Nodaway Scoring: Fast 3, Hunt 7, Mincy 2, McGinness 6, Hoyt 6, Sipes 6, Snodderly 2, Randall 2, Cowden 7, Smock 4, B. McGinness 2, Gray 18.

The Tigers traveled to Johnson-Brock High School on Friday to take on the

2-0 Eagles. The home team blanked FC 23-0 in the first quarter and made it 41-8 at the half. FC continued to battle, but the Eagles pulled away for the 64-19 victory.

The Eagles were on fire Friday, making an incredible 53 percent (26/49) of their shots, while holding FC to 22 percent (7/32). The Eagles also forced FC into 22 turnovers while committing just six.

Freshman Karson Simpson led FC with nine points, making 3 of 8 attempts from beyond the arc. Kacen Davis and Ethan Morris each had three rebounds, while Bowdy Jones led the team with three assists.

FC Scoring: Furnas 2, Leyden 2, Morris 4, Bangert 2, Simpson 9.

Eagles Scoring: Meyer 4, Gravatt 2, Bernadt 11, Koebler 16, Behrends 11, Hawley 1, G. Behrends, Everett

## Titans compete at Peru State Invite

The HTRS wrestling program participated in the inaugural Peru State Wrestling Invite on Friday, December 12, 2025. The Titan boys scored 2 points and placed 10th, while the Lady Titans scored 21 points and placed 10th as well.

HTRS’s Ava Grimes remained impressive, finishing her day with a 3-1 record and placing second at 235. In round one, Grimes won by fall over Kendall Holtmeyer. She pinned Ambria Meckel in round two at 1:00 but lost to Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich of Palmyra in round four. In round five, Grimes pinned Gabbi Griffin at 1:31. This makes her 7-2 for the season, with both losses coming at the hands of Bryan-Aldrich, last season’s state champion in Class B at 235.

At 145, Shawna Richey went 1-4 and placed fifth, while Lorene Pagnano was 2-3 and placed seventh.

For the Titan boys, Liam Falder was 1-4 and placed seventh at 144. Tristan Pagnano went 0-5 at 175 and finished eighth, while Wesley Pagnano finished 0-5 and placed 10th at 138.

4, R. Gravatt 7.

Falls City (0-3) made the trip to Freeman High School on Saturday to battle the Freeman Falcons (3-0).

The winless Tigers were up to the challenge early, trailing by just three, 15-12, after the first quarter. It was all Falcons from there as they outscored FC 18-0 in the second period to make it 33-12 at intermission. The home team stayed hot after the break, outscoring FC 33-11 in the second half to get the 66-23 win. Falls City hosted the 1-3 Elmwood-Murdock Knights on Tuesday and the 1-3 Palmyra Panthers on Friday evening.

## Tiger wrestlers successful at Peru St. Invite

Peru State College hosted the first annual Peru State Wrestling Tournament on Friday, December 12, 2025. The day was very successful for everyone: the boys scored 125 points and finished third, while the Lady Tigers finished fifth with 86 points.

For the boys, Tristan Randall went 5-0 at 132 pounds for the day and earned the only gold medal awarded to the boys. In the finals, Randall secured a tech fall over Liwan Abdi of Omaha Bryan, 20-4, to win the championship. At 150 pounds, Orion Cattrell finished 4-1 and took second place. In his final match, Cattrell pinned Jace McGill of Weeping Water at 1:51 to earn silver. Ashton Martin also finished 4-1, placing second at 165 pounds. In the finals, Martin lost by tech fall to Luke Harms of Weeping Water, 18-2.

At 190, Brantly Sells finished the day 4-1, losing by pin at 2:51 to Damien Malachias of Central City in the finals. The final runner-up finisher was Jayden Mirelez at 215. Mirelez went 3-2, falling to Colbyn

Peters of Central City in the finals by pin at 1:34.

At 113 pounds, Dayton Snethen finished his day with a 1-3 record and took fourth place. Cade Caudle, competing at 138 pounds, was 3-2 and also placed fourth, while Caden Collier, at 144 pounds, finished with a 2-2 record and placed fourth.

Other wrestling results on Friday included Ryder Hullman finishing sixth at 120, Tanner Jackson taking seventh at 132, Brandon Collier placing sixth at 157, while teammate Zane Elms also finished seventh at the same weight.

At 175 B, Wesley Vitale was fourth. At 215, Brandon Feighner was sixth, while Nolan Nicholson was seventh, and Chase Simpson ended the day in sixth place at 285.

For the Lady Tigers, Taytum Maddox earned a gold medal, finishing her day with a perfect 5-0 record. In the championship match, Maddox pinned Reese Carter of JCC at 3:33 to secure the victory.

Falls City also earned two silver medals on Friday. Leah Goff finished with a 3-2 record at 140,

and Gabi Young went 4-1 at 145.

Goff lost by fall to Adilyn Deibert of Central City in the final match at 1:59, while Young’s only loss came by pin in her last match to Lucia Campbell of Auburn at 3:47.

At 100, Keylee Olberding was fourth, Jalin De-

prey was fourth at 170, and Gabbi Griffin was fourth at 235. Peyton Weddle went 3-2 and placed fifth at 130, and Indea Holman was fifth at 120. Audrey Scrivens placed sixth at 105, finishing 2-3, while Shia Wisneski was 2-3 at 155 and placed sixth.

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HTRS DISTRICT #70	
<div> <div> Board of Education Regular Meeting </div> <div> Monday, December 8, 2025 7:00 PM Humboldt Board Conference Room </div> </div> Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM. Quentin Bowen: Present, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present.	
1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER- ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*	
2. WELCOME PATRONS & GUEST: PATRON COMMENT	
3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA	
Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Mike Kanel and seconded by Scott Ogle, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
3.1. Meeting Minutes	
3.2. Bills for Payment	
3.3. Review Treasurer's Report	
4. REPORTS	
4.1. Principal Caniglia discussed the HS Counselor reporting, closing and upcoming extracurricular activities and enrollments.	
4.2. Principal Standerford discussed upcoming school conferences, elementary activities and Christmas concert.	
4.3. SPED Director Kroll	
4.4. NASB Report - Neal Kanel	
4.5. Committee Reports	
4.5.1. Building Committee	
4.5.2. Negotiations Committee	
5. AGENDA	
5.1. Board Member's Leave of Absence if Needed	
5.2. Retirement Incentive Applicants Lisa Wittrock	
Shari Drake	
Sara Kappel	
Angie Schnacker	
Motion to approve the early retirement applications made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Scott Ogle. Thank you for your service. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
5.3. Food Service Management Company Request for Proposal Authority	
Motion made for the Superintendent to investigate RFPs for FSM by Scott Ogle and seconded by Dave Mezger, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
5.4. Froeschl Floor Quote for STS Classroom	
Motion to approve the quote provided from Froeschl Floors was made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Mike Kanel. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
5.5. Crow's Nest Stair Replacement	
Motion to approve 55" wide stair quote made by Mike Kanel and seconded by Scott Ogle, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
5.6. Personnel, Brad Clements for Tier II SPED Teacher	
Motion to go into executive session at 7:40pm made by Scott Ogle and seconded by Neal Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
Motion to Come out of Executive session at 7:51pm by Neal Kanel seconded by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
Motion to hire Brad Clements as a Tier II SPED teacher for spring 2026 made by Scott Ogle and seconded by Mike Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
6. Superintendent Griffith's Report	
6.1. 2025 Annual Report	
7. Superintendent's Evaluation	
Motion to go into executive session at 7:53pm made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Mike Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
Motion to come out of executive session 8:22pm made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Scott Ogle. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS	
9. ADJOURN	
Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:23pm made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Mike Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0	
Respectfully submitted, Chantel Farwell	
Auburn Family Health Center, Gr/Sf Physical.....300.00	
Blecha's General Store Water Softener Supplies.....755.37	
Boomgarn, Renee, Custodial/Parts.....581.30	
Cardmember Service, Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund.....7,094.18	
Cleaning Cousins, Llc. Nider's Grocery.....1,459.32	
Das State Accounting - Central Finance, Tech / Ocio.....317.87	
Dietze Music House, Music.....14.70	
Dstk Phillips, Inc, Service Call And Parts.....744.74	
Eakes Office Solutions, Maintenance Supplies.....4,971.88	
Egan Supply Co, Po 8654.....78.78	
Electronic Contracting Co., Alarm Monitoring Services.....168.00	
Eps Operations, Llc, Dg Virtual Educator Coach.....2,850.00	
Essential Screens Emplmt Background Screenings.....110.90	
Esu #4, Workshops, Zoom & Sped Billing.....7,843.34	
Esu #6, Tech Hosting Services.....61.23	
Esu Coordinating Council, Proofpoint Renewal.....369.00	
Falls City Journal, Advertising ..605.67	
Falls City Sanitation, Trash-Utilities.....670.00	
Fastenal, Ice Melt.....964.89	
Fiber Platform, Llc, Distance Learning.....429.21	
Griffith, George, Fish Philosophy Training.....827.00	
Hometown Leasing, Staple Copier Lease.....2,824.95	
Htrc, Advertising Messages.....432.00	
Htvs Payroll Acct, Payroll Expenses.....596,762.64	
Josten's, Po 8626.....212.65	
KC Audio-Visual, Inc, Po 8646..5,479.01	
Koch Auto Service, Repairs.....460.63	
Kroll, Amy, Nov Mileage Reimb 480.20	
Ksb School Law, Legal Services..127.00	
Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services.....2,326.00	
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc,Po 8689.513.28	
Nasb NE Assn Of School Boards, State Education Cont.....2,110.00	
National Therapeutic Associates, Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped Services.....1,548.25	
Nppd, Elec-Utilities.....4,985.59	
Pawnee Republican, Ads.....104.50	
Popplers Music, Music.....110.00	
Powerschool Group Holdings Llc ,Psu Remote Express.....900.00	
Sapp Bros., Fuel.....239.96	
Schendel Pest Control, Pest Control-Spraying.....75.00	
Schmitt Music, Music Dept.....121.75	
Security Services, Fire Alarm Maintenance.....386.40	
Smith, Zadie.....Writing Workshop	

Reimb .....	110.00
Stalder, Jenna ,Reimbursement	93.55
Station Service Center Inc., The .Fuel/Sped Fuel .....	7,012.10
T-Mobile Usa Inc, Geo Tab Monthly Charges.....	291.90
Tk Elevator Corporation, Elevator Maintenance.....	562.00
University Of Nebraska - Lincoln. Fy25 Q14/Fy26 Q1 .....	2,030.74
Verizon Business, Long Distance	56.38
Wilcock, Joy , Occ Therapy - Sped Services.....	3,431.20
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## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS November 6th, 2025 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 6th day of November 2025 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. Absent: Johansen. Also present was Anthony Nussbaum, City Administrator. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by the Board Chairperson and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the minutes from the October 16th, 2025, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for November 6th, 2025, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for November 6th, 2025, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW SCADA EQUIPMENT AND CONTROLS IN AMOUNT OF \$174,600.00 (ITEMS 4, 5, & 6 OF PROPOSAL) TO SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. FOR THE POWER PLANT CONTROLS UPGRADE PROJECT.

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Froeschl to approve the recommendation to City Council to purchase SCADA System Equipment from SEL Engineering Services in amount of \$98,605. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NDOT YEAR END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT.

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the recommendation to City Council to purchase SCADA System Equipment from SEL Engineering Services in amount of \$98,605. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT BRIAN FRIEDRICHSEN FROM OLSSON AS THE CITY'S STREET SUPERINTENDENT.

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the recommendation to City Council to appoint Brian Friedrichsen from Olsson as the City's Street Superintendent. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE WORK ORDERS NO. 14 & 15 FROM OLSSON FOR STREET SUPERINTENDENT AND ENGINEER ON CALL SERVICES.

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Joy to approve the recommendation to City Council to approve work orders No. 14 & 15 from Olsson for Street Superintendent and Engineer On Call Services. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE LEGAL SERVICES OF HHS SERVICES, LLC FOR REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION REGARDING SOUTHWEST POWER

#### POOL (SPP), FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC), AND OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY MATTERS AS REQUESTED BY CLIENT.

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Rieger to approve the legal services of HHS Services, LLC in amount up to \$15,000.00. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY | RAY JOY

Ray and Jerry plan to attend the next management wage committee. No action was taken.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:08 PM

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on October 16th, 2025, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

City Clerk, Anthony Nussbaum  
Mayor, Mark Harkendorff  
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#### REVIEW OF THE ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET PLAN

The one and six year street plan was reviewed. No action was taken.

#### PROJECT STATUS UPDATE FOR THE NEBRASKA RURAL GENERATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to move into closed session at 6:10 pm to discuss the proprietary and confidential information provided by the NRG developer as necessary for the protection of the public interest. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Koopman, Joy, Froeschl, Johansen, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried. The Chairperson restated the

intent of entering into closed session; to discuss the proprietary and confidential information provided by the NRG developer as necessary for the protection of the public interest. Attendees for the closed session included the Board of Public Works Members, City Administration, and Falls City EDGE leadership. A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Froeschl to end the closed session at 6:36 pm and return to public session. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Koopman, Joy, Froeschl, Johansen, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried. The Chairperson stated we have returned to open session.

A motion was made by Johansen and seconded by Froeschl to support Falls City and NRG seeking a development agreement. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Koopman, Joy, Froeschl, Johansen, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": None. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LINE CREW SERVICE TRUCK

Bids were received from Hullman's Ford and Armbruster's Motor Company. A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Johansen to approve the recommendation to City Council to purchase a new line crew truck, a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD with Stahl service bed, in the amount of \$58,300.00 from Armbruster Motor Co. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Koopman, Joy, Froeschl, Johansen, Rieger. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": None. Motion carried.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on November 20th, 2025, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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## VILLAGE OF VERDON

### VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 3, 2025 – 7:15 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairperson Denise Koso. She called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Kerry Fritz, Denise Koso, Lois Miller and Richard Strecker Jr. Absent: None.

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Bahr to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Bahr, second by Fritz to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Fritz, second by Miller to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

DECEMBER 2025 CLAIMS: Motion by Koso, second by Strecker to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA. All claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. December 2025 Shut-Off Notices - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: General: N/A Streets: N/A Water: N/A Sewer: Still waiting on the evaluation study from JEO Consulting Group for the wastewater system. Cemetery: Still waiting on the entrance sign installation. Parks: 1) Discussion held on the electricity at the shelter house. Motion by Bahr and second by Strecker to redo all of the electricity at the box at the shelter house. All Trustees present voting YEA. Motion Carried. 2) It was reported that the new swing set has been ordered and will probably be delivered in December of 2025.

2. NUISANCE/UNSAFE PROPERTIES: Discussion was held on four (4) nuisance properties and that the process should be started on sending property owners the nuisance notices.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Incentive Service Pay for Clerk. A motion was made by Fritz and seconded by Koso to pay the Clerk \$150 for Incentive Service Pay for 2025. All Trustees present voting YEA.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: 1. ORDINANCE 2026-100 - First Reading – "ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES" was read by Bahr. A motion was made by Bahr and second by Miller to approve the First Reading. All Trustees present voting YEA.

Motion by Koso and second by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and all Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk  
The next regular meeting of the Verdon Board of Trustees will be on January 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

### VILLAGE OF VERDON NOVEMBER 2025 CLAIMS PAID

EFTPS EX .....	\$312.32
People Service SE .....	\$1,939.34
Verdon Library EX .....	\$25.00
Seneca Sanitation Service, Inc. SE .....	\$1,624.00
S.N.C. SE .....	\$92.43
NE Public Health Lab SE.....	\$83.75
Tom Borrego SE .....	\$275.00
Richardson Co. Rural Water SE .....	\$2,205.60
Triple S Construction SE ...	\$1,983.50
Dawn Bennett RE .....	\$378.04
Raven Weinmann RE .....	\$80.17
Falls City Journal EX .....	\$39.96
Lorna Feek EX .....	\$599.00
Petty Cash SU .....	\$10.90
Denise Koso RE .....	\$86.95
Miller-Monroe EX .....	\$26.00
JEO Consulting Group SE ..	\$6,000.00
League of Nebr. Municipalities FE .....	\$289.00
NPPD EX .....	\$907.00
Gardes Lawn Care SE .....	\$475.00
OPPD EX .....	\$104.42
Josh Wamsley SE .....	\$1,485.00
Midwest Laboratories SU .....	\$481.34
Next Generation Recreation EX .....	\$8,951.48
Home Lumber Co. SU .....	\$179.31
Farm and City Supply SU .....	\$77.17
Sacred Heart Schools EX.....	\$350.00
Dawn Bennett SA .....	\$1,202.58

EX=EXPENSE, FE=FEE, MI=MILEAGE, RE=REIMBURSEMENT, SA=SALARY, SE=SERVICE, SU=SUPPLIES  
DAWN BENNETT, VERDON CLERK  
ZNEZ

## VILLAGE OF VERDON

### VILLAGE OF VERDON REORGANIZATION MEETING - DECEMBER 3, 2025 - 7:00 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pro Tempore Cody Bahr at 7:02 p.m.

He called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Cody Bahr, Kerry Fritz, Denise Koso, Lois Miller and Richard Strecker Jr. Absent: None

Guests: None

The floor was opened for nominations for Chairperson for 2026. Motion was made by Bahr, second by Strecker to nominate Denise Koso for Chairperson for 2026. Motion/second made that nominations cease. After vote was taken, Denise Koso is the Chairperson for 2026.

Chairperson Koso appointed the following offices for 2026: Clerk/Treasurer: Dawn Bennett; Village Attorney: Dylan Handley; Verdon Street Supt.: Julie C. Vollmer with the approval of the Trustees.

The following Trustees were appointed to head the following departments. General & Community Center: Denise Koso; Streets: Cody Bahr; Water: Richard Strecker Jr.; Sewer: Richard Strecker Jr.; Cemetery: Lois Miller; Parks: Kerry Fritz and Lois Miller.

Motion was made by Koso, second by Miller to have Cody Bahr to be the Chairperson pro tempore for 2026. All Trustees present voted YEA.

Motion by Koso with second by Bahr to adjourn the reorganization meeting and proceed with the regular monthly meeting. All present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.  
Dawn Bennett  
Verdon Clerk  
ZNEZ

## VILLAGE OF DAWSON

### VILLAGE OF DAWSON MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD DECEMBER 9TH, 2025 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION MEETING DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

The Dawson Village Board met in regular session on December 9th, 2025, at the Dawson Village Hall following the reorganization meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three (3) public places on December 3rd and December 7th (Village hall door was unable to open on the 3rd): Dawson Village Hall, Dawson Post Office, and Dawson Fire Department. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairperson and all members of the Board of Trustees. All proceedings thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open

to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Bill Koch called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Bill Koch, Stephanie Ingraham, and Brian Burns.

Absent: Larry Koch  
Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Guests: none

Chairperson Bill Koch noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act posted on the Village Hall west wall.

The December 9th, 2025, agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried.

The minutes of the November 11th One Year and Sixth Year Road and Street Plan Public Hearing were approved as unread with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried. The regular November 11th meeting minutes were approved as unread with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Brian Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried.

December claims were approved with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried.

Under unfinished business: Sampling Stations: a new sample site plan had to be submitted to the state as the original approved plan did not include addresses with meter pits. A revised plan including addresses with meter pits was sent by PeopleService. The state has granted an extension until March 1, 2026, for install. PeopleService: contract was signed with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried. Contract will remain in effect until December 31, 2028, unless a ninety (90) day notice written notice is provided. Nuisance properties: 516 8th Street: in litigation. 314 Ridge Street: house is in the process of being torn down and hauled off; water lines have been capped. Expected tear down is in January 2026. 703 Ridge Street: unable to find current address. 511 Nemaha St: will need to address with Village attorney regarding appliances.

New business: Clerk advised the Board there will be three (3) vacancies up for election; incumbent filing deadline for Villages is July 15th, 2026. The Interlocal Agreement for Outdoor Warning Sirens with Richardson County was signed with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Brian Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to adjourn the December regular meeting at 7:24 P.M. ROLL CALL: T Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; B Koch – aye; B Burns – aye; motion carried.

Tiffany Jorm, Village Clerk ZNEZ

Vendor Name, Memo, Amount	
American National Bank, account analysis.....	\$48.29
Berwick Coop Oil Company, gas.....	\$314.45
Dana F Cole & Co, accounting & tax services .....	\$200.00
Falls City Journal, mins publications ..	\$64.26
FNWZM PC LLC, filing fee .....	\$89.00
IRS, payroll tax .....	\$170.98
Midwest Laboratories, lagoon testing ..	\$310.07
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, water testing .....	\$443.00
NPPD, 116 Bluff St .....	\$156.63
Streetslights inside .....	\$515.01
120 Ridge St .....	\$32.63
Streetslights outside .....	\$15.06
Fire dept .....	\$48.42
PeopleService Inc, Dec water/waste water serv .....	\$1,770.00
Postage-shipping .....	\$12.08
Cost of labor 2hrs .....	\$140.00
Quickbooks, invoicing software .....	\$75.00
Seneca Sanitation, garbage collection .....	\$1,323.00
Tiffany Jorn, clerical payroll ..	\$846.67
Tiffany Jorn, reim. Envelopes .....	\$31.92
Vicki Manning, mer read .....	\$100.00
Village of Dawson, equipment .....	\$500.00
	ZNEZ



Peggy Koso (Garland)

Peggy Marlene Koso (Garland), 80, of Falls City, went to be with Jesus on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Peggy was born December 8, 1945 in Falls City, Nebraska, to Burton and Helen (Noah) Garland. Peggy grew up in Falls City with her grandparents, Hallie and Gladys Noah. In junior high, Peggy moved to Topeka, Kansas with her mother, Helen, and Helen’s new husband Floyd Ward. Floyd became the man that Peggy looked to as her father. After graduating from Topeka Highland Park High School in 1963, Peggy went on to attend beauty school in Topeka, where she met Robert Lindholm. They were married from 1966 - 1977 and lived in Lindsborg, Kansas. Peggy had two children out of this first marriage, Chris and Karey.

After their divorce, Peggy and her children moved back to Falls City, Nebraska. Peggy was introduced to John Koso, and they married on May 16, 1980 and quickly added two sons, Nick and Matt, to the family. They have lived in Falls City throughout their married life.

Peggy was a loyal employee of the local Pamida store for a number of years. She also worked in various jobs with home health care and cleaning houses, and enjoyed working at Milam’s floral shop. Peggy had many hobbies. She collected antiques, crocheted, made beautiful flower arrangements, read books, and loved to watch movies and game shows. Most of all, Peggy loved to spend time with her grandchildren and would travel to visit them for her “vacation”. She was a regular attendee of Northridge Church.

Survivors include: her husband, John, her children: Chris Lindholm (Tammy) of Lindsborg, Kansas; Karey Knauss (Donnie) of Abilene, Kansas; Nick Koso (Carrie) of Falls City; Matt Koso of Bedford, Iowa. Grandchildren include: Lucas Knauss (Jackie); Becca Lahr (Isaiah); Ren Duran (Armando); Hannah Knauss; Kaiden Koso; Zach Koso; Fenner Koso; Lincoln Koso; Samara Koso; Corben Koso, and Erin Koso. Great grandchildren: Henry Lahr and Daniel Duran. Her sister, Lesle Vancenbrock of Falls City; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Zachery Koso; and a granddaughter, Bethany Knauss.

Her memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM at North Ridge Church with Pastor Andrew Kastendick officiating. Inurnment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at North Ridge Church. The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorial donations be given to the AseraCare Hospice Care, 5715 S 34th St Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68516, or Humane Society of Richardson County, 2624 Towle St, Falls City, NE 68355 in loving memory of Peggy Koso.

Marilyn Jo (Carr) Manning



Marilyn Jo (Carr) Manning, 82, of Morrill, Kansas, left her earthly home for her eternal home on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

Marilyn was born on February 21, 1943, in Falls City, Nebraska, to Norman and Mary (Wissman) Carr. She grew up and attended school in Falls City, graduating from Falls City Sacred Heart. She was married and had three children. After raising her children to adulthood, she married Tim Manning on October 9, 1989, and they enjoyed 36 wonderful years of marriage.

Marilyn made many sacrifices throughout her life, but that’s because she loved so hard, and she would have done it a hundred times over. She loved life, the outdoors, and sunshine. Her interests included camping, reading, puzzle books, and watching the game

show network.

Marilyn deeply loved God, her husband, her children, and her grandchildren unconditionally, and she cherished time spent with them. She also loved and cared deeply for her family and friends.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; her grandson, Derek Henrichs; her in-laws, Dave and Ruth Manning; her brothers-in-law, Tom Manning and Gerald Fritz; and her sister-in-law, Deloris Carr.

She is survived by her husband, Tim; and her three children, Lynn (Billy) Brown, Terry (Carrie) Henrichs, and Theresa (Aaron) Chamberlain; her eight grandchildren; her 14 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Norma (Gerald) Fritz, Jackie (Philip) Muller, and Patty (Barry) Trouba; her brother, Bernie (Muriel) Carr; her two brothers-in-law, David (Tina) Manning, Dan (Vickie) Manning; and her two sisters-in-law, Karen (Les) Bronson and Kathy (Mike) Manning.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 64388 718 Road, Stella, Nebraska. Before the service, a visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church. A luncheon will follow the services at the church. Inurnment will be made in the Morrill Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to The Gideons International, sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, Kansas 66534. Condolences can be shared online at [www.popkessmortuaries.com](http://www.popkessmortuaries.com).

Ralph Nelson



Ralph Nelson passed away on December 8, 2025 at Legend Senior Living in Colorado Springs, Colorado at age 89. He was born in Barada, NE to Milford and Grace (Miller) Nelson.

Ralph married Charlene (Elder) on August 21, 1955 in Wamego, Kansas. They shared 67 years together until her passing December

26, 2022. Ralph was also preceded in death by his parents, a brother Ron and sister Jennie.

He is survived by his brother Ron’s wife, Beverly (Berner) Nelson of Lenexa, Kansas.

Ralph and Charlene had three children. Teresa was born in Wamego, Kansas and now lives with her husband Lorne Dillon in Arlington, Tennessee. Kevin who was also born in Wamego and now lives with his wife, Ruby (Romero) in Aurora, Colorado. Lori was born in Topeka, Kansas and resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado with her husband Randy Gerster. Ralph leaves behind seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren who will miss him very much.

Ralph and Charlene had a love for Colorado which led them to move to Loveland, Colorado and then Colorado Springs, Colorado for the later years of their lives.

Ralph made the most of the beautiful Colorado summers running and playing golf. He even participated in the Pikes Peak Marathon. He made the most of Colorado ski slopes in the winter. He was a member of the Pike’s Peak Sertoma Club and was a tenor in the Colorado Springs chapter of SPBSQSA.

Remaining family and friends will celebrate the lives of Ralph and Charlene in the spring of 2026 on a date yet to be determined in Wamego, Kansas. After that celebration they will be laid to rest together in the Wamego cemetery.

We love you and will miss our dad, brother, uncle, grandpa and great grandpa and friend, Ralph.

Federal flood insurance program extends renewal deadline

The Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) wants Nebraskans to know the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has temporarily extended the normal 30-day grace period for policyholders to pay for their expired National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies. Policyholders whose NFIP policy expired on or after Oct. 1, 2025, have until Jan. 15, 2026, to submit their renewal payment. Policies with a grace period that extend later than Jan. 15, 2026, follow the normal 30-day grace period and are not part of this extension. While FEMA administers the NFIP, the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) serves as the state’s NFIP coordinating office. In this role, DWEE’s Floodplain Management Division works as a liaison between FEMA and Nebraska communities to share vital floodplain management-related information. Policyholders whose policy may be affected should contact their flood insurance agent right away to confirm their renewal deadline. More information regarding flood insurance and policy renewals can be found at <https://www.floodsmart.gov/renew-direct>. The full FEMA Bulletin W-25005 regarding grace period extensions can be found at <https://dnr.nebraska.gov/floodplain/flood-insurance>.

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[valleyavenue.org](http://valleyavenue.org)

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church LCMS. (6 Mi. North of Falls City on US 73)** Sunday School and Bible study, 9:30 AM (September-May). Divine Service, 10:30 AM. Communion on 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. [fallscitylcms.blogspot.com](http://fallscitylcms.blogspot.com)  
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**Zion United Church of Christ (65763 709 Rd, FC)** Sunday: Worship service, 9:00AM; Communion, first Sun. of each month. [www.facebook.com/fallscitycooperativeministry](http://www.facebook.com/fallscitycooperativeministry). *Pastor, Grant Speece 402-980-5960 cell 245-2398 office*

RULO

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

BARADA

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

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

**St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) Williamsville, 12 miles NE of Falls City)** Worship 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](mailto: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, Pastor*

STELLA

**Stella Community Church** Sun: Church service, with children’s Sunday School, 9:30AM; adults Sunday School, 10:30AM. *John States, Pastor*  
**Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of Stella)** Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM. Website: [www.gbfcchurch.com](http://www.gbfcchurch.com).  
*Dave Lockard, Pastor. Office: 402-883-2110*

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

WHITE CLOUD, KS

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

BIG LAKE, MO

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

*Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor*

FOREST CITY, MO

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

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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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  
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10-17-24  
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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  
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The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. in the Carson Board Room of Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of December:

General Fund -- \$96,285.19  
Payroll -- \$476,657.04  
NCECBVI -- \$20,686.72  
Federal Programs -- \$57,435.07  
The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 pm on Monday, January 12, 2026, in the Carson Board Room at Educational Service Unit 4, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will hold their meeting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in the ESU 4 Conference Center, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. The agendas for both meetings are kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

[www.esu4.org](http://www.esu4.org)  
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska In the Matter of the Estate of Jeffery L. Hoppe, Deceased Estate Number: PR25-59

Notice is hereby given that on December 8, 2025 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Ashley Minard whose address is 1310 Central Avenue, Horton, KS 66439, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the above entitled intestate Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 17, 2026, or be forever barred.

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

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17-24-31  
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHAWN MICHAEL MCSWAIN, Deceased

Estate No. PR25-58

Notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2025 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Ryan Lewis McSwain, whose address is 205 Teakwood Lane, Springboro, Ohio 45066, has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 17, 2026, or be forever barred.

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

Douglas Merz, # 12807  
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Lori A. Hall, Deceased  
Estate No. PR25-60

Notice is hereby given that on December 8, 2025, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Nancy J. Campbell, whose address is 1221 Chase St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 17, 2026, or be forever barred.

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

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

17-24-31  
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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 members.

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 perpetual.  
Organizer name: A. J. Leatherman.

3-10-17  
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NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that 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 must 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  
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3-10-17  
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LEGAL NOTICE-ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case Number: CI-25-233  
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF: Madison Jo Littrel

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of December, 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name Madison Jo Littrel, to Madison Jo McKim. A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Julie D. Smith, in courtroom no. 302, 1700 Stone St. on the 20th day of January 2026 at 10:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Madison Jo Littrel to Madison Jo McKim.

Madison McKim  
1402 Barada Street  
Falls City, Nebraska 68355

17-24-31-7  
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LEGAL NOTICE-ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case Number: CI-25-234  
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF: Emma Ilene Littrel

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of December, 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name Emma Ilene Littrel, to Emma E.L. Ray McKim. A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Julie D. Smith, in courtroom no. 302, 1700 Stone St. on the 20th day of January 2026 at 10 :45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Emma Ilene Littrel to Emma E.L. Ray McKim.

Emma E.L. Ray McKim  
1402 Barada Street  
Falls City, Nebraska 68355

17-24-31-7  
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VILLAGE OF SALEM

Village of Salem December 2, 2025

The Salem Village Board met December 2, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the community Building.

Chairman Kenneth Strauch opened the meeting, Kean, Wessel, and Vogele answered roll. Helmick was absent. The open meeting poster was acknowledged.

Wessel reported on the Hunter's Breakfast fund raiser held on November 15-16 and November 22-23. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used for the Community Building fund. Total donations were \$5261.00.

Wessel moved to re-organize the board for the year of 2026 as follows, chairman Strauch, vice chairman and Community Building contact, Mary Jane Wessel, Jon Kean street contact, Carolyn Glathar, clerk, and Robert McHenry water operator. Motion seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Wessel, Strauch, and Vogele yes, Helmick absent.

Strauch moved to appoint Scott Hrabik street superintendent license #S-1655 class A and engineer's license #E-16930 as street superintendent for the Village of Salem for the year 2026. Motion seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, and Vogele voting yes, Helmick absent.

Wessel moved to appoint JEO Consulting as the Village of Salem engineer for the year 2026, seconded by Vogele. Motion carried, Strauch, Kean, Vogle and Wessel voting yes, Helmick absent.

Strauch moved to adopt Resolution 2025-5 Year-end Certification of Street Superintendent for year 2025. Motion seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Vogele, and Wessel voting yes. Chairman signed the resolution.

Claims were reviewed, Kean moved to pay the claims, seconded by Strauch. Motion carried, Kean, Wessel, Vogele, and Strauch voting yes, Helmick absent.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:45, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Vogele, Wessel and Strauch voting yes. Helmick absent.

The next meeting will be January 6, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Carolyn Glathar

CLAIMS DECEMBER 2025

OPDP 485.14, (utility) General 66.00, Combl 44.78, FRHL 34.69, Street 339.67  
Robert McHenry 700.00 (water operator)/water  
RWD #2 1402.60 (water purchase for sale) water  
NE Public Health lab 15.00 (water testing) water  
Miller Monroe Company 100.00 (chairman bond) general  
Schendel Pest Control 30.00 (service) combl  
Carolyn Glathar 500.00, (Clerk salary) 200.00, general street 200.00, general water 100.00, Falls City Journal

43.47 (published minutes and claims) general, Mary Jane Wessel 550.74 (supplies for fund raiser) combl  
KMW Construction 690.00 (snowremoval) street  
Davis PHE 212.46 (repairs) combl  
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VILLAGE OF DAWSON

VILLAGE OF DAWSON MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD DECEMBER 9TH, 2025 7:00 P.M. DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

The Dawson Village Board held a reorganization meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees on December 9th, 2025, at the Dawson Village Hall. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three (3) public places on December 3rd and December 7th (Village hall door was unable to open on the 3rd): Dawson Village Hall, Dawson Post Office, and Dawson Fire Department. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairperson and all members of the Board of Trustees. All proceedings thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Bill Koch called the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M.

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Bill Koch, Stephanie Ingraham, and Brian Burns.

Absent: Larry Koch  
Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Guests: none

Chairperson Bill Koch noted the Open Meeting Act posted on the Village Hall west wall.

Tom Burns motioned to nominate Bill Koch as Chairperson for calendar year 2026 seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. Nomination accepted by Bill Koch. ROLL CALL: B Koch – abstained; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; motion carried.

A motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch seconded by Brian Burns to nominate Larry Koch as Chairperson Pro Tempore for calendar year 2026. ROLL CALL: B Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to appoint Tiffany Jom as Village Clerk/ Treasurer for calendar year 2026. ROLL CALL: B Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to appoint Keith Gilmore as Street Superintendent for calendar year 2026. ROLL CALL: B Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch seconded by Tom Burns to appoint Tim Nelsen as Village Attorney for calendar year 2026. ROLL CALL: B Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; motion carried.

The December reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M. with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: B Koch – aye; T Burns – aye; B Burns – aye; S Ingraham – aye; L Koch – absent; motion carried.

Tiffany Jom, Village Clerk  
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 3, 2025 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. The Board requested a report on the amount of rock that has been put on county roads in the different districts within the County since January 1, 2025. An update was given on the snow removal that was done in the County during the past weekend storm. Equipment purchases were also discussed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 12 inmates currently being held in the Jail. The Department is

still waiting for approval of the grant application for "Drive Sober-Get Pulled Over" from the NE Dept. of Transportation which would be held December 12 thru January 1.

Some items of maintenance at the Law Enforcement Center were reviewed. Sheriff Hardesty reported that the pump on the grease pit has quit working but is under warranty so is being replaced by Airstream. He also reported that the City of Falls City is replacing the water meter and he will be requesting that representatives from Airstream be on site when this is replaced to assure that everything is in working order after the installation.

Repairs to the jail cell shower areas have been reviewed with the NE Jail Standards and they have verbally approved the plans to put a liner on the shower area to help eliminate water damages to the stall frame. Plans were also mentioned that the generator is to be installed on Monday at the Law Enforcement Center.

He once again reminded the Board that the department staff will be holding the "Stuff the Cruiser" event to collect toys and gifts for the Christmas holiday for SENCA and this will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the Dollar General Stores in Humboldt and Falls City and at Farm & City Supply in Falls City.

A brief discussion was held concerning patrol vehicle maintenance.

CHAD BUHL, GEORGIA POULTRY EQUIPMENT CO.

Chad Buhl of the Georgia Poultry Equipment Co. and Corey Vandenberg requested to meet with the Board regarding the proposed construction of a poultry production facility to be located near Dawson.

They relayed to the Board their plans for the transportation of feed and poultry to and from the facility and what routes they would like to use. Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent, was also in attendance and will review the requested route(s) and notify them and the Board of his recommendation.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY FOR NEW TERM OF OFFICE 2027-2031

The Board held a discussion period with the current elected officials to review the NACO Salary Survey and Study.

Persons in attendance at this session were also given an opportunity to speak regarding this matter.

The County Board shall adopt a Resolution to set the salary of elected officials as per Nebraska Constitution, Article III, Section 19, for the new term of office that begins January 7, 2027, through January 8, 2031, by January 15, 2026, as per Nebraska Revised State Statute §23-1114.

SE NE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Whitney Lanning, of the SE NE Development District met with the Board to review revisions to the current Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Join Southeast Nebraska Development District. The changes would allow for the organization to acquire, own and sell real estate which would be significant with the housing development program that the organization assists local communities with. The Board will consider this interlocal agreement at next week's meeting.

Ms. Lanning also informed the Board that SENDD will be working with Senator Fischer's office regarding the communities' request for earmark/ allocation requests from Federal funds. The staff is currently working on countywide radio interoperability allocation requests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel, Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-nay, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:50 a.m. and to return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Consider Action for Violations of Regulations of Resolution Regarding Zoning Overlay District Floodplain Management Ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel expressed to the Board that while the resolution regarding zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance 60.3(d) which became effective October 7, 2021, provides an amount allowable for a fine when violations are determined, it's unclear how successful prosecution of any violation would be.

The Board will be considering changes to the current resolution and will hold a public hearing to receive input from the public on the proposed changes.

Set Public Hearing Date for Resolution Regarding Zoning Overlay District Floodplain Management Ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021

Motion was made by Campbell to set the public hearing date to receive input from the public on the proposed changes to the Resolution regarding zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance 60.3(d) effective October 7, 2021, to be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LIVE STREAMING of County Board Meetings

Commissioner Campbell has been approached by citizens to have the County Board meetings available

on a live stream. The IT person for Richardson County, Joe Buckminster, has been contacted to determine if this could be achieved within the Commissioner Meeting Room as space is limited.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Fee Reports

The Board approved the following reports from officials for fees collected during the month of November, 2025:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$87.50; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$20,607.11; Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court, \$651.00.

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-16 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000 as per FY25-26 budget document. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page )

Cancel Checks

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-17 to cancel checks issued in error. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page )

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv.....715.93  
Amazon, supp.....54.15  
At-Scene LLC, subs.....7087.50  
BuckIt, serv.....7186.14  
Comfort Inn-Kearney, fees.....132.05  
Community Medical Center, serv.....10821.40  
Culligan, serv.....60.00  
DAS State Acctg., fees.....702.10  
Dept Correctional Svcs, serv.....3902.28  
East Richardson RWD #2, serv 334.66  
Falls City Journal, ads.....466.86  
Falls City Mercantile, supp .....111.78  
Falls City Utilities, serv .....6117.84  
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, fees.....5271.00  
CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-62 Z. Creamer, CR25-92 C. Dodson, CR25-91 S. Mackey, CR25-93 S. Mackey, CR23-87 R. Paxson, CR25-78 R. Paxson, C112-62 L. Hollander, CR25-333 I. Rowland, JV22-38, JV25-26, JV23-20, JV21-19, JV24-18, JV24-17, JV24-19, JV24-4, JV25-42  
Farm & City Supply, supp .....217.15  
Frontier Bank, pymnt .....28337.06  
Galls Inc., supp.....489.53  
Handley, Dylan L., fees.....80.00  
Jones Air Conditioning, serv.....904.99  
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb.....515.51  
Malcolm, Terry DDS, serv.....280.00  
Marvin Planning Consultants, fees.....2140.00  
Medica, ins .....57112.44  
Merz Ink, supp .....62.96  
Meyer Laboratory Inc., supp.....233.35  
Microfilm Imaging Services, serv.....110.00  
Midwest Special Services, serv 862.10  
MIPS Inc., serv .....3774.70  
ODP Business Solutions, supp.....1013.55  
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv .....80.00  
Petersen Reporting, fees.....466.10  
Postmaster, supp.....1232.40  
Richardson County Court, fees 837.82  
RC EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb.....271.87  
RC Sheriff Petty Cash Acctg., reimb.....560.34  
Sapp Bros., fuel.....5520.96  
SNC, serv .....826.14  
SummerOne, serv .....337.09  
UNL-AEM Business Center, fees.....5007.36  
Verizon Wireless, serv .....239.92  
Visual Edge IT, Inc., serv .....235.90  
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Dorothy Crouse gets past the Bobcat defender in fourth quarter action Friday night at the Roh Activity Center.

## Top-ranked Irish remain perfect

A massive fourth-quarter rally on Friday night kept the Sacred Heart Lady Irish undefeated for the season. The Irish battled the EMF Bobcats for three periods but entered the final eight minutes trailing 29-22. Coach Luke Santo motivated his team to dig deep and fight back, outscoring the Bobcats 18-4 in the final period to secure a 40-33 win.

The Irish caught fire in the fourth, taking a 30-29 lead after a bucket by Hallie Jones with just over four minutes to play. A three by Avery Santo pushed the Irish advantage to four at 33-29, but EMF battled back to tie the game at 33. With just forty-five remaining, Daycee Witt drilled a trey from the wing, bringing the large Irish crowd to its feet. Free throws from Santo and Witt in the final seconds sealed the win for Sacred Heart, pushing their record to 3-0.

SH struggled from the field, making just 12 of 48 shot attempts, but they hit three from deep in the final period to secure the win. EMF didn't fare much better, making 12 of 43. The Irish defense forced 15 turnovers, while the offense committed

nine.

Avery Santo was the top scorer for SH, netting 17 points, including five triples. Santo added six rebounds and two steals. Witt added seven points and dished out four assists, while Jones was held in check offensively with six points, but secured nine boards. T. Bresson topped the Bobcats with 13 points.

SH Scoring: Santo 17, Westengaard 3, Witt 7, Reschke 4, Lemerond 3, Jones 6.

EMF Scoring : Bresson 13, Tuttle 6, Johnson 2, R. Tuttle 6, Meints 6.

The Irish JV team also won a two-quarter match, 26-8. Bailey Lemerond scored seven points, and Kinley Lechtenberg added six.

Tuesday night, the Irish traveled to Nebraska City to face Lourdes Central Catholic. The Irish built an early lead and never let the Knights catch up. Triples by Lemerond and Witt gave SH a 15-7 lead after the first quarter, and six second-quarter points by Jones pushed the Irish to a 32-15 halftime advantage. The Irish out-

scored Lourdes 15-14 in the final two quarters to secure the win, 47-29.

The Irish shot 17-of-34 attempts, including 5-of-10 from three-point range. The game was full of turnovers, with the two teams combining for 49 mistakes, 25 of which were by the Irish.

Jones led Sacred Heart with 14 points and five rebounds. Lemerond added 11 points and two assists.

SH Scoring: Santo 7, Crouse 2, Witt 9, Reschke 4, Lemerond 11, Jones 14.

Lourdes Scoring: DuVal 3, White 2, Oggs 11, Madison 8, Rutt 5.

On Saturday, the Irish won the HTRS JV Tournament. Sacred Heart defeated HTRS 30-9 in the opener. Lemerond led the scoring with 13 points, while Payten Georges and Macy Taft each had six. In the championship, Sacred Heart defeated Sterling 47-30. Lemerond scored 10, and Georges added eight to pace the Irish.

Sacred Heart played at Tri County on Tuesday, December 16, and at Bishop LeBlond on Saturday, December 20, 2025. The Trojans enter the game at 4-0, while LeBlond is 3-2.



Bo Fletcher drills a deep three as the shot clock expired in Sacred Heart's loss to EMF on Friday night.

## Irish boys fall to EMF Bobcats

The Sacred Heart Irish fell to EMF on Friday, December 12, 2025, 60-47 at the Roh Activity Center. The Irish were even with the Bobcats in the middle quarters but fell behind in the first and fourth quarters, resulting in a 13-point loss.

Sacred Heart scored the first five points of the game, but the visitors ended the period on a 12-0 run to make it 12-5 at the end of the first. The two teams were even in the second (14-14) and third (15-15), and Sacred Heart trailed 41-34 with eight minutes to play. Exeter-Milligan/Friend pulled away down the stretch, outscoring SH 19-13 to earn the win.

A steal and layup by

Brenden Lemerond put the Irish out in front early, 2-0. Trailing 5-0, EMF cut into the lead with a three at the 4:20 mark. One minute later, the Bobcats hit a hoop in the paint to tie the contest at 5-5. With just under three minutes to go in the first, EMF scored on the block, giving them a lead they would never surrender.

Sacred Heart hit 39 percent of their shot opportunities, making 17 of 44, while the Bobcats finished 23 of 56. Coach Goltz stressed the importance of rebounding before the season began, and it was evident why on Friday evening. EMF held a 39 to 16 rebound edge, including a 19-4 advantage on the offensive glass. The Irish defense forced 17 turnovers while committing 12 of their own.

Bo Fletcher led the offense for SH, ending the game 7 of 14 from the floor for 20 points. He hit a team-best four treys in the contest. Cole Taft also reached double figures, scoring 11 points and dishing out three assists. The Irish had trouble containing 6'6 Grady Bresson, who went 11 of 21 for 27 points.

SH Scoring: Taft 11, Fletcher 20, Sipple 5,

Lemerond 4, Baxter 3, Knobbe 4.

EMF Scoring: Weber 2, Mueller 12, Bresson 27, Conley 8, Kirchoff 9, Spohn 2.

The loss dropped SH to 1-1 on the year, while the Class C2 Bobcats improved to 4-0.

On Tuesday, the Irish JV played Lourdes Central, winning 50-23. Noah Howard led Sacred Heart with 13 points, going 5 of 15 from the field.

SH Scoring: Lancaster 9, C. Witt 8, Clow 10, Santo 5, T. Witt 5, Howard 13.

On Friday against EMF, SH fell 43-32 in three quarters. Lancaster had the hot hand, hitting five threes and scoring 17 points to lead the Irish.

On Saturday, the Irish played in the 2025 HTRS JV Invite. SH defeated Johnson-Brock Red in the opener, 37-29. Noah Howard led the Irish with 14 points, while Cash Witt added 10. In the championship, the Irish defeated Johnson-Brock White, 41-20. Cash Witt scored 12, and Hayden Clow added eight in the win.

The 1-1 Irish played at (4-1) Tri County on Tuesday and will be at HTRS on Monday, December 22, 2025.

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